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INSIDE

Bird brains

What do birds want? Forget the crackers, try a little love, affection and fresh fruit.

Almost as good as a trip to the Amazon, kids in the Novi Library's summer reading program were visited by a whole flock of our exotic avian friends last week.

— Page 13A



Blues at a full boil

Annual music festival will turn up heat at Expo Center this weekend

By Kelli Cooley
Staff Writer

Szzzz, sizzlin'

The Flam'in' Hot Blues Festival scorches into Novi this week with one thing in mind — to knock audiences' socks off.

Into its fourth year, the Novi Expo Center decided to offer the Bluesfest solo this week instead of in conjunction with the Windsor Bluesfest as in the past.

"We wanted a little more wider variety instead of all blues rock bands. We wanted something upbeat, as opposed to more hard-core blues. Make it more balanced," said Todd Smith, festival organizer and vice-president for the Expo Center.

From Thursday to Sunday, tunes will be

■ **Blues Festival low-down:** read about the performers and see this weekend's schedule on page 5A.

kicking out of the center from groups like Nikki James and the Flamethrowers, Chris Duarte Group, The Paladins and solo artists like Jimmy Johnson, Sugar Blue and Coco Montoya.

Smith said the festival is really well received and audiences come from all over metropolitan Detroit. Last year, over 27,500 guests attended the event.

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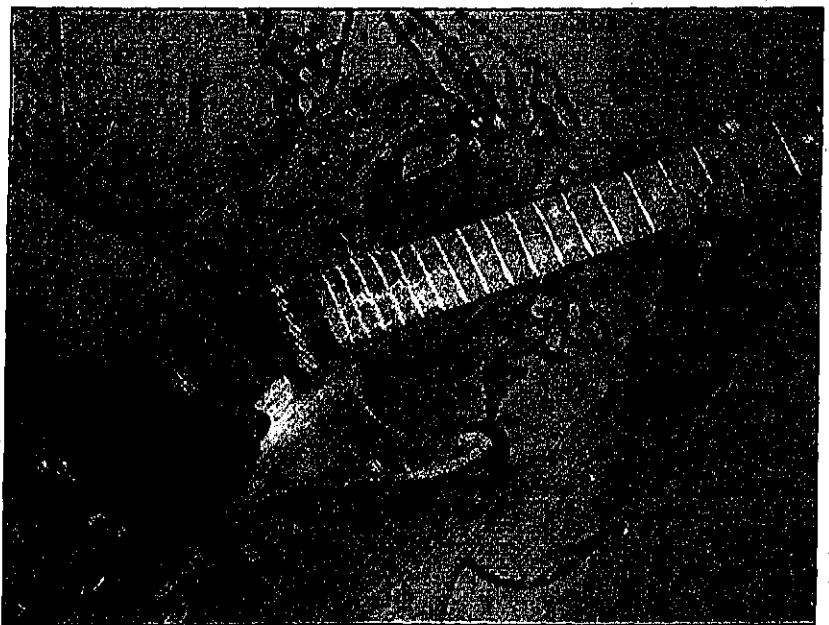
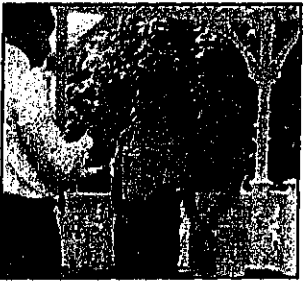


Photo by HAL GOULD

This guitarist wowed crowds at last year's Blues Festival at the Expo Center.

LIVING

With this ring



Northville's Mill Race Village is more than a place to find local history preserved in a small village. Many couples choose to make their own history there. — Page 1AA

SPORTS

Softball's best

It's time to reveal our selections for the All-Area softball team. From infield to outfield, catcher to shortstop, the Lady Wildcats have left their mark on the diamond. Find out who made the cut. — Page 1B



They've got rhythm gymnastics

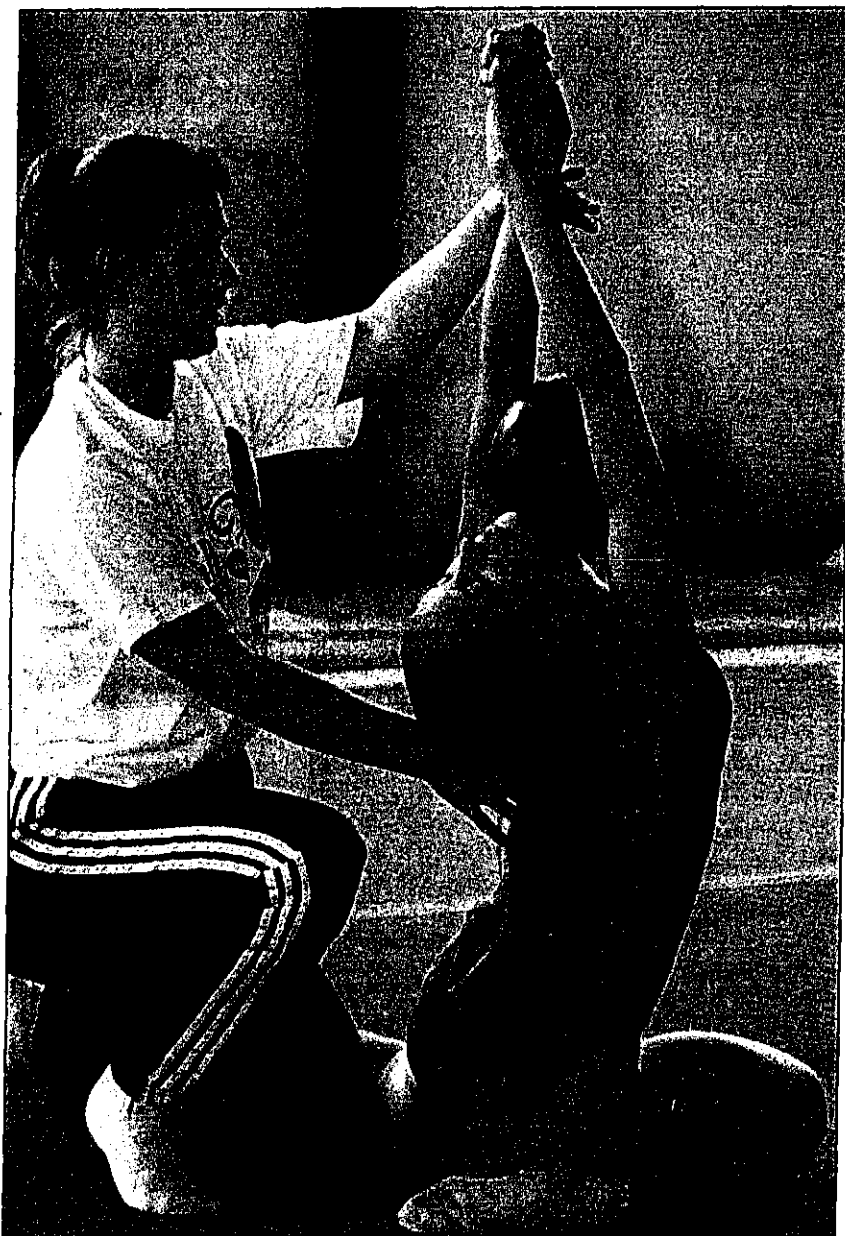


Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Teacher Jennifer Buckley works with student gymnast Kathryn Schalaek, 13.

Class mixes dance, tumbling

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE
Staff Writer

Combining all the style, beauty and grace of a dancer with the coordination of an athlete, rhythmic gymnastics is quite possibly the most elegant sport today.

This summer, Novi's Community Education program is offering rhythmic gymnastics as a new class.

Rhythmic gymnastics is an all-female sport that combines dance and light tum-

bling with the use of a hand-held device, explained class instructor Jennifer Buckley.

"The main difference between this class and other gymnastic classes is that the girls stay on the floor; they never go on apparatuses," Buckley explained, referring to the balancing beams, rings, etc.

"Their apparatuses are hand-held," Buckley said.

"For example, they use the ball, rope,

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Firefighters want EMS before voters

RANDAL YAKE
Staff Writer

It could be a matter of life or death.

The amount of time it takes for the Novi Fire Department, which responds first to 9-1-1 calls, to get to your home may depend on the time of day you call them.

Now, there is a proposal that could change emergency response in Novi.

Fire Marshall Mike Evans, union representative for Firefighter Local No. 3232, said that they would like to put a ballot proposal for a full-time fire department before the voters.

The Novi Professional Fire Fighters Union Local 3232 is circulating a petition calling for 24-hour Advanced Life Support Emergency Medical Services.

The firefighters have already have over 1,400 signatures and need 1,575 to get on the ballot.

"We'd like to put it on the November ballot and let the voters decide. But it is totally up to them," Evans said.

The proposal, which would increase

the tax rolls by 1.5 mills, would provide round the clock full-time fire fighters and emergency ambulance services. Currently, the city has full-time fire protection officers from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Volunteer paid-on-call firefighters take over between the hours of 6 p.m. and 6 a.m. The proposal, which would cost an estimated \$2.5 million annually, would fund 40 full-timers.

Also, the Novi Fire Department Basic Life Support systems is in place, but the department would like to upgrade to Advanced Life Support (Paramedics). Advanced Life Support (ALS) is the equivalent of a full-time ambulance service, which the city currently does not have. Novi is served by a private firm, Community EMS (CEMS).

Novi Fire Chief Arthur Lenaghan said that the petition drive to get the "around the clock" fire service is an union initiative, but clearly needed.

"There would be improvements with the 24-hour staffing," Lenaghan said.

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Cops win 12-hour day in new contract

RANDAL YAKE
Staff Writer

It's a done deal.

The Novi City Council approved a new police contract at the Monday meeting.

The Police Officers Association of Michigan (POAM), the exclusive bargaining agent for the officers, has agreed to a five-year contract that will give officers a three percent raise for the first three years of the contract, 3.25 in the fourth year and a 3.5 percent raise in the final year.

The big win for the union is the return of the 12-hour shifts, which has been an issue with the police officers for several years.

Previously, officers worked an eight

hour shift.

Detective John Nelson, union representative for the Novi officers, said that the 12-hour shift is a boost to officer morale. "We're glad to see the 12-hour shift come back," Nelson said.

"We'll have more patrol officers on the street and I think it makes officers feel good about coming to work."

The officers will work staggered shifts, working two days, taking two days off, then working three days, taking three days off.

The contract is retroactive to last year, when the last contract expired.

Officers will receive approximately \$2,000 a year more under the new con-

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And just what's it worth to you? Antiques appraisal wows seniors

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE
Staff Writer

The Novi Senior Center's version of the "Antiques Roadshow" turned garage sale finds into hidden treasures.

Residents from all over the area brought in items such as books, lamps, china, dolls and statues to the Novi Civic Center on June 28 to have independent appraiser Virginia Fournier determine if they were priceless jewels or worthless junk.

Individuals made out pretty well, with the lowest item appraised at \$35 and the highest at \$12,000.

"I never imagined that they would be worth that much," said

Novi resident Terri Breen about her chinaware. The R & S Prussia candy dish was valued at \$800 and her six piece set of matching R & S German salt bowls were valued at \$85 each.

Breen explained that the china belonged to her mother.

Her husband, Jim, was also happy to learn that his MahJong set he bought while in the Navy was worth \$1,200.

Fournier said the game was in excellent condition and was beautifully made with ivory and bamboo pieces.

The biggest potential money-maker of the show was Ed and Pearle McKenna's striking bronze

horse statue that the appraiser valued at a whopping \$12,000.

"We bought it in Florida for just \$225," McKenna said. "I didn't even want the thing, but my wife really wanted it."

McKenna said they had an idea of what it was worth after they did some research and now that they know its true value, are prepared to getting it insured.

"We're very pleased," McKenna said.

The audience gasped when Fournier said the bronze on the McKenna's horse alone was \$850, but when she gave its total value of \$12,000 the audience erupted into

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Appraiser Virginia Fournier valued Ed McKenna's bronze Chinese horse at \$12,000. Such a deal! He only paid \$250.

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Community Calendar

Thursday, July 13

Parks meeting

The Novi Parks and Recreation Commission will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

The Blues Festival

The Blues Festival at the Novi Expo Center runs from 4 p.m. to 11 p.m. Admission, \$5.

Novi Rotary

The Novi Rotary Club meets at noon at the Novi United Methodist Church at 41671 Ten Mile Road. For information, contact Bob Limbricht at 360-6500.

Music series

"The Sounds of Summer" free music series tunes in tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center lawn. Tonight's group is Joe King's Dixieland Ramblers.

Friday, July 14

The Blues Festival

The Blues Festival at the Novi Expo Center runs from 4 p.m. to 2 a.m. Admission, \$5.

Saturday, July 15

The Blues Festival

The Blues Festival at the Novi Expo Center runs from 4 p.m. to 2 a.m. Admission, \$5.

Sunday, July 16

The Blues Festival

The Blues Festival at the Novi Expo Center runs from 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. Admission, \$5.

Monday, July 17

Library Board

The Novi Library Board will meet at 7:00 p.m. in the Novi library building.

ABWA

The Novi Oaks Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association meets at the Wyndham Garden Hotel, at 42100 Crescent Blvd. Social hour is set at 6 p.m. and dinner is served at 7 p.m. Meetings are open to all working women. For reservations, call Audrey Gulley at (248) 624-1718. For membership information, call Bettie Johnson at (248) 960-8559.

Cholesterol Screening

Total cholesterol screening by fingerstick method will be offered 1-4 p.m. at the Dotsford Center for Health Improvement-Health Development Network, 39750 Grand River Ave. Cost is \$5 fee. For more information call 477-6100.

Motor City Speak Easy Toastmasters

The Motor City Speak Easy Toastmasters Club meets from 7-9 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile. For more information call Tom Lahiff at 348-6019 (evenings). Visitors are welcome.

Tuesday, July 18

Garden Club

The Novi Garden Club will meet at 1 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

Civil Air Patrol

The Sixgate Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol, meets at Parkway Elementary School, 45825 Eleven Mile Road, from 7-9:30 p.m. Adults and youths who have finished the sixth grade are welcome. For additional information call 349-2669.

Novi Toastmasters

The Novi Toastmaster Club meets at 7 p.m. at Meadowbrook Elementary School, located on Meadowbrook Road, one block south of Thirteen Mile. New members are welcome anytime. For more information on the Toastmasters, check out the web site at: www.toastmasters.org

Chess Club

The Novi Chess Club will meet from 7-10 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. There is no charge to attend and all players are welcome. For more information, call Tim Sawmiller, 344-4269 evenings after 6 p.m.

Bereavement Support Group

A bereavement support group meets at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd., from 7:30-9 p.m. The meeting will be facilitated by Dr. M. Meyer. There will be a brief prayerful reflection during the meeting by a member of the clergy from the area.

Optimist Club

The Novi Optimist Club meets at 7:30 a.m. at the Big Boy Restaurant on Novi Road, across from the Novi Town Center.

Wednesday, July 19

Planning Commission

The Novi Planning Commission will meet in regular session in the Council Chambers of the Novi Civic Center.

Thursday, July 20

Novi Rotary

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Music series

"The Sounds of Summer" free music series tunes in tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center lawn. Tonight's group is Rich Eddy's Rockin' Oldies Band, which plays sounds of the 1950s and 1960s.

Monday, July 24

Novi City Council

The Novi City Council meets tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center.

Tuesday, July 25

Novi Concert Band

The Novi Concert Band rehearses at 7:30 p.m. at Novi High School.

ZONTA

The ZONTA Club of Farmington/Novi meets at 6 p.m. at the Embassy Suites Hotel (between Seven and Eight Mile roads, off I-275). ZONTA International is a worldwide classified service organization of executives in business and the professions, working to improve the legal, political, economic and professional status of women. For information and reservations, call (313) 538-8043.

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Youth Assistance

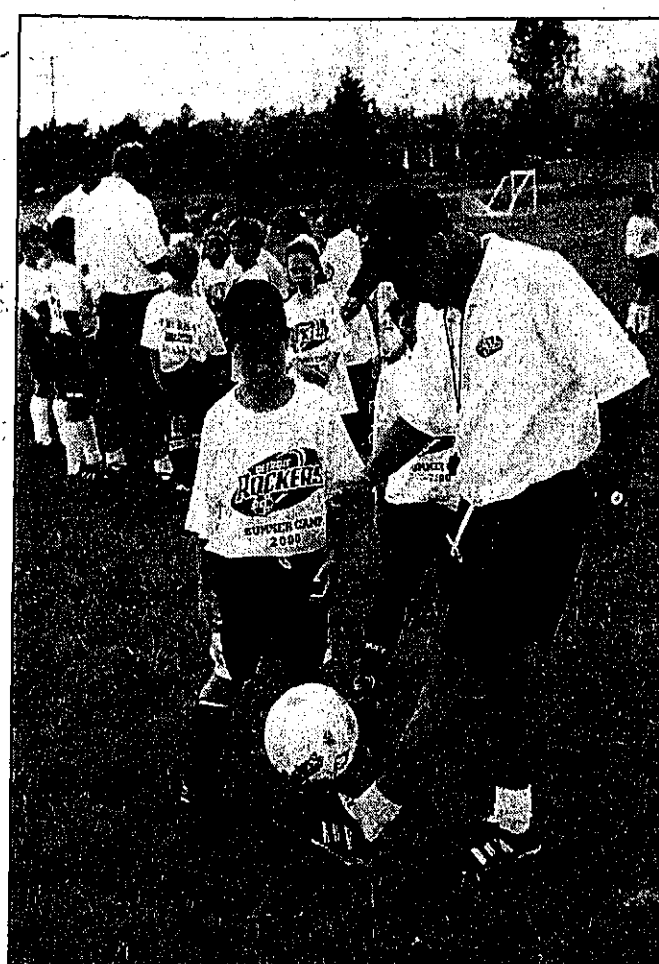
Novi Youth Assistance board will meet at 7 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center. Mayor's Conference Room, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road.

Camera Club

The Novi Camera Club meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center. For more information, call Hugh Crawford at 349-5079.

Chess Club

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RANDAL YAKE
Staff Writer

It could be a productive discussion between two neighbors or it could erupt into a broader feud, depending on the perspective.

But the Novi City Council has agreed to sit down and have a joint meeting - presided over by county mediators - with the Northville Township Board of Trustees over the Quail Ridge drainage problem along Eight Mile Road. The issue now has caused a rift amongst the Novi council members.

The meeting is at July 18 at 7:30 p.m. at the Novi City Council chambers.

Meanwhile, state Agriculture Department Director Dan Wyant has ruled in a preliminary finding that Wayne and Oakland counties, as well as Novi and Northville Township, should all pay for the Quail Ridge drain. The counties would pay for the benefit to county roads, while the two communities would be assessed for reasons of public health, the finding said.

"This was a sleeping dog until Novi council members brought it up," Council Member Craig DeRoche said, referring to members Michelle Bononi and Laura Lorenzo.

"Now we are one of four public entities involved," DeRoche was referring to a state

mediation policy, Chapter 21, which in this case has led to the creation of a committee consisting of a representative of Oakland County, Wayne County and the Michigan Department of Agriculture that will help solve the dispute between the two municipalities because they are unable to do it themselves. DeRoche said he believes that Northville Township requested the outside mediation assistance.

The state will hold a public hearing on Aug. 9 at 7:30 p.m. at the Northville Township offices for an Augmented Drainage Board for Quail Ridge, to hear any objections to its recent ruling.

According to DeRoche, some council members seem to be looking out for the interest of Northville Township rather than Novi citizens.

"It's in our best interests to negotiate with the township and apply for grants to reduce the cost to the city," Mayor Pro Tem Laura Lorenzo said.

Lorenzo said that there is no point in making Quail Ridge a political issue within the city.

"The process has already started," Lorenzo said. "And I think this issue is becoming too political. This is about a safety issue. The amount of water that is draining there, someone could drown. This

"This is about a safety issue...This shouldn't be looked at as a turf war."

Laura Lorenzo,
Novi City Council

shouldn't be looked at as a turf war."

According to city officials, Northville Township wants Novi to pay for pond restoration, tree replacement, erosion control and debris removal that would cost the city approximately \$268,000. Novi's city engineers, JCK & Associates, have said that the only part of the project the city may be responsible for is a \$20,000 drop structure to help regulate water runoff.

The entire cost of the structure was expected to cost \$340,000 in 1996. With the inflation rate added in, the cost of the project would cost approximately \$372,000 today.

"We do have a responsibility to the citizens of Novi and we do not ignore problems that we have contributed to," Lorenzo said.

But according to JCK, the developers of the Quail Ridge subdivision were responsible for the runoff on their side of Eight Mile Road.

The water discharge under the Eight Mile embankment is causing erosion to the bank on the south side of the road, according to Novi city officials. Novi officials say the problem is with the builder of the subdivision in Northville Township and that the township should pay for the embankment upkeep.

One Novi city council member said that Northville Township is trying to get Novi to pay for water runoff damage that is not Novi's fault, but the fault of a subdivision builder.

"The engineers for the city of Novi said that Novi was not the problem," said Novi Council Member Louis Csordas. "It's not our problem and I don't see why we have to pay for it. It's their problem. Let them pay for it."

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Rockin' summer head

Detroit Rockers soccer team forward Rodrigo Gonzalez conducts an impromptu dribbling skills session at the Soccer Camp held at the Novi Community Sports Park.

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Obituaries

HARRY M. FLOWER

Harry M. Flower, 75, of Walled Lake died July 5 at Huron Valley Hospital.

He was born Jan. 17, 1925, in Pittsburgh, Pa., to Frank and Dora Flower.

Mr. Flower was a 21-year resident of Walled Lake. He was a former resident of Livonia and Detroit. Mr. Flower received his high school and undergraduate education in Pennsylvania. (Dormant High School and a bachelor's degree from Clarion State Teachers College.)

He earned his master's degree at Michigan State University. Mr. Flower retired in 1992 from his career as a social studies teacher for the Livonia School District, namely teaching at Bentley, Churchill and Franklin High schools.

He was a member of the Reserve Officers Association and Retired Reserve Officers Association. Mr. Flower was also a coordinator for West Point Military Academy-Admissions Office. An Army veteran, he served in the Pacific Theater during World War II and during the Korean Conflict.

Mr. Flower was an active member in the church choir at the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in Birmingham.

He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Margaret of Walled Lake; two sons, Benjamin of Anchorage, Alaska, and Nathan D. of Las Vegas, Nev.; daughter, Elizabeth C. Flower of St. Petersburg, Fla., formerly of Farmington; and granddaughter, Hanna.

Services were held on Saturday, July 8 at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, with the Rev. Randall Schlab officiating. Interment was in Fort Custer National Cemetery, Augusta, Mich.

Arrangements were made by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home of Farmington.

Memorials to Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 1800 W. Maple Road, Birmingham, MI 48009 would be appreciated by the family.

ANTON J. SIENKIEWICZ

Anton J. Sienkiewicz, 86, died July 4 at Angela Hospice in Livonia.

He was born June 26, 1914, in Cleveland, Ohio, to Joseph A. and Josephine (Rogalski) Sienkiewicz. After 26 years of service with Ross Operating Valve Co., Mr. Sienkiewicz retired as production manager in 1976. He was also a professional musician in Cleveland and Detroit for many years.

Mr. Sienkiewicz is survived by his wife, Katherine A. of Northville; two sons, Dr. Joseph Sienkiewicz of Northville and Edward (Kitty) Sienkiewicz of Walled Lake; four grandchildren, Scott (Jennifer) Sienkiewicz, Jennifer Sienkiewicz, Brian (Deanna) Sienkiewicz and Susan Sienkiewicz; and one great-grandson, Spencer Sienkiewicz.

A funeral Mass was celebrated on Friday, July 7 at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church, with the Rev. Steven Wertenoff officiating. Interment was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

Arrangements were made by Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home of Northville.

Memorial contributions to Angela Hospice would be appreciated by the family.



NOVI NUMBER SIX
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NOTICE

Pursuant to state law, a sale will be held at American Self Storage, 24985 Hogarty Road, Novi, MI, on 08/24/00 at 2:00 P.M. The following goods will be sold:

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Music and Motorfest set for July 26

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE

Staff Writer

There's sure to be hot fun in the sun as the Music and Motor Fest steadily approaches. Running July 26-30, at the Novi Expo Center, the festival has five days packed full of enjoyment.

While the event may have a new name this year, it was formerly the Michigan 50s Festival. It will still bring in the same amount of fun and entertainment with the likes of well-known musicians, classic cars, carnival rides and a mini-casino.

Kicking off the event on July 26 will be the ribbon-cutting ceremony by Mayor Richard Clark and then a hard hitting performance by Eddie Money with special guest Stewart Francke, beginning at 8 p.m.

On July 27, let the kids ride on the ferris wheel and the swing machine, while you enter the Rotary Car Raffle for a chance to

win a beautiful red 1962 Corvette convertible. Then enjoy some four-legged fun with the Dog Olympics. Don't forget to save some dough though, as the Vegas Tent also opens. At 8 p.m., the music starts up again with the group America with special guests Rocky and The Rollers.

The carnival, casino and the dog show will continue throughout the week.

On July 28, enjoy arts and crafts and later get ready for the Novi Parks and Recreation Softball Tournament beginning at 6 p.m. At 8 p.m., it's a British invasion where the girls are sure to go wild, as 1960s heartthrob, Peter Noone and Herman's Hermits take the stage.

Get your motors running on July 29 for the VoiceStream Grand Prix as mini-cars race around the track at the Mervyn's parking lot in Novi Town Center. At 8 p.m., music for all generations comes to town with Bad

Company and Detroit's hottest sensation, The Twinsts Tarantulas.

On July 30, it's a classic car conquest, as the annual car show begins at 1 p.m. when over 1,000 muscle and vintage cars will be on display. Following the car show, join hundreds of other cool classics wheels for a bumper-to-bumper bonanza at 5:30 p.m. with the Grand River Cruise.

Don't want to get your motor running? Never mind, because you're in for a real treat as the one and only Davy Jones, formerly of The Monkees, leaves you breathless with a performance at 8 p.m.

Giving you all the fun and entertainment you can handle, the Music and Motor Fest is sure to knock your socks off.

The parking charge at Novi Expo Center Thursday through Saturday is \$2. Car Show admission is \$3 (12 and under free when accompanied by an adult,) which also

includes entry to Motorsports Hall of Fame and Museum. Grand River Cruise admission (cruise only) is \$5.

Admission to concerts on July 26 and July 27 is \$15 and a \$20 admission to concerts will be charged on July 28-30. All ages are welcome to the concerts and children under 3 get in free.

Tickets for the entertainment events can be purchased at TicketMaster outlets, Local Color Brewery or at www.mustardmotorfest.com.

For information on the Music and Motor Fest, visit their website or call (248) 349-1950.

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The Flam'in Hot Blues Festival

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Little Charlie & the Nightcats

It's been over 11 years since California's Little Charlie and the Nightcats released "All the Way Crazy," their debut album. And it's been nearly 25 years since world-class guitarist Little Charlie Batty and Rick Estrin, harmonicaist/vocalist/songwriter teamed up and took jump and swing jazz and mixed it with hard Chicago blues.

In 1996, the band sent an unso-

lited tape to Alligator Records. Alligator president Bruce Iglauer flew to Sacramento to see the band perform and was sold. Their debut album, "All the Way Crazy," was released in 1997 to overwhelming success. Their new album, "Shadow of the Blues," showcases their ability to make the 1950s Chicago blues style meaningful to today's audience.



Jimmy Johnson

Grammy Award nominated guitar player and vocalist, Jimmy Johnson has carved out his own unique niche in the Chicago blues scene. His performing experience spans the globe from Europe to Japan.

Raised in an exceptionally musical family in the small town of Holly Springs, Miss., Jimmy's younger brothers became professional musicians while older brother Jimmy was still working as a welder. It wasn't until the late '50s that Jimmy became a professional performer himself. In 1959, he began playing with bluesmen Magic Sam and Freddie King, and

glued with harmonica Slim Willis. In 1978, Johnson's gained national attention, as well as a Grammy nomination for four of his tracks on "Living Chicago Blues, Vol. 1." In 1985 he won his first W.C. Handy Award by way of his 1985 His latest release "Every Road Ends Somewhere" (1999), is available on Ruf Records.

Whether preaching the blues from festival and concert hall stages, or packing the dance floor at colleges and clubs, Jimmy has the special ability to please any audience, uninitiated and die-hard blues lovers alike.



Coco Montoya

In a 30 year career, Montoya has gone from drumming as a sideman to singing, playing guitar and leading his own band.

It started with meeting in the mid-1970s with legendary bluesman Albert Collins, who offered Montoya a gig as his

The Flam'in Hot Blues Festival runs for the fourth year in Novi.

• Thursday, 4-11 p.m., admission: \$5.
The Thornetta Davis Band, 8 p.m.
Little Charlie and The Nightcats, 4 p.m.
The Joanna Connor Band, 11 p.m.

• Friday, 4 p.m.-2 a.m., admission: \$6
Johnny Reed and The Houserockers, 7:30 p.m.
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The Joanna Connor Band, 11 p.m.

• Saturday, 4 p.m.-2 a.m., admission: \$6
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8:30 p.m.
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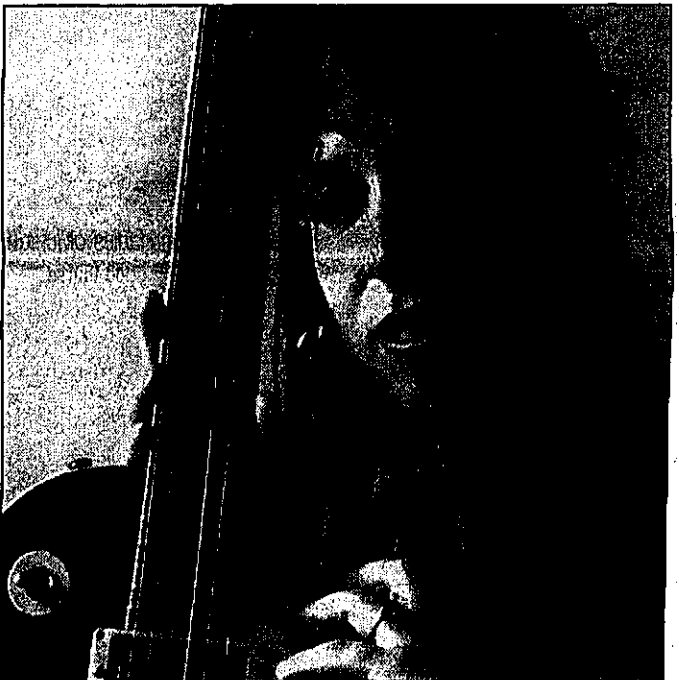
The Nighthawks

Mark Wenner, harp/vocals; Pete Kennedy, guitar; Jan Zukowski, bass/back-up vocals; Pete Ragusa on drums and vocals.

In the 1970s, the band crisscrossed the country playing clubs and colleges then dominated by the sounds of disco, spreading their version of rockabilly and blues. The band gained national respect as the backing band or support act for Muddy Waters, Otis Rush, Big Walter Horton and other legends. The list of guitarists the band collaborated with reads like a "Who's Who" of great pickers including Bob Marlin, Steuart Smith, Warren

Haynes, Jim Solberg, Pete Kennedy, Phil Petroff and Rato. After 17 previous releases, in the fall of 1995, the band recorded the critically-acclaimed "Pain and Paradise," hailed as the strongest Nighthawks studio effort so far. "Pain and Paradise" was released at the end of May 1996.

Touring and recording for three decades, the Nighthawks have gained cult standing on the East Coast where fans, who regard them as "The World's Greatest Bar Band," loyally follow them from show to show.



Joanna Connor

"Playboy" magazine called singer and guitarist Joanna Connor a

soprano Johnny Winter. "Billboard" described her as a "truly dazzling guitarist with a flaming slide attack."

Critics have compared her to Stevie Ray Vaughan. Jeff Beck and Duane Allman. But the Chicago media got there first. In 1984, Connor left her hometown of Worcester, MA, to head via bus to the land of blues, Chicago. There, she was heralded by the press as one of the most exciting new talents on the

local music scene. Connor first picked up the guitar at age 7, when she was already a Jimi Hendrix fan. By 1967, after a playing with Dion Payton's 43rd Street Blues Band, Connor was ready to assemble her own band.

Her first release, the first of six CDs, "Believe It," debuted in 1989. Her most recent release is "Big Girl Blues."

Her songs are grounded in the very real world of a mother of two making a hard living on the road.



The Paladins

Dave Gonzalez, guitar; vocals; Joe Jazdzewski, bass; Brian Fahy, drums.

The Paladins hail from San Diego. They have created their own unique style and sound, combining early rock-n-roll and country with rhythm and blues and early swing and jazz. "The Los Angeles Times"

called The Paladins, "One of the most powerful roots-rocking groups in the nation."

The Paladins average upwards of 200 shows per year, all over the world. They have appeared with Stevie Ray Vaughan, Los Lobos, The Blasters, and The Fabulous Thunderbirds (whose singer

frontman Kim Wilson produced "The Paladins" first LP in 1987).

Since then, The Paladins have released six records, including their latest, "Shippin' In."

Appraisal for \$2 was real bargain

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Northville resident Don Sherman brought his grandfather's 1863 civil war cavalry sword, which he valued at \$500.

"I used to play with it as a boy," Sherman recalled. "I would never sell it because it has some sentimental value, but I was curious."

Sherman said he didn't know the sword's history or if his grandfather was in the Civil War, but added he will definitely keep it in the family.

Fourier, from Highland, has been an antiques appraiser for 35 years.

Fourier said becoming an appraiser takes a lifetime of studying.

"It's not something you really go to school for, although I did attend a class at Greenfield Village. I did lots of studying and visited museums all over the country," she said. "It's something that is a constant learning experience because you see thousands of different pieces a day."

Not sure if you actually have an antique? Fourier said the difference between an antique and a collectible is that an antique is an item that is older than 100 years, while a collectible is less than a 100 years old.

A collectible may be something like a Beanie Baby or sports memorabilia, she explained.

Fourier, who specializes in glass and porcelain, said she appraises just about anything, except coins, books, and records.

She works independently, traveling to people's homes and handling estate sales. People may also come to her with items. She charges \$50 an hour.

"We had a great turnout today," said Senior Center Manager Jan McAlpine. "Hopefully we can hold it again in the future. Everyone really enjoyed it."

If you would like to contact Virginia Fourier for an appraisal, call (248) 887-5100.

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Tips for antiques collecting

Here's some tips from PBS's Antiques Roadshow to help you become an expert in buying and collecting.

Buy Gems, not Junk

Perhaps the first rule is to buy what is rare, not what is popular. Alexandra Peers of the Wall Street Journal notes that commemorative or collector's editions, such as an Elvis Presley doll is a no-no. "Official" Princess Diana memorabilia are in the same category.

Why? Objects get mass-produced, they are just too common to become valuable. And what is rare today only becomes more rare—and more valuable—tomorrow.

Buy the Best

The three golden rules of collecting—condition, condition, and condition—also apply to antiques of tomorrow. Avoid a game or anything else that's in pieces, missing or it's less than mint condition.

Why? An antique bank for children is worth about \$950 with its colorful paint job. It's worth about \$100 without it.

Educate yourself

As in the stock market, the easy way to go when investing is to listen to those you assume know better. Here's a safer alternative: getting educated. For example, you might not think a Wheaties box is anything to write home about. But if you know that Cal Ripken Jr.'s cap on this one is lacking the Baltimore Orioles logo because righty had not yet been secured, then you might want to write home—and pen a check, according to Peers. The omission makes it a rarity.

How do you get educated? Read up on antiques and talk with dealers. Most love to talk shop—and even show off—around curious students.

Trust Your Gut

Last but not least: pursue what you like, said Lela Dunbar from the Dunbar Gallery. Collectors should be passionate about their collections, whether they're a year or a lifetime. "If you have a love affair with baseball? Then stack those cards. Does Beatles music still rock 'n roll your soul? Then collect some of their early mint condition records."

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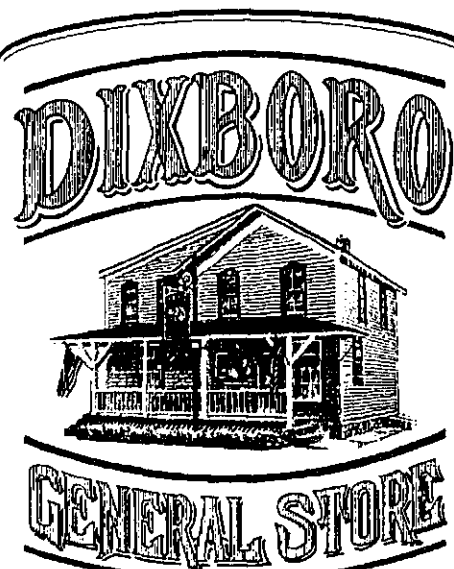
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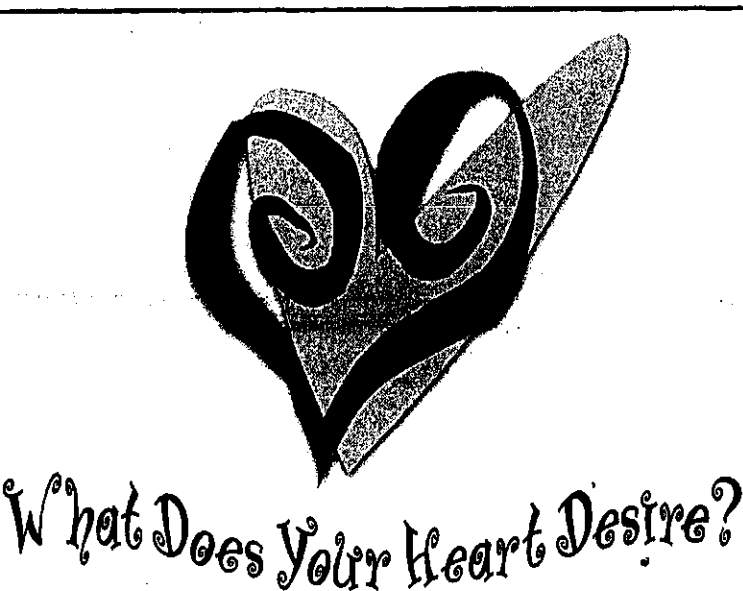
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Arts tax would fund regional cultural gems

By MIKE MALOTT

HomeTown News Service

What would you pay for an original Rembrandt? Three cents a day?

If that price is not enticing enough, the Local Education and Recreation Network (LEARN) and the Southeast Michigan Cultural Coalition are willing to sweeten the deal by losing in the rest of the Detroit Institute of Arts, the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, the Detroit Zoo and Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village, along with 12 other local museums and institutions.

These groups are hoping to place a half mill property tax on the ballot this November in Wayne and Oakland counties to raise money to support local cultural facilities.

If they can win agreement from the county board of commissioners in Wayne and Oakland, along with the Detroit City Council, to place the question on ballot, the \$36 million tax would go before voters in the general election.

Some \$24 million would be

divided up between the 16 institutions. The remaining \$12 million would go to cultural activities in local communities. Municipal officials would determine how the money would be allocated there. The tax would run for 10 years, before coming up for renewal.

It is all an attempt to create a stable source of funding for southeast Michigan's cultural institutions, providing them with a source of revenue to pay for growth, updating exhibits and increased outreach programs.

But according to Steve Hamp, president of Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village and chair of the Cultural Coalition, the emphasis will be on education.

More than 1.2 million children visit the Detroit area's major cultural institutions annually. If voters approve such a tax, the institutions involved are looking for ways to "add value" to their programming. Among the proposals being considered, for example by Greenfield Village, are discounts or waivers of admissions fees for

"prescheduled K-12 groups," explained Dave Waymire, Executive Vice President of Marketing Resource Group, Inc.

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Hamp said, plans to add free summer public concerts and the Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts will add several performances in the parks.

In addition, the museums and institutions would concentrate on the creation of more programs for youngsters, Hamp said.

The increased emphasis on education has spurred the institutions to create curriculum guides for the use of local school districts. The guides give teachers an idea of what students will see at these institutions, so they can prepare students for the trip. Additionally, the guides give teachers ideas on how to incorporate field trips to the institutions into their class work.

To get the tax proposal on the ballot, the Wayne and Oakland county boards must vote to put it there and approve identical articles of incorporation for the creation of

a special council which would distribute the money. According to Dave Doyle, Vice President of Marketing Resource Group, the deadline for placement on the ballot is August 30.

Detroit City Council must also approve the articles of incorporation.

The new council would consist of nine appointed members, Doyle explained; three from Oakland County, three from the city of Detroit, and one each from western Wayne, downriver, and the Pointes.

Of the major institutions to be included, "the big four," including the DIA, the Detroit Zoo, the DSO and Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village would each be limited to \$4 million each. The remainder would be distributed to 12 other institutions based on size.

Included would be the Center for Creative Studies, the Cranbrook Art Museum, the Cranbrook Institute of Science, the Museum of African American History, the Detroit Historical Museum, the Detroit Science Center, Meadow

Brook Hall, Meadow Brook Theater, the Michigan Opera Theater, the Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, WTIS Channel 56 and the Holocaust Memorial Center.

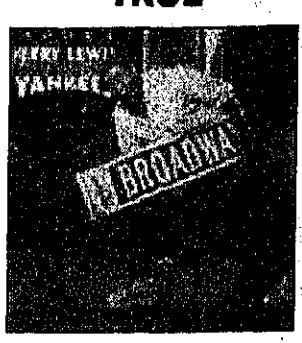
How the local state would be distributed would be up to the municipal board in each individual community in Wayne and Oakland counties, Doyle said. Each would have to devise its own system. The money would have to go to cultural or recreational activities in those communities.

Most residents of Wayne and Oakland counties visit the institutions from time to time. When polled, 80 to 90 percent of area residents say they have visited the institutions themselves or have children who have gone to them.

Similar taxes have been passed in Denver, Salt Lake City, Kansas City, St. Louis and Chicago.

Macomb County is not included because the state legislation that allowed for the creation of the council requires a population of 780,000 residents to be included, Hamp said.

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Maybury State Park News

PARK HOURS: Maybury State Park is open daily from 8 a.m. until 10 p.m. Farm hours are from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. daily. A state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry to the park. Additional information about programs or facilities may be obtained by calling the park office at (248) 349-8390.

SUMMER EVENING SERIES: Our popular summer evening series is back in session on Thursday evenings throughout the summer. This series of presentations and hikes is a great way to enjoy summer evenings in the park. Programs start at 7 p.m. in the farm demonstration building.

• July 20, "Evening Bird Hike": A slide program and hike will help us identify Maybury's summer birds.

• July 27, "Herbs: Wild and Domestic": Join Selena

Brownie for a walk to the farm herb garden and park fields in search of herbs.

SUMMER GRAIN HARVEST: Maybury Farm will host its annual summer grain harvest on July 15 beginning at 2 p.m. Find out how corn and wheat are processed and used in the past. Learn about shelling, fanning and winnowing, and try your hand at stone-grinding or make a wheat dolly. Meet at the farm demonstration building.

NIGHT HIKE: Explore Maybury's "wild" night life on an evening hike on Saturday, July 29. Meet at the farm demonstration building at 8:30 p.m.

Blues Festival brings music, food and fun to Novi Expo

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New this year is the Blues Cruise, where people with custom classic cars can drive their car to the Expo Center and receive two free tickets to the festival.

A second stage will also be set up between shows to host jam sessions with Nikki James and the Flamethrowers and many more. An array of food will also be

offered with everything from Tex Mex to down home barbecue on hand.

Past performers at the festival have included Buddy Guy, Mudpuppy, Big Bill Morganfield, Shirley King, Eddy Clearwater and Joe Lynn

the Flamin' Hot Blues Festival starts today from 4-11 p.m. Tickets are \$5. Tickets Friday and Satur-

day are \$6 with the acts running from 4 p.m. to 2 a.m. and Sunday tickets are \$5 with acts performing from 3-11 p.m. Call (248) 348-6942 for more information.

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Girls' sport draws on grace, agility and rhythm

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hoop, clubs and ribbon. Then they also do a floor routine with no apparatus at all.

Buckley added that when the girls do their floor routines, they can only perform basic acrobatic elements and are not allowed to go airborne.

"Everything has to be in contact with the floor," she said.

"Like they can do cartwheels and front and back walkovers, but they can't do flips off the floor."

Buckley is a former U.S. National team member and has represented the United States in rhythmic gymnastics competitions internationally. She is safely certified and a professional member of USA Gymnastics. During her competitive years, Buckley traveled to Brazil, Finland, Poland and Canada where she earned individual and all-around medals.

Community Education's rhythmic camp is for beginners who want to try something new, dancers who want to improve and refine their skills and gymnasts who want to experience a different discipline. Each of the five hand-held apparatuses — the rope, ribbon, clubs, hoop, and ball — have their own specific movements that are essential to each performance in rhythmic gymnastics, Buckley said.

For example, the ribbon is used for making patterns like spirals, snakes, circles and figure eights and must constantly remain in motion.

The ball is used by gymnasts for rolling the object along parts of the body, such as the back and arms, bouncing and catching the ball between legs and balancing it on the hand during the routine.

Common movements made with the hoop include high tosses and catches, spins, passes through and over the hoop and rotations of the hoop around the

hand and other parts of the body.

The rope is proportionate to the size of the gymnast and knotted at each end. Movements include wraps and unwraps, figure eights, and tosses and catches of the rope. Gymnasts also leap and jump through the open or folded rope.

The clubs involve small and large circles, swings, and mills, as well as tosses and catches and rhythmic tapping.

The key is to handle the equipment harmoniously with the body and music.

"Most girls find that this fits perfectly in between dance and gymnastics," Buckley said.

"Girls who are good dancers like to do it because it's taking dance a step further by adding an apparatus while still incorporating music to their routines. So this is like taking dance to the next step."

Buckley said most of the girls in rhythmic gymnastics are either too thin or too tall to be artistic gymnasts, who are usually short and stocky.

"So for rhythmic, they are usually much longer and much leaner," she said. "Most of the girls find that artistic is too much for them with all that muscle and weight lifting."

Kathryn Schalek from Power Middle School in Farmington who is on Buckley's "Rhythmic Renaissance" competitive team, did artistic gymnastics for five years before she recently began rhythmic gymnastics.

"I wanted to do something different," she said. "It's cool because rhythmic uses dance and the tumbling in artistic is really difficult."

Renee Hatley, 12, from Novi Middle School who is also on Buckley's "Rhythmic Renaissance" competitive team, has been involved in rhythmic gymnastics for

about a year and said she really enjoys it.

Hatley's sister Rochelle said she prefers rhythmic gymnastics over artistic gymnastics because it allows her to incorporate dance.

"They are a lot different, but I like the fact that rhythmic is more like dance," said the 10-year-old Novi Meadows student, who has also taken tap, jazz, ballet, Irish and Hawaiian dancing along with her sister.

Attendees at this year's camp, which will be held at All Star Gymnastics Inc. in the Water Wheel Center in Norville, will practice basic dance steps and technique from ballet, jazz and modern dance.

Additionally, they will work on light tumbling skills and acrobatic elements such as cartwheels, forward and backward rolls and acro-jumps. Each girl will also work with the ball, rope, hoop, and ribbon and learn to set their new skills to music.

Buckley has been involved in rhythmic gymnastics for 18 years and has been coaching the sport for nine years, leading her gymnasts to award-winning finishes at state, regional, and national meets.

Rhythmic gymnastics was officially recognized as a sport in 1962 by the International Gymnastics Federation, and was later added to the Olympic Games in 1984.

There are two sessions that will be offered this summer: Session 1 will run July 24-28 and Session 2 will run July 31-August 4. Both sessions are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to noon. Cost of the class is \$95. Space is limited so register today by calling (248) 449-1206.

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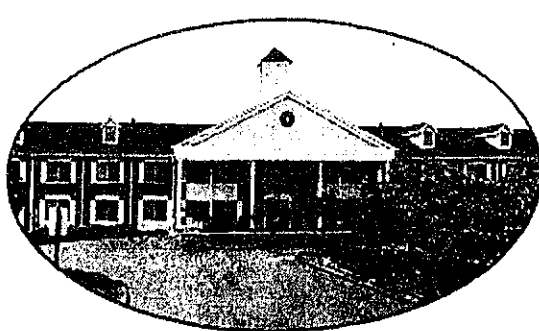
Rhythmic gymnast Kathryn Schalek, 13, dances with a ball balanced on her head.

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Firefighters pass petition for full-time crew

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"We're authorized to have about 80 on-call staff right now, but we only have about 60."

Lenaghan said it is tough to keep the paid-on-call staff available and even if the department does go full-time, it will take some time to become a completely operational full-time staff.

"Once we get them trained, they are off for full-time jobs in other communities," Lenaghan said.

In January 1999, there were 72 paid-on-call firefighters. As of the first of this year, that number had decreased to 63. Currently, there are only 54. But without sleeping facilities at the Fire Station Number One, there will be a need for new construction at the station.

"This could take two or three years to implement," Lenaghan said. "With a growing community, it's an issue that should be raised."

According to Evans, the highly trained paid-on-call firefighter isn't any less qualified than the full-time fire protection officer, it's just that they may have to come from far ends of the city to get to the sta-

"The response time is definitely delayed, especially on nights and weekends."

Mike Evans,
Novi Fire Marshal

tion, don't their gear and get to the scene.

"The response time is definitely delayed," Evans said. "Especially on nights and weekends. That is why we think it is important to go to 24-hour staffing."

Response times are an issue, the fire marshal added.

"In 1999, the average response time was four minutes and 55 seconds during the time of 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.," Evans said.

"When Unit Two (the paid-on-call crew) is in, that jumps to nine minutes," Evans said.

Evans agreed that the nearly four minutes in response time could be life or death for anyone suffering a heart attack.

Evans said he also worries about

a rapidly growing city, like Novi, which he said has no advanced life support readily available to its citizens. The advanced emergency teams are much more equipped to handle extreme emergencies such as a heart attack, gun shot wounds and other life threatening situations.

According to Evans, the ambulance service that currently services Novi could leave a void if there are a number of calls in the surrounding communities.

"We have a problem with Community Emergency because they are not dedicated to Novi," Evans said. "They may have a call in Walled Lake or in Farmington Hills and that may take away from response to me in Novi."

CEMS arrives on the scene of an emergency within six minutes only 44 percent of the time and within eight minutes only 70 percent of the time, according to the report issued by the union. Long response times means a delay in delivery of ALS care reduces the survivability of a CPR patient, according to the report. Brain death occurs after six minutes in a CPR patient.

According to the fire union's report, the city would be able to provide ALS services 40 percent faster than the private company is currently providing.

The cost increase to a resident whose home is valued at approximately \$200,000 would be \$150 a year or about 0.41 cents a day.

Novi City Manager Richard Helwig said that the issue would be strictly up to the voters, but agreed that the situation is worrisome.

"I am dissatisfied with the staffing levels. The situation is completely unacceptable," Helwig said. "People expect that when the fire department arrives that there will be advanced life support. But that is not the case."

Helwig said he had never worked at a city without a full-time fire department before.

"It's the first community I've worked in that doesn't have advanced life support," Helwig said.

CEMS Director of Marketing Donna Pardonnet said that CEMS is willing to work with the city in any capacity they may wish undertake. Pardonnet said that she felt CEMS had met their responsibility to the city.

"We have had a good working relationship with the community and the city," said Pardonnet. "We have had good response times in the community and I think we have done a good job serving the community."

Helwig would not say if the proposal for a full-time fire department proposal would have any effect on the city's attempt to get a new road bond proposal passed in November.

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RESPONSE TIMES

■ Here are average response times of the Novi Fire Department. Unit 1 is the full-time fire protection officers. Unit 2 is the part-time, paid-on-call firefighters.

1999 Average response times for all incidents:
Unit 1: 4 minutes, 4 seconds
Unit 2: 7 minutes, 1 second

1999 Average response times for structure fires:
Unit 1: 4 minutes, 5 seconds
Unit 2: 9 minutes, 0 seconds

1999 Average response times for medical emergencies:
Unit 1: 4 minutes, 3 seconds
Unit 2: 6 minutes, 4 seconds
Community EMS ambulance service: 7 minutes, 0 seconds

Source: The Novi Professional Fire Fighters Union Local Number 3232

A dozen exotic birds take kids for trip around the world

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE
Staff Writer

Frill-colored feathers filled the Novi Public Library, July 5, as a flock of exotic birds spread their wings.

Brought to the library's summer reading program by the group "Rainbow Feathers," the staff of four discussed the personalities, habits and origins of the beautiful birds.

"Today, we'll take you on a trip around the world, without ever leaving the room," said Rainbow Feathers President David Carol.

Bringing in roughly twelve exotic birds, the feathered friends came from all over the globe, from spots such as South America, Australia, Mexico, Asia and Venezuela.

Village Oaks student Christina Moch said she had a great time and learned about the winged animals. "It was really interesting and a fun way to spend the afternoon," she said.

The group brought in a wide range of exotic birds including Sun Conures, Blue Crown Conures, Lutin Parakeets, Blue Parakeets, Moustache Parakeets, cockatoos, cockatiels, and three magnificent macaws.

"All the birds you see here today are parrots," Carol explained. The macaws, very large parrots, included the Blue and Gold Macaw, Scarlet Macaw and the Military Macaw.

Carol told the students that regardless of what they may have heard, birds are very smart animals.

"If someone ever tells you you're



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Mary Wieske shows off a Scarlet Macaw last Friday.

a bird brain, tell them 'thank you.' It's a compliment," he said. Birds, Carol explained, are able to fly because they have special muscles which enable them to flap their wings.

Rainbow Feathers Vice President Mary Wieske said owning a bird is

a lot of hard work.

"You need to properly feed and pump them," she said.

"You can't just put them in a cage and fill their food bowls every once in a while. You need to talk to them, play with them and show them that they are loved."

The group said when it comes to food, "whatever is good for you is good for the bird."

A bird's diet includes lots of fruits and vegetables, nuts, and seeds.

"Like humans, birds don't like to eat the same thing every day," Wieske said. "They like a lot of variety."

Wieske said birds also love to play with toys such as rings, tubes and anything shiny.

"Be sure to watch your jewelry when you're around them, they may try to pull your earrings out," Carol said.

Aidan Rickel and Natalie Krick from Village Oaks said they really enjoyed the program and even hoped to talk their parents into getting a bird as a pet.

Rainbow Feathers staff member Kiana Schuster said you must be careful not to place different birds in the same cage, however.

"Never put strange birds together because they could fight and one of them could wind up hurt or even killed," she said.

Sarah Vaganich, a Novi Meadows student, said she wanted to come to the program because her dad is a bird breeder and she wanted to learn more about the animals.

"We have about 120 birds," she said. "We have canaries and finch-

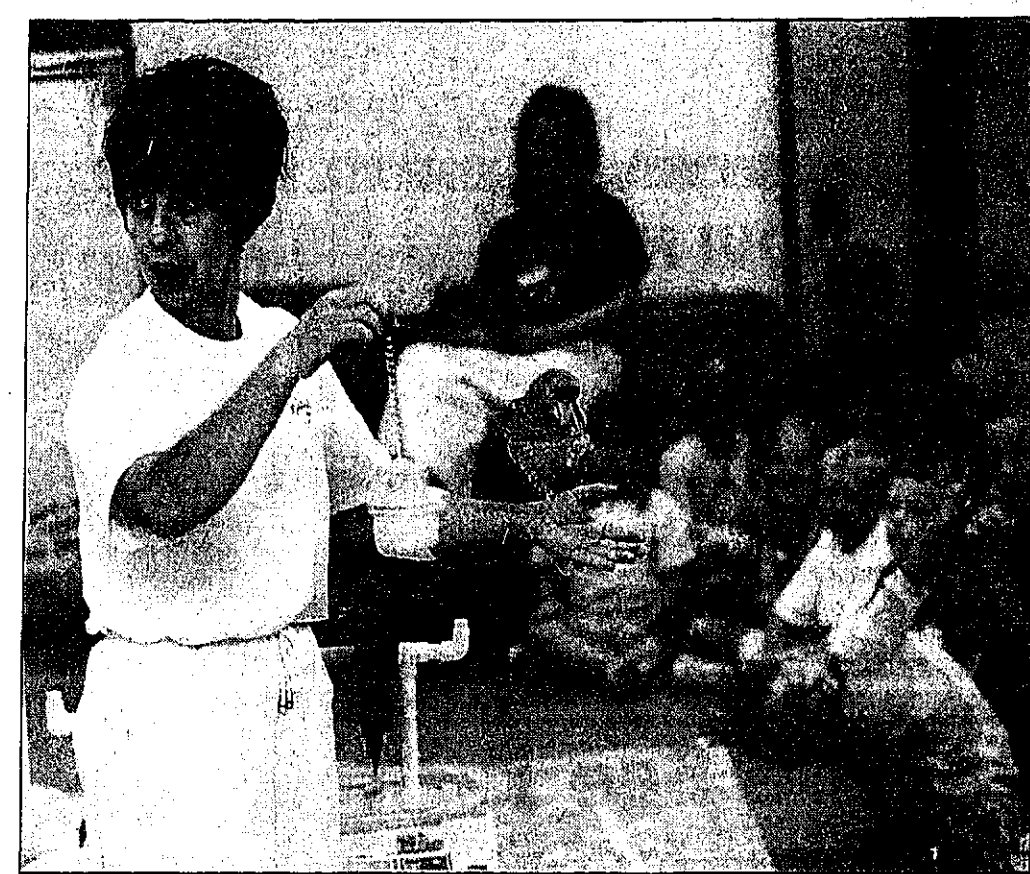


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Rainbow Feather's Mary Wieske holds a colorful parrot for all to see at the Novi Public Library.

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Rainbow Feathers, whose mission is to promote, educate, and assist in the care of exotic birds, is a club dedicated to the rescue and relocation of the animals. They also support avian research and address environmental concerns.

Established in 1997, Rainbow Feathers enjoys a large membership of breeders, exhibitors and others who are just interested in

exotic birds.

They are a non-profit bird club that will help evaluate the health and placement of the animals. They will also assist in finding a proper vet and appropriate food, as well as housing, if needed.

Funds received by the Westland club are donated to such institutions as MSU Vet Clinic in forms of scholarships for avian students, avian research and local bird res-

cue avianes. If you are interested in learning more about Rainbow Feathers or require any of their services, please call Mary Wieske at (734) 326-0720.

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Police asked for new shifts

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tract. The estimated base starting pay will increase from approximately \$34,000 to \$36,000 a year.

The new swing shift that would stagger the work week would give all the officers a chance to get a few two weekends off per month, not just officers with the most seniority.

"It works great for them," Douglas Shaeffer, Novi chief of police said. "They finally get weekends off so they can spend it with friends and family."

Shaeffer said that the peak hours for police runs were 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

"We need to have them available during those times. Traditionally the 12-hour shifts are not as flexible as the eight hour schedule, but we came to an agreement with the union in that we established some swing shifts that will help us meet our needs," the chief said.

"There will be a new 12-hour shift evaluation with criteria based on number of citations written, numbers of calls answered, parking tickets written and initiatives the officers took on by themselves."

"We were able to make a great compromise with the union," Shaeffer said. "What made it more flexible was that the union agreed that the administration had the ability to set the numbers of shifts, the hours of shifts and the numbers of officers per shift."

Under the new contract, the police chief will have more flexibility to move individuals in and out of assignment positions.

"The union agreed that detective would no longer be a promotion," Shaeffer said.

"It will be an assignment that will be made by me, the chief of police. I will benefit from our flexibility and help us manage our work load."

According to Shaeffer, the chief will now have the flexibility to move individuals in and out of positions.

"When I have had to make assignments in the past, it's been limited to a two-year duration by contract," Shaeffer said.

"We actually extended that to three years and can add another year onto that."

Both Shaeffer and City Manager Richard Helwig said they were extremely pleased with the result. The officers had been working without a contract for approximately one year.

"I thought there was a need to improve employee morale," Council Member Craig DeLoche said. "The 12-hour shift was something I know they were very interested in."

The last contract expired on July 1, 1999.

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Library Briefs

LIBRARY HOURS

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READING IS OUT OF THIS WORLD

Sign up is now underway for the 2000 Summer Reading Program, "Reading is Out of This World." The program is for children in grade four and under.

READING IS FAR OUT

Kids going into grade 5 and beyond are invited to sign up now for "Reading is Far Out." Featured will be groovy programs, cool projects, and hip prizes throughout the summer.

LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

The Novi Library Board of Directors meets Monday, July 17 at 7 p.m. in the library meeting room. Community members are welcome to attend.

FLYING SAUCERS AND UFOS

Kids going into grade 5 and up are invited to hear Mike Best, a former field investigator for the Center for UFO Studies, talk about the search for extraterrestrial intelligence and the real story behind flying saucers and UFOs. The free program will be held on Monday, July 17 at 1 p.m. in the library meeting room. No registration is necessary.

CRAFT PROGRAMS

We have two craft programs scheduled for Tuesday, July 18. Crafts for children ages 5-6 will be at 1 p.m.; crafts for children age 7 and up will be at 2 p.m. There is a \$1 materials fee for each 45-minute program. No registration is necessary but space is limited.

JUDY SIMA, STORYTELLER

Professional storyteller Judy Sima will share some of her wonderful stories on Wednesday, July 19 at 1 p.m. in the library meeting room. Children age 4 and up are invited to attend the free performance. No registration is necessary for the 45-minute program.

DROP-IN STORYTIMES

Storytime for children ages 4 to 7 will be held Thursday, July 20; storytime for 2 and 3-year-olds will be held Friday, July 21. Each 30-minute session starts at 11 a.m. No registration is necessary.

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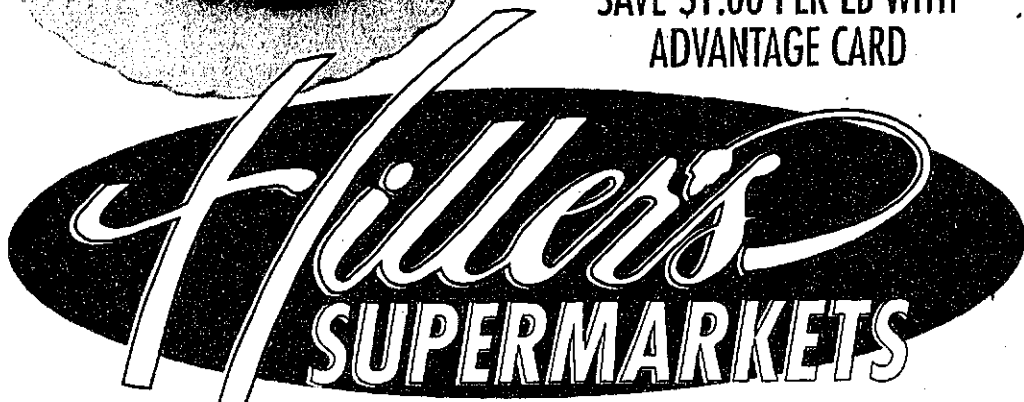
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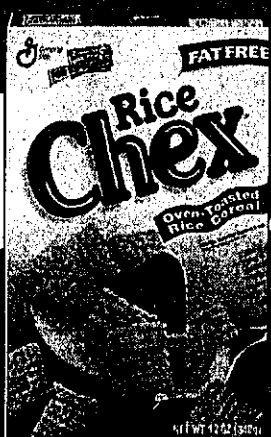
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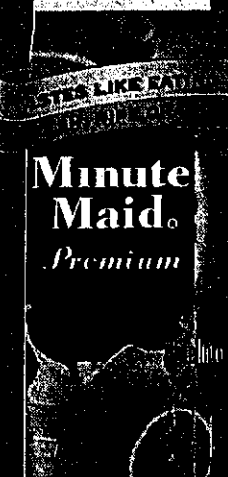


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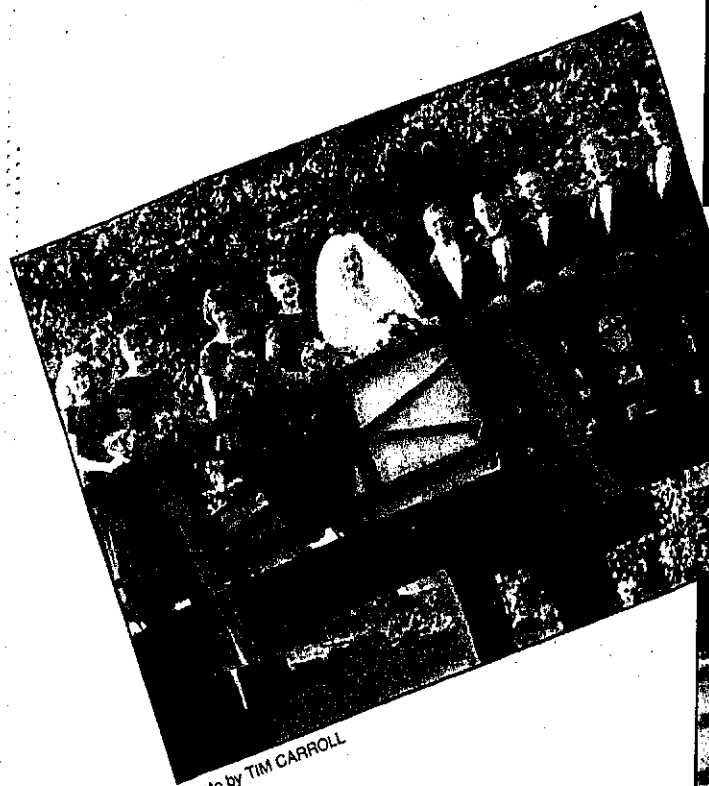
Historic village
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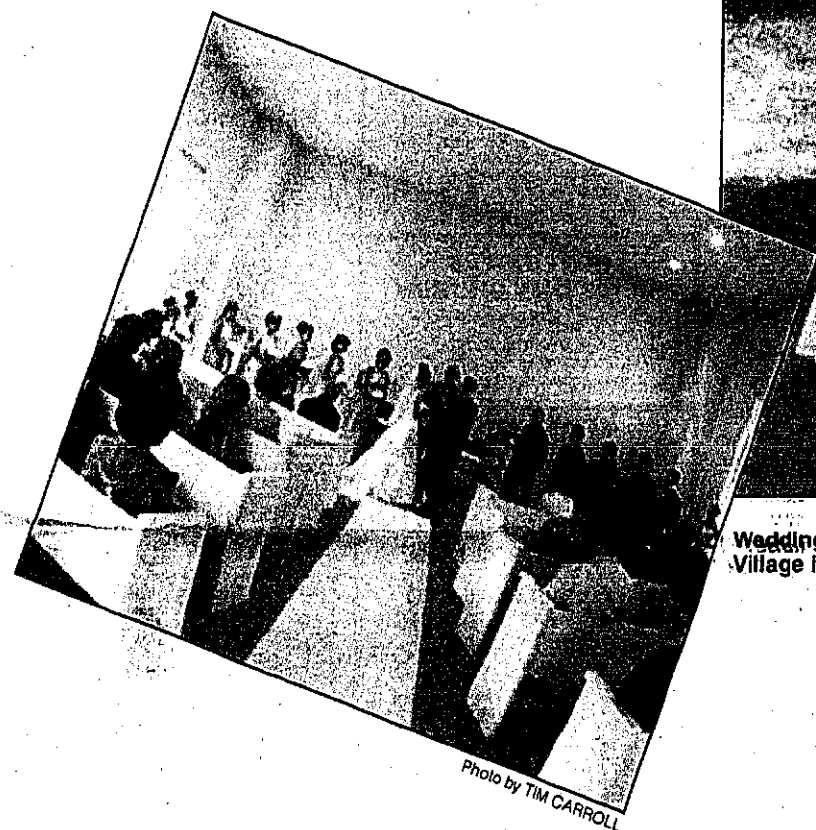


Photo by TIM CARROLL

Wedding pictures have endless possibilities at Mill Race Village in Northville.



Photo by TIM CARROLL

Wedding Bliss

Nestled among the ivy and trees, perhaps in the quaint chapel or gazebo, a couple can give their vows and pledge to honor each other 'till death do part.

Weddings like this happen daily during the summer at Mill Race Village in Northville. On average, 70 weddings a year are performed in the church, inside the gazebo and even on the lawn by the stream.

"A lot of people enjoy having their weddings in a historic setting. It's a great backdrop and many brides grew up in Northville," said Patricia Schimmer, office manager for Mill Race.

However, couples from all over the metropolitan Detroit area come in to have their weddings at the private site, which shuts down for two hours during the weddings, Schimmer said.

Docents (guides) are at the ceremony to make sure everything runs smoothly and to help with any last minute details the bride might have. The bride and groom also have their choice of where to get married and Mill Race is flexible with many areas to also take pictures including the stream and bridge, she said.

For \$600 or \$500 for historical society members, a couple can hold the wedding at the village and invite 100 of their closest guests, Schimmer said. There is also an hour of rehearsal the week before included. Wedding participants must furnish their own clergy or official to marry them, however.

The wedding fees are the only money Mill Race receives to keep up the grounds and facilities since it is run by the Northville

Historical Society, a non-profit organization.

"It's the only money we have to maintain the village since school tours and summer tours are free. We just redid the bathrooms in the church and we're proud of them," Schimmer said.

People have even used Mill Race Village to propose to their fiancées or have a wedding out of the ordinary.

One Northville man took his girlfriend to Genetti's, had a horse and carriage pick them up and drive them to the Gazebo here, which he had all lit in lights. That's where he proposed to her," Schimmer said.

Another man had his mother who was a helicopter pilot fly him to his wedding and there have been a few weddings at the site that have been in full uniform dress from the 19th century - Civil War era.

A NEW BEGINNING

Drita Idrizi, Salem Township resident, was looking for a beautiful location to perform a simple ceremony when she discovered Mill Race.

"I wanted someplace that had character. The grounds are beautiful but I don't have to overdecorate. It's kind of an intimate setting and we felt it fit with what we wanted: a

small, romantic gathering," she said.

Idrizi and her fiancé, Greg Peer of Westland, plan to be married Oct 21, 2000.

"They are very accommodating and we knew Pat (Schimmer) would help us out if we need it. They are allowing us to move things in the chapel where we want and that made me feel more at ease," she said.

Idrizi said she loves the way the chapel looks on the inside, light and airy, where other churches have dark wood and are more sedate.

"I want people to feel welcomed and cheerful," she said.

An added bonus, Idrizi said, was the picturesque setting for pictures.

LONG TIME LOVE

Arthur and Rosie Anderson were married July 30, 1977 when the historic village was just beginning.

"It was a fun, nice setting. We saw you could get married there in the paper and decided it would be very nice. We lived in Westland at the time," Arthur Anderson said.

The two were teachers in Livonia when they met, he taught technical drafting and she taught German.

"I'm a Michigan State graduate and she's a U of M grad but we still got together," he said.

The Andersons chose to have the ceremony in the church and even had a reception on the lawn afterwards.

Only two things happened over the course of the wedding.

"It was dead silence. The piano didn't work. We had the person all lined up but we couldn't get another piano in time," Anderson said.

The other was due to Anderson clearing out brush and weeds from the front entrance of Mill Race to make the grounds look cleaner. Mill Race accommodated and Anderson cleared away before his wedding. It wasn't until his honeymoon that he discovered he had poison ivy.

"That wasn't the greatest thing," he said.

The two moved to Northville after their wedding and Anderson said they haven't regretted it one moment.

ALL THE BEST PARTIES

Mill Race Village can even be used for wedding and baby showers, anniversary parties and second and third marriage ceremonies. However, receptions after weddings are not feasible, Schimmer said, due to the lack of facilities. No alcohol is allowed in the park as well.

"Many people say to me, 'my family member or friend was married here, can I get married here too?' People really enjoy it and my job is pleasant being around it," Schimmer said.

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Magistrate E. Wayne Byrun, right, presided over the rehearsal for the wedding of Allen and Cindi Lulko last Wednesday.

Novi Highlights

Novi Community Education

Many programs for children and teens are still available for this summer. Registrations can be made at the Community Education office, 25345 Taft Road, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or call 481-1206. Gift certificates are also available toward class fees or for specific classes. Credit cards are acceptable when phoning or faxing registrations. Register children in the grade they will enter in the fall.

Few spaces remain in the "Future Star Roller Hockey Camp" for boys and girls ages 7-14. Available are afternoon sessions from noon to 2:30 p.m.; morning sessions are filled. The hockey camp will be held Aug. 14-18 in the Civic Center parking lot. The only equipment necessary for playing are skates, other equipment will be furnished.

Jennifer Buckley, a U.S. national team member who has competed internationally, will teach a

rhythmic class for ages 6-12. This all-female class is a combination of dance and light tumbling skills. In addition, she is safety certified and a member of U.S.A. Gymnastics. Beginner classes will be held July 24-28; advanced, July 31-Aug. 4, both scheduled at the Novi Middle School auxiliary gym.

Other available classes include: movie star camp for ages 7-13 starting July 24; Techno-Science computer camp 2000, Aug. 7-11 for ages K-8; baton twirling camp starts July 17, for ages 6-12; Novi Wildcat boys and girls shooting camp for grades 3-9 starts July 17; Novi Wildcat camp II for grades 9-9 starts July 24; and pom-pom/cheerleading clinic for grades 1-8 will be held Aug. 7-10. Additional class descriptions are in the brochures available at the Civic Center information rack.

Novi Chamber of Commerce. The next monthly chamber luncheon will be Tuesday, July 18.

Space is limited and reservations should be in to the office by Friday, July 14. Charge of luncheon for members is \$17 or at the door, \$22 subject to availability.

In place of a guest speaker, chamber members will be spotlighted. Each member who wishes to participate will have 45 seconds to introduce themselves and their business. This segment will be filmed and cablecast on Channel 13 for community information.

This year's second new-member reception was held in June at the offices of the FDI Group, with over 25 new members, chamber staff and chamber ambassadors attending. Sissy DeRoche is the new executive director of the chamber. She can be reached at the chamber office, 349-3743, and is interested in members' input on ways to improve the chamber in supporting Novi's business environment. She joins other staff members:

Amy Miller, office manager; Gail Stiel, special events coordinator; and Monica Mull, administrative assistant.

Chamber members will be working at the "Flamin' Hot Blues Festival" this week, starting July 13-16 at the Novi Expo. Call the office for a special chamber night information.

Members will also be working the entertainment tent for the "Music and Motor Fest" (formerly the 50s Festival) to be held July 26-30. Chamber night will be Friday, July 28, from 5 p.m.-2 a.m.

The 13th annual golf outing "Tycoon Tee-Off" is set for Aug. 17 at the Catalina Golf Club. Sponsors of the event are the Novi Expo Center and the Verizon Wireless Co. Spirit of Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church Vacation Bible School will be held July 17-21, from 9-11:30 a.m. at the church with Pastor

Matthew McMahon coordinating the activities. Children from age 3 through grade four are encouraged to attend. More information is available by calling the church office at 477-6296. The program will include Bible stories, crafts, snacks, recreation and music. In addition, there will be an ice cream social on Thursday, July 20 at 7 p.m.

Pastor McMahon will be assisted by several teachers including Mike Barone and Tom Clarkson; Steve Barone will be planning recreation; Caryn Doehler, Nick Steudle, and Kara Sawaya will be working the musical portion of the program; and Lynn Hepler and Mary Najjar will be in charge of crafts.

The midweek adult class will continue throughout the summer during the first three Wednesday nights of the month at 7 p.m. New class members are always welcome. The class is currently discussing selected passages of the Book of Acts: theology and application to congregational and individual life.

Community Events

NORTHVILLE BARGAIN BAZAR

The fifth annual Northville Bargain Bazaar, sponsored by the Northville Central Business Association, will be held on Saturday, July 22, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The "sidewalk sale" inspired event will be held along Main and Center Streets in downtown Northville and will feature fantastic buys, entertainment, food and fun. Call (248) 349-7640 for more information.

BLOOD DRIVE

There will be a blood drive on Monday, July 24, from 2 to 8 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, 217 N. Wing St., Northville.

Call (248) 348-1020 to make an appointment to donate blood.

TWIRLING M'S

Baton twirling is alive and well once again in Walled Lake. The "Twirl-M's" has brought the sport of twirling back to the Walled Lake area. As a part of the Walled Lake Community Education lineup, the Twirl-M's offers participants ages 4 to 18 the chance to twirl the baton for recreation, community performance and/or competition.

The Twirl-M's will hold an instructional summer camp the week of Aug. 10. Each day, new twirlers will participate in a class that will be held from 9 to 10 a.m. at Glenary Elementary on Woodbury Drive in Walled Lake. Current Twirl-M's will participate from 10:05 to 11:05 a.m. in a class also at Glenary, while competition twirlers will meet at 11:10 a.m. The camp is open to any participant, ages 4 to 18, and the fee is \$45.

To register, contact the Walled

Lake Community Education

Department at the Educational Services Building, Room 900, 850 Ladd Road. You may also register through the community's new e-registrar.com (on-line). For more information, call the WLCE at (248) 956-5000. Class participants may bring their baton with them to the first class or order a baton by July 15 through the instructor at (248) 363-7388.

For those interested in fall classes, Twirl-M's baton classes will be held on Monday night at the Walled Lake Community Education Center on Pontiac Trail in Walled Lake. Registration information can be found in the fall brochure which will be mailed to Walled Lake Community Schools households in mid-August. An Open House registration will be held on Aug. 30, from 6-8 p.m. Registration will continue after that date until classes fill.

TOASTMASTERS MEETING

Novi Toastmasters meet every first and third Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at its new location, the Novi Civic Center on Ten Mile Road. New members are welcome anytime.

For more information on Toastmasters, check out the Web at www.toastmasters.org or contact Fred Young at (248) 374-8480.

JURIED ART SHOW AND SALE

The eighth annual juried art show and sale, "Sharing the Gift" will be held Oct. 7-13, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 E. Main Street. There will be on-site adjudication by juror Robert Wilbert. A luncheon after the show will be available Oct. 10, 11 and 12.

To register, contact the Walled

Deadline for entries of artwork in the contest of the constellations, 9:30 p.m. sunset.

• Skytour (scavenger hunt for children), sunset-11 p.m.

• General viewing of stars and constellations, sunset to 11 p.m.

"Astronomy on the Beach" is free except for the required Metroparks vehicle entry permit. Daily, \$3 weekends and holidays; \$2 weekdays except Wednesdays, which are free entry days; or annual, \$15 regular/\$8 senior citizen (\$2 and older). For more information, contact Kensington Metroparks at (248) 685-1561 or 1-800-477-3178.

ASTRONOMY AT THE BEACH

Listen to NASA astronaut Jack Lousma and gaze through a field of telescopes at the "Fourth Annual Astronomy at the Beach" on Friday and Saturday, July 21 and 22, from 5 p.m. to midnight on Martindale Beach at Kensington Metropark near Milford/Brighton.

Lousma, an astronaut on Skylab and shuttle missions, will give his perspectives from space at 8:30 p.m. Saturday. Both evenings will feature talks on astronomy and vanishing night light, and astronomy displays and demonstrations. A variety of telescopes to view the sun, the comet "Linear S4" and various constellations will also be available.

The schedule of events for both Friday and Saturday, July 21 and 22, from 5 p.m. to midnight (unless specified) is:

- Sunset viewing, 5-7 p.m.
- Make a comet demonstration, 6:30 p.m.
- Basic astronomy equipment talk, 7 p.m.
- Our vanishing night (light pollution) talk, 7:30 p.m.
- Astronomy 101 talk, 8 p.m.
- "Our Active Sun" featuring Dr. Thomas Zurbuchen, University of Michigan Department of Atmospheric, Oceanic and Space Physics Friday only, 8:30-9:30 p.m.
- "Perspectives from space" featuring Jack Lousma, NASA astro-

naut Saturday only, 8:30-9:30 p.m.

• Tour of the constellations, 9:30 p.m.-sunset.

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KINDERMUSIK COMES TO NORTHVILLE

Baby's Baby Resale Shop, 153 E. Main St., Northville is offering free storytime with music on two occasions:

• July 17, 1 p.m. and Aug. 15, also at 1 p.m.

Parents and their children are invited to experience interactive 20 to 30 minute programs of storytelling, music and movement during the storytime with Miss Karen. Favorite children's books, simple instruments, and imaginative songs and chants highlight the story time.

Registrations are suggested but not mandatory. Karen Onika Schanerberger is a licensed Kindermusik instructor at Evola Music of Canton.

For more information, call (248) 347-2229.

PROVIDENCE COMMUNITY PROGRAMS FOR THE SUMMER

"Ceramic Classes," Novi Assarian Center Studio, 47601 Grand River Ave.

No charge, registration required: 1-877-345-5500.

Classes include hand building, sculpture, and throwing on the potter's wheels.

Ceramic classes are offered to cancer patients who will be guided through easy and fun clay projects.

• July 20, from 7-9 p.m., "Pre-Marriage Classes," Novi Park: Providence Medical Center, 47601 Grand River Ave.

Fee: \$25/couple; \$15 single. Registration required: 1-877-345-5500.

Couples applying for a marriage license must show proof that they have received counseling regarding the transmission and prevention of sexually-transmitted diseases and AIDS. Individuals will be issued a certificate as proof of class participation. Certificate valid indefinitely.

• First and third Wednesdays every month, 7:30 p.m., "(MDDA) Manic Depressive - Depressive Association of Metro Detroit."

Novi/Providence Medical Office

Center, 39500 W. Ten Mile Road at Hagerty, Free, (248) 960-1288.

Those with depressive illnesses.

• Fourth Thursday of every month, 6:30 p.m., "Parents Supporting Parents," Novi Park: Providence Medical Center, 47601 Grand River Ave. Free, (248) 424-5342 or (248) 685-7536.

Coping with the loss of an infant through miscarriage, stillbirth or newborn death.

• Every Friday, 7:30 p.m., "Overeaters Anonymous," Novi Park: Providence Medical Center, 47601 Grand River Ave. Free. Helpline: (248) 424-5342 or (248) 474-9458.

2000 NORTHVILLE CLOCK CONCERTS

Friday evenings at the Bandshell in Northville, concerts will take place from 7:30-9 p.m. which are sponsored by the Northville Arts Commission.

July 7 - T.B.A.
July 14 - Schoolcraft College Wind Ensemble

July 21 - Kitty Donohoe Farmington Community Concert Band

August 4 - One Flight Up August 11 - Ick and Erk

The last two concerts are presented by Northville Parks and Recreation:

August 18 - Top Drawer August 25 - M22 (Family Fun Night)

HAWAIIAN LUAU TO BE HELD AT NORTHVILLE MANOR

Grab your grass skirts and come soak in the Hawaiian atmosphere at the Northville Manor Banquet Facility, located on Hagerty Road between Five and Six Mile Road on the west side of street, as they hold their second annual Hawaiian Luau on July 21 from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. There will be live Polynesian Hawaiian dancers, an Elvis impersonator and Hula Hoop contest. The cost is \$20 per person and includes a pig roast with potato, vegetable and dessert. Advance tickets are available by calling (734) 420-0144 or by stopping in at 39430 Dun Ravin in Northville.

NORTHVILLE ALUMNI GOLF OUTING

The 21st Annual Northville Alumni Golf Outing will be held at Bogle Lake Golf Course in White Lake on September 23 starting at 10:15 a.m. A maximum of 80 golfers will be accepted. To sign up or for more questions, call Rick Bingley at (248) 348-3851.

Birth



Henry Notarianni

Jim and Tam Notarianni of Northville are proud to announce the birth of their son, **Henry James**, born June 6 at 1:35 a.m. in Providence Hospital. He weighed 10 pounds, 7 ounces and was 22 3/4 inches in length.

His grandparents are Elaine Haas of Dearborn and Molly Notarianni of Richmond, Va.

Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. John Gallo of Novi announce the marriage of their daughter, Darlene, to Chris Varani, son of Fred and Annette Varani April 1 at Holy Family Church in Novi. The Rev. John Budde officiated the ceremony.

The bride is a 1995 graduate of Novi High School. She graduated in December 1999 with a bachelor's degree in environmental engineering from the University of Michigan.

Amanda Mancine served as maid of honor. Attending bridesmaids were Sara Blackmer, Deb Havelka, and Gab Varani.

The groom's hometown is Boulder, Colo. He is a December 1999 graduate of the University of Michigan, with a bachelor's degree in aerospace engineering.

Attending as best man was Rip Atkinson. Groomsmen were Matt Lauer, Dave Pratt, and David Gallo.

Both Chris and Darlene are presently serving as second lieutenants in the United States Air Force. They are currently attending pilot training at Vance Air Force Base in Oklahoma.

The couple went to Crested Butte, Colo., an outdoor recreation mecca in the Rocky Mountains, for their honeymoon. There they enjoyed mountain biking, mountain climbing, whitewater rafting, and camping.



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Religion

Vacation Bible School at Spirit of Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, 40700 W. Ten Mile, Novi will have an ice cream social on Thursday, July 20 at 7 p.m.

For additional information, call Pastor Matthew McMahon at the church office, (248) 477-6296 or residence, (248) 427-0439.

First Presbyterian Church of Northville and First Presbyterian Church of Ann Arbor have an exciting plan for all children and youth from our churches who have completed grades two through eight. This summer we will share Camp Westminister on Higgins Lake in northern Michigan for a one-week Adventure Camp July 30 through August 5.

This will be a traditional summer camp experience with outdoor activities, arts and crafts, campfires, singing and fellowship - all activities that make for a wonderful camp experience. Going to camp is a terrific way for our children to learn more about God, gain values and skills, build community, and discover who they are. People are registering already for camp and between the two churches, we can only take 110 people. For more information, please call Pastor Russell or Kelly Williams at the church, (248) 349-0911.

St. James Roman Catholic Church, 43300 W. 11 Mile, Novi, will have a Sunday School 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, July 23. Call (248) 348-7778 for more information.

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CHURCH DIRECTORY

For information regarding rates call The Northville Record or Novi News (248)349-1700

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH 9 Mile & Meadowbrook Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m. Monday Worship 7:00 p.m. (248) 489-9000	FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE 200 E. Main Street, Northville Sunday School 9:30-10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. (248) 349-0911
CHURCH OF TODAY WEST (Unity) Meadowbrook Elementary School - Walled Lake (South of 13 Mile on Meadowbrook Road) Sunday 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Monday 7:00 p.m. (248) 489-9000	OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH 4400 W. 11 Mile Sunday 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Monday 7:00 p.m. (248) 489-9000
NOVI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 4141 W. 11 Mile, Meadowbrook Sunday 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Monday 7:00 p.m. (248) 348-7778	ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN MISSOURI SYNOD 4141 W. 11 Mile, Meadowbrook Sunday 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Monday 7:00 p.m. (248) 348-7778
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WARD EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 40000 W. 11 Mile, Novi Sunday 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Monday 7:00 p.m. (248) 348-7778	FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE 217 N. Wing Sunday 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Monday 7:00 p.m. (248) 348-7778
ST. JAMES ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH 43300 W. 11 Mile, Novi Sunday 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Monday 7:00 p.m. (248) 348-7778	FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE 217 N. Wing Sunday 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Monday 7:00 p.m. (248) 348-7778
CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY 24500 Meadowbrook Rd., Novi Sunday 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Monday 7:00 p.m. (248) 348-7778	FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 21200 Higgins Road, Novi Sunday 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Monday 7:00 p.m. (248) 348-7778
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OAKLAND BAPTIST CHURCH 20000 W. 11 Mile, Novi Sunday 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Monday 7:00 p.m. (248) 348-7778	CORNERSTONE COMMUNITY CHURCH 1000 a.m. Sunday Service at the Novi Civic Center Quality Kids' Care and Learning Located on 10 Mile, 1/2 mile west of Novi Road (248) 348-7778
PRaise CHAPEL CHURCH OF GOD 44000 W. 11 Mile, Novi Sunday 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Monday 7:00 p.m. (248) 348-7778	ST. ANNE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH 4301 Nicolet St., Walled Lake Sunday 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Monday 7:00 p.m. (248) 348-7778
CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL 10 Mile between Taft & Beck, Novi Sunday 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Monday 7:00 p.m. (248) 348-7778	HOLY ASCENSION CATHOLIC CHURCH 4400 W. 11 Mile, Novi Sunday 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Monday 7:00 p.m. (248) 348-7778
THE COMMUNITY UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS "Religion That Places Its Faith in You" Sunday 10:30 a.m. to Brighton Ed and Community Center on Church St. Contact us at our e-mail address: unitarian@earthlink.net or on the message at (610) 225-2882 Minister: Dana S. Reynolds III	Visit your church regularly

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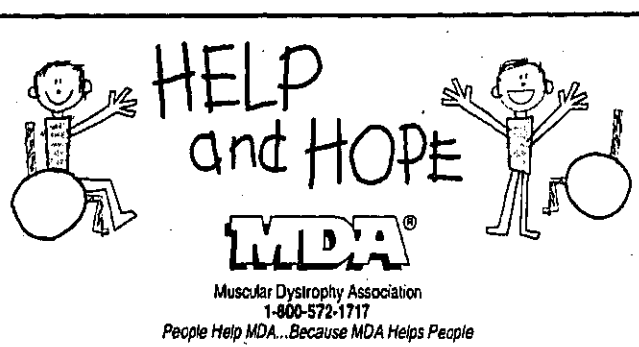
The engagement of Katherine Lynne Bell of Novi and Erin Allen Moore of Marietta, Ga., is hereby announced by her parents, Kenneth and Marcia Bell of Battle Creek.

The bride-elect received her high school education in Battle Creek and a master of science degree in information at the University of Michigan in 1998. She is currently employed as a librarian at the Novi Public Library.

The groom-elect is the son of Pat Moore of Athens, Tenn., and Sue Moore of Niota, Tenn. He received a bachelor of science degree in physics at Tennessee Technological University in 1994 and is currently a software engineer at Altair Engineering.

They plan a fall wedding in 2001.

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Children need to learn manners too

"A well-mannered child is a delight to behold."

One of the delightful aspects of being an etiquette consultant is conducting seminars for children. Over the many I have conducted, I find the children receptive and so eager to learn. Showing their parents after class how to correctly shake hands and where to properly place your name tag is something new and exciting and "grown up" for them. After all when good manners are learned, it is not just for a certain age or for a certain time but something that is used throughout one's lifetime.

In earlier times, children were treated differently. For instance, there were no children's clothes as such. They were dressed as adults only in smaller sizes. In character and personalities, they were treated more or less as miniature adults. We all have read how young children, some as young as 9 years of age, labored long hours in mines, mills and sweat shops. Perhaps that is why Jean-Jacques Rousseau wrote to parents in mid-18th century in his book "Emile":

"Nurture childhood: encourage its play, its pleasures, its instinctive kindness. Which of its does not sometimes long to go back to that time of life when laughter is always on the lips, and the soul ever at peace? Why ever should one want to take away from these little innocents the sweet enjoyment of a time that so soon escapes them?"

Experts tell us that what is learned at an early age lasts a lifetime. But when both parents work, eating quick-fix meals, being chauffeur for the many activities in which families take part, it is not always easy to take time out for "manners" lessons, yet children cannot be expected to know what they have not been taught.

So parents, here are a few rules:

- Introduce your children to



Margit Erickson

your friends when you are entertaining. This includes shaking hands and repeating the guest's name.

- Innocent as they may be, children can be cruel at times. Teach them that not everyone has the same color of skin, the same shaped eyes, the same body weight or the same voice. Being kind and considerate of others is what counts, not physical features.

- Children do not sit down at the dining table and begin eating until mom/dad sits down. If you are still busy in the kitchen with last-minute items, have them come and help you so you can all sit down together for the meal. Just as money does not grow on trees, meals do not just magically appear on the table. And children, remember, when there is food in your mouth, your mouth stays closed until you swallow it. Food should vanish into the mouth, never to be seen again.

- Animals are born knowing how to groom themselves, humans are not. Children need to be taught the proper way to comb their hair, wash their faces and bodies, brush their teeth, clean their nails, and wear clean clothes. Teach them the importance of washing their hands after playing, after coming home from school, always just before eating, and always, always after using the bathroom.

- When at a theater, let them know that once the lights are

past Saturday, I enjoyed the etiquette class very much. The lunch was very, very good. I also learned some table manners that I am trying to practice each day."

Stephen J. "Thank you for all you've taught me about manners in the last few weeks. I had a nice time and I learned a lot."

Amanda K. "Thank you for being a wonderful teacher. I learned a lot of things about manners. Thanks again."

Bridget K. "I really enjoyed the etiquette class. It was really fun. May God bless you."

Joshua C. "Thank you for teaching me proper etiquette. I learned a lot about manners and how important they are to everyone. I also learned some new manners."

I loved the luncheon at Two Chees and now I want to eat there every night. Also, thank you for the stationery. I love it."

Lindsey S. Finally, let me say that the single most powerful way to teach your children anything is to have them imitate your behavior. That means that parents need to be their role models. Do not disappoint them if you do not want them to disappoint you.

A children's etiquette seminar is planned for late August. Please call (248) 471-6170 for details.

Margit Erickson of Margit Erickson and Co. has been an etiquette consultant for more than 10 years and conducts seminars in business and social etiquette for adults, teens and children. She is also host and producer of her own television program, "The Elegant Life" on Channel 12. You can write to her at P.O. Box 841, Northville, Mich. 48167. She will also be hosting a seminar on Job Interview Jitters at Longacre House in Farmington Hills on October 14 and 21 from 7-9 p.m.

"I enjoyed learning new skills that will help me with my everyday life. I was pleased to be in your class. I thought it was interesting how you should shake hands, and I never knew that you can eat two different ways - the American and the European way. Thank you truly again."

Susan S. "It was nice to meet you this

Business

Randy Fox of Novi has joined Chevrolet Communications as manager - product communications.

Fox joined General Motors' Pontiac Division as a member of its technical publications department in 1985. He later worked on Pontiac's product planning staff, followed by an assignment on Pontiac's public relations staff as a media relations and product publicity specialist.

In 1995, Fox moved to GM's corporate communications office in Washington D.C. where he worked on automotive safety issues until joining Oldsmobile.

Prior to General Motors, Fox was a publications marketing manager for the Society of Manufacturing Engineers. He earned a bachelor of arts degree from Central Michigan University.

Professional advancement certifications and technical computer training is provided by Walsh College at its Novi locations. Call the Professional Services Department for further information at (248) 689-8282, ext. 280 or fax, (248) 689-7816.

The following class schedule is for July 18-27:

- Tuesday, July 18 "E-Commerce: How To Do Business On The Web." Learn concepts of e-commerce as it relates to the Internet. The Web is about more than buying books and day trading. Find out what you need to know to use the latest marketing tool. The class will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Novi campus, 41500 Gardenbrook Road, Fee: \$189.

- Tuesday, July 25 "Web Site Re-Engineering." Learn how to rethink your company's Web Site and revise your Internet expectations. This class will run at the Novi campus, 41500 Gardenbrook Road, Fee: \$249.

- Thursday, July 27 "Project 98, Level 2." In this hands-on class you will learn the tracking progress, adjusting the schedule, subprojects and multiple projects, importing data, and cus-

tomizing. This class will run from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Novi campus, 41500 Gardenbrook Road, Fee: \$189.

United Planet, a Novi-based direct mail services firm has hired Frank Garcia as its production manager.

Garcia has 19 years experience running lettershops and fulfillment operations. He will be in charge of United Planet's domestic and international mail operations.

Former Novi resident, C. Drew Pennington ASID was recently promoted from an associate to a senior associate at TMP Associates Inc., an architectural/engineering firm located in Bloomfield Hills.

Pennington is a graduate of Central Michigan University and a member of the American Society of Interior Designers. She is the interior design group leader at TMP and her experience encompasses various educational and municipal projects including current work for the West Bloomfield Township Public Library and Seaboard High School in Birmingham.

An award ceremony was held at the 2000 "Expand Your Horizons" national conference in San Diego, Calif. This annual educational event included more than 400 independent financial service practitioners from throughout the country.

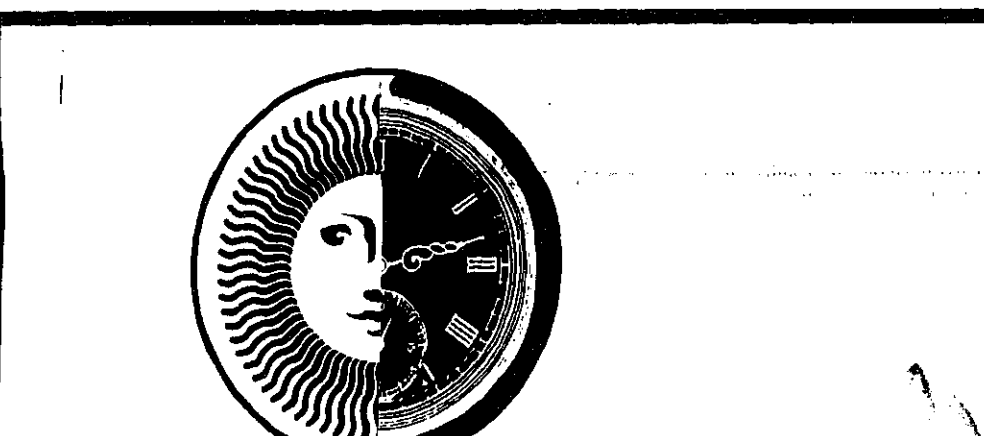
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Lee E. Holland is founder and owner of Lee E. Holland CPA, CFP, a financial services firm specializing in retirement planning and estate planning, located in Northville.

Edison creates uniform hours for better service

Detroit Edison's customer offices will offer uniform hours of operation beginning Monday, July 10. All the utility's customer offices in Southeastern Michigan will operate from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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Novi Seniors

The Novi Senior Center located in the Novi Civic Center is open to seniors 50 and older. Many services and programs are provided without charge. Classes, special events and trips each have their own fees. For more information or to register for an activity, please call (248) 347-0414 or by fax at (248) 347-3286.

COMING EVENTS AT THE SENIOR CENTER

- Still time to sign up for several summertime day trips: Motor City Casino, Aug. 2; Mystery Tour, Aug. 9; Detroit Tigers vs. Baltimore Orioles at Comerica Park, Aug. 10.

- Extended trips are too numerous to mention. Visit the Novi Parks and Recreation office to pick up flyers on great destinations such as Greece, Hawaii, Branson, Cape Cod, Colorado, New Orleans, Stratford, France, New Hampshire and many more.

- Ballroom dancing/live band, from 1-3 p.m. Tuesday, July 25; Tuesday, Aug. 22. Cost: \$3.

- Looking for a Few Good Men and Women? You don't even have to be that good. Anyone wishing to be in the cast/chorus for our big fall musical variety show "Showstoppers" Sept. 13, 14, 15 and 17. Come to Novi Parks and Recreation to register. Rehearsals will be held on Mondays.

- Services/Brochures/Calendars: Copies of the monthly calendar of activities and menus are available at Novi Parks and Recreation. Register to receive the quarterly Novi Parks and Recreation brochure mailed to your home.

- Transportation: The Novi Senior Center offers several local transportation options for Novi seniors 50 and older. Subsidized cab rides provided for \$2 for a one-way ride within the city of Novi. Call Community Cab at (248) 349-8118 for a ride. Novi senior vans operate daily within the city. Suggested donation of \$2 per ride. Advance reservations are necessary by calling (248) 735-5617, between 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. daily.

- Nutrition/Food Services: Catered lunches are provided daily at the Novi Senior Center. Advance reservations are necessary. Call the center from 9 a.m. to noon at least three days in advance. There is a \$2 per meal donation.

- Health/Fitness: Blood pressure screening is provided every Wednesday at the Senior Center between 11 a.m. to 11:50 a.m.

- Body Recall exercise program with a certified instructor on each Monday and Friday at 9:30 a.m. There is a drop-in fee of \$2 per session or register for a 10-week session.

- Stretch and strength training for seniors with a certified instructor on each Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. There is a \$3 per class drop-in or register for 10-week session.

- Massage therapy at the center by a certified massage therapist. A 25-minute session for \$10. The sessions are by appointment only. Please call (248) 347-0414.

- Tai Chi/Qigong and karate sessions are available through Novi Parks and Recreation.

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- Dance at the Senior Center: Monthly ballroom dance to the "Satin Sounds" band. Fourth Tuesday, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

- Clogging, open dance and beginning/intermediate instruction. Day and evening classes, flyers and registration at Novi Parks and Recreation.

- Line dance, western and regular, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.

- Leagues: The senior bowling league meets at Novi Bowl each Thursday at 1 p.m.

- The Novi Senior Center offers several league opportunities: Golf: Novi's Division, Mondays at 9 a.m., Pebble Creek

- Men's Division, Mondays at 9 a.m., Pebble Creek

- Mixed Division, Thursdays at 9 a.m., Pebble Creek

- Travel: Numerous day and extended travel opportunities are available. Flyers on the many trips are displayed at the Novi Parks and Recreation office in the Novi Civic Center.

- Monthly travel meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month, 11:30 a.m. to noon. Tour companies are available at that time to show slides/videos of trips. Just drop in. There are no club dues or fees.

- Carolyn Doehler, Nick Steudle, and Kara Sawaya will be working the musical portion of the program; and Lynn Hepler and Mary Najjar will be in charge of crafts.

- The midweek adult class will continue throughout the summer during the first three Wednesday nights of the month at 7 p.m. New class members are always welcome. The class is currently discussing selected passages of the Book of Acts: theology and application to congregational and individual life.

- The Detroit Symphony Orchestra, directed by Neemeo Järvi will perform various selections at the Meadowbrook Music Festival on Sunday, July 30. Members and friends who plan to attend may consider carpooling at 5 p.m. from the church.

- "Faith, Notes and Harmony" will perform both vocal and instrumental music Saturday, July 22. Come and enjoy an evening of sounds from a piano, guitars, oboe, clarinet, flute, and violin. Carolyn Doehler is the director of this musical group; Bob and Stefanie Graham, Jenny Najjar, Krystle Hepler, Sherry Kemp, Kathy and Nick Steudle, and Camille Chidsey are also members.

- Novi Highlights is written by Jeanne Clarke. Should you wish to contact her with information for this column, call 624-0173.

- Reunions: The Northville High School Class of 1975 Out-of-state Mustangs are searching for local classmates to help plan and schedule their 25th high school reunion this summer in the Northville area. For more information, contact Kim Mittington Kleckner at klecknerfam@earthlink.net or Daniel Walker Guido at DCReports@aol.com or (703) 237-5460.

- North Farmington High School will be holding a 20 year reunion for the Class of 1980 on November 24 at the Troy Marriott in Troy.

- Brother Rice and Marston High Schools in Bloomfield Hills will be holding 10 year reunions for the Classes of 1990 on November 25.

- Ann Arbor Huron High School's Class of 1990 will be holding its reunion on December 23 at Weber's Inn in Ann Arbor.

- Plymouth Canton High School is having a 20 year reunion for the Class of 1980 on August 12 at the Doubletree Guest Suites in Southfield.

- Westland's John Glenn High School will be having a 25 year reunion for the Class of 1975 on September 16 at Vladimir's, 28125 Grand River Avenue, Farmington Hills. Cost is \$45 per person. Contact Joyce McDonald Panyard at (734) 260-0620 or

Home-delivered meals are arranged for Novi residents by calling (248) 347-0203, from 9 a.m. to noon daily. Ask for Diane. Telephone reassurance calls are provided to homebound Novi seniors needing reassurance. Calls are made by volunteers and can be arranged by calling the Senior Center.

• Medication Assistance

The Senior Center has several programs designed to assist those having difficulty paying for their medication.

- Home Energy Assistance: Novi residents who are income eligible may receive assistance with their utilities and home repairs.

- Information and Referral: The Senior Center has information to address the needs and interests of seniors: In-home support, housing, legal services, job opportunities, Medicare and volunteer opportunities.

- Books/Cards/Clubs at the Novi Senior Center: Pinochle tournaments, Mondays at 12:30 p.m. Contract bridge every Thursday, 12:30 p.m.

- Duplicate bridge on Fridays, 12:30 p.m.

- Novi Camera Club, second Tuesday, monthly at 7:30 p.m. Book discussion for seniors, Novi Library, second Thursday, monthly, 12:30 p.m.

- Held monthly, the Novi Camera Club, second Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.

- Monthly Bookmobile at the Novi Center, third Tuesday of the month, 11:30 a.m. to noon.

- Quilting, second Wednesday of the month, Novi Center, 10 a.m. Creative writing, call Jan at 347-0414.

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Chicken Run hatches plenty of laughs

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By Ken Marten
STAFF WRITER

A prisoner-of-war dramedy with lots of twists, laughs, and a few tense moments, *Chicken Run* is a great for children and adults.

Twist No. 1: This animated feature is filmed in claymation, or stop-motion clay animation, which lends a sense of three dimensional realism to a farm full of cartoon chickens.

Twist No. 2: There are many unmistakable references to other films throughout *Chicken Run*, which keeps adults laughing and guessing. POW classics like *Stalag 17*, *The Great Escape*, *The Bridge on the River Kwai* and *Hogan's Heroes* all get their due. So does *Star Trek*, *Charlotte's Web*, and *Babe*, all masterful-



ly combined to make an unfamiliar animation style, brand of humor (read English) and story-line easy and familiar for American audiences.

Twist No. 3: There are even some shades of George Orwell's *Animal Farm*, but not enough to make viewers ponder symbolism and political ideologies. That's a good thing, because there are too many humorous lines in *Chicken Run*, and not enough time to get too cerebral.

Twist Nos. 4 through 10: They're in the plot. *Chicken Run* is set somewhere in the English countryside on the Tweedy Chicken farm. Ginger (voice of Julia Sawalha) is one of the many egg laying hens trying to escape from the farm and all its brutality. Scheme after scheme fails, and things get desperate when farmers Mr. and Mrs. Tweedy order, and begin assembling, a monstrous chicken pie making machine.

When Rocky (the Rooster) (voice of Mel Gibson) crash lands on the farm, he inspires hopes for freedom and begins teaching the doomed chickens how to fly. Sort of.

Both the laughs and the tension increase as plans to escape from the farm become more outlandish, and both reach their climax at the proper time in the film.

The animation alone makes *Chicken Run*

worth seeing. The film was directed by Nick Park and Peter Lord of Aardman Animations, the brain trust that created the Academy Award winning Wallace & Gromit claymation characters. The chickens are enhanced with human body parts that make them livelier characters, such as teeth, hands and arms. And the two humans in *Chicken Run* are displayed with an eerie realism.

The sets are also phenomenal, and it's easy to forget that they're not real buildings and machines. The barnyard—especially at night—has a prison camp quality complete with barbed wire, guard dogs and searchlights. The chicken pie making machine is cavernous and deadly; Ginger and Rocky's harrowing experience inside it is a good as any live action car chase or Indiana Jones escapade.

The only possibly objectionable scene in the film involves the execution of a chicken, and it's no worse than the scene in *Bambi* when the mother doe dies. Other than that, *Chicken Run* is barnyard fun for the entire family.

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Park boasts three Academy Awards

From Wallace & Gromit to *Chicken Run* and back again

Although *Chicken Run* is co-director Nick Park's first full-length feature film, he already has three Academy Awards under his belt. Park has won the Oscars for Best Short Animated Film in 1990, 1994, and 1996. The two latter awards were for the Wallace & Gromit claymation shorts, *The Wrong Trousers* and *A Close Shave*.

Park teamed up *Chicken Run*

co-director Peter Lord in 1995. Forming Aardman Animations; they began developing the plot for *Chicken Run*.

Aardman has entered into a deal five film deal with Steven Spielberg's company, Dreamworks SKG. *Chicken Run* started the process that calls for the release of an Aardman claymation film every two years. The second film will be *The Tortoise and the Hare* in 2002. The third will be Wallace & Gromit: *The Movie*, in 2004.

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Don't Miss! - A must see film; award-winning caliber

Strongly Recommended - Entertaining and/or thought provoking; strong audience interest

Recommended - Film may have some weak spots, but

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Mowin 'em down

Frantz, Cameron steal the all-area show

Four years ago the Kensington Valley Conference consisted of seven teams. They would all compete for league championships, in most sports that is.

In softball, perennial powerhouse Brighton ruled, and no one dared to invade their territory.

But when a trio of Novi players stepped onto the field in the spring of 1997, everything changed. Joelle Frantz, Katie Cameron and Sarah Bajorek are now graduated seniors. But in their four-year stay as Wildcats, the team went from worst to first and claimed two straight KVC titles. Brighton is still there, but no more is it a foregone conclusion that the Bulldogs will win.

Along with Novi, teams like Lakeland and Milford have continued to make strides. South Lyon was young this season, but with

players such as Melissa Tavidian returning for another season, the Lions should never be overlooked. In the state tournament they gave a glimpse of what may come, shutting out Brighton.

Northville, playing in the Western Lakes Activities Association (which produced three district champions this season), will also return a plethora of junior talent next year. Both their top pitcher (Maureen Emaus) and hitter (Makiko Kawamura) will be back to help the team improve on its 12-12 mark this season.

The following is a collection of great softball talent, and although unintentional, the team consists of positional players all throughout the field. Who wouldn't want a lineup consisting of HomeTown Newspapers best talent?

Katie Cameron
Novi senior second baseman—Co-HomeTown Player of the Year

One of the best contact hitters you'll ever see, Cameron hit .545 this season and struck out just twice in 132 plate appearances. Her 45 runs were second-best on the team and her 13 doubles and five triples did lead the team. She walked 22 times and had the same number of stolen bases.

Cameron was a Class A first-team all-state selection, earning all-region, all-district and all-KVC first team honors along the way. She'll be attending Brown University out of the Ivy League next season, playing softball for the varsity squad.

Joelle Frantz
Novi senior pitcher—Co-HomeTown Player of the Year

On the mound she was dominant. At the plate and on the bases she may have been one of the smartest players ever to come through Novi High.

Overall Frantz's feats at Novi may never be matched. The senior completed her fourth-straight year on the mound, compiling a 21-3 record with an amazing 0.45 earned run average. She struck out 248 batters in 169.2 innings pitched. If that wasn't enough to earn her first-team all-state honors, her hitting would have.

She hit .477 with a team-best 47 runs scored and 35 RBI. She led the team with five triples and three home runs. Her 40 stolen bases were a school record. She was all-KVC for the fourth-time and also earned first-team all district and region honors.

Melissa Tavidian
South Lyon junior pitcher

Not only was she South Lyon's best hitter, but Tavidian was also one of the toughest pitchers in the conference, which is why she was a first-team All-KVC selection. Tavidian hit .359 with 15 runs scored and nine runs batted in. As a pitcher, she had a 1.47 earned run average and her 159 strikeouts were second-best in the league. Tavidian capped the season off with a shutout of Brighton in the state tournament.

Emily LaBar
Lakeland junior utility

LaBar was an all-district selection, as the "at large" pick. That's fitting, because over the course of her senior year she was the ultimate utility player. When injuries had a domino effect on the Lakeland roster LaBar was there to put things back in order, whether as a catcher, pitcher on in the infield. She was the Eagles' leading hitter with a .418 average, and scored 25 runs. She had eight doubles and an on-base percentage of .527. LaBar was 7-6 as a pitcher.

Lacie Rudolph
Milford junior shortstop

Thanks to her clutch run production and defense at one of the most crucial spots in the field, Rudolph was a first-team all-conference pick, and was selected to the all-district team, as well. She led the Redskins in runs batted in with 21.

Megan Colligan

Novi sophomore first baseman
A powerful hitter, what makes Colligan all the more dangerous is that she's a lefty. And that translated into a .410 average hitting in the middle of a potent Novi lineup. She scored 16 runs and drove in another 13. In the field, she provided a sound first baseman for her team, committing just four errors in 173 chances. She was a first-team all-league selection.

Christina Johnson
Milford junior outfielder

An all-district and second-team All-KVC selection, Johnson was an offensive catalyst for Milford. She hit .375 and led the team with 34 runs scored. She also had 20 stolen bases.

Sarah Bajorek
Novi senior third baseman

No Novi repeat, no Novi district title would be complete without a clutch cleanup hitter named Sarah Bajorek. The senior hit .356 this past spring, knocking in a team-leading 35 runs while scoring 23. A keen eye at the plate, Bajorek's 24

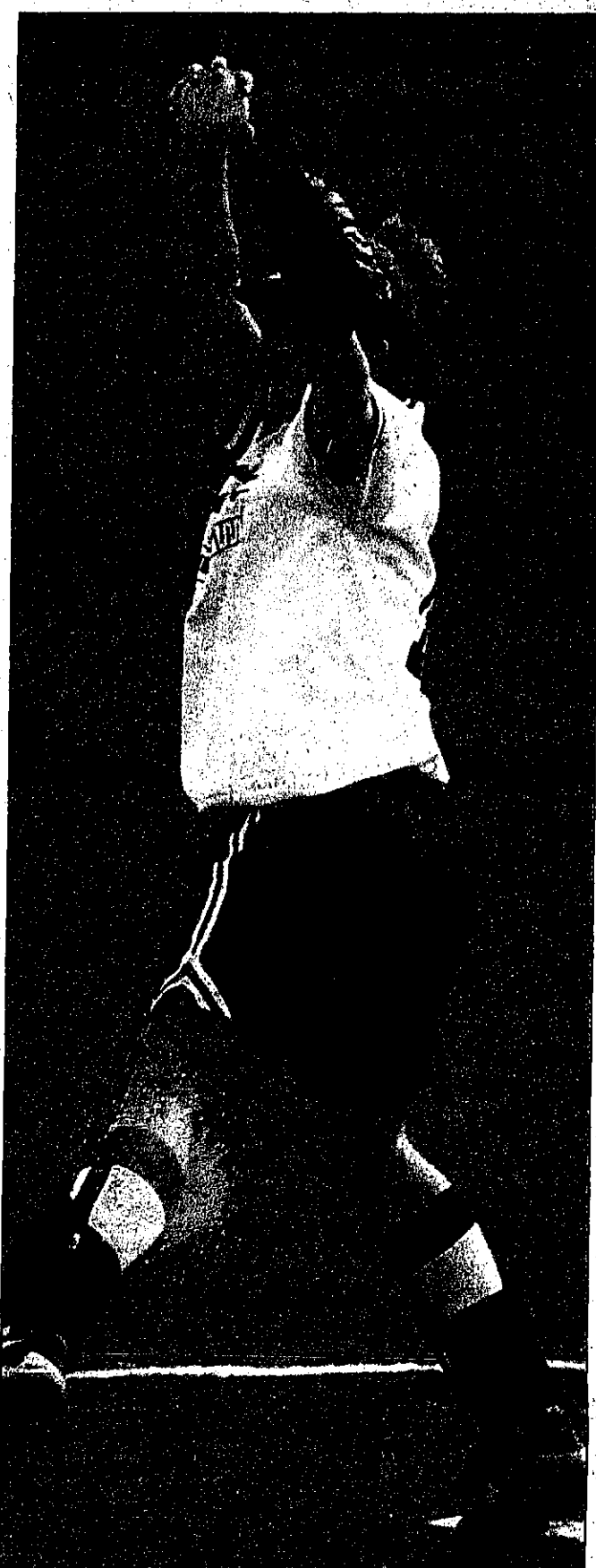


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Novi senior Joelle Frantz, HomeTown's co-player of the year along with Katie Cameron, will be playing at Hillsdale next year.

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ALL-AREA SOFTBALL

First Team

Name	School	Grade	Pos.
Katie Cameron*	Novi	Senior	2B
Lacie Rudolph	Milford	Junior	SS
Megan Colligan	Novi	Sophomore	1B
Christina Johnson	Milford	Junior	OF
Melissa Tavidian	South Lyon	Junior	P
Sarah Bajorek	Novi	Senior	3B
Emily LaBar	Lakeland	Junior	UT
Nikola Carlson	Milford	Senior	OF
Melissa Brendel	Lakeland	Senior	OF
Joelle Frantz*	Novi	Senior	P

Second Team

Name	School	Grade	Pos.
Beth Carr	Lakeland	Junior	3B
Holly VanCleave	Novi	Junior	C
Makiko Kawamura	Northville	Junior	1B
Natalie Wooderson	Northville	Senior	CF
Jodie Nouhan	Milford	Senior	1B
Jessica Gillis	Milford	Senior	C
Martha Digsby	Lakeland	Senior	2B
Allison Tingwall	Novi	Junior	OF
Kendall Hobart	Novi	Freshman	OF
Maureen Emaus	Northville	Junior	P

*Denotes HomeTown's Players of the Year

Honorable mention

Lakeland - Lindsey LaBar
Milford - Lindsay Watson
Northville - Makiko Kawamura, Jennifer Caverly, Jackie Magnuson
Novi - Victoria Kaiser, Vanessa Byrwa
South Lyon - Katie Wurster

KVC, district titles lead to post-season honors for 'Cats

For every Barry Bonds, a good team needs a few Terry Pendletons. Not everyone can be a superstar. It's the solid, dependable, workaday players that every coach loves, that make a winning team; solid defense, hitting in the clutch, moving runners along. HomeTown's all-area softball second team is full of such players. Check it out.

Holly VanCleave
Novi junior catcher

Playing a position which had been occupied by Adrienne Farrell for the previous four seasons, VanCleave had big shoes to fill when she jumped behind the plate this spring. But she performed brilliantly, hitting .324 with 18 runs scored and 20 RBI.

One of the biggest concerns for Novi coach Carol Diglio was how well her new

catcher would adjust to four-year starter Joelle Frantz. Frantz finished 21-3 with a 0.45 ERA. Enough said.

Makiko Kawamura
Northville junior first baseman

After a torrid sophomore season, she came back with a solid 2000 campaign. Kawamura hit .286 and led her team with five doubles. He 16 walks were a team high.

Natalie Wooderson
Northville senior outfielder

She anchored the outfield in center and was a consistent force at the plate. She hit .275 with a .433 on-base percentage. She was third on her team in walks, led the team with three triples and had the second-most hits on the club.

Wooderson was a member of the East

squad in the first-ever HomeTown Newspapers senior All-Star softball classic.

Jodie Nouhan
Milford senior first baseman

A four-year varsity starter, Nouhan's bat got hotter as her senior season progressed. She ended up second on the Milford team with 20 runs batted in. She hit .269 and scored 14 runs. Nouhan's fielding percentage was .972, which Redskins coach Julie Seets pointed out is particularly good at first base, a position which has more fielding opportunities than any but the catcher.

Jessica Gillis
Milford senior catcher

Gillis was a second-team all-conference selection after hitting .309 with 16 runs batted in. Her defensive contributions

were perhaps even more impressive. She had 36 assists, playing nowhere but behind the plate, and had a fielding percentage of .982.

Martha Digsby
Lakeland senior second baseman

A four-year starter, Digsby was an all-district pick as a senior. She was second on the Lakeland team with 24 runs scored, thanks in no small part to her .441 on base percentage. Digsby's fielding percentage of .909 was the best of any Lakeland infielder.

Allison Tingwall
Novi junior outfielder

Novi will lose a few critical cogs in their machine this season, but the program should be secure with athletes like Tingwall returning for another season.

The junior stepped it up this year, batting .317 with a .429 on-base percentage.

She scored 18 runs and drove in another 14. Her two triples were third-best on her team and her six sacrifices were a team-high.

Beth Carr
Lakeland junior third baseman

Her numbers may have been down from her sophomore season, but you can't deny the effort — Carr played the entire season with torn cartilage in her knee. She hit .293 and scored 18 runs. On the other side, Carr helped the team wherever she could, whether at third base, pitching or catching. Her record on the mound was 4-03.

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2000 football schedule provides some challenges

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

Just about seven months ago Novi finished its best season in a decade with a playoff-opening loss to Farmington (24-6).

The season brought forth the memories of some of Novi's great teams of the past. It also brought the end to an era in Wildcat football that will never be duplicated. John Osborne, head coach of the program since its inception back in the early 1960s, retired and left the program in the hands of newly-hired skipper Tab Kellepourey.

Kellepourey, who served as an assistant under Osborne back in late 80s and early 90s, will take over after leading Hartland to two playoff appearances in six seasons as its head coach.

The 2000 football schedules were recently released by the

Four playoff teams invade tough Novi schedule

MHSAA, and Novi's task of repeating their 7-3 performance of a season ago will be a tough one. Not only will the team have to compete with perennial Kensington Valley Conference powerhouses Brighton and South Lyon, but a new challenge awaits the team in its league schedule. Pinckney, which will join the league this season after departing from the Southeastern Conference, brings with it a 7-3 record of its own.

There's no secret the class of 2000 took with it some tremendous talent. The seniors-to-be and underclassmen have their work cut out for themselves, and this is what they have to look forward to.

Game 1 (August 25) vs. North Farmington

The Raiders didn't fare all that well in 1999, posting a subpar 3-6 record, but finished off their season by winning its last two games.

Despite a 45-14 setback to Northville, whom Novi defeated 21-17 in the regular-season finale, North Farmington played tough in a 21-13 loss to Farmington. That was the same Farmington team which split a pair of games versus Novi and knocked the team out of the state playoffs.

Game 2 (Sept. 1) at Lakeland
It's hard to imagine a team that was outscored 319-25 last season

could turn it around enough to pose a threat to Novi this season. Last year's team was 0-9 and furthermore, the Eagles are 3-51 over the last six seasons. On the bright side, it's 42-7 loss to Novi was one of two games the entire season (Clio 18-21) where Lakeland scored points.

Game 3 (Sept. 8) vs. Brighton

Boy would the Wildcats like to have the second half of last year's game against Brighton back. Holding a 14-3 early lead, a pair of turnovers led to 14-unanswered points by the Bulldogs in their 17-14 win over Novi.

That could have been Novi's best chance of dethroning the three-time defending KVC cham-

pions. Brighton returns highly-scouted quarterback Cullen Finnerty and a slew of talent in its quest for another league crown. Brighton went 10-2 last year, reaching the state quarterfinals before losing to Rockford 40-20.

Game 4 (Sept. 15) at South Lyon

A hungry Lion's team will eagerly welcome a Novi team whose stingy goal-line stance at the end of last year's game preserved the home 'Cats 13-7 win.

The loss put a spark under South Lyon, which went on to win its last six regular-season games to reach the playoffs. Only a matchup with eventual Division I

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state champion Walled Lake Western ended the Lion's season prematurely.

A winner year in and year out, South Lyon should provide Novi with a very stiff mid-season challenge.

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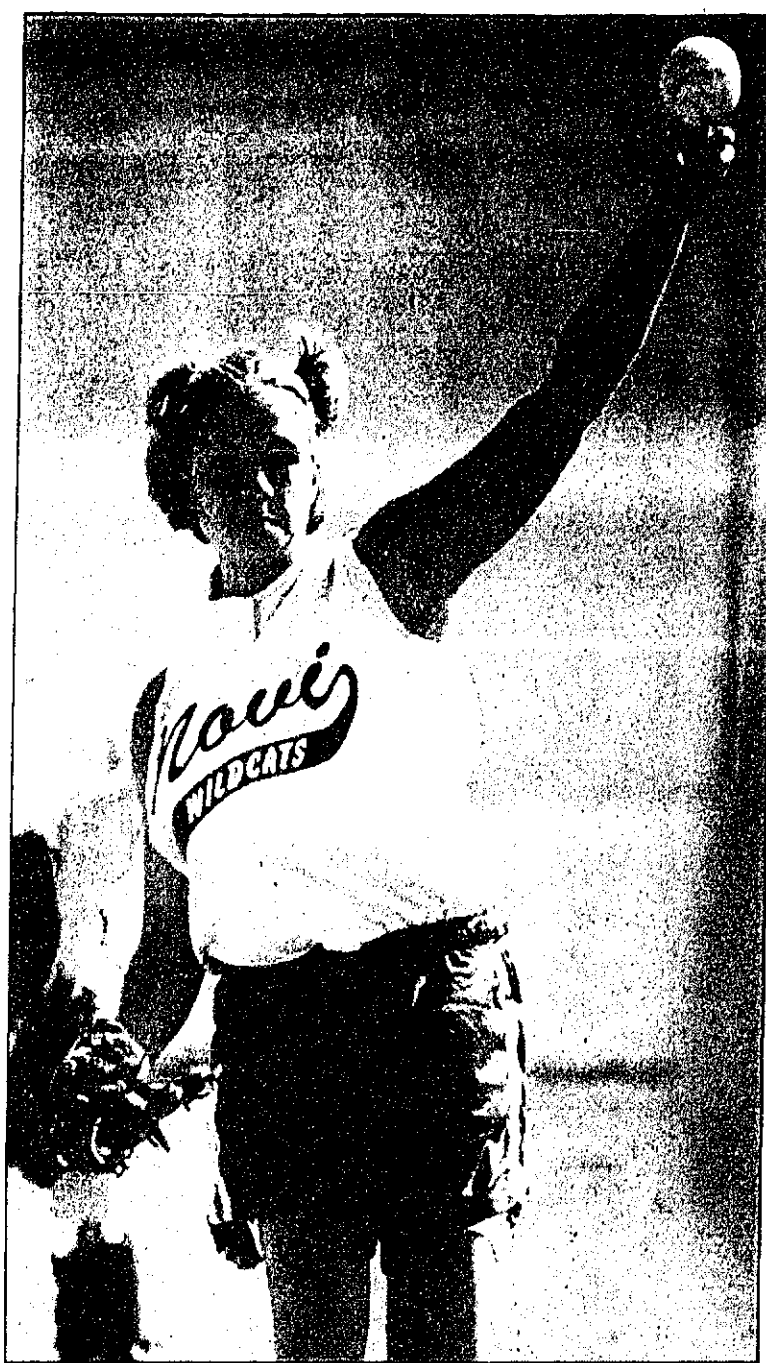


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Katie Cameron will take her skills to Brown University in the fall.

Novi grabs three spots

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walks led her team. She was an all-state honorable mention selection and earned All-KVC, district and regional honors along the way.

Nicole Carlson, Milford senior outfielder, Carlisle was Milford's leading hitter with a .409 batting average. She drove in 20 runs, scored 25 times and stole

21 bases. Carlson earned first-team all-conference honors and was an all-district selection, as well.

Melissa Brendel, Lakeland senior outfielder, Brendel had an outstanding senior season at the plate. She was Lakeland's second-leading hitter with a .365 batting average, and led the team with an on base percentage of .507. Brendel was also the Eagles' RBI leader with 10.

Schedule looks tough for retooling Wildcats

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Game 5 (Sept. 22) vs. Hartland

See above capsule.

Just as Novi picked up a critical win over South Lyon at home, so too did the Eagles in their matchup with Novi. Hartland took advantage of two missed extra points by Novi, edging the Cats 20-19 at their home field.

The game should be interesting, as Kelleporey will prepare his new team in a matchup against the old team. The game could be the best matchup of the season (outside of the Baseline Jug matchup against Northville).

Game 6 (Sept. 28) at Milford

Last year's 34-19 win over Milford spurred the team onto five consecutive wins and a spot in the playoffs for the first time in 11 seasons. Don't expect the same results this year, but do expect a great game against a Redskin team which posted a 3-8 record in 1999. Novi has won two straight and five of six in this series.

Game 7 (Oct. 6) vs. Pinckney

Novi leads the all-time series 4-1 when the two teams both played in the KVC. The Pirates then moved onto the Southeastern Conference in 1984 and the rivalry ended.

Pinckney's football history resembles that of Novi's. The program was at an all-time high in

the mid 1970s before declining in the latter portion of that decade and throughout the early 1980s. The Pirates then peaked again in the late 80s and have since had sporadic bouts of success.

Game 8 (Oct. 13) vs. Howell

Prior to last year's 27-9 whipping of Howell, Novi had lost six of seven to the Highlanders. So it's not as if the Cats have this team's number.

Howell finished last season 3-6 after posting four consecutive 6-3 seasons and nine straight winning campaigns. The Highlanders always pose a threat to Novi, and this year shouldn't be any different.

Game 9 (Oct. 20) at Northville

Does it really matter where the game's played? Novi won the last two against the Mustangs and three of four in what has become a heated rivalry between the two Baseline schools.

Northville is coming off a 4-5 season which included a killer schedule with the likes of state champions Western and Harrison, along with playoff qualifiers Brighton and Novi. Northville was much like the Novi of 1998, lots of talent, but no wins.

This season Northville will most likely post a winning season and shoot for a playoff berth in Division II.

Hobart makes 2nd team

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Kendall Hobart

Novi freshman outfielder

With Hobart, the future of Novi softball is secure. As a freshman, Hobart batted second in the lineup and led the team with 115 at bats. She was third on the team in hits (38) and runs (29) and drove in 16 runs. She hit .330 and had six doubles and 16 walks.

She was Novi's third pitcher behind Frantz and Erica Breisacher, posting a 1-1 with an ERA 1.27.

Maureen Emaus

Northville junior pitcher

With the Mustangs bats struggling for much of the 2000 season, it was up to Emaus to keep her team in games. And she did that.

The junior hurler completed her third full season on the varsity squad, collecting 190 strikeouts while pitching nearly all of her team's games. At season's end, Emaus earned all-division honors in the Western Lakes Activities Association and was voted the team's most valuable player by her peers.

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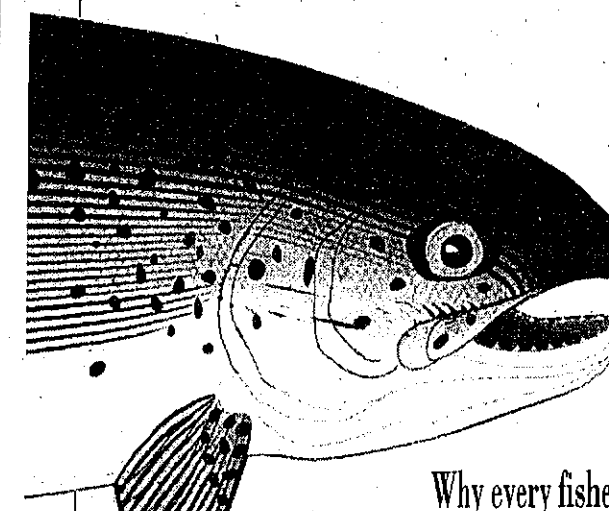
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Novi Parks and Recreation Softball Standings

Monday Men's Division I	1st Choice	3-7
Sheehan's on the Green	Don Pedros	2-7
Mr. B's/Crash Tools	Home Runs	
Motor City Muds/SS Softball	Matchless (Metro)	11
Metro Sports.com	Parker (Metro)	9
RL Shell Construction		
PGS/Red Robin		
Home Runs	Tuesday Men's Division III	
Pearl (Sheehan's)	Library Sports Pub	6-2
Foley's	G & B Sales	6-3
	Foley's	6-4
	Mr. B's/Jimmy Hoegles	5-2
	Reliable Carriers	3-6
	Cooper	0-9
Monday Men's Division II	Home Runs	
Library Sports Pub	Fog Cooper	2
MES	Hartley (G & B)	2
Lawn Tigers	Montie (G & B)	2
Motion Control	Doster (G & B)	2
Ernie's Tire		
Poolie's Tavern		
Metro Transport		
Home Runs	Wednesday Men's Division I	
Stackowski (Hodges)	Bakers of Milford	10-1
Parker (Hodges)	Pioneer Mortgage	9-0
	Matin Mod	6-3
	Bosco's	3-6
	Metro Sports/Diamond Castle	2-7
	Buck Naled	2-7
	Eldorado CC	1-9
Monday Men's Division III	Home Runs	
Gatsby's	Matchless (Metro)	10
Allied Printing	Deion (Bakers)	10
Mac Values	Boyes (Bakers)	8
Novi Fire/Library Sports	Wednesday Men's Division II	
TRW	Bomper's Bar	8-1
Lakes Baptist Church	Green Machine	8-1
Giffman Const.	Novi Bowl	3-3
Cieform	Rock Financial	6-3
G & M	Gorman's	2-7
Presby's	Hall's Herchman	2-7
Home Runs	J.W. Sports Club	1-7
Loehr (Gatsby's)	Cable Dogs	1-8
Hochkins (Allied)		
Tuesday Men's Division II	Home Runs	
Metro Softball	B. Bakka (Cable)	4
Wiene	Nelson (Rock)	4
Shamrock Insp.		
Library Sports Pub		
Thursday Women's Division I	Player of the Week	
Fanatics	Relin (Fanatics) 4 singles and 4 runs scored	
Country Epicure		
All 4 One		
Dave's Tire		
D.A.H. Carpentry		
Mosquito Squad		
Jack Dunleavy's Grill		
Salon Head West		
Call Mortgage		
Stn Ave. Ballroom		
Friday coed Division II	Player of the Week	
AMG	L. Buben (Healthy) two singles, double and three runs scored	
Metro Sports.com		
Emersons		
Gale Tool Co.		
TPS		
J.W. Sports Club		
Healthy Solutions		
Scramble		
Team # 8		
MDI Rockers		
Friday coed Division III	Player of the Week	
Gatsby's	Herb Eschbach (Library) five singles and five runs	
Crosswinds		
Library Sports Pub/Fife		
Walled Lake		
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Health Column

Juvenile arthritis — An uncommon disease

Juvenile arthritis is a fairly uncommon disease — it's estimated that 285,000 children are afflicted in the United States — but it is the leading cause of disability in children. Parents of children with juvenile arthritis often look for support from other families who have experience raising children with this disease. But because of the relative rarity of juvenile arthritis, families have had very few places to turn for help — until now.

The Division of Pediatric Rheumatology in the University of Michigan Health System has launched a new program to provide badly needed support for the families of children newly diagnosed with juvenile arthritis. Its called the Parent-to-Parent program and it is one of only a few like it nationwide.

"Childhood arthritis is a rare disease," says Barbara S. Adams M.D., associate professor of pediatrics and communicable diseases, and chief of the Division of Pediatric Rheumatology at the U-M. "The next door neighbor isn't likely to know much about it. It is very different from the adult form of arthritis and most people don't realize that childhood arthritis has a good outcome when properly treated. When a child is diagnosed with arthritis, most parents — and their friends and neighbors — have a mental image of an aunt who had lifelong rheumatoid arthritis or their grandmother who was wheelchair-bound. These incorrect images add to the trauma of the diagnosis."

The Parent-to-Parent Program trains volunteers who have had a child treated for juvenile arthritis to be "coaches" for other parents. The family of a newly diagnosed child who has expressed an interest in having contact with a parent coach is then matched with a volunteer family. Parent coaches provide support to the newly diagnosed family in many ways, including suggesting useful community resources, sharing experiences or just listening.

Pediatric Rheumatology clinic nurse, Anne L. Jackson RN, and clinic social worker Aimee Vantine RN set up the training program, which

includes instruction and activities related to listening skills, the importance of patient confidentiality, availability of community resources, and facts about medications and other treatment.

"As medical providers, we can give parents a lot of information on the disease, based on research and experience with our patients" says Adams. "However, we felt it would be really helpful to the families to be able to talk with another family who has lived through this, who remembers the roller-coaster ride of the original diagnosis, and who knows about the medications and the course of therapy."

Adams says the program has been very well received by families of new patients seen at the U-M since the program began earlier this year. They are planning on training a new group of coaches in the near future to accommodate the expected need.

Juvenile arthritis is an autoimmune disorder, which means that the body mistakenly identifies some of its own cells and tissues as foreign. The immune system, which normally helps to fight off harmful, foreign substances such as bacteria or viruses, begins to attack healthy cells and tissues. The result is inflammation, marked by redness, heat, pain, and swelling.

Typical treatment for a child with juvenile arthritis combines medical therapy with anti-inflammatory drugs and physical therapy to decrease inflammation and restore joint function. Adams says new anti-inflammatory medications have proved to be excellent at controlling the disease.

"The great majority of children who are treated appropriately will go into remission within five years of starting the disease," says Adams. "We say remission, not cure, because we don't know what causes the disease. In any case, good treatment should allow the child to grow normally, develop normally and do all the things a healthy child should be doing at that age. I think this is a message that needs to be sent out more strongly, especially since a lot of

children are not treated by pediatric specialists."

Adams says that there are only about 150 board-certified pediatric rheumatologists in the U.S. She says the Parent-to-Parent Program can help bridge the gap for people in outlying areas.

"Another great advantage of this program is that there are families who can't come to the U-M for treatment because of their insurance. By knowing that they're out there, we can include them in the other support services we offer."

The U-M Pediatric Rheumatology Parent-to-Parent Program also serves as the support network for families who contact the Arthritis Foundation of Michigan.

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Facts About Juvenile Arthritis

Juvenile arthritis is arthritis that causes joint inflammation and stiffness for more than six weeks in a child 16 years of age or less. The inflammation causes redness, swelling, warmth and soreness in the joints, although many children do not complain of joint pain.

It's estimated that 285,000 children are afflicted with juvenile arthritis in the United States.

Juvenile arthritis is the leading cause of disability in children.

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