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Hollywood at Hooters

The lunch crowd at Hooters of Novi Monday was treated to a little more than extra hot sauce on their wings. Award-winning actor Billy Bob Thornton and four other members of the upcoming movie "The Bad News Bears" stopped by for a quick bite to eat, a few photos and to sign some autographs on a press tour for the movie.



Billy Bob

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SPORTS



Miss Soccer

What more can be said about Novi's Kristi Timar that hasn't already been said? She's the best. That's been started by the soccer coaches across the state with her selection as Ms. Soccer as well as a place on the All-State Dream Team and All-State First Team.

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Mirage commits land

Council says residents may have to come up with match

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

A few twists and turns took place in the last week in the continuing saga over the Village Wood Lake property in southeast Novi east of Meadowbrook

between Nine and Ten Mile roads.

The latest is that Claudio Rossi of Mirage Development in Novi has agreed to donate about 36 acres in Orchard Hills West subdivision to try to help the city win a state grant to keep about 15 acres north of Village Wood Lake as open space.

Residents of Village Oaks and other nearby subdivisions have been on a mission to have this land designated as park land and prevent an already-approved development by William Roskelly of Bagney & Smith in Livonia. Roskelly wants to build 10

units called Village Wood Lake Condominiums on the property. The homes would be located on the north side of Village Wood Lake, with wetlands to the north of the condos.

The residents have encouraged the city to apply for a grant from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund that would pay for 75 percent of the cost of the land. City council directed the city to write the grant, which is due in Lansing by Aug. 1.

The other 25 percent of the cost of the land must come from another source, such as a develop-

er, the city or private citizens.

But, late last week, Lynne Paul, council member, was able to persuade Mirage Development of Novi into writing a letter of intent to donate, for the purposes of the grant only, 36.15 acres to the city of Novi.

The property is associated with a conservation easement (state-preserved land) in the Orchard Hills West subdivision north of 10 Mile and near the Roskelly property.

Mirage estimates the land has a

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PUBLIC HEARINGS

A public hearing on proposed amendments to the adopted Community Recreation Plan 2003-2008 and a public hearing on the city's grant application to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund to acquire land in southeast Novi and designate it as parkland will be held at 2 p.m. July 25 in council chambers.

Comments can be made either in person or submit them in writing to the Novi City Clerk, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375.

For more information, call the Parks, Recreation & Forestry at (248) 347-0400.

50's Fest

Noone fans come back year after year

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Alice Mehlenbacher may live all the way across town in Troy, but it's a sure bet she's in Novi every year for the Novi 50's Festival, which started yesterday and runs through Saturday.

The draw? For Mehlenbacher and friends, it's Peter Noone, the lead singer of the group "Herman's Hermits," who appeared on stage last night during the festival's opening night at Fountain Walk shopping center at I-96 and Novi Road.

Mehlenbacher is what one might call a "super fan" of Noone's or as she and her friends call themselves, "Noonatics."

"We're Noonatics, but we're not lunatics," she says with a laugh.

Mehlenbacher, 50, officer manager of a law firm in Troy, and her friends can be easily spotted in their Peter Noone T-shirts which feature England's flag on the front.

Mehlenbacher follows Noone's concert circuit, seeing him perform about once a month.

"Even though I've liked his music since the song 'Henry the Eighth' came out in 1965, I didn't see him in concert until 1998," she said. That's when she became a dyed-in-the-wool fan.

"I've been to every state in the



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

MacKenzie Lievois, 7, gets her 50's style bangs curled up by Salon Nadwa owner Nadwa Yono, right, during a pre-50's Fest hair and makeup outing to the Novi shop on Tuesday afternoon. The girl's makeup was done by Nadwa's Megan Risdon.

Great Lakes area to see Noone, 57, perform, as well as Ontario, California and just recently, Nevada," she said.

Her daughter, Jenni, who lives in California and works as a traffic clerk for the Santa Barbara court system, is also a fan, and the

two celebrated their birthdays together at the recent "Hermits"

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Baker dies at age 56

Novi loses favorite son with death of restaurateur

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Novi lost one of its favorite sons when former resident and business owner Paul Baker, of Highland, died of a sudden heart attack July 6 on his way home from work while talking with his son, Chris, on the phone.

He was 56. Born Aug. 11, 1948, in Wyandotte, Paul was the son of Fred and Grace Baker and graduated from Wyandotte Roosevelt High School in 1966.

He attended Eastern Michigan University, where he competed in track and earned a bachelor's degree in marketing and a master's degree in special education.

He met his wife, the former Cathleen Conover, in 1972 in a family relations class. They were married in 1973 in Flint and moved to Lake Sherwood.

Baker opened a bar in downtown Detroit, later moving to Novi, where he bought the restaurant and bar The Goat Farm. He then purchased the South Lyon Hotel in 1989, opened P.B. Putters Restaurant in New Hudson in the early



Paul Baker

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Happy birthday, Lee!

Friends help former police chief celebrate 85th birthday

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

About 90 friends and family members came out to help a Novi legend celebrate a milestone July 8 at a surprise roast and toast for retired Novi Chief of Police Lee BeGole's 85th birthday.

Lamont (his given name) C. BeGole's actual birthday was the Fourth of July, which made it even easier for friends to corral

him into coming to the Novi Expo Center last Friday night.

Friends told BeGole he was invited to a wedding anniversary celebration for Bob Brookins, who BeGole used to work with before his recent retirement from the Green Oak Township Police Department.

"As I walked up to the party, I thought to myself, 'Oh, my gosh, I forgot to get them a gift,'" BeGole said with a laugh.

He soon found out, however, that the party was not for his fellow law enforcement friend, but for himself.

Former Novi mayor Matt Quinn served as master of ceremonies for the event, with many a joke sprinkled amidst comments about BeGole. Several taped mes-

sages from those who could not make the dinner were also played, such as a message from Police Chief Doug Shaeffer, who was out of town.

The event was organized by retired city clerk Gerry Stipp and BeGole's Rotary Club friends Gary Kelber, former ad manager for the Novi News, and Wayne Bullen, a retired Michigan State Police Trooper.

Brookins said he met BeGole about 20 years ago.

"He has a special knack for remembering people's names, their family members and who married whom," Brookins said. "Lee would always have good recollections about those about him."

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Former Novi Village Council member and longtime resident Leo Harrawood, right, greets the man of the hour, Lee BeGole, at last Friday's Surprise Birthday Roast and Toast at the Novi Expo Center.

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Friends help former police chief celebrate 85th birthday

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His former Green Oak Township buddy told a funny story about how BeGole once trapped a groundhog in his Novi yard and released it in downtown Detroit.

Council says residents may have to come up with match

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fair market value of \$13,000 an acre. This means the 36.15 acres would equal almost a \$500,000 donation of land to the city.

50s Festival

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concert in Nevada.

Wood and Dr. Max Sanghvi, who gave him a bottle of Scotch at the party.

Retired and current members of the Novi Police Department were in attendance, too, and told many humorous and touching stories about BeGole's many years on the force.

Roskelly is "a willing seller."

Two appraisals are needed if the property is worth more than \$500,000.

Paul Baker dies at age 56

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Baker was a member of the Wednesday night men's volleyball league that Baker sponsored.

Paul sponsored about seven of the eight teams in the league and put a volleyball court outside the Goat Farm with myrting. He was just a great guy," Kelber said.

Cassid said, recalling how he once convinced a man hanging over an overpass off Haggerty Road to come down.

Other survivors include his mother, Grace Baker of Grosse Ile; his grandchildren, Kyle, Jacob and Miles; sisters Janet Rhoads of Rochester Hills, Carol Lutgens of Linden and Susan Bellas of Troy; plus many nieces and nephews.

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Crusing for Paul

We, the Board of Directors of the Novi 50s Festival extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Paul Baker.

He always said to take care of the little things because the big things would take care of themselves," Faulkner said.

State Sen. Nancy Cassid presented BeGole with a framed resolution from the state at the end of the evening for his more than 60 years of public service.

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Novi/10 Mile work wrapping up

By Angela Harris

It's summer time in Michigan meaning one thing: road construction season.

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Intersection of Novi and 10 Mile

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GOLF OUTINGS
Novi High School Band Golf Outing
 DATE: Sunday, July 31
 TIME: noon
 LOCATION: Tanglewood Golf Course, 5303 10 Mile Road, Lyon Township
 DETAILS: \$100 per golfer, lunch, drink and prizes included. Raffle prizes are needed.
 CONTACT: Dorian Kochyan, (248) 318-5155

Novi Parks Foundation & Singh Development Golf Outing
 DATE: Thursday, Aug. 4
 TIME: 8:30 a.m., registration; 10 a.m., shotgun start
 LOCATION: Links of Novi, 50395 V.10 Mile Road, Novi
 DETAILS: \$100 per golfer, lunch, drink, silent auction included. Proceeds benefiting Novi Parks Foundation.
 CONTACT: Brian Burke, (248) 561-0255 or BBurke@holzerford.com

1st Annual Novi Wildcats Boys Basketball Golf Outing
 DATE: Saturday, August 6
 LOCATION: Tanglewood Golf Club, 5303 10 Mile Road, Lyon Township
 DETAILS: Golf, lunch, raffle, prizes.
 CONTACT: Dave Crandell at (248) 80-3148 or Doug Reichley at (248) 380-3921

Novi Chamber's Tycoon Tee-Off
 DATE: Thursday, Aug. 11
 TIME: 8:30 a.m., check-in; 9:30 a.m., shotgun start
 LOCATION: Moose Ridge (11801 Deane Rd., South Lyon)

DETAILS: Scramble format and rules; lunch at the turn; contest holes; games and prizes; 18 holes; and dinner immediately following. Reservations must be made by July 29; sponsorship packages available. CONTACT: (248) 349-3743

Rubber Stamp Convention
 DATE: August 6 and 7
 TIME: Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
 LOCATION: Lakeshore Park
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 TIME: Aug. 26, 3 p.m. ribbon cutting; 4:30 p.m., facility christening; 5 p.m.-6:30 p.m., "The Show of Shows"; 6:30 p.m., Dinner Gala; 8 p.m., program; 9 p.m., headline entertainment. Aug. 27, 10 a.m., Showplace open to the public free of charge; 7 p.m., opening act entertainment; 8 p.m., headline entertainment; 9:45 p.m., fireworks.
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KIDS CONCERT SERIES
 Most of the Novi Parks and Recreation Department's Kid's Concert Series will take place every Thursday night at 7 p.m. throughout the summer, starting tonight at Lakeshore Park. However, the last concert of the series, on Aug. 18, will be held at Providence Park starting at 5:30 p.m.

July 21: Songster Julie Austin and David Mosher — This duo features a unique blend of humorous children's music. All songs are interactive with audiences dancing, moving and singing. Expect to hear a number of instruments including the mandolin, fiddle, banjo and more.

July 28: Harpbeat — Highly interactive, award-winning musical entertainment for the entire family. This duo has been featured in parenting and family fun magazines.

Aug. 4: The Kevin Devine Musical Circus — With over 1,000 original songs, this program has something to please everyone's ear.

Aug. 11: Pippin Puppets — These puppets have performed all over southeast Michigan including the Michigan Renaissance Festival. This new show will have the audience taking part.

Aug. 18: Chautauqua Express and the Novi Concert Band — The entire audience will have their feet tapping. This show promises to be entertaining and interactive. Everyone from toddlers to grandparents will enjoy this evening.

Send your calendar items to Cal Stone, editor, Novi News, 104 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167; fax to (248) 349-9832; or e-mail to cstone@ht.hometown.com.

HEALTH

Our message to "get moving" is finally getting national media coverage. The recent June issue of Time Magazine (circulation: 4,250,000) featured a 21 page Special Report entitled, "Get Moving," which urges Americans to pay more attention to regular exercise. I urge you to read the report. Even the world famous Ronald McDonald is getting an unlikely image makeover as a snowboarding, hoops-shooting fitness guru for tots.

The Times Magazine report notes, "We have two epidemics in America: one is obesity, the other is physical inactivity. One is the focus of bestselling books; the other is ignored." This is one of the single most powerful quotes I have heard in the last few years. The media has flooded the market with books, articles and TV spots debating everything we should and shouldn't eat from the right carbs and how much fat to what food pyramid to follow. It seems every celebrity has the secret diet. While food intake is certainly vital to a healthy lifestyle the media has overwhelmed the general population to the point of making little or no change at all.

A first choice for most is to eat in moderation, drink plenty of water and MOVE. MORE. This alone would start people down the path to a healthier weight and better overall health.

The Time Magazine report points out, "As technology advances, the daily requirements to move diminish. To put modern society's lack of movement in context, researchers at the University of Tennessee's Department of Health and Exercise Science studied a group of Old Order Amish, a religious sect that shuns cars and modern conveniences. Using pedometers, the researchers found that the average Amish man took 18,425 steps per day and the average Amish woman took 14,196 steps. A typical American, by contrast, takes about 5,500."

The bottom line - don't get bogged down with spending hours searching for the super diet, rather put that time into getting and staying more active. We have found people are very motivated to avoid physical activity. So what's the first action step? Start moving more! Before you get bogged down with what that means and how to go about it, let's start with walking. Purchase a pedometer and make a daily challenge to get more steps in each day than the day before with the ultimate goal of a minimum of 10,000 steps per day. It is really just a tough daily choice of looking for the opportunity to walk versus our deeply engrained habit of the opposite...looking for the opportunity to not walk. Park a little further, use the stairs, walk a little at lunch, etc. Force this little change daily and it will become a habit, the results are worth it. You will feel better and have more energy in the first week.

So put down that book on the latest fad diet and get off the couch. You can do it...one step at a time.

This column was written by Chris Klebba, the owner and operator of the Water Wheel Health Club in Northville. Klebba is also a certified fitness trainer and public speaker. For more information, call (248) 449-7634 or check the Web at www.wheel.com

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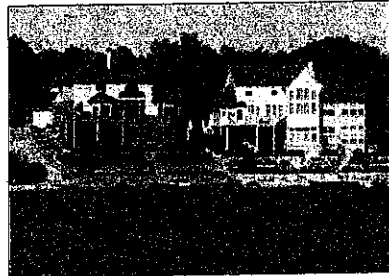
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Domination!

The Northville and Novi tennis teams are well represented on this year Dream Team. The Player of the Year selection, however, might be a surprise.

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Dream Team full of soccer stars

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

What more can be said about soccer in the coverage area of the Northville Record and the Novi News?

Last season, the Northville Mustangs won the Division I state title. This year, it belongs to the Novi Wildcats. Next year? Odds are, it's going to be one of these two teams that win it again with all of the talent they're both returning.

Of course, there's plenty of talent leaving and with their departure they leave us with memories of state titles, great plays and savory moments.

Miss Soccer

What more can be said about Novi's Kristi Timar that hasn't already been said?

She's the best. That's been started by the soccer coaches across the state with her selection as Ms. Soccer as well as a place on the All-State Dream Team and All-State First Team.

Player of the Year

Timar, who will be playing at Michigan State next season, is as good as they get.

"She's a great player," said Novi coach Brian O'Leary earlier this year. "We couldn't ask for a better captain. She makes the team better just by being on the field."

The going was rough for Timar in the beginning of the season as she spent more time fending off defenders than scoring. She dished the ball off, earning assists along the way, before tallying plenty of her own scores when it mattered — the second half of the season and the playoffs. She ended her season with 28 goals and 19 assists.

When Timar's team won the state championship and she was named the single best player in the state, she didn't take any credit for herself.

"I'd never be as good as I am without my teammates," she said. "It's because of them I've had such a great career. I couldn't have done it without them."

That's how champions are made. Thankfully, it's how they're easily recognized as well.

She's only a sophomore?

Danielle Toney, a sophomore at Northville, can do anything on the soccer pitch. She can score, she can pass and she can draw a slew of defenders to try and stop her.

With one state title already under her belt, it was no surprise Toney put her best foot forward all season in search of another one. She helped her team to one of the best rankings in the state before the Mustangs were finally knocked out of the running by the Novi Wildcats in the district tournament.

Toney's season was impressive — as it was last year too. The stellar sophomore, who is one of 16 players on the Olympic Development Program's national team for her age group, was selected to the All-State Dream Team and All-

State First Team this year. She had 24 goals and 11 assists this season.

The quarterback

Emily Esbrook is only a sophomore at Novi High School, but you'd never be able to tell by watching her play. She's a member of the Olympic Development Program's national team for her age group along with rival Danielle Toney of Northville.

When Esbrook is on the field, things go smoothly. She directs traffic, so to say, by yelling out plays and keeping the ball on the move. When it lands by her feet, opponents know they're in trouble.

Esbrook, who was selected to the All-State Dream Team this season as well as the All-State First Team, collected an impressive 10 goals and 16 assists on her way to leading her squad to their first-ever state championship this year. It's interesting to see if she can lead them again next season.

Plenty of moxie

Northville junior Lauren Hill has lots of energy. She's aggressive, she's confident and she's darn good. That's why she was selected to the All-State squad this year and earned a spot as the Mustangs' leading scorer.

With 28 goals and 20 assists this year, Hill was a force to always be reckoned with. She's quick, she's smart and she knows how to leave a defender nothing but air to keep track of. That's what makes her so dangerous to every team she faces. Just ask Novi. Hill scored Northville's only goal against the state champions in their post-season square off.

Next season, Hill will no doubt be looking to add a second state-title ring to her hand. One way or the other, she's going to have one heck of a season.

Pure forward

Novi sophomore Stephanie Crawford doesn't know how not to score. The ball ends up in front of her and then before she even knows it she adds a point on the board and is throwing her hands up in the air in celebration.

Well, that's not how it really works, but it sure seems that way. Crawford just knows how to fake defenders, out run them and plant the ball in the back of the net. She was the team's leading scorer last year and again this season, tallying 33 goals and 14 assists.

Her impressive play and her even-more-impressive statistics easily landed Crawford on the All-State squad this year and she's more than comfortable on the 2005 All-Area Dream Team.

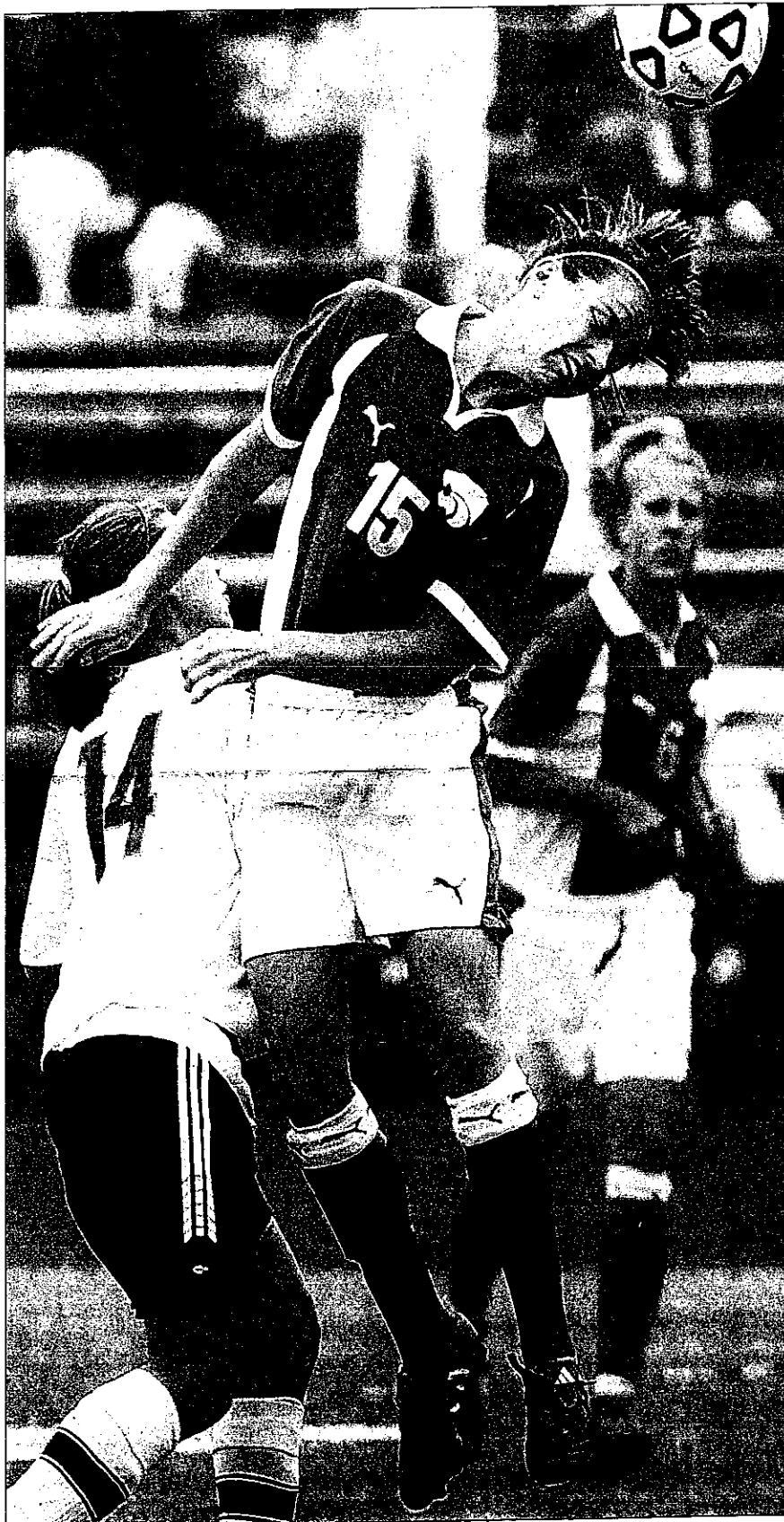
What a midfielder

Playing midfielder takes lots of talent, plenty of skill and a whole ton of patience.

Northville senior Jen Kritch has all of the above, and then some.

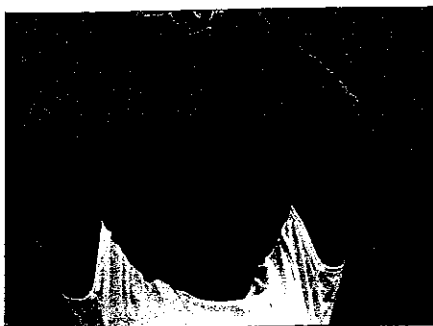
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Novi's Kristi Timar, right, gets her head on a ball in front of Brighton's Chantal Koechll (#14) during the MHSAA girls' state finals game.



Simone Toney



Emily Esbrook



Jen Kritch

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NFIB UPDATE

Danger: Stone Wall Ahead

Those who doubt that history repeats itself should peek into the archives of automotive transportation. While credit should go to inventors like Daimler and Benz, you really have to hand it to French engineer Nicholas Cugnot who, in the 1700s, is believed to be not only the first person to create a vehicle that propelled itself, but also the first to crash one into a stone wall.

Now, more than two centuries later, thousands of Americans who created small automotive repair shops are running smack into a bureaucratic stone wall mistakenly erected by their own government. When Congress passed the Clean Air Act more than a decade ago, it somehow overlooked a little item tucked away in the legislation that required all vehicles manufactured after 1994 to use on-board computer diagnostic systems to monitor emissions.

As vehicles have become more technologically advanced, the amount and complexity of information necessary to diagnose problems has increased dramatically. Unlike Cugnot's steam powered thing on three wheels, today's automobiles are dependent on numerous internal computers to control everything from the brakes to emissions to climate-control systems. The Clean Air Act, as inadvertently crafted, virtually created a monopoly for the repair shops of automobile dealerships, since their manufacturer-partner companies possess the computer diagnostic codes and data needed to make repairs.

Horsepower Auto Care owner Bob Merrill of Windham, Maine, testified before Congress last year that being unable to gain access to this information is not only unfair to independent repair operations like his, but it is also harmful to consumers.

"With little competition in the marketplace, customers are forced to pay whatever the dealerships charge them."

Auto manufacturers claim they voluntarily offer the information, but it is often incomplete and difficult to obtain. The voluntary system is not enforced, and there are no guarantees that manufacturers are making all necessary data available.

That could soon change if a bill introduced by House Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman Joe Barton (6th Dist.-Texas) gets some traction on Capitol Hill. Congressional action is expected this year on The Motor Vehicle Owners' Right to Repair Act of 2005, which asserts manufacturers have restricted access to key repair information, thereby hindering competition. The ability to diagnose, service and repair a motor vehicle is essential to the safety and well-being of U.S. automotive consumers, who are entitled to choose where they will have their cars and trucks repaired, the bill states.

In fairness to automakers, care would be taken to protect their trade secrets and prevent upsetting warranty agreements. And there would be no interference with regulation of emission diagnostic systems.

Small businesses, Merrill said, just want a system that is fair for all. "We are not looking for a competitive advantage over the manufacturers or dealers, we just want to be able to serve our customers and run our businesses."

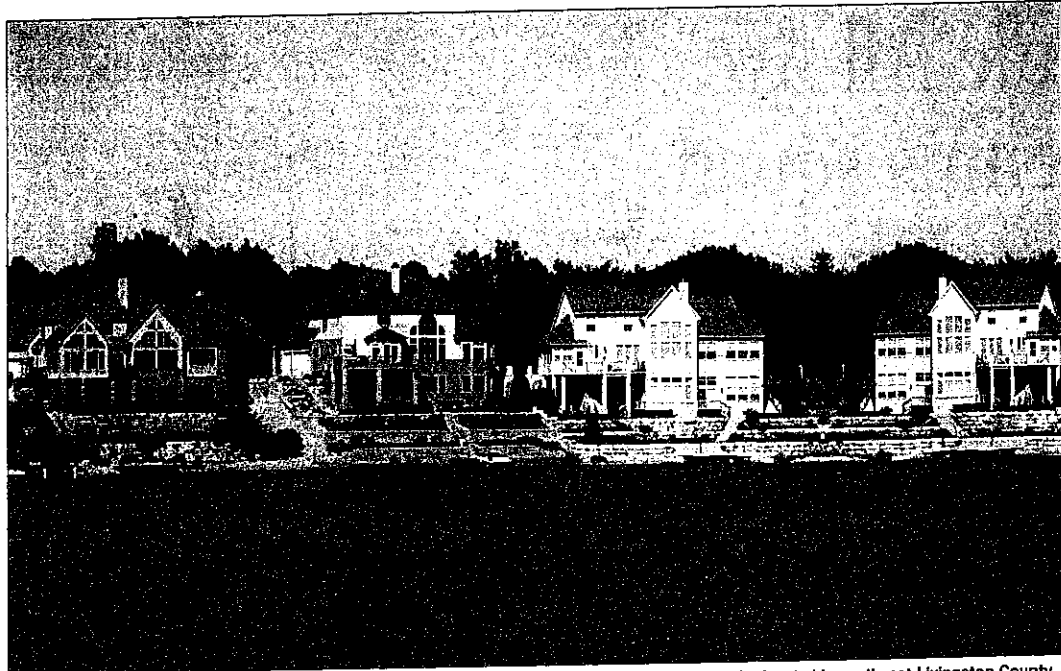
The Clean Air Act's bureaucratic stone wall that blocks competition, denies consumer's wallets and threatens the survivability of thousands of small repair shops must be removed before it causes a serious crash.

Jack Faris is the president of NFIB (the National Federation of Independent Business), the nation's largest small-business advocacy group. A non-profit, non-partisan organization founded in 1943, NFIB represents the consensus views of its 600,000 members in Washington, D.C., and all 50 state capitals. More information is available on-line at www.NFIB.org

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Luxury single-family homes are located around Hidden Lake at the resort-style residential community located in southeast Livingston County.

Hidden Lake

Offering a resort-style, residential community

By Duane Ramsey
SPECIAL WRITER

Hidden Lake, a lakefront community of upscale homes that offers resort-style living in a rural setting, continues to fulfill people's dreams. The planned, mixed-use residential development is located off Silver Lake Road just east of U.S. 23, in the southeast corner of Livingston County.

Developers Earl and Steve LaFave have created a diamond in the rough, taking the 376-acre site of a gravel pit and creating an upscale, resort-style residential community. The LaFave brothers, partners in Beck Development and Hidden Lake, have built homes and reside in the community.

"Each year it grows and just gets better and better. There seems to be something for everyone here," said Diane Paczas, marketing director for Beck Development. "We have families with children, singles, seniors and empty nesters living in the community."

Beck Development opened Hidden Lake in 2000 and has offered something new each year. A new section of off-water, detached condominiums is currently in the design stage and will be offered in late 2005 or early 2006.

This year, they opened The Falls II, the second phase of attached condominiums consisting of 48 units. The spectacular condo sites, featuring views of the lake and waterfalls, will sell in the high \$300,000 range.

The 20-foot cascading waterfall was created between the first and second phases of attached condos. A second waterfall feature is under construction just north of the first phase of



Condominiums at Hidden Lake.

attached condos.

Hidden Lake will also begin selling lots in Phase 5 of single-family homes with 43 additional waterfront sites.

The residential community is located on the 110-acre, spring-fed Hidden Lake. The clear water ranges from 15 to 60 feet in depth and offers great fishing in the stocked lake.

Residents enjoy boating, canoeing, kayaking, swimming, tubing and water skiing on the all-sports lake, excluding jet skis. A private marina offers permanent docking slips for lease or purchase, a boat launch and fishing pier.

The white sand beach with a swimming area for children is a popular place in the summer. People use the six miles of paved walkways through the natural environment for walking, jogging, rollerblading and bird-watching.

Hidden Lake is not only where the home is but also

where people gather for entertainment, recreation or social events. The community center was created as the foundation for the Hidden Lake lifestyle where family, friends and neighbors gather to enjoy the beach, lake, gardens or open green space.

A 600-seat amphitheater was created on the lakeshore to bring people together with events, such as "Meet Your Neighbors," Fourth of July fireworks display, End of Summer Bash in September and a new Octoberfest added this year.

Live entertainment with all types of music is provided for adults and teens. Carnivals, picnics, magic shows and other events are held for the children on weekends.

The Hidden Lake community is fulfilling the vision that the LaFave brothers had for the property. Their mission is to create an environment that allows people to define their lifestyle in a community that rivals the

finest resorts.

When completed, Hidden Lake will consist of more than 400 residences, including single-family homes, attached and detached condominiums on and around the lake.

The developers have selected a small group of custom builders to build homes with a wide variety of designs and floor plans for single-family homes at Hidden Lake. Detailed architectural and landscaping requirements were established to maintain the high-quality of the residential development.

Custom-built homes begin with minimums of 2,500 square feet of living space and prices ranging from high \$400,000's to more than \$1 million. The homes at Hidden Lake offer the look and feel of country estates in a setting of beautiful views, gardens, and natural areas blended with residential landscaping.

The Coves at Hidden Lake is a limited edition of individual condominium homes. The

DETAILS
Hidden Lake
■ Location: off Silver Lake Road, one mile east of US 23 (Exit 55)
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builders, Wineman & Komer are pleased to announce that they are in the closeout phase of these luxury detached condos.

The Falls of Hidden Lake offers luxury waterfront attached condos with a maintenance-free lifestyle in an upscale lakeside community. Four distinct floor plans from 2,200 to 2,700 square feet are available with walkout levels on most sites, starting in the high \$300,000's.

Hidden Lake is conveniently located with easy access to U.S. 23 and I-96 for people commuting to jobs in Ann Arbor, Flint, Lansing, or the Detroit metro area. It is located in the Brighton School District and provides municipal services that include a private water system and connection to sewers maintained by Green Oak Township.

The Hidden Lake Community Association represents the entire community and is responsible for maintaining the private roads and all common areas. There are separate associations for the single-family homes, attached and detached condominiums.

The developers are no strangers when it comes to creating residential projects in the area. Beck Development Company was involved in other residential ventures, including the award-winning Blue Heron Point in Northville, The Villas in Livonia, and Condominiums at Oak Pointe in Brighton.

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