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#### Cats keep clawing!

The Wildcats' machine kept rolling after kicker Mark Angelocci's extra point gave Novi the win against Detroit Mackenzie Friday. Next up: Birmingham Brother Rice this Saturday at Berkley High School.

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### Correction

In an article, "Links of Novi rezoning approved" on page 1-A of the Nov. 13, 2003, edition of the Novi News, it stated that Community Park is on the north side of Ten Mile Road. Community Sports Park is located at Eight Mile and Napier roads.

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# Grand bridge for Grand River

By Phil Foley  
STAFF WRITER

Likely the clearest example of the importance of the CSX bridge opening on Grand River Avenue Friday was rush hour traffic that evening. After months of negligible west-bound traffic, it was relatively slow going on Grand River as far west as Milford Road Friday evening.

Friday morning, scores of city, county and state officials gathered in a white tent on the eastbound lanes of the bridge's western approach to clip a bit of yellow construction tape and reopen the crossing over the

busy CSX rail-road tracks just east of Novi Road for the first time in 10 months.

"Nobody's happier than the Novi School bus drivers," said Larry Peltier.

"This is such a relief for us."

State Senator Nancy Cassis, who has fought for road improvements in the area since the mid '80s, said completing the bridge is "paving the



Nancy Cassis

way for a new and most prosperous tomorrow in our community."

The new 90-foot-wide, five-lane span replaces a 48-foot-wide span that was built in 1925 with the help of convict labor. Although substantially shorter than the original 146-foot span, the new 91-foot-long bridge is still the longest bridge owned by Oakland County.

Tom Blust, the Road Commission for Oakland County's director of engineering, said the new \$7.6 million bridge is also the first of its type in southeast Michigan. He said the bridge features an anti-icing system that sprays a mixture of

brine and corn byproducts on the bridge deck to prevent it from icing over in the winter.

"Many of us have waited a long time to see this new bridge," said Brent Bair, the road commission's managing director. He noted the original bridge was constructed in the 1920s and had deteriorated in recent years. "The newly widened road and new bridge will certainly ensure that motorists are better able to travel in and through Novi in a safer and more convenient manner."

Bair praised local government officials for "truly stepping up to their responsibilities as civic leaders."

The bridge was just part of \$15.3 million worth of bridge improvements that included widening Grand River Avenue to five lanes between Novi and Beek Roads.

"I'm just happy to see it open," said Sally Zdravkovski, who along with her husband, Dave, have struggled at their restaurant, Rosewood Fine Foods. "Hopefully, we'll get all our old customers back. Hopefully, things will be back to normal."

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### Knitwitz



Photo by John Heider

Molly Sutika, right, does some garter-stitch knitting last Friday afternoon at the Novi home of Karen Luther as she and other "Knitwitz" gathered to make Afghan squares for a blanket to be donated to Warmup America. Sutika and others made the sweater vests they're wearing. See the full story on 13A.

## Music & Motor Fest: New locale, old name

By Phil Foley  
STAFF WRITER

Novi's longtime summer celebration is moving for the second time in three years and embracing its roots.

Organizers for the Music and Motor Fest are looking to move the 16-year-old event from the Main Street development to Fountain Walk as well as go back to using the Michigan 50s Festival moniker.

Festival organizers dropped the name Michigan 50s Festival in 1999 in favor of Music and Motor Fest in attempt to broaden the event's appeal.

Two years ago the festival moved from its original home at the Novi Expo Center to Main Street.

However, softening attendance in recent years has led festival organizers to consider ways to reinvigorate the event.

Although the festival's 12-member board hasn't signed a contract with Schostak Brothers Inc., the company that manages Fountain Walk for California-based PLC Novi West Development, they're excited about the possibilities.

"Things look promising," said festival board member Lori Kapelezak.

She said Fountain Walk representatives have offered the festival use of the center's south parking lot, as well as a part of the center's west lot.

"Space won't be a problem," said Linda Busse, Fountain Walk's director of marketing, who agreed that center management is close to an agreement with festival organizers. "We're very excited about the prospect," she said. "This is a great way to be a part of what's going on in Novi."

Kapelezak noted that with Gus O'Connors coming on line in what used to be Vic's Market, the Michigan 50s Festival was faced with substantially less space than it

had available at Main Street this year.

The added space, she said, will allow her group to bring in a large carnival and other attractions.

Kapelezak and other board members traveled to Traverse City Nov. 11 to attend the Michigan Festival and Events Association's annual convention at Grand Traverse Resort. They signed a deal with Family Fun Tyme, a Galesburg-based carnival.

Board Member Pat Webb said the carnival will cover a space the size of a football field and bring a wide variety of children and adult rides.

Webb noted the extra space at Fountain Walk will open the possibility of bringing back some of the crowd pleasers from earlier Music and Motor Fests, such as helicopter rides.

Webb said she's excited by the Fountain Walk location because, with businesses like Chuck E. Cheese and Cold Stone Creamery, it's "so much more family-oriented."

Kapelezak said that after a one-year absence the board is bringing Rocky and the Rollers back to the festival. Webb added the board is also looking to bring in a headliner like Peter Noone, who attracted large crowds to the event in the '90s.

Kapelezak said the Novi Lions Club's Jerry Coonce has joined the festival board and will be bringing a craft show to the event.

Organizers for the Michigan 50s Festival are planning a fund-raising sock hop for March 13 at the Novi Expo Center.

This year's event has been set for July 29-31.

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"Space won't be a problem. We're very excited about the prospect."

Linda Busse  
Fountain Walk director of marketing

## No particular place to go? Come see Chuck Berry in Walled Lake

### Festival moving ahead without Novi

By Phil Foley  
STAFF WRITER

After a 40-year hiatus, rock and roll legend Chuck Berry and the deejay who first introduced him to Walled Lake are coming back.

After months of dancing with Novi city officials, Lee Alan has abandoned his plans to use the site of the Walled Lake Casino and shorten the name of his event, planned for the first week of July, to simply the Walled Lake Music Festival.

Alan, who hosted concerts at the casino in the early 1960s, came to Novi City Council in September promoting the idea of a Walled Lake/Novi Music and Family Fest. Novi city officials, however, were put off by the lack of detail in the proposal.

Neighbors along Walled Lake's south shore complained the event would bring traffic, noise and trash to their residential neighborhoods, and organizers of Novi's 16-year-old Music and Motor Fest fretted that Alan's event would drain sponsorship

and attendance from theirs. In the 1960s, concerts at the Walled Lake Casino were broadcast on WXYZ-AM radio and regularly attracted crowds of 4,000 or more. That, say Novi residents near the casino's 13-acre site, is exactly the problem. In the four decades since the casino's heyday many of the open fields in the area have become quiet, residential neighborhoods.

Alan's proposal came along about the same time Walled Lake's city council was beginning to put together plans to mark that community's 50th anniversary as a municipality.

Bob Donohue, Oakland County's principal planner for downtown redevelopment, said Alan's plans for a music festival dovetailed nicely with the city's plans to mark its first half century. Long before Walled Lake became a formal city, it was a summer resort community, Donohue noted it was a "hotbed for early rock and roll."

Donohue said plans are well underway to use a variety of city and Walled Lake School District properties to hold a series of events, including Alan's music festival. He added that at some point during the summer several streets in Walled Lake's historic downtown will be closed. "The

parking issue has been pretty much solved," he said, explaining a number of school and commercial parking lots on Pontiac Trail will be used with shuttle buses going to various venues.

To raise funds for his summer event, Alan is bringing Berry to Walled Lake Northern High from 7-11 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 29 for what's being billed as a VIP Kickoff Celebration. Alan is promising a two-hour stage show with Berry and other Detroit rock and roll acts from the '60s, along with food and exhibits from the festival's sponsors.

Tickets for Berry's appearance are \$100, but will include one free admission to The Walled Lake Music Festival and One Ride-All-Day Pass To the Walled Lake Amusement Park July 1-4, said Alan. Tickets are available by calling (866) 535-9248. E-mail inquiries can be sent to WlakeReunion@aol.com.

Walled Lake Northern High is located at 6000 Bogie Lake Road in Commerce Township.

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One of the fathers of rock and roll, Chuck Berry, will perform at Walled Laked Northern High School Nov. 29.

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# BUSINESS

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## Novi salon creates great escape

West Market Square shop celebrates first anniversary

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

Looking for a way to escape the goldrains of a gray Michigan day? Why not plan your own getaway to Salon Escape, a Novi salon that just celebrated its one-year anniversary yesterday.

In observance of the milestone, the salon, located on the north side of Grand River just west of Park Road in the West Market Square shopping center, will offer 30 percent off on all products (except holiday gift packages) through Nov. 22.

Regulars and newcomers are also invited to drop by the shop for various giveaways, hairdresses and beverages throughout the week.

Co-owners Dawn Lowe and Kathy Perpich have known each other for about two and a half years.

Lowe is from Bay City and non-

ices in Millard. Perpich is from Southline Heights and is now a resident of Wolverine Lake.

They worked together as hair stylists at another salon and finally decided to venture out on their own.

"After years of salon experience, an opportunity arose for us to work with a great group of people," Lowe said. Hence, Salon Escape was born.

"Our ideas and values were similar on how we thought a salon should be run," Perpich said.

"How the salon is presented was also important to us. We wanted it to be personable and friendly," Lowe said.

The salon's menu includes hair design, coloring, such as permanent waves or relaxers, color, facial services, waxing services, nail services and thermal straightening.

"We specialize in hair coloring and a thermal straightening system that very few salons do," Lowe said.

The partners said business has been good during their first year.

"It's exceeded our expectations. It's been an incredible year," Lowe said.

The salon features 13 stylists, two nail technicians and an esthetician.

"We offer excellent customer service and an experienced staff that works well together as a team," Perpich said.

The owners are members of the Novi Chamber of Commerce and have done some individual networking with various local businesses in the Novi area.

"We also sent announcements about our new business to local businesses," Lowe said.

The two are driving around scouting out locations for their next salon when they landed at the prime property on the south side of West Market Square.

"We looked at a couple of properties, but when we saw this one, we decided this was the best location," Perpich said.

They designed the building and subcontracted the construction.

The salon owner plans to start offering hair extensions to customers in the spring.

"The new hair extensions can be custom blended to match your desired hair color," Lowe said.

The owners also plan to continue providing education to their staff as well as add new product lines.

Lowe and Perpich have both been interested in the beauty business since high school.

"Some friends of mine were

"It's exceeded our expectations. It's been an incredible year."

Dawn Lowe  
Co-owner, Salon Escape



Photo by John Helder

Salon Escape hairdresser Catherine Johnson, right, coils the hair of customer Judy Zarembo on a recent Friday afternoon. Salon Escape celebrated its one-year anniversary on Nov. 19.

Hours at Salon Escape are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday; 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday; 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday; and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

For more information about services and prices at Salon Escape, 47470 Grand River, call (248) 465-1355.

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## Film industry experts want more work to come to state

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

Novi resident Mark Adler and colleague Galen Chandler of Farmington Hills are working to bring more filmmakers to Michigan.

The two, who both work in the film industry, recently created the Michigan Production Alliance with this goal in mind.

Adler, who has worked in the industry since 1974, is currently president of VALdigital, a video support company for the film industry. He serves as director and president of MPA.

Chandler works for Legendary Films, which makes a wide variety of films for the television industry, and he serves as vice president of MPA. He's currently working on a documentary of Coney Island restaurants and how they evolved.

MPA, a trade organization, has about 15 members since it was established in June, and Adler would like to double that number.

"We intend to have monthly meetings for the education of both seasoned veterans and entry-level people in the film industry," Adler said.

"We might include a technical description of a new piece of

equipment, new film stock or we might showcase a new facility," he added. "We can also provide guidance to people who are considering getting into the film industry."

Adler, a native of Oak Park who attended Oakland Community College, Wayne State University and received a degree in telecommunications from Michigan State University, urges people to visit the association's Web site at www.mpami.org for membership information. He recently assisted with the movie "8 Mile" featuring Sterling Heights rapper Eminem.

Chandler, who is from the Atlanta area, worked with Turner Entertainment before moving to Michigan. Adler met Chandler at an event he had organized for another trade organization several years ago.

"He wanted to get involved in MPA. He's trying to get into the Michigan market as a video producer," Adler said.

As a video assist expert, Adler said his job is to record everything that the film camera sees before a frame of film is run through the gates. Filmmakers review the video shot on scene before actually rolling film, since film is so expensive.

"Plus, film processing takes

about eight hours," Adler noted.

Adler noted that the comedic actor Jerry Lewis invented the concept of video assist.

"He made his own films, which were parodies of the films of the day," Adler said. "He just loved the process."

He said digital video has been around for about 15 years.

Adler and Chandler are waiting for the membership to reach a certain level before they install a board of directors for MPA.

"We kind of have a wish list of people we want. We'll be making some calls soon. If they aren't interested in being a member of the board of directors, we'll ask them to refer someone else," he said.

"Our overall goal is to find ways to make the state of Michigan's economy stable enough to help the production industry grow," he said.

Adler said locally the film industry is tied to the automotive industry.

"The drop in the industry has affected commercial TV production, corporate TV production, public and private editing houses, graphics businesses and photographers. They're all affected," Adler said.

"We're trying to find ways to

bring more economic incentives to producers of both commercials and feature films, so they can actually save money by bringing their work to Michigan," he said.

Most states have some sort of incentive targeted to filmmakers. Michigan waives the room tax after a 30-day hotel stay.

"The problem is that most filmmakers only stay about five days," Adler said.

He said better incentives are giving filmmakers tax rebates or waiving the state tax on related expenses.

"In the 1950s, Michigan, and the Detroit area, in particular, showed more film than Hollywood for commercials and corporate training films for the automotive industry," Adler said.

"We want to have programs and information available for members of MPA that will help them become better educated and thus be able to influence the state and help the economy grow," he added.

MPA even has special instructional events or "boot camps" for film enthusiasts. The last one in October was held at the Specs Howard School of Broadcast Arts. Adler and Chandler are planning another event in November.

For more information about



Photo by John Helder

Video producers Galen Chandler, left, and Mark Adler sit in the basement of Adler's Novi home Monday morning and look at some digital video of "dailies" that Adler's working on for a commercial shoot with a Big Three client. They're both trying to get more filmmakers interested in joining them in their new group - the Michigan Production Alliance.

upcoming events or joining the Michigan Production Alliance, call Adler at (248) 797-1666 or check out the MPA Web site at www.mpami.org.

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### BUSINESS BRIEFS

**Dimon joins hospital staff**

Karin Dimon, MD, obstetrics and gynecology, has joined the medical staff of St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia. Dimon practices with Westside Obstetrics and Gynecology, with offices located in Livonia and Canton.

**New chef joins Epoch Group**

After completing a nationwide search, Epoch Restaurant Group, headquartered in Novi, announces the recent appointment of Erik Liedholm as the new general manager and sommelier of Tribute Restaurant in Farmington Hills.

A native of Michigan, Liedholm is a 1993 graduate of the Michigan State University School of Hospitality Business and a graduate of L'Ecole Des Arts Culinaires et d'Hotelier in France.

He has worked in the state of Washington for the past five years, most recently as director of wine at the famed Seastar Restaurant in Bellevue. He also served as food and beverage operations manager and director of wine and spirits at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Seattle.

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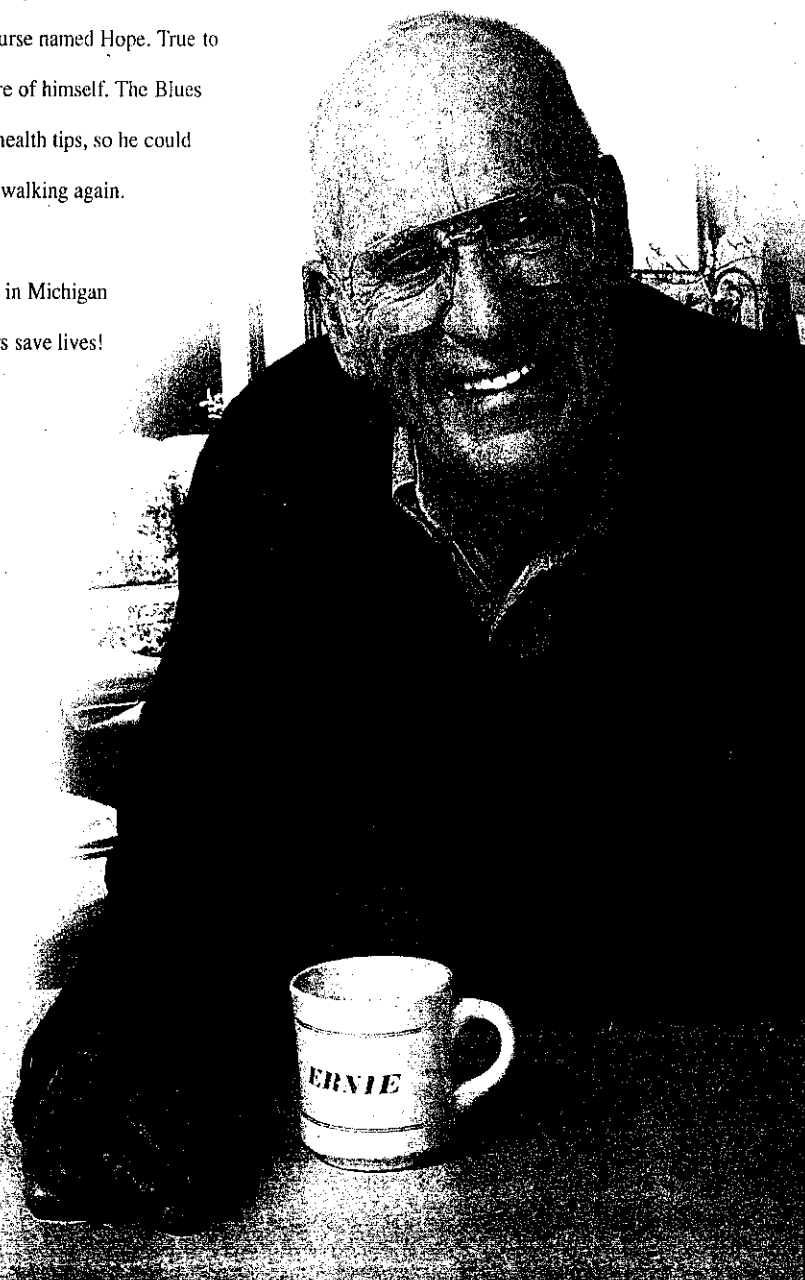
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# CLASS NOTES

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Katie Pyett, left, Ashley Lazarus, middle, and other students walk through a replica WWI trench Monday morning they've built for a history class taught by Lee Bonner.

## Students in the trenches

**■ NHS goes back in time to learn about war**

By Ramez Khuri  
STAFF WRITER

Students at Novi High School received a real hands-on lesson on what a World War I trench was like last week when they took turns of Lee Bonner's social studies classroom. The room was literally transformed into a trench, complete with chicken wire and the illusion of a dead soldier under a blanket.

According to Bonner, a world history teacher, there is a couple of reasons for building the trench. It was a chance for students to get a little more interactive with the whole study of World War I, and they had an opportunity to transfer what they learned into the real world. For the project, students got to be writers for a museum exhibit. They had to do all the research and they did all the detail work.

Bonner explained that all the students were broken down into groups for the project and none of the groups knew what the others were working on. There were research teams and construction teams, so they really got focused in on specific areas. There was also a construction crew which just

focused in on what the trench was designed like and what kinds of things were going on in it.

"During World War I, a trench provided protection from automatic weapons," Bonner said. "This is the second year that I've done this. I hope the kids see what it takes to design a museum exhibit and also to have some fun while learning. Something like this gets all the kids involved and they also get to put their work on display for the whole school. We had classes come in to tour the trench, and this year it was complete with war sounds."

Two Novi High seniors who helped build the trench were Caitlin Parent and Lance Wilson.

"We wanted to capture the mood or get the feeling of how it was back then," Parent said. "Our goal was to make it as realistic as possible and at the same time, to give out a bunch of information relating to World War I."

Wilson was responsible for much of the trench's assembly. "Starting off, we had to figure out how to do it, but then after that it was really easy," he said. "We started building the trench by hanging chicken wire from the ceiling."

Bonner said that the idea of building a trench in the classroom came to him at 3 a.m. only two days before he was supposed to start teaching. When he was in college, he saw an exhibit at a museum in Grand Rapids which was very

similar to his concept, and that's where he got the idea.

"In the first year the kids were kind of skeptical. And even this year, it was the same thing. But once they got going, they were fine," Bonner said. "Each group is unaware of what all the other groups are doing. They're just kind of focused in their own little world. But by the end of the week when everything starts to come together, it all makes more sense. They're mostly all 11th- and 12-graders, but there is one 10th-grader."

Both Parent and Wilson felt that participating in the project was a fun way to learn about World War I.

"I like this way of learning," Parent said. "I think it's more fun and people are more willing to work. I think we're all learning more, but at the same time, the more traditional way of teaching would be fine with me, too. The majority of us would rather do projects rather than sitting and listening to a lecture."

Wilson agreed. "I personally like doing projects better than regular learning because I don't like taking notes," he said. "I learn better when it's hands-on like this."

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## Avoiding a turn for the worse

**■ More than just a license required to drive a school bus**

By Ramez Khuri  
STAFF WRITER

Think you got what it takes to drive a school bus full of kids to and from school? Well, you better think again. According to Novi School Bus Driver Trainers Page Baggett and Kaitie Johnson, not anyone with a driver's license and a good driving record can cut it as a school bus driver.

Baggett explained that if somebody walks into the transportation office on the corner of Taft and 11 Mile Road and is applying to be a bus driver, they'll get an application. Transportation Director Dan Tooman talks to them and tells them what the job entails, then they come to her for some real training.

Baggett is the union representative and she has been a bus driver for 19 years. She picks out three established drivers to interview the new drivers. There is a 10-question page from which all three drivers take turns asking different questions. If the new driver passes, they're then sent on to the next level.

At that point a new driver has to go to a Secretary of State office and must pass the Commercial Drivers License test to get their license. That test covers air brakes and the weight of the vehicle. A new driver can also only have no more than five points on their license, but even that is pushing it. After all of that, candidates also have to go for physicals and pass a drug test. They have to be physically able to drive the bus, and at that point Baggett starts her training session.

"After they pass our tests, they then have to pass a road test with a state inspector to make sure they can drive this vehicle," Baggett said. "If Kaitie feels they're not grasping it, she will tell me she wants me to look at that person and tell her my thoughts. I'll take them out for a day or so, then we'll get together, and a lot of times we decide that it's not going to work. We feel bad about doing that, but we let them go. We have let quite a few go because we didn't feel they were up to it."

Baggett explained that someone should be at a certain point after so many hours of training. If they're not there, if they're nerv-

ous or they're just not remembering what they're supposed to, they then will most likely be let go.

"It takes a special person to do this," Baggett said. "We don't want just anybody in here."

### What's under the engine?

When a new driver takes a test, they not only have to know how to drive the bus, but they also have to name many parts under the engine. They have to name all the suspension parts, all the steering parts, everything about the wheels and the lugnuts to the inflation, not to mention everything else about a bus. If they miss so many of them, they don't pass. After that test, then they go out for the road test. If they don't pass one of those tests, they're done and they have to start all over again.

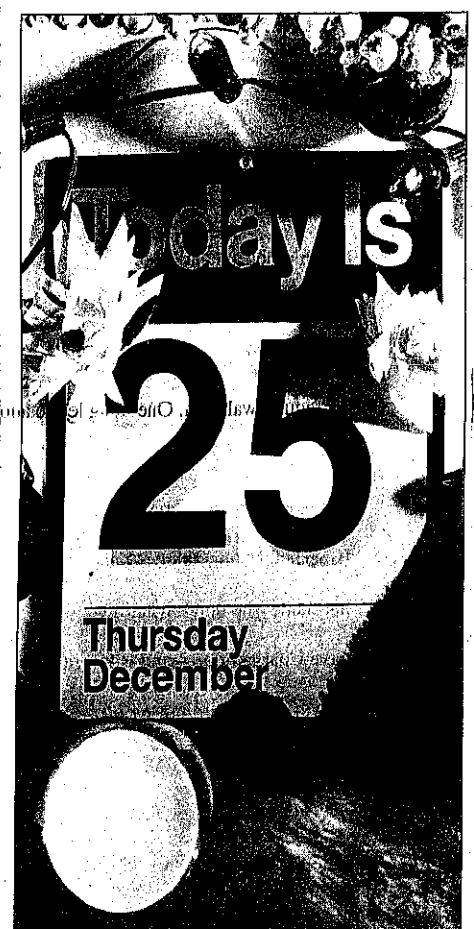
New drivers are trained to have kids walk out to 10 feet from the bus after exiting and they are to hold them there while he or she checks the traffic. Then he or she can give them a hand signal to cross when it's all clear.

If kids are crossing the street, red lights are put on about 200 feet before the bus stops and traffic is at a stop. Once the bus stops and the door is open, that's when kids can get up from their seats. "We have some hazard stops in

this school district," Baggett said. "Hazard stops are when are yellow hazard lights are flashing and the bus is all the way off the road. When people see that, they can go through those lights, because the kids are not crossing the street. They're getting off the bus and exiting, so the traffic can keep moving."

Another thing that new drivers are taught is timeliness. Parents want their kids to be picked up at a certain time, so the bus has to be at the stop at a certain time. If it's early, that's when kids are running and that can be a danger. "We try to be on time, so there's a schedule," Baggett said. "Safety and being a professional driver is what we're after here — and we will accept nothing less. When they get on a run, they have kids, high school, middle school, elementary school. They have to take care of the driving and maintain those kids at the same time without telling them to sit down and shut up. You can't say that. You have to maintain the peace on the bus without losing your cool yourself."

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# Bill Hart brings Joys of Math assembly to Novi Meadows

By Ramez Khuri  
STAFF WRITER

Bill Hart has been a math professor at Macomb Community College for the past 39 years. He's not an ordinary professor, however. Having been named professor of the year for the state of Michigan in 1990, he decided to take what he knows to local elementary schools to show kids just how fun mathematics can be.

That all started when a couple of school principals near the college called and asked if he could come over and speak with the seventh graders and maybe show them some math tricks. Hart and his wife had six sons in school, and when the principal said to him that he should be doing this because they pay for presentations that aren't as good, he decided to pursue it. Soon

it became a second job. Hart teaches full-time, but on Tuesdays and Thursdays he doesn't have to be at work until 2 p.m., so he visits schools. Novi Meadows was lucky enough to get him on Halloween day.

"I am passionate about encouraging young people to see the fun of mathematical thinking," Hart said. "A lot of people I meet socially, when they talk about what they remember in math, all they remember is worksheets, computation and they don't remember much about it being fun. I am trying to pass on my love of math to the young people, like doing numerical tricks, what appears to be psychic mind-reading tricks, mathematical oddities and riddles."

According to Hart, he was able to prove to Meadows students that there is more ways to put 30 people

"They'll think you're a genius, or they'll think you're psychic. That's fun; that's an emotional activity. Kids can become math entertainers."

"With everything that I do, I hope to make the children say, 'Hrm,' or 'Wow,'" Hart said. "The thing that I love is when a school principal says to me that the kids went home and they did those tricks with their mom's and dad's. When that happens, the kids feel that they were in charge and they had something cool. That's an emotional lift, so it makes them feel a little better about math. That's what I'm trying to do."

According to Hart, music has a horn during his presentation. "When I play something, people pay attention. I'm trying to put some emotion into the math by showing them tricks they can do for their aunts and uncles," he said.



Joys of Math assembly presenter Bill Hart, right, gets some help from Novi Meadows' math instructor Glen Walthall, left, during his Friday afternoon number games assembly.

Photo by John Heister

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Courtesy photo

Novi High School Japanese Club students take part in Cha No Yu, a Japanese Tea Ceremony which is an expression of Japanese values and traditions. Pictured from left to right are senior and President of the Japanese Club Bryan Knedgen, freshman Matt Kopeika, freshman Masashi Fujino, junior and Vice President of the Japanese Club Mandy Hawley and freshman Andrew Gomes.

## Ceremony expresses harmony

Japanese Club brings Cha No Yu to Novi High

By Ramez Khuri  
STAFF WRITER

Novi High School Japanese teacher Noriko Rusan is proud of her students. Many of them, who are members of the Japanese Club, all came together a couple weeks ago to participate in a tea drinking ceremony called Cha No Yu after school.

"The Japanese Club is an after-school activity which is school sponsored. It's for anyone interested in Japanese culture and they don't necessarily have to be enrolled in the Japanese class. According to Bryan Knedgen, the president of the club, Cha No Yu expresses harmony, and that's really what the Japanese culture is all about. It is done at this time each year because it's right around the beginning of fall.

"This really signifies, basically in one presentation, what cultural

harmony and harmony is like," Knedgen said. "The tea ceremony is basically an expression of values and traditions."

All of that, Knedgen explained, is what's shown during the ceremony. Before participants drink the tea, they eat a piece of candy, which mixes with the flavor of the tea to make it taste better. Knedgen said that one can really appreciate the sweetness of the candy because the tea tastes bitter. He said that the aftertaste is actually quite good.

Japanese Club Vice President Mandy Hawley explained why the ceremony took place. "Throughout the classes we have studied this tea ceremony and we

have gone to museums to watch an actual tea ceremony go on," she said. "It was just an idea brought up because we wanted to make some improvements on the club. We were able to get some nice ladies from the women's Japanese Club to do it for us."

Hawley said that she usually doesn't like tea and she was a little nervous trying it, but she actually thought it was quite good. "With the sweets, it makes it taste pretty good," she said.

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## Age-old craft revived

Knitting classes involve adults, children

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

Women used to sit and knit a lot — either at home or elsewhere. But over the last few decades, knitting has taken a bit of a back seat to other crafts.

Not anymore, according to two Novi women.

Karen Luther and her cousin, Rita Kroetsch, recently combined forces to teach adults and children the age-old craft with their new business, KNITWITZ.

The two began having official classes under the new business' name in Luther's home near Parkview Elementary School in June.

"Our grandma taught us to knit when we were little. We've just kept it up," Luther said.

Children meet for Sit-n-Knits from 4 to 6 p.m. on Fridays. They have different themes for the events, such as Lizzie McGuire Day, Cookie Day, Button Day and Pam Pam Day.

"There's no question that there's a revival in knitting," Luther said. "I've knitted a long time, and in the last couple of years, when you look in magazines, there are articles about knitting."

"There are also knitting cafes popping up in New York and L.A., and there's even a new book about celebrities who knit scarves."

"It's really amazing. I think after 9-11 people started wanting to stay home more. It's a very relaxing craft. It's kind of like meditation. It's something to help us have some downtime," Luther said.

"And, it's something that you can do and still socialize. You can talk to people, watch TV or even do it in the car," she said.

Luther noted that knitting is also an excellent way to occupy idle time.

"A lot of women spend a lot of time just sitting and waiting for our kids. We feel very unproductive. Knitting gives us something

project, we have some yarn at the Sit-n-Knits, or we send them to a yarn store. We give them a list of area stores," she added.

Most of the students in the classes attend nearby Parkview or Deerfield Elementary schools and are second- to fifth-graders.

"We incorporated the business last spring and have a federal ID number," Kroetsch said. "The classes have really snowballed — primarily with the children."

Kroetsch believes today's parents are "looking for activities in which children can be supervised but not openly.

"We try to keep thinking about new ideas to hold their interest," she said.

Luther said knitting gives children a creative outlet.

"But it also teaches them math skills, because they have to learn to count the stitches," she said.

"We have adult classes, teach Brownie troops and do birthday parties," she added.

Most of their advertising has been through word of mouth, and right now they have about 10 girls participating in the Sit-n-Knits and as many as 30 adults and children in classes throughout the year.

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MacKinnons	126 E. Main St.	Northville	348-1997	yes	yes	yes	11 a.m.-11 p.m.	noon-6 p.m.	11 a.m.-11 p.m.
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2 cloves garlic, chopped  
1 small french roll  
1# cream cheese  
2 Tbls. freshly chopped parsley

Melt the butter in a heavy skillet. Sweat mushrooms, onions and garlic. Add the roll torn into small pieces. Cool mixture. Blend with cream cheese and parsley. Season.

Yield: about 2#

Note: I like to use a mix of domestic, portabella and shiitake mushrooms.

**Pickled Onion Confit**

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The said special assessment roll is on file for public examination with the City Clerk and any comments to said special assessment roll may be made in writing prior to the close of the hearing to review said special assessment roll.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the City Council and the City Assessor will meet at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile, Novi, Michigan, at 7:30 o'clock P.M., Prevaling Eastern Time, on MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2003, for the purpose of reviewing said special assessment roll.

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 and 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.

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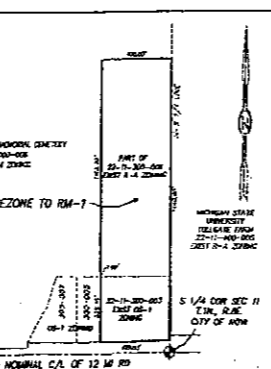
**CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF MEETING DATE CHANGE NOV CITY COUNCIL**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the regular scheduled meeting of the Novi City Council to be held on Monday, December 15, 2003 has been changed to TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2003 at 7:30 p.m., in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile.

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**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, December 10, 2003 at 7:30 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider ZONING MAP AMENDMENT 18.633 FOR POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL FOR REZONING ON PROPERTY LOCATED EAST OF NOVI ROAD AND NORTH OF TWELVE MILE AND TWELVE DRIVE SHOPPING CENTER FROM BA (RESIDENTIAL ACREAGE) AND OS-1 (OFFICE SERVICE) TO RM-1 (LOW-DENSITY MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL). The property is approximately 13.218 acres.



To rezone a part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 11, T.1N., R.8E., City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan being parcel 22-11-300-003 and part of parcel 22-11-300-006 more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the N-S 1/4 line of Section 11, said point being N00°14'12"E, 60.00 feet from the South 1/4 corner of Section 11; thence Due West, 328.83 feet, (previously described as 400.00 feet), (said line being 60.00 feet North of and parallel to the South line of said Section 11 and the centerline of Twelve Mile Road); thence N00°23'54"E, 326.70 feet; thence Due West, 1.09 feet; thence N00°14'12"E, 113.50 feet; thence Due East, 400.00 feet, to a point on the N-S 1/4 line of said Section 11, (said point being S00°14'12"W, 1132.31 feet, from the Center of Section 11); thence S00°14'12"W, 1440.00 feet along the N-S 1/4 line of Section 11 to the point of beginning. Containing 13.218 acres.

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All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 4:00 P.M., Wednesday December 10, 2003.

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DETAILS: Classes are \$25 per person, and include a complimentary \$10 Marshall Field's GiftCard. Reservations are required.  
PHONE: To reserve a space, call (888) 274-6728.

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DATE: November 21 and 22  
LOCATION: Walled Lake Western High, Walled Lake.  
DETAILS: Tickets on sale Oct. 20; \$15. Senior Citizens \$12 for the Sunday matinee only.  
PHONE: Tickets may be purchased online at www.whsperformingarts.org or call (248) 956-4625.

**Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce Holiday Mixer and Open House**  
DATE: Tuesday, December 2  
TIME: 5 p.m.-7:30 p.m.  
LOCATION: Maples Country Club, 31260 Wakefield Drive, Novi.  
DETAILS: \$7/advance, \$10/door. Food, prizes and raffles.

**Library Friends Winter Bata**  
DATE: Friday, Dec. 5

**LOCATION:** Island Lake subdivision, on Wixom between Ten and Eleven Mile roads  
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PHONE: (248) 349-0720

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DATES/TIMES: Saturday, December 6, 6:30 p.m., and Sunday, December 7, 4:30 p.m.  
LOCATION: 1660 Oakley Park Road, Walled Lake.  
DETAILS: Fair includes a five course meal with entertainment in the style of the 15th century, a small market place with crafts and specialties, and a boar's head procession. Cost is \$30 per person.  
PHONE: For more information, call May Rashid at (248) 956-4762.

**Meadowbrook Congregational Church "Heads and Tails" sale**  
DATE: Saturday, December 6.  
TIME: 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.  
LOCATION: 21355

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**Walled Lake Western High School PTSA Holiday Arts and Crafts Show**  
DATE: Dec. 6-7  
TIME: 10 a.m.-4 p.m.  
LOCATION: WLW High School, 600 Beck Rd., Walled Lake.  
DETAILS: Admission/\$2, wide range of arts and crafts, food, free door prizes.  
PHONE: Deanna Nazarov (248) 348-8514.

**Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce Evening Connection**  
DATE: Thursday, December 11  
TIME: 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.  
LOCATION: Wixom Community Center, 49015 Pontiac Trail, Wixom  
DETAILS: Klebb Agency, Inc. is hosting this business connection. Robert Hamelin from American Medical Security presents a discussion on Health Reimbursement Accounts and saving money on your company's health benefits. Bring your business cards. Free event.

**Novi Theatres Present "A Christmas Carol"**  
DATE/TIMES: December 12, 7:30 p.m.; December 13, 7:30 p.m.; December 14, 3 p.m.

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**Women: Be Fit and Fabulous**  
DATE: 4-week series begins Nov. 25, attend once a week for \$25 or twice a week for \$50.  
TIME: All sessions begin at 9:30 a.m.  
LOCATION: Boisford Center for Health Improvement, 39750 Grand River Avenue, located between Haggerty and Meadowbrook in Novi.  
DETAILS: This program encompasses a variety of sessions including aerobics for cardiovascular health, strength training for muscle tone and easy yoga for flexibility and relaxation.

**Oakland County Health Division Child Health Clinics**  
DETAILS: Free Well care check-ups, immunizations, physical exams, guidance/referrals on behavioral, learning, and health problems.  
PHONE: Oakland County Health Division, Mary White, Program Coordinator, Child Health Clinics, (248) 858-1380.

**Providence Center for the Healing Arts "Tuesdays at Assarion"**  
DATE: every Tuesday night  
TIME: 5 p.m.-8 p.m.  
LOCATION: Assarion Cancer Center, 47601 Grand River, Novi.  
DETAILS: Variety of activities for the adult community to come and enjoy a unique mix of classes brought to you by the Providence Center for the Healing Arts. Aug. Send calendar items to Cal Stone, Novi News, 154 W. Main, Northville, MI 48168 or e-mail to cstane@homecomm.net.

**Women's Prayer Support**  
DATE: every Saturday  
TIME: 9-10:30 a.m.  
LOCATION: Harvest Fellowship Church, 49329 Pontiac Trail, Wixom (Parking is behind the church)  
DETAILS: You are welcome to come for encouragement, help, hope and prayer as you face life's problems, issues and frustrations. Drop in for five minutes or longer.  
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Thursday, November 20, 2003

## Wildcats can't look for flags

Goodness, this has been one heck of a run, hasn't it?

To tell you the truth, I can't remember the last time I was this excited about post-season football after the Regional game. In fact, this is only the second time I've ever covered a team beyond the Regional, which I'm blessed to be able to say anyway.

I have to say that I'm very proud of the Novi Wildcats football team. They've shown a lot of class, a lot of heart and a lot of desire this year — and now they have to do it again.



Sam Eggleston

The boys from Brother Rice have been here before — plenty of times, in fact. They want to make the trip to the Silverdome again this year, and the only thing standing in their way happens to be the Novi Wildcats.

This is a team that can't be taken lightly. Though they are young, they are talented, they have one of the best coaches in the state and they have the desire. Novi, on the other hand, has the benefit of experience, a great coach of their own and a desire that is equal to that of any team left in the playoffs.

This game is going to be played on a neutral field, Berkley High School at 1 p.m. Saturday, but the change of venue and the change of time won't mean squat to the Novi fans. They are going to pack the stands and be louder than ever. I fully expect to see so much green and white that I think I'm at a Michigan State game.

There is a bit of a problem I'm having from the last two games. Novi has an ailment that they have to fix, and I pray they fix it in the next couple days. That ailment is a tough one to break, but one that has to be changed nonetheless. Novi can't expect the refs to throw a flag on every play. It seemed like the wide receivers and the defensive line expected a call every time the ball came anywhere near them.

That can be a killer for a team. I know it's frustrating and I've been in the same situation before — but there's nothing you can do. Either you get the flag or you don't, and the more you plead and the more you complain the less chance that flag is going to fly.

Sure, it really stinks when an offensive lineman is gripping your jersey as though he's holding on to a rope that's about to break — but you have to break that and push through

# Mackenzie tries to turn hunters into hunted

## Wildcats keep post-season alive, win in overtime



Photo by John Heider

Leaving Mackenzie defender Kelvin Brown grasping at air, Novi's Kerry Kreuzberg heads for the endzone for a touchdown moments before the end of the first half in last Friday's game.

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

The Novi Wildcats football team should be arrested. The squad, coached by Tab Kellepourey, went out and bagged a group of Stags November 14 — a day before hunting season in Michigan officially opened and all of them without their deer licenses.

By the end of the game, the Stags had shown they weren't going to be prey and go down without a fight, but the Wildcats managed to prevail in overtime, winning 20-19.

"It really opened our eyes," junior quarterback Kevin Cisto said following the game. "We had to wake up and play football, or we were going to be beat. We've been in close games before, but this one really had us worried at times."

The Stags definitely came ready to play some football. They took the kickoff and went right to work with some impressive running displays, including a reverse on their fifth play of the game. The Wildcat defense held though, yet found themselves back on the field two plays after the punt when senior fullback Josh Buck fumbled for the first time this year.

The Stags went 43 yards on three plays to put themselves in striking distance of the endzone, but Novi's defense came through once again. This time, it was senior Adam Brandau showcasing his catching ability — minus the cast on his hand that has accompanied him for much of the season — as he snagged an interception.

"Our defense has been solid all year," Buck said. "It was a goal to play hard on that side of

the ball. That's what we're known for and that's what we do best. We know we had to keep playing strong defensively if we wanted to beat these guys."

Novi took the ball down the field on a 68-yard march that took six minutes off the clock. Unfortunately, the drive stalled as it culminated with a wide field goal by Mark Angelocci from 39 yards out.

"I hate to miss kicks," Angelocci said. "I was upset with myself afterwards, but I knew I had to focus and get myself back in case I had to do it again."

Mackenzie was the first to get on the board after taking over six minutes off the clock on their following drive — one which ended with a run up the middle and into the endzone from four yards away by Fred Wilson. The following kick, by

Gary Holt, sailed wide and left the Stags with a 6-0 lead with 5:22 left in the first half.

Novi found themselves moving the ball just 28 yards on the next drive, which came to a halt on a fake punt play, before Mackenzie found themselves going just three and out thanks to some strong defensive plays that didn't allow the ball to venture past the line of scrimmage.

The following drive began with a benefit in the Wildcats' favor after punt returner Kerry Kreuzberg called for a fair catch and was tagged by a Mackenzie defender, thus moving the ball 15 yards on a personal foul. Two plays later, Mackenzie added 15 more with a roughing the passer penalty and then another 15 on a defensive pass interference. In all, Novi put together just 24 yards of offense on a 64-yard drive

that ended with a touchdown strike from senior Mike Hart to Kreuzberg from six yards out. Angelocci added the point-after attempt for a 7-6 lead.

"That drive was basically all penalties," senior tackle Steve Jaborri said. "They had some mental errors that we were able to take advantage of."

Novi almost ended up trailing before they headed into the locker room. A kick to the six-yard line found a very fast Brandon Glenn cutting through some hard blocks and taking the ball down field nearly the entire way. With about 11 yards to go, Angelocci chased him down with a well-picked angle and took his legs out from underneath him.

"That could have made all the difference," Mackenzie coach Eric Smith said. "If we

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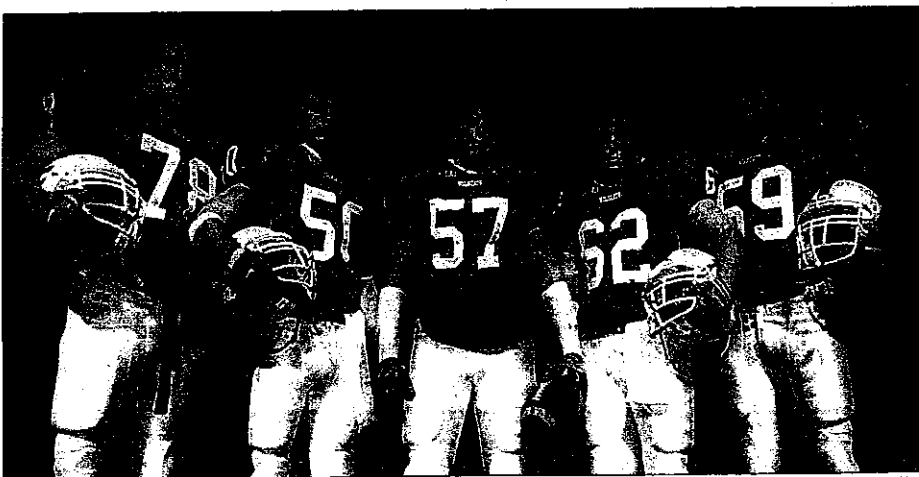


Photo by John Heider

The Wildcats' offensive linemen: (from left) Chad Thurman, Mark Kaminski, Ryan Pritchard, Kyle Margrave and Steve Jaborri.

## Anatomy of a lineman

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

You know they are there, but do you know their names? In reality, they are some of the hardest guys not to see on the field, but do you ever pay attention to them? The answer for both those questions is probably no — we're talking about the impressive offensive line from Novi.

The truth is, they don't care if you don't see them.

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Josh Buck  
Senior  
Football

When it comes to Buck, there's one thing you can always expect — he's never going to quit and he's never going to be denied. It would probably be a safe bet to say this linebacker/fullback twitches in his sleep as he dreams about beautiful hits and scoring touchdowns. Buck not only put down the law with a few bone-jarring smacks last week, but he also scored a regulatin touchdown and a touchdown in overtime to help his squad to the victory.

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Rachele Folino  
Sophomore  
Basketball

Though Folino and her fellow Wildcats couldn't get through the tough first-round of the District Tournament, she showed lots of heart, determination and dedication in her strive to help Novi to the victory. The Wildcats, however, fell short in the quest and will now wait until next year before they can put their game back on the hardwood and prepare for another great season of Novi basketball.



# Wildcats can't top speedy Northville



Novi's Rachel Felino, left, whirls around Northville defender Emily Weaver during Monday night's district playoff game at South Lyon.

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

If there was one thing Northville junior Evanna Karchon could have wished for when it came to her birthday, it would probably have been a District victory.

Well, she must have blown out those candles prior to the Northville district tournament game against the Novi Wildcats, Northville, who fell to Novi earlier this season, but came back and earned a 55-31 victory over their cross-town rivals to keep their post-season alive.

"I think this was the best game we have played as a team," said Karchon, who led all scorers on the night with 25. "It was great to get this win because it was my birthday as well. I'm just real proud of the way this team played tonight."

Northville came into this game with a plan, and they stuck to it. Their speed and aggressiveness, right out of the gate, seemed to be too much for the Wildcats to handle.

The Mustangs took a 13-1 lead by within the first six minutes, 30 seconds of the game and held on for a 15-3 lead by the end of the first quarter.

"Well we certainly wanted them to play man against us, we thought we were a little bit quicker than they were," Northville coach Pete Wright said. "When we were patient on offense and broke them down a little bit, a lot of really good things happened."

Novi made some slight adjustments in the second quarter, but the Mustangs' aggression on the offensive side of the ball was just too much for the Wildcats to adjust to.

Northville watched as the Wildcats scored the first five points of the second period of play and then went to work their own and managed to keep up with the Novi eggers step for step with each team scoring eight points.

"We knew what they were going to do, but unfortunately we just couldn't stop them," Novi coach Bill Kelp said. "They didn't miss their shots in that first half and got us down. We couldn't come back for some reason."

The third quarter was much of the first as the Mustangs came out with the first four points and went on to outscore the Wildcats 12-9 thanks to some impressive play by senior Dominique Desira and

Karchon. The aggressive duo was helped with some hard-worked play by the Toney sisters in Simone and Danielle.

"It was just so awesome to see everyone come together and play the way we knew we could play," Karchon said. "We peaked right when we needed it."

By the beginning of the fourth quarter, Novi's fate seemed to be sealed. The Wildcats scored their most points of any quarter as they netted 11 with some great shooting by sophomore Rachelle Follino, but it wasn't enough — the Mustangs scored their most of the game in the quarter too, netting 20 as they found some impressive showings by Karchon, Simone Toney and Desira propelling them into the final minutes of the game.

In the closing minutes, Northville showed their future under Wright is a bright one as sophomores Lindsey Blair and Sara Cantai played some strong ball against the Wildcats.

Novi ended the night with two players on the bench from fouls as Follino and Allison Greulich both fouled out in a futile attempt to get the tide flowing in their favor.

The Wildcats were led by Follino, who scored 11 points, while Greulich and Becky Gatzdeck shot for six. Hope Morris sunk five and Jessica Haggerty added three in the losing effort.

Earlier in the season, Kelp said his best two shooters had to go into double digits if his squad hoped to win the league against Northville.

"That's a credit to Northville," Kelp said. "They did a good job taking Greulich out of it, pressuring her and denying her. Karchie got inside, but when she did she singled against their zone."

The night was definitely one for the birthday girl though. Karchon would not be denied, and led all scorers with an impressive 25 points. Desira added 13 to her season total, while Simone Toney put up nine, Emily Weaver added four and Danielle Toney and Blair collected two each.

Northville was back in action Wednesday against Plymouth Salem, a team the Mustangs both beat and fell to this year. The game was played after the *Novi News* went to print.

"We gotta bring the heat," Karchon said when asked of playing Salem again. "We just gotta bring the heat if we want to beat them again."

## UNDERCLASSMAN SCORES

### FRESHMAN GIRLS BASKETBALL Overall: 19-1

The Novi freshmen girls basketball team completed a brilliant season last Tuesday when they defeated Pinckney, 36-28, in Kensington Valley Conference (KVC) action. The Wildcats ninth graders ended the year with an outstanding 19-1 overall record, and they finished in first place in the KVC with 13 wins and only one loss.

"I believe this is the best ever (record) for a freshman team at Novi," said Coach Sue Tomanack. "They did a fantastic job, and I am very proud of them. They really worked hard this season."

The Novi freshmen team includes Kelli Corless, Jessica Barnhill, Christine Chalkless, Natalie Frank, Breonna Quinley, Stephanie Hogan, Suzy Nuchliji, Missy Broadwell, Britany Luka, Britany Riely, Ashley Simms, Taylor Graybiel, Kristen Lowney and Stephanie Hosely.

### JV GIRLS BASKETBALL Overall: 11-9

The Novi junior varsity girls basketball team treated their friends, fans and parents to an entertaining, competitive and exciting game season finale when it beat a very strong Pinckney squad, 48-33, last Tuesday. The Pirates, who entered the game with a 17-2 overall record, got off to a great start, but Novi JV fought back to take a 20-18 halftime lead.

Novi JV then exploded, offensively, in the second half by scoring off its press break in Ashley Gatzdecki as she netted 10 points; scoring off of its penetration as Stephanie Crawford added 10 points.

"Congratulations to the entire team for a terrific finish to an outstanding season," said Coach Bill O'Donnell.

If you'd like to see you JV or freshman sport listed here, email seggleston@h.ihoncom.net.

## SPORTS SHORTS

### AAU Girls Basketball

The Legion AAU girls basketball team will be holding tryouts December 7 and Dec. 13 at Andover High School. The time and details are available at www.legionbb.com or through email at legbb@hotmail.com. There is a \$20 fee to participate in the highly-competitive tryouts, and there will be teams in age groups from 10 years of age through 18-year-old players. For more information, email legbb@h.ihoncom.net.

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### Snowplow Sam, Freestyle, Adult, Hockey Skills and Home School.

There will be no classes the week of November 24-25.

Arena spokesman Jennifer Sutherland said admission and skate rental at the open house is free to all skaters, and will give prospective students a chance to skate with Learn to Skate instructors so they can be placed in the proper class. She added Learn to Skate students get free admission to open skating at Novi Ice Arena throughout the session with their registration receipt.

### Open registration for Learn to Skate is underway. For more information, call the Novi Ice Arena at (248) 347-1010.

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# Wildcats can't look for flags

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it. Rip your arm into his, twist under the hold or grab his hands before he can grab you — but don't expect holding to be the difference in a game. If a lineman grips you and holds on and can do it without being seen, it just means he's out-playing you. You're not moving outside of his grasp enough in the first place, not getting low enough and not getting enough separation to let the officials see the hold in the first place.

Wide receivers would like to see that flag fly on more than one occasion during a game, and I can't blame them. Sometimes, those hits do come a little early and those arms seem to be all over you long before the ball arrives, but that's just part of the game at this level. Refs are going to let you play. For the most part, and contact that doesn't find you being shoved off your feet before the ball gets there. All I can say is deal with it — and I know how harsh that sounds. On the next play, break that defensive coverage that much quicker, make your routes that much crisper and catch that ball without a defensive player around to get in your way.

Brother Rice probably won't be begging for flags Saturday, and I'm hoping Novi's over that bump right now too. It's time to go beyond the land of officials and the mentality that holds you in that reality — now, Novi has to take another step and play football like they've never played before. If they do, then they make a trip

### State Semi-Finals

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Opponent (record)	Result	Score
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Oxford (5-4)	W	28-7
Madison Heights Foley (0-9)	W	42-0
Detroit Catholic Central (11-1)	L	35-7
Warren De LaSalle (6-5)	W	9-3
University of Detroit Jesuit (4-5)	W	31-21
Detroit Country Day (4-5)	W	13-12
Orchard Lake Saint Mary's (7-3)	L	20-0
Grand Blanc (4-5)	W	28-0
Oak Park (7-3)	W	20-13
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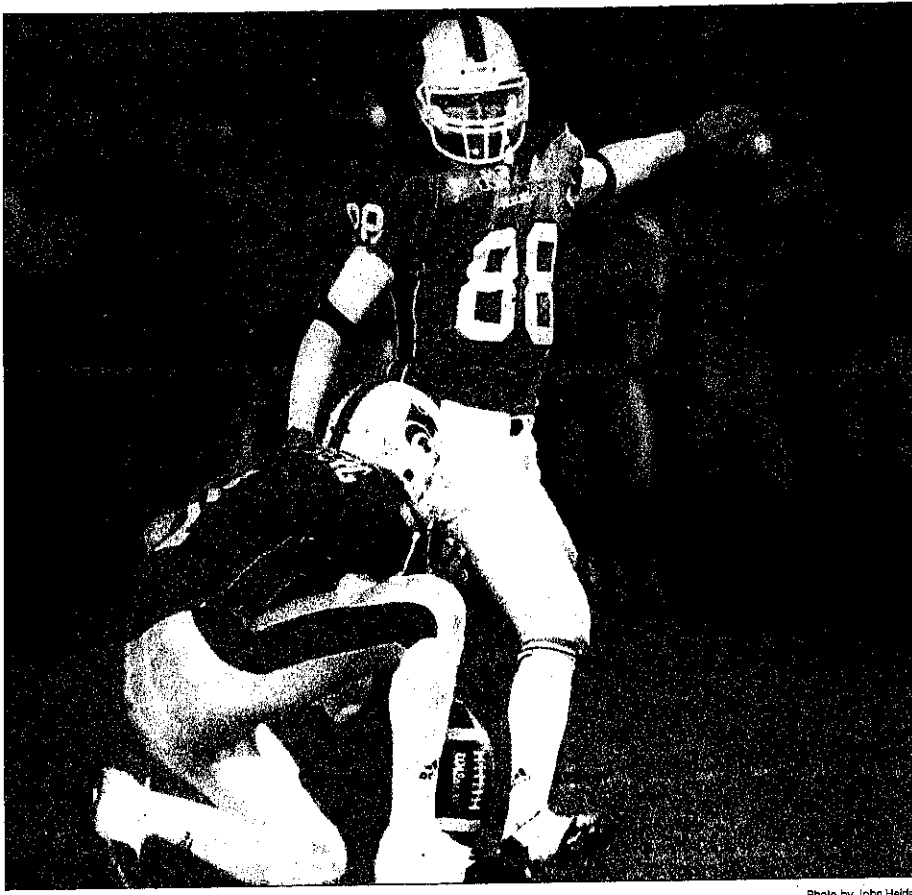
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# Wildcats escape Mackenzie in Regional

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With the hold of teammate Kerry Kreutzberg, kicker Mark Angolucci tries a long fieldgoal attempt in the first half of last Friday's playoff game against Detroit Mackenzie.

watched as it sailed just about a foot wide.

"That's a once in a lifetime event for Mark," Buck said. "We knew he was upset at himself, but we all realized it wouldn't happen again."

And, thankfully, it didn't.

Mackenzie was the first to play in the overtime period and out the ball in following a questionable pass interference call that gave them a first down at the 8-yard line. After putting a run of six yards in the stat book, Wilson carried the ball in from one yard out for the score and a 19-13 lead. The extra point attempt was botched and found Novi senior Trevor Hoover making the play-ending stop after a high snap forced the kicker to carry the ball.

Two plays later, following a five-yard gain by Cislo, Buck holed the pignon over the goal line for a 19-19 tied game.

And on came Angolucci.

"We had faith in him," Jabbari said. "We knew he'd get it in."

Angolucci watched the ball, which was snapped by center Ryan Pritchard, hit Kreutzberg's hands and then settle on the kicking block. The kick, which was textbook style, sailed through as the stands erupted and the Novi players began celebrating the victory.

"It was a great win," Novi assistant coach and former head coach John Osborne said. "Mackenzie came to play tonight, and they showed what they were made of. They were strong, fast and ready and they almost got away with this one."

The Wildcats will be on the road as they play on a neutral site for the state semi-finals. The game will be against Brother Rice at 1 p.m. Saturday at Berkley High School. The winner of the contest will compete in the Pontiac Silverdome for a chance to win the state Division II football championship.

# Anatomy of a lineman: 'Cats are busy doing their jobs

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"I know that means they are doing a great job and not getting too much attention from the officials."

"The less you hear about an offensive lineman, the better he's doing," junior center Ryan Pritchard said. "I don't want everyone noticing me. I just want to go out there and do my job."

And what a job this line has been doing. They punch holes big enough for two runningbacks to bolt through let alone one. All year long, they have been the building block this team was built on — even though they knew that three of them had never started on a varsity line and hadn't had a ton of playing time the year before.

"It was a little worried at first," veteran senior tackle Chad Thurman said. "We knew we had a lot of talent to replace from graduation, and I didn't know how we would look for this year."

Thurman, much like the majority of those who doubted the line in the beginning of the year, was pleasantly surprised.

"I was amazed," Thurman said. "Amazed at the transformation one of the line's members underwent over the summer. Senior guard Mark Kaminski found himself in the weight room every day, working at getting better and earning himself a spot on the offensive line."

"It became a routine for me."

Kaminski said, "I enjoyed doing it though. Getting in the weight room and lifting weights was something I had to do if I wanted to see improvement from myself. I worked hard, and I'm happy at the difference it has made. It was worth it."

Kaminski wasn't the only one who came to play. Senior tackle Steve Jabbari and senior guard Kyle Margrave knew they had to be prepared in order to make Novi a successful offensive program.

The two landed on the same side of the ball, the left side, and have become fast friends this year.

"Steve and I have become closer this year, on and off the field," Margrave said. "We're at the point that we basically know what each other are going to do, and that makes us tough to get through."

With many offensive lines, the left side of the line and the right side find themselves cracking jokes at each other and, sometimes, even pointing fingers.

"Unfortunately, we do that too," Thurman said. "We're so quick to rag on each other across the line. Especially me, and I should probably stop. But, when they jump off sides I'm asking 'What are you doing?' When I think they're asking the same."

Luckily, there's a moderator to keep them from getting out of control.

"I have to keep the peace," Pritchard said. "There's always something being said or joked."

about between the two sides of the line. I have to keep them in line."

That doesn't mean the peace keeper doesn't get picked on as well. In the beginning of the season, Pritchard had the idea that he wanted the line to hold hands in the huddle. The rest of the line, as well as offensive line coach John Osborne was against the idea.

Pritchard, on the other hand, hopes to unveil it soon enough.

"I think it shows unity," he said. "Ohio State did it and then he goes into what we need to fix and what we need to do better."

Osborne said he wasn't doubtful when it came to the ability of his offensive line — he just needed to get them talking a bit more.

"I thought they could play at the level they had been playing at," he said. "Early in the season, we didn't do a lot of communicating, but once we started talking we got much better."

Chad and Ryan were starters a year ago and are very good football players. Kaminski and Kyle Margrave had playing time last year and we knew they could play at this level. Steve was the only one that didn't get a lot of playing time last year but he's a strong kid and a tough kid and he does a great job."

For the first time since 1988,

the Novi Wildcats find themselves on the verge of making it to the state finals. It will take one more win to get to that game — a win over a very strong Brother Rice team.

"We have so much talent on this football team," Jabbari said. "If we play to our abilities, I believe we can play with anybody in the state."

And it doesn't hurt to have so much talent on the offensive line either — or the confidence to deploy it and make it work so

matter who is lining up across from them.

"We're probably the best line in the state," Pritchard said. "We pay attention to every detail and when we come into a game we're ready to play. We just have to attack the defense. We have to go and get them before they can move."

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## MONEY MATTERS

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These days mail-in rebates are available on a variety of items, from electronics and small appliances to baby furniture and computer software. To collect a mail-in rebate, consumers generally must pay the full cost of an item and then send documentation, including the original sales receipt, UPC code, rebate slip and their name, telephone number and address to the retailer or manufacturer within a certain time frame. What consumers may not know is by law companies are required to send rebates within the window of time promised, or if no time frame is specified, within 30 days.

Fulfillment companies, not the product manufacturers or retailers, manage the rebate process. They receive the rebate documentation and process the requests, but they've got to wait for the money from the manufacturer or retailer before they cut a rebate check. Fulfillment companies cite slow paying manufacturers and retailers as one of the main reasons consumers must wait so long to get their checks.

But long waits are only part of the problem. According to MSN Money, more than half of all mail-in rebates go unclaimed because the rebate redemption process is onerous and fraught with complexities. For consumers who are short on time and patience, elderly consumers and consumers whose first language isn't English, the challenges of meeting postmark deadlines, cutting out UPC codes and making photocopies may not be worth the rebate check.

If you're willing to grit your teeth and do what's necessary to get that rebate, consider employing these tips from the Federal Trade Commission (FTC):

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Take your time completing the paperwork. Print clearly and supply all information asked for by the manufacturer or retailer. Triple check your information, particularly if the rebate is significant. If you fail to complete the paperwork correctly you can likely kiss your rebate goodbye.

The UPC code is a must. Most offers require the consumer to supply the original UPC code from the box. This is so someone can't collect the rebate and then return the item to the store. UPC codes don't photocopy well. When you have to supply the UPC code more than once, for example, when there are multiple rebates available, consider taking a digital photo of the code and supplying a printout of the photo with your request. But, before you do, check with the manufacturer or retailer first to see if this is an acceptable practice.

Protect yourself. Make a copy of all rebate paperwork before you mail it. And if you're expecting a large rebate, request a postal delivery confirmation.

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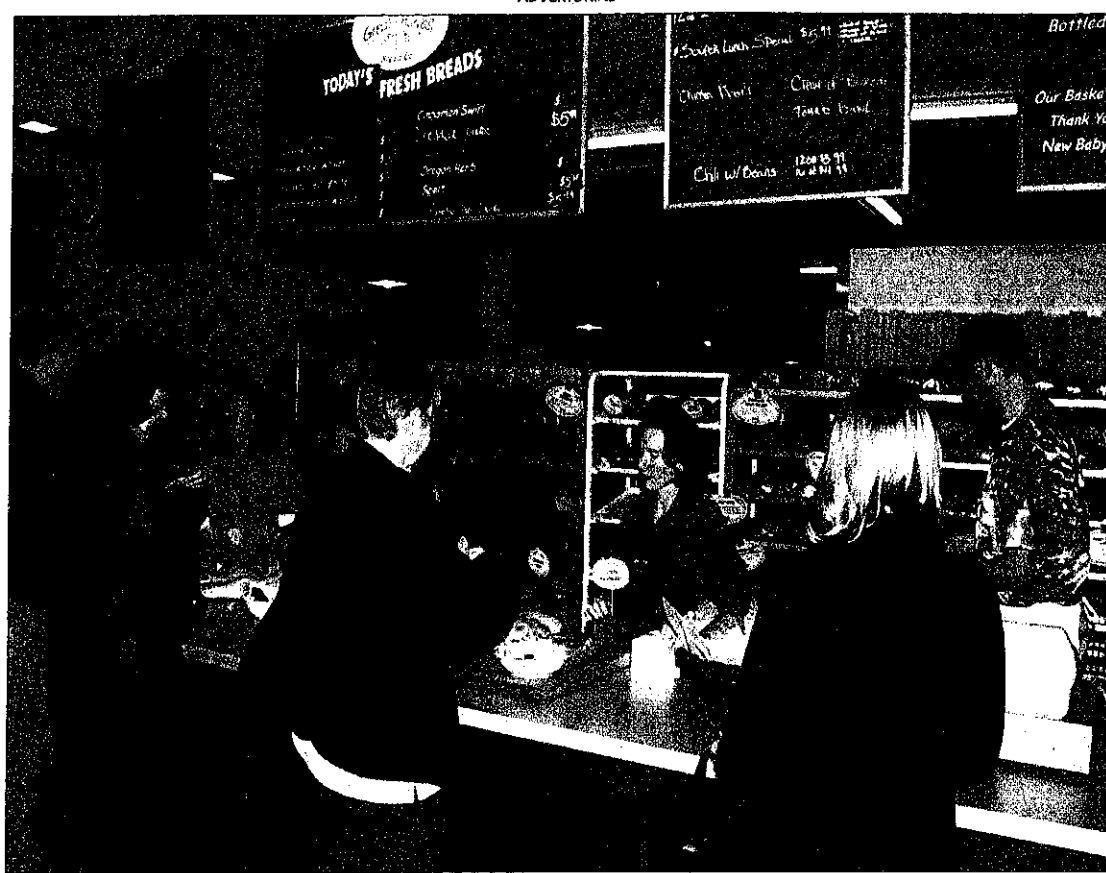


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Proprietors David and Julie Cole (center) assist customers with their selections at The Great Harvest Bread Company in downtown Northville.

## Tasty treats await customers at Great Harvest

James C. Farkas  
SPECIAL WRITER

Do you remember the aroma of bread baking in grandma's oven? Maybe breakfast muffins or perhaps your favorite cookies because she knew you were coming for a visit?

Well, the Great Harvest Bakery on Main Street in Northville may not be grandma's house but you will delight in all the same smells and tastes of freshly-baked goodies hot out of the oven to take home for your family's enjoyment or, if tempted, eat right on the spot.

There's a bread board where you can try a wide variety of tasty breads and flavorful, natural jams or pop a piece of raspberry oatbran muffin in your mouth to tantalize your taste buds. How about a scrumptious Autumn Sugar Cookie? It's guaranteed you won't leave empty-handed.

If you stop in around lunchtime perhaps you can be persuaded to have a quick sandwich on honey whole wheat bread or sandwich roll complemented with a freshly-ground, flavored coffee and a mint chocolate chip cookie. What bet-

ter way to enjoy your lunch break?!

Although the Great Harvest Bread Company is a Freedom Franchise, great emphasis is placed on each independent owner's creative talents to tailor the bakery and the choice of baked goods to their individual hometown market. With corporate offices in Dillon, Montana, their test kitchens select only the best crops of freshly-milled whole wheats and grains which are then shipped to the various locations nationwide. It's interesting to note that the Northville Great Harvest Bakery is the largest in the country and continues to be one of the top five in sales nationally. It has been open in Northville for the past 10 years.

About a year ago, proprietors David and Julie Cole purchased The Great Harvest Bakery with little to no experience in baking on a large scale. Both grew up in East Lansing and (of course) attended the University of Michigan. Then they went on to experience employment in the corporate world but decided that although financially rewarding, it was not satisfying their spiritual or creative needs. As David said, "It was a good match since Great Harvest has the same values regarding health and community as we do."

"When we started just before Halloween a year ago, we were learning. But now we've got it down to a science. It was important for us to learn what our customers liked best and what they wanted," said Julie.

"We've added a variety of natural jams and jellies using, whenever possible, Michigan berries as well as savory kid-friendly fruit jams and all natu-

ral peanut butter and the ever-popular delicious soups."

David enjoys the organization of the production line baking and derives great pleasure creating from flour, honey, yeast, water and salt the finished product that their customers will enjoy over dinner or the next morning at breakfast. "Health and nutrition are important factors in what we bake for our customers," said David.

"We also conduct tours for school classes, seniors and other clubs, church groups and organizations. We enjoy educating people about the baking process and the healthy ingredients that we use starting with only the finest whole wheats and grains. We are available to come to your next meeting and speak on health and nutrition with advance notice."

Great Harvest Bakery is happy to provide bread free for fund-raisers, charities, PTA dinners or most any non-profit organization that serves the community. Once a week they take unsold bread and cookies to senior citizens, the homeless and other needy organizations. "It's our way of sharing with those who are not quite as fortunate as we are," said David.

"A large part of our business, especially around the holidays, is our gift boxes that are shipped to all parts of the country and our gift baskets that are a favorite with businesses for their customers and employees. They are beautifully arranged with a variety of breads, muffins, cookies and jams in either a sturdy box for shipping or an attractive willow basket. Most are custom-made with your choice of treats and range from about 30 to 75 dollars," according to David.

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The Great Harvest Bakery employs 15 to 20 people, based on seasonal needs. Sean Sinclair, who is invaluable as their manager, has worked there for eight of the 10 years it has been open and helped them acquire their sea legs, so to speak. He's also a great singer and will entertain if given the chance.

Deborah Southworth, who is their creative gift and basket coordinator, has been there for the past two years and will create a special masterpiece just for you! Jose' Lopez kneads and shapes the dough and has been around, off-and-on, for the past six years. David and Julie also employ several part-timers from Northville and Novi high schools during the holidays and special occasions.

As a parting word, David and Julie wanted to remind their customers, new and old, to please place your orders for gift boxes, baskets, dinner rolls and even your favorite style bread early. They don't want to disappoint anyone by being sold out of that special seasonal Pumpkin Nut Swirl bread, Pumpkin Muffins or Autumn Sugar Cookies.

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By Jeff Rugg  
 COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

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Project FeederWatch began in Ontario, Canada, in the mid-1970s. After running for 10 years in Canada, it was expanded to the United States with the help of the Cornell University Laboratory of Ornithology. Project FeederWatch is a winter-long survey of birds that visit feeders across North America. FeederWatch volunteers count the highest numbers of each species they see at their feeders from November through April. The project helps scientists track movements of winter bird populations and long-term trends in bird distribution.

All you have to do is count the birds in your yard at one time, then report the number to the lab.

Each year, wild bird popu-

lation levels and distributions fluctuate. For example, this year in the West, drought and forest fires have reduced natural food sources, so birds might be forced out of the mountains to lower elevations where they can find more food, including bird feeders.

When people keep track nationwide, we can see the weekly changes in distribution and abundance. This important data can only be gathered this way.

Some of the information is not just in the short term. The long-term trends in bird distribution and abundance are calculated. Also, expansions or contractions in the winter ranges of feeder birds, the kinds of foods and environmental factors that attract birds, as well as how disease is spread among birds that visit feeders can be determined. FeederWatch data is used to gauge the effects of West Nile virus on wild birds.

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Before you start on your path to becoming a citizen-scientist, I can answer a few common questions and myths about bird feeding.

First, the birds will not become dependent on your

## GARDEN TIP

### Clearing up bird-feeding myths

**Birds will not become dependent on your feeder. There are many other sources of food that they consume each day. They will visit the feeder on a daily basis and become accustomed to its presence.**

**Uncooked rice does not expand in the birds' stomachs and kill them. Many species of birds eat rice and other grains.**

**Peanut butter does not stick in the bird's throat and choke it. Mix cornmeal, oatmeal, grit or birdseed with peanut butter to make it less sticky.**

**A bird's feet will not stick to a frozen metal perch because it does not have sweat glands. Its feet are covered with scales.**

#### COMMON FEEDER BIRDS AND PREFERRED FEED



## Lawn doesn't need to be scalped or fed

Q: I decided this year to take better care of my lawn. I got a soil test and followed the recommendations and I watered the grass when it was dry. But what do I do for winter care for my lawn? The local guys selling fertilizer tell me that I need to put on 12-12-12 or 19-19-19. Do I cut the grass really short like they recommended?

A: Here is the "way simple" fall turfgrass checklist. And this list has one item: You don't need to feed or scalp. Just pick up the leaves as best you can.

When leaves piled on grass can start to compost the turf. It's mild, it's moist and there is no air or light. If you mow the leaves into little pieces and the grass shows through, it's good enough. If you have been fertilizing, there is no reason to get something else. It is really too late for this year, anyway. If we should get a bit more warm weather and the grass begins to grow, the grass will probably have problems in the spring. Snow mold is a winter fungus that will leave big gray, dead spots on the lawn in the early spring. The lawn was too lush and tender and got trampled. If your soil test didn't indicate 12-12-12 or 19-19-19, then don't use it. If your soil already has nitrogen, phosphorus and potash, either from fertilizer during the season or naturally, don't add more. It's an "if it ain't broke, don't fix it" kind of thing. You have been very good to the lawn this year, and nothing more is needed other than picking up stuff that will smother the grass. There is no reason to cut the grass shorter than usual. It would be better for snow to be caught on the blades and stay in place, rather than have areas suffer possible cold damage. Relax. You have been a good grass caregiver.

Q: I bought a couple of shrubs and perennials last summer and never got them in the ground. If I leave them in the pots behind my house during the winter, will they be all right?

A: They'll look fine over the winter but the critical thing is that they will probably be dead in the spring. The pots will freeze and thaw dozens of times and plants will go into and out of dormancy dozens of times. This kills almost everything. If you want them alive to plant in the spring, then run out the door now and grab a shovel. Plant the plants and containers in the ground to the rims of the pots. This will stop that killer freeze-thaw cycle. Mulch the surface of the soil with three inches of wood chip mulch. If you do this, it's a pretty good chance that everybody will be available to grow in the spring. Since you have neglected the poor dears, you should feel guilty enough to find a location for them as soon as the ground thaws in the spring and get them planted without the pots. Since they have been in captivity for so long, look for roots growing around in a circle. These roots will not straighten out by themselves. Loosen roots or cut what that springing growth can become normal.

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## Low interest rates mean borrowers' priorities are changing

By James M. Woodard  
 COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

With mortgage interest rates remaining at near-record lows, and home values rising at a record pace in many markets, the profile of today's mortgage borrower is changing.

A huge increase in equity has been accumulated by homeowners in short time — equity that could be tapped to consolidate outstanding debt or generate cash for college tuition, investments or other needs. The focus for

many refinance mortgage applicants is shifting from reducing monthly mortgage payments to using equity for other financial needs.

Some homeowners have determined this is a strategic time to refinance their mortgage, combining their existing first and second mortgages into a low-interest mortgage, thus saving money each month on payments. Others have concluded their personal financial needs would be best served with a new second mortgage.

"An increasing number of borrow-

ers are applying for a new cash-out refinance mortgage, where the balance of the new loan is greater than the previous mortgage," said Michael Levy, president and chief executive officer of Home Savings Mortgage of in Oxnard, Calif. "This produces cash that the family can use for any purpose they desire."

Typically, lenders will loan up to 75 percent or 80 percent of the home's current market value. A higher loan-to-value ratio loan can be arranged if private mortgage insur-

ance is included. There are, of course, closing costs to consider — appraisal, credit checks, title insurance, etc. But in some cases there are ways to minimize these costs. For example, if it wasn't too long ago that the title was researched for a previous title policy, a simple low-cost update of the policy might be possible.

When considering a loan, it is best to discuss your needs and desires with a competent mortgage counselor. Your loan can be structured to meet your financial needs.

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