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Regional champs

The Novi Wildcats did the predictions proud as they ran away with the top spot in the cross country regional meet last Saturday. Bobby Watts, a junior, finish 17th in 17:30.

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One down

Novi crushed cross-town rival Northville Friday night, 51-13, in the first round of football playoffs. It was their second victory in a row over the Mustangs after having beaten them 35-7 a week prior.

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Democracy wins

■ Voters from three precincts jam Civic Center

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

In one of the biggest voter turnouts in the history of America, people came in droves to wait in line at the Novi Civic Center Tuesday to cast their ballot for their candidates of choice.

And wait they did — many as long as an hour and a half — as the line snaked around the Civic Center atrium.

Staff finally brought in some yellow-and-black caution tape and chairs by late morning to fashion a more organized line.

A total of 25,432 voters, which was 79.15 percent of registered voters, showed at city hall on Nov. 2 — a record number for the city, according to the city clerk's office. In 2000,

21,045 votes were cast, representing 67.7 percent of Novi's registered voters.

Voters from Precincts 14, 15 and 17 voted at the Novi Civic Center, with those from Precinct 15 having the longest wait.

"There was one voting machine and 16 voting booths for each precinct, and about the same number of registered voters in each precinct," said City Clerk Maryanne Cornelius, who arrived at 5 a.m. on Election Day.

"People started lining up as early as 6:15 a.m.," she added, with polls open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

People read books, fed snacks to children in strollers, and talked about the long line and how they should have come earlier — or later.

Some people even brought their dogs with them.

Two black Labrador retrievers, foster puppies in the "Paws with a Cause" program, snatched out on the tile floor while their handlers stood in line.

The Big Three automakers gave

employees the day off, increasing voter turnout even more in Metro Detroit.

Still, many were surprised at the lack of parking spaces available and long wait at the polls.

"About an hour to vote is average for a presidential election," Cornelius said.

One woman shared with fellow voters in line that she had tried to get her 23-year-old granddaughter to vote, but learned that she wasn't registered.

"I told her that I remember when you had to be 21 to vote, and that women had to fight for the right to vote, so she should," she said.

A Farmington Hills police officer working third shift on Nov. 2 was disappointed that he would be on duty while election results came in



Photo by PAM FLEMING
Election worker Chuck Lindquist of Novi assists voter Judith Wolkens of Novi in the Precinct 14 voting room at the Novi Civic Center.

Tuesday night.

"At least I'll be able to listen to what's going on on the radio," he noted.

Many wondered in such a close presidential election race when the results might be known, especially with the voting problems in Florida last year.

But aside from all the waiting — and complaining — there was a

camaraderie among the voters standing in line in Novi, who knew that the right to vote is a precious one that shouldn't be taken for granted.

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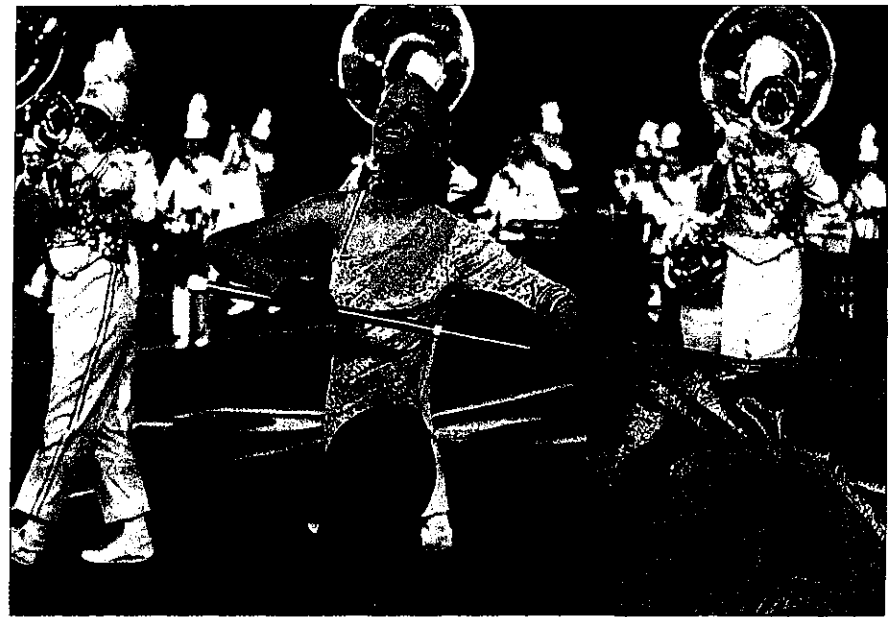


Photo by DIANE HANSON

Silverdome strut

Guard member Linda Janik displays grace on the gridiron during the Novi Marching Band's State Finals championship performance of "Sunrise, Sunset" in the Silverdome on Saturday. The hometown marchers' successful season landed them in the top 10 Flight I bands in the state and a fifth-place finals win this year. For the full story, please see page 7B.

Novi, Ten Mile revised

■ Combined efforts get road commission to rethink plans

By Cal Stone
EDITOR

It won't be perfect — but the Ten Mile/Novi roads intersection will be far more manageable this winter than business owners in the area originally thought. And they have the combined efforts of city officials, the chamber of commerce and the Road Commission for Oakland County to thank for it.

At a special meeting at the Novi Expo Center Monday afternoon, representatives of the Road Commission for Oakland County explained their revised plans for the intersection.

"We're fairly pleased with what we have to offer," Tom Blust, director of engineering with the road commission, said at Monday's meeting.

He explained that between Nov. 15 and April 15, construction at the intersection will be halted. Lane closures will remain in place, but one through lane and a left turn lane in each direction will be open. There will also be dedicated right turn lanes for southbound Novi Road and westbound Ten Mile road.

"It helped us out," said Peter Woolford, owner of Novi Pizza Company, which is located on the northwest corner of the intersec-

Novi school elections moved to May

■ Precinct changes may be imminent

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

The Novi Community School District has officially consolidated its election date. Instead of holding its annual election in June next year, as it has in the past, the district will now hold it a month earlier — on the first Tuesday following the first Monday in May.

All school districts in Michigan were recently given four election dates to choose from, which were:

- The fourth Tuesday in February

- The first Tuesday following the first Monday in May

- The first Tuesday following the first Monday in August

- The first Tuesday following the first Monday in November.

The districts were told that if they didn't choose one of those

dates, then their election will automatically be the November "odd year" general election date. Novi chose the second option, which would make the district's next election on Tuesday, May 3, 2005.

"The board has selected a May date because it's close to our fiscal year," said Jim Koster, assistant superintendent of business and finance. "We can elect somebody in May, and that person would start on July 1. That person will have an impact on the budget and other operations close to the end of the fiscal year."

Other reasons Novi chose a May date is because it gives

administrators more flexibility to re-vote if a millage issue fails. Also, administrators wanted the election to have its own school identity. In other words, if it was in November, school issues would have to be on the same ballot as other issues.

"If we had a millage proposal on a November election, you would have to vote on everything else first before you even get to it," Koster said. "This way school issues will be the only ones on the ballot."

The original intent of the change was to consolidate all the

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City's ordinance on political signs questioned

■ Novi awaits decision on local lawsuits

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

The City of Novi is waiting to see what happens in Troy and other local cities hit with lawsuits involving political/election signs before possibly amending its own sign ordinance.

The city of Novi was notified at

the end of June that the Oakland County Branch of the American Civil Liberties Union in Birmingham was concerned about sign regulations in the city of Novi.

"Political sign regulations became a hot topic every four years," said Gerald Fisher, city attorney.

"It has been brought to the ACLU's attention that Novi's ordinances relating to political signs are, in part, unconstitutional," read the letter signed by Rozanne Sedler, chair, and Elsa M. Shartsis, chair, ACLU Legal Committee.

The ACLU staff claims Novi's sign ordinance infringes upon the right of freedom of speech guaranteed in the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, and that the ordinance should be amended.

"This issue was brought this to the attention of the City of Novi several weeks ago," said Chuck Tindall, a 19-year resident of Novi.

Tindall recently contacted the city about some political signs that he says violate Novi's current ordinance.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

A large political sign perches on the lawn of a Grand River Ave. business in Novi last week.

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Signs questioned

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"Novi's ordinance says that political signs cannot be over six square feet in size, and there are at least three in the city that exceed this," Tindall said.

The signs in question were in support of the George Bush/Dick Cheney campaign, according to Tindall. One large sign is at 2400 Old Novi Road, with another on Grand River Avenue just west of the CSX Railroad bridge west of Novi Road.

"I basically agree with our ordinance," Tindall said.

"Maroon Tindall [local compliance officer for the city of Novi] told me that they were awaiting a decision on a lawsuit in the city of Troy before suggesting any changes," Tindall said. "That's my understanding," he said.

"It's not fully accurate to say that we're not enforcing the ordinance as a whole," Fisher said. "We may be waiting to see what happens in these other communities on certain aspects of our ordinance," Fisher said.

The Novi ordinance does not have all of the defects alleged by ACLU, Fisher said. But on the other hand, a number of legitimate points have been made that the city may want to look at.

The ACLU letter says certain provisions in Novi's sign ordinance

REGULATIONS

Sign regulations in question:

- Size limitations. The Novi ordinance limits the size of election signs to no more than six square feet in area and five feet in height.
- Limit on the number of signs. The ordinance limits the number to one sign for each candidate and ballot issue per given lot or parcel.
- Limits on the timing and duration of sign posting. Novi's ordinance states that election signs shall be limited in time to 30 days prior to the election and five days afterwards.
- Permit requirement. Novi's ordinance requires a permit for every sign. Political, election and noncommercial signs are not listed as exceptions, and they should be, according to the ACLU staff.

impose greater limitations on political speech than on other forms of speech.

"It is our goal to resolve this issue amicably without the need to file a lawsuit," ACLU staff stated in the letter addressed to Mayor Lou Kovacs.



Photo by PAM FLEMING

Monster madness
Chris Bergeron of Columbus, Mich., from Brutus Racing in Port Huron, signs an autograph for Josh Breuer, 11, of Farmington Hills, at Fountain Walk's Halloween festivities Oct. 30. Visitors at the event received a coupon for free admission to "Monster Trucks: An Xtreme Exhibit," which opens Jan. 15 at The New Detroit Science Center in Detroit.

Novi school elections moved to May

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schools to a November election, but school districts thought they should have more options than that, so the state came back with four dates to choose from.

Koster explained that there was a process the board of education had to go through to select a date. First, they had to let the community know that they would hold a public hearing on the issue, which

they did. Then, they held that public hearing on Oct. 21. Next, the board passed a resolution stating the change and finally, they must notify the secretary of state.

"That's where we're at right now," Koster said. "From the standpoint of the community, it's not that much out of what because normally school elections are in June, but now it's only moved up a month. For the community to get used to that, it

shouldn't be very difficult."

By law, sometime this January, every school district on Oakland County has to meet with the county clerk. At that point, it is believed that the city clerk in each district will take it over school elections. That would put Novi's in the hands of Novi City Clerk Maryanne Cornelius.

"Do we use the same precincts or do the precincts have a maximum of 5,000?" Koster said. "I

won't know that till we meet with the county clerk. If that's the case, we would have to create other precincts. I've heard a couple things, that we will either be able to use the same precincts, or we might have to divide them up."

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| Ralph Nader | 97 | 1 |
| 11TH DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS | | |
| Thaddeus G. McCotter | 14794 | 75 |
| Phillip S. Truran | 8479 | 34 |
| Charles L. Basso, Jr. | 429 | 2 |
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| Joan Morgan | 8745 | 30 |
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| Harriet S. Meyer | 7590 | 37 |
| Peter Ponzetti | 421 | 0 |
| Gail M. Graessr | 401 | 2 |
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| Margaret Guttschall | 385 | 1 |
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2004 UNOFFICIAL NOVI ELECTION RESULTS

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| OAKLAND COUNTY CLERK/REGISTER OF DEEDS | | | |
| Ruth Johnson | 13660 | 70 | 309231 |
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| Joseph Server | 706 | 1 | 18800 |
| OAKLAND COUNTY TREASURER | | | |
| Pat Dohany | 16994 | 77 | 395476 |
| OAKLAND COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSIONER | | | |
| John P. McCulloch | 13949 | 70 | 307263 |
| Jon E. Levin | 8110 | 31 | 268384 |
| OAKLAND COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 8 | | | |
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| Marilyn Morgan | 1183 | n/a | 8299 |
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| NOVI TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR | | | |
| John Juntunen | n/a | 104 | n/a |
| NOVI TOWNSHIP CLERK | | | |
| Darwood Halas | n/a | 34 | n/a |
| NOVI TOWNSHIP TREASURER | | | |
| Ginger Juacker | n/a | 89 | n/a |
| NOVI TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE | | | |
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OAKLAND COUNTY JUDGE OF THE PROBATE COURT

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COURT REPORT

These are the cases scheduled for sentencing in Oakland County Circuit Court originating in 52-1 District Court for Aug. 2.

- Kiley Xavier Givens: Fourth degree criminal sexual conduct (two counts); sentence enhancement (fourth or subsequent offense)
- John Irvin Tate: Operating under the influence of alcohol/per se, third offense felony.

These are the cases scheduled for sentencing in Oakland County Circuit Court originating in 52-1 District Court for Aug. 3.

- Eric Michael Lowman: Possession of controlled substance under 25 grams; delivering and manufacture of marijuana.

These are the cases scheduled for sentencing in Oakland County Circuit Court originating in 52-1 District Court for Aug. 10.

- Patrick Miles Nelson: Carrying a concealed weapon; pistol safety inspection violation.
- Dustin Matthew Douglas: Police officer; assault/resistance/obstruction; domestic violence; larceny in a building.

These are the cases scheduled for sentencing in Oakland County Circuit Court originating in 52-1 District Court for Aug. 6.

- Davor Anton Zander: Larceny from a motor vehicle; driving while license suspended (second or subsequent offense); sentence enhancement (fourth or subsequent offense).

These are the cases scheduled for sentencing in Oakland County Circuit Court originating in 52-1 District Court for Aug. 9.

- Robbin Laguarda Gough, Jr.: Fleeing and eluding (third degree); stolen property - receive/conceal in a motor vehicle; police officer - assault/resistance/obstruction/injury; driving while license suspended.
- Kiley Xavier Givens: Fourth degree criminal sexual conduct (two counts); sentence enhancement (fourth or subsequent offense).
- Rajesh Maniraj Pillai: Fourth degree criminal sexual conduct; assault and battery (two counts); sentence enhancement (second offense).

These are the cases scheduled for sentencing in Oakland County Circuit Court originating in 52-1 District Court for Aug. 12.

- Miguel Angel Cerda-Valencia: Assault with intent to murder; weapons-felony firearms (three counts); felony assault; possession short barreled shotgun/rifle; carrying a concealed weapon.
- Demald Clifford Mayville: Fraud detect. by contractor.
- Christopher Michael Williams: Attempted felonious assault; aggra-

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- Christopher Robert Greer: Controlled substance - delivery and manufacture of marijuana, (marc) 50 to 449 grams.
- Eric Todd Hall: Personal identity without authority; financial transaction device - false statement; possession of fraudulent one.
- Brian Edward Blair: Possession of controlled substance; driving while license suspended.
- Sheriff Lee Hakima Broaden: False pretenses, (\$1,000 to less than \$20,000) (two counts); obtaining personal identity without authority.
- Brian Joseph Tobolski: Possession controlled substance, under 25 grams, (two counts); sentence enhancement (fourth or subsequent offense).
- Rajesh Maniraj Pillai: Fourth degree criminal sexual conduct; assault and battery (two counts); sentence enhancement (second offense).

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- John Kelly Johnson: Unlawful use of a motor vehicle.
- Todd Matthew Copie: Embezzlement (\$1,000 to less than \$20,000); sentence enhancement (second offense).
- Scott Anthony Harris: Possession of controlled substance under 25 grams; controlled substance possession (second offense); operating under the influence of alcohol/per se; sentence enhancement (second offense).
- Daniel Eugene Osborne: Operating under the influence of alcohol/per se (third offense felony); failure to stop at a scene, property damage accident; operating with no or multiple licenses.
- Joseph Allen Brown: Delivery and manufacture of marijuana; driving while license suspended.
- Steve Brent Hardwick Jr.: Delivery and manufacture of marijuana, driving while license suspended (second offense); sentence enhancement (third offense).
- Eric Michael Lowman: Possession of controlled substance under 25 grams; delivery and manufacture of marijuana.
- Daniel Eugene Osborne: Operating under the influence of alcohol/per se (third offense felony); failure to stop at a scene, property damage accident; operating with no or multiple licenses.
- Scott Anthony Harris: Possession of controlled substance under 25 grams; controlled substance possession (second offense); operating under the influence of alcohol/per se; sentence enhancement (second offense).
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POLICE REPORT

Two drinks too many

A 48-year-old Novi man was arrested for operating while intoxicated at 8:33 p.m. Oct. 29 at Nine Mile and Beck roads.

An officer was driving east on Nine Mile Road just east of Galway when his radar unit clocked a 2005 black Chrysler 300 westbound on Nine Mile Road from East Road traveling at 46 mph in a 30 mph zone.

When the officer pulled the man over for the speeding violation, the man smelled very strongly of alcohol on his breath and body. His eyes were also very red and very glassy. When asked how much he had had to drink, he replied that he had only two

drinks.

A breath test showed a blood alcohol level of .13 percent.

Woman charged for possession

A 27-year-old Novi woman was arrested for possession of marijuana at 11:29 p.m. Oct. 26 at Westford and Novi roads.

An officer was on routine patrol in the area of Thirteen Mile and Novi roads when he pulled behind a burgundy four-door vehicle stopped at the light on westbound Thirteen Mile Road at Novi Road.

He could smell a very strong odor of marijuana coming from

the vehicle and could see smoke coming out of the windows.

He then saw the passenger smoking what appeared to be a marijuana joint. The driver continued driving about a third of a mile after the officer activated his overhead lights. When the officer approached the car, asking who was smoking marijuana in the car, the driver said no one and that there wasn't any marijuana in the car.

After placing the woman and a female passenger in the back of the patrol car, the officer asked the woman if he could search her car. After the woman granted permission, the officer searched the car, finding .085

grams of marijuana in the form of 1.5 marijuana joints in a metal chewing gum container in her purse which was sitting on the passenger floor of the car.

Witness alerts police

A 49-year-old Farmington woman was arrested for operating while intoxicated at 1:39 a.m. Oct. 31 at Ten Mile and Beck roads.

An officer was on patrol in a fully-marked vehicle when he was dispatched to the location in regard to a possible drunk driver on the roadway.

A witness called the Novi Police Department to report that

he was driving eastbound on Ten Mile Road behind a silver Chrysler Concord and that the driver was weaving badly and driving onto the shoulder of Ten Mile Road. The witness told police that other vehicles had to get onto the shoulder to avoid being hit by the Concord.

The officer stopped the driver on Ten Mile Road after noticing that the driver had crossed a double yellow line and could not stay in the lane.

The woman produced her driver's license without being asked. When asked for the registration and proof of insurance, the woman said that it was a company car, and she did not have the reg-

istration. She then produced a New York insurance certificate.

She said that she was coming from the Novi Road and Grand River Avenue area but that she must have taken a wrong turn while trying to drive home to the area by Nine Mile and Haledale roads.

While speaking to the woman, the officer noticed an odor of intoxicants and that her eyes were watery and bloodshot.

When asked, she said that she had had a few drinks while at a friend's house.

A blood alcohol test revealed a blood alcohol level of .16 percent.

Compiled by Pam Fleming

Novi, Ten Mile revised

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tion in the Pine Ridge Shopping Center. "It's still going to be a tough winter to go through. It's just killed business like you would not believe. It's like 10 years thrown out the window in four months."

Initial plans for the winter called for removal of the temporary right turn lanes, which would have left the intersection with less capacity than before construction began.

Business owners, who have already endured a summer of hardship due to the construction, began complaining. The Novi Chamber of Commerce listened and decided to take action by asking Hugh Crawford, county commissioner, to set up a meeting with the road commission. That took place in mid-October at the Novi Expo Center.

A second meeting took place last week at a restaurant in Troy and included Blust and Crawford, Brent Bair, director of the road commission; Gerald Holberg, deputy manager director of the road commission; Lou Corrada, mayor of Novi; Nona Champion, chamber executive director; Keith Wilson, chamber president; and Joe Sutschek, chamber board member.

"The changes they came up with, according to project manager Mike Torres, are something the road commission's safety department is comfortable with."

"We're taking on some risks and liabilities by doing this," Torres said, but added that benefits will be in place and maintained on a regular basis to ensure drivers know what part of the road to be on. After several motorists experienced flat tires due to potholes this weekend, Torres personally made sure the holes were patched.

Traffic shifted Monday to the new pavement on Ten Mile Rd. Once the northeast quadrant of the intersection is bored, probably Nov. 15, construction will halt for the winter. After work resumes in the spring, completion is expected by July 15.

When finished, all four approaches to the intersection will be five lanes. Each direction will include a center left turn lane, a dedicated through lane and a through/right turn lane.

Blust said that the toughest projects are intersections, especially ones that take place over two seasons. According to him, studies have shown that people would rather be disrupted more for a shorter period of time than less over a longer period of time.

"The ROCOC is looking at more blitzkrieging instead of drawing it out," said Blust.

That will be good news for business owners like Woolford, who estimates his business has dropped 80 percent since the construction began. He hopes the meetings with Novi will establish a precedent for the road commission to listen to other communities' concerns.

"I don't think anybody won," said Woolford, "but you (ROCC) gave us the opportunity to survive the winter."

The entire project got off to a late start when securing right-of-ways delayed work until July, said Blust. "Hopefully we'll hit it hard in the spring and be out of your hair—at least in that section."

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CITY OF NOVI COURTESY NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission meeting on November 24, 2004 has been cancelled. A meeting has been added for December 1, 2004 at 7:30 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI. (11-04-04 NN 176814)

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BUSINESS

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Dental work at the lodge

U.P. twins bring unique flavor to Novi dentistry

By Kim Kovelle
STAFF WRITER

Two brothers raised in the Upper Peninsula by a candy-waferhouse-owning family might seem unlikely candidates for dentistry.

Not only did Drs. John and Joel Toupin graduate together from dental school; the smiling, music-chiseled identical twins have brought the outdoor flavor of their home to their Novi practice.

"Our mom and dad ... would sell candy products to grocery stores," John said. "We had a very nice family dentist growing up and a very nice orthodontist. It's just something I thought would be a neat job to have."

About 15 years after starting their practice, the two teamed with Dr. Stephen Card and in 2001 opened the wood-trimmed doors to Toupin and Card Dental at 42430 W. Twelve Mile Rd.

"It was always a dream of ours to have our own office with the up-north, lodge-type atmosphere, which I think everyone finds so comfortable," Joel said.

From knotty pine around the tall front doorway to a stone fireplace in the middle of the waiting room, the trio's office feels more like a resort than a dental office.

"They feel it's very comfortable," John said. "It's different. It's relaxing."

Dentistry gone resort

For John and Joel, both 46, their interest in cosmetic and general dentistry started at a young age in Ishpeming, Mich.

"It was right around the time when my dad was in the military and he had a dental clinic in an Army hospital," John said.



Doctors John, left, and Joel Toupin, right, and colleague Stephen Card welcome patients to their log cabin style dentists' office on Twelve Mile Road.

for a day," Joel said. Booked, the twins went on to dental school at the University of Detroit.

After their residencies, the two opened their practice in Farmington Hills in 1986.

"When we first started out, we had about 900 square feet with the up-north, lodge-type atmosphere, which I think everyone finds so comfortable," Joel said.

Now, there are 11 rooms, complete with flat screen TVs and massaging dental chairs. Bathrooms are now fully decorated.

The practice offers a special incentive: free tooth whitening — a method that can typically cost \$200-400, the doctors said.

"The only catch: As long as you're a patient of ours," John said, and, "Your mouth must be healthy."

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Brothers, who own the dental practice just one floor above.

Immediately the then-38-year-old, who decided to finally close up a pesky gap between their front teeth, was at ease with husband-wife team Drs. Robert and Stady Goodman.

"They were young and personable," Markstrom said. "I always felt like I was getting good treatment at a reasonable price, and they were just very acceptable of my schedule."

The Goodmans, who met in St. Louis during the orthodontic residency, opened in July 2002 and have around 300 patients, Robert said.

"This is totally on our own, from scratch," Goodman said. "I've treated adults into their 70s and certainly everything in between."

Born in Council Bluffs, Iowa, Goodman said he had a very good orthodontist at a young age: his father.

"My father's a retired orthodontist," he said. "I kind of saw and spent some time in his office ...

and (saw) the life changes that he provided to my peers and myself.

"You work with young people, and you change their lives. That person who's shy and reserved might completely open up."

Since about 75 percent of their patients are under the age of 15, that child focus is essential to their practice, Goodman said.

Colorful office décor and six CPR-certified assistants provide security for people like Kim Klar, a West Bloomfield mother of three boys.

"They were very sensitive to his needs and sensitive to his sensitivities," Klar said. "They were very welcoming and warm. A couple people I've referred, and they've been very happy there."

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Fountain Walk director promoted

Linda Busse, former director of marketing, Fountain Walk shopping center in Novi, has been promoted to director of corporate communications for Schostak Bros. & Co., effective Oct. 1.

The Southfield-based real estate/development firm owns or manages 35 properties, including Laurel Park in Livonia, Macomb Mall in Roseville, Cherry Land in Trosseville, nine strip malls, and several office buildings. Schostak is also currently developing The Lobs of Merchants' Row in downtown Detroit.

In her new position, Busse will continue to oversee marketing efforts at Fountain Walk as well as other Schostak properties. A resident of Warren, Busse formerly worked as director of public relations for the Automotive Hall of Fame in Dearborn.

ITC named industry finalist

International Transmission Company, based in Novi, recently was named a finalist Platts' Sixth Annual Global Energy Awards in the industry leadership category.

Platts, a provider of energy information, judges energy companies on various activities, innovative skill, customer care, environmental care and safety and commercial success.

The ITC was selected particularly for its commitment to customer service, dedication to environment and innovation.

"Platts' Global Energy Awards is the 'Oscars' of the energy industry," ITC President and CEO Joseph Welch said. "We take pride in what we do at International Transmission and are deeply honored to have that work recognized across the entire energy industry."

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Buscher named director

Novi resident Elizabeth Buscher has been named director of the Center for Women's Leadership, effective Nov. 1.

The Center for Women's Leadership offers a unique program designed to help professional women develop leadership skills.

Buscher previously served as vice president of Meritum where she led marketing sales, event planning and program management for the company's Michigan market.

Katopodes joins Sullivan

Novi-based Sullivan & Leavitt, P.C., announced that it has hired Demetri D. Katopodes as an associate in the firm's litigation department.

Katopodes, who resides in Ann Arbor, will concentrate her practice in the areas of commercial litigation, estate planning and family law.

Founded in 1953, Sullivan & Leavitt, P.C. is a full-service business law firm serving a wide range of industries and institutions in Metro Detroit.

Art Van associates honored

Art Van Furniture announced that two Novi employees were selected to receive the company's "45 Finest" award.

The two winners were Leonard Gudenu and Cheryl Pawelski. Recipients demonstrate high standards of service and commitment and play a valuable role in the company's growth and success.

Art Van associates were asked to nominate their co-workers.

High five for Twelve Oaks

Twelve Oaks Mile recently announced the opening of five new scores: AVEIDA, Bakers, Chelsea, Teddy Bear Company, Cool Waves, and d.o.m.o.

Located on the upper level near Center Court, AVEIDA specializes in hair care, skin care and make-up

Polynorm is a leading Tier 1 supplier to the automotive industry.

JCPenney, Taubman reported.

Michigan Heritage Bancorp announced recently that they're planning to open two new branches, one of which will be in Wixom.

The branch tentatively will open sometime between April and June of next year. The other branch, planned for Livonia, should be ready for business in December or January.

Rockwell news on iron

Wixom-based Rockwell Medical Technologies, Inc., announced last week that the Food and Drug Administration is reviewing its Pre-Clinical Safety Pharmacology Study proposal for iron delivery technology.

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FAITH

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CHURCH CALENDAR

Crosspointe Meadows Church of Novi presents an Alpha Course exploring the Christian faith on Sundays at 6 p.m. Program includes workbook and light supper. There is no fee for this program.

CMC offices are located at 39830 Grand River Ave., Suite B1-C (west of Haggerty). Phone: (248) 427-2700; Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Faith Community Presbyterian Church invites you to worship at either the 9 or 10:30 a.m. service. Sunday School is offered at both services for children pre-kindergarten through 12th grade.

The marriage site is open at the public Thursday through Saturday at 9 a.m. Bucks-a-Bug Day is Saturday 9 a.m.-noon. All proceeds will support future mission trips.

Faith Community Presbyterian Church is located at 44400 W. Ten Mile Rd. in Novi. Call (248) 349-2345.

The Church of the Holy Family offers a Spanish-speaking Mass once a month. Masses begin at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 27.

Church of the Holy Family is offering "Theology on Tap." This is an opportunity for anyone with an interest to join in theological discussions of faith and reflection.

Theology on Tap will be held at Gus O'Connor's Irish Pub on the corner of Grand River and Market Street in downtown Novi from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Other events include: **Monday, Nov. 8** - "Prophecy in Our Own Land: Can There Be a Evangelical Opposition in the Church?" Joseph Gall, member of the pastoral staff, Holy Family. The church is located at 24505 N. Woodward Rd., between Ten Mile and Grand River Ave. Call (248) 349-8847.

Church of the Holy Cross offers Choral Evensong Sunday, Nov. 7, at 7 p.m. Join us for a truly beautiful Anglican worship service.

Choral Evensong includes organ, choir, Anglican chant, scripture, prayers and incense. The public is invited to attend.

The church offers a worship service every Wednesday from 12:10 - 12:50 p.m. Adult Bible Study on Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. Worship Center for children ages 3-7, and Sunday School at 10 a.m.

Church of the Holy Cross is located at 40200 W. Ten Mile Rd. (between Beck and Taft roads), Novi. Call (248) 349-1175 or visit www.churchoftheholycross.com.

Novi United Methodist Church is also holding its annual silent and live auction at 6 p.m. on Sat., Nov. 6, followed by dinner at 7 p.m. with a live auction to follow. There is a \$25 donation for dinner; advance tickets required. Call (248) 348-2652.

Novi United Methodist Church is located at 41761 W. Ten Mile Rd. Call (248) 349-2652.

St. John Lutheran Church will be holding its Fourth Annual Crafts, Collectibles, Cursing Show on Saturday, Nov. 30, from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. All crafts are made by members of St. John Lutheran Church and donated to benefit its building fund.

St. John Lutheran Church is located at 23225 Gill Rd. (west of Farmington Road between Freedom Road and Grand River Avenue).

TEEN CHAT - "UNDERAGE DRINKING"

What? Adults allowing their teens and friends to drink alcohol at their homes? And the excuse they give is so the teens can be in a safe and protected environment? Wow! What a deal for teens. "Cool" parents, eh?

"They'll rationalize it," says Mr. Mattelmann, who works in Needham, Mass. "They'll say, 'I did the same thing when I was a kid.' A few even provide the liquor themselves, reasoning that if teens drink at home, parents can supervise - and lock up their car keys."

When this subject first came out, that teens were drinking (again) at adult-supervised parties, I was amazed, incredulous even, that parents (who should know better) would allow such a thing! It's a wonder these parents aren't legislators, or they would fight to change the law from 21 to whatever age

they felt appropriate. It's a good thing these irresponsible adults are not in the Senate. I guess they know better than the law. Sheesh!

I was at a wedding on Saturday for some young people I barely know. I actually performed their wedding ceremony, and they asked me to go to their reception. I was obliged for two reasons. One - they are nice people, and I had fun counseling them and performing their ceremony. Second - FREE food baby!

I'm sitting there with a table of people I don't know, but we're making small talk. There's a young man with his girlfriend. His parents are also there. At some point, the young man's high school friends showed up and sat at our table. Apparently they graduated high school in 2003, putting them at approximately 19 or 20. The young man's father apparently knew them from "back in the day," because everyone was chit-chatting. Pleasant time until the young man's father (let's call him "Dad") arose and went to the bar. He came back with three cups of beer, one for himself and one for each of his son's underage friends. At first, I wasn't sure what to think, but then my brain began firing on all cylinders. Dad is part of a huge problem, or they would fight to change the law from 21 to whatever age

drinking like they did it on a regular basis. Heck, it was free, right? Isn't it at weddings that you're supposed to get blitzed? Well, that's what I've been told. I sat there long enough to experience dad pat yet again to get Round 2 of the free beer for the underage folk. I ate my dinner and left, too stunned and bewildered to say anything. And, not that it matters, but it all happened in front of the pastor "residing" over the bride and groom's wedding.

Parents, come on! What's gotten into you? Does the old justify the means? Do you say, "Well, at least they'll get blitzed at our home and not at someone else's house with no responsible parents present...?" If you allow that at your home, let me just open your eyes to something. **YOU ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE EITHER!** We have an epidemic of teens drinking and drinking/driving/riding, and you are encouraging them before they're even legal! This is an utter outrage!

First you take a drink, then the drink takes you, then the drink takes you. - Francis Scott Key Fitzgerald

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LIFESTYLES

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WEDDING



Mr. and Mrs. Lee Bonner

Andrea Burger and Lee Bonner were married on

Saturday, June 26, 2004, at St. James Catholic Church, Novi.

The bride is the daughter of Ken and Peg Burger of Novi and is a 1997 graduate of Novi High School. She is also a 2001 graduate of Albion College where she received a music education degree. She is a teacher in Taylor Public Schools.

The groom is the son of David and Sue Bonner of Canton and is a 1995 graduate of Plymouth-Salem High School. He received a history and education degree from Grand Valley State University in 2000. He is a social studies teacher in Novi Community Schools and works with the marching band at Novi High School.

The couple reside in Dearborn.

OBITUARY

Mary Ellen Edison, 84

Mary Ellen Edison died Oct. 27, 2004. She was 84. She was a graduate of St. Fred's High School, Pontiac.

Survivors include three children, Fran (Ben) Jozefowicz, Tina Edison and Jack (Denise) Edison; 10 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and a sister, Rosalie Shonka of Port Huron. She was preceded in death by her husband, John.

A funeral service was held Nov. 1 at Holy Family Church, Novi. Interment will be at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

Memorials may be made to a favorite Catholic charity of your choice.

Arrangements were made by O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi. Online sympathy messages may be sent to www.obrien-sullivanfuneralhome.com.

NAMES IN THE NEWS

Novi Youth Assistance held its 47th Annual Breakfast Meeting on Oct. 28, at the Novi Civic Center to honor and thank all those who have contributed in their own way to the betterment of youth in Novi.

The guest speaker was Craig Klaver, chief operating officer for the City of Novi. Klaver spoke about the highlights of Novi Youth Assistance as well as an overview of the city's growth. Recognition certificates were presented to:

• **Millie Cummings**, who has voluntarily raised emergency Christmas funding for Youth Assistance families in need.

• **Dr. Herbert Elfring** for his many years of sponsorship of the Novi Youth Assistance Annual Bowl-A-Thons.

• **Jerry Harris** from Novi Bowl for his continued support of the 22 years of Bowl-A-Thons.

• **Lore Martin** of Providence Hospital and Medical Centers for their support of the 22nd Annual Bowl-A-Thon and support of the 2004 Jeanne Clarke Teen Center.

• **Craig Klaver** for his continued support of Youth Assistance in too many ways to mention.

Over 50 people representing the City of Novi, Novi

Community School District, 52-1 District Court, Oakland County Youth Assistance, Novi Police Department, Novi Fire Department, various Novi businesses and Novi Youth Assistance Volunteers. The 2003-2004 Annual Report was distributed, showcasing all programs operated by Novi Youth Assistance. Breakfast was catered by Maria's Bakery on at Ten Mile and Meadowbrook roads.

If you are interested in volunteering or for more information about Novi Youth Assistance, please call (248) 347-0410. It takes a community to raise a child; let's do it together.

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This new section will feature photos of all babies born in 2004, along with editorial and advertising for new parents.

Each participant will receive a space similar to this:

HomeTown Extra Newspapers

Christina Louise Smith
March 22, 2004
Saint Joseph Mercy Livingston
Mike and Mary Smith

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To publish your 2004 arrival in Oh Baby!, send a photo and \$20 to:

HomeTown Newspapers
P.O. Box 230P
Howell, MI 48844
Attn: Leslie

All entries must be received by Jan. 12, 2005.

Include a SASE if you want your photo returned. **PRESS ARGUS**

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Chamber steps up to the plate

Amidst all the attention that Tuesday's election received (rightfully, a story that will - we hope - prove to have a direct impact on Novi's business community quietly unfolded. For the better part of the last five months, the Novi Road / Ten Mile Road intersection has been under reconstruction. To say that it has been an incremental to motorists is an understatement.

GOVERNMENT

Per reader request, we have compiled a list so you can get in touch with your local and regional senators and representatives. Their accessibility allows you as readers to voice your concerns directly and allows them to better represent their districts. If you feel we have missed anyone, contact us at (248) 349-1700, ext. 113.

United States Senate

Carl Levin (D-Detroit) 269 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington D.C. 20510 (202) 224-6221 senator@levin.senate.gov

State House of Reps

38th District Craig DeRochie (R-Novi) 30287 House Office Building PO Box 30014 Lansing, MI 48909-7514 (517) 373-0827 CRAIGDEROCHE@house.mi.gov

39th District

Blaine Shulman (R-West Bloomfield) 351 Capitol Building PO Box 30014 Lansing, MI 48909-7514 (517) 373-1799 FAX: (517) 373-5873 craigderochie@house.mi.gov

Oakland County

Executive L. Brooks Patterson County Service Center Building #24 East 1200 N Telegraph Road Pontiac, MI 48341 (248) 658-0484

7th Commission

Christine Long 1342 E. Commerce Road Commerce Twp., MI 48382 (248) 366-2656 longc@co.oakland.mi.us

8th Commission

Jeff Potter 1099 Stable Lane South Lyon, MI 48178 (248) 457-7597 potterj@co.oakland.mi.us

9th Commission

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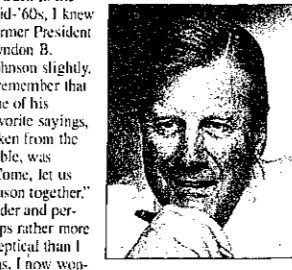
OPINION



Get in line Voters swarmed the atrium of the Novi Civic Center mid-morning on Election Day 2004, with some arriving as early as 6:15 a.m. to cast their ballot. Although there were similar numbers of voters and voting booths in each of the three districts in Novi, those voting in Precinct 15 had the longest wait.

Election offers perfect example of why this is your hometown paper

Mercifully, this election is over at last. Because I am a hostage to early deadlines, as of this writing I have no idea how it all turned out. But I continue to feel that whoever won the Presidency ought to realize his first and most important task is to bring our country - now so narrowly and so bitterly divided - back together.



Phil Power

Back in the mid-'60s, I knew former President Lyndon B. Johnson slightly. I remember that one of his favorite sayings, taken from the Bible, was "Come, let us reason together." Older and perhaps rather more skeptical than I was, I now wonder occasionally if LBJ's "reasoning together" was a verbally convenient way of inviting people to agree with him.

LETTERS

It's for the kids missing when the cute little ghosts and goblins are outnumbered by individuals who can drive themselves out to trick-or-treat. I found myself passing out candy and saying, "Don't forget to vote."

Share your opinions: We welcome your letters to the editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. We ask that your letters be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content. Generally, no more than one letter per month by the same author will be published.

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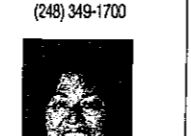
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SENIORS

Simply 'Spooktacular'

82 senior citizens meet for Halloween fun

By Kim Kovella STAFF WRITER



Alberta Edson and Blanche Richardson have some fun during last week's Novi Senior Center Halloween Party.

Large spiders hung on walls, tombstones were everywhere and small boxes contained slimy "body parts," but that only encouraged the room-full of 82 senior citizens. Four days before Halloween, the group met at the City of Novi Senior Center's "Spooktacular" for lunch, games and, of course, to show off spooky dolls and remember Halloween past.

Edson, who lived in Arizona for 17 years, recalled one of her favorites: "I had a Little Miss Muffet costume my mother made me when I was a kid with a staff and all." She used to roast pumpkin seeds for her two sons.

NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON SCHEDULING REGULAR ELECTION DATE

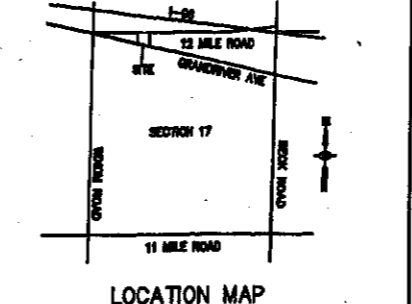
Please take notice that pursuant to the provisions of the Consolidated Election Law enacted in December of 2003, the Board of Education of the Northville Public Schools will conduct a public hearing on the establishment of a new regular election date pursuant to law.

NOTICE CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 04-062

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Pete Nemish is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow the sale of Christmas trees at 43350 Ten Mile Road (Eaton Center) from November 28, 2004 until December 24, 2004.

CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, November 10, 2004 at 7:30 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider NATIONAL CITY BANK, SITE PLAN NUMBER 04-54, FOR PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN APPROVAL AND STORM WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN APPROVAL.



All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, November 10, 2004.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations will conduct an accreditation survey of Hawthorn Center on December 13-16, 2004. The purpose of the survey will be to evaluate the organization's compliance with nationally established Joint Commission standards.

Division of Accreditation Operations Office of Quality Monitoring Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations One Renaissance Boulevard Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181

Faxed to 630/792-6786 or E-mailed to complaint@caho.org

The Joint Commission's Office of Quality Monitoring will acknowledge in writing or by telephone requests received 10 days before the survey begins.

SENIOR CENTER CALENDAR

Table with 2 columns: Date and Activities. Rows include Friday 11/5, Monday 11/8, Tuesday 11/9, Wednesday 11/10, and Thursday 11/11.

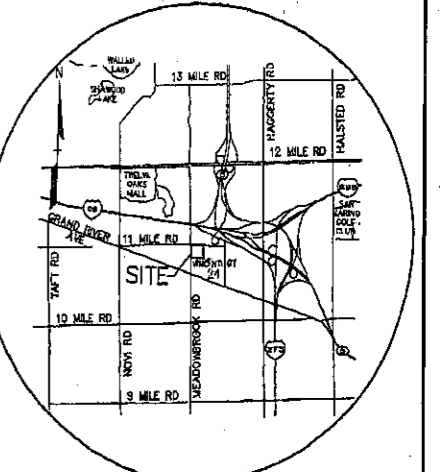
Activities designated with an "*" will be held at the Novi Civic Center. The Senior Center is located at 25075 Meadowbrook. Call (248) 347-0414.

NOTICE CITY OF NOVI FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 04-061

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Standard Federal Bank is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow placement of a tent for a Bank Promotion (open to the public) to be held at 43600 W. Oaks Drive on November 16, 2004.

CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, November 10, 2004 at 7:30 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider MEADOWBROOK MEDICAL CENTER, SITE PLAN NUMBER 04-26A, FOR APPROVAL OF PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN, STORM WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN, WETLAND PERMIT AND WOODLAND PERMIT.



All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, November 10, 2004.

Muscular Dystrophy Association Jerry Lewis, National Chairman 1-800-572-1717 www.mdausa.org

HEALTH

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A cure for the winter-time blues

By Ernie Harwell

We're getting into the time of year when the weather is less than perfect. The warm, dry days of summer will give way to rain, snow and ice. And in Michigan we can get all three in one day.

Now we can't just hibernate until springtime. And that means we have to be prepared to get out in whatever Mother Nature throws at us. And even though I'm fortunate enough to spend a few months in Florida, I'm still here for part of the fall and winter. So here's a few tips that I follow, and I hope you will, too.

Dress for the weather. A coat, gloves, scarf, hat and boots will protect you from the wet and the cold.

Drive even more carefully; if it's raining or snowing the best thing to do is slow down, give yourself more room between you and the car in front of you. And always wear a seatbelt, no matter what time of year.

Stay active. Walk around the mall or jog in place at home.

Eat healthy foods and drink enough water. In winter, we tend to drink less water than in summer, but it's just as important to stay hydrated in the winter.

Before you know it, spring will be back, and you'll still be in shape.

And remember, take care of your health before it's long-gone!

Ernie Harwell, "the voice of the Detroit Tigers" for more than four decades, retired after 55 years behind a major league microphone. Today, at age 86, Ernie's days are filled with serving as a health and fitness advocate for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Cross Network, public appearances, writing, traveling and taking long walks with "Miss Lulu," his wife of more than 60 years. His latest book, a collection of his baseball columns entitled "Life After Baseball," is available at local bookstores or by calling 1-800-245-5082.

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Notice is hereby given that on 11/18/04 at 3:30 p.m. the following will be sold by competitive bidding at Estate Self Storage 21650 Novi Rd., Novi, MI (Space No. 22) Valerie Clod, 1 ladder, 2 sofa, 2 dresser

(Space No. 452) Julie Horton 20 bags, 1 bookcase, 20 boxes, 4 kitchen chairs, 1 washing machine, 1 dryer, 10 other/misc

(Space No. 248) Bellinda Brynat 50 boxes, 6 other/misc.

(Space No. 22) Juan Blythe II 10 boxes, 1 file cabinet, 2 desks, 1 ladder, 2 shelves, 2 vacuum cleaners, 5 other/misc.

Hunting for medicine

Kilham says herbal extracts enhance libido

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

First there was Viagra. Now there's Hot Plants — a new capsule with herbal extracts developed by Chris Kilham of Amherst, Mass.

Kilham, who teaches plant medicine at the University of Massachusetts, came to Novi Town Center's Healthy Jones health food store Oct. 26 for a signing of his new book, "Hot Plants."

Known as the Medicine Hunter, Kilham's product comes in two forms — Hot Plants for Him and Hot Plants for Her.

"They are libido-enhancing products for men and women," Kilham said.

"They're herbal formulas with clinically proven herbal extracts. Some of these plants have been used for sexual enhancement for 2,000 to 3,000 years," he noted.

Kilham has already been featured on ABC TV's "20/20" news program and will appear on the show again Nov. 5. An article about him was also published on the front page of the Style section of the Oct. 19, 2004, edition of the Washington Post.

Kilham has swum with piranhas, feasted on scorpions, swigged snake liquor and danced through white-hot fire pits. His latest search for herbal aphrodisiacs put him face to face with shamans and herbalists from Peru to Siberia, Malaysia and the

Himalayas. A shaman is a traditional healer who serves as the village doctor and spiritual counselor. The book "Hot Plants" chronicles his libido-enhancing discoveries.

"In my work, I wind up spending time with native people, and they live very different lives than we do," he said.

Most people are familiar with the acronym DINK, which stands for "Dual Income, No Kids." Kilham has created a new one, DINS — "Dual Income, No Sex."

"An estimated 30 to 50 percent of couples are having sex about three times a month or less. This is a sexual disaster when people can't take the time to be intimate because of the levels of stress and lifestyle pressures that they are under," Kilham said.

Kilham spent 10 years researching the plants in Hot Plants and gathering information on the use of herbal extracts for sexual enhancement.

"Men and women can now use this safe, effective plant-derived remedy for sexual enhancement that is less expensive and has fewer side effects than drugs currently on the market," he said.

"We're getting feedback in women in their 50s who have experienced a loss of libido. After taking Hot Plants for a couple of weeks, they experience renewed sexual desire," he said.

"We're also getting responses from middle-aged men who have experienced some measure of erectile dysfunction. Again, after a few weeks of using Hot Plants, they feel sexually younger and have greatly improved function."

Men as young as their late 30s and early 40s are already experiencing some erectile dysfunction.



Photo by PAM FLEMING

Chris Kilham, left, talks with Ken Fink of West Bloomfield, a former holistic doctor in the area, at a book signing at Healthy Jones health food store at Novi Town Center for Kilham's new book, "Hot Plants," about libido-enhancing plants. Kilham travels the world in his research on herbal extracts.

Kilham noted, "If they can be helped safely, naturally, and inexpensively, this is a good thing," Kilham said.

Kilham said that seven months after the male sexual enhancement drug Viagra came on the market, the Food and Drug Administration reported 123 Viagra-related deaths in the U.S. and 55 in Europe — mostly heart attacks and other cardiac events.

"This is extreme. There's no question that Viagra is very dangerous. If you can use something that's safer, why wouldn't you?" he asks.

Kilham said he became interested in herbal remedies in the late 1960s.

"I started learning about them and became interested in this whole area of plant medicine relating to health. Sexual health is only one aspect of how herbs can benefit health," he said.

Future plans include a trip to Chile, where he'll research an herb useful in treating inflammation.

Pam Fleming is a staff writer for the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105, or by e-mail at pfleming@hthomecomm.net.

Providence named among nation's top heart hospitals

For the fourth year in a row, Providence Hospital is ranked as one of the country's top 100 hospitals for heart care, according to an independent national study.

The Solvetic 100 Top Cardiovascular Hospitals' Benchmarks for Success study identifies those hospitals that have achieved excellence in care, efficiency of operations and sustainability of cardiovascular performance. The study focused on hospitals across the nation that treat high volumes of heart attack patients and perform large numbers of specific heart-related procedures such as bypass grafts and angioplasties.

Providence Hospital, a member of St. John Health, was one of only 30 teaching hospitals with cardiovascular residency programs listed. St. John Health, also a member of St. John Health, was named in the same category.

"This independent study recognizes the commitment our team of doctors, nurses and staff members have made to provide our patients with the world class heart care they expect and deserve," said Rob Casalino, president of Providence Hospital. "Our community can gain great comfort in knowing that one of the nation's top heart hospitals exists right in their neighborhood."

Now in its sixth year, the Solvetic 100 Top Hospitals: Cardiovascular Benchmarks for Success study identifies hospitals that are setting benchmark levels of performance for cardiovascular services throughout the nation.

More information about the results of this study is available at www.100tophospitals.com.

EVENTS

All Things Tea Display

DATE: Tuesday, Nov. 9
TIME: 6 - 8 p.m.
LOCATION: Providence Center for the Healing Arts — Nancy A. Fox Art Gallery, Assarian Cancer Center, 4760 Grand River Ave., Novi
DETAILS: The community is invited to a free, fun-filled artists' reception for the "Third Annual Mad Hatter Tea Party," a show of original artwork by patients, families and associates, as well as juried pieces by Novi High School students. Costumes are encouraged. The show will be in the gallery until December 31. Gallery hours are 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
CONTACT: (248) 465-5455

American Association of University Women Meeting

DATE: Tuesday, Nov. 9
TIME: 7 p.m.
LOCATION: Northville Public Library
DETAILS: The Northville/Novi branch of AAUW's monthly meeting will feature Dr. Mary Viehhaber, president of Viehhaber & Associates, Inc., which is a consulting firm focused on leadership development, executive coaching and communication consulting. Her presentation is entitled "Improve Your Communication and Interviewing Skills."
CONTACT: (248) 449-7602

"Crafts for Charity"

DATE: Friday, Nov. 12
TIME: 5 - 8:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Real Estate One of Novi, 43155 Main Street, Ste.
CONTACT: (313) 534-1310 or

2300, Novi
DETAILS: \$1 per person donation at the door. Fair includes crafters, home sale company rps (incl. Aven, Arbonne, Stampin' Up), bake sale and more. Ten baskets of goodies will be raffled. All funds support the Real Estate One Charity Foundation, which benefits the American Cancer Society and Special Olympics of Michigan. Strollers are prohibited.

North American Horse Spectacular

DATE: Nov. 12-14
TIME: Fri: 1 - 9 p.m.; Sat: 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Sun: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
LOCATION: Novi Expo Center, 43700 Expo Center Dr. (Southwest corner of I-96 and Novi Road).
DETAILS: All breed horse expo with demonstrations and over 50 horses representing over 20 different breeds. Shop at over 250 booths plus ride the full-size carousel all weekend for free. Info on many clubs and associations. Price is \$10; free for those age 12 and under. Parking is \$5.
CONTACT: (517) 485-2309 or www.horsespectacular.com

Catholic Central High School Open House

DATE: Sunday, Nov. 14
TIME: noon - 4 p.m.
LOCATION: 14200 Redford Drive, Redford
DETAILS: This special day allows you to tour the school, see exhibits, meet students, parents, and faculty, and you will have the opportunity to get a glimpse of the future as CC prepares to move to a new school and campus in Novi in 2005.
CONTACT: (313) 534-1310 or

CALENDAR

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DAR, Sarah Ann Cochran Plymouth-Northville Chapter 78th Birthday Celebration

DATE: Monday, Nov. 15
TIME: 11:30 a.m.
LOCATION: Station 885, 885 Starkweather, Plymouth
DETAILS: All DAR members and potential members are welcome. Mary Ellen Byrne, DAR State Regent will be the speaker.
CONTACT: P. Westerhold for reservations, (734) 420-2775.

"My Fair Lady" Auditions

DATE: Nov. 15 and 17
TIME: 7 p.m.
LOCATION: 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd.
DETAILS: Audition packets are now available at Novi Parks & Recreation.
CONTACT: (248) 347-0400

SWOCC Meeting

DATE: Wednesday, Nov. 17
TIME: 7 p.m.
LOCATION: Farmington Hills City Hall, 31555 Eleven Mile Rd.
DETAILS: Note that this is the changed location of the meeting

originally scheduled at the Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission studios.
CONTACT: (248) 473-2800

Providence Center for the Healing Arts Boost Camp

DATE: Friday, Nov. 19
TIME: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
LOCATION: Providence Medical Building, 4760 Grand River Ave., Novi
DETAILS: A day of enrichment and personal exploration designed to provide valuable tools, information and a new perspective on healthier living through wholeness that can be very beneficial to the participants. Open to the public. \$30 per person. Includes lunch and materials. Registration is required.
CONTACT: 248-465-5455

America's Family Pet Expo

DATE: Nov. 19-21
TIME: Friday 1 - 9 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.; Sunday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
LOCATION: Novi Expo Center, 43700 Expo Center Dr., Novi
DETAILS: An adventure for the whole family featuring hand-on petting opportunities, exhibits, demonstrations, entertainment,

food and fun.
CONTACT: Gwen Powell, (800) 999-7295 or gwen@wvpsa.com.

Northville Youth Theater Babes in Toyland

DATE: Dec. 17-19
LOCATION: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St., Northville.
DETAILS: Kids ages 7-18 are invited to join Northville's newest performing arts group, Northville Youth Theater, for its first production, Babes in Toyland. Rehearsals will vary by assigned part. This production is presented by Northville Parks and Recreation and Serendipity Productions.
CONTACT: Northville Parks and Recreation at (248) 349-0203, ext. 1411, for more information.

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DATE: every Wednesday
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Rd.
TIME: 7 - 8:30 a.m.
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: (734) 462-6460

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DATE: Nov. 18
TIME: 9 a.m. - noon
LOCATION: Oakland County complex, 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac
DETAILS: Workshop for small business owners who are developing a plan to serve as their road map to success. Fee is \$40, which includes all materials.
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How to Start a Business

DATE: Nov. 10
TIME: 9 a.m. - noon
LOCATION: Oakland County complex, 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac
DETAILS: Seminar for anyone

thinking about going into business. Participants examine their entrepreneurial skills, learn how to implement their ideas and receive a list of pitfalls to avoid. Fee is \$40.
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CALENDAR

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CLASSES

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

DATE: Every Tuesday night
TIME: 5 - 8 p.m.
LOCATION: Assarian Cancer Center, 47601 Grand River Ave., 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. Some activities may include a supplies fee (no more than \$10).
CONTACT: (248) 465-5483

SUPPORT GROUPS

Kensington Valley Mothers of Multiples (MOMS)

DATE: second Thursday of each month
TIME: 7 p.m.
LOCATION: Witch's Hat Depot, South Lyon.
DETAILS: Kensington Valley Mothers of Multiples provides information, support and social activities for mothers of multiple-birth children and their families.
CONTACT: Emily Sack, president, at (248) 676-2913.

Women's Prayer Support

DATE: every Saturday
TIME: 9 - 10:30 a.m.
LOCATION: Harvest Fellowship Church, 49329 Pontiac Trail, Wixom (parking is behind the church).
DETAILS: You are welcome to come for encouragement, help, hope and prayer as you face life's problems, issues and frustrations. Drop in for five minutes or longer.
CONTACT: Nancy and Susan at (248) 926-8332 or by e-mail at harvestfellowship@comcast.net.

Breast Cancer Support Group

DATES: second and fourth

Tuesdays of the month.
LOCATION: Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, Commerce, Classroom C on the ground floor of the hospital.
TIME: 10 - 11:30 a.m.
DETAILS: There is no need to call ahead and register.
CONTACT: (248) 937-5017

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 Ave.).
DETAILS: We are a nonprofit, non-denominational group that brings adoptive families together. Our twice-a-month meetings provide families with the opportunity to share play and conversation.
CONTACT: For more information contact Michelle Pergeau (248) 887-4955 or Sandra Noonan (248) 960-3257.

Novi Toastmasters

DATE: first and third Tuesdays of the month.
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.

New Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) chapter

DATES: Wednesdays mornings
LOCATION: Meadowbrook Commons Activities Room, 25075 Meadowbrook Rd., Novi.
TIME: 11 a.m. weigh-in; 11:30 a.m. meeting
DETAILS: \$20 per annual membership includes handbook, \$1 per meeting. New members welcome.

Send your calendar items to Cal Stone, editor, Novi News, 104 W. Main, Northville, MI 48167; fax to (248) 349-9532; or e-mail to estone@nlh.comcomm.net.



IT'S A REVOLUTION

In an industry where references to tribute acts and impersonators are often less than complimentary, Revolution (The Beatles Tribute) transcends that myth and creates an entertainment experience that goes beyond the mere boundaries of traditional "Beatlemania."
Coupling authentic instruments, vocal renditions and costumes with the visual impact of the Beatles, the band Revolution delivers a concert that immediately takes the audience reeling back into the '60s - a time when the Fab Four took a generation by its hearstrings.
The band takes the stage in their mop tops and collarless suits and plays the early classics from the Ed Sullivan years when the British invaders first topped

the charts. In a whirlwind of hits and costume changes, which include the Sgt. Pepper years right on through the break-up years, Revolution captures the very essence of the four young lads from Liverpool whose musical and philosophical lives provided the soundtrack for an era.
Unlike other Beatles tribute acts, the cast members of Revolution breathe life into their characters as actors breathe life into those whom they portray. The banter between the songs is as gripping and authentic as the sound of the hits themselves. The effect is staggering and has impressed audiences across the world from Hollywood to Japan.
Since its introduction into the Beatle market several years ago,

the group has already performed in a diverse range of venues, including Tom Hank's wedding anniversary party, the Royal Crown Caribbean cruise line, Universal Studios, colleges, universities, fairs, festivals and performing art centers throughout the United States.
The group's John Lennon (portrayed by Tim Piper) has gained so much notoriety from his appearances on CBS, NBC and the E! Channel that Revolution has now spawned an additional show called Working Class Hero - The John Lennon Experience. That show highlights the talents of John Lennon and takes place on an imaginary tour that John Lennon might have embarked upon during his early 40s.

INFORMATION

You say you want a revolution? Well, great seats are still available for one this Saturday night.

That's when Revolution, The Beatles Tribute, performs at Fuerst Auditorium at Novi High School. The show starts at 7 p.m., and net proceeds will benefit the Novi Educational Foundation.

Ticket prices are:
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The concert is presented by Novi Financial Services, and sponsors include Real Estate One, Telcom Credit Union, Bob Sellers, and Brightshore Networks.

The Novi Educational Foundation is working with Concerts for a Cause to put the show together. As a bonus event, the winning ticket for this year's Winner-Take-All Raffle will be drawn at the concert. Though it's not necessary to be present to win, somebody is going to win over \$4,000 in prizes including cash, sporting tickets and a variety of gift certificates. The Winner-Take-All Raffle is one of the NEF's main fund-raising activities.

Call (248) 449-1200 for more information.

SPOTLIGHT ON:
ALLERGY & ASTHMA
Presented by
Michael S. Rowe, M.D., F.A.C.P., C.C.R.I.

BAD BREATH & LUNG DISEASE
While bad breath can create social problems, it may also help diagnose lung problems. Scientists at the University of Virginia recently discovered a connection between the acidity of person's breath and certain lung conditions, including asthma and cystic fibrosis. During the study, 100 healthy patients breathed into a disposable breathalyzer four times daily for seven straight days. pH levels remained stable in this group. In patients with lung disease, readings fluctuated more dramatically and remained more acidic overall. In addition, acidity levels seemed to rise depending how severe a person's condition was. The breath tests were found to be more accurate than taking saliva samples from patients' mouths and as accurate as taking samples from the back of patient's throats.
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LET'S TALK *Jewelry* WITH GARY S. WEINSTEIN GEMOLOGIST

A SUNNY DISPOSITION
Citrine, one of the birthstones for the month of November, derives its name from the French word for lemon, "citron." Thus, it should come as no surprise that this gemstone displays a juicy lemon color. In fact, its color ranges from yellow to gold to orange-brown shades of transparent quartz. Sunny and affordable, citrine brightens nearly any jewelry style, blending particularly well with the yellow gleam of polished gold. The darker, orange color of citrine, which is sometimes referred to as Madeira citrine after the color of wine, has traditionally been regarded as the most valued color. In modern times, however, many people prefer the bright lemon shades, which mix better with pastels.
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Quick Hits



Tailgating madness

The Novi faithful sure know how to throw a party. Prior to the football game at Hillside, the green and white fans were in the parking lot with hot dogs cooking on the flames of a grill. It was a sight to see and even better to taste.

The Wildcats fanatics raised over \$200 for Teens Aiding the Cancer Community and they hope everyone will help them do it again next week at Canton. The cost of the tailgate is \$5 for all-you-can-eat. The two high school students who organize the event take enough cash off the top to even out what they spent on supplies and donate the rest.

The tailgate will begin around 4 p.m. at Canton High School on Joy Road between Beck and Sheldon.

The silence of the fans

It's amazing the difference a mere mile can make.

At Novi's football stadium a fan has to strain at times to hear the National Anthem being played over the din of the fans.

At Northville's field you could practically hear a pin drop.

It's even more of an honor to hear the silence thanks to Northville's decision to feature a veteran as an honorary captain each week throughout the regular season. They go out and assist with the coin toss and are allowed on the sidelines throughout the game.

Media frenzy

The Detroit News, television reporters, a crew from the "State Champs" show and a few more were in attendance at last week's game.

One reporter said he hoped Novi would score four touchdowns early and get the game over with. Looks like the Wildcats didn't disappoint.

Was there any doubt?

Novi's boys cross country team crushed the competition at the regional meet last week. The top two runners across the line? None other than Mark Moore and Amol Huprikar. These guys don't seem to be able to slow down, even when the rain and wind keeps assaulting them through a race.

It will be interesting to see how well Novi does in the state finals — and not just the boys. The girls team made the finals in a great showing at the regional, taking third as a team to earn the berth. They even outran Northville, which had been putting up the best numbers in school history.

Familiar faces

Novi's football success this season has brought some familiar faces to the games. Most recently, Josh Buck and Chris Scott were seen while Adam Brandau, Brent Pantaleo and Mark Angelucci made a recent game.



They're more than just alumni returning — they're fans.

Applaud worthy

Does anyone remember that little-known quarterback from Novi two years ago named Chase Chandler? Of course we do. And just in case we didn't he's making sure to make a name for himself at Albion College.

Chandler snagged four interceptions in a recent game against the topped ranked team in the MIAA, Hope. His squad beat Hope 17-13 in an upset. The feat gained Chandler a spot in the record books as his performance set a single-game record in the conference for interceptions. It also earned him MIAA defensive player of the week honors.



Impressive Wildcat
The Novi Wildcats girls cross country team will make a trip to the state finals after putting up their best times of the year at the regional. The boys squad won their race for an automatic berth.
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Fans in the stands
The fans in the stands chanted "Just like last week" prior to the playoff game between Novi and Northville. The Wildcats made sure that was indeed the case.
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To win in the districts, Novi has to maintain

ORDER ON THE COURT



Wildcats (from left) Nicole Stephen, Kelly Herbert, Jessica Haggerty, Jessica Gasiorok, and Rachele Folino. All five are starters under Bill Kelp.

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

The Novi Wildcats wiped a bead of sweat off their brows earlier this season when they earned a one-point victory over the Northville Mustangs in basketball action.

They're hoping not to be sweating as much come Nov. 15 when they play their cross-town rivals again in post-season play at Canton High School. The tip off is scheduled for 7 p.m.

"I think we're excited about it," said Novi coach Bill Kelp. "We're always excited to play Northville. They are a good team that is well coached. You always know against Northville, that anything can happen."

In a year of odd ups and downs for the Wildcats, Kelp said the key will be making sure his girls are mentally prepared for the challenges of district tournament play.

"Hopefully our girls are up for it," he said and then recalled last season when Northville ousted Novi from the playoffs in the first round. The Wildcats had beat the Mustangs in the regular season that year too. "We'd definitely like to make up for what happened last year in the first round."

The Wildcats, however, won't have the

luxury of their second-best scorer on the team this time around. Hope Morris, a junior, is out for the season due to a recurring knee injury.

"It has hurt us all year," Kelp said of not having his shooter around. "She's an experienced player that is a good shooter."

Kelp noted it's painful to see the look on Morris' face when they are out on the court without her.

"She wants to be out there," he said. "She wants to contribute. She's had a tough year and a tough injury to come back from. We'll be there though to help her get through it and help her get ready for next year."

But before they can the Wildcats have to focus on the task at hand. The key to beating Northville?

"Great defense," Kelp said. "That's the key to beating any of these teams."

Playing some of her best defense of the year has been Nicole Stephen, a junior interior player.

"It seems that when Nicole is playing well we tend to be successful," said Kelp. "That definitely seems to be one of our key ingredients."

As well as the shooting of Rachele Folino, a junior forward, and Jessica Haggerty, a senior guard. Even with two impressive shooters, Novi knows it will

take more than that to be successful in the post season.

"I think it's going to take a total team effort," said Kelp. "It can't be just one or two players. Everyone has to play well."

There have been flashes of such play throughout the season for Novi, especially when they upended the top team in the Kensington Valley Conference in Pinckney.

"We've shown at various times this season that we are a pretty good team and a tough team to beat," said Kelp. "When we've done that it's not because of just one or two players, it's because of the entire team."

Even though Novi didn't finish this year with the same final standings as last season Kelp and his girls aren't worried. Instead, they understand that in basketball a lot of funny things can happen.

"Anything can happen when it's one and done," Kelp noted. "It's all about who is playing the best at that time. I think any team in this district can come out on top. Who ever makes the least amount of mistakes and plays together in it will win."

Novi is definitely looking to play together.

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LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

There are ups and downs to any basketball season. The Novi Wildcats just happened to experience both in a single week.

Novi earned a tight 40-38 double overtime victory over the Lakeland Eagles before falling flat against Brighton, 28-25, just two days later.

"Both teams had outstanding defenses," said Novi coach Bill Kelp. "In one game we were able to hit shots when we needed to and in the other game we weren't."

Against Brighton, Novi held a six-point lead in the fourth quarter before the Bulldogs kicked their defense up a notch. The result was a total of 26 turnovers in the game with 17 coming in the second half.

"I'm happy with how well the defense played," Kelp said. "Holding Brighton to just 28 points is a big accomplishment. Unfortunately, we missed some open shots at the end and allowed the pressure to cause some turnovers in the fourth quarter."

Leading the way for Novi was Rachele Folino, who netted half of her team's points with 12. Nicole Stephen added eight in the loss.

Against Lakeland, Novi had better results in the pressured moments. They hit a team-combined 22-of-28 free throws to earn their second win of the season over the Eagles.

"They play such hard defense so we took it at them," said Kelp. "We drew some fouls. That was definitely the key to the game."

Folino netted 17 points while Stephen added 13 and Jessica Haggerty drained nine in the victory. "We knew it was going to be a tough game," Kelp said. "It was a battle, that's for sure."

The Wildcats are scheduled to be back in action today when they visit the Hartland Eagles in Kensington Valley Conference action at 7 p.m. The final regular schedule game is Tuesday at home when Novi hosts the Milford Mavericks at 7 p.m.

The queen cagers of the hardwood

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

Try stopping any team in the basketball districts. It's tough. Why? Because every team knows the next loss is their last. Season's over after just one.

So how does a team go about keeping that loss at bay? The first step is the most important: stopping the other team's top player.

The top player is always easy to notice. She's pushing hard to the bucket, calling for the ball and making things happen. That's why they're the best.

CANTON CHIEFS

Katie Cezat
Senior
Post

The question is simple: is there anything Katie Cezat can't do?

"She can shoot the three, she can play the post and she can basically do whatever she wants to do," said Northville coach Pete

Wright. "She's not a true post player because she can do almost anything."

Cezat registers as the biggest threat to any squad who faces the Chiefs.

"She's dangerous in a lot of different ways," Wright said. "She's excellent. It's hard figuring out what kind of player you want to guard her with."

A team looking to take down Canton has one huge step to take down a very long road — stopping Cezat.

"You certainly have to minimize her points," said Wright. "Canton is always going to play great defense so you have to hold her number of points down. They do have other girls that are going to make shots. Even if you give an all out effort on Katie, you have to play defense on the other four. They definitely contribute when Katie is being stopped."

PLYMOUTH WILDCATS

Jeanine Moise
Junior
Post

Classic post players can take you to the hoop with a variety of inside moves that get you going one way while they go the other.

Jeanine Moise is a classic post player. "She has all of the classic post moves," said Wright. "She gets the ball down on the block and is extremely difficult to stop."

And Moise isn't afraid to move around the court either. Wright said the biggest challenge with the Wildcat is how well she rotates to the ball.

"She goes after everything," he said.

And even when a team manages to get a body on Moise, there is an answer waiting to step up in Kim Olack, a junior post player.

"Kim's about the same type of player," said Wright.

They are both true post players and the biggest assets on Plymouth's team. Not to mention the factors an opposing team has to stop to win the game.

"Plymouth's biggest challenge is getting them the ball," Wright said.

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Harriers win tough regional title

There was never much doubt in the minds of their fans and for anyone else for that matter.

The Novi Wildcats did the predictions proud as they ran away with the top spot in the regional meet last Saturday. They earned 31 points along the way to finish first while Livonia Churchill took second with 65 points and Salem was third with 68.

"The course was slow due to the soggy ground," said Novi coach Robert Smith of Schoolcraft College's regional racing ground that was assaulted with two days of rain. "Places are what counted and we took four out of the top eight. All of our guys (were) in the top 18."

The impressive performance gave Novi a berth into the state finals, scheduled to be held Saturday in Brooklyn, Mich.

Novi will be looking to have even better times than they did this week, and hope rain doesn't play a factor in two days.

Mark Moore, a senior, was not surprisingly the top finisher in the regional last week. He took the top spot in just 16:20. One second behind him was fellow senior Amol Huprikar, who finished second in 16:21.

Novi wasn't through at that point though and continued to impress as Spencer Ornes finished in seventh in just 16:47 and Justin Nanni crossed the line at 16:49 for eighth place. Both runners are seniors.

Kip Miller put on a show, finishing 13th in 17:18 to be the second-best sophomore finisher at the meet behind Northville's Jason Turnbull, who finished fifth. Novi also had Bobby Watts, a junior, finish 17th in 17:30 while Mike Wheat, a sophomore, took 18th in 17:34.

'Cats will make trip to finals

On paper, it was a trip that should never have happened. The Novi Wildcats girls' cross country team didn't have the times that other teams, like Northville, had been producing all season.

Predictions found them finishing fifth behind the likes of Stevenson, Churchill, Salem and cross-town rival Northville.

The predictions were almost right. Novi finished fourth with 80 points behind Stevenson (50), Churchill (61) and Salem (65). The top three teams earn automatic bids to the state finals Saturday and any team with four runners in the top 20 also makes it.

"That is just what the Novi girls did," said Norm Norgren, Novi's coach.

Patti Ramos led the charge with a very impressive performance. She took 10th place with a time of

20:06 while teammate Meghan Baumatz took 14th in 20:22. In 17th was Katie Sheamon, running an impressive time of 20:36, while Andiea Kramer took 19th in 20:37. Klaina Sekulowski, a freshman, ran a 20:39 for 21st and the second-best finish of any freshman in the race.

Also finishing strong was Erica Howard, who took 25th in 21:00, while Laura Brunner ran to 38th in 21:49.

"The 'Cats were able to run their best race of the season," said Norgren, noting there was a very brisk wind and soggy conditions to deal with.

The Novi top five had a puck time of 33 seconds, which can be credited for their berth to the finals.

Norgren noted it also helped to have so much grit on his squad.

"One of the most important runs of the day came from Andiea Kramer, who finished 19th," said Norgren. "Andiea held on to her finish even though she had breath-

ing problems during the last half of the race."

Ramos and Baumatz both earned All-Regional honors thanks to their performances.

The team will now compete in the state finals in Brooklyn, Mich. Saturday.

"The 'Cats have their ticket and are ready to dance," Norgren said.

Novi wins last dual meet

The Novi Wildcats swimming and diving team showed just how much an established program pays off last week when they defeated first-year Milford, 128-58.

The girls had some impressive performances throughout the night. Taking first in the opening event of the 200 medley relay was the team of Julia Schramm, Mary Rudzinski, Jen Mu and Dana Hapanowicz with a time of 1:59.20. Taking

third was the team of Rachel Moblo, Colleen Patton, Emily Erickson and Emily Stark.

In the 200 free, Soadong Chung took first in 2:12.76 while Megan BuWalda was second and Yalda Dastmalchi was third. The 200 individual medley found Whitney Jabon taking first in 2:34.55 and Nicole Patton in second in 2:35.23.

Taking second in the 500 free was Emily Stark in 27:94 seconds while Elaine Gretch took third in 28.50. Notching first in diving was Amy Gluzinski with a score of 177.55 points while Jauna Ramsey was second with 170.65.

Novi continued to look strong with a second place finish from Erickson in the 100 fly. Mu took second in the event. In the 100 free, Hapanowicz was first in 1:00.54 with Gretch taking third. Novi swept the 500 free with Laura Lynch taking first in 5:32.03 while Lauren Paquette took second and Danielle Higbee took third.

The 200 free relay team of Jabon, Gretch, Stark and Rudzinski took first in 1:51.03, while Courtney Rotkowiak, Dastmalchi, Chung and BuWalda took second in 1:54.03.

The 100 backstroke found Schramm taking second and Moblo taking third while Rudzinski earned first in the 100 breaststroke with a time of 1:15.38. Kaitlin Higgins took third in the event.

The 400 free relay team finished first with a team of Lynch, Erickson, Schramm and Hapanowicz leading the way in 4:03.95. Taking third for Novi was the team of Paquette, Gretch, Dastmalchi and Chung.



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Novi's top female runner, Patti Ramos, is nearly out of breath as she sprints for the finish line last Saturday. Ramos took 10th overall as her squad qualified for the state finals Saturday in Brooklyn, Mich.

—Compiled by Sam Eggleston

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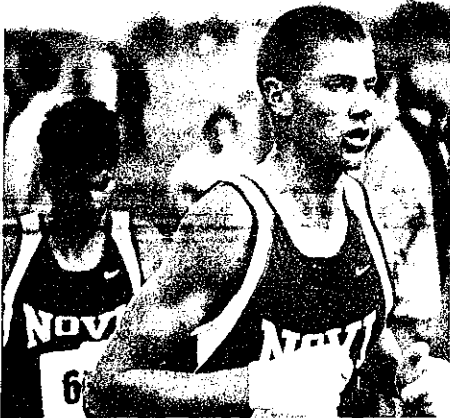


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Amol Huprikar (left) and Mark Moore took the top two spots in the regional meet last week. The boys won the regional, qualifying them for the state finals Saturday.

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FAMILIAR TERRITORY

Playoff experience pays off for Novi



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LEFT: The arm of Sean Costello, a Novi Wildcat, shows the scars of Friday night's victory against Northville covered in mud and a cut or two. Former Novi head coach and current assistant John Osborne, right, leads the celebration last Friday night as the Wildcats advanced from the first round of the playoffs.

Wildcats crush cross-town rival

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

With 21 seconds remaining, the Novi Wildcats team took the play from the sidelines, took the snap and knelt the football with a 38-7 lead.

As coach Tab Kellepourey jogged toward the locker room with his squad, he could only wonder what he'd do in the second half.

Novi crushed cross-town rival Northville Friday night, 51-13. It was their second victory in a row over the Mustangs after having beaten them 35-7 a week prior.

"We were definitely worried," Kellepourey said of Northville's second chance. "With the mud on the field and their spread offense we thought they would have a strong combination."

But, much like the week before, it was all Novi. Their second play from scrimmage resulted in a 41-yard touchdown pass from senior quarterback Kevin Cisto to Chris Dalton and a 7-0 lead.

From there, it just continued to escalate. By the end of the first quarter the Wildcats were in the lead 14-0 on a 43-yard jaunt by Jarrell Woods before making it 38-7 by the end of the half. Pat Sijan hit a 26-yard field goal before Woods scored from 20 yards out and Cisto added two of his own for the dominating lead.

"Some of our guys played some outstanding football tonight," Kellepourey said. "I was real proud of the way they handled themselves."

The Mustangs, on the other hand, weren't as satisfied. Their lone touchdown of the first half came on a broken-coverage pass

play for 58-yards from junior quarterback Charlie Thomas to senior receiver Mike Jameson.

"We just couldn't handle their speed," said Northville coach Clint Alexander. "Novi has an impressive football program. We wish them the best of luck in the playoffs."

Novi tallied up three more scoring drives through the second half. The first came in the third quarter on the opening drive. Josh Woods took the handoff up the gut for a one-yard touchdown with just three and a half minute off the clock. Early in the fourth quarter, junior quarterback Steve Hart added a score of his own on a 75-yard sprint up the middle and the 51-13 final.

Northville's only second-half score came on a four-yard run from senior Mae Stillec.

Novi (8-2) collected 477 yards of total offense with 339 coming from their rushing attack. Northville had just 288 yards of offense.

Next up for the Wildcats is Canton (10-0), who beat Belleville in their district opener. The game will find Novi on the road again.

John Favorite, a defensive back, led Novi in tackles, gathering up seven solo, while senior linebacker Robbie Carter added six solo and two assisted tackles in the winning effort. Novi had one sack and three interceptions.

"Canton has a very nice football program over there," said Kellepourey. "Right now, we're going to celebrate this win and then we'll worry about them."

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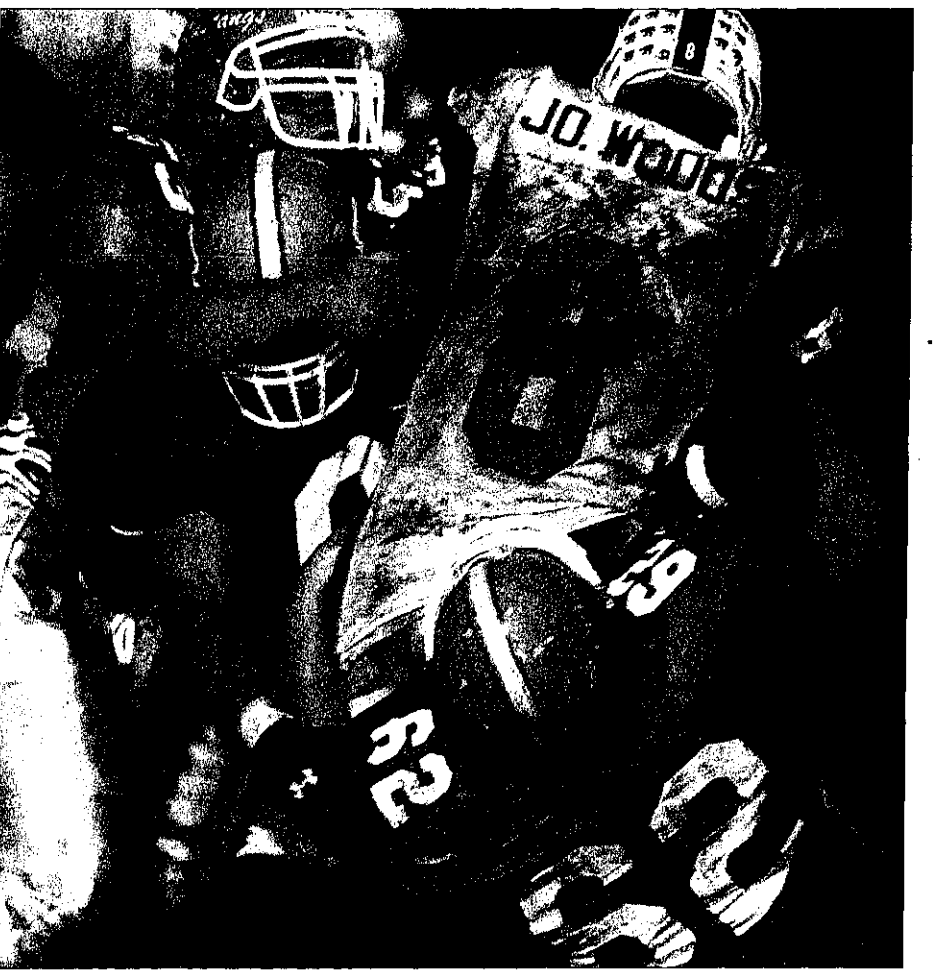
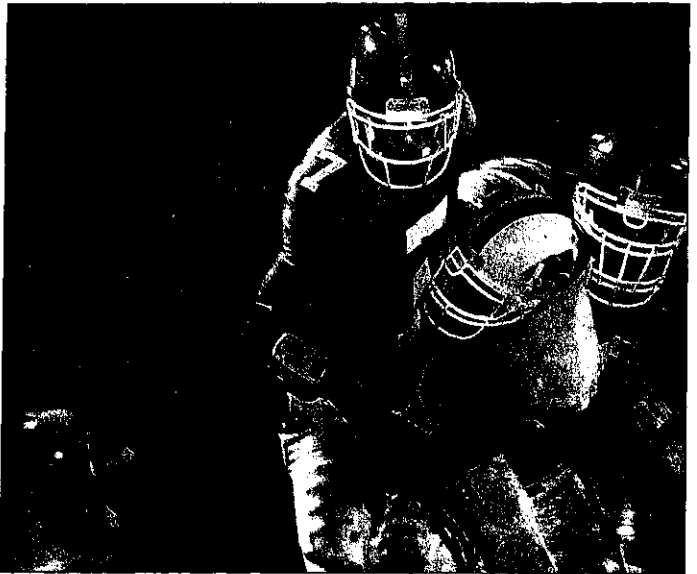


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Sometimes it takes three to take down one Wildcat bent on reaching the endzone. Mustangs Joe Hogan, Rick Birdsall, and Ryan Xuereb take down Novi ballcarrier Josh Woods during last Friday's rematch of the Baseline rivalry game.



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Novi assistant coaches Dave Hartman and John Osborne (left photo) tell the referees their opinion of which team should possess the ball after Novi's John Brown (right photo) caused Northville's Richie Nejman to fumble the ball before Nejman was down. The Mustangs, however, retained possession.

Queens of the court

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SALEM ROCKS
Ellen Canale
Senior
Shooting Guard
Some players just never give up. Salem is fortunate to have one of them.
"She's just very competitive," said Wright.
And she's damn good too. Canale can pull up and sink the three-point field goal or pull the ball down and drive on any team.
"Just about the time you get at her she's going to fake and then end up in the heart of your defense," Wright said. "She's just a complete shooting type of guard."
Canale is also capable of taking the ball up the court. Salem runs with three guards, all of which are capable of playing the point guard position.
"It's point guard by committee over there," said Wright. "Through she can play that role easily she's more of a true shooting guard."
The key to stopping her? Wright said teams have to contain her when she has the ball but concentrate on making sure she doesn't get it.
"You've got to make sure it stays out of her hands," he said. "And if she gets it, you have to make sure she doesn't get a wide-open look at the basket."

NORTHVILLE MUSTANGS
Evanna Karchon
Senior
Post
"There are players in the game of basketball who feed off the ability of others, making themselves better as well as their entire team."
"You go into a game against Northville and you have to know that if you don't guard the Tony sisters (Danielle and Simone) they are going to hurt you," said Nov's Bill Kelp. "When you do guard them, they penetrate and kick it to Evanna. She's their best shooter. She's great."
Karchon has led the Mustangs in nearly every contest this year, netting in double digits in almost every game.
"If Evanna gets a good look at the basket she's probably going to make it," said Kelp.
And putting up and draining the jumper isn't the only thing Karchon is good at either.
"If she drives on you she also has the ability to kick it out to another player or passing it inside to an open interior player," Kelp said. "That makes her a tough player to guard. She worries me when she has the ball."
Kelp said he and other teams can only hope when the ball ends up in the Northville senior's hands she doesn't have a great view. Getting in her face seems to be the only way to slow her down.
"We can't give her open shots," he said. "She's going to make them if we do."

NOVI WILDCATS
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Junior
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SOUTH LYON LIONS
Stefanie Morrison
Senior
Point Guard
Speed is one of the greatest



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Wildcats (from left) Rachele Folino, Nicole Stephen, Jessica Haggerty, Kelly Herbert, and Jessica Gasiorok practice a little basketball on their home court on a Monday afternoon.

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| BYE | | DISTRICT TITLE Friday, Nov 19 7:00 PM | |
| Canton | Winner Canton/S. Lyon | SEMI-FINAL #2 Wednesday, Nov 17 7:00 PM | Winner Semi-Final 2 |
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| BYE | | All games held at Canton High School | |

assets a player can have in the world of high school basketball. South Lyon's Stefanie Morrison has plenty of it. Coupled with her shooting ability and ball-handling skills and suddenly you find yourself with an offensive threat on your hands.
"She's quick, she can handle the ball and she can penetrate," said Kelp. "She's a tough kid and a tough player."
Morrison is key in an offense that uses three guards to keep their opponents off balance. Out of the trio, hers is a name that comes up quickly and often when talking about the Lions.
"Morrison has the ability to make plays," Kelp said. "She can penetrate and then kick the ball out to an open player or she can take it in herself and score. She's fast, so you have to keep her from getting around you or she'll make something happen for them."
The key to stopping Morrison is keeping her firmly in your defensive hands, said Kelp.
"You've got to keep her in front of you," he said. "If she turns you she's probably going to beat you. You've got to have a great defensive guard against her."
And, of course, it helps if that defensive guard is fast, too.
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Spirit of the Wildcats

Cheerleaders are all about school spirit even if it means putting in enough hours a week that it seems like they work a part-time job.
They cheer their team to victory every Friday night, paint their faces with little "W's" at times and are usually caught wearing green and white most of the time.
"You'll hardly see them without a smile on their faces. They love what they do."
"It's so much fun," said senior Kendall Ziegler. "We really enjoy doing all of it."
All of it's just how much work does it take to put together some cheer, chant at the crowd, bake cookies for the football players, make team signs, practice, help with team dinners and even put together little surprises like locker signs for each football player?
"Right around 16 or 17 hours a week," Ziegler said. "But it's worth it."
Novi cheerleading coach Emily Parker thinks so too. She knows her girls do everything for more than just the football team.
"It's all for school spirit," said Parker. "That's what they're out here to promote."
And they promote it well. The cheerleaders have helped get the crowd involved this year all while cheering the Wildcats into the playoffs.
Be it rain or shine, they are on the sidelines keeping their fans pumped up and their voices above all others.
When they aren't cheering their boys on to victory, the Wildcat cheerleaders can be found practicing their routines and working on projects. Each junior has three football players they take care of on the team by baking them cookies, making signs for their lockers and just keeping their enthusiasm up.
Each senior, with the exception of Ziegler, has two football players to keep tabs on.
"I ended up with three," Ziegler said with a smile. "That's



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Novi cheerleaders get the crowd into the game last Friday night.

just the way it worked out." Even with the football part of their fall season taken out of the equation, the cheerleaders are still quite active.
This season, their activity level has even been higher thanks to the impressive number of Novi faithful that have been showing up at the games and throwing their support behind their Wildcats.
"The fans are really involved this year," said Ziegler. "They even wanted us to teach them a few cheers so they knew them for games."
Football players don't usually have the time to thank the cheerleaders for all the work they do. Most don't even hear the cheers as their focus is on the game being played on the field and not on the sidelines behind them. But, they are grateful.
"Having that kind of support on the sidelines and in the stands is wonderful," said Novi coach Tab Kelleppaurey. "We really appreciate our cheerleaders and our fans."
If the Novi Wildcats football team does its job, a victory is posted on the board at the end of a very long and grueling Friday night. If the Novi Wildcats cheerleaders do theirs, the fans are so pumped they nearly deafen each other with their roars.
"The focus is always more on the fans," said Parker. "Our job is to get them excited. That's all a part of school spirit."
And nobody has more than the Novi cheerleaders. That's their job, after all.

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EDUCATION

Miss Margi

Visitor's goal is to get kids interested in reading earlier

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER
When kindergarten at Village Oaks Elementary School decided that they needed someone to read to them, they wanted to pick the best possible person to do it. They chose Margi Karp-Opperer, or "Miss Margi," as they call her, because who better to do the job than a librarian?
Karp-Opperer is the head of the youth department at the Novi Public Library located on Ten Mile near Taft. For her presentation to the children, she brought along a puppet named Cuddles the Dog, she sang a song to break the ice, then read three books which featured knock-knock jokes, a witch on a broom who



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

With accompanying visual theatrics, Novi Public Library's Margi Karp-Opperer reads a Halloween book to a group of Village Oaks kindergarten students.

library also does middle school discussion groups and it works with English teachers at Novi Meadows.
"We do this probably anywhere up until eighth grade," Karp-Opperer said. "We haven't really gotten into the high school yet, although I am starting a program with the creative writing teacher there and we have a group that meets at the library."
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DoubleTree teaches students about voting

Kids vote on U.S. presidency and Proposal C

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER
Deerfield Elementary students packed the school's media center on Oct. 26 to make their voices heard. They were part of a nationwide student election to choose which group — the military, doctors and nurses, firefighters, police or homeless shelters — should receive 2004 cookies. They also voted on the presidency using actual voting booths

provided by the City of Novi. The event was part of DoubleTree Hotel's Teaching Kids to Care program, which is designed to show students the importance of voting. Julie Rachar, DoubleTree human resources assistant, was at Deerfield on Oct. 8 for the program's kick-off. She then returned on Oct. 26, along with many of her co-workers to man the voting booths.
"We're going to tally up the votes and call them into the DoubleTree hotline," Rachar said. "All of them are going to be added to a nationwide student vote, and then we will know who wins."
This marks the third annual year that DoubleTree has done the Teaching Kids to Care program. The hotel extended it to the

STUDENT VOTE RESULTS
On Tuesday, Oct. 26, 477 Deerfield students in kindergarten through fourth grade voted in DoubleTree Hotel's Great Community Cookie Election. The votes came in as follows:
First: The Military
Second: Homeless Shelters
Third: Doctors and Nurses
Fourth: Police Officers
Fifth: Firefighters
The nationwide community group winner is the Military, which received 32 percent of the popular vote. Homeless Shelters received 32 percent, Doctors/Nurses and Police Officers were tied at 11 percent and Firefighters received 9 percent. The Great Cookie Giveaway will be planned for the middle of November.
"In previous years we've given the cookies to the Special Olympics and the Sarah Fisher Foundation."
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THE EYES HAVE IT

Optometrist Amy Crissman performs sheep eye dissections

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

As Halloween neared last week, students at Village Oaks Elementary might have had an eerie feeling that someone was watching them. Well, that's not true, but there were a bunch of sheep eyeballs at the school on Oct. 28 that they were able to dissect and learn all about.
Dr. Amy Crissman, an optometrist from Town and Country Eyecare, was in the building teaching second graders what all the different parts of the eye are and their functions, and how to keep their own eyes safe. They first witnessed some slides of all the different parts. Crissman narrated the show and explained the functions of each part and students asked questions as well.
"The goal of my presentation is to introduce second graders to the amazing parts of the body in the eye," Crissman said. "We hope that they can learn the parts of the eye and see how they work together. It's important to know what all those different parts are and how to keep them safe, so we learned different eye safety rules too."

The students learned that the cornea is the front of the eye, the lens is the focusing mechanism in the eye, the retina is the film of the eye, which is like the film of a camera, and the vitreous humor is the jelly-like part of the eye that holds its shape.
After Crissman demonstrated how to dissect the first eyeball, the students broke up in groups of four or five and parent volunteers dissected eyeballs and labeled each part. The kids got to put on latex gloves and handle all the parts and place them on the correct label.
"The vitreous and the lens are usually their favorite thing to touch," Crissman said. "We want to introduce science at an early

Providence jurors visit Novi High

Student pieces to be inducted into art show

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

The Providence Third Annual Tea Pot Show will take place on Tuesday during the hospital's Mad Hatter Tea Party. To get into the spirit, some art students at Novi High School submitted their own work to be judged.
A panel of jurors visited the school on Oct. 29 to judge 14 student pieces. One member of the panel, Elena Weissman, who is the manager for the healing arts department at Providence, thought very highly of the student's work.
"This is a great collaboration we have with Novi High School," she said. "We've enjoyed a nice partnership with the whole district too, so we have invited the students to do it again. We have more submissions this year, which is wonderful."
Traditionally, only Providence patients, their families, volunteers and staff members made tea pots which were on display at the Mad Hatters Tea Party. Last year, however, Novi High students in ceramics were invited to submit their pieces to be judged in the show.

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SCHOOL BRIEFS

Growing to Greatness
The Novi Community School District is inviting the community to join the 2004-05 Long Range Planning Committee to develop the next strategic plan for the district. All of these meetings will be held in the Instructional Technology Center Forum, located at 25343 Fair Road, directly across from the Educational Services Building. The meetings are scheduled for:
• Tuesday, Nov. 9 from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
• Wednesday, Nov. 10, from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
• Thursday, Dec. 9, from 6 - 9 p.m.
For more information, contact Co-Chairperson Nancy Davis at (248) 443-1200, or contact Dennis Haggerty at (248) 444-6541 or Novi Community School District Superintendent Ennert Lippe at (248) 449-1200.

NEF Winner-Take-All Raffle
The Novi Educational Foundation is selling tickets to its sixth annual Winner-Take-All Raffle. With raffle prizes in excess of \$4,000 generously donated by local individuals and businesses, all proceeds from the \$20 per ticket sale go to supporting teacher grants and special educational opportunities in the Novi School District. No more than 1,000 tickets are being sold and one individual will walk away with the whole prize package. This year's winning ticket will be drawn at the Novi Educational Foundation's benefit concert featuring "Revolution," a 40th Anniversary tribute to the Beatles at Novi High School at 7 p.m. on Saturday.
Tickets for the benefit concert in the Forest Auditorium are still available and can be purchased at (248) 477-7711.

Bullying and your child: What's a parent to do?
This workshop will share information that defines the nature of bullying, describes the differences between bullying and normal conflict and offers you tools to support a child target, empower a child bystander and assist a child demonstrating bullying tendencies.
The instructor, Lori Parrish, is a school violence coordinator with the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office.
The class (#4207.150) meets 7 - 9 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 16 on the sixth grade side in Novi Meadows. Class fee is \$5.

Spanish Language
DATE: Nov. 4 - 23
TIME: 6:30 - 8 p.m. beginner; 8 - 9:30 p.m. intermediate
LOCATION: Novi Middle School Room 506
DETAILS: This class is for those who wish to learn the Spanish language or wish to increase their Spanish vocabulary.
FEE: \$79 for each
PHONE: (248) 449-1206

ON CAMPUS
Eastern Michigan University Dean's List recipients must carry a minimum of 10 credit hours and maintain a 3.5 grade point average (out of a possible 4.0). The following local students were named to the Dean's List for the semester ending April 2004.
Elisa L. Balon, Courtney L. Belt, Laura M. Brandau, Christina L. Hildreth, Emily V. Hyslop, Brian V. Jolly, Christine A. Wall, Sandra L. Berk, Eve E. Costlow, Kristina M. Cunningham, Bridget R. Daly, Kristin M. Fatt, Lyndia A. Favorite, David C. Helm, Christine M. Jewell, Michael A. Kallis, Nathan P. Kather, William B. Lachner Jr., Jane M. Maher, Adrienne E. Rupperecht, Katherine E. Williams, Kristen M. Zegers, Jillian R. Korzeniowski and David P. Scherger; Walled Lake: Amber R. Baker, Dennis D. Caplinger, Amy R. Johnson, R. Coughlin, Amy R. Eastman, James G. Mory, Kevin J. Naughton Jr. and Amber M. Page; Wixom: Stacey L. Bages, Jeremy R. Chouinard, Leslie A. Crandall, Melissa A. French, Aimee M. Ivey, Julie M. Lindahl, Sharon A. Rowe, Corinne N. Taylor and Emily A. Weiss.

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Bug infestation at Novi Woods
Fourth graders at Novi Woods completed their science unit on insects with a Bug Fest performance. The students performed bug poems, songs and jokes while dressed in bug costumes they had created. Pictured are some ladybugs from Michelle Donberger's, Laura Leacock's and Sally Chandler's classes; Jennifer Hartmus, Lauren Brown, Lauren Zamplias and Tristen Asmann.



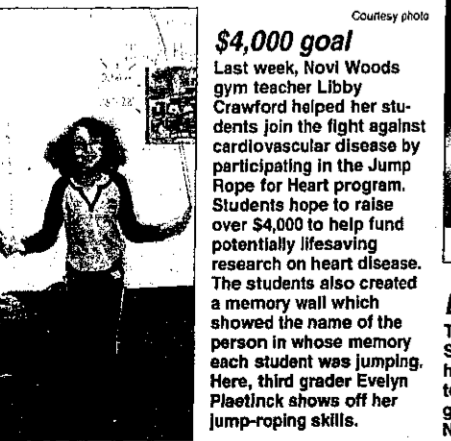
Pumpkin carving at Parkview
The whole first grade at Parkview Elementary School guessed the weight of their pumpkins and then weighed them last Wednesday. They estimated the circumference by cutting a string to measure around their pumpkins. They estimated the number of seeds inside and then cut it and counted. The children described their pumpkins and designed their faces. Many parent volunteers came in to assist with this project. Parkview students and a parent volunteer start cutting their pumpkins. Pictured from left to right are students Cole Kwasniewicz, Jessie Zhao, Morgan Krupic, Ivan Johnson-McCaill and Mrs. Kwasniewicz.



Anyone got a toothbrush?
Novi Woods students and families gathered Friday night for a fun night of bingo sponsored by the Parent-Teacher Organization. Pictured, Mitchell Magliocco, Matt Forche and Dominic Matejewski show off the vampire teeth they won.



"Novi Meadows Day" at McDonald's
Novi Meadows Elementary School teachers took over operations of the McDonald's restaurant located on Grand River Avenue, near 10 Mile Road recently. Students, like Nicole and Erica Wilkins, enjoy McDonald's with their family and friends.



\$4,000 goal
Last week, Novi Woods gym teacher Libby Crawford helped her students join the fight against cardiovascular disease by participating in the Jump Rope for Heart program. Students hope to raise over \$4,000 to help fund potentially lifesaving research on heart disease. The students also created a memory wall which showed the name of the person in whose memory each student was jumping. Here, third grader Evelyn Plaeftnick shows off her jump-roping skills.



Scary math at Novi Woods
Novi Woods second graders learned math in the Halloween spirit last week. With the help of some parents, they practiced their estimating, measuring and counting skills while carving pumpkins. Pictured here, Ibrahim Shamsheer, Ashley Samuelson, parent Joanie Samuelson and Keri Masseran work on their pumpkin.



Uncle Sam visits Village Oaks
Students at Village Oaks participate in a patriotic assembly featuring America's Uncle Sam.



Bush is the man at Novi Woods
Karina Diaz, Grant Groshek, Risa Ikeda and Yuto Tatelwa stand in front of their fourth grade class' prediction map of who the next United States president will be. To get in the spirit of the big election, Novi Woods Elementary School held its own electoral vote, complete with a map. The fourth grade is currently studying about the elections and part of their study centered on what electoral votes are. They were each assigned a state to look up and determine how many electoral votes it had, if they thought their state would vote republican or democrat and what research made them think their state would vote that way. The kids believe they can now predict with certainty, that Bush will win 264 to 228.



Learning math with pumpkins at Orchard Hills
The children in Darlene Grabowski's first grade class at Orchard Hills Elementary School enjoyed a math lesson that they could really get their hands into. With the help of several parents and five pumpkins, the youngsters were given the opportunity to estimate, measure, weigh, count and get really messy. Kelly Kroll is helping his group determine the circumference of their pumpkin. Pictured are Brandon Lau, Nevins St. John, Kazuki Odoi, Kelly Kroll, Alex Kroll and Tyler Murray.

WL BRIEFS

Musical a first
Walled Lake Consolidated Schools is proud to announce Walled Lake Western's world premiere of A Christmas Carol, the Musical. This will be the first time this classic will be performed off Broadway. The dates are Fridays, Nov. 12 and 19, at 7:30 p.m.; Saturdays, Nov. 13 and 20, at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. All seats are reserved. \$16 adults, \$14 students and seniors (group discounts are available). Call (248) 956-4624 for more information or www.wlwc.org.

Northern digs graves for deceased scientists
Biology students at Northern High School have chosen a biologist, who is deceased, to research, write a eulogy, and lastly dig a grave for them. Sandi Brough-Gresh, science teacher at Northern, said the students are researching what the scientists did, what impact it had on society, and are correlating that to other events in history. "The goal," said Brough-Gresh, "is to learn more than just the little facts about a lot of people but to really learn and have fun learning about the impact that these biologists had on the field of science and society today. If all goes well they will be on display at Northern from Oct. 21-29 in an outdoor area that is still being determined."

Gov. says schools in shape
The Walled Lake Schools physical education program was recently selected to receive Level 5 District recognition in the Governor's Council Exemplary Physical Education Awards Program after receiving the standards and criteria for this award. The council will present the award on Thursday, Nov. 11, during the awards dinner held by the Michigan Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (MAHERD) at this year's annual convention in Kalamazoo. "We are pleased to receive the Level 5 award as this reflects the high quality of our K-12 PE program," said Susan Katz, director of instructional programs for Walled Lake Schools. "Work has already begun on achieving Level 6 criteria, and we anticipate proceeding all the way to Level 8 within the next few years."

Board of Education meeting
The Walled Lake Consolidated Schools Board of Education passed two resolutions at their Thursday, Oct. 14 meeting. The first resolution is to encourage the state Legislature to conduct a thorough, objective, nonpartisan study of the current and future outlook for funding public education in the state. The second resolution is to oppose Proposal 1. Proposal 1 asked voters to amend the 1963 Constitution to require a statewide vote on any state lottery. The board expanded gambling opportunities and voter approval in any municipality to which gambling is proposed for expansion.

Pleasant Lake Elementary
Stephen Clark, co-anchor, Channel 7 Action News, visited Pleasant Lake Elementary recently to share his insights with students. He spoke with fifth graders about political parties, and his experiences in N.Y. and Boston where he reported on both national political conventions and he worked with students to produce a Pleasant Lake broadcast. The students asked questions regarding the upcoming election, campaign advertisements, and the war in Iraq. Clark took the time to answer their questions and helped students with their interviewing techniques.

Western political discussions
Michael Plato and Tim Phelps, student chairs for the President Bush campaign, Michigan State University, visited Western recently to discuss the upcoming presidential election. Plato and Phelps are currently touring educational institutes to promote the importance of voting and being involved in the political process. Amanda Krigner, Western senior and intern in the state office for the Bush/Cheney '04 campaign, brought Plato and Phelps to high school. "I wanted them to talk to students and let them know how important it is to be involved in politics because of the effects this election will have on our generation for the next four years," said Krigner.

The discussions took place during lunch hours where dozens of students gathered around to ask questions and debate some of the current issues. "The war in Iraq was a big topic for most of the students," added Krigner.

Marchers shine at Silverdome

Wildcats take fifth place

By Diane Hanson
SPECIAL WRITER
Culminating a stellar competitive season, the Novi High School Wildcat Marching Band captured the Flight I fifth-place award at the 25th Annual Michigan Competing Band Association State Finals in the Pontiac Silverdome on Saturday. Forty-one top high school marching bands from around the state competed for more than 12 hours in a musical, marching display of drums, color guard and sound. "That was our best show of the season," said a smiling Mark Hourigan, director of bands at Novi. "And that's exactly what you want to have at the State Finals." This was Charles Satterwhite's first year with the band. "I thought we did very well today," said the freshman clarinetist. "Being in the Novi Band is a great experience." Flutist Adrienne Hoving, a senior this year, was very pleased with her band's final competition performance of the season as well as her fellow marchers. "The people this year have been so amazing," said Hoving. "We've all worked together and we've all gotten along very well. It's been a lot of work, but it's been great." Hourigan said the last few weeks have involved adding new elements to the show including more choreography for visual interest and refining techniques within the music to add more interest musically. "It's amazing what these kids do out there," said Hourigan. "It's hard enough playing this music sitting down, let alone moving all over the place as they do." Mick Pittard, executive director of the Michigan Competing Band Association, agrees. "If you were to go back and play tapes of what marching band contests were like 25 years ago, you would see the playing level of the kids is probably very bit as good back then," said Pittard, "but what they are asking kids to do today in terms of rapid marching and complex drill design at the same time is totally, totally out of the ballpark." Other area bands competing in finals included Plymouth-Canton, first; South Lyon, second; Milford, ninth; and Westland, 10th in Flight I. Lakeland came in seventh in Flight II and Farmington Harrison was third and Redford Thurston, fifth, both in Flight III (flights are determined by school enrollment, not band size, with Flight I the largest schools). Hourigan credits his band's successful year to his hard-working students. "This band, in particular, is very self-disciplined and very self-motivated," said Hourigan. "They don't need any extra motivation from me or from any other of the staff. They really work hard and really do well because they want to do well. They're figuring out what it takes to be good and what it feels like to be good. And that's a big step in the right direction for us."



Percussionist Rebecca Wicker plays the congas during Novi's championship performance piece, "Sunrise, Sunset," in the Silverdome at the Michigan Competing Band Association State Finals on Saturday.

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Path makes "Feeling Good" easy for kids

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER
Students at Orchard Hills Elementary School have been feeling really good lately. They're getting plenty of exercise, and that's also paying off in the classroom. They can thank gym teacher Peggy Wickman and her "Feeling Good Mileage Club" for all of their success. The Feeling Good Mileage Club was first started up three years ago, but it wasn't until last year that the Orchard Hills Parent-Teacher Organization and the Novi Community School District got together to purchase a one-fourth mile track in the back of the school. Every day for five weeks, the kids walk on the path and when they walk around the track one time, they receive a punch on their card. After they have gotten all of the feet on their card punched, they have walked five miles and they get a little shoe clip for their faces. After they walk 10 miles, they get a certificate. Last year the winning class was the first graders, who walked 23 miles combined. "The whole school turns out to do this and for me, as a gym teacher, the advantage is that I'm getting them ready for physical fitness," Wickman said. "You can't just put them out there cold turkey. But if they have been walking on the trail or running, then their bodies are all ready for the rest of the activities." Wickman said that Orchard Hills is unique because it's the only school in Novi that has a walking path. "It turned out to be more than just a walking path, it turned out to be a mini-trail in the back." Thomas explained that the whole concept for the club was because during the recess period, she needed something to involve the kids, so she was surfing the net one day and found this program out of Ann Arbor. "Another feature of the club that Wickman enjoys is that many parents come to help punch cards at lunch recess.

Deerfield's first ever Festival of Cultures a major success

Attendees also were lucky enough to witness many performances in the school cafeteria, including two Japanese performances, a Tai Chi Chinese performance, two Indian performances, two Scottish Highlanders and traditional Korean Martial Arts. Tina Makini and Karen Luther, who are both CO-Chairs of Deerfield's Multicultural Committee, orchestrated the whole evening. They started the committee last year to reach out to all of Deerfield's families. As part of the committee, someone came up with the idea of having an international night, which they decided to call the Festival of Cultures. "The goal is to get the kids and their families to learn about all these cultures and also to bring them together to work on a school function," Luther said. "We wanted to reach out to foreign-speaking families who may not be necessarily comfortable with participating in school functions, and this is a way to bring them together. I have met so many people through this committee that I never would have come across. It's really wonderful." Makini agreed. "We have a very diverse student body in this school and we wanted to incorporate more publicity of that," she said. "I think the Festival of Cultures was a successful way to do that." Just to make sure that every child visited each booth, they had to get a passport and they had to get stamped at each stop. Ramez Khuri is a staff writer for the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 110 or by e-mail at rkhuri@ht.homecomm.net.

Orchard Hills goes to Camp Read

Marc Thomas brings his zany brand of family entertainment to the school

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER
Students at Orchard Hills Elementary School visited Camp Read last Thursday and they only had to travel as far as the building's community room. Marc Thomas, of Marc Thomas Productions, brought his zany brand of humor to the school as he presented Camp Read. The kids witnessed and participated in a pirate adventure, a big dinosaur secret and they even floated in outer space - all in the spirit of reading. "The main thing that I hope the kids get out of my show is to increase their appreciation for reading," Thomas said. "Camp Read pumps the idea of going to camp, walking, hiking and going down pathways, like books lead you on pathways to all kinds of new places." The show is a unique combination of puppet theater and human theater, which takes students on a trip to Camp Read for musical fun and humor capturing the delight of reading. Thomas and puppet friends, Max the Moose and Harley, bring to life three stories with the help of audience interaction and volunteer playing roles. Each story reinforces the power and joy of reading while the students participate with motions, sound effects, singing, rhythm and acting out parts. "Camp Read is an adventure for the kids with the pirate story and the dinosaurs, which they really appreciate," Thomas said. Thomas currently lives in Greenwood, Ind., but grew up in Milford. He has been performing for students for 14 years. He tries to model his humor after performers who he appeared to him comically when he was growing up. "I loved Don Knotts, who can do great things with his body and his face and Jonathan Winters,



With some help from his Orchard Hills assembly audience Marc Thomas teaches about the joys and importance of reading during last week's "If You Give a Moose a Book." Photo by JOHN HEIDER

HONOR ROLL

Novi Middle School 7th Grade Honor Roll Students for 1st Marking Period

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Leave romance about money, finances at altar

For millions of couples, pooling finances after years of making their own money decisions can cause marital conflict.

Newlyweds often mistakenly think that money matters will just fall into place. Successfully merging finances requires communication, compromise, honesty and trust — the very ingredients that form a good partnership.

Whether you're a newlywed, engaged to be married, or a seasoned couple still trying to reach a compromise after years of struggle, to implement a money management system you both can work with, you'll first want to get a few things out in the open, namely, your salaries, what you've saved, what you owe, what you own and what financial goals you share. Totalling your assets and liabilities will give you a good idea of your current financial situation and help you move toward your goals. Next, consider asking yourselves these questions.

How many bank accounts?
Couples' approaches to banking and bill paying are as different as their relationships. They range from separate accounts where expenses are divided up to joint checking, savings and credit card accounts. There are pros and cons for each accounting method.

A joint account for everything is handy, but requires a mutual ease with each other's spending and banking habits. By pooling money, however, you'll have a larger amount in the bank, and since financial institutions generally pay higher rates on higher balances, your money will work harder for you. A word of caution to women: merging everything into one account may inhibit your financial viability should something go awry in the marriage. Women are more likely to struggle financially after divorce or a spouse's death, which is why it's imperative that she establish credit in her own name and have some money of her own in the marriage.

Separate accounts for each spouse are good for independent partners because they provide a sense of freedom. However, while separate accounts may give partners spending autonomy, they're not very practical when it comes to paying household expenses. Additionally, you will have to pay account fees such as ATM withdrawals on both accounts.

"Spooling" which is dividing plus pooling is one way to enjoy autonomy while merging resources. A joint checking account for expenses, a joint savings account for shared goals, and to ensure spending autonomy, separate accounts for each spouse.

Another option is to open a joint checking account and money market account. Put just enough in your checking account to qualify for a higher interest rate and such perks as free checking, and put the rest in a money market account, which earns a little more interest than a savings account.

Who is responsible for paying bills?
In most couples, one person is responsible for paying bills. While this is the most efficacious approach, the partner who isn't handling the money matters shouldn't be left in the dark. The couple should have regular discussions of money matters; this is particularly important in case something happens to the partner who does the banking.

How should we handle spending?
It's both counterproductive and unhealthy for couples to debate every \$10 purchase. On the other hand, setting no spending boundaries is dangerous: a spouse may wake up one morning to find a Porsche parked in the driveway. Working out a reasonable budget together encourages couples to establish spending priorities.

In the course of developing a budget, couples should also discuss how they'd deal with an unexpected shortfall such as job loss, injury or a major auto repair.

How can we pay off our debt?
Creating a budget will help you figure out how to pay off credit card debt and student loans in an agreed-upon time frame. To repay your debt in a hurry, consider curbing discretionary spending on clothes and entertainment and apply the money toward paying off debt. Or, if one spouse gets a raise, put the extra money earned toward the debt.

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Advertorial



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Meticulous dedication, hand-hewn expertise and affordable prices are what set Milford Jewelers apart from those who merely retail name-brand inventory. Tamar Aguilars and Jacques Chopjian's family has been in the jewelry business for more than 30 years.

Milford Jewelers: Home of Old World charm

Family offers 30 years of expertise, craftsmanship in Milford Village

Buying quality jewelry at a price you can afford can be daunting.

That's why Milford Jewelers dedicates itself to making sure customers get the most for their jewelry-buying budget.

"Buying the right diamond, or even the right bracelet or earrings, is challenging for most people," Tamar Aguilars said, who along with her brother, Jacques Chopjian, owns Milford Jewelers, located at 441 N. Main Street, in historic downtown Milford.

"It's our job to make sure customers understand what they are looking at and how best to make an educated decision."

Tamar and Jacques' family has been in the jewelry business for more than 30 years. The family owns three retail stores, operates its own jewelry manufacturing plant and specializes in hand-crafted custom design.

Meticulous dedication and hand-hewn expertise is what sets Milford Jewelers apart from those who merely retail name-brand inventory.

"We don't strive to be the biggest jeweler in the world," Tamar said. "We simply want to be the best, the friendliest and the most affordable jeweler you have ever visited in your life."

And while for most jewelry retailers that may seem like a daunting task, at Milford Jewelers it's long been the center stone of one family's life work.

Inside the cozy Main Street store, beyond the stone facade and copper awning, Tamar and Jacques spend their time making sure things get done right.

"Jewelry is very personal for people," Tamar said. "People want something they can be proud of, something they can pass down from one generation to the next."

"That's why we take so much care with every job — big or small," she said. "To most people, the value of a jewelry piece goes well beyond its actual price."

Milford Jewelers specializes in every jewelry craft — from refinishing, remounting and restoration to high-end custom design, complete with hand-engraving and while-you-watch diamond setting.

"Our goal is to make people feel as comfortable as possible," Tamar said. She and Jacques do so by educating customers about their possible options. Often it's done over coffee and a cookie, after a handshake and a smile.

Many deals are closed with a hug.

"People who visit us become our friends," Tamar said. "They visit Milford because this is such a unique town, with so many wonderful shops and so many friendly people."

"We love meeting new people, especially someone visiting Milford for the very first time."

Jacques said store visitors often stay awhile.

"People like coming in here because they immediately feel at home," he said laughing. "Sometimes I even have to remind myself I have work to do."

Still, Jacques and Tamar don't have to think long about how seriously they take their craft.

It's one passed down generations ago by their grandfather, later inspired by their shoemaker father and perfected by the four brothers and one (baby) sister who now work long hours each day to ensure ultimate customer satisfaction.

"Our family grew up in Lebanon, in the middle of a war, so we know what it's like to come from humble beginnings," Tamar said, whose Armenian

"We were always taught the most valuable thing people can give you is their trust. That's why we work so hard. We want to be worthy of that trust — whatever it takes."

Tamar Aguilars
Co-owner, Milford Jewelers



Tamar Aguilars stands inside her cozy jewelry shop located at 441 N. Main St. in Milford Village. She and her brother, Jacques, spend whatever time it takes with customers, ensuring they feel comfortable with items likely to get passed from one generation to the next.

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