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## CORRECTION

Last week's article "Small parcel by Wendy's moves through Council" incorrectly indicated that House of Blinds has gone out of business. The business relocated to the Fountain Walk shopping center about four months ago.

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Hammett Lippe received high marks once again in his annual review as head of Novi's schools and offers up his goals for the 2004-05 school year.



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# '50s fest fantastic

## ■ Crowd approves of return to former name and new location

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

Although the name and the venue changed from last year, the Michigan 50's Festival at Fountain Walk last week was a huge success, according to organizers, with an estimated 15,000 to 20,000 people attending the four-day event.

Fountain Walk management estimated that 5,000 people came for the Herman's Hermits concert Saturday night, and organizers said the move to Fountain Walk shopping center was a positive one.

"The weather was kind of iffy Friday night, so that kept the crowd down, but the turnout was better than I expected," said Bob McCann, a consultant and immediate past president of the festival. "I think the patrons are happier with the name Michigan 50's Festival. I think this name has more name recognition, because it's been there longer. We were the Music & Motor Festival for three years. The name Michigan 50's Festival goes back to our roots to when this festival began 17 years ago," McCann said.

"The people at Fountain Walk could not have been any better to work with. We didn't have enough room to do everything that we wanted to do at Main Street.

Fountain Walk gave us more room and an outstanding venue. I can't say enough good things about it," he added.

McCann said although organizers thought Fountain Walk would provide ample parking, the lots were full. Next year, organizers may initiate a shuttle service, probably from the Expo Center, he said.

"The manager of the Emagine Theatre also came out and asked us to turn it down a bit on Friday night. So, we turned down the music. Next year, the stage will face the highway instead of the theater. I don't consider that a problem. We just have to tweak a few things," he said.

Next year's event will definitely be at Fountain Walk again, and McCann said they'll begin working on the 2005 event in about a week.

For more pictures of the Michigan 50's Festival, please turn to page 3A.

"We'll talk about offering something on Sunday at our organizational meetings," he added.

"We're ecstatic with the turnout, the entertainment, the fireworks and the working relationship with Fountain Walk," said Pat Webb, sponsorship director for the festival. "All the retailers and the management were wonderful to us."

Webb said sponsors who attended were extremely pleased with the outcome of this year's event.

"They're looking forward to supporting and participating in the

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Baron, left, and Terri LeBlanc do the "Twist" to music provided by Rock and the Rollers at last Saturday night's 50's Fest entertainment. The LeBlancs first met five years ago at the 50's Fest when it was at the Novi Expo Center, then got married three years ago during the festival.

# Pair of Bagel Bandits busted

## ■ Novi police believe two were involved in November crime

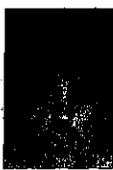
By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

Novi police received a tip that led to two suspects, nicknamed the "Bagel Bandits," being arrested in a break-in at the Panera

Bread restaurant in Farmington Hills Sunday night.

The breaking and entering took place at the Panera Bread in Farmington Hills at 37611 Twelve Mile Road just west of Halstead at about 10 p.m.

Novi detectives Mike Wilson and Victor Lauria had received



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Raudszus

information last week that indicated that two suspects that they believed were involved in a breaking and entering at the Novi Panera Bread in Farmington Hills store.

"We got a tip, and we worked with detectives from the

Farmington Hills Police Department to develop a game plan," Lauria said.

On Sunday evening, Dets. Lauria and Wilson, along with several other officers from the South Oakland Narcotics Intelligence Consortium, established surveillance on the Farmington Hills store.

They watched as Andrew Nathaniel Raudszus, 23, of Novi, got out of a vehicle and entered the front door of the closed busi-

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# Grand River closed west of Novi Rd.

The Road Commission for Oakland County reminds motorists that Grand River Ave. closes immediately west of Novi Road in Novi Aug. 4 as part of the ongoing Grand River/Novi Road intersection improvement project.

During the closure, the detour route will be Beck Road to Ten Mile Road to Novi Road, and vice versa. The closure is expected to last up to four weeks.

The closure is necessary so that a culvert under Grand River can be replaced. The culvert replacement is part of the ongoing project to reconstruct and widen the Grand River/Novi Road intersection (the lanes are being widened at the intersection, but no additional lanes are being added).

As part of the ongoing project, left turns are prohibited for all vehicles at the intersection, and right turns are prohibited for trucks, through approximately Nov. 1.

The Grand River/Novi Road project is being completed in cooperation with the City of Novi at a cost of approximately \$2 million, with 80 percent of the cost covered with federal funds. The remaining 20 percent is split evenly between the road commission and the city.

The contractor is the Six-S Inc. company of Waterford Township.

# City of Novi taking a trip around the world

## ■ Third annual event held at Fountain Walk this year

By Ramez Khuri  
STAFF WRITER

The Third Annual Novi Parks International Festival will have a different flair to it this year. The event, which will take place from 5-8 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 11, is at Fountain Walk instead of Novi Middle School, where it was held the first two years. It is also the first time it will be held outdoors, a change that Event/Marketing Coordinator Tracie Ringle hopes will attract a bigger crowd.

"We're very excited about partnering with Fountain Walk," Ringle said. "The whole event is



free, and it's a great time where people can have fun and learn about different cultures at the same time."

The International Festival will offer community members and visitors an opportunity to share the different cultural heritages of the Novi area. The evening will include displays, interactive booths, art, entertainment and refreshments from many different countries. Two stages will be set

up that will display cultural entertainment, like Irish and Scottish dancing, West African drums and Chinese Opera, just to name a few. There will also be about six local restaurants on hand to offer samplings. For instance, a representative from Starbucks will be speaking about Colombian coffee.

"There will be all different kinds of things on the stage," Ringle said. "It's going to be ongoing entertainment. The restaur-

rants will tie in what they offer into an ethnic treat."

Members of the International Institute of Detroit will also be on hand to display a collection of about 50 different ethnic costumes that people can try on and have a photo taken. There are also going to be crafters and international vendors who will sell Indian jewelry and other artifacts from different countries. Everybody in attendance will get a passport that they can take home, displaying little tidbits of information about everything that they've seen and where the countries are located on the globe.

"There are 12 different countries that are going to be represented," Ringle said. "They have interactive display booths with different activities, like a craft or a game that represents their heritage and culture, so people who attend would be able to learn a li-

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## Tres Jolie Salon and Spa boasts two location



By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER

Tres Jolie salon and spa boasts two locations Grand Oaks Centre's Tres Jolie salon and spa, owned by Jim and Angela Warne and Cameron Watson, at 39915 Grand River Ave. in Novi, opened in December 2002. The salon boasts 11 hair stylists in addition to master stylist Watson. Watson trained in England and has many years of experience in the salon business. Prior to serving clients at Tres Jolie in Novi, he had a salon in Novi and most recently in South Lyon. "I was the front desk manager there. When he decided he wanted to move back to Novi, he sold the salon in South Lyon and moved to the Grand River location, taking over another salon and spa in May at the northwest corner of Fourteen and Haggerty roads, called Venus Day Spa," Angela said.

The Commerce Township location is now named Venus Day Spa by Tres Jolie. "We wanted to keep the name, since it was a familiar one in the area," Angela said. At Grand Oaks Centre, Tres Jolie features a large hair salon and a smaller spa. The Novi location is also an Aveda concept salon. "We do everything but a full body massage at the Novi location," Angela said. The spa is larger than the salon area at Venus Day Spa by Tres Jolie area. This Commerce Township location offers two saunas, a wet room and a full range of massage services. Services at the Grand Oaks Centre salon include haircuts, color, highlights, perms, color corrections, straightening, hair extensions, hair styling for bridal parties and other special-occasion styling, as well as makeup, manicures and pedicures. In the spa portion of Novi business, services include neck-and-shoulder massage, facials, body waxing and body wraps. Hours at Tres Jolie at Grand Oaks Centre are Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. "Hours are flexible. If someone needs to come in early or stay beyond our closing hour, we will always accommodate them," Angela said. Walk-ins are welcome, or to make an appointment call (248) 888-0655 at the Grand Oaks Center location in Novi or (248) 624-7922 at the Venus Day Spa by Tres Jolie in Commerce Township.

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Jessica Dombrowski, 12, scales a climbing wall during Saturday's festivities.

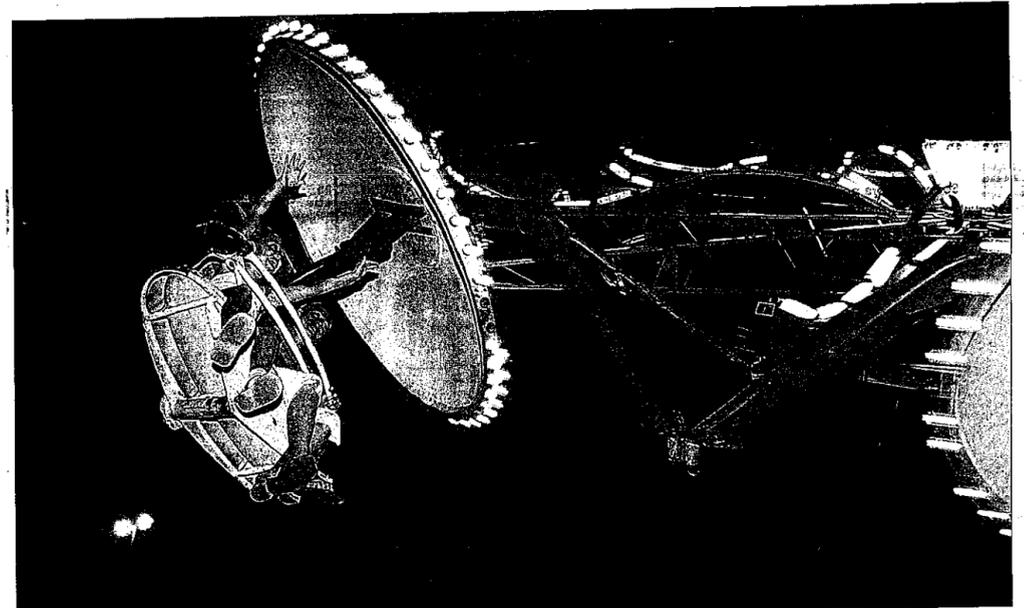


Stan and Yvonne Mucha of Detroit stand near their '64 Corvair. Many classic car owners brought their wheels to Fountain Walk in Novi last weekend.



Michelle Michaels, 9, was one of the many kids who took advantage of a free crafts program to create her own painting.

# Festival welcomes 1950s back to Novi



50's Fest attendees enjoy a carnival ride after dark.

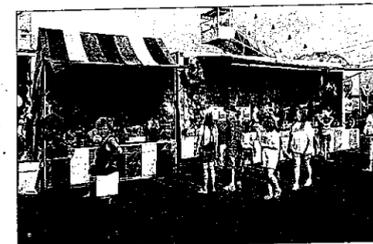
## Photos by John Heider



Kristen Weiser, of the 50's Festival's Rock N'Roll K9s, works with a beagle before one of their shows on Saturday.



Father John Wheeler, a teacher at Detroit Catholic Central, center, mans the roulette wheel in the "Vegas" tent.



The Midway at Saturday's Novi 50's Festival.



Peter Noone, right, belts out one of Hermon's Hermits biggest hits "I'm Into Something Good" during Saturday night's main entertainment.



# COMMUNITY

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## PRIMARY ELECTION - UNOFFICIAL RESULTS

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<b>REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS 11TH DISTRICT 2 YEAR TERM</b>					
REP THADDEUS G. MCCOTTER	1,978	100.00%	REP THADDEUS G. MCCOTTER	15,673	100.00%
DEM MARIO NESR FUNDARSKI	238	29.68%	DEM MARIO NESR FUNDARSKI	1,104	27.33%
DEM PHILLIP S. TRURAN	564	70.32%	DEM PHILLIP S. TRURAN	2,936	72.67%
<b>REPRESENTATIVE IN STATE LEGISLATURE - 38TH DISTRICT</b>					
REP CRAIG M. D'ROCHE	1,912	100.00%	REP CRAIG M. D'ROCHE	4,634	100.00%
DEM JOAN MORGAN	776	100.00%	DEM JOAN MORGAN	1,531	100.00%
<b>COUNTY EXECUTIVE</b>					
REP EILEEN AMBROSE	557	26.37%	REP EILEEN AMBROSE	26,171	27.04%
REP E. T. HAMILTON	111	5.26%	REP E. T. HAMILTON	6,580	6.80%
REP L. BROOKS PATTERSON	1,444	68.37%	REP L. BROOKS PATTERSON	64,047	66.17%
<b>PROSECUTING ATTORNEY</b>					
REP DAVID GORCYCA	1,944	100.00%	REP DAVID GORCYCA	87,582	100.00%
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<b>SHERIFF</b>					
REP MICHAEL J. BOUCHARD	1,947	100.00%	REP MICHAEL J. BOUCHARD	88,298	100.00%
DEM MARK D. MITCHELL	450	60.65%	DEM MARK D. MITCHELL	23,141	61.25%
DEM JIM STEVENS	292	39.35%	DEM JIM STEVENS	14,642	38.75%
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## Residential area will eventually be offices

By Kim Kovelie  
STAFF WRITER

Several Novi residents on July 28 told the planning commission they don't mind if their properties are rezoned for office use — increase and they can stay put for now.

The land in question is an oblong-triangle-shaped stretch that sits just north of I-96, encased also by Twelve Mile Road and the CSX Railroad.

The city's master plan indicates that the area eventually will be needed for offices. The topic, which was discussed by the commission last month, followed an approval to rezone part of the land for medical offices.

Single family homes and vacant parcels comprise the land, which is surrounded by industrial and commercial facilities and some vacant land.

David Kahan, who owns three acres at the corner of Taft and Twelve, expressed concern over higher taxes.

"Hopefully, that will not happen," Kahan said. "Otherwise, I am in favor of this."

Planner Tim Schmitt said, "I don't see a way the taxes would go up under Michigan's current (Proposal A) taxation."

As with their June 9 meeting, some commissioners were interested in a city-initiated rezoning, wherein the city would foot the bill for traffic studies and rezoning fees. However, if the remaining property owners file a joint application, they cover the costs.

Commissioner Victor Cassis took issue with the second option.

"It seems to me we invited the people to lunch, and now we say, 'you pay the bill,'" Cassis said, to some murmured agreement from the audience.

However, Commissioner Mark Pehson countered that the letter sent to the residents wasn't definitive, and the meeting was a "fact-finding mission."

"I don't believe we made a misrepresentation to the homeowners at all," Chair Lynn Kocan added. "We still need more answers. I think we need to have a dollar value on it. That way the ball's in (city council's) court."

The matter will go to the master plan and zoning committee for further discussion within about four weeks and then onto a public hearing and possible rezoning.

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## ALSO ON THE WAY

Other items the Novi Planning Commission discussed July 28:

• **Husky Injection Molding Systems**, located on the south side of Twelve Mile Road between Taft and Novi roads, received preliminary site plan approval to add a machine shop with classrooms.

• **LaSalle Technology Center** is to be located at Cabot Drive, north of Twelve Mile Road. Approval of the preliminary site plan was postponed by the commission until more is found out about some trees that were removed by the developer.

• **Citizens Bank Branch** is to be located on Twelve Mile Road, between Cabot Drive and the M-5 entrance ramp. The commission approved its preliminary site plan with several waivers and conditions.

## Candy Band makes for sweet finale to program

By Kim Kovelie  
STAFF WRITER

With electric guitars plugged in, the four women of "Candy Band" proved that kids' songs — and moms — really rock.

To clinch the Novi Public Library's summer reading program, the band performed two half-hour concerts at the library for hundreds of children and parents on Friday, July 30. The show moved indoors due to drizzly weather.

On their Web site, the group says they're "a bunch of Detroit mothers with the soul of the Ramones and the Stooges." They met at the local Royal Oak YMCA. They've all named themselves after their favorite candies.

"We all kind of liked rock 'n' roll," said guitarist Paula Messner, a.k.a. Almond Joy. "My primary goal is to make quality music for kids. I think they get short-changed. I feel that they deserve as good of music as adults do."

In the library's meeting room, they delivered rocking renditions of songs from Prince and the New Power Generation, the Beatles, and the Rolling Stones. The program, which started June 21 and lasted six weeks, offered events such as Frisbee golf, magic tricks, and special story times for children age 7 and younger.

Under the theme "Discover New Trails," the program encouraged kids to read books in five categories including historical fiction, biographies and books made into movies. Upon completion, they delivered rocking renditions of songs from Prince and the New Power Generation, the Beatles, and the Rolling Stones.

Valerie Yamine brought her four children — Jonah, 9, Gabriel, 7, Michaela, 5, and Nicholas, 2 — to the concert.

"It was a little loud for the 2-year old," said Yamine, who was holding Nicholas in her lap. "The rest of the kids I think are enjoying it. They're hearing all their favorite kids songs with a twist."

Margi Karp-Oppener, head of the library's youth services department, said she heard the band featured on the radio, and set about adding them to the traditional ice cream social conclusion to the program.

"We heard them on the Mitch Albom Show, beginning of the year, and thought they were fabulous, so we contacted them directly," Karp-Oppener said. "We decided to try something different. They loved all the activities we offered, the variety."

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her face when the concert was stopped short to let the second group come in, added, "I liked Winnie the Pooh."

The members of Candy Band have among them nine children, some of which were in the front row for the concert. Their merchandise included pink and blue shirts and two CDs. NBC's Today Show recently came out to record them performing, practicing and at home; the five-minute segment should air this morning.

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Skittles, the lead singer for the Candy Band, belts out "Frère Jacques" for an assembly of parents and their children at last week's summer reading program wrap up party at the Novi Public Library.

## LIBRARY LNES

**Hours**  
The Novi Public Library is open Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. We are located at 45245 W. 10 Mile Road, just east of Taft Road. Call (248) 349-0720.

**Tot Time**  
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**Evening Story Time**  
Bring your children to the library at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 17, for a half hour of bedtime stories appropriate for preschool children (but parents and siblings are encouraged to attend).

**Board Meeting**  
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# BUSINESS

Pam Fleming, business reporter (248) 349-1700, ext. 105 pfleming@ht.homestead.com

## Artistic Blend brings coffee, art together

**New coffee house/art gallery opens in Walled Lake**

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

Coffee and art. The two just seem to go together. That's exactly what you can find, as well as other tasty treats, at Walled Lake's new Artistic Blend coffee house/art gallery.

The business is owned by two young entrepreneurs, Jay Ploch and Sean Ginsberg — 27-year-old former classmates in the Walled Lake Western Class of 1995. The two have known each other for 14 years. "It's a great marriage — coffee and art. It just works," Ploch said. The newly renovated establishment at 209 E. Walled Lake Road in the town's Historic Lakefront District opened July 2.

Walled Lake Downtown Development Authority, noted that two other new businesses are under construction and scheduled to open late summer or early fall just down the street.

A hair and nail salon named Stag is planned at 139 E. Walled Lake Drive, and a gift boutique is slated at 133 E. Walled Lake Drive.

"We're very excited about all the new businesses that are opening at the lakefront and in our whole downtown area. We have several businesses under construction, along with the recently-opened coffee shop. They all have a beautiful view of Walled Lake," Long said.

At Artistic Blend, patrons can sip their favorite espresso, latte or cappuccino while relaxing and looking at the work of various Michigan artists. Teas, juices, smoothies, muffins, gourmet pastries and more are also on the menu.

Currently, the Scendipity Gallery features pieces from Curtis Hans Miller. (See examples of his work at [www.millerervis.com/art](http://www.millerervis.com/art).) "We're willing to sit down with other Michigan artists to help them

promote their work," Ginsberg said. Artists' work will change monthly.

Ploch owns two galleries, and another business with the same concept is under construction in Tampa, Fla. His first business as a self-taught artist was to create large, industrial-size sculptures in Tampa and Miami.

Future plans are to add hand-painted wood tiles to the flooring in one area of the space and installing wireless Internet access for a "cyber cafe." The store also features hookahs and flavored tobaccos.

Entertainment is scheduled on Thursdays through Saturdays, with "Open Mike Night" set for Sundays in the near future. Customers will be invited to sing, read poetry, play music, perform comedy or talk about whatever's on their mind at these casual, low-key gatherings.

Area musicians who would like to perform in the unplugged setting are asked to perform a 90-minute set. Interested musicians can contact Ploch or Ginsberg for more details. Ploch, who said he has been

interested in art as long as he can remember, won several art awards in high school.

"My dream is to be a recognized artist in the Guggenheim Museum in Manhattan. I'm just pursuing this until I can move to New York," he said. However, he wants to start a chain of locations with the coffee house/art gallery concept and is already looking at a couple of other locations.

Hours at the Artistic Blend are 6:30 a.m. - 10 p.m., Monday through Thursday; 6:30 a.m. - 1 a.m., Friday; 7:30 a.m. - 1 a.m., Saturday; and 8 a.m. - 8 p.m., Sunday.

For more information about what's going on at Artistic Blend, call (248) 624-8216.

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With art all around them, Walled Lake Artistic Blend Coffee Shop co-owners Sean Phillip Ginsberg, left, and Jack Ploch hoist a cup of coffee to their new East Walled Lake Drive venture.

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## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Cooper Standard joins forces overseas

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Under the name Cooper Suiyang Wuhu Automotive, they'll manufacture and sell automotive sealing systems for Changan Ford. The joint facility is located in the Wuhu Economic Development Zone, southeast of Nanjing, China. Cooper-Standard, based in Novi, brings advanced sealing technical and operational knowledge, as well as sealing-system manufacturing expertise. They'll also assist with sales and marketing.

about themselves and phone number. The winner will receive a \$300 gift certificate for hair care services at Salone Nadwa, as well as a \$700 photo shoot by professional photographer Vic Tolva of Stage 4 Photographic in Detroit.

Salon owner Nadwa Yoon decided to run the contest after a Proctor & Gamble beauty survey dubbed Detroit fifth among the 23 "Most Hair Impaired Cities in America." The salon is celebrating its 10th birthday this year.

The original deadline was Aug. 1. Entries can be mailed to "Most Beautiful Hair" contest, Salone Nadwa and Day Spa, 43236 Eleven Mile Rd., Novi Town Center, Novi, MI 48375. Submitted photos will not be returned.

### Streamline time for Childtime

Childtime Learning Centers, Inc., headquartered in Novi, recently announced that it selected CIBER Enterprise Solutions to implement PeopleSoft Enterprise Human Capital Management and PeopleSoft Financial Management, which will pave the way for future expansions.

The project will provide a single system to support Childtime's corporation human resources and

financial accounting operations. Integrated areas will include general ledger, accounts payable, accounts receivable, asset management and enterprise portal. CIBER will help with project management, technical development, post-production support and other aspects.

The system will lay the groundwork for development in customer relationship management and enterprise analytics. Childtime provides childcare and educational services to more than 30,000 enrolled students nationwide.

### Golf for a cause

Novi's Motor City Golf is offering the opportunity to meet PGA professional and native Michigander Dan Pohl, and to golf for a cause.

On Tuesday, Aug. 17, Pohl will be appearing at Motor City Golf, which is located in the Luna Building in downtown Novi, from 4 until about 7 p.m. The Ryder Cup member will give a presentation on technique, answer questions, and sign autographs.

The event prefaces the 27th annual Ben Celeni Golf Day Benefit Golf Outing, which will occur on Aug. 18 at three golf courses in Livonia: Tom Celeni, Ben's son, owns Motor City Golf,

and continues the event in his father's honor.

Sponsored by the Hearts of Livonia, Inc. — founded by the late Celeni — the event goes from 10 a.m. until 9 p.m., with an 11 a.m. shotgun tea time. Carrabba's Italian Grill in Novi will supply the food on the course. At 4:30 p.m., cocktails, dinner and a silent auction will be held at Burton Manor in Livonia. The event is limited to 432 people; the cost is \$250 per golfer, \$1,500 for sponsors, and \$2,500 for major sponsors.

All proceeds benefit local charities and scholarships, and since the event started in 1978, almost \$2.5 million has been donated community-wide. Over a five year period, the goal is to donate \$250,000 to St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia for its new cancer research center.

Participants must register by Friday, Aug. 13, by calling Donna Hammar at (248) 465-0083.

### Twelve's Trendy

This Saturday, Aug. 7, Twelve Oaks Mall's Back-to-School Fashion Show will spotlight the latest trends in dressing for school. Held in the Center Court at 1 p.m., the show will be hosted by 93.1 WDRQ radio personalities

Jay Towers and Rachael Hunter. The first 90 attendees will receive a backpack filled with back-to-school gear courtesy of Walsh College and 93.1.

On the runway will appear not only models, but also 10 lucky winners from the Trendsetter contest. They'll each receive \$200 in mall gift certificates, and will model the outfits they purchase.

Out of the 10, one winner will be selected to receive the Ultimate Back-to-School prize package, which includes an iPod MP3 complements of Pepsi, multiple movie passes to the Imagine Theater in Novi, and a \$100 mall gift certificate.

### Wine dinner headed for Bistro's

Novi's Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro is extending an invitation to a wine dinner on Tues. Aug. 10, at 6:30 p.m. The event will feature Mark Hertenberger from Midnight Cellars Vineyard. All wines will be available for sale after the dinner.

The menu will include a appetizer sampler trio, intermezzo, strawberry sorbet with a champagne splash, main course featuring jumbo seared sea scallops, petite salad, and dessert.

The restaurant is located at

26053 Town Center Dr. in the Novi Town Center. The price is \$60 per person, not including tax and gratuity. Seating is limited. To make your reservation, contact Melissa Fischer at (800) 767-1015, ext. 7372.

### Rebounding retailers hold steady

The June Michigan Retail Index showed that at least in the short-term, a sales bounce-back is holding steady.

Of the Michigan Retail Association's 6,000 members, 59 percent forecast better sales for July through September over the same period last year. June sales improved from May's dismal numbers: According to the index, 44 percent of retailers increased sales in June over the same month last year. Seasonally adjusted, the performance index is 51.7, up from 39.2 in May and the best June since 2000.

Northern Michigan retailers posted the best sales performance. Furniture and appliance retailers led the industry, while jewelers trailed. Ultimately, unpredictability still reigns due to fluctuating gas prices, weather and even politics.

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# EDUCATION

## LIPPE'S SUPER AGAIN

Ramez Khuri, school reporter (248) 349-1700, ext. 110 rkhuri@h.homecomm.net

**Average rating 4.82 out of 5 for superintendent**

By Ramez Khuri  
STAFF WRITER

As the 2003-04 school year ended, one of the school board's jobs was to review the performance of Superintendent Emmett Lippe. Needless to say, he fared very well for his performance during the 2003-04 school year.

Lippe was reviewed in 36 different categories, which were broken up into six sub-groups. Each rating was based on a scale of 1-5.0,

with 5.0 being excellent. Lippe's overall rating average was 4.82. Lippe, who has been with the district since July 1992, has indicated that he will retire as Novi superintendent at the end of the next school year.

Bruce Bagdady, who was the school board president during the 2003-04 school year, was instrumental in putting together the evaluation.

"You can tell by the scores that he did very well in all of the categories," Bagdady said. "I think maybe the one that is the highlight for not only the first category, but maybe all the categories, is the integrity. There are a lot of people out there who know a lot about

education and who know how to run a school district or a business, but maybe don't have the integrity level that Dr. Lippe has. To me, and I think to the board, that's extremely important because we trust what he says and what he does."

Lippe was humble when asked about his high score. "I'm very flattered by what the board has to say, but it really is a statement of the school district's personnel that perhaps myself alone. When I say that I would like to thank the staff and the total school community, I really mean that because we all work together to accomplish the things that are important."

Bagdady explained that Lippe's judgment goes hand-in-hand with

his integrity. "He always demonstrates very good judgment, particularly with issues like the budget," Bagdady said. "You have to weigh the economic reality of what's going on against trying to figure out what we can best do for the students. That's his underlying concern always - what's best for kids and how do we do that given our financial situation. He does that very well."

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### REVIEW CATEGORIES

Here is a list of what Emmett Lippe was reviewed on and his score in each sub-group:

- CATEGORY A OVERALL PERFORMANCE:**
  1. Knowledge of education
  2. Coordination of school district activities
  3. Integrity, honesty
  4. Clearly defines goals and objectives
  5. Availability for board concerns and long-range planning
  6. Negotiation process
  7. Judgment
  8. Interest in improving curriculum and instruction
  9. Competence in business management and personnel administration
  10. Competence in handling public relations
  11. Ability to speak and write
  12. Discreet in discussing board business

*Average score - 4.8*

- CATEGORY B BOARD RELATIONSHIPS:**
  13. Promotes board's policymaking function
  14. Provides board with adequate information on school programs and operations
  15. Understands budgetary process and keeps board informed
  16. Informs board of impending problems needing board action
  17. Has harmonious working relationship with board
  18. Assumes responsibilities in timely fashion

*Average score - 4.75*

- CATEGORY C COMMUNITY RELATIONSHIPS:**
  19. Encourages citizen participation
  20. Encourages business community/school cooperation
  21. Presents a positive image of the schools

*Average score - 4.8*

- CATEGORY D ADMINISTRATIVE RELATIONSHIPS:**
  22. Has respect and support of administrative staff
  23. Selects and recommends administrators based on ability
  24. Encourages growth for other administrators
  25. Makes appropriate decisions and does not delegate inappropriately

*Average score - 4.9*

- CATEGORY E FACULTY RELATIONSHIPS:**
  26. Encourages faculty involvement in curriculum
  27. Encourages fair and effective faculty evaluations
  28. Encourages faculty improvement

*Average score - 4.75*

- CATEGORY F SUPERINTENDENT'S 2003-04 GOALS:**
  29. Achieving APP
  30. Initiation of the DAR
  31. Implemented an online assessment system
  32. Increased curriculum alignment between the middle school and high school
  33. A review of high school instructional initiatives and middle school teams
  34. Move to renovated Novi Woods
  35. On schedule for high school renovations and additions
  36. Adopt a balanced budget for 2004-05

*Average score - 4.9*



## Leader aims high for 2004-05 year

Novi Community Schools' Superintendent, Emmett Lippe, continued his yearly tradition of announcing his goals for the district's upcoming school year at a recent school board meeting. This time there are nine goals, but some of them are broken up into many parts.

The goals are listed here along with comments from a Lippe about each.

Ramez Khuri, staff writer

**Each school will achieve Adequate Yearly Progress for 2004-05.**

"This goal is to make sure each school in the district continues to make the progress that they're supposed to make according to AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress). We had the scores last fall, and the new scores are going to be released on August 1. We have reason to believe that we have five marks in each of our schools and we want to continue that."

**Each school will successfully complete the first year of the North Central Accreditation process.**

"We have completed a five-year cycle. We've had a year off where we didn't have to be involved with it. This year is the beginning of a new five-year cycle, and the district is going to do it as a whole this time. We want to have a successful year, and all the schools will have the same type of goals - one of which is consistent with AYP and Education Yes so they're all compatible. North Central, Education Yes, and AYP. The goal is to make sure all of us get on the right track at the right time and stay ahead of expectations."

**The district will enhance its data management system so all teachers and administrators can use their achievement data efficiently and effectively according to their needs. Supporting areas include:**

- Increased alignment of grade level curriculum.
- Identify common intervention strategies for all students including those who have demonstrated areas of need for Adequate Yearly Progress.
- Additional support for teachers who are directly responsible for individual Adequate Yearly Progress.
- A review of the online assessment program.

"What we're talking about here is to make sure that teachers have data when they want it and in a manner in which they want it. We have a lot of data floating around, but we need to have a data management system. A proposal has been made that's going to be talked about in August to make sure that we have that system and it identifies what it is we're talking about. It's very difficult sometimes for teachers to have data in a manner in which they like to see it. There ought to be instant access so they can have it in a usable form. That's what this data management system will help us do."

"We're constantly trying to get our curriculum aligned. We've made great progress on that this last year, but we hope to bring the curriculum in line with the standards of benchmarks identified by the State of Michigan. We are constantly working at it, and we will continue to work at it until it is aligned."

"If some children are falling short in terms of the score that they received on the assessment program, we will help that up with appropriate intervention strategies. In other words, if you can't do computation in math, we want to make sure that we have an intervention strategy that will help you do that. It's like teaching, testing and re-teaching. That's what it amounts to in terms of identifying the correct way in order to re-teach areas that need to be strengthened. Not only that, but the high-performing students also need different strategies so they can be challenged as well."

"We want to make sure that we have proper staff development, not only for the North Central goals, but to make sure that teachers have appropriate staff development time in order to prepare themselves to use new strategies with children. Teachers have to be taught sometimes how to use a strategy that might be

new to them.

"This year we're using what we call the Plato Platform System to make assessments periodically in addition to the MEAP. If a child is taking a test and he or she found the problems fairly easy, then the problems automatically will be more difficult until his or her level of performance is found. On the other hand, if another student is taking the same test and found the questions too hard, then the progressive questions would be easier until his or her level of performance is found. That's instead of giving the two students the same question and one got it right and the other got it wrong. That doesn't tell you much, but this way it will tell you a more true reading of where the students are. The testing system we're going into is going to be the Northwest with a pre- and post-test in the first semester and the second semester. That's above and beyond the MEAP, and we will be recommending using the Northwest."

**The superintendent will convene a long-range planning session in October 2004:**

- Fifty to 60 members.
- Identify internal and external problems.
- Visualize the future for the school district.
- Establish goals.
- Identify task force/timeline for each goal.
- The resulting long-range plan will serve as a spring board for the future.
- Report to the board in a February time frame.
- We'll have teachers, we'll have administrators, we'll have community members, we'll have parents and there may be some board membership involvement as well.
- We'll try to get 60 people that represent our community both inside and outside the school setting.
- The data that we're doing with assessment also deals with external, like what's happening with the global and state and national news in terms of expectation of education. We will be reviewing a lot of that so we identify what those are.
- We're trying to get what it is we want to accomplish with that many people. We want to know what it is we want to be doing five years out.
- Once we have a vision, what's it going to take in order for us to achieve it? We also have a timeline of achievement. We have selected the dates, which are October 19 and 20, and there is a follow up date, November 9. When we identify goals, we want to create a task force. We will find people who will want to work on a task force from the committee.
- When we have a goal, we'll have eight people to work on each goal so they can report back on November 9.
- We will put this together in a long-range plan on a brochure that outlines each one of the goals and identifies what we have done and what process we have used, our vision, our mission statement and our goals. When someone comes to our school district - a teacher, an administrator, a board member - it will be presented in some type of a printed format that's attractive and interesting to read."

**The board will consider redistricting attendance areas, including such factors as:**

- Identifying goals for the redistricting of students.
- 1 - Neighborhood schools for all elementary students?
- 2 - Role of full-day kindergarten.
- 3 - Determine future size of schools.
- 4 - Determine future impact of housing developments.
- Determine timeline for implementation.

"We have kids that we are transporting from one sector of the school district to another. That increases our transportation of children. Take Parkway, for example. We have children coming clear from the east side that normally you wouldn't say is an attendance area. We're trying to figure

out if we want to redistrict all five of our elementary schools, or do we want to maintain Deerfield as it is and redistrict the other four elementary schools? If so, what would those boundary lines look like? The board has had a stab at that before, but they really haven't taken that on as a goal. This year we want the board to review that and to determine whether in fact they ought to take it on as a goal and, if so, what's the timeline and what kind of forces will come into play? I think there is more interest in doing it because of the increased transportation that we're doing throughout the district."

"Do we want to have four neighborhood schools plus Deerfield, which is a school of choice, or do we want to have five neighborhood schools and also have Deerfield as a neighborhood school? That's a decision that the board needs to come to grips with and decide one way or the other. Historically, since Deerfield opened, it has been a school of choice. But they need to review - if they're going to include Deerfield or not."

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"A new private high school (Catholic Central) is going to be built in Novi, which will open in 2005. We want to let people know what our school district has to offer. It's kind of more of an informational goal, rather than marketing. If eighth graders are thinking about going to our high school and considering the option of going to another high school, we want to make sure that they understand that we have a good program and graduates of our schools can do a lot of different things. We want to remain, if possible, the school of choice for that parent. If they choose to go somewhere else, we don't want it to be because they weren't well informed."

"We want to make sure that our community can use our facilities, but on one hand we want to look at if our schools are being used all the time. Are certain facilities able to be used more by the community? One of the things I often hear about is the use of outside tracks. Here we have to watch so that if people do use them and take care of them, we don't have undue maintenance. We have to walk the fine line of preservation and open up the gates for use. As a part of that, we want to say that we have fine facilities and we want to encourage the use of them."

**Successfully complete the high school construction project.**

"This kind of speaks for itself. The goal is we want to get most of that completed this year so we can have school in the fall of September of 2004. The whole project is going to be completed a year from now."

**Implement an informational/marketing plan for the school district with the goal of:**

- Maintaining student enrollment.
- Minimizing the impact of private schools and schools of choice.
- Expanding community use of some school facilities.

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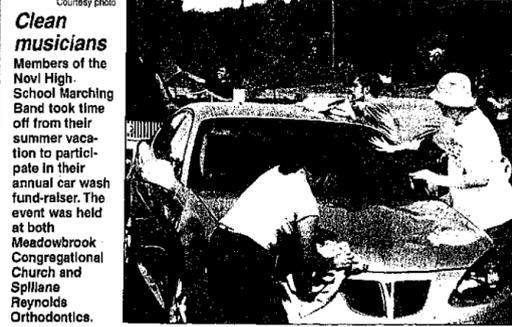
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**Pursue a continuation of the district's partnership with Providence Hospital that will:**

- Provide internships for high school students.
- Strengthen/expand Community Education's continuing relationship with Providence.

"Each one of our schools have partnerships. Our community education program has had a strong partnership with Providence, as has some of our other schools. For example, they just bought a defibrillator for our high school. They provide scholarships, they provide some help with the teen center in town, and they provide different types of things for community education. We want to strengthen that because Providence has some internships they would like to offer for our kids. They like to serve as more of a center for some community education based programs, and we want to pursue that to see what kind of meaningful kinds of relationships we can develop that will help enhance all of our partnerships. Our school district is only as strong as the community support is for it. On the other hand, the community often times is just as strong as the educational system. We think community partnerships go hand in glove with a strong community and a strong educational system, and we want to enhance those."



Courtesy photo  
**Clean Musicians**  
Members of the Novi High School Marching Band took time off from their summer vacation to participate in their annual car wash fund-raiser. The event was held at both Meadowbrook Congregational Church and Spillane Reynolds Orthodontics.

## NOVI MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR ROLL - SIXTH PERIOD

- Eighth Grade**
- Nina Aboud, Majeed Abdul-Wahab, Alberto Albanelli, Katherine Auletto, Kevin Auletto, Vidhi Bamra, Nicole Bang, Michael Barbour, Liz Barucqa, Sarah Barton, Craig Bateman, Eric Baumgarten, Ryan Belanger, Anthony Beranger, Mark Bernier, Britany Bruner, Cynthia Burgess, Robert Burgos, Jennifer Byrnes, Jenna Carosio, Christian Carter, Kaitlin Chaklos, Amy Chang, Amanda Chini, Michael Chung, Seojung Chung, Brittany Cigna, Jonellina Clarkson, Matthew Ching, Stephanie Cios, Shannon Cody, Kara Colling, Aimes Cooper, Amanda Costello, Abigail Craftcraft, Stephanie Cripps, Julie Crist, Paula Cymar, Stephanie D'Oriz, Valda Dastmalchi, Scott Davis, Steve DeBono, Joseph DeNova, Casey Denoyer, Paula Diez, Alexandra Disser, Alessandro Domini, Katharyn Doss, Christy Duan, Kristine Engja, Donald Emery, Abbas Farhad, Matthew Fegert, Arthur Ferriss, John Fitzpatrick, Anjira Franklin, Alyssa Fraser, Jamie J. Fratto, Paul Fritschon, Kaitlin Gaffney, Madelyn Gardner, Melissa Gasiorok, Jacelyn Gendoss, Ryan Goodman, Robert Good, Ashima Goyal, Jonathan Gregoire, Nicole Grimes, Elizabeth Gutowski, Eric Guttman, Rachelle Hadley, Andrew Haggerty, Kristen Hansen, Amanda Hardan, Kendra Hay, Kathryn Hildreth, Kathleen Hlavaty, Becky Hoen, Bryan Hong, Christine Hong, Lauren Hoornian, Jason Hsu, Janar, Connie Jeng, Laura Jok, Eric Jones, Kyle Kehus, Scott Kelber, Alexandra Kenney, Sami Khan, Daniel Kiefer, Molly King, Michael Kirin, Yuta Kitagawa, Alyssa Koohyan, Vikas Kodali, Qingzi Kong, Lindsey Korte, Emily Koszara, Caitlin Kozak, Andrew LaDuke, John Langenhorst, Jennifer Lau, Emily Laurent, Kelsey Laux, Curt Lawrence, Patrick Lee, Aaron Letziser, Melissa Levoska, Jonathan Lichorobite, Jacquelyn Longe, Rachelle Lotrey, Tiffany Loiz, Robert Lou, Melissa Ludke, Alexandra Lumley, Ryan Lumley, Alexander Lyall, Siweetha Maddur, Michael Marsoupan, Shannon Mason, Tara Mason, Matthew Messerini, Paige Mazza, Lauren McDougal, Brian McDonald, Daniel Meister, Alyssa Meyers, Claudia Miller, Hayley Mills, Richard Mitchell, Brian Morisette, Brendan Murphy, Sarah Nabyati, John Nadjarian, Ayana Nakamoto, Sarah Natzel, Sean Nemoto, Hao Nguyen, Eileen Nowak, Kathleen Norris, Thomas Nowak, Valeria Nuccia, Scott Nussbaum, Joseph Odum, Michael Odrozowski, Brent Ornes, David Ouplicky, Benjamin Paolucci, Lauren Paquette, Michelle Park, Alexandra Parvana, Erin Perucci, Monica Phillips, Jennifer Pierce, Amanda Portesi, Camille Press, Joseph Pritchard, Nicholas Prokop, Adam Pratt, Alexandra Rabban, Elissa Racon, Sngedra Reddy, Jordan Rialty, Paulina Reizdas, Michael Renkiewicz, Chelsea Reynolds, Ryan Riderour, George Riegl, Matthew Rigdon, Nathaniel Robinson, Chelsea Rozek, Veronica Salens, Jessica Sallie, Emily Samuelson, Adliya Sathi, Matthew Schaefer, Melissa Schmidt, Katherine Schulhoff, Graham Sefton, Jeannie Seidl, Bala Sekaran, Elaine Skudowski, Joey Shea, Erica Shadwell, Sara Sherman, Lauren Sheelar, Christopher Shen, Sarah Sherman, Susma Shiravanthe, MaryBeth Shively, Kyle Simone, Vinitika Singh, Brittany Smith, Graham Smith, Logan Sophiea, Shannon Sparrow, Daniel Spisak, Rebecca Sprys, Arthi Sridar, Kaitlyn Stanford, Kathleen Steinbock, Amanda Sticker, Megan Sulka, Michael Symanski, Adam Szajnar, Bally Talbot, Andrew Tetransia, Alison Thomas, Ryan Thomas, Andrew Traylor, Koly Turk, Madeli Vadapali, Rachel VanZandt, Matthew Vardy, Naya Varshney, Brooke Vermillion, Catherine Vernon, Salvatore Vitale, Sardon Voelker, Nikola Vulovic, Colleen Wagner, Katy Wagner, Sarah Walker, Suzanne Wall, Kellie Wallen, Jackie Wang, Rachel Warfarnowicz, Christie Wilcox, Bryan Winkler, Graeme Wood, Joshua Wu, Tranning Xiao, Karin Yamaguchi, Emily Yanke, Sarah Yezzer, Jennifer Yonemura, Cara Yoon, Megan Young, Christopher Youngs, Robert Yusk, Rachael Zbarich, Shan Xiang Zhang, Valerie Ziegler, Ruihao Zuo

## Novi High School registration, orientation around the corner

**Lawrence prepares for start of new school year**

By Ramez Khuri  
STAFF WRITER

Novi High Principal John Lawrence is excited to start the new school year off on the right foot - so much so that he has already sent out August registration packets to parents and students so they can have all the information they need when time comes to register and go through orientation.

However, the packets did not indicate at what times students, according to their last names, should show up for registration. (See sidebar for schedule.) "The packets are different by grade and they contain specific information for students when they come for registration and orientation. So they'll have all the information they need and they can come with the appropriate amount of money to buy what they need," Lawrence said. "At that point we also take care of parking permits. For the orientation, we'll go through the student handbook, do's and don'ts and other important information."

When students come for registration and orientation on their assigned dates, they will need to park in the staff parking lot located off Tall Road, south of Ten Mile Road. On each day of registration, students with last names

## ON CAMPUS

Elizabeth Kurti, a Novi resident, graduated from Western Michigan University on June 26, 2004. She is a 2004 graduate of Novi High School and is the daughter of John and Linda Kurti.

Novi resident Joshua Blanchard is a winner in the SPS Technologies Scholarship Program. He is a 2004 graduate of Novi High School and will be attending the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

Novi resident James Clark was among the graduates at Northwestern University during spring 2004 commencement exercises. He is the son of Denise Clark of Novi.

Novi resident Jeremy Block, Andrew Christofferson, Monica Mull and Amy Walter were among the graduates at Central Michigan University during spring, 2004, commencement exercises.

Novi resident Jarine Warranowicz "has" been selected to receive a 2004 San Walton Community Scholarship, on behalf of the Wal-Mart Foundation. She is a 2004 graduate of Novi High School and will be attending Denison University, majoring in Biology/Environmental Studies.

**Academy of Russian Classical Ballet**

August 9-12: Registration for summer classes, 3:00pm-7:00pm  
August 16: summer classes begin

August 21: Placement sessions for fall classes (ages 6-9 at 1:00pm; ages 10-13 at 1:00pm; ages 14 and up at 2:00pm)  
No placement class necessary for adults and children under 6.

August 23-27: enrollment for fall classes 2:00pm-7:00pm

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## WEDDING

### Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Davis

Rebecca Leah Buppert and Timothy Alexander Davis were married June 5, 2004, at Westminster, Md.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Craig Buppert of Westminster, Md. She is a 2001 graduate of Limestone College and is currently working for Brooks Brothers. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Rusty Davis of Novi. He is a graduate of Novi High School and a 2000 graduate of Virginia Tech. He is currently employed by Liberty Mutual.

Stephanie Herbert was matron of honor with Kari Wagner serving as bridesmaid. Best man was Mark Stotler and groomsman was Jesse Blippert.

A garden reception was held at the bride's parents. The couple honeymooned in Aruba and will make their home in Concord, N.C.



### Clarification

In the July 8 edition of the *Novi News*, our In the Service segment noted that Lindsay Blaszcak had been awarded an Air Force ROTC college scholarship, based on information received from the military.

However, Lindsay's mother, Marianne Blaszcak, forwarded the newspaper a March 24, 2004, letter from the Air Force's Medical Examination Review board indicating that her daughter was disqualified for the scholarship based on health concerns (asthma)

which "she has battled since the age of 10 years," according to her mother.

Lindsay may not have received the ROTC scholarship, but here's a glimpse at some of her other accomplishments: Played three sports in high school (selected captain of each team - soccer, basket-

ball and track); secretary of the Executive Board of the Novi High Student Council; Princess of the Homecoming Court as a freshman and then Queen as a senior; ROTC confirmation sponsor, freshman mentor; a CYO basketball coach at Holy Family; National Youth Leadership Conference participant; graduate cum laude; and works at Hidden Spring Veterinary Clinic.

Lindsay will be attending Loyola University in Chicago next month with a biology/pre-med focus.



L. Blaszcak

## OBITUARIES

### Ruth M. Wagner, 91

Ruth Wagner of Brighton, formerly of Novi and Farmington, died Saturday, July 31, 2004. She was 91.

She was born February 2, 1913, in Plattsburgh, N.Y., to the late Frank C. and Ada (Johnson) Ticeomb. She was a Bridge Life Master, a longtime Girl Scout leader and member of Novi United Methodist Church.

Survivors include three children, Judith (Rev. Alan) DeGraw of Novi, Patricia (Gerald) Dalkovic of Grand Blanc, and Jim (Lynne) Wagner of Howell; five grandchildren; one great-grandchild; one sister, Vivian; and one brother, John.

Her husband, Vernon, preceded her in death.

A funeral service will be held Thursday, August 5, at 10 a.m. at O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, 41555 Grand River Ave., Novi.

Memorials in Altha's memory may be made to the St. John Hospice/Providence Hospital, 22255 Greenfield Rd., #225, Southfield, MI 48075.

### Altha A. Stemple, 78

Altha Stemple died August 2, 2004. She was 78.

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### Arrangements were made by Dorfman Funeral Home, Farmington Hills.

### Dr. Seymour Avery Vander, 80

Dr. Seymour Vander died July 20, 2004. He was 80. He was a respected general surgeon at Sinai and Beaumont Hospitals for about 40 years.

Survivors include his wife of 51 years, Isabel; five children, Debbie, Lauren, Kathy, Libby (Jeff) Crawford of Novi and Dr. James (Janice) Vander; devoted relatives, Joanne Scherf and Aunette Chang; and seven grandchildren, Michael, Matthew and Benjamin, Jessica, Caroline and William Vander.

A funeral service was held August 2, at MacDonald's Funeral Home, Howell with Rev. Jacqueline Holdsworth of Novi United Methodist Church officiating. Interment will be at Acacia Park Cemetery, Beverly Hills, Mich.

Memorials may be made to The Michigan Parkinson Foundation, 30161 Southfield Rd., Suite 119, Southfield, MI 48076.

Arrangements were made by O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi. On-line condolences at [www.obrien-sullivanfuneral-home.com](http://www.obrien-sullivanfuneral-home.com).

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# CALENDAR

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## EVENTS

### Ryder & Dumm

DATE: Thursday, August 5  
TIME: 7 p.m.  
LOCATION: Lakeshore Park (on South Lake Drive, across from Walled Lake).

DETAILS: Weekly City of Novi concert series continues. Everyone is *fat game* at a *Ryder and Dumm* show; audiences never know what to expect from this magic/comedian team. The team has made people laugh in Frankenmuth and at the Michigan Renaissance Festival. The magic is magical, and the comedy is magical.

CONTACT: In case of inclement weather, concerts will be moved indoors at the Novi Civic Center. Please call the weather hotline at (248) 347-0473 for updates. Performers are subject to change.

### Meet Rep. McCotter's staff

DATE: Tuesday, Aug. 10  
TIME: 10 a.m. to noon  
LOCATION: Novi Public Library, 45245 W. Ten Mile Road

DETAILS: Staff from Rep. Thaddeus G. McCotter's (R-Livonia) district office will host office hours for constituents of Novi, providing assistance with issues involving the federal government - Social Security, Medicare, military and veterans' affairs, small business concerns, student loan repayments, and a variety of other issues.

CONTACT: (734) 632-0314.

### Natural Living, Decor, Art & Fashion Expo

DATE: August 6-8  
TIMES: Fri: 9:30 a.m. - 8 p.m., Sat: 10 a.m. - 9 p.m., Sun: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

DETAILS: Adults: \$7, Teens: (13-17) \$4, 12 and under: free. A unique expo featuring the finest natural living, home, art, antiques and fashion consumer. Free seminars and fashion shows. Sponsors include FODR, Detroit Home, Trupee Modeling, WNCI 100.3, WDET 101.9 Parking: \$5. CONTACT: (800) 987-5544 or <http://www.lifeline.com/expo.htm>.

### Rubber Stamp Convention

DATE: August 7-8  
TIMES: Sat: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Sun: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

DETAILS: \$6 at the door. Great show, don't miss this one. Parking: \$5. CONTACT: (609) 689-2530 or <http://www.auntieamy.com>.

### Car Wash

DATE: Saturdays, Aug. 7 and 14  
TIME: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
LOCATION: United Methodist Church, 41555 Grand River Ave., Novi

DETAILS: Fund-raiser for Novi High School cheerleading teams.

### Twelve Oaks Mall "It's Kids Time Xtreme" Event

DATE: Sunday, August 8  
TIME: 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.  
LOCATION: Center Court, Twelve Oaks Mall, 1-96 and Novi Road.

DETAILS: The afternoon is filled with fun, prizes, exciting interactive games, sports clinics and many free give-aways. Aimed at promoting education and safety through fun and games. Ages 12 and under.

CONTACT: To register your child, please visit the center court information desk or [www.thetwelveoaks.com](http://www.thetwelveoaks.com).

### Fun at the Fountain Family Series

DATE: Tuesday, Aug. 10  
TIME: 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
LOCATION: Fountain Walk Shopping Center, located on the west side of Novi Road between

### Democrats Meet

DATE: Tuesday, Aug. 17  
TIME: 7 p.m.  
LOCATION: UAW Local 36, 28930 Wilson Road, (1/8 mile north of I-96)

DETAILS: Democrats of West Oakland County meeting; pizza and social hour precedes the meeting at 6 p.m. Speaker is Justice Marilyn Kelly, candidate for reelection to the Michigan Supreme Court.

CONTACT: (248) 685-1882 or (248) 624-4753.

### 17th Annual Tycoon Tee-Off Golf Outing

DATE: Tuesday, Aug. 17  
TIME: 7 p.m.  
LOCATION: Assarian 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. 26 - Modern Japanese Calligraphy, Ceramics. Some activities may include a supplies fee (no more than \$10).

CONTACT: (248) 465-5483.

### Kevin Devine Musical Circus & Novi Concert Band

DATE: Thursday, August 19  
TIME: 7 p.m.  
LOCATION: grounds of Providence Hospital, Beck Road and Grand River Avenue.

DETAILS: Weekly City of Novi concert series continues. The Kevin Devine Musical Circus has traveled the country dazzling audiences with mad-cap stunts, musical hi-jinx and original songs. With over 1000 original songs, the group has something to please everyone's ear. Kevin has written songs for PBS (Barney and Friends) NBC, and CBS.

The Novi Concert Band, formed in 1982, performs in the area all year round. The 45 members play a range of fine music including symphonic to folk, religious and Broadway.

Both shows are sponsored by Providence Hospital.

CONTACT: In case of inclement weather, concerts will be moved indoors at the Novi Civic Center. Please call the weather hotline at (248) 347-0473 for updates. Performers are subject to change.

### Island Festival

DATE: Thursday, August 12  
TIME: 7 p.m.  
LOCATION: Lakeshore Park (on South Lake Drive, across from Walled Lake).

DETAILS: Weekly City of Novi concert series continues. The whole family will enjoy the beats of the Caribbean with Immanity, a reggae band. This special evening will feature all things island including beach games, festive "drinks," snacks and more. Bring your suit and enjoy the water of Walled Lake.

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### Super Computer Sale

DATE: August 13-15  
TIMES: Fri: noon - 8 p.m., Sat: 10 a.m. - 7 p.m., Sun: 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

DETAILS: \$8. Computer sale with 30 to 80 local and national dealers. Pricing: \$5. CONTACT: (612) 788-1901 or <http://www.supercomputer.com>.

### Novi Theatres Presents "The Magic Flute"

DATE: August 13-15  
TIME: Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, 3 p.m.  
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Rd.

DETAILS: Tickets are \$10 in advance \$12 at the door.

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DATE: Wednesday, Aug. 18  
LOCATION: Links of Novi  
DETAILS: The Novi Chamber of Commerce's 17th annual outing. CONTACT: (248) 349-3743.

### Kevin Devine Musical Circus & Novi Concert Band

DATE: Thursday, August 19  
TIME: 7 p.m.  
LOCATION: grounds of Providence Hospital, Beck Road and Grand River Avenue.

DETAILS: Weekly City of Novi concert series continues. The Kevin Devine Musical Circus has traveled the country dazzling audiences with mad-cap stunts, musical hi-jinx and original songs. With over 1000 original songs, the group has something to please everyone's ear. Kevin has written songs for PBS (Barney and Friends) NBC, and CBS.

The Novi Concert Band, formed in 1982, performs in the area all year round. The 45 members play a range of fine music including symphonic to folk, religious and Broadway.

Both shows are sponsored by Providence Hospital.

CONTACT: In case of inclement weather, concerts will be moved indoors at the Novi Civic Center. Please call the weather hotline at (248) 347-0473 for updates. Performers are subject to change.

### WAVES Meeting

DATE: Saturday, Aug. 21  
LOCATION: Family Buggy, on Orchard Lake Road in Farmington

DETAILS: Bi-monthly meeting of Michigan Unit 32 of WAVES National, an organization of Sea Service women (US Coast Guard, Marines and Navy). Speaker will be Bettie Johnson, of Novi, who will relate her experiences during the four-day celebration of the WWII Memorial Dedication in Washington, D.C. Cost is \$14.

CONTACT: (248) 960-8559.

### Providence Center for the Healing Arts "Tuesdays at Assarian"

DATE: every Tuesday night  
TIME: 5-8 p.m.  
LOCATION: Assarian 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. 26 - Modern Japanese Calligraphy, Ceramics. Some activities may include a supplies fee (no more than \$10).

CONTACT: (248) 465-5483.

### SWOCC Studio Tours

DATE: On-going  
LOCATION: 33300 Nine Mile Road, Farmington

DETAILS: Have you wondered what goes on behind the scenes at a television studio? Why not come in for an up close and personal look at SWOCC Studios, your local community television studio. SWOCC offers tours to many organizations such as Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, and service clubs. The groups also have an opportunity to make a short promo for the public access channel, INFO TV-12.

CONTACT: Melissa Cohn at (248) 473-2840 to schedule your group.

### Health

Oakland County Health Division Child Health Clinics

DETAILS: Free welfare check-ups, immunizations, physical exams, guidance/referrals on behavioral, learning, and health problems.

CONTACT: Oakland County Health Division, Mary White, program coordinator, Child Health Clinics, (248) 858-1380.

### Boost Camp Day

DATE: Friday, September 10  
TIME: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
LOCATION: Providence Park Medical Building.

DETAILS: The program is a retreat designed to provide valuable tools, in formation and a new perspective on healthier living through wellness. Cost: \$50.00 includes lunch and materials.

CONTACT: For more information or to register call: (248) 465-5455.

### Business Referrals

DATE: every Wednesday  
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Road.

DETAILS: Meeting of local professionals and business looking to increase word-of-mouth referral business. Various classifications open and eager to bring you qualified business leads.

CONTACT: (248) 462-6460.

### FAITH

#### Worship Service

DATE: every Wednesday  
TIME: 12:00-12:30 p.m.  
LOCATION: Church of the Holy Cross, 46330V Ten Mile Road (between Beck and Taft roads), Novi

DETAILS: Come and share your lunch hour with God at a worship service that includes scripture and holy eucharist.

CONTACT: (248) 349-1175 or [www.dutchcatholic.org](http://www.dutchcatholic.org).

#### St. James Catholic Church Friendship Circle

DATE: second Thursday of the month  
TIME: 1 p.m.

DETAILS: Social group for widows and widowers. All are welcome to join us for fellowship and fun.

LOCATION: St. James Catholic Church, 46325 Ten Mile Rd., (between Taft and Beck)

CONTACT: (248) 348-9138 or [joyval@earthlink.net](mailto:joyval@earthlink.net)

#### Women's Prayer Support

DATE: every Saturday  
TIME: 9:10-10:30 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.

CONTACT: Nancy & Susan (248) 926-8332 or by e-mail at [harvest@earthlink.net](mailto:harvest@earthlink.net).

#### Adoption Playgroup

DATE: first and third Fridays of the month  
TIME: 10 a.m.

LOCATION: Holy Family Catholic Church (on Meadowbrook Road between Ten Mile Road and Grand River Avenue).

DETAILS: We are a not-for-profit, non-denominational group that brings adoptive families together. Our twice-a-month meetings provide families with the opportunity to share play and conversation.

During the summer, we meet at specially designated times and locations.

CONTACT: For more information contact Michelle Pergau (248) 887-4955 or Sandra Noonan (248) 960-3257.

#### Breast Cancer Support Group

DATE: second and fourth Tuesdays

LOCATION: Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, Commerce, Classroom C on the ground floor of the hospital.

TIME: 10:15-11:30 a.m.

DETAILS: There is no need to call ahead and register.

CONTACT: (248) 937-5017.

#### Novi Toastmasters

DATE: first and third Tuesdays  
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, activities room  
TIME: 7-8:45 p.m.

DETAILS: Toastmasters will help you improve your communication skills, voice your opinion, polish your presentations and practice leadership.

CONTACT: Call Colleen at (248) 685-9226.

#### Oakland County Health Division Expectant Parent Classes

DATE: ongoing series  
LOCATION: Oakland County Health Division, 1010 East West Maple, Walled Lake  
TIME: 7-9 p.m.

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Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the home towns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

## Hats off to '50s fest organizers

I'll admit, I was totally elated at how well the Michigan '50s Festival went last week.

I know in the 17-year history of the event, it's been a rollercoaster ride, but the organizers are definitely on the top right now.

Wednesday evening started off slow, but that's not unusual for the opening day activities. The weather was great and things were starting to roll.

I missed one of my favorite bands, Doug Deming and the Jewel Tones, Thursday night, but the whole family made it on Friday night.

In the early evening, raindrops teased festival-goers but the clouds cleared by the time The Drivers hit the stage.

I'm too young to have experienced the original group, but I'll say this: they still got it. And Rocky and The Rollers provided great backup for this legendary quartet.

What's that about the best word to describe the fireworks that so well followed The Drivers' set. I don't think I've ever been that close to a display. I know my three kids got a major kick out of it.

Prior to the music, I took my family around the festival, checking out the new cars (I liked the fact that you could actually open the doors and sit in them) and the various vendors (especially Herman's Hermits). Thousands of people went on a couple of the carnival rides as well.

I wasn't able to make Saturday night, but as soon as I came into my office Monday morning, one of our receptionists (Karen) immediately relayed how wonderful that night's activities (especially Herman's Hermits) went. Thousands of people went on a couple of the carnival rides as well.

Congratulations to the festival organizers on a job well done!

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# OPINION



**Good boy**  
Laura Voncina lets Brandon Borycki, 9, say hello to her guide-dog 'Kelso' during last week's PAWS visit to the Novi Public Library. PAWS is an organization that prepares dogs for people with hearing or sight disabilities. They presented a brief program to the library's summer reading program participants.

Photos by JOHN HEIDER

## LETTERS

### They'll be back

I live in Troy and went to my first Fifty's Festival. I was there because I am a fan of Peter Noone, but I was very surprised by what a big event it was. You had something for everybody, and Fountain Walk was a great site. Many of Peter's fans came from out of state, and were impressed by Novi, by Fountain Walk, and by the festival in general. I think I speak for us all in sending out thanks for your wonderful write-up on Peter in the festival supplement, and your sponsorship of this event. You can certainly expect to see many of us back in future years.

Alice Mehlbacher  
Troy

### And now some good news

So often when one picks up the daily paper, the headlines in bold print will cover some bad news. Crime is everywhere and many people are all stressed out. I would like to tell you a bit of good news. Today I dropped some books off at the library and then left to play bridge at the Civic Center. There was no bridge, so I went back to the library to take out some videos. I looked in my purse for my library card, and found that my billfold was missing. In my billfold were all the important things such as credit card, Blue Cross card, etc. Can you imagine my state of panic?

For some reason I thought I would inquire at the desk to see if my billfold was turned in. To my surprise it was. This is the good news. There are still people around who are honest and who care. My thanks to the unknown person who did this kind act and for again supporting my belief that there are good people all around us. We just don't hear about them.

My thanks for printing this article. My thanks to my unknown caring friend.

Marie Webster  
Wixom

### It's actually a "democratic republic"

Scott Horsburgh's letter (Novi News, 7/28/04, "Constitutional republic, not a democracy") claiming that we do not live in a democracy convinces me that a fresher class of civics (American government) is needed.

Mr. Horsburgh apparently equated democracy (meaning "rule of the people") with anarchy (the absence of government).

The common U.S.S.R. was a Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. The Politburo theoretically represented the people. And don't forget the fascist Germany: the Third Reich (Republic) had its Reichstag.

What makes us different? First, the U.S. Constitution mentioned by Mr. Horsburgh was not created by an emperor's fiat, nor royal proclamation, nor dictator's edict, nor even by executive order.

Second, our Constitution was initiated and created by delegates chosen by local assemblies elected by the eligible voters. They were not self-appointed.

Third, the role of the people is the significant point. Democracy means "rule by the people."

The ancient Greeks were the brilliant progressers who decided that the people themselves ought to have a say in their matters. As long as we, the people, have the sovereign powers to elect and remove our representatives, we are definitely a democratic republic.

I do agree with Mr. Horsburgh that a pure democracy on a large scale, would be too cumbersome and much too inefficient. But to argue that democracy simply means "majority rules" is wrong.

This "rule" is just that, a rule. Granted, it is often a trait of democracies but that doesn't explain democracy at all.

The significance of the "majority rule" is that it is a method of making decisions that is adopted by the people themselves. No king, nor czar, nor dictator ever imposed that rule on the governed people.

That's exactly what makes us a democracy. And, though our individual voices are small, when combined in unison, they rule the nation.

We are indeed a democracy. What does all of this have to do with legislation by referendum? It surely appears to be democratic, but is it republican?

When we, the people, want a change in the law we are able to initiate, through petitions, the process that compels our legislative body to take an action. Legislation by the people. That's democracy.

But when the legislative body is afraid to take a position on a controversial issue and passes the buck via a referendum for the people to decide, that's usually political cowardice (e.g. dove hunting, affirmative action, gay marriages, etc.).

In other words, we elected them to make the tough decisions as well as the easy ones (i.e. voting yes or no on proposed pay raises for themselves). When they employ this tactic they are not being very republican. Unless the people demand it, their representatives should do their job and, if wrong, pay the consequences in the next election.

In conclusion, regardless of modern semantics, the words "democracy" and "republic" originally had specific meanings. One means "rule of the people" and the other "rule through representatives." That the creation, existence, and survival of those representatives derive from the people and only the people, with the help of God, of course, surely proves that we are a democratic republic.

Patrick M. Downy  
Novi

# OTHER OPINIONS

## Don't let partisan politics muddy state's water issue

Want to really understand the scope of the fresh water problem facing our state and this planet? Take a one-gallon jug. Fill it with water. That represents all the water on earth, fresh and salt, including all the glaciers and ice packs.

Next, fill just one tablespoon with water from the jug. That represents all the fresh water on earth. Eighteen percent of that tablespoon represents the proportion of all the fresh water on earth found in the Great Lakes.

And fresh water in the Great Lakes represents 95 percent of the total fresh water found in the United States.

If nothing else, this will give you an idea about why people outside Michigan are hating after our water. Farmers across the plains states who for years have been irrigating their fields by drawing down the great underground Ogallala aquifer to dangerously low levels would like nothing better than to divert our fresh water to their farms.

Developers in Arizona dream of the idea of a big pipeline filled with Great Lakes fresh water for their ritzy lawns and golf courses in the desert. Heck, some years back a Canadian firm wanted to fill big container ships with our water to sell at vast profit to customers in the Far East. These days, the benchmark price for crude oil tops \$40 a barrel.

Fifty years from now, I wouldn't be surprised to see pure fresh water for more than that. Up to now our water has defined our quality of life, far more than most of us realize, in the future, it almost certainly will represent our most valuable economic resource.

For years and years, the governors of the Great Lakes states have been trying to figure out how to protect our water from raids by other states or, more to the point, by the feds. (I'm serious.

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None of the 22 Republicans did so. Instead, they signed a letter explaining they agreed on the need for a law regulating water withdrawals, but wanted a longer time frame in which to pass legislation, after a groundwater study is completed. In the House, 51 members signed the pledge (46 Democrats and five Republicans, including Rep. John Stewart of Plymouth).

Looks to me as though this issue, which has overwhelming public support, risks getting sidetracked by partisan politics. The legislature would be well advised to get cracking on this, as time is running out and Michigan has both the most to lose and the most to gain.

It should not be beyond the capability of our legislators to craft a bipartisan plan that sets clear standards that the business and farming community can understand, that the environmental community can support and that the state can enforce. And it should be the duty of every responsible citizen to urge them to do so. The cause is Michigan's future, and if I believe this, you should too.

Phil Powell is the Chairman of the Board of the company that owns this newspaper. He would be pleased to get your reactions to this column either at (734) 935-2047 or by e-mail at ppow@homecomm.net.

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Remember, every time a new census shows population shifting from the Midwest to the arid West and the thirsty South, we lose votes in Congress. Michigan and Ohio together had 43 congressmen in 1970. That number has shrunk to 35, and the other Great Lakes states have lost more. In the coming fight over water, political clout will be everything.)

So it was good news last month that Great Lakes governors have agreed on how to prevent massive water diversions. The plan would require unanimous approval of all eight governors to allow withdrawal from the Great Lakes basin of more than 1 million gallons of water a day over a 120-day period. Anybody wanting to pump more than 5 million gallons of water over a 120-day period for use even within the Great Lakes basin would have to get approval from six of the eight governors.

Announced by the Council of Great Lakes Governors, the plan would have to be ratified by legislatures in all eight states, followed by approval by Congress. Getting approval from Ontario and Quebec wouldn't have the force of U.S. law, but it would provide international approval for policy principles governing water withdrawal.

Publication of the plan has been greeted by widespread approval. Ken DeBeaussart, director of Michigan's Office of the Great Lakes, told me it's "a significant step to get regional cooperation for today and for generations to come."

Congressman Bart Stupak (D-Michigan), who represents the Upper Peninsula and much of the northern part of the Lower Peninsula, said, "We must have a final agreement that includes sound standards and strict review before water can be withdrawn from the Great Lakes. The agreement must also have clear

requirements that as close to 100 percent of the water drawn from the Great Lakes be returned."

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# SENIORS

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## Impromptu Bakery

Local senior citizens gather to feast on Panera bread

By Kim Kovelle  
STAFF WRITER

On a recent Tuesday morning just before 8:30, Irene Chalmers was at work setting out bagels, loafs of bread and rolls in the main activity room at the City of Novi Senior Center.

The array of bread was picked up from Panera Bread the evening prior as part of the bakery's Operation Dough-Nation program. At the center, it's offered until 10 a.m. on Tuesdays and Fridays, and draws early-rising seniors.

"Gives me something to do," said Chalmers, who lives in the attached Meadowbrook Com-

mons facility. "We set the bagels out and then we pass them on to the people."

The program is one of the food services that the center offers at no cost to seniors. Seniors such as Chalmers help to pass it along.

"It's great for the seniors," said Rachel Zagaroli, senior service manager. "It not only provides them with breakfast for the week, it provides them with that socialization. It gets them out with their friends, talking, laughing."

Zagaroli noted that all Novi seniors are welcome, though 75 percent typically are those living in the ranches and apartments surrounding the center.

"I like the raisin bread," said Vivian Coleman, who dined with two friends. "Last week I got a whole loaf and I divided it three ways," among family and neighbors.

Members of the Asian Pacific Program also swing by on their way to English language learning/adapting to American Life sessions to grab an early snack.

Yolyn Hollingsworth is general manager at the Panera Bread in Twelve Oaks Mall. He said that between his location and the Panera Bread at Novi and Grand River roads, the program has been servicing the Senior Center for at least three years.

"Each store has different people that they deal with as far as non-profit organizations," Hollingsworth said. "On a regular basis there's four places that we deal with."

The night before an organization plans to pass out the bread, volunteers from that group stop by Panera to pick up bagged bread and boxed pastries. For the Senior Center, a van typically arrives on Monday and Thursday evenings.

"We bake our bread fresh every day," Hollingsworth said. "Whatever we don't sell — any of our breads, pastries, cookies — 15 minutes after we close, about 9:15, they come in."

The amount given depends on how busy the store was during the day. According to Hollingsworth, it's typically 10 to 20 loafs of bread, a few dozen rolls, three dozen bagels and 20 to 30 different pastry items, including Danishes, croissants, cookies and

brownies.

Groups receive a receipt for tax deductions purposes.

"We call ourselves neighborhood bakery cafés, and we... try to be good neighbors," Hollingsworth said. "It helps the less fortunate. It also helps non-profit organizations become more effective. That's food that they don't have to spend (for) out of their budget."

Modest-sized crowds usually attend the senior center's event. "We love it," said Arlene Gillett, who arrived with her twin sister Maxine. "I'm so glad we have this instead of donuts. It's so good, I can't resist. I like the cheese bread."

Bruce Randall also ventured from his apartment to gather a grocery bag of goodies, which included cinnamon rolls, a favorite.

"I try to remember it on Tuesday mornings," said Randall, who brings the bread back to his wife. "It's a nice service."

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Irene Chalmers helps set out Panera bread for seniors at the City of Novi Senior Center.



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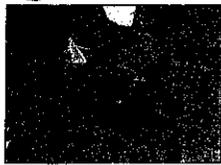
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# SPORTS & MORE

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## Family equals support

I've spent so much of my time thanking the Water Wheel and my friends at the club and away from it for helping me get to this point in my weight loss that I've forgotten to thank the people that are near and dear to my heart — my family.

Though the Water Wheel and the staff there has helped me find the path to my weight loss goals and been there to assist me in my quest, my family has been there every step of the way and holding my hand for guidance.

Though my friends have pushed me to keep going even when the way seems to be clouding up, it's my family who has shined the light on the path to help me truly find my way. Though everyone who has given me any words of encouragement and any help along the way deserves my heart-felt thanks, it's my family who deserves the most.

I want to thank my wife, Christie, for keeping me on the straight and narrow when she could have easily let me slip off onto the path of temptation. I also want to thank my daughter, Shaylyn, for being the motivation that drives me each and every day.

### Family ties

In my column two weeks ago I mentioned how my main support system, my wife and daughter, went away for three weeks on a vacation to visit my in-laws. That's very true. They went eight hours away to the Upper Peninsula and I didn't see either one of them from June 19 through July 10.

What I failed to mention was how each and every day Christie and Shaylyn would call and see how I was doing.

There were days I wasn't doing as well as I should have been. I was lazy at times when I needed to be energetic and I cheated at times when I should have been loyal to my plan and program.

Talking to them kept me going without much variation off the road to my ultimate goals. Shaylyn's sweet voice reminded me every day that when she got home we had to go to the park. I was determined not to go there and just sit on the bench and watch her play.

Speaking to my wife reminded me that we've been married nearly four years now and have been together longer. Through all the years she has supported me and guided me even when I wasn't sure if the choices I have made or the life decisions have been the right ones. They've always been there for me and I would never have made it to the point where I am now if it hadn't been for them.

### The guiding light

For anyone who has ever tried to lose weight — especially a significant amount — it's readily apparent how difficult the task can be. You have to labor to lose weight when gaining it is just so damn easy.

Want to gain a half a pound? No problem. Just sit around, eat two pizzas and

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Novi football coach John Osborne, also known as "Coach O," will be back for another year of Wildcats football. Though the draw of his grandchildren and spending time with his own children is a strong one, "O" said he can't miss the Friday night lights and the roar of the crowd.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

## Friday Night Fever

### John Osborne returns for another season with Novi

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

John Osborne. The name alone brings quick recognition to many Novi faithful. He's been a solid member of the Novi community for years and a fixture on the football field come fall Friday nights.

And he's back for another year.

"I enjoy it," Osborne said when asked about returning for another season of Wildcats football. "When you're in retirement and you don't have anything to do it's not good. I'm not any good at golf and my body is starting to deteriorate so my bowling has backed off a little bit. What really keeps me going is all of that football stuff. I enjoy it."

Novi is happy to have him back for another stanza as well. He has been around for all of the school's 211 wins thus far, though he officially retired as head coach in 1999.

"I ended with 176 wins," Osborne said with a laugh. "Those other ones aren't mine. They're Tab Kellepourey's."

Kellepourey, however, is the first one to spread the wealth. Though the Wildcats football program he took over in 2000 has made the playoffs every

year under his tutelage, Kellepourey doesn't think twice about giving credit where credit is due.

"He brings so many things to our program still," Kellepourey said when asked what Osborne offers to Novi football. "He still has a great energy level and brings with him the ability to adapt, improvise and overcome. He always talks about it, but it's also something he does."

According to Kellepourey, Osborne brings the ability to motivate the Wildcat football players and pushes them to be the best players — and people — they can be.

"We obviously think a ton about him and are fortunate to have such a tremendous person coaching with us," he said. "He does great things for this team and for the young kids, young players and even our young coaches."

Every season has to come to a close and when they do the rumors of Osborne leaving once again hit the streets. Last year the whispers talked about him leaving to spend time with his grandchildren, granddaughter Sammy and grandson Matthew. Another spoke of him leaving to coach with his son, Derek, in Oxford.

"He doesn't need his old man



John Osborne

around," Osborne said. "Oxford is on the other side of the world to me and he's doing just fine. Those guys are good over there and he's doing a really good job of establishing himself. He's done well."

But Osborne, who is known as Coach O in Novi, and his wife, Linda, still find time to spend with their grandchildren. Both Matthew, who is two years old, and Sammy, who is three and a half, are the children of Osborne's daughter, Lori Baranek.

According to Osborne, Sammy is quite capable of being brash with her ability to be brutally honest in any situation while Matthew — well, Matthew needs his grandpa to teach him how to take a hit.

"He hasn't been doing so well," Osborne said. "Around Memorial Day we were babysitting and he fell off the couch and broke his collarbone. I think he was taking a swing at me and missed. Then he was on the playscape by the Novi softball field and fell and broke his arm. He's three weeks into that right now."

Accidents happen to the best of children and Osborne has seen enough injuries in his time to know they just jump back up and go back to work.

"Kids are resilient," he said. "They just brush themselves off and go on to the next thing."

When he isn't busy playing with his grandchildren, Osborne spends time enjoying retirement and taking a few trips. The past two years he and his wife have traveled to Mackinac Island. This year, he and his wife took a cruise to the Eastern Caribbean.

"It was OK until the seas got angry," Osborne said. "The doctor was supposed to dine with us that night but there were too many sick cases. We had two rocky nights and then it slowed down when we were getting into Freeport in the Bahamas. I was never so glad to be on dry land. I think every one got off the ship that night."

No matter how many trips he

takes or how much time he spends with his two grandchildren, Osborne isn't ready to give up those Friday night lights that brought him to the game so long ago.

"I like being around the game and around the kids who want to play it," he said. "I want to be around that football mentality, be it a good thing or a bad thing."

Kellepourey noted that no matter what rumors persist about his assistant coach and former boss, Osborne leaving has never been something that has haunted him.

"It never enters my mind that he's leaving us," Kellepourey said. "There's no question about it, he's a legendary coach in Novi. John Osborne is obviously the cornerstone of this program. I don't really think we'll lose him or that he'll leave us. He's as fresh now as a coach as he was when I started coaching with him."

And every Wildcats football player and Wildcats fan alike are happy to hear it.

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## Shades of 1988: ■ The end of 2003 season brought back memories of another close run for Osborne

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

The moment was like a bad dream being replayed for Novi assistant football coach John Osborne.

The 2003 semi-finals game against Brother Rice found the Wildcats going into overtime and pushing the game down to one, final play. The call found quarterback Mike Hart faking the hand-off, rolling to his right and making a run for the end zone. The result was six inches short of a Silverdome dream for Novi.

And it was déjà vu for Osborne.

"I thought about it once during that game," Osborne said when asked if the semi-final game from 1988 came to mind when Novi fell short of their state finals goal. "I thought about it when we went into overtime and when it came down to that last call. It really reminded me of that game in

1988, particularly at the end."

In 1988 the result, unfortunately, was much the same. As the then-head-coach, Osborne made a call against Traverse City that found his Novi squad falling six feet short of the Silverdome and the state finals.

It was a play that would haunt him for years.

"It took me a good many years to get over it," he said. "I haven't replayed this one but I can't tell you how many times I replayed the play in 1988 over in my mind."

The similarities were very apparent to anyone who had been at either game. In fact, head coach Tab Kellepourey was there as an assistant to Osborne, as was David Hartman, who is still an assistant for Novi.

"They were both ours to win and we didn't win them," Osborne said. "I don't know if it was just the magnitude of the games or playing at the champi-

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John Osborne  
Novi Football Coach

onship level. We were so close to going to the Silverdome in 1988. There we were all over again and all we had to do was get it in and we didn't do it."

Osborne said it wasn't the loss itself that hung so heavily on his shoulders, but rather that looks of the players when the realization hit them.

"They have so much invested at that point," he said. "But, then again, everyone does. Both teams do. They do and we do and unfortunately it sometimes comes down to that final play. It's a hard way to end a season."

But Osborne knows kids. He knows football. He knows losses seem like the biggest thing in the world at the time but are things that fade in the years like an aging photograph. You can look at that moment but can't quite remember what made it such a devastating moment any more.

"Kids can bounce back," he said. "It's not the end of the world and there are a lot more important things than a win or a loss. I know at the time it doesn't seem that way, but it's true. I think that's a strength that all kids

have. They're resilient and it's not going to keep them down."

Yet Osborne is the first to admit that he doesn't have any more finales like that left in him. Two for any lifetime is plenty enough.

"None," he said when asked how many more last-second semi-final games he can sit through. "It's never going to happen again."

But if it does — an Osborne isn't expecting to see one again — he'll be able to make a come back yet again.

"I just look at the kids and see them pick themselves up and brush themselves off," he said. "If they can do it, I can too."

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# REGIONAL MARKETPLACE

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## Time to swap sides of counter

"The customer is always right." For much of this nation's history, that statement has been the mantra of those who succeed in free enterprise. No segment of American society knows this better or practices it with more eagerness than small business. No matter what product or service is offered, the key is to meet the customer's



Jack Faris

demands in a way that brings them back again and again. Anyone who has ever opened a business that survived and prospered learned that the customer, as one

highly successful entrepreneur who built a little sandwich-and-coffee concern into a global business put it, "is the boss." Imagine a customer with badly worn shoes walking into a shoe store, cash-at-the-ready, only to find that all the shoes for sale were the same size, same color and much more expensive than advertised. Worse, imagine that when the customer complains, the storeowner shrugs and walks away with a take-it-or-leave-it attitude.

No sensible customer would stand for such abuse, and no small business that treated its customers in such a manner would survive very long.

Yet that's exactly the kind of customer service that millions of small-business owners are being dealt by some elected lawmakers these days. "Take health care, for example. So painful has this situation become that health care is the top worry among America's small entrepreneurs.

Although their ability to offer comprehensive and affordable health care has been worn down like an old pair of shoes and, in many cases, can no longer be patched up to meet their needs and those of their employees, small-business owners seeking service—in this case representation in Congress—find some lawmakers refusing to offer anything better than an outrageously expensive, one-size-fits-all solution.

And customer service in the state capitals isn't anything to brag about either.

According to the business research firm PricewaterhouseCoopers, the number of procedures and services mandated in health insurance policies increased 25-fold from 1970-96.

Small-business owners have been getting similar rude treatment when shopping for civil-justice reform, the death-tax repeal and solutions to rising energy costs.

Could it be that these owners of small firms, having spent so much time on the other side of the counter, have forgotten that they too are customers? Yes, they are customers of the services of government—services for which they pay dearly.

Producing more than half of the nation's non-farm private GDP, creating three-fourths of all new jobs and employing 99.7 percent of all American workers makes the small-business sector customers of every imaginable government service from highway repair to national defense.

Small-business owners should swap sides of the counter and demand the customer service they're due. They should present their shopping list—beginning with affordable health care, tax code simplification, less burdensome regulation, and an end to frivolous lawsuits and government competition.

Then, on Election Day, decide whether or not to be a repeat customer.

Jack Faris is president of NFIB (the National Federation of Independent Business), the nation's largest small-business advocacy group. A non-profit, non-partisan organization founded in 1943, NFIB represents the consensus views of its 600,000 members in Washington, D.C., and all 50 state capitals.

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Dr. Howard Adelson (left) and Sarah Connor, office manager for the practice, demonstrate a comprehensive eye exam with the latest equipment at the Adelson Eye & Laser Center.

## Vision care and correction vital to patients

By Duane Ramsey  
SPECIAL WRITER

Vision correction desires and needs are important to people, and the Adelson Eye & Laser Center in downtown Northville will help patients find the vision solutions they seek. Dr. Howard Adelson offers many options in vision care and correction with the latest technology and exten-

sive experience to give his patients outstanding results.

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morning, playing sports with corrective eyewear or the everyday hassles associated with contact lens care. Millions of Americans have successfully had Lasik surgery and are now able to see and live their lives the way they have always wanted, he explained.

As a pioneer in laser vision correction, Dr. Adelson was one of the first doctors in Michigan to perform the now popular Custom Lasik procedure that allows up to 25 times better results over traditional Lasik. In fact, 98 percent of his patients are able to pass a driver's exam after their procedure.

"We're currently utilizing the best technology in eye surgery with state-of-the-art equipment, including a new laser machine to diagnose and treat glaucoma," Dr. Adelson said. "We also strive to provide a comfortable, friendly atmosphere for our patients."

Dr. Adelson has performed about 5,000 procedures in laser vision correction and as many or more cataract surgeries in his young career. All procedures are performed in surgical facilities at several local hospitals where Dr. Adelson is on the staff.

"Most of our surgical patients are referred to us by their physicians or eye doctors," he said. "Our patients include newborns, children, teens and adults of all ages."

Dr. Adelson completed a prestigious fellowship in vision correction that qualifies him as a sub-specialist in advanced cataract and laser vision correction surgery. "The additional year of unique training in advanced cataract and laser vision surgery is something that very few eye surgeons possess," he said.

After serving nearly two years at the Grand Rapids Eye Institute & Laser Center, Dr. Adelson returned to the Detroit area to open his own practice in Novi last September. In April, he moved the growing practice to its current location in downtown Northville.

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Dr. Adelson said he opened his practice in the Novi-Northville

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area because he and his wife Julie are from the Detroit area and still have family living there. They currently reside in nearby Commerce Township.

He earned his undergraduate degree at the University of Michigan and his osteopathic medical degree from Des Moines University-Osteopathic Medical Center. He completed his internship at Botsford General Hospital and his ophthalmology residency through Michigan State University at Metropolitan Hospital in Grand Rapids.

Dr. Adelson completed the additional fellowship in advanced refractive (Lasik) and cataract surgery in affiliation with MSU. He also has completed an extensive course in ophthalmology at Stanford University.

He has served as a national guest lecturer for ophthalmologists helping to teach refraction surgery. Dr. Adelson is a resident educator at Michigan State University.

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