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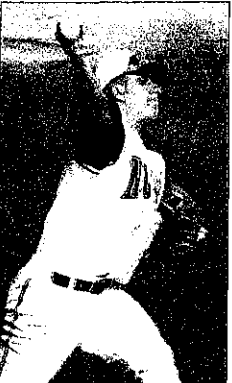
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 Former Novi attorney Robert Bondy is ready to return to the city, this time serving the area as a judge for the 52-1 District Court.

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Novi's Brandon Davis throws a split-finger fastball during a home game against Milford.

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**Construction season in Novi hits full swing**

By Victoria Sadlocha  
 STAFF WRITER

Anyone who has lived in Michigan for awhile knows there are five seasons in our state - fall, winter, spring, summer and construction.

And with the number of orange barrels springing up in Novi, it is clear to see we are in that fifth season.

Although some may feel it is a pain, others welcome the disruption in their driving routines, thinking only of smother travels ahead.

City officials and residents have made improving Novi's roads a priority. In 2000, an \$18.395 million road bond issue received a 60 percent voter approval. The city sold the first \$10 million of bonds, implementing Novi's Road Bond Program in January 2001.

One of the major areas identified was neighborhood streets, so \$5.4 million of the 2000 bond issue was allocated for the Neighborhood/Subdivision Street Improvements initiative.

The multi-year program allocates \$1.08 million a year for five years towards expanded neighborhood pavement and resurfacing. An additional \$500,000 of funding for this year's projects will come from Novi's Major Street Fund.

All neighborhood streets scheduled for construction this year received a "poor" or "very poor" rating from the city's Pavement Surface Evaluation and Rating System.

The next \$1.035 million dollars was earmarked by officials for the Intersection Safety and Capacity Improvements initiative.

The allocation targets nine major projects. Improvements will be made to the intersections of:

- Novi and 10 Mile Roads
- Novi Road and Grand River Avenue
- Meadowbrook and 10 Mile roads
- Beck and 10 Mile roads
- Cranbrook Drive and 10 Mile Road;
- Novi and 14 Mile roads
- Haggerty and Nine Mile roads
- Beck and Eight Mile roads
- Welch and 14 Mile roads.

Novi Road improvements at 10 Mile Road and Grand River Avenue will also be funded by leveraged

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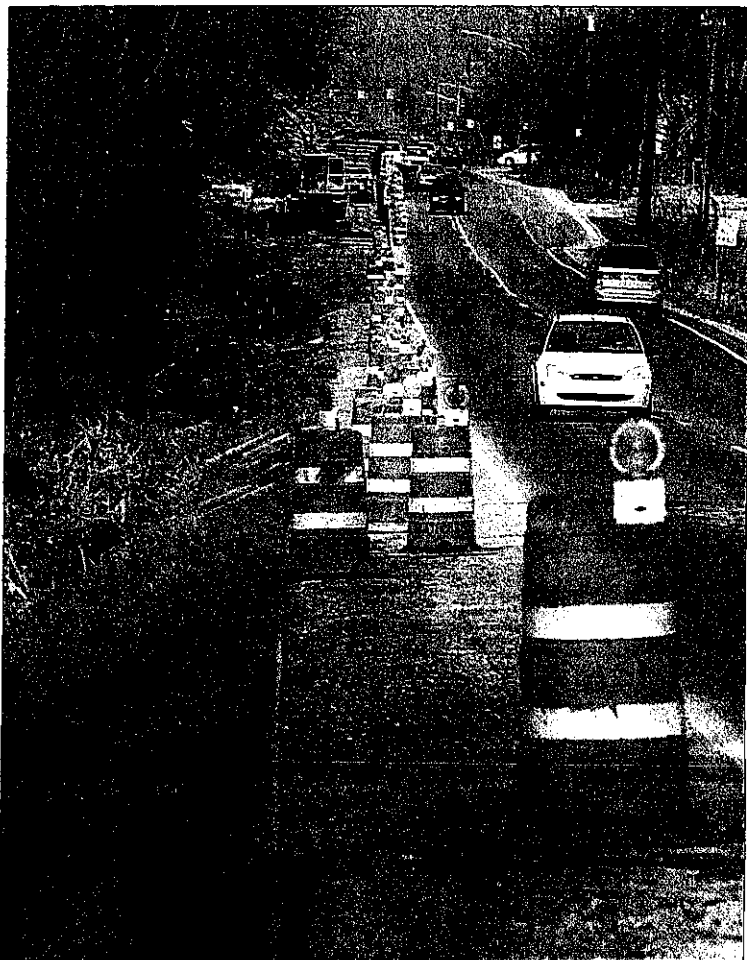


Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Construction of a wetlands-area bridge on Ten Mile Road near Novi has slowed traffic in the area for the last three weeks.

dollars.

The final initiative identified by city officials was the Major Street Improvements project. The \$11.915 million of earmarked Road Bond Program funds will be combined with other-source funding for project completion.

Improvements in the Major Street Improvements category are:

- the Beck Road interchange including \$24 million of state funds
- Novi Road from 10 Mile to Grand River Avenue including

\$9.48 million of state funds and \$1.185 million county funds

- Grand River Avenue from Beck Road to the bridge over the CSX railroad tracks including \$5 million state funds

- Grand River Avenue from city limits east to Beck Road including \$4.4 million state funds and \$550,000 county funds.

City officials said the outline of how the funds will be spent and the contributing agencies are a forecast and amounts and projects are subject to change.

What won't change is Novi road officials' commitment to improve the community's roadways.

"Since our reorganization work in January, we have made executing community roadwork a priority," said Novi Assistant City Manager Clay Pearson. "Although we have more work to do in improving our process, we are obviously glad to have made this progress and seeing something started."

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**JCK gets road work contract**

**Firm picked despite contract talk dissension; Lorenzo and Bononi vote no**

By Victoria Sadlocha  
 STAFF WRITER

During a special meeting of the Novi City Council last week, the green light was given to begin the process of fixing up neighborhood streets.

With a 5-to-2 vote, members awarded the \$116,740 for the 2002 Neighborhood Roadway Rehabilitation Program engineering services contract to JCK & Associates, Inc. on April 23.

The decision was not supported by Novi City Councilwoman Laura Lorenzo and Novi Mayor Pro-Tem Michelle Bononi.

"I regretfully will not be able to support the motion," Lorenzo said during the meeting.

Lorenzo's decision was based on her belief the city's contract bidding process is flawed and does not provide a level playing field for competitive bidders.

"It lacks credibility," she said. "I'm very disappointed. I'm not proud of this work product."

Bononi's nay stemmed from her dissatisfaction with the Village Oaks 2001 Neighborhood Roadway Rehabilitation Program project.

The undertaking, which is currently in the repair process, was awarded to JCK last year.

Bononi was not appeased by Novi City Mayor Richard Clark's explanation that the soured project was the result of trying to

improve 30-year-old roads and not the fault of the Novi engineering firm.

Clark said JCK should not be held responsible for the project overruns resulting from previously unkept roads.

"I'm thoroughly dissatisfied by this one," Bononi said. "We are talking about accountability."

Novi's mayor pro-tem said she believes it is a great disservice to reward poor service and looks forward to changes in the administration's policy.

"I know there are a lot of changes that need to be made," said Nancy McClain, Novi City engineer.

McClain said although members of the council are dissatisfied with the bidding process, it is being improved and is more detailed than some neighboring cities like Farmington Hills.

McClain said she stands behind the administration's recommendation to award the contract to JCK.

"I believe they can do this job on budget and on time," she said.

"Lord knows I have not been their (JCK's) biggest fan in the past," said David Landry, Novi city councilman.

Despite his admission, Landry said there is not one legitimate reason why the firm should not have



Laura Lorenzo



Richard Clark

**Chamber auction hailed a success**

By Angelo Parlove  
 STAFF WRITER

The Novi Chamber of Commerce hosted its signature benefit, the 10th annual "A Night to Remember" charity auction on April 27. Partial proceeds from the event will go to area hospitals and medical research programs.

The event was held at the Novi Hilton and sponsored by Time Warner Cable and Providence Hospital and Medical Center in partnership with the Novi Chamber of Commerce.

"It turned out to be a nice event," said Nora Champion, president of the Novi Chamber of Commerce. "It's our largest event of the year that brings revenue to the chamber and gives back to the community."

Partial proceeds from the charity auction will go to the University of

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**Court sets Sandstone suit date**

By Victoria Sadlocha  
 STAFF WRITER

City of Novi officials received an extra incentive recently to bring settlement talks with Sandstone Associates Limited Partnership representatives to a close.

The extra push came after a date was set by the Michigan Supreme Court of Appeals to hear oral arguments in the development and city of Novi matter. Although the date is set for July 9, the court will accept no motions relating to the case after June 25.

After receiving the news, members of the Novi City Council held an executive session April 23 where they unanimously voted to adopt a resolution approving an agreement for entry of consent judgment in Oakland County Circuit Court and to forward the settlement proposal to Sandstone within one week.

The one-week time frame was set so Sandstone representatives would have the proposal before city officials participated in insurance mediation on April 30.

The goal of the mediation was to resolve the insurance coverage aspect of the settlement discussions which have been ongoing for 15 months.

According to the recently approved entry of consent judgment, "although the city is actively litigating in the Michigan Court of Appeals to contest the amended judgment, in view of the fact that interest is compounding annually on the amended judgment, and considering Sandstone's demand for an immediate resolution, and recognizing the uncertainties of litigation, the city feels compelled to proceed now with this arrangement."

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**Community comes together for Arbor Day celebration**

By Victoria Sadlocha  
 STAFF WRITER

Members of the Novi Community joined together Saturday with shovels in hand to celebrate Arbor Day.

The city event brought together children, adults and city officials for a time of observance and merriment in Novi's Community Sports Park.

Attendees of the April 27 celebration enjoyed welcoming comments, an Arbor Day

Proclamation and a tree planting ceremony led by Novi City Mayor Richard J. Clark.

Novi Woods Principal Cindy Quittiquit and her students also assisted Clark in the planting ceremony.

More than 300 trees were planted at the park during the event and throughout the week by several area Boy and Girl Scout troops in honor of the April 26 holiday.

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Courtesy photo  
 Area children search for prizes during a wood chip scavenger hunt during the City of Novi Arbor Day celebration held April 27 in the city's Community Sports Park.



### Community Events

**Michigan Retailers Association (MRA) professional education seminar**  
**DATE:** Thursday, May 2  
**LOCATION:** The Westin Laurel Park Drive, Eastland  
**TIME:** 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.  
**DETAILS:** Retail designer and retailer Carolyn Brown will share "tricks of the trade" learned during her 22 years in the retail and gift business. Topics include better buying at gift shows, staying in store workshops to attract customers and working with local charities to introduce unique lines of merchandise. \$15 for MRA members, \$25 for non-members. **PHONE:** To register, contact MRA's Rebekah Lachance at 800-366-3699 or rlachance@retailers.com.

**Roses-West Rose Society's "Growing Fabulous Miniature Roses" program**  
**DATE:** Friday, May 3  
**LOCATION:** Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd., Novi  
**TIME:** 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.  
**DETAILS:** Harlan Schumaker of Grand Rapids will be conducting a slide program with handouts. Free and open to public school hour. **PHONE:** For information, contact 248-449-4626.

**AAA Michigan's Novi/Walled Lake office grand opening**  
**DATE:** Friday, May 3  
**LOCATION:** Maple Place Shopping Center, located at 31174 Novi Road at 14 Mile Road.  
**TIME:** 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**Mom to Mom Sale**  
**DATE:** Saturday, May 4  
**LOCATION:** 1st Presbyterian Church, 205 E. Lake Street  
**TIME:** 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
**DETAILS:** Mother of Multiples Society (MOMS) of South Lyon is holding this sale of new and used children's clothes, maternity clothes, toys, baby supplies and more. Admission is 50 cents. Proceeds benefit MOMS of South Lyon. **PHONE:** Sara Hanvill (248) 437-6447

**Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce Morning Connection**  
**DATE:** Wednesday, May 8  
**LOCATION:** TCF Bank, 555 Haggerty Rd., Walled Lake  
**TIME:** 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.  
**DETAILS:** Join us for a continental breakfast! Use this opportunity to network with local businesses free! **PHONE:** TCF Bank, 866-823-2265.

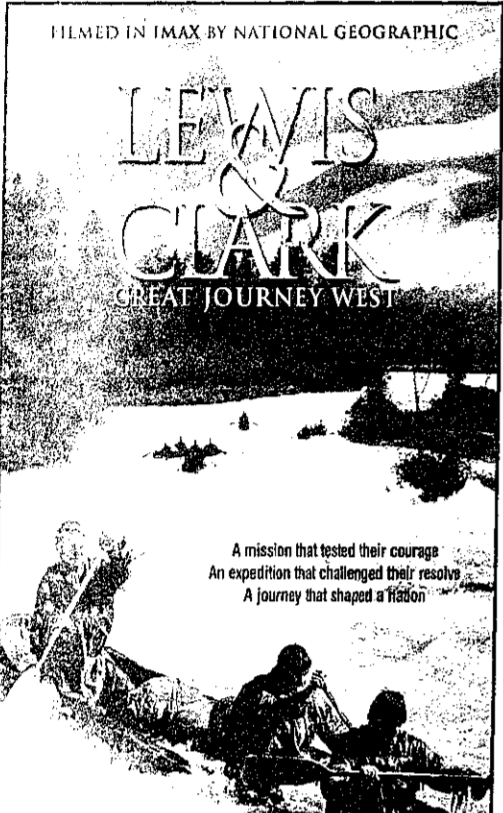
**Alzheimer's Association Caregiver**  
**DATE:** Wednesday, May 15  
**LOCATION:** Courtyard Manor, 48578 Pontiac Trail, Wixom  
**TIME:** 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
**DETAILS:** The Alzheimer's Association-Detroit Area Chapter, in partnership with Courtyard Manor of Wixom invites you to attend a special free family caregiver meeting. **PHONE:** Debbie, 248-669-5263

**Huron Valley-Sinal Hospital 8th Annual Golf Invitational**  
**DATE:** Tuesday, June 11  
**LOCATION:** Northville Hills Golf Club  
**TIME:** 7:30 a.m. registration, 8:30 a.m. shotgun start, scramble format, lunch buffet with awards and silent auction to follow.  
**DETAILS:** This event provides support to programs, projects and patients at our hospital.  
**PHONE:** Office of Development, Huron Valley-Sinal Hospital, 248-937-5627.

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### Community Events

**Boy Scout Celebration**  
**DATE:** May 14  
**DETAILS:** There will be a 20th anniversary celebration and a court of honor for Boy Scouts Troop 407. Organizers are looking for individuals who were leaders and scouts from Troop 407 since 1982.  
**Boy Scouts Troop 407, Novi, MI**  
**PHONE:** (248) 448-5170 to be placed on the invitation list, or e-mail T407@aol.com.

**Our Children's Health at Risk**  
**DATE:** Friday, May 10  
**LOCATION:** Oakland Schools Kiva, Waterford  
**TIME:** 8 a.m. - noon  
**DETAILS:** To counter the rising rates of obesity in Michigan's children, Healthy People, Healthy Oakland and the Obesity Initiative in association with Oakland County schools is sponsoring a seminar. The morning will tackle the health implications of obesity and why schools are the best place to start in beating the mounting obesity rates. Also, the seminar will include an overview of the School Health Index, a self-assessment and planning tool regarding healthy living practices for community schools developed by

the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The seminar is free. **PHONE:** Alesha Ulasich, (248) 859-7969 or Libby Hrabon, (248) 858-1284.

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**Oakland County Health Division First Aid for Smokers**  
**DATE:** Tuesday, May 14  
**LOCATION:** Medical Center, Providence Park, 47601 Grand River, Novi  
**TIME:** 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., Conference Room A  
**DETAILS:** Class includes an educational presentation on the quitting process, a smokers' emergency kit and instructions on how to utilize the kit. Participants will learn valuable coping skills and receive follow-up support to help in the quitting process. No fee for class or materials.

**Commence Township Annual Community Breakfast**  
**DATE:** Tuesday, May 21  
**LOCATION:** El Dorado Country Club, 2869 N. Pontiac Trail, Commerce Twp.  
**TIME:** 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.  
**DETAILS:** Cost \$15.00.  
**PHONE:** Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce office, 248-624-2826

**Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce & The Walled Lake Fire Dept. 25th Annual Scramble Golf Outing**  
**DATE:** Monday, June 3  
**LOCATION:** Mystic Creek Golf Club, One Champions Circle, Milford  
**TIME:** 10:30 a.m. shotgun start, four person scramble format  
**DETAILS:** Join us for a relaxing day of golf, food, prizes and friends! This is a scramble outing and everybody has an opportunity to help the team win, whether you play once a year or once a week. Proceeds will benefit the Chamber Business Community and the Walled Lake Fire Departments Fire Prevention Educational Equipment.  
**PHONE:** Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce, 248-624-2826.

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### Obituary

#### Luella "June" Oliver

Luella Oliver, 56, of Spring Hill, Fla., formerly of Brighton, died April 24. She was born in Markham City, Mich.

Mrs. Oliver was survived by her husband, Robert; children, James (David), John, Tammy (Diane), Robert (James), grandchildren, Kasandra, Emily, Kella, and Amber; and one brother, Bill (Ody) Krueger.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Esther, and sister, Kay Bushman.

She was a loving, caring and giving person and was instrumental in the family business with her husband. She bought a long, 15-year, courageous battle with cancer.

A memorial service was held on April 28 at Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church in Brighton. Contributions in June's name may be made to: Home Martine Transplant Research, Division of Hematology/Oncology, c/o Dr. Janakiraman, C.F.P., 5, 2799 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit, MI 48202.

Funeral arrangements were made by Douglas Funeral Home, Inc., 500 Main Street, Frouton, Mich., 48430.

### School Notes

#### Marjorie K. Vanderbelde

Marjorie Vanderbelde of Luther, Mich., died April 24 at Heartland Health Care Center, Livonia. She was 82.

Survivors include four daughters, Sandra (William) Moore, Judith (Frederick) Moore, Lucinda (James) Wojcik and Bonnie Clark; seven grandchildren; six great grandchildren; and one sister, Pat Holt of Grand Rapids. She was preceded in death by her husband, Louis.

Private memorial services will be held Saturday, May 4. For more information, please call O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, (248) 348-1894.

In lieu of flowers the family requests contributions to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Rd., Livonia, Mich. 48154.

Arrangements made by O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, 41555 Grand River Ave., Novi, Mich. 48375.

### In Service

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Carl L. Adams, son of Linda Turner, of Novi, recently returned from a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf while serving aboard the amphibious assault ship USS Bataan, home ported in Norfolk, Va.

Adams is a 1993 graduate of Walled Lake Central High School and joined the Navy in January 1997.

## Laws of nature tested

Novi students take winning projects to Detroit science fair

By Angelo Parlove  
STAFF WRITER

Some of Novi's young scientific minds tested the formidable laws of nature in Detroit this month.

After a successful Novi Middle School Science Fair in December, the school's top 20 entries headed to the Detroit Science and Engineering Fair at Cobo Hall on April 9. The students were armed only with their winning projects and a curiosity to tackle nature's marvels.

Novi Middle School students Cory Savino and Ben Latorobee walked way from the Detroit sci-

ence fair with Novi's top projects, each earning a third-place finish.

Latorobee tested the ability of different toothpastes, mouthwashes and baking soda brands to whiten teeth.

"You should try the science fair because you will never know if you can win until you try," Latorobee said.

In a study of pollution, Savino's project tested how plants are affected by household liquids, such as cola, coffee, vinegar and glass cleaner.

"I plan to do a project next year," Savino said. "It helps me to learn about how to do labs better."

Other Novi Middle School students participating in the Detroit Science and Engineering Fair were Caitlin Otticarr, Julie Thomson, Tory Roney, Nirbi Mailey, Bhavin Chauhan, Sonali Stahl, Robert Parkus, Janki Patel, Rachel

Burris, Eric Van Buhler, Wendy Ying, Aubrey Eisman, Justin Savino, Emma Nicotrof, Emily Esbrook, Megan Spitz, Gerica Lee and Megan Mammasser.

Each participating school was allowed 22 entries into the Detroit Science and Engineering Fair, with students coming from across Wayne, Oakland and Macomb Counties to compete in the annual tri-county event.

"The students were happy to be there and excited about seeing up there projects," said Novi Middle School science teacher Maggie Sherman.

Overall, Novi Middle School Science Fair hosted 127 student projects on December 7.

Angelo Parlove is a staff writer for the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 108 or at aparlove@ht.homecomm.net.

## Novi parent's petition seeks extra funding for para-pros

By Angelo Parlove  
STAFF WRITER

In her pursuit for funding equity, Novi resident Sue Burke is seeking hard proof in the form of signatures, which she plans to take to the Novi Board of Education as evidence of a mounting concern in the school community.

Burke, who has headed up the parent group, the Committee for Continued Improvement, is seeking equal funding allocations for the half-day Novi kindergarten program, as compared to the full-day kindergarten program at Deerfield Elementary, the district's school of choice.

Burke said that it is unfair that Deerfield Elementary's population, receive about twice as much money from the district's general

operating fund to support its full-day program than the other Novi Schools' half-day students.

According to James Koster, Novi Schools' assistant superintendent of finance, lack of space prohibits the district from offering full-day kindergarten at each school. He noted, however, that after completion of the major building renovations at the elementary is completed, that space may become available.

In support of their mission, the Committee for Continued Improvement started a petition, seeking signatures from community members who would like to see equal funding allocations across the district's five elementary schools. The petition is available to Novi residents in each neighborhood elementary school office.

"We are hoping there is enough support in the district to help the board of education make some changes and tax dollar allocations for the half-day programs," Burke said.

The petition seeks to use added money for para-professionals in the classrooms of the half-day programs as a remedy for this unequal funding allocation.

"More equity needs to be brought, and para-pros is a good way for this equity. If anyone has any better ideas, I hope they bring them to the board and speak up," Burke said. "It's great to have a unique (Deerfield) program. It helps our city, but not at the cost of the other kindergartners."

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**MEMORIAL DAY PARADE**  
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Applications are available at the Novi Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department, and the deadline to apply is May 10. For more information, call (248) 347-0400.

**LIKE TO GOLF**  
The Novi Chamber of Commerce is looking for volunteers to help plan its annual golf outing. If you are interested in joining the fun, call (248) 349-3743.

**CHILD SAFETY**  
The Novi Public Library will be hosting "Safe on My Own," a program about child safety. The 11 a.m. Saturday, May 4 lecture will feature Pamela Schneemann, RN who will be speaking with children about staying safe at home and around the neighborhood. The one-hour event will include topics such as phone safety, fire safety and home-alone skills. Children older than 7 are invited to attend. No registration is necessary.

**HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY**  
Novi and area residents are invited to drop off their hazardous waste 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 11 at the 47th District Court in Farmington. Residents are invited to bring used computer equipment, oil-based paint, household and automotive batteries, pesticides, herbicides, cleaners, fluorescent light bulbs and other common household chemicals to the Resource Recovery and Recycling authority of Southwest Oakland County sponsored event. The court is located at 32795 W. 10 Mile Road. The entrance into the pick-up is on Siltwasssee, between Farmington and Power roads. For more information, call (248) 208-2270 or visit [www.RRRASOC.org](http://www.RRRASOC.org).

**KARATE TOURNAMENT**  
The City of Novi 10th Annual Karate Tournament is on its way to the Novi High School natatorium Saturday, May 4 at noon. Representatives from the City of Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department said the event is an excellent opportunity to learn about martial arts and see what the program has to offer every child. The tournament welcomes competitors from many of the metropolitan Detroit Korean karate clubs. Trophies will be awarded to winners and demonstrators by masters in various martial arts disciplines are planned. Admission is \$6 for adults and \$3 for those younger than 12.

**OUTDOOR LIGHTING ORDINANCE**  
City officials would like all residents and business owners to be aware there is a City of Novi Lighting Ordinance. The regulation was created to establish appropriate and consistent minimum illumination levels, prevent unnecessary glare, reduce spill-over onto adjacent properties and reduce unnecessary wasted light into the night sky. Existing or new developments must comply with requirements of site plan approval, and anyone modifying their outdoor lighting must have approval by the city. For more information, call Cindy Uglow at (248) 347-0437 or e-mail [cuglow@ci.novi.mi.us](mailto:cuglow@ci.novi.mi.us).

**T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST**  
The city of Novi is looking for creative youngsters interested in designing a camp T-shirt for more than 350 Lakeshore campers and camp staff. The winner chosen from all drawings submitted by boys and girls ages 6 through 12 will receive one free \$90 camp session and a free t-shirt. All entries must be submitted to the Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department on 8.5-inch-by-11-inch paper with the child's name, address and phone number on the back of the entry. Officials ask that a black marker or ink pen is used and that designers stay away from thin lines. The deadline for the contest is 3 p.m. May 3.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**  
Volunteers are needed for the second annual Spring Fierst Farm Clean-Up, Preservation Novi is organizing the 9 a.m. noon Saturday, May 18 event in observance of Community Pride Day. Event organizers promise there will be something for everyone to do, whether you are 4 or 94. Many of the duties will include outdoor spring clean-up work. Coffee and doughnuts will be supplied to all in attendance. For more information or to register, call the Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department at (248) 347-0400.

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**Dobleske-Gambotto**  
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**Fischer-Wells**  
Art and Lyn Fischer of Novi announce the engagement of their daughter Andrea to Steven Wells, son of Paul and Donna Wells of Novi.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Ray and Donna Dobleske of Sterling Heights. The bride-elect graduated from Novi High School in 1995 and earned her bachelor's degree from Western Michigan University in 1999. She is currently employed as a teacher for Allegan Public Schools. The groom-elect is the son of Maureen and Bill McIntyre of Novi and Mike and Lucy Gambotto of Lansing.

The bride-elect graduated from Novi High School in 1995 and earned her bachelor's degree from Western Michigan University in April 2000. He is employed at Johnson Controls, Holland, Mich. An August wedding is planned. A November wedding is planned.

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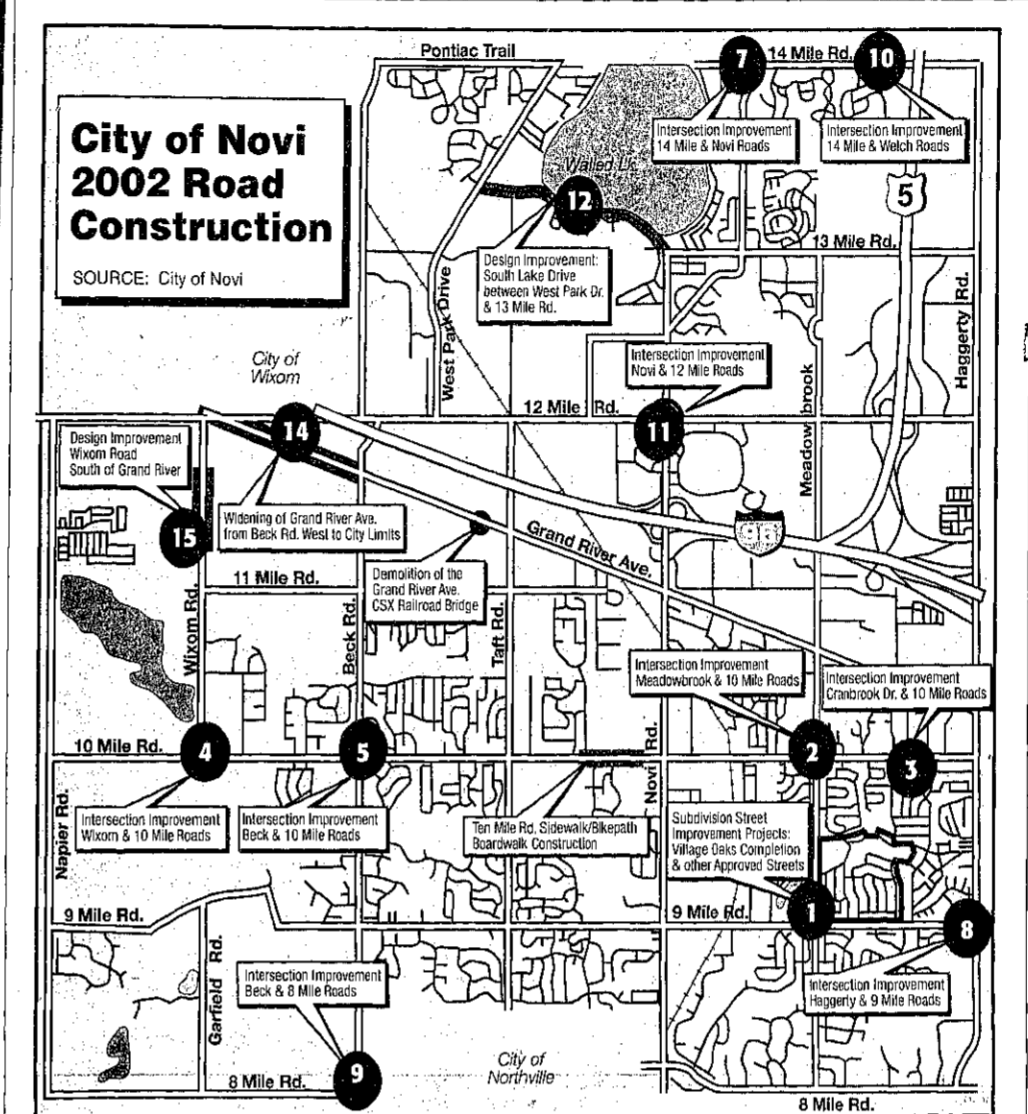
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Future roadway work in the City of Novi includes 2003 projects such as improvements to Novi Road at the intersections of 10 Mile Road and Grand River Avenue and the section of Grand River Avenue from Novi Road to the CSX railroad bridge.



The majority of the projects will commence this year and include:

- 1. Neighborhood/Subdivision Street Improvement Projects: Completion of Village Oaks in the 10 Mile and Taft roads area.
2. Intersection improvements at Meadowbrook and 10 Mile roads.
3. Intersection improvements at 10 Mile Road and Cranbrook Drive.
4. Intersection improvements at 10 Mile and Wixom roads.
5. Intersection improvements at Beck and Ten Mile roads.
6. Ten Mile Road sidewalk/bikepath boardwalk construction.
7, 9, and 10. Intersection improvements at Novi and 14 Mile roads.
8. Intersection improvements at Haggerty and Nine Mile roads.
11. Intersection Improvements at Novi and 12 Mile roads.
12. South Lake Drive between 13 Mile Road and West Park Drive design improvements.
13. The Grand River Avenue CSX railroad bridge demolition.
14. Road widening of Grand River Avenue west of Beck to city limits.
15. Improvements to Wixom Road south of Grand River Avenue.

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Well, the good news is people are reading this newspaper. That's always a positive sign, especially for an editor new to a publication like myself.

The bad news is, many of those readers don't like what they're seeing. Actually, it's what they're NOT seeing that's the problem.

Cal Stone

- Start listing the south west cable company's public service shows again.
Start listing the police bulletins again.
Cover the Novi Middle School sports teams.
Cover the baseball and basketball teams from Holy Family.
Cover the school awards ceremonies.
More coverage of city council, planning commission and school board meetings for those of us who don't have cable.
Interview the city manager or the mayor and find out what their plans are.
Tell us about new hires in the city and what they will bring to the city.
Let's hear about the new Parks & Rec. director's ideas, goals and plan of action.
Acknowledge that you have received a letter to the editor.

Only question is 'when,' not 'if,' for Engler's NextEnergy proposal

Often the best time to judge the impact of a seemingly bold new idea is a couple of weeks after it's announced. By that time, the various interest groups — both pro and con — will have had a chance to weigh in. And there's nothing like the sudden glare of public disclosure to highlight previously obscured defects in conception or execution.

'Best of' is more than a popularity contest

In only two weeks the winners of the 2002 People's Choice Awards will be announced. For those who may not have any idea what the People's Choice Awards is, let me explain.

LETTERS

Inequity in school funding is not new

This letter is in response to an article in the Novi News about full-day kindergarten being in demand. The article discussed the situation of the Burke family who couldn't get their child into Deerfield's full-day kindergarten and are now fighting for dollar equity for the rest of the elementary school kindergarten programs.

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We welcome your letters to the editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. We ask that your letters be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content.

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Glengarry student Ashley Ybarra works on completing her poem with the help of the Poet Lady Monday morning.

## Glengary: Students learn rhyme and reason of poetry

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She also tells her scholars that in order to write perfect prose they need to put hard work into their written thoughts.

"It doesn't just merely happen that you're a perfect writer," Rodgers said. "You have to revise and rewrite your work."

John Hester, media specialist, was delighted to have Rodgers speak to students about fine tuning their writing skills.

He and other media workers invited Rodgers as well as other authors to the school throughout the year to encourage students to enjoy literature.

"We've brought in storytellers, and since it's poetry month, we've spent time in the library discussing poetry," Hester said. "Our visit with Ms. Rodgers is culminating poetry month."

Students learned from their experience with Rodgers, he said.

"It's nice for kids to get a first-hand experience with visiting authors," Hester said. "It's nice for them to put real faces with pieces of literature."

Students also got a kick out of creating a poem together that will be placed on Rodgers Web site.

"Kids can submit poems to her and she will put their personal poems on the Web site," Hester said.

Brooke Bayless, fourth grade student, said she learned how to start a poem.

"It was really fun because you had to rhyme words and it was kind of like a game," Bayless said.

Adults and children can visit Rodgers' site at [www.ThePoetryLady.com](http://www.ThePoetryLady.com).

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## Arbor Day: Community of Novi joins in celebration

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The day wasn't all work though, as many children participated in activities such as bingo, a wood-chip pile scavenger hunt, bird feeder crafts and picture painting. All participants were awarded prizes.

Sheryl Walsh, city of Novi community relations manager, said the city would not have been able to pull off the successful event without the help of the numerous volunteers and sponsors giving their time to care for the environment of the community.

Sponsors and vendors involved with the special day included Anglin Supplies, Architectural Doors & Millwork, Glenda's Garden Center, Masters Green, McDonald's, McNish Sporting Goods, MDNR, National Tree Trust, National Arbor Day Foundation, Oakland County Conservation District, Oakland County Parks, Pet Supplies Plus and Whole Foods.

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## JCK & Associates: City gives neighborhood road project

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received the contract. Clark seconded Landry's opinion and reiterated that all bids were reviewed on a level playing field.

"There is absolutely no reason in this particular case they should not receive this job," Clark said.

JCK was one of three firms submitting a bid for the 2002 roadway project.

The bids received and reviewed were from Ayers, Lewis, Norris & May in the amount of \$182,014, JCK & Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$116,740 and Finkbeiner, Pettis & Strout in the amount of \$105,480.

The Finkbeiner, Pettis & Strout proposal was deemed unacceptable by city administration because it was not submitted in the required format, making JCK the lowest bidder.

All three firms were issued a qualified status by reviewers. The recommendation to award the contract to JCK was originally given by city officials during the council's regularly scheduled April 15 meeting.

Contract discussions during the Monday night meeting became heated and Novi City Manager Richard Helwig ended up adamant-



David Landry

ly defending the administration's continuous hard work and progress in turning around processes that had been in place for double-digit years.

Helwig also felt the need to

award the contract was immediate to make sure this year's improvements of many Novi subdivision streets remained on schedule.

Streets scheduled for improvements in the 10 Mile and Taft roads area include Huntington Road, Yorkshire Drive and Jamestowne Road; in the Nine Mile and Taft roads area is Gateway Drive; and in the area of Eight Mile Road by Haggerty and Meadowbrook roads are Marks Phillip Drive, Lorac Lane, Orchard Hill Place Drive and the area connecting Ladene Lane and Sunflower Road.

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## Sandstone Estates: Court sets date for oral arguments

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ment for the settlement of the litigation prior to the availability of insurance proceeds."

City of Novi Mayor Richard J. Clark said the meeting should determine what insurance proceeds may be available to assist in the resolution of the matter.

What, if any, proceeds will be provided has been an important aspect of the settlement negotiations.

"It remains the goal of the Novi City Council to reach a final resolution and settlement with Sandstone in this litigation," said Sheryl Walsh, City of Novi community relations manager. "The city council remains committed to settling this matter in a manner which does not increase taxes to residents and businesses and does not decrease services provided to the community."

City officials hope to put an end to the settlement discussions as

soon as possible.

The daily accruing interest has continually been a stated need to settle the dispute by city decision makers.

Last fall the judgment rendered in favor of Sandstone was estimated to have a current value of \$68.9 million including interest accruing at about \$22,000 a day.

In January 1999, the judgment was entered in favor of Sandstone against the City of Novi in Oakland County Circuit Court. In July

1999, the city filed its claim of appeal of the amended judgment.

Sandstone originally initiated litigation against the city because it said Novi prohibited the opening of Novi Road for timely marketing of the partnership's property and relating Vistas development.

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## Auction: Chamber of Commerce's annual event a success

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Michigan Providence Assarian Cancer Center, the Beaumont Hospital Pediatric Unit and Medical Interventions for Autism (MIA), a volunteer-run organization that promotes autism research programs.

Diane Risko, who has a 5-year-old nephew with autism, is an MIA supporter and suggested the

Novi Chamber of Commerce include the organization in this year's charity auction.

"We want to bring awareness to the needs of children who are autistic," Risko said.

Over 400 people attended the benefit, which hosted a live auction, two silent auctions and a charity raffle. Live auction items included a three-day, two-night stay at Walt Disney World, lunch

with the living legend and sports broadcaster Ernie Harwell and a Red Wing Alumni golf outing. Silent auction items included jewelry, sports memorabilia, pictures and paintings, as well as dinner gift certificates.

The top item on the evening for the "A Night to Remember" charity raffle was a 1965 Corvette Roadster, which was won by Detroit resident Gerald Spivey.

The Novi Chamber of Commerce has been selling raffle tickets for the car give-away over the past year, with ticket prices at \$5 each or three for \$10.

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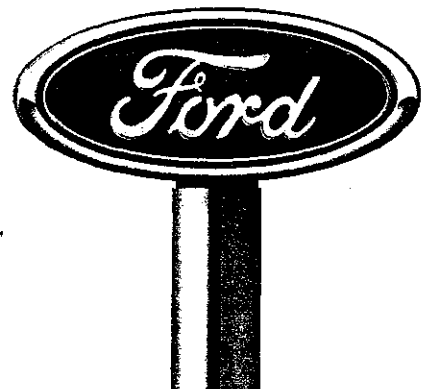
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# Wildcats securing hold on KVC

## Baseball team is in driver's seat when it comes to league destiny

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

The Novi Wildcats baseball team notched five wins this past week, blasting two Kensington Valley Conference opponents with losses before smacking a non-conference foe to the ground.

The 'Cats, led by coach Rick Green, followed the strong bats of powerhouses like Adam Haberman as they beat the

Milford Redskins 11-9 before topping the Pinckney Pirates in a double-header 11-9 and 10-0, and rocking the Walled Lake Central Vikings in a non-conference double-header 9-3, 13-3.

"I didn't expect us to be this good or in this position right now," Green said.

"We are three games ahead of Milford right now, and they are the team that I thought we would have to contend with for the KVC title."

Even with a 9-1 record, Green said his team is still far from its main goal.

"Our number one goal is still not completed and that is winning the KVC," he said.

"That is the goal we have every year. Once we get into the state tournament, then our goal is to win the states. I can see that, with a few breaks, we will have the possibility of going deep into the state tournament this year."

The Wildcats took it to the

Walled Lake Central Vikings most recently in a double-header that found Novi notching both wins.

In the first game, which the 'Cats won 9-3, Trey Simpson led the charge, going 3-for-4 with three RBIs while Eric Zorza went 2-for-4.

Haberman, who has cranked in 23 RBIs in nine games this season, collected his third home run of the season in the contest.

Mike Hart was the starting

hurler, going four innings, before Pete Kobylarek came in relief and finished the game out. Between the two pitchers, they scattered 10 hits over the seven innings.

The closer in the double-header found the Wildcats earning the win via the 10-run mercy rule in five innings.

The Novi squad blasted the Vikings 13-3 as Zorza allowed only five hits in the five innings.

Brandon Davis and Evan Rodriguez led the assault, col-

lecting two hits and two RBIs each in the winning effort.

The Wildcats will return to action when they take on the Lakeland Eagles tomorrow at 4 p.m. at Lakeland.

Saturday, the 'Cats will have a non-league match up with the Plymouth Salem Rocks starting at 11 a.m. at Salem. The 'Cats will host the Brighton Bulldogs May 8 at 4 p.m.

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## Soccer's looking sturdy



The Novi Wildcats girls soccer team is going to be hosting Brighton May 8 at 7 p.m. in a game that is no doubt going to have some bearing on the Kensington Valley Conference by the end of the season.

The Wildcats, who tied Brighton once this season, will hopefully have a field day when they take it to the Bulldogs — this time for a victory.

I have always been impressed with the way coach Brian O'Leary motivates his team — be it the boys or the girls — and I think that will definitely be a factor for the Wildcats in this contest.

Some people take the coaching ability of a helmsman like O'Leary for granted. Figuring a coach is just a person who stands on the sidelines and directs the action. Others, unfortunately, take it to the extreme the other way and think that coaches are fully responsible for when their team wins or loses. Truth be told, coaches are somewhere in the middle of all of that. They are there to guide the kids and direct the action on the field, but they are also partially responsible when their team doesn't step up and play the way they are capable of doing.

O'Leary has the ability to bring out the best in his teams. I am not sure how he does it. I just know that he does. There have been games that I have reported on in which O'Leary's squad was down 4-0 heading into the half and they pulled out the victory — that is a tough one to pull off, yet this motivator managed to convince his kids they have the ability to do so.

Coach O'Leary is lucky though. He comes onto the field with tons of experience filling his jerseys as well as plenty of talent. The girls on his team are some of the best in the KVC (if not Oakland County), and when they put their minds to winning, that is what they are going to do.

I am picking the Wildcats to walk out of this one with a win, even if it is a close one. The Bulldogs are going to be tough to take down, but I think the combination of O'Leary and his girls mixed with the home-field advantage will prove too much for the Brighton girls when they make their visit.

Novi 5  
Brighton 4

## Softball gets mixed KVC results

### Team looks to notch KVC wins over Brighton, Lakeland

By Brian Doyle  
SPECIAL WRITER

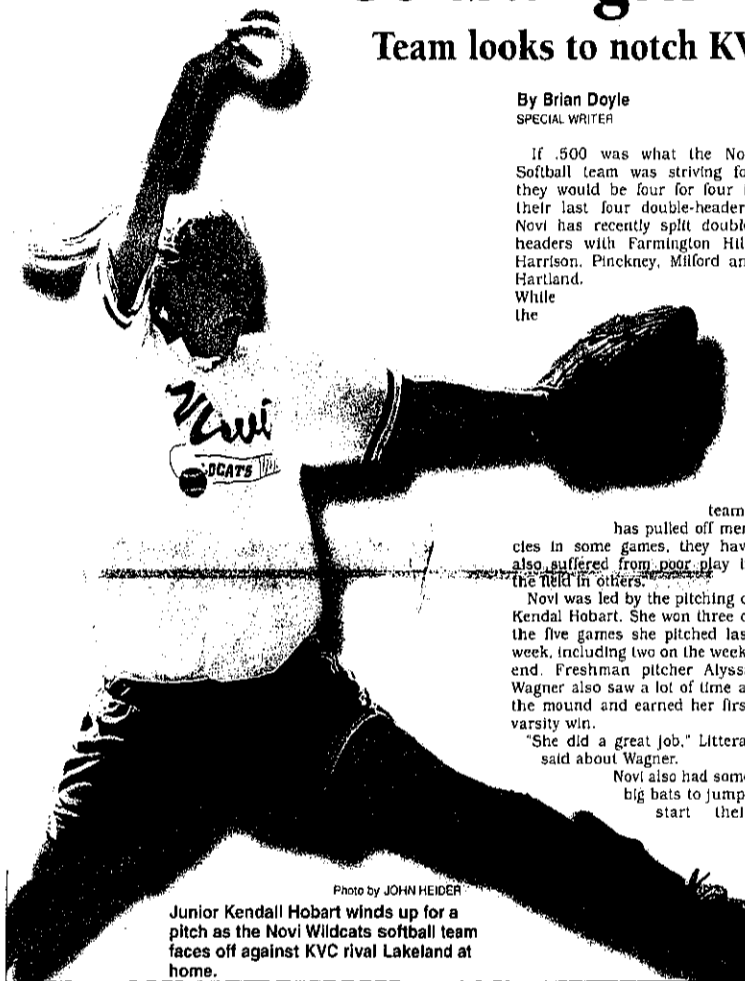


Photo by JOHN HEIDER  
Junior Kendall Hobart winds up for a pitch as the Novi Wildcats softball team faces off against KVC rival Lakeland at home.

If .500 was what the Novi Softball team was striving for, they would be four for four in their last four double-headers. Novi has recently split double-headers with Farmington Hills Harrison, Pinckney, Milford and Hartland.

While the team has pulled off mercies in some games, they have also suffered from poor play in the field in others.

Novi was led by the pitching of Kendall Hobart. She won three of the five games she pitched last week, including two on the weekend. Freshman pitcher Alyssa Wagner also saw a lot of time at the mound and earned her first varsity win.

"She did a great job," Litteral said about Wagner.

Novi also had some big bats to jumpstart their

offense which was able to pull-off two five inning mercies. Senior captain Megan Colligan led the charge with a slew of RBIs and a couple of home runs. Liz Stevens also hit very well and aided her team, especially early in the week.

"She is hitting and seeing the ball so well," Litteral said.

Jaime Sabol has also been contributing regularly and abundantly for Novi, while Shannon Shradler has been stealing bases left and right for the Wildcats. Sarah Thelen has also stepped up and has been hitting well as the designated hitter for Novi.

**Farmington Harrison 11, Novi 10**  
Novi lost the first game of the non-conference double header to Harrison last Saturday. Beth Leeb was the pitcher for Harrison and got the win for her team to win the close game. Alyssa Wagner pitched for the Wildcats in this loss.

**Novi 15, Farmington Harrison 5**  
In the second game, Novi was not about to lose a close game again. Kendall Hobart pitched the win for Novi and also had a great day in the field. She went 4-6 from the plate in both games combined. In the second game, Megan Colligan did very well and went 3-4. Colligan belted a home run and knocked in five runs in that game to help Novi mercy Harrison.

**Novi 14, Pinckney 4**  
The day before the Harrison double-header, Novi split a double-header with conference rival Pinckney Pirates. Hobart pitched

the win for Novi. Colligan had another big day at the plate, which included a home run. Liz Stevens and Jaime Sabol both went two for four to help Novi get the win. The first game ended after five innings due to a mercy by Novi.

Wagner pitched the second game for Novi, which they lost.

**Milford 12, Novi 8**  
Novi lost the first game of their two game double-header to Milford last Wednesday. Novi's offense was on track, but it was the fielding that caused problems. Kendall Hobart pitched for Novi but only gave up two earned runs. The other ten runs were unearned.

"Our field was not it's best," Litteral said. "As a team we committed eight errors and that lost the game for us."

Offensively, Hobart walked twice and stole won base. Her ERA is less than one. Victoria Kaiser hit a double and had a RBI. Megan Colligan went 2-5 with a double, a single and one RBI. Liz Stevens hit very well and went 4-5 with four singles.

"(Stevens) had a big day," Litteral said.

Sarah Thelen scored twice and had a single and Jaime Sabol went 2-5 with a double, a single, an RBI, and a run. Shannon Shradler scored twice on two singles and stole three bases. Also scoring for Novi were Rachel Bielski and Nicole Lewis.

However, all of that offense couldn't make up for the lack of defense and Novi still lost by four.

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## Wildcats make short work of latest foes

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

The Novi Wildcats girls' soccer team blasted Hartland in a Kensington Valley Conference matchup after beating South Lyon and tying Brighton in other KVC contests to kick the season

off.

The Wildcats, led by coach Brian O'Leary, blasted Hartland 9-0 after tying Brighton 1-1 and plowing South Lyon under 10-0.

"Our team is developing nicely," O'Leary said. "We have shown lots of improvement since our first game. We are playing

much more as a team and our defense is much tighter."

The Wildcats simply dominated the Hartland Eagles, outshooting them 47-2 as Katie Ales, Lisa Checcobelli, Kerri Timar, Kristi Timar and Nikki Herman scored a single goal each, and Chelsea Atlyeh and

Maureen Pawlak scored two goals apiece. Amanda Church made two saves for the shutout.

The Wildcats (4-1-2 overall, 3-0-1 KVC) will be visiting Howell in another KVC match up tomorrow.

As of right now, it seems the Wildcats are looking to get past

their biggest challenge — injuries.

"Kellie Pheiffer broke her arm and will still be out a couple more weeks," O'Leary said. "Also, I just found out today that our best defender, Nina Schmitt,

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## Brighton blasts Novi linksters

By Frank Dimich  
HOMETOWN NEWSPAPERS

Abbey French and the Brighton Bulldogs proved too much for the Novi Wildcat linksters, even in the horrible conditions the two squared off in during a Kensington Valley Conference dual meet April 25.

Winds whipped at up to 40 miles per hour, which made it difficult for golfers to even keep their balance at times let alone hit shots.

"I would rather golf in snow and rain," said French, Brighton's No. 1 golfer. "You can't predict where the ball is going to go. Anything you hit gets held up."

French, a senior, wasn't thrilled about her score of 50, but it was good enough to help Brighton to a 198-228 victory over Novi at The Jackal Golf Club at Mt. Brighton.

"I started out good as it went on the wind picked up and pushed balls in hazards," said French, who went par-bogey on her first two holes. "I feel I was able to adapt to the winds."

Her playing partner, Christie Springstead, played through the

wind with a conservative approach. The approach paid off as Springstead was the medalist with a 47. The biggest thing that hindered her round was a triple bogey on No. 18.

"I didn't do that bad on the first couple of holes," Springstead said. "It was hard to putt today."

To make things even more difficult, Brighton is golfing at The Jackal for the first time this season. The team's usual home course, Oak Pointe Country Club, is under construction.

The Jackal has been open for just a little more than a week, so the Bulldogs have not had much time to play it. Thursday's meet was their first ever there.

Players and Bulldog coach Bill Miller said the back nine at The Jackal is tricky and can be difficult, especially in the wind.

"We've talked about that as a team and decided playing a difficult course is to our advantage," Springstead said. "Although our scores aren't where we want them, after a couple more meets we'll be where we want to be."

Junior Amber Jessee, who also posted a 50 for Brighton, said it was the wind made it seem like she was golfing an entirely different course.

"Today was not a normal day for us," Jessee said. "I actually pulled through all right."

"I knew it was going to be hard. We've played this course just a few times. Today, it was totally different. (The wind) would knock us down. It was rough."

With the victory, Brighton, the defending KVC champions, improved to 2-0 in league duals. Novi fell to 1-1 and 1-4 overall.

Despite the loss, Novi coach Debra Harris seemed content.

"We're pretty young," Harris said. "This was, I think, a very challenging course. You have to think where you're going to place the ball. They don't have a lot of courses like this."

"I thought we held up pretty well." Brittany Neville led Novi with a season-best 52. Laura Vaughn was next with 57.

The 'Cats rounded out the day with Sarah Ehlers shooting a 58 and senior Lindsey Broadwell hitting a 61.



**GAME OF THE WEEK**

**Novi Wildcats Soccer vs Brighton Bulldogs**

Wednesday, May 8  
7:00 p.m. at Novi

Softball: Wins, loses some in conference play

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Novi 8, Milford 6. The fielding improved in the second game and freshman Alyssa Wagner was able to get her first win on the season. She struck out three and only gave up three earned runs. Wagner also scored a run. Novi cut down on the errors, and although they still had three unearned runs, it was a great improvement over the ten from the first game. "Defense was much better this game," Literat said. The hitting was still there in this game also. Hohart scored twice and had four RBIs with a single and a double. Colligan was 2-3 and had a single and a long double off the outfield fence. Monica Booth hit a double and caught for Novi.

job behind the plate." Literat said.

They made a sacrifice bunt and hit a single and scored one run. Schrader hit a single and walked and added another stolen base to her tally. Novi also split a double-header against Hartland on Friday, April 19. They won the first game 4-3 and lost in the second 3-2. Hohart pitched both games. Novi was tied going into Hartland's last at bat, but Hartland was able to push a run across to win 3-2.

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Novi's first-sacker Megan Colligan takes a throw and forces out a Lakeland baserunner during an April contest.

Soccer: Blasting KVC foes

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Novi 11, Pinecraft 9. Novi 10, Pinecraft 0. Double-headers were the name of the game this week for the Wildcats as they played over the Pinecraft Pirates in a pair. "We really hit the ball well in the second game," Green said. "Trevor Scott did a great job for us and pitched all five innings." Scott allowed only three hits and four stolen bases. Davis went 3-for-3 with two RBIs and three stolen bases. "They started making a lot of defensive mistakes," Green said. "We fell behind 5-1 early in the game, and I was kind of worried about that. But by the fifth inning I realized that as long as we put the ball in play and got on base we were going to win it." Green noted that the Pirates were having trouble covering their bases and the pitcher was taking too long to release the ball, which gave the speedy Wildcats the chance to go 9-0 in 10 stolen bases.

regardless of the score." "The second half found Pawlak scoring on an assist from Herman for the tie, and the defense preserved it." "Brighton pressured us a lot during the rest of the game," said O'Leary. "But we never gave up any quality scoring chances." O'Leary noted that he had excellent defensive performances from all of his players, but four really stood out. Kelly Sheehy, Nina Schmitt and Lisa Cherevaloff did a great job of marking Brighton's three best players," he said. "Amanda Church made 15 saves in goal and played very well. She has done a good job of blocking for Kellie Pfeiffer, our first-string goalie, since Kellie broke her arm in the first game of the season." "The game was a big confidence booster for the Cats after the Novi girls had fallen 14 times to a row over the last few years to the Bulldogs." "Last year they beat us 7-1, 5-1, so this proves to us we can play with anyone," O'Leary said. "I responded very well," said O'Leary, "which is something we have been working on - playing 80 minutes of hard soccer."

goals and Pawlak scored two more in the winning effort. Kerr Timar, Averil, Colene Brockman, Jamie Harden and Kristi Timar all scored goals against the South Lyon squad as well. "All players saw equal time, and they all played well when they were in the game," O'Leary said. "We have been working on playing hard for the entire 80 minutes of the game regardless of the score or situation, and we have done that for the past two games." O'Leary noted that his team's ability to play out all 80 minutes with the same intensity and focus has been a big change from last season. "It was something we had trouble with all of last year and at the beginning of this year," he said. "Church made six saves in goal for the shutout for the Novi kickers." Sam Eggleston is the sports writer for the Northville Record and the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104 or at seggleston@nlh.comcomm.net.

Novi H.S. Sports Schedule

Table with columns for Girls and Boys Track, Golf, Lacrosse, Baseball, Softball, and Soccer. Lists dates, opponents, times, and locations for various sports events.

Sports Shorts

Hawks Football registration is accepting registration for five players. Only serious players, eager to start the transition to high school football should call. These players will be involved with coaches closely related to what they will learn in high school. The Hawks staff includes state champion experience with one of the most successful teams of the '90s and today, The Hawks are the only little league football team with their own stadium. For more information, call Dan Welch at 960-8947.

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Northville/Novi Colts registration. The Northville/Novi Colts youth football organization is holding registration for the 2002 season May 4 at 9 a.m. at the Novi Civic Center. The registration is for openings on the cheerleading and football squads.

Novi girls tennis team now has a good idea of where they stand in the Kensington Valley Conference after getting tied up with Brighton April 26. The Cats, led by coach Jim Hanson, tied the Bulldogs 4-4 after falling to Saline 6-2 and blasting Lakeland 8-0.

Adam is having a great season," Green said. "It is unbelievable that he has as many RBIs as he does with only 10 games having been played." Tyler Mohr had a big game for the Cats as he went 2-for-3 with an RBI. Rodriguez had a good game as well, going 2-for-4 at the plate, but it was Haberman who had the moment night. The Novi senior cranked 2-for-3 and slugged in three RBIs to add to his already impressive total.

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Girls track falls in dual meet to Eagles

By Brian Doyle SPECIAL WRITER

The Novi girls track team took a tough loss against the Hartland Eagles last Tuesday. Due to a key injury and conflicting events, Novi was unable to overcome a 64-76 deficit. "Even though you lose, you have to take from the loss and learn from it," said Novi girls track head coach Sue Tomasek. Novi also had a choir concert the night of the meet and that took away some of the teams top athletes. Erin Reid, the team's top hurdler, was also missing in action due to an injury.

100-meter hurdles, 100-meter dash, the 4-by-200 relay, the 4-by-100 relay, and the 3200-meter run. In the pole vault, Novi took first and second. It was Jennifer Mehl who took first with a vault of 5-foot-6. In both the high and long jumps, Novi was unable to take second and third. Mehl took third in the long jump while Bella Feldbaum took second. Freshman Christine Lis took second in the high jump with a jump of 4-9. Emily Cross was close behind with her jump of 4-7 and she took home second place. In the 100-meter hurdles it was Emily Reid who filled in nicely for her injured sister and took home first place. Kiley Elfring received third in that event. Elfring also took second in the 300-meter hurdles.

Anise Hayes won the 100-meter dash for Novi with a time of 13.51. Feldbaum earned third place, her second top three finish on the day, with her time of 13.75. She also took second in the 400-meter run with a time of 1:24. Hayes took second for Novi in the 200-meter run. "Anise Hayes did real well," Tomasek said. Hayes had four top three finishes on the day, including two relays. "The relay team comprised of juniors Anna McDougal, Amanda Smith, Emily Modick, and Hayes had a big day. They won both the 4x200 and 4x100 relays." In the distant events it was Nina Schmitt who placed well. She won the 3200-meter run with a time of 11:43 and took second in the 1600-meter run with a time of 5:31. Schmitt will

not be a factor in the remainder of the season after suffering an anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) injury. Bethany Kittie also did well and took third in the 3200-meter run with a time of 12:16 and second in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:35. Tae Kono also helped the distance runners out and took third in the 1600-meter run. "One of our key kids is Bethany Kittie," said Tomasek. According to Tomasek, Kittie and Alex Oliveira and Jenny Potts are the senior leaders on the team. She said that Kittie was the leader for the distance runners and that Oliveira and Potts are leaders for the throwers. Although Novi lost the meet, there still were some high points from the team. The meet will serve as something to look back on and as a learning experience. "For the most part we did fairly well," Tomasek said. "I was a little disappointed in some of the performances." Tomasek hopes that the meet will serve as a building point and that it can be used as a positive thing in the future. "It was a real eye-opener," she said. "It in itself can be a good thing." Novi will compete in the Stafford relays Saturday and hopes to have fun and do well there. "It is a fun meet for kids to compete in," Tomasek said. "In the future, Novi will try and build upon what happened against Hartland and become a lot stronger because of it." Tomasek said, "We definitely learned a lot from that meet."

Tennis boys have good idea where they stand in conference

By Sam Eggleston SPORTS WRITER

The Novi boys tennis team now has a good idea of where they stand in the Kensington Valley Conference after getting tied up with Brighton April 26. The Cats, led by coach Jim Hanson, tied the Bulldogs 4-4 after falling to Saline 6-2 and blasting Lakeland 8-0. "Brighton was a big showdown match," Hanson said. "Their number one singles player, Ryan Steeth, was injured so they had to move their lineup up a little bit in singles and that kind of leveled the playing field for us."

The Wildcats went into the match looking to notch a convincing victory over the Bulldogs in hopes of having the advantage heading into the conference tournament in two weeks. Instead, the Cats managed the tie with wins from Surya Ramachandran in two singles, Vishal Rungta in three singles, Andrew Laskowski and Joe Lynch in one doubles and Connor

was an extremely well-played high school tennis match. Five of the eight matches went three sets and the tide turned multiple times. In the end, a tie was what the Bulldogs ended up with, leaving them to look at matching Brighton's stride for the remainder of the season. "I figure they will beat everyone in duals and we will have to do the same," Hanson said. "It will be important for us not to think ahead and look to play every team like they are the most important

game of the year. We can't overlook anyone." Saline 6, Novi 2. In a meet that found the Wildcats facing one of the best teams in the state, the Novi Wildcats earned wins in third doubles as Drew Dozier and AJ Sanson went three sets with Joe Rundle and Kevin Dicks 1-6, 6-4, 6-3 while the four doubles team of Hogan and Schuyten earned a

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Baseball: In driver's seat

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"It was a good feeling to be able to come back and win that game," Green said. Game two was a totally different story for the Wildcats as they blasted Pinecraft into submission with the 10-run rule after five innings. "We really hit the ball well in the second game," Green said. "Trevor Scott did a great job for us and pitched all five innings." Scott allowed only three hits and four stolen bases. Davis went 3-for-3 with two RBIs and three stolen bases. "They started making a lot of defensive mistakes," Green said. "We fell behind 5-1 early in the game, and I was kind of worried about that. But by the fifth inning I realized that as long as we put the ball in play and got on base we were going to win it." Green noted that the Pirates were having trouble covering their bases and the pitcher was taking too long to release the ball, which gave the speedy Wildcats the chance to go 9-0 in 10 stolen bases.

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Western's David Zeltin, left, comes in to confer with his infielders before the start of an inning against Central.

## Pisha and gang blast way to six more wins

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

The Walled Lake Western Warriors baseball team is looking nothing short of unstoppable as they plow their way through the Western Lakes Activities Association and the Western Division without even a thought of looking back at the foes they have left in the dust.

The Warriors, led by coach Ken Connor, earned victories over the Northville Mustangs, 4-1, the Walled Lake Central Vikings, 16-3, the Franklin Patriots, 4-0, the South Lyon Lions, 7-2 and 13-1, and, most recently, the Canton Chiefs, 1-0.

"It was a game featuring two of the top pitchers in the league," Connor said of the Canton contest. "Let me tell you, it was quite the game."

The Canton Chiefs brought out their top gun, lefty Mark Hanson, while the Warriors turned to their mound master, Mike Pisha, to take care of the game. With top-shelf pitching from both ends of the line and defensive teams that rarely make mistakes, Connor said he knew it would come down to a mistake.

"I told the kids before the game that it was going to be a tough game," he said. "Whoever made the first and most mistakes was probably going to be the team that lost."

With the prediction ringing true, the Warriors sent in Greg Conley in the top of the seventh after Kyle Wade was taken out of the game due to injury. Conley led off with a ground ball to the Canton second baseman, who committed an error and allowed the Warrior batter to get on base. Next up, David Zeltin bunted, forcing the defense to rush in on the ball. The throw to first was errant, allowing Conley to advance to third before Hanson committed an error of his own, allowing the Warriors to score the single run of the contest. When all was said and done, the Chief committed three errors on a single bunt that allowed the Western ballers to win the game.

"I was proud of the kids," Connor said. "They stayed loose the whole game and really came out looking to win."

Pisha allowed only one hit in the contest and struck out 12 as he went the distance while his counterpart,

Hanson, took the brunt of the loss with eight whiffs and one hit.

The Warriors will return to action when they host Drew Stanton and the Farmington Hills Harrison Hawks tomorrow at 4 p.m. before taking a bus ride to visit Berkley Saturday.

### WLW 4, Northville 1

Pisha earned himself yet another victory as the Warriors topped WLAA foe Northville April 22. The Warriors' stellar pitcher gave up two hits and collected 12 strikeouts in the contest.

"It was a close ball game," Connor said. "Both teams scored in the second inning and it was that way until the fourth when we scored two before getting one more in the sixth."

Ryan Beech led the offensive, going 2-for-3 with an RBI, while Bryan Rosbury when 2-for-3 with an RBI and a run scored. Kyle Wade earned an RBI as well, going 2-for-4 at the plate.

### WLW 16, WLC 3

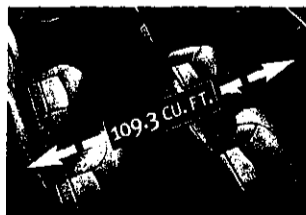
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