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Novi and quarterback Kevin Cisko (above) took control of the Kensington Valley Conference football game on Friday, blasting Brighton, 21-9.

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Former mayor blasts council

Richard Clark says egos, attitudes, agendas need to go

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Former Mayor Richard Clark lambasted members of the Novi City Council Monday night, telling them that egos, attitudes and personal agendas have no place in city government.

Clark spoke at the beginning of the meeting during a call to the public. He said he felt compelled to speak after watching how members treated City Manager Rick Helwig when they failed to muster the necessary five votes to grant a raise earlier this

month. "Let me begin by saying that the last council -- and I include myself at the top of that list -- and members of this council are not qualified to manage a city the size of Novi," he said.

"You each have your individual talents that you bring to the council, and you come here by way of a public trust to serve the best interests of this entire community.

"What I saw at the last council meeting was a display of egos, and an attitude that 'We will because we can, and the public interest be done,'" Clark said.

The former mayor said Helwig has handled his job professionally, with integrity, dedication and total commitment to the best interests of the community.

"Yet, the reward that he was given was to deny him a raise commensurate with his talents, skills and accomplishments," Clark

said. He added that there are rumors in the community that suggests some have an agenda that would encourage the departure of Helwig as well as two other top administrators: Craig Klaver, chief operating officer, and Clay Pearson, assistant city manager.

"This is not in the best interests of this community," he said.

Clark told members that six months after they left city council most people won't remember who they are.

"If you have done some good, you will be remembered for the good that you have done," he said. "You know what the right thing to do is. I can only hope that one or more of you has the courage to do that."

Contacted after the meeting, Council

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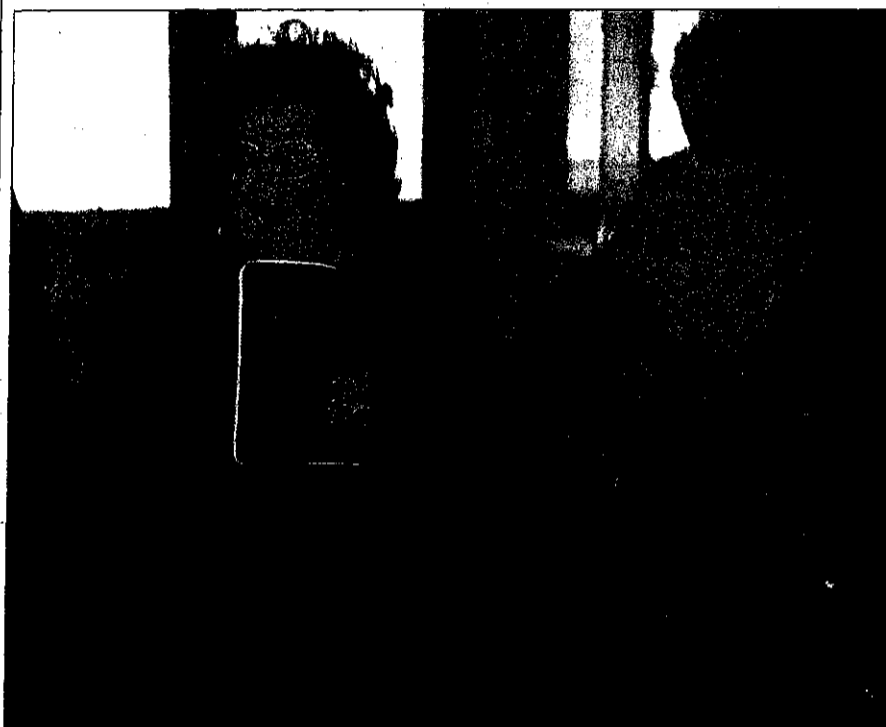


Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Caroline Glese, left, seems delightfully surprised that her friends at the Novi Senior Center have thrown her a 90th birthday party last Monday afternoon.

A surprise for Caroline

Novi seniors throw a surprise 90th party

By Kim Kovellet
STAFF WRITER

The lights were out in the activities room of Novi's Senior Center on Monday. More than 40 seniors huddled in the corner in whispering anticipation.

"She's here!"
"Shhh! Shhhh!"
"Look at her move. And she's 90!"

Moments later, the lady they'd been waiting for — Caroline Glese — was ushered in by the center's manager, Rachel Zagaroli, and her husband, George. The lights flickered on, and the group burst into singing "Happy Birthday."

Decked in a gold tiara and hoop earrings

and bouncing like a 10-year old, Caroline hugged and kissed every person in the room. One she scolded: "You was at my house, and you didn't tell me one thing!"

Caroline, who swears by Diet Pepsi and still wears stilettos, turned 90 on Tuesday.

Those who flocked to celebrate were all friends, many who perform with the Gieses in the Novi Theatre's Senior Variety Series.

Alison Welsh is one of them. She met Caroline and George in 1997.

"She's done everything," Welsh said. She recalls one winter when Caroline broke her hip at a wedding before a production of "Fiddler on the Roof."

"In June she was dancing with the seniors. She's an inspiration to all of us. (And) she's got gorgeous legs."

From flying planes with the Civil Air Patrol to regularly packing up lunches for the homebound every Friday morning at the sen-

ior center, there's little she's missed.

Caroline and George volunteer at their parish, St. James Lutheran in Detroit, where they met 30 years ago with some help from the kids in the youth group. She didn't like the fact he smoked, and he quit "that day," as their "adopted" daughter Linda Wickert tells it.

George is the choir director and Caroline sings. They host Bible studies on Tuesdays. They volunteer with Gleaner's. They've won awards for their work.

By Senior Center Manager Jan McAlpine's estimates, the couple is busy 40 hours a week.

"About two years ago, they were Michigan's seniors of the year because of the time they put in," McAlpine said. "Anything we ask them to do, they just smile and say,

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Immigrant sought a better life in America

Novi man killed in auto accident

Liviu Tieu so hated communism that he endured four years of threats and a firing in order to leave his native Romania for the United States more than 20 years ago.

Once in America, his passion for education led him to multiple degrees, a career in the Detroit school system and a move to Novi so his children could attend the excellent schools here.

Tieu, 60, died early Saturday morning from injuries sustained when the car he was driving left the road and hit a tree in Livonia.

"He took big struggles and big risks to get out of Romania," said family friend Pat Holt.

Born Liviu Vasile Tieu in 1944, he was the only child of Vasile and Eugenia Tieu of Bucharest, Romania.

Disenchanted with communism, Tieu was fired because of his attempts to leave Romania. He once went on a hunger strike to protest the government's refusal to let him leave.

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State rep. shifts vote on tax issue

DeRoche: Novi to receive more funding

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Novi State Rep. Craig DeRoche says he shifted his vote to support a controversial property tax shift because the vote would mean more money for Oakland County and the City of Novi.

DeRoche, a Republican, originally

opposed the three-year plan to move up the payment of county property taxes by six months as part of a plan to bail out the ailing state budget.

Hundreds of residents phoned and e-mailed their opposition to the plan to state lawmakers, but DeRoche supported the plan after receiving assurances that another Senate bill would take away \$47 million in revenue sharing funds from the City of Detroit. Of that, Oakland would get about \$9 million and Novi will get \$684,000.

"The Governor has done everything in her power to divert money over the last two years, and this



Rep. DeRoche

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City ends lawsuit over development

Subdivision set for NW corner

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

A lawsuit that began 19 years ago when the city opposed a mobile home park came to a close Monday night when the city council approved a residential development for nearly 350

homes in the northwest corner of the city.

The decision capped six months of work between the developers and the city staff. Council approved it unanimously although several were less than enthused.

"It's against the concept of our previous master plan, provides less tax dollars than an office area, will produce more traffic and use of public services," said Laura

Lorenzo, council member.

"But, it's not worth the gamble considering the potential loss of dollars from our general fund in a judgment against the city."

The proposed Knightsbridge Gate will have 348 single-family, detached units on a 75-acre site at the southeast corner of Twelve Mile and Napier roads.

The developer, SR Jacobson/Grand Sakwa, LLC, said homes will be priced from

the high \$200,000s to the low \$300,000s.

The city's legal fight on the site began 19 years ago when a previous developer, Paragon, wanted to build a mobile home park. The city fought the idea.

The plan approved Monday was criticized for adding unnecessary density to the area.

Andrew Mutch, a Novi resident

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Immigrant sought a better life in America

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After a four-year struggle, he and his wife, Adriana, finally emigrated to the United States in the summer of 1983. They settled in the Detroit area where they had a family friend.

Jobs were scarce, so they both enrolled in the graduate school at Wayne State University where Ticiu taught French as a teaching assistant and earned a Ph.D.

He taught French at Chrysler High School in Detroit. Later, after obtaining a master's in library science, he became the school's media specialist because he thought he could have more impact on the learning opportunities for students, according to Holt.

He became an avid tennis buff. His daughter, Diana, is the number one singles player on the Novi varsity team, where she is a junior.

In a Novi News story this fall, Diana credited her parents with providing the motivation

to climb to the top flight.

"My dad is always pushing me to go out and play tennis," she said. "That's what has helped and what has kept me up there this summer."

His positive support extended to evoking hot dogs for the team. Yesterday, in Ticiu's honor, team members had a hot dog cookout as part of their final home match of the season.

The couple's son, Alex, is also a strong tennis player. A Novi High School graduate, he is a freshman at Wayne State.

Adriana Ticiu, a chemist for BASF, told Holt earlier this week that the couple moved from Livonia to Novi in 1995 because they wanted their children to attend the excellent school system.

Services for Ticiu, arranged by the O'Brien-Sullivan Funeral Home, were Tuesday at Glen Eden Cemetery in Livonia.

Memorials are suggested to the Asotone Romania Orthodox Monastery.

Former mayor blasts council

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Member Laura Lorenz said that Clark was "absolutely entitled to his own opinion. But I think that we should be able to respect one another's opinions and agree to disagree on issues without personal attacks."

"I really believe this is just an honest difference of opinion between council members. When it comes to job evaluation, people see things differently. But different is OK."

"I have to do what I think is in

the best interests of the city. I feel that in this case, the city manager was not meeting my expectations."

Lorenz noted that she tried to put forth a motion at the Sept. 13 meeting for Helwig to receive a 2.75 percent increase in salary, but was asked by mayor to withhold her motion.

"I don't have any problem giving specifics on my positions," she said.

"But I used restraint regarding the city manager as a courtesy, because he had asked for a private evaluation. I did not put forth the details as to why he didn't meet my expectations."

Current Mayor Lou Cerdas, however, said that Clark "hit the nail right on the head. I think Helwig has done an exemplary job and deserves a 4 percent increase in his salary, just as other city employees receive for their outstanding reviews."

"We had in our possession a memo from Mr. Helwig saying that he would not accept a 2.3 increase, so I knew that he wouldn't be happy with 2.75 percent."

Cerdas said Helwig told council at one point that he looks at his career in five-year increments, and that he planned to retire in 2006.

"He told council that he planned to retire in 2006, but what's that got to do with his pay increase now?" Cerdas said.

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McCotter's staff meets public

Staff from U.S. Rep. Thaddeus G. McCotter's (R-Ill.) district office will host office hours for Novi residents at the Novi Public Library on Tuesday, Oct. 5, from 10 a.m. to noon. The library is located at 45245 W. Ten Mile Road.

Rep. McCotter and his staff are able to provide assistance with issues involving the federal government, including Social Security,

Medicare, military and veterans' affairs, small business concerns, student loan repayments, along with a variety of other issues.

In addition, staff from McCotter's office will be hosting evening office hours for constituents in the City of Wyom at the Wyom Public Library, located at 29015 Pontiac Trail, on Wednesday, Oct. 6, from 6:30-7:45 p.m.

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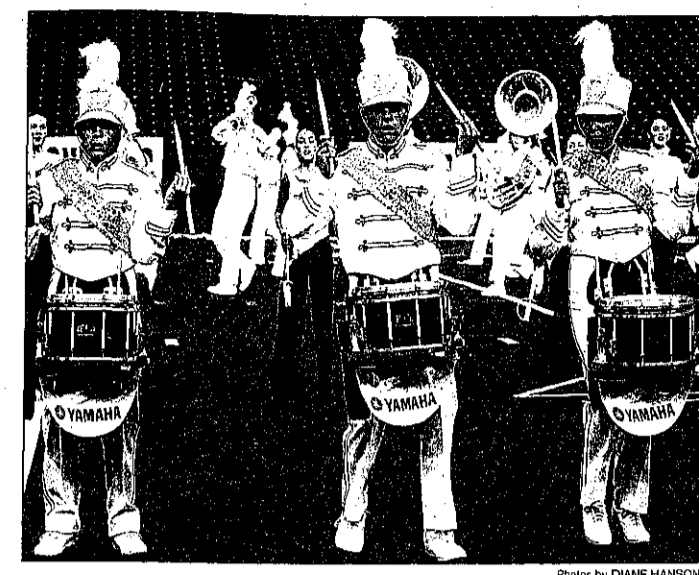
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Snare drummers Dan Hawley (left), Keith Slawinski and Elaine Shope keep the beat for the Novi marching band at the Silverdome on Saturday.

Dome, sweet dome! Novi band places in top 10

By Diane Hanson
SPECIAL WRITER

The pageantry of music, marching, color and choreography filled the Pontiac Silverdome on Saturday as 27 top high school marching bands from seven states competed in the Bands of America Regional Championships. And placing in the top 10 was the 150-member marching band from Novi High School.



Flutist Adrienne Hoving plays during "Estancia."

"I feel fantastic," said Novi High School Band Director Mark Hourigan, in his third year with the band. "They performed a wonderful show. Every time they come out they try to do the best show they possibly can. That's all I can expect and they certainly met those expectations today."

Competition was stiff among the bands from as far away as Kansas and Kentucky, several having taken national championships in previous years. The bands competed in preliminary competition throughout the morning and afternoon with the 10 highest bands moving on to the evening finals performance.

The Wildcats captured the 10th-place trophy with an innovative,

fast-paced, 10-minute production, "Estancia."

"It's a different kind of production than we have done before," explained Hourigan. "The show depicts a day from dawn to dusk on an Argentinian ranch. The music, by an Argentinian composer, is quite complex and challenging, so the demands are pretty high for the players."

"That's something that senior Dan Church, one of the band's top soloists, has been practicing as up for."

"We've been working very hard and put a lot of time and effort

into this and it paid off with a really great show," he said.

Drum major Jennifer White, a Novi junior, couldn't agree more. "I think this is one of the best shows that we've ever performed," she said. "Last year was also a good show, but I think this year's show has more potential and the band members have really worked hard and done a wonderful job. This is a really different show and it really spices things up from a musical and visual standpoint."

Indeed, moving at a pace of up to 160 beats per minute with bright orange and yellow flags flying at one point 71 flags are on the field—the production is a crowd-pleaser.

Other Michigan bands placing in the top 10 were South Lyon, ninth; Muskegon Reeths-Puffer, seventh; and Plymouth-Canton, fourth. Capturing first place was the Centerville Jazz Band from Centerville, Ohio.

"Being in the finals show means a tremendous amount to this band," said Hourigan. "Our group is young and trying to build a new level of performance here at Novi High School. This is a huge step in making that happen."

of course." They're the people that you'd love to have for neighbors and friends."

Linda Wickert also met the Grass through theater.

"They're just gas, go, go," she said. "She doesn't wear sensible shoes. She doesn't wear old lady clothes or jewelry. When she turns 100, I'm giving her a real crown."

A picture board told the story of Caroline's life in photos. She spent the afternoon chatting, and she was showered with candies, a

DeRoche defends decision to switch vote on tax matter

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was an opportunity for us to move some back," he said.

"The only people who voted no to all three bills were Detroit Democrats, because they were the losers with the deal that was struck," said DeRoche.

"I decided that it was more important for Oakland County and Novi to get the \$47 million next year from the city of Detroit than to allow our revenue sharing dollars to go to Detroit."

Novi's state senator, Nancy Cassis, however voted against the package, maintaining her fierce opposition to the property tax shift, which she maintains is a tax increase.

"I think there was a groundswell of grassroots reaction to shifting county revenue sharing on the backs of our taxpayers. I have continued to receive e-mails congratulating me on making a stand against this tax shift and tax increase," Cassis said.

"People felt that they did not have a voice in this proposal because it came up so quickly. I'm not sure whether we've heard an end to the issue yet."

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她还收到了一个特别的礼物。也许是那个最感人的时刻, 当乔治·塞拉诺带着一盒照片来的时候。她也不戴老妇人衣服或首饰。当她 100 岁生日的时候, 我要给她一个真正的皇冠。"

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Seniors throw a party for Caroline

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"I want to thank each and every one of you for being my super-duper friends. I think this is marvelous. I'll be 90 anytime you want me to be."

While Caroline was making her rounds, Dorothy Szostak asked her, "How does it feel to be 100?"

The birthday girl grinned and replied, "Wonderful!"

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Council settles lawsuit over development

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Road work hits Novi Rd. plazas hard

By Kim Kovelie
STAFF WRITER

Peter Woolford and his wife Shawn Crosslet-Woolford opened the doors to The Novi Pizza Company ten years ago this May. But the milestone has brought an unwelcome birthday surprise: construction on Novi Road and Ten Mile, the roads flanking the L-shaped Pine Ridge Center in which they're situated.

"It's been a disaster. It's so difficult to get around in the area," Woolford said.

"We're just independent stores in here. Everybody is just dying. I think if we hadn't been around for 10 years, there would be no way we would survive now."



Shawn Crosslet-Woolford puts a pie in the oven at the Novi Pizza Company.



Photos by JOHN HEIDER

This is the lunch rush? At the time of day this photo was taken, around 11:30 a.m., the Novi Pizza Company and Peter Woolford and Shawn Crosslet-Woolford would often see a line of hungry customers leading to the door and their tables filled. With road construction at the nearby intersection of Ten Mile and Novi roads, their business is way down.

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The latest report from the Road Commission for Oakland County, the goal is to widen the intersection to five lanes in each direction, and widen Novi Road 1,000 feet north and south of the intersection.

City Assistant Manager Clay Pearson said the work, which kicked off four years ago with a voter-approved \$18.4 million road bond, is on schedule.

"To help the cause, we've had signs made up at entrances had extra signage," Assistant City Manager Clay Pearson said.

"We've done the bi-weekly updates that go out to maybe 1,000 people on an e-mail distribution list that give project status."

In the meantime, due to a difference in road heights between the complete and incomplete sides, it's uncertain which portions will remain open. Helwig said barrels placed in the road may be an option.

"If the new concrete pavement is higher than the temporary asphalt you've got a challenge," Helwig said. "We are waiting to hear back if the road commission will make those lanes available to us in the winter months. It won't be like having the whole project done but the community at that intersection would have additional access."

"We're moving on a wing and a prayer every time we're coming out of the parking lot," Flowers at VI owner Michele Ritter-Helwig said.

"I've had virtually no walk-in traffic at all. This is the quietest

Road Commission update on Novi-area construction projects

The Road Commission for Oakland County and City of Novi recently gave these updates on construction projects throughout the Novi area:

• Grand River Ave. at Novi Road
Project: Reconstructing and widening the intersection. No additional lanes in the intersection. West of the intersection, Grand River is being widened to five lanes up to Truck Railroad bridge.

Closures: Grand River is closed just east of Novi Road, through Dec. 1.

Detour: Main St. to Market St. to Town Center Dr. to Coopers Hill and vice versa. Left turns are prohibited for all vehicles at the Grand River/Novi intersection for the duration of the project, and right turns are prohibited for trucks.

Closures: This work for the west side of Novi and Grand River, November 15.

Some of the dozen-plus tenants of Pine Ridge met Tuesday with city officials to discuss options for the winter months.

But the same day, further up

the deadline for other work.

• Novi Road at Ten Mile Road
Project: Widening the intersection to five lanes in each direction and widening Novi Road to five lanes, 1,000 feet north and south of the intersection.

Closures: There are lane closures; intersection open.

Detour: None listed.

Completion date: Nov. 15, 2004 (west side of Novi and the south side of Ten Mile); and June 15, 2005 (east side of Novi and the north side of Ten Mile).

• Twelve Mile Road, West Parkway to Heck
Project: Michigan Department of Transportation is constructing a new Beck/1-96 interchange.

Closure: Twelve Mile Road from West

Parkway to Heck

Detour: West, West Parkway, Twelve Mile and Grand River.

Completion Date: Dec. 1

• Meadowbrook Road, north of I-96
Project: Roadway improvements, including widening portion of the project. Progress will then continue toward the south.

Closure: Roadway remains open.

Detour: Non-local traffic encouraged to use Haggerty Road detour.

Completion Date: On or before Oct. 19

• Taft Road between Grand River Avenue and Ten Mile Road
Status: Done

Note: County updates dated Sept. 22-Sept. 29. For most recent reports, visit www.renecweb.org. Also visit www.ci.novi.mi.us.

its Dearborn location.

"The business has been terrible," Manager Mike Poweri said. "It's been affected so bad that we're closing."

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Walled Lake gears up for Art Festival

Novi High School junior to join chalk artists

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Area residents who enjoy strolling along a beautiful waterfront and gazing at art can look forward to the Walled Lake Art Festival this Sunday.

The event, sponsored by the Walled Lake Downtown Development Authority, will take place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. along the Historic Lakefront District on East Walled Lake Drive off of Pontiac Trail.

Charlene Long, director, DDA, said this is the second year for the show.

"Last year, it was called the Italian Chalk Art Festival. This year, it's the Walled Lake Art Festival. We will continue to have chalk artists but will be adding fine art artists," she said.

"We have about 30 chalk artists and 30 fine art artists right now, with more coming in," Long said last week. The fine artists will sell their work at the show.

"We're really excited about the festival this year. The purpose of turning this into a fine art festival was to bring more art into Walled Lake and make that available to people in the surrounding communities."

"We had such a positive response from the chalk art last year, that we wanted to include those artists along with fine artists this year," Long said.

At Chalk Land children can

create their own chalk drawings right on the street.

"We're going to have a variety of food vendors offering such items as hot dogs, popcorn, caramel corn, cotton candy and caramel apples. The Walled Lake Rotary Club will also set up a wine and beer tent."

"We're looking forward to people coming into town and sipping a glass of wine while they enjoy the art. It's a family event," Long said.

Jack Brown of Walled Lake will serve as the event's deputy.

There is no charge for the event. Several nonprofit organizations will also be participating.

Chaire Harold, 16, of Novi, will be one of the chalk artists at the event.

A junior at Novi High School, she moved to Novi last August with parents, Len and Joan, and twin 13-year-old sisters, Hailey and Jillian, from Spring Lake on the west side of the state.

Harold didn't attend last year's event since she had just moved to the area. Since then, she's gotten involved at D and M Art Studio, owned by Sharon Dillenbeck in Canton.

She's been attending classes there for about a year, helps with face-painting events sponsored by the studio and assists with the studio's summer camp.

"I've been taking the college preparation classes, working on pieces that you could submit as part of a portfolio to apply to an art college or university art program," Harold said. "Your portfolio is the most important part of the application to get into an art college."



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Novi High School junior Chaire Harold, shown here working on an oil painting, will be competing in the Oct. 3, Walled Lake Sidewalk Chalk Fest.

Harold also takes art classes at Novi High School and is currently studying graphic arts, advanced commercial art and fine art.

She loves art and plans a career in fine art or commercial art.

"I think art is one of the best ways to express yourself — making or painting beautiful things," she said.

"I'm excited about the art festival so that I can see other people my age doing art work as well as create something people can enjoy," Harold said.

Walled Lake offers emergency training

Area residents invited to attend free class

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

You never know when you might be faced with a medical or other type of emergency.

Would you be prepared? Novi and other area residents who want to learn first aid and other emergency skills are invited to attend a class in Walled Lake next month.

The Walled Lake Fire Department will begin another session of its three-week Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) class Oct. 25.

The free 20-hour class, funded by a grant from the federal Office for Domestic Preparedness, meets from 7 to 10 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, ending November 10, at the Walled Lake Fire Station at 1499 E. West Maple.

The course offers training in basic lifesaving, light rescue, light fire fighting, medical triage instruction and basic first-aid skills.

During the course, emergency personnel train members of neighborhoods, community organizations or workplaces in basic emergency skills. CERT members are then integrated into their individual communities' emergency response program.

About 15 people graduated in the first CERT class last year. Recently, two members — John Shupp of Novi and Chad Kurskiy of Wixom — were deployed to assist in relief efforts in Florida following Hurricane Frances.

Ken Van Sparrentak, Walled Lake fire chief, plans to invite Shupp and Kurskiy to one of the upcoming CERT classes to talk about their experiences in Florida. "They only planned to go for two weeks, but they were asked to stay for a couple more weeks once they got down there," Van Sparrentak said. "The experience they bring back to us will be invaluable."

Van Sparrentak said that in the CERT class, the fire department provides each student a \$75 backpack and emergency supplies for the home.

"Our CERT members are residents of Novi, Wixom, Walled Lake and Commerce Township," he said.

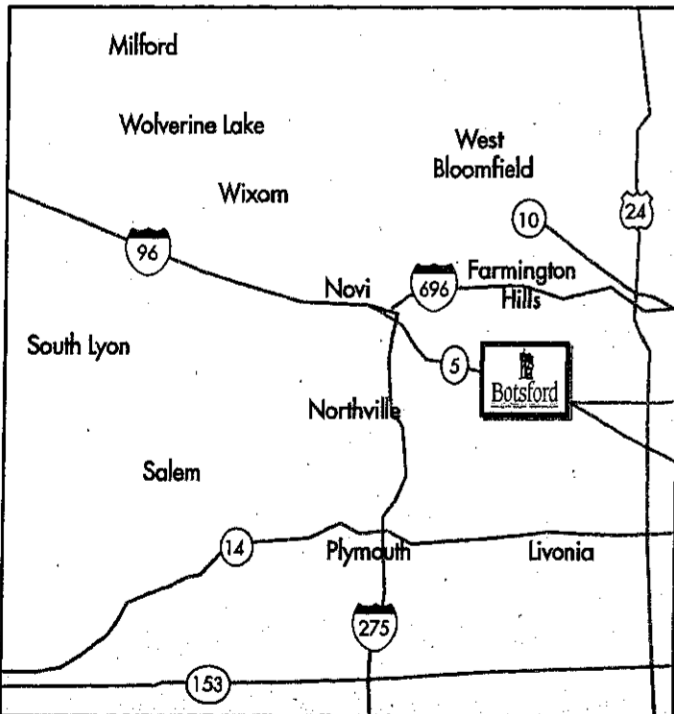
The class size is limited to the first 25 who register. For more information about Community Emergency Response Training, call Chief Ken Van Sparrentak at (248) 960-2045 or e-mail the fire chief at kvanparrentak@walled-lake.com.

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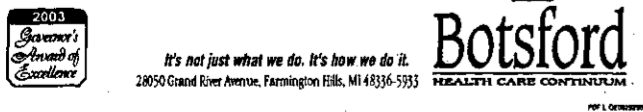
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No shortage of qualified candidates

Search for new superintendent begins in Novi

By Hamez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

Some school districts in Michigan are facing the prospect of a shortage of qualified applicants for the demanding job of superintendent.

But that shouldn't be a problem in Novi, according to Dr. Michael Wilnot, who has been hired by Novi schools to help conduct the search to replace longtime Superintendent Emmett Lippe.

Lippe, Novi superintendent for the last 11 years, will retire at the end of the current school year. "There's no question that, in general, the number of people who are willing to pursue superintendentcy has diminished," said Wilnot of the Michigan Leadership Institute.

"We won't know for sure the exact level of interest in this position until we start receiving applications, but my expectation is that this will be a position that will be a very desirable perspective and it will attract a good, strong quality pool of candidates."

Wilnot explained that there are always things that can impact a candidate pool, such as having a strong, popular inside candidate who is pursuing the job. He said that sometimes external candidates will automatically assume that the job is going to the inside candidate and won't apply.

Ideas from the parents

Some ideas generated from parents at the Sept. 21 meeting:

- Points of Pride in Novi:**
 - Young and growing community
 - Diverse culture
 - Accepting community
 - High ranking school district
 - Many activities for kids
 - High percentage of college bound students
 - High graduation rate
 - Blue ribbon high school
 - Technology award from the state of Michigan
 - All schools received straight A's on Adequate Yearly Progress report card
 - Hear the top in MEAP performance
- Skills/Qualifications/Characteristics:**
 - Strong communication skills
 - Accessible
 - Open minded and willing to change
 - Good business management and marketing skills
 - Maintain partnerships with local businesses
 - Experienced
 - Visionary (global)
 - Good Human resources management
 - Loyalty
 - Excellent knowledge of education

"Those things do happen, but I don't expect that will be the case here," Wilnot said. "We have seen a number of people who have expressed interest already."

Wilnot has been conducting meetings with school district residents and employees to hear their thoughts on the needed characteristics for Novi's next superintendent.

One of the reasons we're here is because we think the aspect of business management is critical in Novi because of the challenges we face in June."

Jeff agreed. He said that he believes the new superintendent should have a strong business management background and should know how to deal with funding issues, labor issues and

marketing issues the most. Like all Michigan districts, Novi has to deal with frozen funding -- and the threat of cuts -- from Michigan's education funding system. Districts are paid a certain amount in state funds for each student enrolled. "We have competition from people deciding where to live in neighboring communities and Catholic Central is coming into the picture now," Jeff said. "I think the new superintendent will be surrounded by strong folks who know curriculum development and as long as you're surrounded by them and take their advice, you'll be in good shape." Jeff also believes that having a process is the key to finding the right person.

Searching for a new superintendent

The process of finding a new superintendent:

Michigan Leadership Institute, a company that specializes in defining, developing and deploying outstanding leadership, has been hired by the Novi Community School District to search for a new superintendent, as Dr. Emmett Lippe, the district's current superintendent, will be retiring after this school year concludes.

The process: The Board of Education was first consulted so each member could find out the specific steps of the process. At that point, Dr. Michael Wilnot of the Michigan Leadership Institute obtained information on exactly what the company is going to do for the district and how it's going to go about doing it.

The next step was to go out and talk with stakeholders -- parents, teachers, students or employees -- about the position and about the district. Once that is completed, Michigan Leadership Institute will put together a brochure that advertises this position that will be distributed to potential candidates.

"We can then say to the board, here are the things you told us you wanted to see in a candidate for this position," Wilnot said. "We've looked at these candidates, we've done the reference checks on them and we've done in-depth background checks on them. Here are the people we think best fit the profile you have approved. Having done that, we think these are the people that you should extend a public interview to."

Michigan Leadership Institute will do the interviews in a public forum over three nights. Each interview lasts about an hour and a half. The board will post questions, the candidates will ask the board questions and then there will be an opportunity for residents to send written questions to be posed to the candidate as well. The board will then attempt to narrow the pool of candidates to two.

The two candidates will each spend a day in the district to meet with stakeholders. Afterward, board members will be encouraged to visit the community where the candidate works. "At this point, the board should be in a position to extend an employment offer."

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Community Education news

Digital Camera Workshop

DATE: Thursdays, Sept. 30 through Oct. 4
TIME: 7-9 p.m.
LOCATION: Novi Middle School Room 102
DETAILS: Camera basics, setup, usage, and integrating the computer and camera will be covered. Prerequisite: Ownership of or access to a digital camera and the Intro to Digital Photography lecture is strongly advised.
FEE: \$60
PHONE: (248) 449-1206

Digital Photography and Imaging Workshop

DATE: Oct. 11-25
TIME: 7-9 p.m.
LOCATION: Novi Middle School Room 102
DETAILS: This class is intended for all individuals who want to know more about how the computer can enhance photographs. It will cover the basics of image enhancement and increase your knowledge and awareness in basic digital darkroom enhancement.

Italian Language

DATE: Sept. 30-Nov. 3
TIME: 7-8 p.m. Beginner
8-9 p.m. Intermediate
LOCATION: Novi Middle School Room 522
DETAILS: This class is for those who would like to learn the Italian language or those who wish to increase their Italian vocabulary.
FEE: \$79 for each

Spanish Language

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

Introduction to a Computer

DATE: Sept. 30-Oct. 21
TIME: 6:30-9 p.m.
LOCATION: Novi Middle School Room 534
DETAILS: Safeguard your computer. End the onslaught of annoying spam, eliminate pop-ups, destroy spy ware, and wipe out viruses. Learn how to take

Fight Spam, Viruses, Pop-Ups and Spy Ware

DATE: Sept. 30-Oct. 21
TIME: 6:30-9 p.m.
LOCATION: Novi Middle School Room 534
DETAILS: Safeguard your computer. End the onslaught of annoying spam, eliminate pop-ups, destroy spy ware, and wipe out viruses. Learn how to take

Cooking Classes with Let Me Cook Chef Chad Davis

DATE: Sept. 30, Simple Contemporary Sauces
Oct. 7, Low Carb Gourmet
TIME: 7-9 p.m.
LOCATION: Novi Middle School Room 328
DETAILS: Join Chef Chad for a few simple techniques and cooking habits that make life easier.
FEE: \$20 per class (plus \$10 material/tasting fee)
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Novi rips Milford in KVC battle, 4-1

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

The Novi Wildcats varsity boys soccer team took another step toward Kensington Valley Conference supremacy last Thursday night as it topped the Milford Mustangs, 4-1.

Todd Janer scored on a crossing pass from Dan Beal with five minutes left in the first half.

"We played an average first half," said Coach Brian O'Leary. "But in the second half we played much better. Our movement was much better, as was our ball movement."

Thirteen minutes into the second half, Jeremy Brodsky was trapped in the box and Novi was awarded a penalty kick. Jason Sierra converted the kick to make the score 2-0.

Ten minutes later, Brodsky scored on a breakaway from a through pass by Matt Crawford. With eight minutes left in the game, Neil Kacan took a free kick from the 45 yard line that was headed into the Milford goal by Adam Ballantyne. Milford scored a late goal to account for the 4-1



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Novi's Todd Janer, middle, shown playing against Pinckney, scored the first goal against Milford.

final score.

"We were without both of our starting forwards," O'Leary said. "Mare Checcebelli has a sprained ankle and Matt Simpson was sick. Jeremy Brodsky and A.W. Stanek played well filling in as starting

forwards and Brad Clos did a great job as my first sub at forward."

All club/ski made five saves in goal to earn the win. Novi is now 8-1-2 overall and 7-1 in the KVC. The team is currently

ranked sixth in Michigan.

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Wildcats bounce back with win over Howell

■ Basketball team falls to Pinckney

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

After falling to a Pinckney team that many consider one of the best in the area, 46-40, Novi rebounded last week to beat Howell.

"If we made our free throws we would have won the (Pinckney) game, but unfortunately we shot poorly from the line," Novi Coach Bill Kelp said. "We got a foul and they made five free throws, so we were right there with them. I think the girls were upset that we lost, but we were happy with the way we played in the second half especially."

The Wildcats are now 6-2 overall and 1-1 in the Kensington Valley Conference. The team will travel to South Lyon High School on Tuesday and will host Hartland High School on Thursday next week. Tip-off is 7 p.m. for both games.

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Orchard Hills students go back in time

■ Young pioneers parade around their school

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

As part of a culminating study on pioneer life, students at Orchard Hills Elementary School had fun putting on their old-fashioned clothes, participating in a bunch of related activities and parading around their building.

Pioneer Day was celebrated after the students finished a unit on the subject that they were working on since school started. A total of four third grade classrooms participated and they will end the unit with a field trip to the Henry Ford Greenfield Village in Dearborn tomorrow.

"Community and finance has been the main focus of this unit," said Tricia Styles, who teaches third grade at Orchard Hills.

"We have been learning about how Pioneer communities live and how they help support each other and recycle their goods to create new ones."

The students made pioneer pillows and learned all sorts of different facts before marching in their parade.

"They wanted to show off their outfits," Styles said.

"A lot of parents put in some hard work to design these pioneer dresses, so they wanted to show them off."

"Pioneers work very hard," said

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— Evan Wahrman
Third-grader

third-grader Evan Wahrman, who was actually dressed as a cowboy.

"They have to do a lot of work at home and at night and you have to travel probably about 2,000 miles just to start a new life. It would be very hard."

Stephanie Bixby was pretending to be in a pioneer family.

"Today is Pioneer Day and we're learning about pioneers and how they dress," she said. "We're having a lot of fun."

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Orchard Hills Elementary third-graders Ian Tecklenburg, Hannah Gates, and Cristina Kenney watch as Adam Lidstrom tries his hand at the butter churner during last week's Pioneer Day celebrations at the Novi school.

Count shows 85 more students

■ Increase means \$544,000 more from the state

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

Novi schools are still growing. An unofficial head count conducted last week pegged the student population at 6,165 students. That's 85 more students than Novi had at the same time last year and about 20 more than school officials had projected for the start of the school year.

Student count is important because state aid payments are doled out at \$6,700 per student.

In Novi's case, the additional 85 students mean an extra \$544,000 for the school district.

"This will result in increased funds, but of course with that there are increased costs as well because you need teachers and materials for those new students," said Bob Schram, the school's executive director of human resources.

Schram said the growth rate is down somewhat from a few years ago when the district was growing by 150-200 students a year. But even a slower growth rate is better than being flat or seeing a decline.

That's because the state has frozen the foundation allowance, which means the only way a school can grow its operating revenue is with increased student enrollment.

"The state provides \$6,700 per student to Novi and we have the hold harmless millage, which increases that amount," said Schram.

Novi's actual payment will be based on state audited enrollment numbers.

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Novi's girls run well in winning Royal Oak meet

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

Novi's varsity and junior varsity girls cross country teams stormed Royal Oak on Sept. 25 to complete in the Ansbrosio Invitational Meet and came away having demolished the competition to take first place.

The meet was held on the campus of

Royal Oak Kimball High School.

According to Head Coach Norm Nizogen, the girls ran very well in both the varsity and junior varsity portions of the meet.

Patti Ramos led the Wildcats, taking fifth at 20:20. She was followed by Meghan Rannatz in seventh (20:39), Laura Hammer in ninth (20:47), Katie Shannon in 11th (20:50), Andrea Kramer

in 12th (20:59), Lanie Sekulowski in 13th (21:02) and Erica Howard in 15th (21:14).

Novi's varsity team won the meet among the nine schools with a score of 43. Rochester Adams came in second with 51 and Southfield Christian was third with 69 points. In the junior varsity meet, the Wildcats also won.

Novi was led by Erin Haynes (first at

21:23) and Lauren Perlin (second at 21:33).

The team also defeated the Lakeland Eagles on Sept. 21 by a score of 21-40. The meet was held at the new cross country course at the Lakeland campus.

As has been the case for most of the season the temperature was in the upper 80s with high humidity.

With some very good pack times, the

Novi girls have moved their Kensington Valley Conference record to 3-0.

Novi was led to victory by Ramos, who took second place with a time of 20:58.

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For more sports, see page 1B

On Feb. 3, 2005, Novi News, South Lyon Herald, Northville Record and Milford Times will be launching a new special section entitled, "Oh Baby!" and your baby could be the main attraction.

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

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Variety, The Children's Charity will present "Lights, Camera, Auction!" a fund-raiser featuring a special auction of clothing to dress needy children, a clothing supper, cocktails, a silent auction and a sneak preview of a major Hollywood feature film in Novi on Oct. 5.

The event is slated for 6 p.m. at the Imagine Theater at 44425 W. Twelve Mile Road in the Fountain Walk shopping center.

Cost is \$45 per person, with patron tickets costing \$100 per person.

Those with patron tickets receive preferred seating at the first-run film.

The snacking supper will offer cuisine from many of Detroit's finest restaurants, including 220, Bamboo Club, Beans & Combread, Buddy's Pizza, City Celler Wine Bar & Grill, Coffee Connection, Eli's Mediterranean Cuisine, Fortie, Kroger Company of Michigan, Mario's, No. VI Chop House & Lobster Bar, Northern Lakes Seafood Company, Papa Joe's Gourmet Market, Parth With Class, Shiraz, Townsend Hotel —

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This year's beneficiary is Variety's Produce Rescue Mission.

Inspired by a similar program in California, Rob T. Allen, president of Variety's Detroit unit, approached Matthew Prentice, president of Unique Restaurant Corporation and asked him to help set up a Variety Produce Rescue Program in Southeast Michigan.

With funding from Variety, the blessing of Detroit's Union Produce Terminal operators, support from local businesses and anti-hunger agencies, the rescue program has become a reality.

To coordinate it, a special coalition was formed — Detroit Union Produce Terminal and their terminal operators, Gleasons Community Food Bank, Food Bank of Oakland County, as well as the agencies they serve all benefit from supplies of fresh produce each week.

The program is facilitated by the charities, and Unique Restaurant Corporation assists in managing the operation. The first of its kind in Michigan, The Variety Produce Rescue Mission now rescues approximately two million pounds of produce each year, which would have otherwise gone to waste.

The snacking supper and auction will begin at 6 p.m., with the exclusive advance Detroit showing of a Hollywood movie set for 8 p.m.

Event co-chairpersons are Michael Bressler and Judy Soloman.

The inspiration for Variety — The Children's Charity was an abandoned infant girl left at the stage door of the Sheridan Theatre in Pittsburgh in 1928. A note,

pinched to the baby's shirt, pleaded with the theatre people to raise the child, which they did, naming her Catherine Variety Sheridan.

Today, Variety has 59 "items" or chapters around the world and more than 15,000 members. Detroit's Tent 5 was established in 1932 and today has more than 2,000 volunteers who work to raise money to fund area charities benefiting children with special needs.

Whatever the fundraising activity may be, the goal remains the same — to support Michigan's children's charities. For more information about "Lights, Camera, Auction!" contact the Variety office, 30161 Southfield Rd., #301 Southfield, MI, 48076, (248) 258-5511.

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'Lot of emotion' as planners mull decision

Near cemetery, new development is pitched

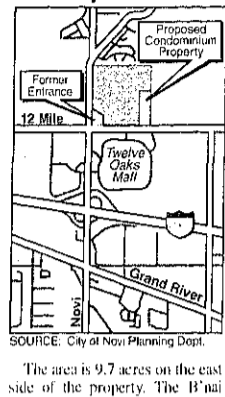
By Kim Kovel
STAFF WRITER

The Oakland Hills Memorial Cemetery at Novi and Twelve Mile roads again surfaced on the planning commission's agenda last week, this time in plans for nearby condos.

The condo proposal — which was tabled — comes as city officials are deciding on whether to change zoning for the cemetery's eastern entrance to allow a gas station or wine shop.

"There was a lot of emotion ... attached to the parcel on the other side," Commissioner Mark Avdukins said. "I do want to get everything on the table."

Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens Development



Israel Memorial Garden, part of the cemetery, is located in that area as is an office building.

Ivanhoe-Huntley is hoping to construct 64 condominiums, a reduction from an earlier proposal of 94 units, which planners rejected.

"We think that the multi-family gives you the maximum flexibility, the transitional use," said Brad Strayer, with managing partner LSI Planning.

He added that the locale isn't odd.

"I'm a preacher's kid," he said. "I grew up living next to cemeteries. It's a quiet neighbor. It's an attractive use."

The condos would range from 1,000-2,500 square feet and would probably cost upward of \$250,000, an Ivanhoe-Huntley representative said.

One issue was a proposal to use a cemetery road as a secondary

emergency access drive for the condos, which would have only one main road. Novi's fire marshal reported that drive isn't designed to support heavy fire trucks.

Another point was the removal of a portion of 650 trees on the east side of the property.

"Three of these multiple family buildings encroach upon the dense woodlands," consultant Doris Hill wrote in a report. "There is room to tweak this plan

to save more."

But the ultimate sticking point is whether the land was formally split from the cemetery when sold by William Elfringe in 1996.

Cemetery Manager Mark Dowdy said Tuesday the condos wouldn't impact burial grounds, but he's hopeful they won't arrive.

"My hope is that the city would reject not only zoning changes but would also reject the split," Dowdy said. "The cemetery's been here since 1929. Even though a lot of things have changed in the city, it's nice to see something stay the same."

The city council will tentatively decide on the rezoning of the entrance parcel on October 4. The Planning Commission gave it a negative recommendation.

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Residents irked as water flows over Beck Road

Pumping operation said to have flooded Maybury pond

By Kim Kovel
STAFF WRITER

Retired Beck Road resident Dave Dechler woke up early for a doctor's appointment last Friday, and was greeted to an unpleasant surprise.

"About 7 o'clock, I came down to make coffee, flipped up the handle to fill the coffee pot, and just a little trickle came out — essentially nothing," Dechler said. "I turned around 180 degrees and looked out into the backyard. We have a small pond that drains into the creek. The

creek was now most of my backyard and the pond level was up about two feet."

Others living along Beck near Main Street weren't so lucky, though. The unexpected washout, reported around 6 a.m., forced detours and kept six inches of water rushing onto the road until 1 a.m. Saturday morning, Wayne County Road Commission officials reported.

At least one homeowner suffered basement flooding, according to Northville Township officials.

Cause of the flood has been traced to a pond in nearby Maybury State Park and a water retaining procedure taking place nearby.

Township Director of Public Services Dan Weaver said his staff spent most of the morning trying to figure out the cause. A

water main break was the original suspect.

"It was just a big pool of water at that time," Weaver said. "We shut off the valves on either side of this location to isolate it presumably. We were waiting for it to reside, and it never resided."

In order to install a sewer system for the Maybury Park Estates across Eight Mile Road in Novi, a contractor had been re-routing or "dewatering" to a pond in nearby Maybury State Park over the past month.

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality confirmed a permit had been issued to Star Contracting of Plymouth in May 2003 authorizing pond maintenance and erosion control. Star Contracting Project Manager Jay Marshall said it's routine.

"We are introducing water to

the creek system a half mile to a mile upstream from that," Marshall said. "Everything has ... worked fine. The amount of water we've introduced is less than a rainfall. We're just introducing it continually."

Water flows into a pond on the north side of Eight Mile, goes through a culvert beneath the road to a second pond, and follows a stream that drains into the nine-acre pond. From there, it continues on through a natural stream bed.

State Department of Natural Resources press secretary Brad Wurfel said by design the pond's earth impoundment dam, regulated of 4-by-6 wooden pieces, allows some water past.

"The dam that's on the end of that pond is meant only for retaining, for keeping fish in the pond," Wurfel said. "The dam

was never built or intended to be used for a control for the volume of water that was suddenly sent through it."

Marshall said the problem was that the dam broke, due to rotten boards. But Park Supervisor Sunde Osburn said the few affected boards only changed the level, not the flow, of the nine-acre pond.

"The dam didn't break," Osburn said. "As he started his pumping, it increased our water levels in the pond. As water comes into the dam, what flows in, what the pond doesn't hold, flows out. Unless you had a huge monumental flood, the water's never going to go over the top of that dam. There was too much water flow coming in, so that water was coming out."

Marshall said the work, which has been going on for a month,

will have to be restarted.

"Right now we're just waiting for an evaluation and some feedback from the state," Assistant City of Novi Manager Clay Pearson said. "We've suspended the dewatering until we have better idea of how to go forward appropriately both in maintaining road access and public safety at all times."

But Wayne County Roads Director Pat Hogan said one thing's certain:

"The contractor is responsible for whatever expenses we incurred on the road. Our people are all paid out of the road fund, which is a public fund."

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That retiring Superintendent Emmett Lippe has been here 11 years is itself unusual. The average tenure for a Michigan superintendent is 2.3 years.

Lippe's successor will have big shoes to fill, but he or she will likely be up to the challenge.

And he or she will also have the benefit of a strong administrative team, an excellent teaching staff, and a supportive community.

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Thanks to Home Depot

I would like to extend a most sincere thank you to Mr. Stephen Stout, Donation Coordinator for the Northville Home Depot store, for his state's recent contribution to Bike Michigan for a clean-up of the I-275 path slated for Oct. 2. This contribution makes it possible for us to purchase tools needed for trimming all the overhanging brush that's currently hanging over the path in various places, reducing visibility, an important safety issue.

Mr. Stout is also looking into an even more generous donation to the I-275 project through his company. We at Bike Michigan would like to recognize him and the Northville Home Depot for their generous efforts at helping us realize this most important Northville non-motorized corridor for its important local uses as well as its importance in connecting the Willow Metropark with a possible future connection to the Huron Clinton system of trails.

For anyone wishing to help with the clean up, please contact me at ddulfield@earthlink.org or call me at home in the evenings at (248) 317-0136 and I can give you the details of when, where and what to bring.

Bike Michigan is a consortium of three different cycling organizations in the state of Michigan working with MDOT to make Michigan a better place to ride a bike. League of Michigan Bicyclists, Rails to Trails Conservancy and the Michigan Mountain Bike Association.

Dave Dulfield
League of Michigan Bicyclists, Director at Large

Help from Farmer Jack

On behalf of the Novi High School Band Boosters, I would like to thank the community of Novi and Jeff Schlotter, manager of Farmer Jack Supermarket, Novi, for your support at our bi-annual bottle drive held on Saturday, Sept. 11.

Patti Kochyan, Publicity
Novi High School Band Boosters

Problems with Bush

Mr. Shaheen's apology for the deceptions and practices of the George W. Bush administration addressed to Mr. Luenzel need some comment. I believe I know Mr. Luenzel well, and I respect his concerns.

George Bush did mislead us into the war in Iraq. Bush repeatedly made the false claim of a connection between al-Qaida and Iraq's leadership even though those groups were known to be enemies to each other. The 9/11 Commission clearly determined that there was no connection between Iraq and the 9/11 attacks. A careful reading of Bob Woodward's "Plan of Attack," which was written with the cooperation of the Bush Administration clearly shows Bush considering attacking Iraq on Sept. 16, 2001, and then later, repeatedly stating, "I have no plans to attack (Iraq) on my desk," if he had already given orders to General Franks to develop such plans and mobilize our forces. We all know how flimsy the "Weapons of Mass Destruction" excuse was. We could have had Afghanistan cleaned up and al-Qaida wiped out with world support for our efforts. But Bush chose to mislead us into a separate war in which 1,000 of our people have now been killed. George Bush is right; he is a war president. He is not an effective war president, however, and he doesn't seem to know how to work for peace.

2. George Bush still has not vetoed a single piece of Pork Barrel Legislation, and the deficit grows larger.

3. Provisions of the Patriot Act which subvert our Bill of Rights are being tested in the courts as to their constitutionality. The story of the recent release of the Moroccans in Wayne County demonstrates the violations of human rights which can occur when our protections in the Bill of Rights are ignored.

4. Various media reports stated that Colin Powell, himself, was outraged when he learned that the Defense Department lawyers had been seeking ways around the 1950 Geneva Convention agreements for the protection of prisoners. Those lawyers' arguments helped to provide the rationale for setting up the non-compliant prison at Guantanamo Bay. The Bush Administration is directly responsible for ignoring the warnings of the International Red Cross and for the human rights violations at the Abu Ghraib Prison.

5. As I write this, members of congress from both parties are attempting to get an extension of the assault weapons ban and expressing the concern that terrorists could use those weapons to harm Americans.

6. The Clean Air Act is only one example of where the Bush Administration has compromised the safety of the American people. The Bush Administration has weakened safety rules for factory workers, canceled a program to promote safer practices for dealing with tuberculosis, and even collaborated with the chemical company Syngenta to allow them to continue to sell farmers the herbicide "Atrazine" for use on corn fields. Atrazine has been found to cause hormonal disruptions in frogs (causing them to have both male and female sex organs), and it has been banned in

Europe for over five years.

I would think that good Republicans such as Mr. Shaheen would be tired of defending the Bush Administration. I would hope that they would be asserting themselves to get the Republican Party back to promoting Constitutional compliance, fiscal responsibility, and national defense, instead of human rights violations, bloated no-bid Halliburton contracts, and so called "pre-emptive attacks" on third world countries.

John A. Kuenzel
Novi

Beds are badly needed

While serving as your State Representative, I spearheaded the legislative effort to allow St. John-Providence and Henry Ford hospitals to transfer beds to under-served areas in Novi and West Bloomfield because I know how badly these beds are needed.

While unreasonable and futile opposition on this issue continues, I am confident the bed transfers will go through. By upholding the constitutionality of this legislation, Judge Giddings took this critical health issue out of the political arena and put an end to the political football that was going on with the Certificate of Need Commission.

Michigan's Certificate of Need system is badly outdated and in need of an overhaul and reform. My efforts were an important first step.

The ruling crafted by Judge Giddings means residents will finally enjoy the security of having inpatient hospital facilities right in their own communities. This will be a comfort to all, especially our seniors and others with special needs, who will benefit from having a full-service hospital nearby.

Hugh D. Crawford
Oakland County Commissioner, District #9, Novi

Kathy Crawford
Chairperson, Providence Park Community Relations Committee, Novi

Billboard problems

With the advent of the computer age, there were predictions and claims that tons of paper would be saved. In reality, the computer increases the demand on North American forests.

Presumably, the Board of Education will claim that the electronic billboard installed on the north side of Novi High School will enhance communication between somebody and save piles of postage stamps. My guess is that the initial cost of that board will be at least \$30,000; it will squander electricity, and repair bills will be outrageous.

Such spending is called "needless consumption." One purchases an item simply because one can afford it. Need is irrelevant. Perhaps the sign was needed to announce the opening of Novi High's newly completed, Olympic-sized swimming pool, which boggles my mind.

Also, the stadium at the middle school campus on Wiscom Road is likely the envy of many colleges (including Wayne State and University of Detroit-Mercy).

Will I go on?

And then I read in the Detroit Free Press that Oakland County school districts are up in arms fearing economic cutbacks that they might endure as a result of state deficits.

I sincerely believe that there does not exist an iota of fragility within any school board in this county. I'd venture to say that when it comes to public funds, the school administrators, in general, do not know the definition of fragility.

In other words, anyone who knows anything about politics knows Shafer has precisely the chance of a snowball in a blast furnace.

Yet he's gamely trudging on. "I feel the voters should have a choice," he told me last Sunday morning at a cozy luncheon. Michigan now has nine Republican congressmen.

Frankly, thousands of voters are sick and tired of paying for Rolls Royces and getting lemons for their money.

Does anyone believe that children today are actually learning more? The top apparent improvement is the pay scale of educators and administrators.

One other question: Do elected and hired public officials believe that their importance and worth is directly proportionate to the number of tax dollars they can spend? It seems that way.

While 200 years of history has shown that discrimination is not an American value, there is a movement among some extreme conservatives to put discrimination in the U.S. Constitution. They want to change the Constitution — a document meant to ensure freedoms and protections — to deny same-sex couples and their families by denying them rights and protections that most people in this country take for granted.

Unfortunately, Rep. Thaddeus McCotter does not understand that the proposed Federal Marriage Amendment is not only discriminatory, but unnecessary, unwise and a waste of time. There's already a law on the books that bans marriages of same-sex couples. Further, the American people have demonstrated time and again that the FMA is not a priority. There are currently 8.2 million Americans without health insurance and 43 million Americans without health insurance coverage? These are real problems that need to be dealt with in Washington.

Our suburban populations have "boomed," particularly over the past 30 years, and we are still fighting to have a full-service hospital with beds in our area.

Most communities that currently have hospitals with beds do not have growing populations. We are deeply concerned about the welfare of our growing population, particularly the escalating number of persons over the age of 50 who often have an increasing need for medical services requiring hospitalization.

Novi has a wonderful state-of-the-art medical facility (Providence Park) that has been committed to this area for decades, however, Providence Park cannot meet the medical demands of the rapidly escalating population without the transfer of beds.

We do not wish to perpetuate competition between the urban/suburban communities, nor youngfolks, or wealthy/poor for hospitals. All persons deserve access to complete medical care, however, there should be a more sensible distribution of beds, rather than the willow distribution of beds in our area.

It would have been far better for health providers to have used all the money spent on law suits, attorneys, media and marketing for the past few years in an attempt to restrict the transfer of beds and instead, used those tons of thousands of dollars to provide critical health care.

We strongly urge health providers to dismis the lawsuits now and permit the transfer of beds without further hindrance or delays. How long must we wait?

Approaches to the state budget

There are three things to be said about the budget Michigan's lawmakers just adopted for the fiscal year that starts tomorrow (Oct. 1):

1. Remember the old saw: "Don't tax him. Don't tax me. Tax that fellow behind the tree." That is still the most accurate portrait of how the governor and the legislature conspired to balance the budget. Forget any responsibility to make hard and politically risky decisions.

Instead, all parties chose narrowly based tax increases designed to avoid widespread protests.

Consider these approaches, as expressed in the fiscal 2005 budget:

- Don't tax with the Single Business Tax, which is at heart a tax on payroll, lures job growth and hits just about every business in Michigan. Although it has long been due for overhaul or repeal, our lawmakers opted instead to raise taxes on Detroit casinos by 33 percent, thereby costing only 350 jobs.

- Identify taxes and tax "em, mostly on the grounds that the vice-ridden don't make up a highly motivated voting bloc. So increase cigarette taxes by 60 percent (gets you \$3.13 million, assuming most smokers don't quit or live near the Ohio border). And let the Liquor Control Commission bump its profit on the sale of booze from 65 percent to 74 percent (gets you \$32 million from margins I wish I had in my business!)

- Give new meaning to the phrase "niche taxes" (here, that should be pronounced "nick") by boosting various licensing fees; driver licenses, court filings, state park entrance fees and (what won't they think of next?) nursery stock valuations. Total take: Around \$225 million.

Second, a big part of the reason the state has had problems paying its bills in recent years is the direct result of the tax-cut orthodoxy that started with the Republicans and has now infected the Democrats.

The state's general fund, which supports most discretionary spending, will open fiscal year 2005 with an estimated \$800 million less in the pot than in 2001.

And the total state budget of \$36.3 billion is \$2.8 billion less than in fiscal 2002. What's not so immediately evident is the concrete effect of the thousands of little slashes in state services that are the consequence of reduced budgets.

Fewer probation officers. Worse roads. Less tourism advertising. More troubled kids running loose.

The last of five annual income tax cuts showed through by former Gov. John Engler took effect July 1, saving the average taxpayer or the whopping sum of 50 cents a week. In the 2003 fiscal year, the Michigan personal income tax produced \$7.6 billion. In the 2005 budget year, the income tax will provide around \$6.03 billion.

The difference — \$1.6 billion — is just a bit more than total state aid to all our public colleges and universities. Of course, when college students and their families complain about getting hit with bigger tuition bills as a result of reduced state support for their school, the political class finds it convenient to blame college administrators and board members for failing to keep costs under control.

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Common sense says something else. Continuing on the present road will gradually make our pleasant peninsula into a kind of Mississippi, with bad schools, low-paying jobs, and colder weather.

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Parkview Elementary School student Christopher Patsalis holds up the "W" of the spelled-out Parkview during an assembly for the "Creating a Champion" program.

Parkview students take some time to 'Create Champions'

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

Students at Parkview Elementary School took the success skills of respect, responsibility, doing their personal best, positive communication and integrity to a new level last Friday, as Linda Snaveley's school programs...

- Linda Snaveley's school programs:**
- Drawing Crash Course
 - Writing Invitational
 - Building-A-Story
 - Illustrating Workshops
 - Illustrating the Classics
 - Creating Champions
 - Theme Illustrating
 - Illustrating to Music
 - Celebrating Diversity

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'Strides Against Breast Cancer' walk set

Thousands of women and men across Detroit will take to the streets to fight breast cancer during the American Cancer Society's seventh annual Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk at 9 a.m., Sunday, Oct. 16, at Belle Isle Park in Detroit.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

EVENTS

Kensington Metropark Events for September and October
Saving The Kensington Metropark Program: Join the Crossroads Group of the Sierra Club for a program at the Millford Public Library on Monday, Oct. 4, at 7 p.m. Several speakers will discuss the methods they recently used to save 181 acres of Kensington Metropark from being developed. Both members and non-members are welcome to attend.

Lakes Area Youth Assistance "4th Annual Taste of the Lakes"
DATE: Thursday, Sept. 30
TIME: 5-8 p.m.
LOCATION: Bay Pointe Golf Club, 4001 Haggerty Road, West Bloomfield
DETAILS: \$20/person-cash bar available. All proceeds to benefit the Lakes Area Youth Assistance. Sample cuisines from the area's finest restaurants.

Northville Youth Theater Production of Babes in Toyland
WHEN: Performances are Dec. 17, 18, and 19
LOCATION: Community Center, 303 W. Main St., Northville
DETAILS: Kids ages 7-18 are invited to join Northville's newest performing arts group, Northville Youth Theater, for its first production Babes in Toyland. Rehearsals will vary by assigned part.

Detroit Nutrino Project to Perform at Engage Theater of Novi
DATE: Thursday, Oct. 2
TIME: 8 p.m.
DETAILS: The Detroit Nutrino Project is bringing its unique blend of guerilla filmmaking and improvisation to the Engage Theater of Novi. The group is made up of local actors and filmmakers, many of whom have studied improv at the Second City and Planet Art theaters. The edgy format of the show guarantees that no show is ever predictable.

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TIME: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
LOCATION: Providence Medical Building, 47601 Grand River Ave.
DETAILS: A day of enrichment and personal exploration designed to provide valuable tools, information and a new perspective on healthier living through wholeness that can be very beneficial to the participants. Open to the public. Cost: \$50 per person. Includes lunch and materials.
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Airport officials descend on Detroit Metro

By Kurt Kuban
STAFF WRITER

Airport officials from around the globe will descend upon Detroit Metro Airport next week for the annual Airport Cities Conference. The international conference is aimed at airport executives and economic developers as well as real estate and business professionals.

The conference, scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday, will showcase the Wayne County-owned airport, which officials hope will someday rank as one of the world's best examples of the airport city, or "aeropolis." The event was co-founded by John Kasarda, who is acting as the chairman for this year's conference.

Kasarda, who is a professor of management at the University of North Carolina's Kenan Flagler Business School, defines an airport city as not only an airport itself, but also the airport-driven commercial development surrounding the facility. That includes all the hotels, restaurants, retail outlets and other businesses that spring up because of the airport.

"Airports aren't just airports anymore. They have become multi-functional enterprises that drive commercial development both on the airport property and the area many, many miles around them. The airport used to be there to serve the city. Now the airport is a city," said Kasarda, who has been consulting Wayne County on airport development since Ed McNamara served as county executive.

In many ways, Metro Airport and its surrounding environs, which also includes the Wayne

County-owned Willow Run Airport, is already an airport city, according to Kasarda. With more than 30 million passengers walking the globe each year and 17,000 employees working onsite, Metro Airport, the 10th busiest airport in North America, would rank as one of the state's largest cities at any given time.

It also plays a huge part in driving the region's economy. Wayne County officials estimate its economic impact is about \$5.1 billion annually, which amounts to \$14 million every day.

However, Kasarda says airport officials can learn much from the other participants at the upcoming Airport Cities Conference, which is truly an international event. Officials representing airports as far away as India, China, the United Arab Emirates, and Germany, and as close as Atlanta and St. Paul/Minneapolis, will make presentations about their efforts in creating airport cities.

Kasarda says the conference, which took place in the United Arab Emirates last year, is the place where the leading airports come together to discuss ideas and projects.

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano, who attended the conference two years ago when it was in Pittsburgh, said this is a great opportunity to develop strategies, because of all the untapped possibilities surrounding Metro Airport. There is approximately 25,000 acres of available vacant land between Metro and Willow Run airports, which can be developed and incorporated into the airport city.

If it is done right, Ficano said it could be the anchor for the burgeoning I-94 corridor between Detroit and Ann Arbor.

"Wayne County is unique in that we have all this vacant land around

our two airports. Most metropolitan airports are in city centers with very little available land," Ficano said. "The question we have to ask ourselves is how can we start to utilize that vacant land in a way to position ourselves in a global market. We're hoping to find some answers at this conference."

A glimpse of how this area might develop is the Pinnacle Project, a state of the art business community Wayne County officials have planned for the area south of the airport. Although the project has been in the planning stages for several years and has hit a few snags along the way, Dave Tyler, assistant director of Wayne County's economic development department, expects the first phase of the project to begin next summer.

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CITY OF NOVI FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 04-055

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Falls Homes is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow placement of an additional sales trailer at 28055 Dixon Road for the Liberty Park Development on Twelve Mile Road between Beck and Novi Roads. This permit would be issued for the period from October 5, 2004 to March 1, 2005.

A public hearing meeting to consider this request will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 6, 2004. The meeting is at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road. Written and signed approvals or objections will be accepted into the file if received prior to the scheduled meeting. Please address all communications to Denise Anderson at the City of Novi Building Department 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375.

DENISE ANDERSON
TEMPORARY USE PERMIT SECRETARY
(248) 347-0415

(9-30-04 NN 168143)

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGISTRATION FOR TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2004 GENERAL ELECTION

To the Qualified Electors of the City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan:

Notice is hereby given that Monday, October 4, 2004 is the last day to register to vote or change your address for the above election. If you are not currently registered to vote in the City of Novi at your present address, you may do so in any of the following ways:

In Person:
• At the Novi City Clerk's Office, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road or at the office of any county clerk during normal business hours.
• At any of the Secretary of State Branch Offices located throughout the State during normal business hours.

Online:
Mail-in voter registration applications may be obtained by visiting the city's website at www.novi.mi.us and click on forms, then click on Voter Registration Form.

By Mail:
• By obtaining and completing a Mail-in Voter Registration Application and forwarding to the election official listed below by the close of registration deadline, October 4, 2004 or contacting: Maryanne Cornelius, City Clerk, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 (248) 347-0455

Note: Persons who register to vote by mail are required to vote the first time in person unless they have previously voted in person in the State of Michigan or are at least 60 years of age or are physically unable to attend the polls.

MARYANNE CORNELIUS, CITY CLERK
(9-23-04 NN 165396)

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CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC NOTICE MASTER PLAN FOR LAND USE

The City of Novi hereby announces a public hearing will be held on Wednesday, October 27, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center Council Chambers, 45175 West Ten Mile Road. The purpose of the public hearing is to present the draft of the City of Novi Updated Master Plan For Land Use prior to its adoption. All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, October 27, 2004.

NOVI PLANNING COMMISSION
LOWELL SPRAGUE, SECRETARY
(9-30-04 NN 167972)

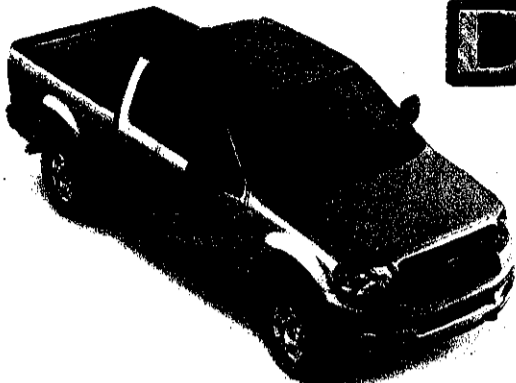
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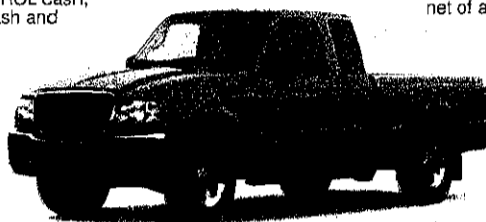
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Taking a dive!
The Novi Wildcats swimming and diving team took to the water last week. See how your favorite local teams performed last week in sports briefs.
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Sports Update
Local student-athletes could soon be held to a new code of conduct, if approved by the Novi Board of Education. See what the new code includes, and when it might go into effect.
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Regional Marketplace
The clubhouse and swimming pool at Island Lake in Novi are just some of the amenities offered to the residents of the luxury community. For more details, check out the Regional Marketplace!
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NOVI NEWS

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Thursday, September 30, 2004

'CAT BIRD'S SEAT

Wildcats bite back, defeat Brighton, 21-9

KVC victory puts Novi in charge of its own destiny

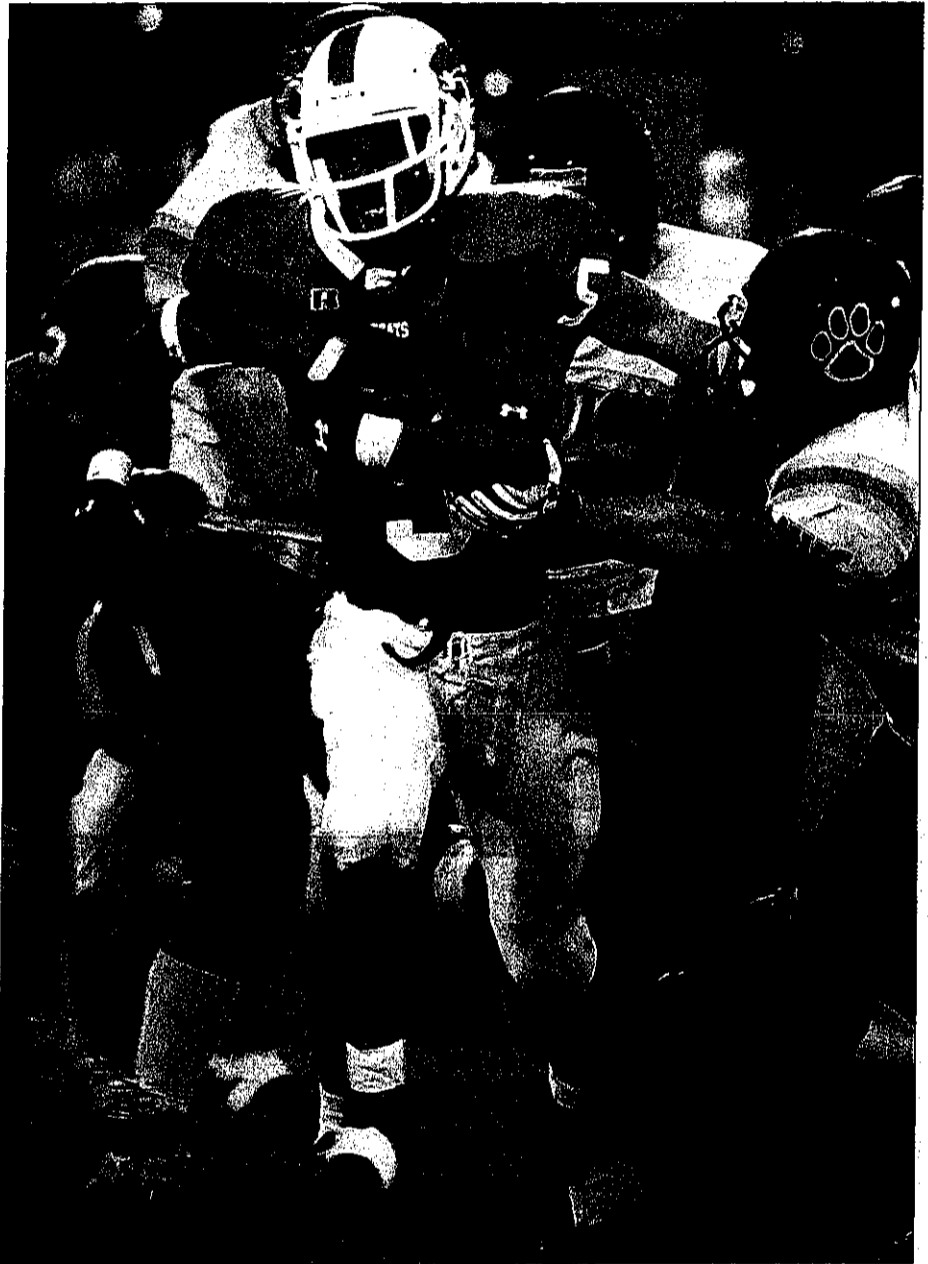
By Chris C. Davis
SPECIAL WRITER

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Novi Head Coach

Novi assistant football coach David Hartman shuffled his way off the field and dabbed the sweat from his brow.
"My voice is shot," he said.
His was just one of dozens of raspy throats, made that way courtesy of Novi's impressive 21-9 victory over Brighton last Friday. In a game conventional wisdom would have made a lot closer, it was the Wildcats who proved dominant.
"One of our goals was to hold (Brighton) to 10 points or less," said Novi head coach Tab Kellepourey after the game. "We won this game because of our desire to play well."
Novi played solid defensively, as did Brighton for much of the game, despite allowing Wildcat sophomore wideout Brandon Carnegle to gallop 50 yards down the sideline on the first play from scrimmage.
The Bulldogs countered with a 13-play drive of their own. But the drive proved fruitless when Jay Jandasek missed a 47-yard field goal try.
Novi got golden field position when junior defensive lineman Tim Thomas fell on Brighton quarterback Doug Clark's errant pitch early in the second quarter. One play later, Novi senior quarterback Kevin Cislo found paydirt on a wild 14-yard run that sent him scrambling from one sideline to another.
The Wildcats capitalized on another Brighton turnover, a Clark pass attempt picked off by Novi's Jordan Pustover. Novi got into the end zone again, thanks to running

back Josh Wood's 38-yard scamper and a Cislo-to-Sean Costello pass play.
Brighton wasn't ready to let the final 32 seconds of the first half get away, however. The Bulldogs marched methodically down the field, led by senior running back Anthony Besso. With 0.2 seconds remaining on the clock, Jandasek pushed the ball through the uprights, sending the Bulldogs into the locker room down 14-3.
Brighton's celebrations were short-lived, however, when the Bulldogs' opening drive in the third quarter fizzled with the team's third turnover of the game. Under heavy pressure from the Wildcat defense, Clark forced a bad pass which ended up in the arms of Novi's John Favorite.
Facing a fourth down situation ripe for a field goal try, Kellepourey instead rolled the dice and came up a winner. Cislo kept the ball himself for a touchdown and extended Novi's lead to 21-3.
Brighton struck back midway in the third quarter on a time-consuming 18-play drive capped by a do-or-die mad scramble by Clark, who hooked up with split end Zach Nichols in the back of the end zone. A two-point conversion try failed.
But too much time spent spearheading that drive ultimately cost the Bulldogs the game. Kellepourey credited the Novi offensive line.
"They did a great job of creating space and giving us opportunities to run and make plays," he said.



Wildcat Brandon Carnegle rumbles for a few yards against the Brighton Bulldogs during last Friday's 21-9 victory.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

HAGGERTY CONNECTOR

All roads lead through Wildcat guard

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

TONIGHT'S GAME
Tonight's home game against Kensington Valley Conference rival Brighton will begin at 7 p.m.

For Novi senior Jessica Haggerty, there is one true goal this season — have fun.
The Wildcats' varsity point guard is out to show her team a good time.
"It's been very exciting," she said. "The way I'm looking at it, it's my senior year and I'm going to try to have a lot of fun, I am."
Haggerty said of her four varsity years, her current team has the most potential.
"This is probably the most athletic team," she said. "They are a great group of girls and a lot of fun to be with. Coach (Bill) Kelp is definitely a great coach. He knows the game, which makes us better."
Haggerty, who stands at 5-feet-5-inches, is especially looking forward to tonight's home match-up against Kensington Valley Conference rival Brighton.
The reason?
"One of my biggest goals is to beat Brighton," she said. "Out of my four years, we have never beaten them. Right now, that's one of the biggest goals, but the other goal is to win the conference. There are a ton of teams that have the potential to win the KVC and we're one of them."
Haggerty started her life on the

hardwood court when her parents, Judy and Dennis, introduced the game to her and her brothers. Her older brother, Matt, is a sophomore at the University of Notre Dame. Andrew is a freshman at Novi High School.
"My parents just got us involved," said Haggerty. "My mom even coached me in basketball when I was younger."
She taught her daughter well. Haggerty played on the varsity team as a freshman when former head coach Dennis Cichonski saw her potential.
"I was hoping to get moved up the JV," Haggerty said. "That would have been exciting, but getting moved up to varsity was amazing. It was tough and it was a challenge, but it was amazing."
Haggerty didn't get much of a chance to grow slowly, like other freshmen. Instead, she was tossed to the wolves.
"It was a great experience," she said. "It really helped my confidence. At first it was hard, playing against more experienced people at

first, but I gained so much experience and confidence and it has really helped me."
It's shown in Haggerty's performances so far this year. No longer does she get frustrated after a mistake, or quit shooting after missing a single shot. She just keeps playing. And shooting, especially behind the three-point line.
"I've scored a lot more points this year," she said. "A lot more than I have ever scored before. It's a confidence thing. Just because you miss one shot you can't quit. You've got to keep shooting."
As a senior who will attend the honors college at the University of Michigan and study to become a science teacher, Haggerty also mentors younger Wildcat guards. Next year, they will fill her shoes.
"I can speak from experience," she said. "I've learned from my mistakes. Everyone is going to make them, but you have to overcome them."
The biggest lesson Haggerty teaches? Have fun, no matter what the score is or the team's record.
It took Haggerty a couple years to learn the same lesson. Now she's reaping the rewards. And having fun doing it.

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Jessica Haggerty
Wildcat Senior Guard

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Novi Wildcats' guard Jessica Haggerty fires a pass down court to a fast-breaking teammate during a game against Walled Lake Western.

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Who's looking out for small business?

The recent announcements by major research organizations that employer-sponsored health insurance premiums had soared an average of more than 11 percent this year came as no surprise to millions of American small-business owners. After four consecutive years of opening their mail to find invoices demanding double-digit increases, they've grown painfully accustomed to skyrocketing premiums that are far beyond marketplace realities.

Unfortunate, too, are other outrageous raids on the cash registers of small firms that are equally sinister but not quite as obvious. Workers' compensation costs, taxes by overlapping levels of government, lost productivity due to sending off unreasonable regulations and rapidly rising energy prices are just a sample of the challenges today's entrepreneurs must endure.

It's truly a testament to the creativity and flexibility of the people who start and run the nation's 23 million small businesses that they are able to hold the government at bay with one hand and mind the store with the other.

Minding the store is where it's all supposed to happen. Satisfied customers mean good sales and good sales bring more income. More income means more jobs-income for more families who, in turn, become customers and channel that money back into the economy.

Simply put, small business plus income equals jobs.

In early October, the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) will honor members of Congress who care about those families, their jobs and the small businesses that generate 60-80 percent of net new jobs annually.

Earning the NFIB Guardian of Small Business Award is no easy feat for federal lawmakers. It means they have to vote at least 70 percent of the time on the key small-business issues that help small firms-99.7 percent of all employers-provide jobs for half of the nation's private-sector employees and pay nearly half of the total U.S. private payroll.

Although strapped for time and scrambling to keep their companies in the black, this fall small-business owners must add at least one more important item to their already crammed schedules: Before Election Day they should check to see if their representatives and senators have received the coveted Guardian of Small Business Award.

Apparently some lawmakers who claim to be friends of small business only cozy up once the campaign season begins. Stump speeches have a way of fogging the airwaves and fuzzing the issues, but there's no way members of Congress can fudge their voting records to win the award. The ratings are based on votes cast on key issues picked directly by small-business owners through NFIB's long-standing ballot process that is open to all of the organization's 600,000 members. And lawmakers are told in advance which votes will be counted. No credit is given for stump speeches or campaign advertisements.

By checking official voting records, small-business owners can go to the polls armed with the knowledge of who was minding their concerns in Washington while they were minding the store back home.

Jack Faris is president of NFIB (the National Federation of Independent Business), the nation's largest small-business advocacy group. More information is available on-line at www.NFIB.com.

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The clubhouse and swimming pool at Island Lake in Novi are some of the amenities for the residents of the luxury community.

Island Lake offers luxury resort living at home

By Duane Ramsey
SPECIAL WRITER

Island Lake of Novi offers luxury lakefront living in a resort community developed by Toll Brothers of Michigan. The demand for the resort living at Island Lake has been phenomenal, according to company officials.

"We've had people camping out and standing in line to get the lakefront properties," said Lorri Weldy, sales manager at Island Lake of Novi.

Toll Brothers just began the latest phase of the development at Island Lake with the grand opening of two new model homes Sept. 23. They currently are selling lots for the Executive and Estate models of homes on

the south side of the lake.

Island Lake is one of the largest residential developments in the area with 762 home sites for single-family homes, condominiums and town homes around the 170-acre Island Lake on the 800-acre site on Wixom Road just north of Ten Mile.

Toll Brothers has sold approximately 60 percent of the home sites at Island Lake and has about 300 sites left in the entire development, according to Weldy who grew up in Novi and is excited to be involved in this project.

"We're not just selling a community, we're selling a resort lifestyle," said John Oberlin, assistant vice president of Toll Brothers who lives at Island Lake. "It is the ultimate expres-

sion of lakefront living."

In addition to the 170-acre lake, the community includes a clubhouse complete with a fitness center, swimming pool, tennis courts, boating docks and access to the lake. The clubhouse is now open on the south shore of Island Lake.

"Toll Brothers is great at creating a community that makes people feel like they're living a vacation at home," said Weldy. "Island Lake is a destination hot spot for people from Novi and Northville who want to remain in the area only live on a much grander scale."

Toll Brothers offers three lines of single-family homes at Island Lake, ranging in size from 2,500 to 5,000 square feet. The Executive homes start in the

\$400,000s and the Estate homes begin in the \$500,000s.

The Signature collection of homes built on lakefront property start in the \$900,000s. These luxury homes feature walkouts with boat docks and private beaches on home sites of one-acre or larger.

"Today people look at the home buying process as an investment," said Weldy.

The condos and town homes range from 1,900 to 2,600 square feet of living space with prices ranging from \$300,000 to \$500,000. Some of the villa condos are built on the water and finished walkouts with an additional 700 to 1,000 square feet.

The Island Lake development has City of Novi services and is located within the Novi School District and near the Links of Novi golf course. Toll Brothers worked closely with Novi to preserve as much open space as possible in the development.

Island Lake has something for every buyer, according to Weldy. Toll Brothers has what they call "quick delivery homes" that are already under construction for relocation clients, she added.

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Island Lake offers everything the home buyer needs from a mortgage company to landscaping and security services, all available from Toll Brothers.

Island Lake of Novi is just one of several residential projects being developed by Toll Brothers in the Novi and Northville areas. The company also is building a residential community at Northville Hills Golf Club with 369 single-family homes and 184 condos, and Steeplechase of Northville with 284 new homes.

Toll Brothers is a national builder of luxury homes throughout the U.S. including thousands of homes built in southeast Michigan. The company's Michigan operations are based in Farmington Hills.



An interior of one of the new models open at Island Lake in Novi is pictured here as an example of the luxury living available in the homes there.



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