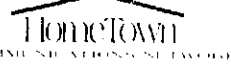


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## Vistas lawsuit against city goes to trial

By JAN JEFFRES  
Staff Writer

What began as an attempt to bring "New Urbanism" to Novi is now tangled up in plain, old-fashioned litigation.

Monday, the case of Sandstone Limited Partnership, developers of The Vistas, versus the City of Novi, went to a bench trial before Judge Barry Howard.

Sandstone Associates Limited Partnership of Bingham Farms is seeking \$80 million in damages from Novi, arguing that the city is hindering the progress of its 300-acre, 1,193 planned unit development (PUD) surrounded by Twelve Mile and Thirteen Mile and Novi and Meadowbrook roads.

The July 1995 lawsuit charges that the city is in breach of contract, diverted special assessment funds from the Decker Road

extension and is attempting to take portions of the Sandstone property without just compensation.

Also named as defendants in the lawsuit are City Manager Ed Kriewall, Public Services Director Anthony Nowicki and Finance Director Les Gibson.

Kriewall questioned the developers' intention to adhere to the nontraditional goals of the PUD.

"They really don't want to develop the area plan. I think that their plans are to sell it all off to different developers," Kriewall said.

"They're just essentially looking for damages at this point in time."

Judge Howard, rather than a jury, will determine the outcome of the trial, which is expected to last several weeks.

Assistant City Manager Craig

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Debi Peterson quickly tops and wraps dozens of hamburgers with fried onions for hungry lunchtime customers.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

## Developers chomping to get at Bates' land for strip mall project

By JAN JEFFRES  
Staff Writer

A "Cheers" without the beers.

That's how employee Debi Peterson, who works the grill, describes Bates Hamburgers. Everybody may not know your name, but they do chat with customers who grab a stool and eat that burger - or two or six - at the original 1960s stainless steel counter.

"I talk to everybody, I get in trouble for talking to people. Ask Ruth, do I or do I not get in trouble for talking to people?" Peterson urged.

"Yes, she does," said waitress Ruth Montross, one of the crew who helped open the Novi location back in the days when the city was a rural hamlet.

But the days of the Novi eatery seem numbered, as developers meet with local officials to discuss plans for a shopping center at the corner.

Since 1961, the small restaurant at the northwest corner of Grand River Avenue and Novi Road has been a local institution. Even those who have never been customers can't dodge a drive-by dining experience. With the car windows up, it's still possible to catch a whiff of burgers and onions wafting on the breeze from Bates.

"I can smell this place in the morning, even before we're open. It's embedded in this corner," Peterson said.

You won't meet Col. Sanders at Kentucky Fried Chicken, you won't bump into his highness, the King of Burgers at Burger King. Show up at the Novi Bates around 10 a.m. each morning, and you'll likely rub elbows with the founder of it all, Noble Bates.

The 90-year-old Bates, a Novi resident, drops in twice daily for coffee.

"I do come in every morning, for something to do and see how things are going," he said.

At first, he's a little hesitant about talking to a stranger, because so many developers and real estate people are knocking at his door, wanting to get their hands on the prime piece of downtown Novi real estate occupied by the small restaurant. Bates Hamburgers holds a long-term lease on the land.

While he'd like to build a drive-through, Bates said he doubts the City of Novi would allow it. With the gentrification of downtown Novi well underway, he's well aware that others want to tear down his old-fashioned hamburger stand.

"I don't care what they put here, if they want to

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## Five attorneys remain in race for judgeship

By MICHAEL MALOTT  
and DOUG MILLS  
Staff Writers

Five local attorneys have made the first cut in the governor's selection process for appointing a new judge to Novi's 52-1 District Court.

The surviving applicants - former Novi Mayor Matt Quinn, former City Council member Richard Clark, Assistant Prosecutor Sara Pope, Novi Attorney Terry Jolly, and County Commission Dennis Powers of Highland Township - each had their second interviews last Wednesday and Thursday in Lansing with two staff attorneys from the governor's office.

The second interview means the candidates are still in the race after the field was pared from at least seven and perhaps as many as 12 original applicants for the job.

The selection process is confidential and the governor's office will not release the names of those attorneys who have submitted applications, nor even how many have applied. But word of who has applied typically spreads through legal and political circles, and each of the applicants still in race confirmed their candidacies for the job in interviews with The Novi News this week.

Each applicant was first interviewed by a committee of 12 lawyers appointed by the Michigan Bar Association's Judicial Qualifications Committee, which rates them from "qualified" to "exceptionally well qualified." The governor's office then pared the list and conducted the second interviews last week.

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Harold Bulgarelli

## Retiring judge worries about 'lack of respect'

By DOUG MILLS  
Staff Writer

For a man set to retire at the end of May, Chief Judge Harold M. Bulgarelli of the 52-1 District Court in Novi seems more focused on the present.

"I chose this time to wear myself into retirement - to work around the house, play golf," he said.

But Bulgarelli appears more concerned with what he sees as a lack of respect for people and property that breeds law-

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## Time's flying for chamber clock project

By JAN JEFFRES  
Staff Writer

"Meet me under the Main Street clock."

Sometime in the not too far future, directions like that will become a reality for people aiming to join up with friends in Novi's new, custom-built downtown.

The Novi Chamber of Commerce already has \$11,200 in hand of the \$24,000 needed for a clock at the northwest corner of Main and Market streets, just south of Grand River Avenue. Another \$5,500 has been pledged.

But *tempus fugit* (time flies) for those who want to support the project and get their corporate (or individual) names before the public on the wall of the adjacent Main Street building, which will house B.D.'s Mongolian Barbeque.

The chamber aims to collect the remaining \$7,300 ASAP. Chamber Executive Director Lisa Willard said.

"This is it, this is the chance if you want to get your name on marble plaques," she added.

"This is going to go on that wall for eternity."

In Cincinnati, the 155-year-old Verdin Company is already at work on the Novi project. Several months ago, the chamber made a \$10,000 deposit on the clock, because prices were scheduled to go up this year, Willard said.

Novi's clock is patterned after a circa 1885 design by the American clock making company Seth Thomas, said Susan Sizer, marketing manager for The Verdin Company.

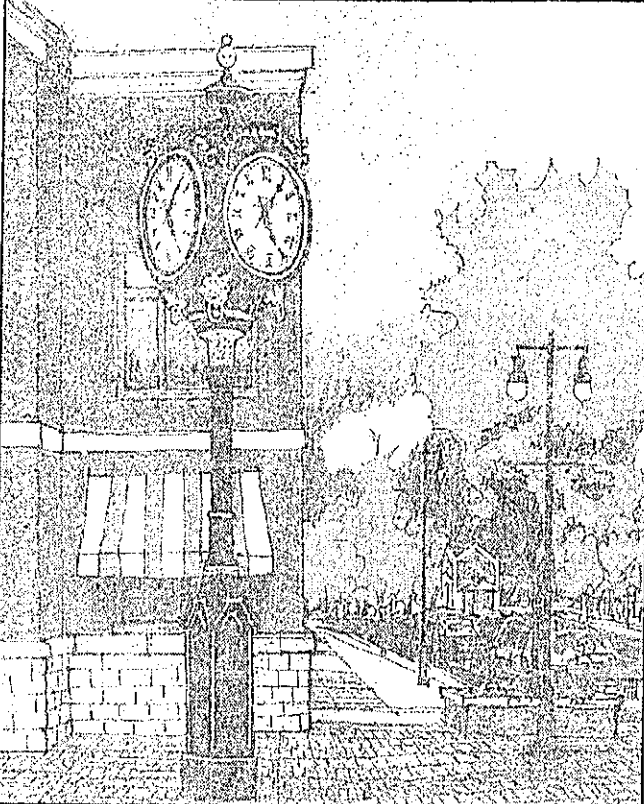
In 1842, bell and clock-making members of the Verdin family came to the U.S. from France, ending up in Ohio. Since then, the company has installed over 30,000 street clocks, including those in Dexter, Ludington, Gaylord, West Branch, Battle Creek and Ortonville.

They also build glockenspiels, such as the one at the Bavarian Inn in Frankenmuth and church bells, which are cast at the firm's foundry in the Netherlands.

"We probably are the largest company that does this," Sizer said.

Between 250 and 300 street

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A rendering of Novi's proposed Main Street clock.

Artwork reprinted courtesy the Novi Chamber

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## 1998 NOVI DIRECTORY

## Duchess of York comes to Novi Expo, Twelve Oaks

Barbara Bush has already been to Novi, so has Hillary Clinton.

But that was several years ago, so it's about time for another high-profile celebrity swing through.

This time around, Fergie wings to Novi. On Friday, Great Britain's Sarah, Duchess of York, (nee Ferguson), will put in two appearances here, as the national spokesperson for Weight Watchers International.

The duchess and local Weight Watchers franchise-owner Florine Mark, will share their weight loss stories at the Michigan International Women's Show at the Novi Expo Center from noon to 1 p.m. Tickets for the Expo Show are \$7.

At 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., the duchess and Mark will congratulate a contingent of local Weight Watcher members who have each lost 100 pounds or more. This program, at Twelve Oaks Mall, is free to the public.

In January 1997, the duchess became the spokesperson for Weight Watchers in the

U.S. and is the author of a cookbook, "Dining With The Duchess." She married Prince Andrew, the second son of Queen Elizabeth, in 1986. The couple, who have two daughters, have since divorced.

When not extolling the virtues of weight loss, the duchess is fond of horseback riding, skiing and painting.

Mark is president and CEO of the Farmington Hills-based WW Group, the largest franchise of Weight Watchers International.



Sarah Ferguson comes to Novi this week.

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## A road to somewhere

### Cul-de-sacs lead to contention in subs

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL  
Staff Writer

Some Novi home buyers are finding out buying on a cul-de-sac doesn't always mean a quiet, traffic free result.

In April, developers for Wilshire Abbey and Park Place Subdivisions on Novi's west side met with opposition when they exposed plans to connect their subs to existing cul-de-sacs of adjacent properties. The plans called for making through-roads from current cul-de-sacs.

The two proposals brought the issue to the forefront, but it's by no means a new problem.

As a result, the recurring dilemma could find a solution now that the Implementation Committee of the Novi Planning Commission called for a study.

"If you keep tripping over something at home, you move it," said Commissioner Michelle Bononi. "We keep running into the same problem over and over again."

Residents of Deer Run and Garfield Road parked the commission meeting April 15, pleading for under standing as did homeowners at an April 1 meeting that included discussion of Wilshire Abbey, off Berk Road.

While the commission sent out to Novi City Council a positive recommendation for Deer Run with the use of a breakaway gate to prevent traffic, Wilshire Abbey was sent out with a negative recommendation.

Richard and Laura Kingsbury moved from their Northville home last week, choosing the Deer Run location because of its cul-de-sac feature that they believed would keep down traffic.

"The original plot plan we were shown had no street connected to Deer Run. If this is the case, the property and home we are purchasing was misrepresented," the couple wrote in a letter to the commission.

Laura Kingsley said the breakaway gate is okay with them because it will keep traffic from the proposed Park Place from cutting through their small development.

Many of the residents said they paid more for lots on the cul-de-sacs.

They also don't understand why the Berk Street connection is necessary when Park Place borders both Nine Mile and Napier Roads.

The city does require two connections to major roads for subdivisions, even if it means connecting to an existing subdivision. But that's not the issue, said city traffic consultant Rod Arroyo.

Berk Street in Park Place is too long to be its own cul-de-sac and must be reconnected to an adjacent sub for safety reasons, he said. The requirement can be waived by the city council, he added.

Homeowners in Berkborough and Edinborough ran into a similar problem at the beginning of the month. Plans for Wilshire Abbey Subdivision off Berk Road north of Nine Mile Road call for a connection to cul-de-sacs in both the bordering subs.

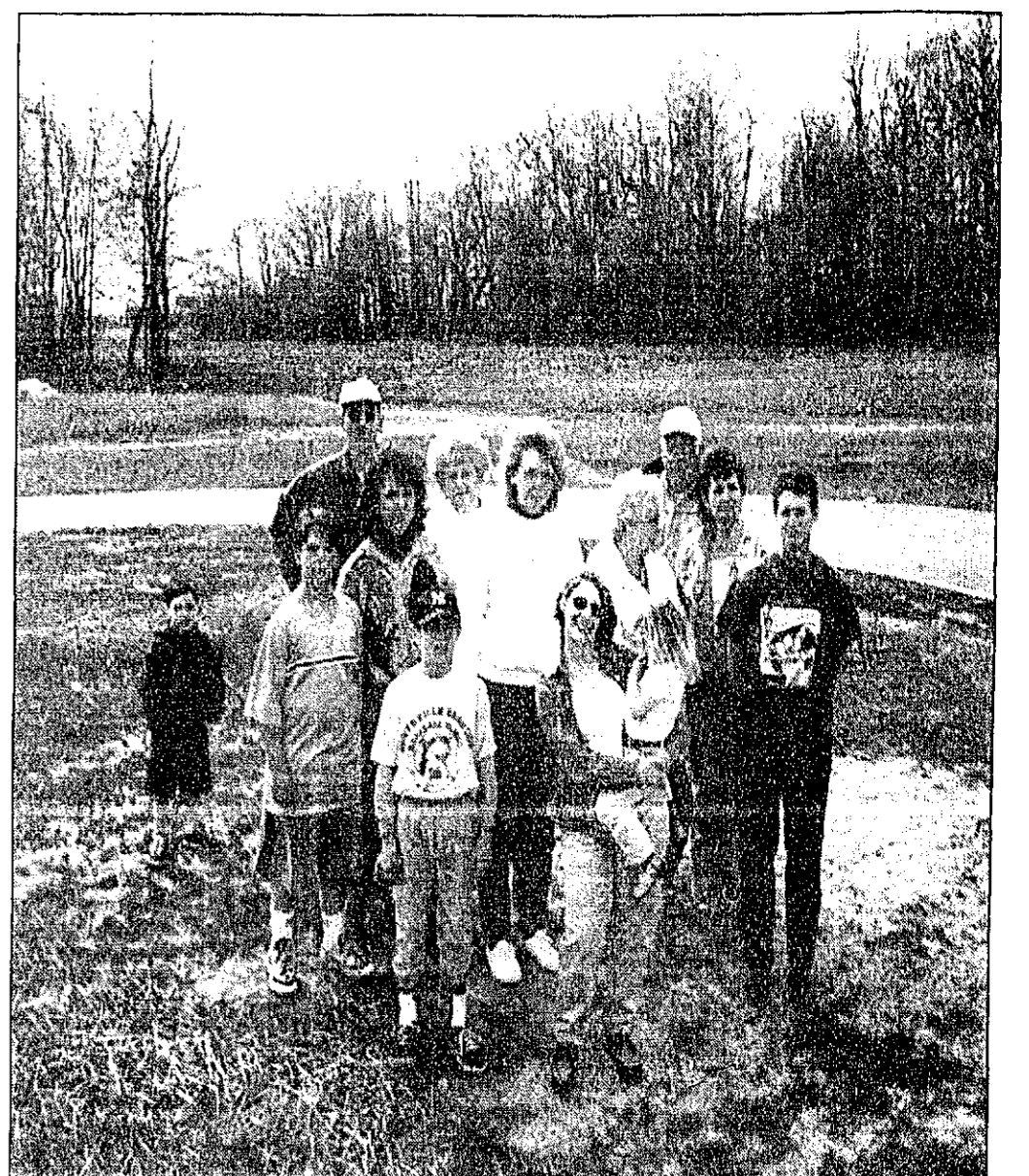
Edinborough resident Wallace Smith said the marketing plan he saw when he bought his home said nothing about connecting the streets. "This really came as a surprise," he told the commission April 1.

The plan to straighten out the street is frankly ridiculous.

"I don't understand why someone with a lot more money than me can take my lot and make it less valuable," said Michael Lohse, a Hummingbird resident.

At prior commission meetings, the cul-de-sacs in the current subdivisions were approved to be used as connectors to the bordering subdivisions when ready to develop. However, the cul-de-sac from Edinborough was never designated as an easement for a road. And residents claim they weren't told about the plans when they bought their lots.

City staff said there are options, such as using breakaway gates for emergency access or waiving the requirement for the connectors. The problems and alternatives will be discussed at upcoming committee meetings by planning commissioners.



Residents along Garfield Road and on Deer Run bought their homes because of the cul-de-sac feature. Now, developers want to connect it to a soon to be built subdivision.

## Food drive kicks off May 9

On Monday, May 4, at 9 a.m., George Blaha, "Voice of the Pistons," in a press conference at the Food Bank of Oakland County, will join the National Association of Letter Carriers and US Postal Service in generating excitement over this year's annual Food Drive which will be held on Saturday, May 9.

The national food drive encourages households and businesses to place canned or boxed food into their mailboxes which is then

picked up by all area letter carriers. Last year 73.2 million pounds of food were collected across the country. Campbell Soup, for the second consecutive year, has donated the cost of 100 million remainder postcards and over 10 million cans of soup. This year's goal: 100 million pounds.

Almost all of the donated food is trucked from post offices to local food banks such as the Food Bank of Oakland County, Macomb Food Program, and Gleaner's Community Food Bank. Food Banks are most appreciative of this remarkable food drive because holiday food donations have been depleted. According to Helen Kozlowski, Executive Director of the Food Bank of Oakland County, "Without the dedication of these letter carriers who work extra hard on food drive day, we would never be able to purchase enough canned

and boxed product to meet the needs of our 125 emergency pantries and soup kitchens."

The press conference will feature George Blaha, Tom Newman, district manager of the Postal Service, Royal Oak District; Richard Spies, postmaster of Pontiac; Charlotte MacIntyre, Macomb Food Bank Chairperson; Tom Newman, and Jeff Gleaner, president of Food Bank of Oakland County. Food displays, musical entertainment, home-cooked treats, and a prominent surprise guest will be part of the morning's event. The Food Bank of Oakland County is located at 120 E. Columbia, Pontiac, between Joshi and Baldwin roads. Please RSVP at (248) 832-1473.

## Gypsy Moth problem to be studied

Coming soon to a neighborhood near you, a Huey helicopter spraying the biological insecticide Bacillus thuringiensis (Bt) in Novi.

Last fall, the city asked Oakland County's Gypsy Moth Suppression Program for help, after residents in the Nine Mile Road area experienced major defoliation of their trees.

The date has not yet been finalized, but it's anticipated the county-wide first spraying will take one to two days to complete. A second application will then be done in Novi and Wixom five days later.

Tentatively, the county is eyeing the second week of May for the spraying.

Spraying will begin at sunrise and also include Bloomfield Hills, Orchard Lake, Holly, Branchton Township, Highland Township, Springfield Township, White Lake Township, Kensington Metropark and Camp Dearborn/Mystic Creek. Residents in the spray areas will not harm people, pets or other forms of wildlife.

The decision on precisely when to spray is made based on the development of the insects, tree leaves and the weather forecast, she explained.

It will be distributed at a rate of one-third gallon per acre. Anyone outside at the time of application can rinse off with soap and water.

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# Road rules differ to foreign man

A British man was arrested for driving on the wrong side of the road April 22.

Police also found the man to be legally drunk and arrested him for drunk driving.

Officers en route to the county jail spotted the Leicestershire, England man's car on the wrong side of the road, and pulled him over about 2 a.m. near Haggerty and Nine Mile.

The man said he drank "two pints" and had forgotten the road rules in America.

Police said he failed several sobriety tests, and was arrested.

## Police News

**SMUGGLED AND BURGLARIZED**  
The owner was on vacation, April 17-26, police said.

According to reports, the man arrived home to find his back door kicked open. Drawers were left open in every room. Costume jewelry, a copy machine, a comforter and sheets, a microwave, VCR and carpet cleaning machine were missing.

**MISSING**  
Someone stole a six-pack of Miller Lite Beer from the open garage of a Chase Farms home-owner the night of April 26.

**TAKEN**  
A gas grill was whisked away from the rear patio of a Bedford Home sometime between April 12 and April 25. Police said the grill was a Patio Kitchen model in gray. It was on wheels.

**STRUCK**  
A Hearststone man was hit in the back when two rocks came crashing through his window

about midnight April 25. Police said the man refused medical attention. The rocks shattered a window.

**LARCENIES**  
On April 21, a tool box with \$1,000 worth of tools was taken from the bed of a truck parked on Borchart.

And a cell phone was taken from a Ford Taurus in the Nacht Robotic Systems parking lot, April 23. Police said the doors were unlocked and windows down.

Citizens with information about the above incidents are urged to call the Novi Police Department at 348-7100.

## Novi Briefs

### No 24-hour stay in site

Margo Burrage, a spokeswoman for St. Joseph/Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor, said the hospital has no plans to pursue a certificate of need from the state to allow more than 24-hour stays at the proposed Meadowbrook and Twelve Mile Road site. The 70-acre site was recommended for rezoning this month by the Novi Planning Commission in the first step toward bringing the medical complex to Novi.

### Honored guests

The Novi Co-op Breakfast for Novi High School was held April 23 at 8 a.m. in the Novi Civic Center. State Representative Nancy Cassis from Novi was the guest speaker. More than 50 students were honored with their respective employers for a job well done. Students earn high school credit while working in the "real world."

### Resident appointed to Haven

Terry Merritt of Novi has been appointed by HAVEN to serve the office as first vice president on the Board of Directors. HAVEN is Oakland County's center for domestic violence, sexual assault and child abuse.

Merritt is human resource director for Walbridge Aldinger. She is starting her fourth year on HAVEN's Board of Directors.

### Lawns get care

Residents looking for ways to have a healthier lawn are invited to a free Healthy Lawn Clinic at the Novi Community Center on Ten Mile Road, Thursday, May 7, at 7:30 p.m. Greg Patchan, Oakland County MSU Extension Horticulture Agent will give residents expert advice on basic lawn care with an "environmentally friendly" flair, including: proper use of fertilizer, mowing techniques, irrigation tips, planting and plant selection. Space is limited for this free workshop. Residents should call RRRASOC at (248) 208-2270 to reserve their seat. For more information, call Recycling Coordinator, Heidi Jo Wayco at (248) 208-2270.

# Computer vendor kills self after arrest

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL Staff Writer

A 46-year-old Dearborn Heights man committed suicide Monday after he was arraigned in Novi's 52-1 District Court on charges of retail fraud.

Novi police arrested Jonathan Malhabab for allegedly stealing \$3,500 worth of computer equipment and accessories from Comp USA in Novi on April 23.

He called Dearborn Heights police and was on the phone with them when he shot and killed himself, according to Novi Police. He left behind a suicide note that

acknowledged he stole the merchandise.

Malhabab was a computer magazine vendor who apparently used the empty magazine boxes to carry out the merchandise that day, police said.

"It's a unique way of price tag switching," said Sergeant Herb Harbin.

Security personnel at the Town Center store became suspicious, stopped him and called Novi Police. At that time, he said he had more equipment at home and would give it back if charges were dropped, police said.

While Novi Police obtained a search warrant for the man's home, a police consortium from Novi and other local communities was sent to keep an eye on the house.

"To make sure nothing came and went," said Lieutenant Dave Butler.

After a nearly ten hour stake out, Novi Police searched the home about 1 a.m. finding approximately \$35,000 to \$50,000 worth of computer merchandise.

"They located a tremendous amount of computer equipment and accessories," said Harbin. "It was stacked in rooms. Some of it

still new in boxes."

Police said some of the items appeared to have come from Computer City in Northville along with other unidentified stores in the area. Malhabab, however, claimed he legitimately obtained the items in the house. Detectives now must match up the merchandise with area police reports.

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**Thursday, April 30**

**Novi Rotary**  
The Novi Rotary Club meets at noon at the Novi United Methodist Church at 41671 Ten Mile Road. For information, contact Bob Lambright at 380-6500.

**Business Network International**  
The Northville chapter of The Business Network International, meets from 7:30-9:30 a.m. at Kerby's Runey Island at Eight Mile and Haggerty roads. For information, call the BNI regional office at (734) 397-9939.

**Friday, May 1**

**Fun Fair**  
Novi Woods Elementary School will hold its annual Fun Fair at the school beginning at 6 p.m.

**Sunday, May 3**

**Novi Concert Band Spring Concert**  
The Novi Concert Band, under the direction of Jack Kopnick, will present its Spring Concert at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, at 7:30 p.m. The band will present a varied program from overtures to show tunes, from Dixieland to Sousa. The concert is free.

**Monday, May 4**

**City Council**  
The Novi City Council is scheduled to meet in regular session at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Novi Civic Center.

**Tuesday, May 5**

**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 Luff at 348-6019 (evenings). Visitors are welcome.

**Boosters meet**  
High School Choir Boosters at scheduled to meet at the school at 7:15 p.m.

**Village Oaks PTO (VOICE)**  
The Village Oaks PTO will meet 7:30 p.m. in the Village Oaks School Media Center, 23333 Willowbrook Road.

**Novi Concert Band rehearsal**  
The Novi Concert Band rehearsals at 7:30 p.m. in the band room at Novi High School. For information, call (248) 932-9244.

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

**Civil Air Patrol**  
The Sixgate Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol, meets at Novi Middle School, 25299 Tall Rd., from 7-9:30 p.m. Adults and youths who have finished the sixth grade are welcome. For additional information call 349-2669.

**Menopause Support Group**  
Providence Medical Center's Conference Center, 47601 Grand River Ave., hosts a monthly menopause support group from 7:30-9 p.m. for women with concerns about menopause. Call 380-4115 for more information.

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

**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.

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**Optimist Club**  
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**Novi Woods PTO**  
The Novi Woods Elementary PTO will meet at the school at 1 p.m.

**Wednesday, May 6**

**Athletic Boosters**  
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# Street name is sign of love

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL Staff Writer

"There's nothing like the unconditional love of a mother," said Novi real estate agent Jamey Kramer. "Which is why he could think of no better gift for Mother's Day than to put his mother's name on the \$3,500 street sign he purchased at the Novi Chamber of Commerce Auction in March."

"I bought the sign for the first time last year and as an afterthought I said it would have been really nice to put her name on it ... as a memorial to my mom," Kramer explained. "This year, the man was on a mission and won the sign again. Last week, Kramer and his family was on hand to put 'Milly Kramer Avenue' in place near the Novi Civic Center."

Kramer said an Abraham Lincoln quote hangs in his office. "All that I am or hope to be I owe to my mother," it says. "Let me tell you about my mother."

"She was the smartest, wisest person I've ever met in my life."

Jamey Kramer, street sign bidder

er," he said. "She eloped with my dad at 16-years-old, had six kids, 43 years of marriage and they're still in love."

Milly Kramer died in 1999 at the age of 58 from breast cancer. But she lives on in her family's memory.

"My mother truly was a saint. Everything she did in her life was for someone else," he said. "She was one in a billion ... She was the smartest, wisest person I've ever met in my life."



For his high bid at this year's Novi Chamber of Commerce charity auction, Novi real estate broker Jamey Kramer got to put his mom's name on the Novi Civic Center drive. Here he gets a hand with the sign from his father Rudy Kramer.

# Chefs take top honors

Members of Oakland Community College's Food Service/Hospitality Program distinguished themselves at the American Culinary Federation's Regional Conference in Chicago, April 5.

Chef Kevin Enright of the OCC Hospitality faculty was named Regional Chef of the Year. Chef Enright is now eligible for the federation's national award in July.

The OCC Junior Chef Hot Food Student Team won a silver medal in the student competition, ranking sixth in a field of 17 teams. The members of the OCC team are:

- Team Manager Kevin Enright, certified executive chef/certified culinary educator;
- Team Coach John Teller of Dearborn, currently a pastry chef at Steve & Rocky's in Novi;
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- Jennifer Hughes, Southfield, currently working at an Italian restaurant in Birmingham; and
- Kevin Peasgood, Clawson, working at the Birmingham Country Club.

# Art in the Park celebrates work May 3

Do you like art? Do you like walks and walks at children's art? Join Parkview Elementary at its fourth annual "Art At The Park '98" celebration on Sunday, May 3, from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. Over 3,000 works of art by Parkview students will be on display. Every student, kindergarten through fourth grade, will exhibit their work. Painting, drawing, sculpture, clay, portraits, realism and abstract art has dominated the school since August and the children are ready to show it off. This show is a culmination of a year of creativity and exploration by Parkview students.

Professional and parent artists will also be on hand to share their work and expertise with the public. Artists will demonstrate their media, techniques, and personal work to visitors. Returning artists include Clare Fryatt, known for her portraits and landscapes. Carl Sprys will show her beautiful basket weaving and Dede Larson will use graphics to design and create the cars that travel our roads and those that travel in our minds. Robin Nannuani will create original stained glass work while Bill Whitehart, whose work may be found in the Novi Town Center Gallery, will use oil pastels to create light in his landscapes. Brian Larson, a Novi jeweler opening up his new store, Larson Jewelry Design across from Vie's in the downtown Novi, will show our students how to design jewelry. Sandy Osmer of the new Novi "Furnace and Blooms" floral shop will create and demonstrate origami and calligraphy.

The entire third grade class created a huge, vibrant, life mural which celebrates the seasons. Students used special glazes to achieve the effects on this wall sized masterpiece. This large piece enabled each child to create an individual work as well as being part of a group experience. As the mural is mounted on the wall with industrial grade hook and loop system, the tile will be able to be removed and the child can take their work home at the end of the year. Each year a new mural will emerge.

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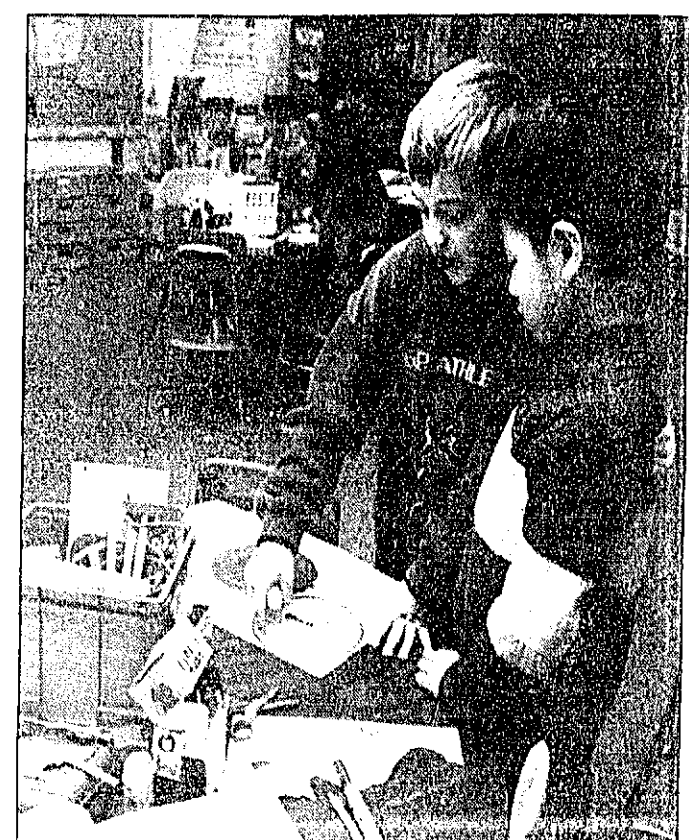
- Springtime is fun time at Novi schools this month.
- The Village Oaks Learning Fair begins at 6 p.m. tonight.
  - On Friday, May 1, Novi Woods Elementary holds its Fun Fair beginning at 6 p.m. The students turned whole school into the whole world creating places like Japan, Korea and Italy.
  - Novi Meadows holds the Spring Band Concert in Fuerst Auditorium at 7 p.m.
  - The Orchard Hills Talent Fair and Ice Cream Social takes place from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on May 14.
  - The Novi Middle School Spring Lawn Concert begins at 1 p.m. on Sunday, May 17.
  - Parkview Elementary's Fun Fair and Village Oaks' Spring Fling are Friday, May 15.
  - Students, teachers and the public are invited to donate blood during the Novi High School blood drive running from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the school.
  - Voices sing in harmony during the Novi Middle School choir concert in Fuerst Auditorium beginning at 7 p.m. on May 20.
  - Elements of the arts come together May 21 at 6 p.m. for the Spring Festival of the Arts at Fuerst Auditorium. The concert begins at 7:30 p.m.

they have created this year. As children this age are very prolific artists, they need a way to keep all of their treasures safe and yet professional.

Music will resound at the other end of the school. Classical music selections will highlight piano, flute, violin, clarinet, and oboe. Contemporary and popular songs will also be played. Enjoy these talented musicians during the length of the show.

Jennifer Harvey, Parkview's art teacher, began the show three years ago.

"By educating the whole family, I hope to make parents realize that art not only entertains, but it is a process of problem solving, creating, imagination, mastering of techniques, and expression," Harvey said. "The arts, both visual and musical, reach a part of us that can remain untapped and unexplored if not made a part of our lives, as normal as reading a book or riding a bike. As adults we can appreciate a beautiful painting or an emotional song, but until we are exposed and educated as to all of the possibilities of the arts, we can only remain bystanders."



Novi Woods Elementary students Curt Lawrence and Jacquie Longe create a clock with Japan time as part of Mrs. Roberta Lazar's preparations for the school's Fun Fair May 1.

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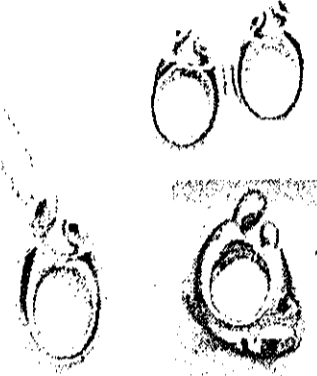
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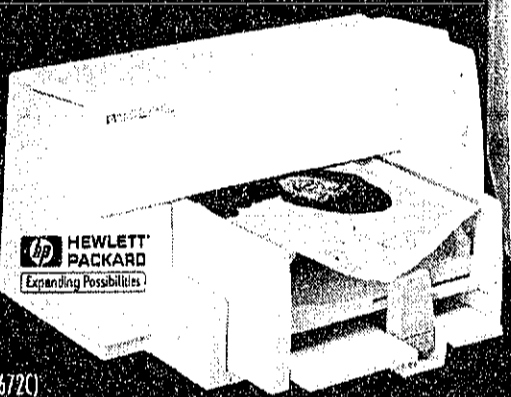
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**THURSDAY**  
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## fly fisher

### Pastime is 'knot' just for men

By CAROL DIPPLE  
Feature Editor

There's food, over half this weekend's Michigan International Women's Show is food related, but there's also fashion, beauty, health ... and fly tying.

In the Department of Natural Resources area, a different outdoor adventure will be the focus each day of the show, which runs April 30 through May 3.

Bueter's Outdoors of Northville and the Flygirls (a subchapter of the Michigan Fly Fishing Federation) will be giving hands-on demonstrations of fly tying on Sunday, May 3.

When owner and avid fly fisherman John Bueter was invited to participate in this year's show he was ecstatic.

Bueter, who teaches fly tying classes throughout the year in his store, said his classes average about one-third to one-half women. About one quarter to one third of the registrants in the fly fishing classes are women.

"Women in outdoor sports are growing dramatically," Bueter said. "That's why we are going to this thing, the gals are becoming more and more interested and curious about this stuff and I'm a capitalist. I would like to be there to say this is what you ought to try."

"I think gals are finding a new sense of freedom, a new sense of independence, obviously the old stereotype of the 50s of the woman staying home and taking care of the kids - that's gone and forgotten."

"The gals are starting to look around and say I can do that too. I can climb that mountain or I can catch that fish, and there's no reason why they can't."

Tying a fly can take from one minute to make a hare's ear, which is meant to imitate a Mayfly Nymph and is made of rabbit fur and feathers, to nine hours for the fully-

dressed Atlantic Salmon Fly which Bueter has on display on the store's counter.

"It's more of an art form, it would never be used," he said of the Atlantic Salmon Fly.

"The knots, generally, gals are a little bit more dexterous with their fingers. I don't know if that is genetic or learned, but they are," he said.

He has found that women are generally better at making the flies, doing the knots, as well as putting things in the correct place on their vests and waders. They also have more patience and better concentration.

"We have taught a number of fly fisher gals and frankly they pick it up a whole lot faster than the guys do," he said. "What's the politically correct term - fly fisher gals, fly fisher girls, fly fisher person?"

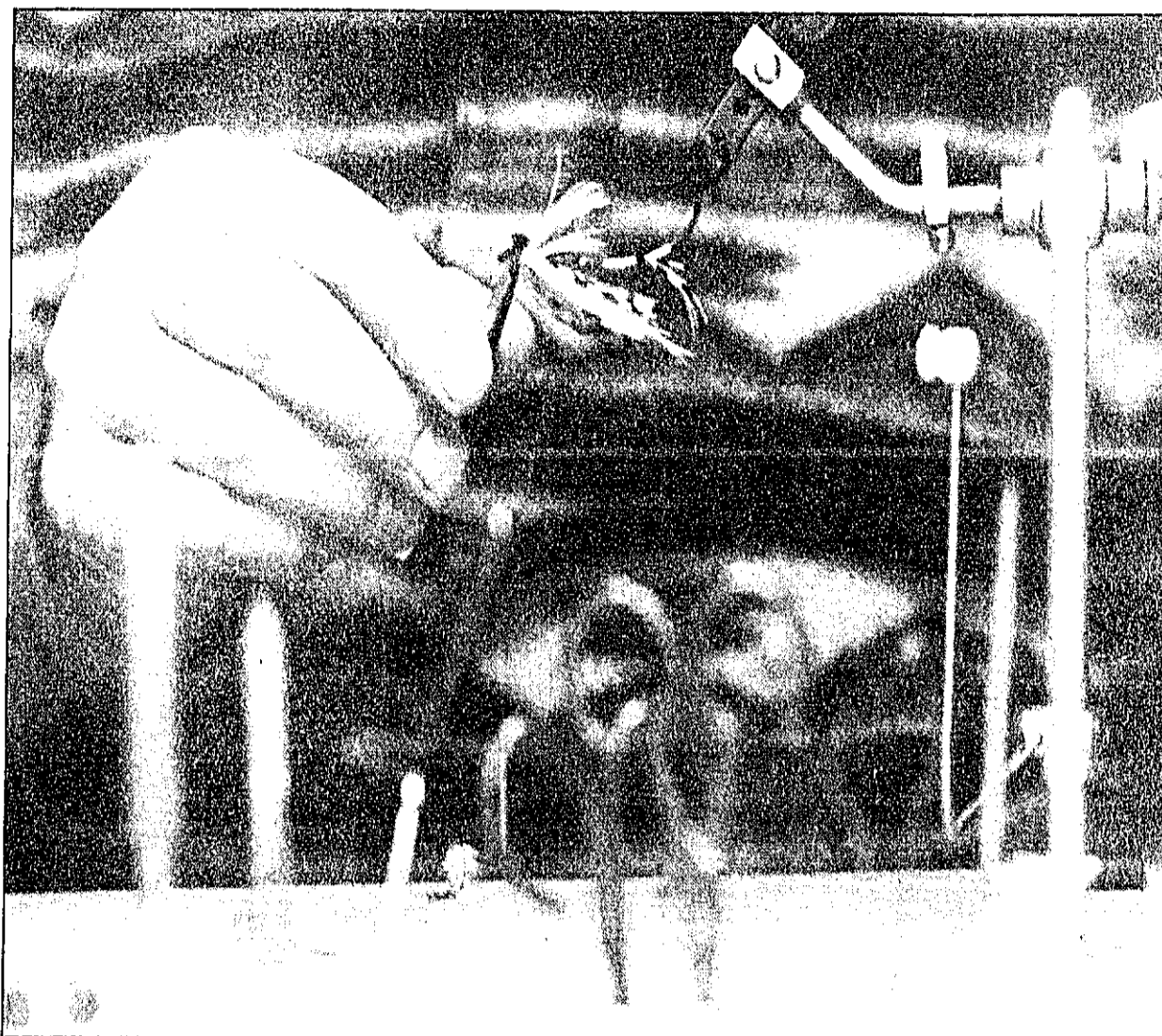
Bueter is quick to assure women that they don't lose their femininity by hooking and landing a fish or by putting on a pair of waders. He is adamant that women should wear the correct gear.

"Should it be a brown sack looking thing?" he asked. "Probably not, (women) have a stronger fashion sense so it should have better detail and such, and it does."

A year's worth of research went into both men's and women's gear before Bueter's opened the store. "We knew that this was going to be an important part of our business," Bueter said. "We attacked that with much vigor."

He specifically sought out lines that had not only good men's lines but women's equipment as well. If a line didn't have both, he went with a separate company for the women's line.

"It is getting easier all the time because the industry is waking up," he said about finding good women's lines.



Above: John Bueter teaches the correct way to fly fish. Left: Women's waders are tailored and are not just smaller versions of men's.

Story by Carol Dipple  
Photos by John Heider

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## Volunteer



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Myrtle Zack volunteers with the Cranbrook Auxiliary.

## Zack gearing up for Cranbrook event

By CAROL DIPPLE  
Staff Writer

Myrtle Zack is a member of one of the major garden organizations in Oakland County - the Cranbrook House and Gardens Auxiliary which has over 500 members.

Zack, a Northville resident, has been a member of the auxiliary, which helps maintain Cranbrook's house and grounds, for five years.

A member of the hospitality committee, Zack works the Holiday Tables fund raiser, which will be held Nov. 20 through 22 this year.

"It is a very nice event," she said of the fund raiser, which includes about 21 tables that have been decorated with a variety of themes from Christmas, birthday, christening, etc.

The hospitality committee is responsible for providing refreshments for volunteers and exhibitors of the fund raiser during the three-day event. The first meeting was held three weeks ago with about 50 volunteers in attendance.

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-Myrtle Zack  
Volunteer

teer work and it's for a good purpose so they can keep up the house and the gardens," she said.

Zack has also volunteered at the plant sale, which will be held this year on May 13 from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. and May 14 from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. The spring plant sale will feature Michigan wildflowers and Cranbrook perennials as well as greenhouse plants, geraniums, miniature roses, orchids, herbs, and hand-painted items. House Beautiful editor Ken Druse will be on hand to sign copies of his gardening books on May 14 from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.

There will be free parking and shuttle service during the plant sale from the Christ Church Cranbrook parking lot across from Cranbrook House and Gardens entrance.

Zack, and her husband Ernie, have been residents of Northville for 13 years and have two grown sons Ernie and Alan. She is a realtor with Century 21 Hartford South in Livonia.

The Cranbrook Gardens, located at 380 Lone Pine Road in Bloomfield Hills, is open daily May through August 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday; daily in September from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.; and on weekends only in October from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. Prearranged guided tours are available for groups of five or more. There is a fee for garden tours.

"It is just such a pretty place to be," Zack said. "Those gardens are so beautiful. Sometimes I would like to work on the gardens because you learn a lot. I like to

garden."

Cranbrook House will also hold their annual guided house tours at 1:30 and 3 p.m. every Sunday through the summer beginning May 10. A self-guided tour through the gardens is included in the \$10 Cranbrook House entry fee.

Volunteers from the auxiliary membership maintain and preserve the 40 acres of gardens, along with the furnishings and art objects at Cranbrook House, which was once the home of George Gough Booth and his wife Ellen Scripps Booth.

Cranbrook house is celebrating its 90th anniversary this year and is the oldest manor home in the Detroit area. It was designed in the Arts and Crafts style by world famous Detroit architect Albert Kahn.

Cranbrook houses a large collection of tapestries, antique furnishings, portraits and Arts and Crafts period pieces. The house and gardens were featured on "America's Castles" on the Arts and Entertainment channel.

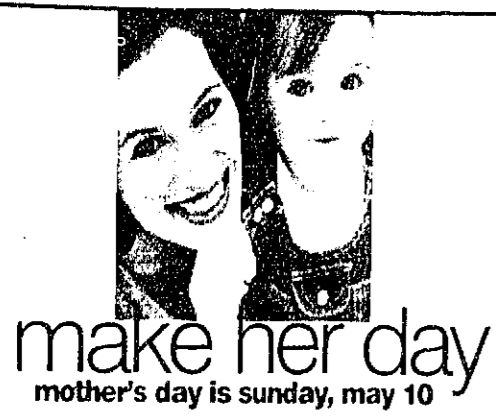
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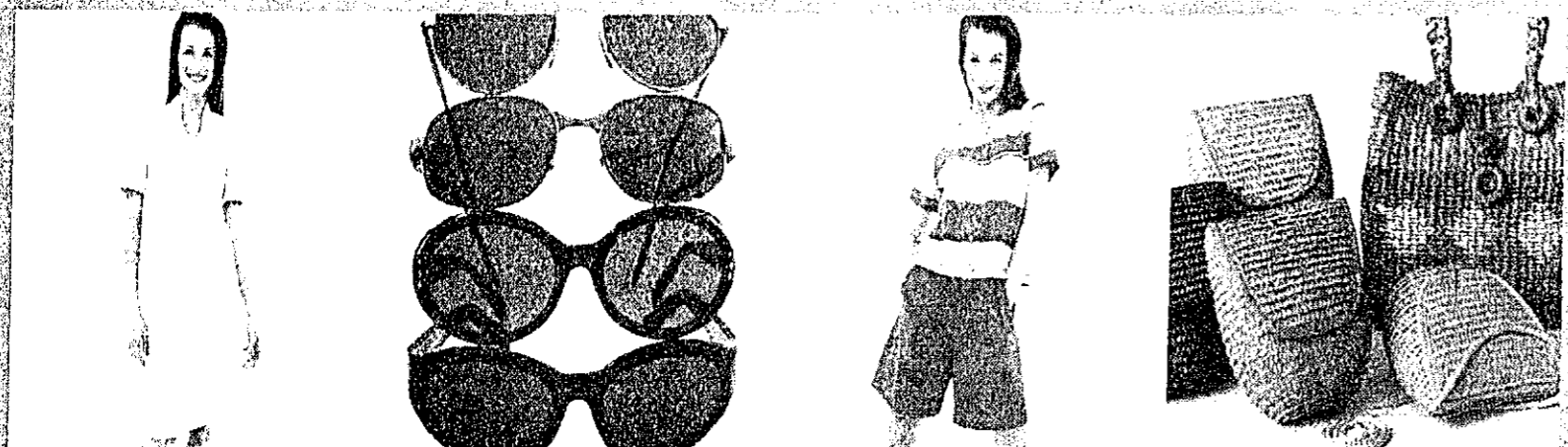








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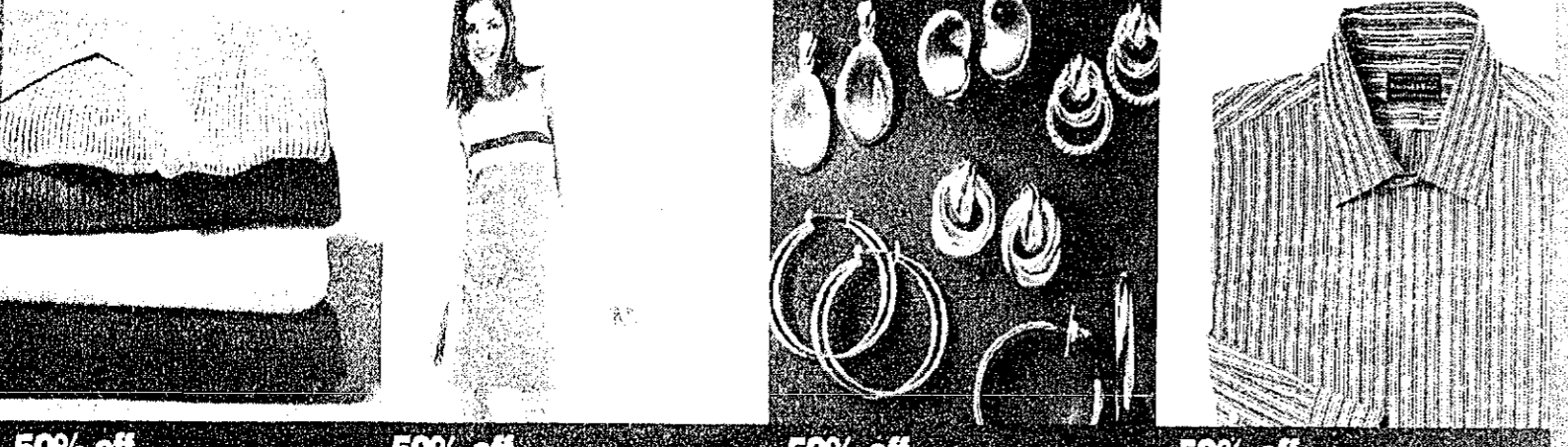


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**'Cats remain perfect in KVC**

By JASON SCHMITT  
Sports Editor

It was another good week for the Novi girls soccer squad. The 'Cats topped a pair of Kensington Valley Conference opponents and mustered up a tie with state power Saginaw Heritage Saturday afternoon.

Against Heritage, currently ranked No. 5 in the state, the Wildcats ran into a physical opponent and came away with a 1-1 tie.

"I knew it was going to be one of those brawl-type games," coach Larry Christoff said. "They are an excellent, aggressive team and the referee let the game go. We had a lot of bumps and bruises out there."

Novi took a 1-0 lead at the 16-minute mark on a goal by Erin Spindler on a corner kick. The ball deflected off of a Heritage defender.

Christoff said his team should have scored more, with six breakaways in the first half. "We had some good shots, but they weren't quite on target," he said. "But this was one of the best games, both up and down the field, we've played. The entire game was contested."

The Wildcats surrendered the game-tying goal with 13 minutes to play.

Sarah Clark was in goal for Novi.

"She made some key and aggressive saves for us," Christoff said. "Everybody played a great game and I was pleased that our defense limited them to just one goal."

"That game certainly put us in a very good frame of mind heading into this week."

**NOVI 4, MILFORD 0**  
Despite missing three players due to vacation and injuries, the 'Cats shutout the Redskins in a KVC match-up.

"We anticipated it to be a tight game," the coach said.

"But we played really well and took control of the game."  
Novi wasted no time in doing so either. The 'Cats scored just 40 seconds into the game on a deflected shot by Kristi Arrington. The sophomore redirected a shot by Jitka Dilonio to give her team the early lead.

With four minutes left in the first half, Lydia Raburn took an Arrington pass and beat the Milford goalie to give her team a two-goal cushion.

In the second half, the Wildcats scored twice in the first nine minutes to go up 4-0.

Dilonio took a Jill Gibson pass and scored six minutes in and Gibson countered off an Arrington pass to round out the scoring three minutes later.



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Senior Lydia Raburn (left) leads the Wildcats with 14 goals so far this season.

**NOVI 9, HOWELL 0**  
In what was a lopsided game, Novi jumped out to a 4-0 lead and cruised to an easy victory over the Highlanders.

Raburn scored three goals and added an assist. Arrington had two goals of her own and assisted on three others.

Jessica Kenny, Dilonio, Gibson and Nicole Angelecci scored the other goals for Novi.

The 'Cats played Lakeland Monday and faced off with Brighton last night (after The

"They had a good goalie, but we were getting some good support from our halfback line that game."

Larry Christoff  
Novi soccer coach

Novi News' deadline.

The match-up with the Bulldogs could have very well decided the KVC championship. Both teams were undefeated in KVC play and they are both currently ranked in the state.

**Novi boys fall hard against defending-KVC champ Milford**

By JASON SCHMITT  
Sports Editor

The Novi boys' track team fell hard to a poised, defending Kensington Valley Conference champion Milford team Apr. 21, but came back with some strong showings at a pair of invitational meets last Friday.

The Redskins, who lost just one letter winner from last year's team, topped the Wildcats 101-36.

Novi did win four events, but Milford swept four events and took all four relays to put the meet out of reach.

Justin Sterett combined with Chris Schleuder to finish first and third in the long jump, making it the most successful event of the day for the 'Cats. Sterett won with a jump of 19 feet, 3 inches and Schleuder took the bronze with a jump of 18-10.

Kevin Avenius, who hasn't been tested a lot this year in the 3,200, got his chance in this meet. The junior faced off with Milford's Tom Greenless and won in impressive style. Avenius won the event in 4:24.88, topping Greenless by 18 seconds.

"Kevin took off and set a good pace that Tom couldn't keep up with," coach Bob Smith said. "He was pretty much running by himself at the end."

Mark Avenius ran one of his best times in the 3,200, winning it in a time of 10:18.41.

"Mark is really making a name

for himself," Smith said. "He was probably the hardest worker of everybody this past winter, and the results are starting to show."

Novi's other winner was Dan Christopherson in the 800. The junior won in a time of 2:02.2, nearly eclipsing the 2-minute mark for the first time.

Sterett was second in the 100 meter dash and was one of just four Wildcats to finish runner-up. Chris Perkins' high jump of 6-0 was second to Milford's Bill Nash, who jumped 6-2.

Wes VanLandschoot finished second in the 300 hurdles (4:40.94) and Mike Alberty was runner-up in the pole vault (11-6). Chris Jettie was third in the event (10-6).

Milford seemed to dominate the third-place finishes as well. Only VanLandschoot in the 110 hurdles, Reaume in the 100, Schleuder in the long jump and Jettie were able to crack the third spot.

"They (Milford) have every event covered and they capitalize on all of them," Smith said. "We backed off a little bit, tested the waters. We could have gotten more points, but it would have been in futile efforts."

Novi set 50 personal bests at the meet.

**NOVI FIFTH AT LAKELAND**  
The Wildcats finished fifth at a time of 10:18.41.

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**Eagle Run Classic scheduled for May 9**

The 14th annual Eagle Run Classic has been scheduled for Saturday, May 9 and will take place at Maybury State Park.

This year's race is sponsored by Ward Presbyterian Church and Single Point Ministries and will benefit the Detroit Rescue Mission.

Awards will be given out to the top three runners of both the 5K and 10K races. The cost for each race is \$7. There is a \$2 late fee for adults who register after May 3.

The 5K race will begin at 10 a.m. and the 10K race begins at 11 a.m. A one-mile fun run/walk will take place at 12:15 p.m. and costs \$4 for adults and \$2 for children. There will also be music and special entertainment.

There will be a \$2 picnic lunch and short-sleeved Eagle Run t-shirts will also be on sale for \$5.

Maybury State Park is located on 8-1/2 mile road, two miles west of Beck Road. All fees are non-refundable and do not include a \$4 state park daily fee.

To register please call (313) 422-1851 for a registration form.

**Netters fare well at Saline, take two KVC matches**

By JASON SCHMITT  
Sports Editor

Novi faced top caliber competition at the Saline Invitational Saturday and were able to come away with a third-place finish with the host team.

Ann Arbor Greenhills and Coldwater tied for first with 17 points and Novi and Saline were third with 16 points each. Churchill (11 points), Woodhaven (8), Jackson Lumen Christi (7) and Fenton (4) rounded out the field.

"You can't get any closer than this," coach Jim Hanson said. "Everybody scored points for us, which is what you have to do to win tournaments."

Glenn Gabriel took home Novi's only championship with a first-place finish at No. 2 singles.

Gabriel topped Greenhills Nihar Singhal 6-0, 6-1 in the finals. He had no trouble beating Lumen Christi 6-0, 6-0 and Fenton 6-2, 6-0 in the first two rounds.

The first doubles team of Nate Zatulokin and Amit Nagar finished runner-up at their flight. The duo beat Fenton 6-2, 6-2 and Lumen Christi 6-3, 6-2 in the first two rounds before falling to Greenhills in the finals 3-6, 3-6.

No. 1 singles player Rich Kowalczyk finished third after defeating Churchill 6-2, 6-4 in the first round, before losing to Saline in his second match. He fought back to top Coldwater's Diego Borgess 6-4, 6-4 in the consolation finals.

Hanson's second and third doubles teams also grabbed third place. Clayton Perry and Tom Messink beat Saline 6-3, 6-7 (3), 6-2, then fell to Greenhills 6-3, 6-3 before topping Woodhaven 6-0, 6-2 in their third match.

Rory Pheiffer and Sean Henderson beat Greenhills 7-5, 6-2 in the first round, lost to Coldwater 4-6, 6-4, 5-7 in the semifinals before topping Woodhaven 6-4, 6-2 in the consolation finals.

Third singles player Brandon Bear and the fourth doubles team of Geoff Wang and Tim Angelecci finished fifth after dropping their first matches.

Bear came back to beat Lumen Christi and Woodhaven while Wang and Angelecci topped Fenton and Woodhaven.

Tim Torosian won one match on the day, that over

Woodhaven 7-5, 7-6.

"It was a good day of tennis," Hanson said. "I wanted to get each kid three good matches of tennis and that's what this offered us."

**NOVI 8, HOWELL 0**  
Howell offered little competition for the Wildcats, defaulting third and fourth doubles and winning just seven games combined in the rest of the flights.

Kowalczyk, Gabriel and Bear each won 6-1, 6-1 matches and Pheiffer won 6-0, 6-1 at fourth singles.

Torosian and Ronny Yoon won 6-0, 6-0 at first doubles, as did Zatulokin and Nagar at second doubles.

**SALINE 5, NOVI 3**  
The ninth-ranked Hornets used three doubles victories to edge the 'Cats and hand Hanson's team its first loss of the year.

Trailing, 4-3 with the third doubles match the only one left unfinished, Novi needed a win to pull out a tie. But Perry and Messink lost a close three-set match 2-6, 6-4, 6-7 (6).

Winning for Novi were Gabriel 6-4, 6-4 at second singles, Bear at fourth singles 6-4, 2-6, 6-3 and Yoon and Torosian at first doubles 6-3, 7-5.

**NOVI 6, MILFORD 2**  
In the Wildcats' first action back from Spring Break, Kowalczyk and Gabriel picked up easy wins, as did Bear at four singles. Second, third and fourth doubles had straight-set wins as well to lead Novi to this KVC win.

Kowalczyk won 6-0, 6-3 and Gabriel followed up with an easy 6-1, 6-1 victory. Bear posted a double bagel 6-0, 6-0 win at fourth singles.

Zatulokin and Nagar won easily 6-0, 6-1 at two doubles. Perry and Wang topped their Redskins opponents 7-6 (5), 6-4 and Messink and Henderson gutted out a 6-2, 7-6 (4) in the last doubles spot.

"They played us tough," Hanson said. "We lost a couple of matches I felt we should have won. That's one of our problems. We get an early lead, and then we let up a little bit."

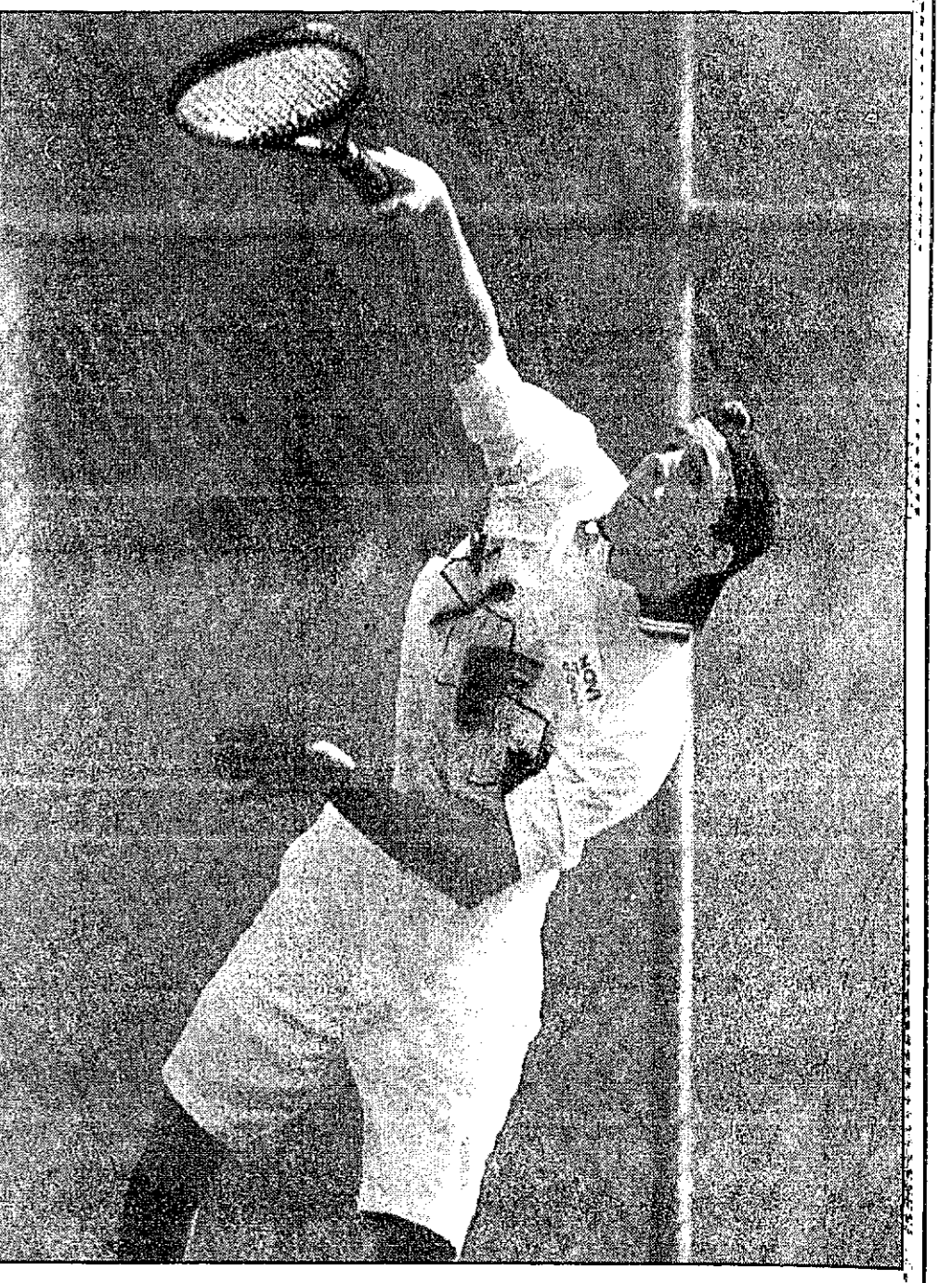


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Rory Pheiffer serves to his Milford opponent in a doubles match last week.

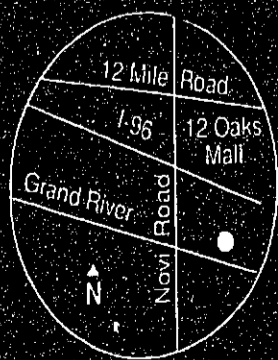


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