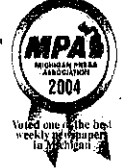




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Wixom interchange vetoed

■ Republicans outraged about Wixom Road, I-96 decision

By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER

Local Republican leaders were outraged when Gov. Jennifer

Granholt took the Wixom Road interchange off of I-96 from the state's to-do list. Granholt issued a letter Friday to the Michigan State Senate, Michigan House of Representatives and Secretary of State explaining her veto of the appropriations bill for the Department of Transportation. She vetoed several sections of the bill which she said contained special interest projects. "I am very disappointed with

this bill as put forth by the Legislature," Granholt said. "The number of special interest projects earmarked is unacceptable." The governor went on to say that "The inclusion of this type of parochial earmarking undermines the Constitutional and statutory responsibilities of the State Transportation Commission." Granholt believes state and

"I am very disappointed with this bill as put forth by the Legislature. The number of special interest projects earmarked is unacceptable."

Jennifer Granholt Governor of Michigan

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Molloy earns top cop nod

■ 16-year Novi veteran takes the command

By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER

The Novi Police Department started a new chapter in its history last Friday with the swearing in of a new chief of police, David Molloy.

Mayor Lou Cordas performed the ceremony following the annual Police Recognition Awards Program in the Police Department Training Center next to the department. Molloy's wife, Lisa, had the honor of pinning his new badge on his uniform.

Molloy was named acting chief after former Chief Doug Shaeffer died of a sudden heart attack on Aug. 15. Prior to that Molloy served as deputy chief. He learned of the promotion late last Wednesday afternoon. Lee BeGole served from 1954 to 1991, with Shaeffer serving from 1991 until his death.

"I'm very humbled to be able to carry on the traditions that the first two chiefs started in this community over 50 years ago."

David Molloy Chief of Police

Lakes Area. "I applied to Novi, and that's what brought us down here," he said. Molloy said as a young police recruit, he never thought about becoming chief of police. But, after working under Chiefs BeGole, Shaeffer and Deputy Chief Dick Faulkner, it became clear to him that he should consider a career in administration. "It wasn't something that I originally planned to do when I got into law enforcement," he said. "But, as the years went by, I could see that my career was going in that direction."

City Manager Rick Helwig was also present at the swearing-in ceremony. "We are very fortunate to have someone of his leadership and management capabilities within our leadership ranks who will stay with Novi for many years to come," Helwig said.

Only three chiefs in 51 years

Molloy is only the third police chief to serve Novi and the first law enforcement officer in his family. "I'm very humbled to be able to carry on the traditions that the first two chiefs started in this community over 50 years ago," he said.

Molloy grew up in Sandusky, Mich., and his wife is from the



Photo by JOHN HEIDER
New Novi Chief of Police David Molloy was sworn in Friday.

Joined the force in 1989

A 16-year veteran of the department, Molloy joined the force after graduating from Saginaw Valley State University with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice.

He graduated from the Eastern Michigan University School of Police Staff and Command and the Center for Excellence in Police Management Studies. In 2003, he earned a master's degree in interdisciplinary technology from Eastern Michigan University.

In 1995, Molloy was promoted to detective, and in 1997 he was promoted to sergeant. He became

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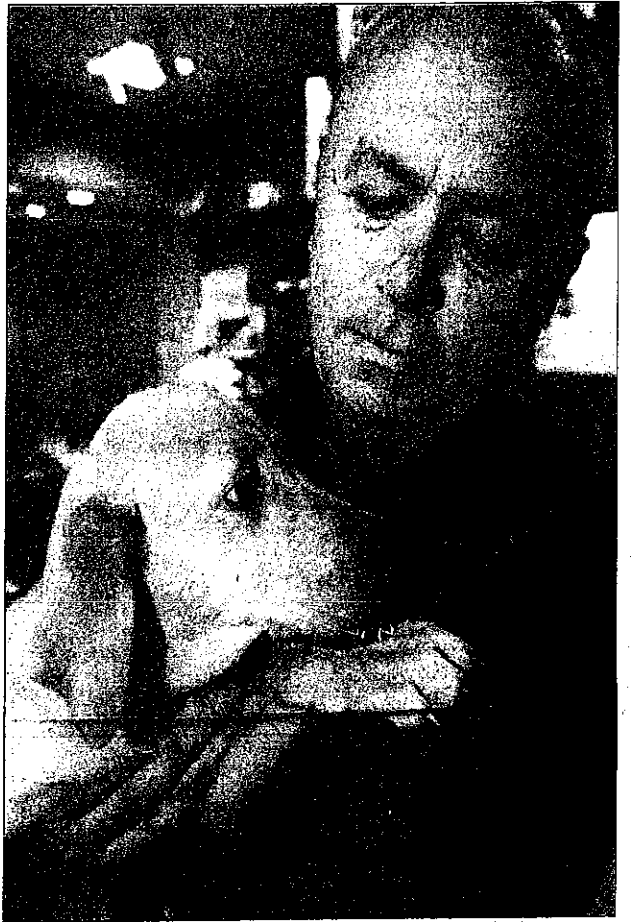


Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Petland owner Bob Thorne cuddles a labrador retriever puppy in his 12 Oaks Mall location.

Petland owner strives to be the first and best

■ "Frustrated social worker" enjoys making a difference in lives

By Ramez Khuri STAFF WRITER

His philosophy is to be the "first, best and only" in as many categories as possible at his Petland store at Twelve Oaks Mall. And to say he's succeeding would be an understatement. Bob Thorne is the owner of one of the most successful Petlands in the history of the company, a timeline spanning 38 years.

He believes his success deals directly with that philosophy because he only recruits staff members with the same attitude. "We only do what makes sense for the pets and my business," Thorne said. "I find it very easy to recruit employees because we simply look for the ones who love animals, and attitude is 99 percent of any job. We can always teach the rest."

Thorne's road map is to put the animals first in everything he does: to teach, to provide homes for pets and to take care of those animals after they leave the store.

Thorne explained that his is the first pet store in Michigan in many areas, including providing three free veterinary visits for every puppy and kitten and one free vet

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Student count shows 43 more than originally anticipated

■ District could get \$460K more

By Ramez Khuri STAFF WRITER

Jim Koster cautions that the numbers he possesses are still preliminary and unaudited, but all indications point to increased income for the Novi Community School District. Last Wednesday marked the day all students in each building were

counted to determine how much funding the district will receive this year. The per pupil foundation allowance last year was \$8,310. Novi had a budget that was presented to the board of education in July that had \$150 per student as the allocation from the state, based on 6,250 students. After Wednesday's count, the district has an estimated 6,293 students. A state aid act increased the per pupil grant from \$150 to \$175. The difference is roughly \$460,000 in increased income.

That amount will remain preliminary until final numbers are audited this winter. "We still have to go through quite a few calculations, which are due at the end of this month," said Koster, assistant superintendent of business and finance. "Right now it looks like we have 6,293 students. That's 43 more than we projected, and hopefully it turns out that way."

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Training the leader of the canine pack

■ Dog therapist shows who's the real boss

By Tracy Mishler
STAFF WRITER

Sarah Maki's dog Spartacus is taking a bite out of her social life. She'd love to invite her friends over more often, but her dog's aggressive behavior won't allow it.

Maki, 16, of Northville Township, and her family are fed up with their pet's wild behavior. "We've taken the dog to a psychologist," Maki said. "All I want to do is bring my friends home without a fiasco."

The Makis considered taking their labrador to the Humane Society. Then they heard about Bark Busters, originally founded in Australia in 1989 by Sylvia and Danny Wilson.

Their mission: Establish a global network of licensed dog behavioral therapists and trainers.

The Wilsons promote responsible dog ownership and want to prevent mistreatment, abandonment and euthanasia.

Bruce Headley, 62, of Troy, opened Bark Busters up for Novi and Northville residents last December, and has been training dogs to mind their masters with significant results.

"Our training is a combination of correction, praising and train-

ing," Headley said. "Everyone in the house is part of the pack, and as owners and trainers, we get down on the animals level with canine commands."

Bark Busters helps families deal with animals having behavioral issues.

"Back-to-school time and change in schedules can give dogs a lot of anxiety," Headley said. "Dogs are creatures of habit, and they get stressed out because things have changed."

Headley said Spartacus may be stressed because the family recently moved. Prior to a two-hour training session with Headley, the dog was quite aggressive.

Following the session, the Makis were able to take their pet into the neighborhood without the fear of him running away or snapping at neighbors.

"Aggression is all based on fear," he said. "When you take the fear away, the aggression goes with it."

Bark Busters doesn't use treats, shock collars or physical force.

"We use canine communication methods, comprised of voice control, voice tones and body language. These are all things dogs understand and can relate to."

The training sessions are held in the owner's home, and Headley said Bark Busters will correct the problem on the first visit.

"The only thing that works is to train the dog in their own environment," Headley said. "Usually, if the owner takes the dog to an off-

5 tips for a well-behaved dog

- **Ignore him:** Don't immediately pamper and pet your dog when you come home. This pampering doesn't happen in the wild, and if you ignore the dog, it gives them a chance to calm down.
- **Rotate toys:** Dogs often get bored with their toys and destroy them. Buy quality toys and rotate them with others. The dog will look forward to new toys when you leave.
- **Scatter feed:** To avoid dogs looking for food in the yard, distribute dry food over a wide area of the back yard.
- **Train the kids:** Help the kids to learn training methods used with the pet.
- **Train your dog:** It's amazing how quickly dogs learn what is acceptable and what it not. Dogs have a language of their own, and once we understand it, we can easily control them by "speaking their language."

-Bruce Headley, Bark Busters



Photo by TRACY MISHLER

Bruce Headley, 62, of Troy, opened Bark Busters up for Novi and Northville residents last December, and has been training dogs to mind their masters with significant results. Headley (right) is shown with Ahmed Maki and his labrador, Spartacus.

site school, the dog sees it as a social hour or will become intimidated. They will learn in their own environment."

Training isn't always permanent, and Headley said Bark Busters has a "life of the dog guarantee."

"Customers pay one time," Headley said, declining to cite a specific price.

"We'll come back free of charge and correct any issues the dog may have in the future. We guarantee results."

Maki's brother Ahmed, 24, was skeptical about Headley's training approach.

"We just want him to be man-

ageable," Ahmed said. "He'll never be a dog that people can come up and pet, but right now he's a liability."

For more information and pricing from Bark Busters, visit www.barkbusters.com or call (877) 280-7100.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Salon wins award

Giua Agosta Hair Color Design and Spa in Novi, owned by Giua Agosta and John Agosta, was recently awarded two first place, and one third place trophy at the Tiffany 2005 Michigan Hairdresser of the Year Awards.

The Tiffany 2005 Michigan Hairdresser of the Year Awards celebrates the artistic mastery of hairdressing by recognizing the industry's most amazing stylists and colorists in competition.

Giua Agosta Hair Color Design and Spa and Agosta Hair Men are located at 3953 Grand River in the Pleasant Run Plaza.

Saving the globe

The Practical Gardening Institute's practical gardener Janet Macunovich, Michigan State University Extension Specialists Dr. Dave Roberts and Dr. Dave Smithey and Global RelLeaf board members will be guest grillers at bfi's Mongolian Barbecue in Novi Oct. 12, to help Global RelLeaf of Michigan replant trees throughout the state.

Interested customers will pay \$16 for food and beverages and a suggested \$10 donation per person to Global RelLeaf. For reservations call, (800) 642-7353.

Going bankrupt

Research and Markets has announced the addition of Novi-based Tower Automotive Inc. to their offerings.

Tower Automotive, is the largest independent supplier, worldwide, of structural vehicle components and assemblies. The

company's product portfolio includes body structures and assemblies, lower vehicle structures, suspension and power train modules, suspension components and chassis.

Its sales for 2003 stood at \$2.816 million, posting an increase of 2.3 percent over the preceding year. In February, the company filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection.

Truck donated to Forgotten Harvest

DaimlerChrysler added by its Truck Finance Division and a Freightliner dealership in Mount Clemens donated a 2006 Freightliner M2 Truck with an 18-foot refrigerated van body to Forgotten Harvest, a Michigan organization that delivers perishable food goods to those in need.

Swan Goodall, executive director of Forgotten Harvest, accepted the keys to a vehicle from Klaus Entenmann, President and CEO of DaimlerChrysler Services North America, in a surprise presentation Sept. 30.

DaimlerChrysler Services and its employees have donated over \$300,000 to the American Red Cross to aid victims of Katrina.

Cash for Katrina

Volkswagen of America announced its Foundation would make an immediate cash donation of \$500,000 to the American Red Cross Hurricane 2005 Relief Fund to help support the relief work in the Gulf States devastated by Hurricane Katrina and Rita. The Volkswagen Foundation has also pledged up to an additional \$250,000 in

matching funds from a dealer matching gift program, and up to an additional \$50,000 from an employee matching gift program.

New project for DTE Energy

DTE Energy Services subsidiary, DTE Energy Services subsidiary, part of its power and industrial projects group, has closed the purchase of an onsite energy project from Duquesne Light Holdings after receiving approval from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

The purchase is for Metro Energy, which operates the energy facility at Detroit Metro Airport. DTE Energy Services and Duquesne Light Holdings have signed a purchase agreement for six onsite energy projects, the first of which are expected to close over the next few months. The purchase price for all six projects will total from \$35 million to \$40 million.

The DTE Energy subsidiary currently owns and operates 25 onsite energy projects throughout the country with automakers, steel companies, large commercial and institutional businesses and in the pulp and paper industry.

Natural gas prices on the rise

National Association of Manufacturers and former Michigan Governor John Engler conducted a conference call Wednesday to discuss coastal state and consumer benefits of the proposed Outer Continental Shelf access legislation.

As natural gas prices hit record highs with increasing

impact on manufacturers and consumers, the National Association of Manufacturers is calling for urgent legislative action to allow states to access oil and gas resources in the Outer Continental Shelf as part of the House budget reconciliation of a new energy bill.

Opening the Outer Continental Shelf to development by states would increase America's much-needed domestic energy supplies, allow states to control whether or not they develop their offshore energy resources, allow coastal states to benefit from energy development by sharing royalties, resulting in hundreds of millions of dollars in local revenue, and reduce record-high energy costs to American industry and consumers.

Keeping businesses safe

CTS Companies, a systems integrator serving Michigan and the Midwest, announced the launch of a secure online disaster recovery service, targeted at small and medium-sized businesses throughout the area.

CTS Companies' service is designed to help companies reliably protect the information that keeps them in business, giving them the ability to electronically transmit data from multiple locations to a secure central collection point.

CTS said its secure online disaster recovery system, a first for the area, is available immediately, with monthly service fees beginning at \$150. The system also requires the use of a Unibred DPI. For more information, call (248) 334-5800.



Bo joins Sears team

Bo Schembechler, former University of Michigan football coach from 1969-1989 and widely considered one of the greatest coaches of all time, recently made several in-store appearances to help introduce Sears Home Health Care centers. Schembechler signed autographs and greeted customers. Novi residents Shannan Stabler (left) and Kelley Stabler are shown with the football legend.

Compiled by Tracy Mishler

Developers break ground on new medical center

\$23 million facility to open in fall 2006

By Pam Fleming

STAFF WRITER

Three area doctors — Robert I. Boorstein, D.O., Jeff S. Pierce, D.O., and Ronald W. Wadle, D.O. — will soon have some new digs in Novi.

Developers for the osteopathic physicians broke ground last Thursday on a more than \$23 million Meadowbrook Medical Center.

The two-story 150,000-square-foot medical office center will be built at 25500 Meadowbrook Road at the southeast corner of Meadowbrook and 11 Mile roads.

"It's almost like a little hospital."

Tony Pricco

McShane Corporation

The three main partners who helped pull the deal together are St. John Health-Providence Hospital; an imaging center, pathology services and pharmacy.

The center will also feature the new Novi Surgery Center, an outpatient surgery center.

More than 70 percent of the center has been leased, according to Tony Pricco, vice president, McShane Corporation.

Tenants so far include Abode Integrated Medicine; Advanced Image and Health of Novi; Advanced Surgical Associates; ENT Specialists; Michigan Sports and Spine Center; Novi Surgery Center; Novi Urgent Care Center; Orthopedic Trauma Specialists; and Tri-County Urologists.



The McShane Companies of Rosemont, Ill., on behalf of physician partners Robert I. Boorstein, D.O., Jeff S. Pierce, D.O., and Ronald W. Wadle, D.O., celebrated the groundbreaking Sept. 29 for Meadowbrook Medical Center, a new two-story 150,000 square foot state-of-the-art medical office center at 25500 Meadowbrook Road. Pictured, left to right, are Robert Casalou, president, Providence Hospital; Michael D. Rebeck, D.O.; Jeff S. Pierce, D.O.; Robert I. Boorstein, D.O.; David Landry, Mayor Pro Tem; and Jeffrey A. Raday, president, McShane Construction Corporation. Below, the artist rendering of the new facility.



Pricco said doctors have told stories about performing surgeries in the middle of the night because they can't get an operating room. "The growth in the area is phenomenal, and doctors are already short on time," Pricco said. "So, to have a facility where you can do minor outpatient surgery, imaging on site, versus having to send a patient to the hospital, is a huge benefit."

Pasta, sausage lovers will have to go elsewhere with closings

Ohio-based Bob Evans restaurants are closing. Longas was unavailable to comment on the store closing.

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Ivy Garden Massage reopens after Epicure Village fire

Business sports new, larger office

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Sarah DeMar now has hope for the future. After suffering total destruction of her business, Ivy Garden Therapeutic Massage in Novi's Italian Epicure Village, she is finally back on her feet.

DeMar, owner, lost her office of two years when Weinstein Jewelers of Novi had a fire early on the morning of Aug. 24.

Her business is located in the same strip mall by Italian Epicure Restaurant on Grand River Avenue west of Meadowbrook Road.

The site is at 4200 Grand River Ave., Suite B, in the space formerly occupied by Abrucci CPA Group.

Gary Weinstein, who had just lost his wife and two sons in an automobile accident allegedly caused by a drunk driver on May 4, lost his jewelry store in the fire.

The fire was reported to have been caused by faulty electrical wiring in the building.

"Everything was going great," DeMar said, before the fire took place. "I had just hired my first therapist a month before the fire."

Fortunately, the therapist, Jessica Terski, has decided to stay with the business.

"The business just opened its doors again last week in the same strip mall."

"I'm different from a lot of the spas in the area," DeMar said. "We specialize in the therapeutic massage. We focus on anatomy and the physiology of the muscle."

Chiropractors offer referrals. DeMar said she receives most of her referrals from area chiropractors.

"She used to work with a chiropractor in Livonia."

"I like working with chiropractors because I like to really do a thorough job of addressing people's problems," DeMar said.

"When someone comes in with a neck or shoulder problem,



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

After fire destroyed nearby Weinstein Jewelers and damaged their previous location, Novi massage therapists Sarah DeMar, left, and Jessica Terski moved their Ivy Therapeutic Massage into a nearby vacancy and have set up shop there.

what's usually going on is a combination of muscle tension and misalignment of a bone," DeMar said, before the fire took place. "I had just hired my first therapist a month before the fire."

"I talk to the chiropractors, and they give me an idea of a person's problem areas," she said. "We take a really intelligent approach with massage to obtain maximum pain relief for patients."

DeMar said she also teaches her clients on how to stretch and strengthen problem areas as well.

Shop like an English tea room. Describing her shop as more like an English tea room than a marble-and-fountain design, she shopped local consignment stores to decorate the area.

"My overhead wasn't tremendous, so I'm able to offer massages at a reduced cost for the area," she said.

DeMar, who lost between \$5,000 and \$8,000 in the fire, said her insurance did not cover dam-

age caused by the fire since it didn't start in her building.

She was able to save her \$1,200 massage table, however, which was placed in an ozone room to eliminate the smoke smell. The new space is larger, too.

"The site I'm in is a lot bigger than the other one. The landlord, Jonathan Brateman, was very kind to me. He reduced the rent to keep me in business," she said.

She has two treatment rooms, now. One of the rooms is so large, she can place two massage tables in the room, which enables her to do couple massages.

In fact, she's marketing the concept for Sweetest Day on Oct. 15. "Come get a massage with your sweetie," DeMar said.

DeMar, born in Wixom, grew up in Milford and lives in White Lake. She's a professional disc golfer, ranked 17th in the world for women.

"It's been my passion since 2002," she said.

Pam Fleming is a staff writer for the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105, or by e-mail at pfleming@gannett.com.

Ivy Garden details

A one-hour massage costs \$75; a 90-minute massage costs \$100. Couple massages are the two massages for \$140. Gift certificates are available.

Hours are 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday through Friday. DeMar works two Saturdays a month from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

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Sarah DeMar

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with seed funding with which to develop data for subsequent grant applications for federal funding.

Kannan, associate professor, Department of Chemical Engineering, College of Science, was awarded \$179,700 for the project, "Nanotherapeutics." Kannan's project which consists

of researchers from the College of Engineering, Kresge Eye Institute, Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute, and the School of Medicine, is developing targeted drug delivery devices using nanomaterials. The potential applications for treatment include cancer, asthma, cerebral palsy and the development of

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OBITUARIES



JOSEPHINE ANN APPLETON

Age 63, of Round Rock, TX, passed away peacefully at home on Wednesday, September 28, 2005. She was born on January 10, 1942 in Detroit, Michigan to Paulina and Frank Dobrowski. Josie fought a tough battle with cancer for fourteen months, all while remaining strong in spirit and keeping the spunky sense of humor we all loved her for. She was an adored mother, wife, sister and favorite aunt of many. She will be deeply missed. She is survived by her husband, Donald Appleton of Round Rock; son, Wayne Appleton

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WEDDING



The Wickerts

Lauren Ann Miller and Matthew Edward Wickert were married June 25, 2005 at Wolfeboro, N.H. Father Gio Marchesani officiated the wedding. A reception was held at Bald Peak Colony Country Club, Wolfeboro, N.H.

The bride is the daughter of Kirk and Leslie Miller of Wolfeboro, N. H. She earned her bachelor of science degree at University of New Hampshire and is currently employed at Partners Health Care, Boston.

The groom is the son of Dick and Linda Wickert of Novi. He

is a 1994 graduate of Novi High School and a 1998 graduate of Michigan State University. He is employed as a Grant Manager for Cancer Research and Pathology at Mass. General Hospital.

Serving as maid of honor was Jocelyn Miller, the bride's sister. Bridesmaids included Alleigh and Carrie Wickert, the groom's sisters.

Best man was Doug Woodley. Groomsmen included Arfon Vermolen, friend of the groom. The couple honeymooned in Greece and will make their home in Boston.



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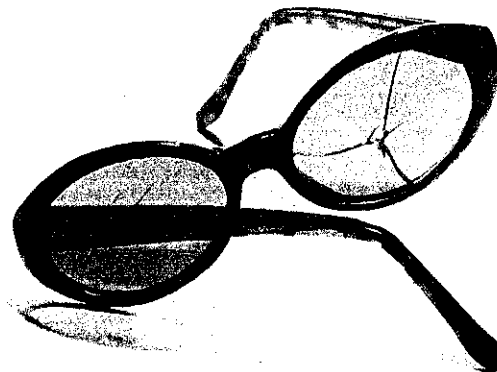


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FAITH

Ramez Khuri, staff writer (248) 349-1700, ext. 110 rkhuri@gannett.com

CHURCH CALENDAR

Meadowbrook Congregational Church invites everyone to attend a Sunday worship service at 10 a.m. A fall harvest festival will take place Friday, Oct. 14 from 4 p.m. to 9 a.m. and Saturday, Oct. 15 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The church is located at 21355 Meadowbrook Road...

Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross in Novi, Mich. will hold its 11-14 and 12A (ages 14 and up) groups meet at 5 p.m. for their program and dinner. Youth Worship Service is held at 7 p.m. the second and fourth Sunday of every month... All are welcome.

Holy Family Church is located at 24505 Meadowbrook Road between Grand River and 10 Mile Road, Novi. Call (248) 349-8847 or visit www.holyfamily-novi.org.

St. John Lutheran Church is located at 23225 Gill Road in Farmington Hills. Saturday services begin at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday traditional services are at 8:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday contemporary services begin at 9:50 a.m. and Sunday school starts at 9:45 a.m. Nursery is provided.

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EDUCATION

Ramez Khuri, school reporter (248) 349-1700, ext. 110 rkhuri@gannett.com

Novi's new dean a Wiz with students

Former police officer now dean of students



It's a job that facilitates a whole lot of fun in the building, and it's all about engaging students to be involved and to enjoy their high school years.

Mary Anne Wizinsky, Dean of Students, Novi High School

Mary Anne Wizinsky attributes most of her success in the Novi Community School District to her previous profession. As a Houston police officer, Wizinsky, or "Wiz," as most call her, learned how to deal with people.

Novi High School Dean of Students Mary Anne Wizinsky, left, looks over some homecoming information with student council representative Lindsey Yusko. Wizinsky is involved in coordinating student activities at the school.

Wizinsky moved from Houston to Novi High School 19 years ago. She worked as a teacher there for two years before taking a position at Novi Middle School, teaching English — a job she held for about 17 years. "I was thrilled when I saw the (dean job) opening," Wizinsky said. "The job is everything I expected. In fact, I told every body, 'If I could have written a job description, it would have been this one.'"

A huge part of Wizinsky's new job deals with student activities. She oversees and facilitates all clubs, co-curricular activities and the homecoming and prom dances. She's also in charge of making sure that relief efforts for national disasters such as Hurricane Katrina run smoothly. In her spare time, Wizinsky also assists in athletic contest supervision, she oversees all 11th grade student concerns and works with some teachers.

Interesting facts about Mary Anne Wizinsky:
• She attended Novi High School as a student until mid-way through her senior year, when her family moved to Houston in the late 1970s.
• She earned her college degree in education in Houston, and substituted for a while until her brother, who was recruiting for the Houston Police Department, asked if she would like to teach at a police academy, to which she replied, yes.
• She became a police officer in Houston before moving back to Novi to be a teacher.



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Maxine Chambo signs her paperwork for a 12-month lease at Meadowbrook Commons with assistant manager Rebecca Boyke.

Moving into senior living

■ Growing real estate bubble for communities

By Tracy Mishler
STAFF WRITER

Maxine Chambo was excited to finally get the keys to her new apartment.

The 82-year-old former Florida resident decided it was time to make her home in a senior community after the death of her husband, Alfred, in 2004.

Originally from Redford, Chambo said it was time to come back to Michigan, to live at the Meadowbrook Commons in Novi, to be closer to her brother and two sisters.

"I don't think I'd want to have another house," Chambo said. "My mother lived in a senior community for 11 years. If she could do it, I think I can too."

Like Chambo, more elders are looking toward senior communities. Cheryl Zagorski, residential manager for Meadowbrook Commons, said a lot of seniors are looking for companionship and a community with similar interests and needs.

"The transition can be really tough because there are so many unanswered questions," Zagorski said. "They want to know, 'What's going to change for me?'"

Zagorski said they really work hard to make sure seniors get acclimated to their new home.

"We make sure they have all the pertinent information needed for the community," she said. "We make sure they have all the details needed to have a seamless move in."

Zagorski said she is working on a move-in packet that she hopes will include coupons and special offers to get the new residents acquainted to the community.

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Assisting the move

Carolyn Ives, retirement counselor at Fox Run, each month meets with over 100 seniors considering moving into the community.

"Our moving home program is an individualized program to help people make a smooth transition into our community," Ives said. "It was created to remove the burdens of moving for seniors."

Fox Run helps seniors find the right professionals to assist in selling their homes.

"For many people, the fear of moving into a senior community is downsizing," Ives said. "In a tough real estate market, a lot of seniors are worried about all the essentials that go along with selling their homes."

"The biggest problem is getting the seniors from where they currently live into here."

Once in the Fox Run community, newcomers are welcomed by the

Resident Welcome Committee and orientation to the community.

"The residents welcome the residents here," Ives said. "Since we've only been here two years, it's very fresh in their minds about what it was like for them to be the newcomers."

Both Fox Run and the Meadowbrook Commons have limited availability on homes.

Meadowbrook Commons, offering 115 apartments and 60 ranch homes, currently has a three-to-six month wait on one-bedroom apartments and at least a six-to-nine month wait for their two-bedroom ranches.

Fox Run, offering over 500 apartments, still has apartments available depending on the floor plan.

"Moving can be one of the hardest things to do," Zagorski said. "There should be much help as possible in making sure they're as comfortable as they can be."

NOVI SENIOR CENTER CALENDAR

Friday 10/7

8:45 a.m. Pancera Bread
9 a.m. Stretch and Strength
10 a.m. Body Recall
11 a.m. Jack Main, Medicare new RX Plan
noon Lunch
12:30 p.m. Bingo
12:30 p.m. Duplicate Bridge
2-2:30 p.m. Massage/Healing Touch

Monday 10/10

9 a.m. Stretch and Strength
10 a.m. Body Recall
noon Lunch
12:30 p.m. Pinochle*
2-2:30 p.m. Massage/Healing Touch
6:30 p.m. Clogging*

Wednesday 10/12

9 a.m. Stretch and Strength
10 a.m. Body Recall
10:30 a.m. Quilting
11 a.m. Blood pressure
11 a.m. Taking Off Pounds Sensibly class
noon Lunch
12:30 p.m. Clogging*
1:30 p.m. Sing a Long with Caroline and George
2-2:30 p.m. Massage/Healing Touch

Tuesday 10/11

9 a.m. Pancera Bread
9 a.m. Line Dance
10 a.m. Asian Pacific
11 a.m. Osteoporosis-Sharon T., Oakland County Health Nurse

Thursday 10/13

9 a.m. Line dance
12:15 Bridge*
1-2 p.m. Line dance cancelled
1:30-3 p.m. Book Discussion "The Hornets Nest, Jimmy Carter"
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Floors To Your Door



By: Mike Riley

The Basics of Carpet

How carpet yarn is tufted or locked into a backing affects its texture and, ultimately, the long-term durability of your carpet.

There are several types of carpet constructions, each offering different features and benefits.

Level loop pile carpets have a smooth surface formed by loops of the same height. Informal looking, they are excellent for rooms that get lots of use.

Multi-level loop pile carpets usually have two to three loop heights that create patterned effects for a casual look. These carpets typically provide good durability and retain their appearance longer.

Cut and loop pile is a combination of the two. Often multi-colored, cut and loop helps hide soiling and footprints. Multi-colored carpet can be used for just about any room setting except the most formal.

Cut-pile carpets, featuring loops that are cut (leaving individual yarn tufts), come in four basic styles. Plush and velvet carpets offer a smooth, luxurious surface. Saxomies have a similar finish, but pile yarns have more twist, creating a less formal look. Friezes use a tightly-twisted yarn to form a curly textured surface which is less likely to show footprints and vacuum marks.

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Just one more
The Novi Wildcats football team needs just one more victory to make it to the playoffs yet again. Hartland is up next after the Wildcats edged South Lyon, 19-14, last Friday. — Page 3B



Making waves
The Novi Wildcats swimming and diving team is swimming some of their best races in the past few years and already have several events qualified for the state finals. — Page 4B



Regional Marketplace
Three Cedars Farms' owner Gary Whiteker, right, is joined by grandkids Alexis and Brjanna Thomason (2 and six months respectively) and "Hillbilly" Joe Hoskins at the Six Mile Road farm with its pumpkin patch, corn maze and other attractions. — Page 6B

SPORTS

Thursday, October 6, 2005

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Quick Hits

Dops

In the cutline for the photo of A.W. Stanek last week, the Novi News incorrectly identified him as scoring the lone goal against the Northville Mustangs. Shane Bublinski who scored the goal.

Good eats

The Northville Gourmet, located on Eight Mile Road just east of Taft, has long been a favorite spot of Novi News sports writer Sam Eggleston for a place to grab something to eat (he's partial to the Chicago hot dogs). Now, it's a place to run into some familiar faces. Novi football coach Tab Kelleppourey said owner Dave Stewart "treats us well" as he watched the Michigan football game a few weeks back and chowed down on some of the Gourmet's top-notch food. Gourmet food and a football game? That's the way to go!

Just one more!

The Novi Wildcats need just one more win in order to earn an automatic berth into the state playoffs. The general best way to earn a trip to the playoffs is six victories in a single season. If you end up with five wins, then it's a horrific mess of mathematical equations that is far too much to explain in this column. Check out www.nhsaa.com if you want to see the math involved. Look under the sports link and go to football. It's on that web page. But any team that ends up with just five wins probably doesn't belong anyway. Most of the time, they're knocked out in some bruising blowout. That's why Novi just does it the tried-and-true way — six wins and they're in!

It's in the numbers!

So a few people took offense when the Novi News said Pat Sijan was the best football kicker in the conference. Well, he's gone 3-for-4 on field goals, 13-for-15 on extra points, booted 23 kickoffs for 1353 yards and six touchbacks and has used his leg for 19 punts for 679 yards and a long of 61. There may be another kicker out there with more complete statistics, but our money is on Sijan any day. Besides, he doesn't miss them when they count.

Live stats!

Willy Mena is the man. This guy knows stats inside and out and is so good, the professionals use him. Mena also makes sure everyone who can't make a Novi football game doesn't miss a beat either. Using some high tech gadgets, he's made it so his cell phone updates his computer, which in turn updates his Web page with play-by-play coverage. If you're near a computer but can't make the game, check it out at www.menalogs.com/football-live and you'll be practically sitting at the game! Of course, if you're not near a computer but you're near a radio, check out WOVI radio with Alex Prasad and Matt Skaglin as they announce the game on 89.5 FM.

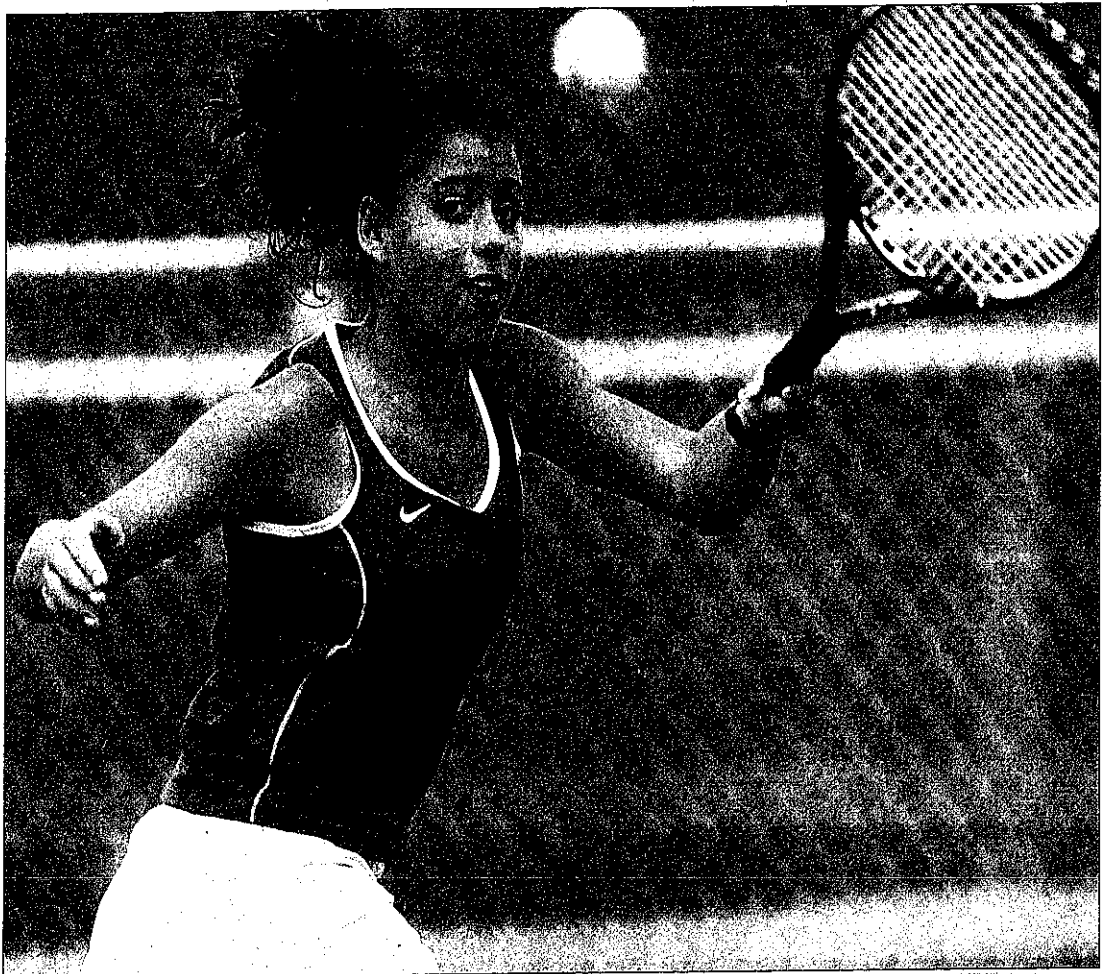


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Novi's Jenn Felcher, a freshman and ranked #4 for singles, returns a shot to her Hartland High opponent.

Fitting in as a freshman

By Courtney Ratkowiak
SPORTS INTERN

Jennifer Felcher knows that playing with the big kids just isn't that big of a deal anymore. Felcher, after beginning her career at the age of two, is now the only freshman on the Novi varsity tennis team. This season, she was undefeated in the league and lost only three matches in regular-season play. She placed first in her flight at the KVC tournament on October 1, winning matches against Hartland and Brighton before defeating Howell in the finals. Felcher first showed her potential for varsity-level play during informal summer workouts and dedicated returning players during tryouts to earn the fourth singles spot. "When I made varsity, I was very excited because I was not expecting it all," she said. "Coming in as a freshman, I just wanted to play. I tried my hardest (at tryouts) and I achieved my goal!" Coach Jim Hanson said that, although grade level is not a factor in determining varsity players, it is uncommon to have a freshman on the team.

"She's earned her way," he said. "She's a very good player, very athletic and very fast on her feet. She's a tough player to play because she'll make you hit a lot of shots, she keeps the ball in play and usually just wears her opponent down." This season was Felcher's first with a competitive team; previously, she had individually competed in tournaments. Her favorite part of the experience was getting to know her teammates while being the youngest of the group. "They joke around and call me 'freshman', but it doesn't bother me," she said. "I think it's fun." "You would think a typical freshman would be quiet and do whatever you ask them to, but she talks a lot and she's not shy at all," senior captain Ayano Nakamura added. "The upperclassmen are all nice to her. She's really outgoing and she fits in well." Felcher admits that, earlier in the season, she was sometimes uncertain about her place on the team. "I didn't know if I would do good on the team as four singles because it was my first year and there are other girls that could have taken my spot," she said. "I was sometimes nervous going into meets and not knowing who I was going to play, but the whole team helped me out."

Felcher's athletic talents extend beyond the tennis court. Although the fall tennis season does not allow her to play for the school basketball team, she plans to try out for volleyball and track. While participating in any sport, she said that she tries to stay optimistic and determined. "Before a game, I just try to have a positive attitude," she said. "I get pumped up for the game and just have in my head not to give up if my opponent is good, and I stick with that." In the future, Felcher hopes to play number one singles while helping the team qualify for states. Hanson said that her accomplishments as a freshman have established a solid foundation for a four-year varsity career. "She'll be a very important person for the next three years, there's no doubt about that," Hanson said. "We're graduating a couple seniors out of singles, so ... she's going to play higher up in the lineup (in the future). That's tougher competition, so she's going to have to continue to improve, but I think she will meet that challenge."

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'Cats win KVC, again

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

It's all in a decade's work for Jim Hanson. The Novi Wildcats tennis coach earned his 10th-straight Kensington Valley Conference title last week when his squad pounded through the league championships and came away with the top spot with 16 points. The Wildcats won every flight with the exception of one singles, holding their seeding in each. "The girls really stepped up and met the challenge," said Hanson. "We played well. We've played well all year long in the KVC. I'm really pleased with how we did and I think the tournament really exemplified our depth, especially in sin-

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Jim Hanson
Novi Tennis Coach

gles." The only flight the Novi netters failed to snag a championship in was at first singles where

Hartland's Caitlin McGuire won and Brighton's Jenny Nalepa taking second. Novi's Ayano Nakamura finished third in the flight. "She's our number one and she has the task of playing the best in both league and non-league competition," Hanson said. "She played a really good match. McGuire was just on and, with a player that caliber, she's hard to beat when she's on." The Wildcats had Carly Lyall (second singles), Diana Ticu (third singles), Jenn Felcher (fourth singles), Amanda Brandemihl and Allison Yee (first doubles), Jackie Wang and Siwei Wang (second doubles), Samantha Caldwell and

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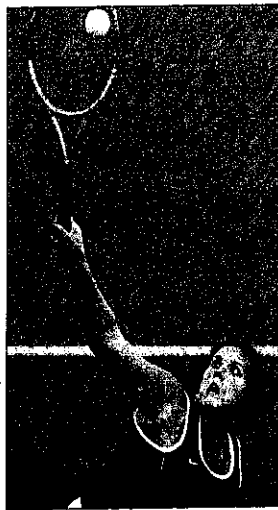


Photo by JOHN HEIDER
Allison Yee serves to a Hartland High doubles team. Yee is teamed up with Novi's Amanda Brandemihl.

By the numbers	13	3rd	3rd	7th	5th	6	1
	Novi soccer's unbeaten streak to this point in the season	Ranking Catholic Central golf has in the state for Division I teams	Ranking the Novi Wildcats soccer team has for Division I in Michigan	Novi tennis' current rank in Division I as they head into regionals tomorrow	Brighton soccer's ranking in Michigan, and they will play Novi today at Novi	Events which Novi swimming has earned qualifying times for the state finals	Wins Novi football needs to lock in state playoff berth

'Cats win KVC

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Libby Schulte (third doubles) and Cassie Gordon and Bindu Mangan (fourth doubles) earn flight championships.

Now, Novi has to look forward to tomorrow's regional tournament.

"It's the toughest regional in the state in Division 1," said Hanson. "There are four top-10 ranked teams and two other teams that could win most regions."

"It's going to be a tough competition and hopefully we meet the challenge. Hopefully we can qualify for the state finals."

The finals, which will be held next week in Midland, are the ultimate goal for any tennis team. But, Hanson isn't letting goals get in the way of reality.

"The Wildcats will host the regional at the middle school and high school tennis courts tomorrow starting around 8:30 a.m. and lasting all day long."

Novi will have to come ready to play if they hope to advance.

"We're going to have to play our best match of the year," said Hanson. "Then, we have to hope that is good enough."



Ayano Nakamura in action against a Hartland High opponent.

"That allowed me to sub liberally the rest of the game," O'Leary noted.

Just as ball-time was preparing to begin, Marc Chocobelli tapped in a Marc Crawford pass for a 4-0 lead.

The second half was much of the same as the first with Ballantyne firing home a 25-yard rocket off the goal post and into the net.

Chocobelli finished the scoring off a pass from Troy Love. Sean Simney didn't have much work, stopping four shots for his sixth shutout.

But Brighton finished sixth in the tournament with a 326, while Lakeland and Milford, who finished first and third, respectively, tied Brighton in the final standings with 30 points apiece.

The KVC title is determined by this method: Each place in the Pre- and Post-KVC meets is worth from 14 points for the winner down to zero for last place. Each win in a regular season meet is worth two points.

Final KVC Golf Standings
1. Brighton 14; 2. Novi 12; 3. Lakeland 8; 4. Milford 8; 5. Pinckney 4; 6. Hartland 2; 7. South Lyon 0; 8. S. Lyon 0; 9. Pinckney 0.

Soccer playing strong

The Novi Wildcats were still on fire when they upended Howell, 6-0, last week.

The squad started things off when Adam Ballantyne put the ball in the back of the net on a drop pass from Ryan Carter. Four minutes later, A. W. Staneck finished a Hiroki Yamada cross and six minutes after that Carter took a through pass from Staneck and put it in the back of the net for a 3-0 lead.

Golf finishes up KVC

The Kensington Valley Conference golf schedule wrapped up Monday with the Post-KVC tournament.

The Brighton Bulldogs, who went in with a comfortable six-point lead over Milford, needed only to finish fourth to claim the outright title.



Siwei Wang, right, gives a tennis racket low-five to doubles partner Jackie Wang during their game against a Hartland High team.

NOVI SCOREBOARD

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Howell 337.
ALL-KVC FIRST TEAM — Richardson (P) and Brian Lynch (L); 151; Brett Quittiquit (M) 154; Fons (Har), Provenzola (B), Justin Bowers (L) 155; Alex Lyall (N), Nick Prekop 156.
ALL-KVC SECOND TEAM: Hamlet (How), Outcall (B), Scott Czekaj (N) 158; Jon McCarthy (M) 159; Matt Swanson (SL), Ryan Blazny (M) 161; Moilanen (B) 162; Brett Neville (N) 164.
ALL-KVC HONORABLE MENTION: Brighton — Nick Rollick, Hartland — Matt Acton, Brandon DeVita, Howell — Jeremy Canada, Steve Cranston, Milford — Derek Estrada, Novi — James Kim, South Lyon — C.B. Smith, Richard Weisenburger.

Tankers lose first meet

The Novi Wildcats swimming and diving team lost their first dual meet of the year, 99-85, to state-ranked Northville last week.

The Wildcats had Amy Glubzinski finishing first in diving while Jettie Schramm earned her state cut in the 100 backstroke with a 1:03.64.

Yukie Tamura and Mary Rudzinski were first and second in the 100 backstroke while Kerry Abel finished second in the 50 freestyle and the 100 butterfly.

The squad bounced back against Lakeland, winning 140-46 in a dominating performance.

First place finishes included Emily Stark in the 200 freestyle, Chelsea Reynolds in the 100 freestyle and Stella Chung in the 500 freestyle.

The 200 yard freestyle relay teams went one, two and three. The teams were Stark, Dana Hapanowicz, Yalda Dastmalchi and Kerry Abel; Courtney Raikowak, Nina Abboud, Lauren Paquette, and Emily Erickson and Julie Schramm, Michelle Zerlich, Erica Benham and Kristen Engelston.

Amy Glubzinski and Valerie Ziegler took first and third, respectively, in diving.

Hoops beats Lakeland

The Novi basketball team upended Lakeland last week, 41-21, to improve to a 5-3 overall mark so far this year.

The team was led by Nikki Stephen, who scored 10 points, while Jessie Gasiorok and Rachele Folino added eight each. Chantel Hill and Katelyn Tuck notched four points each in the victory.

Boys lose close one

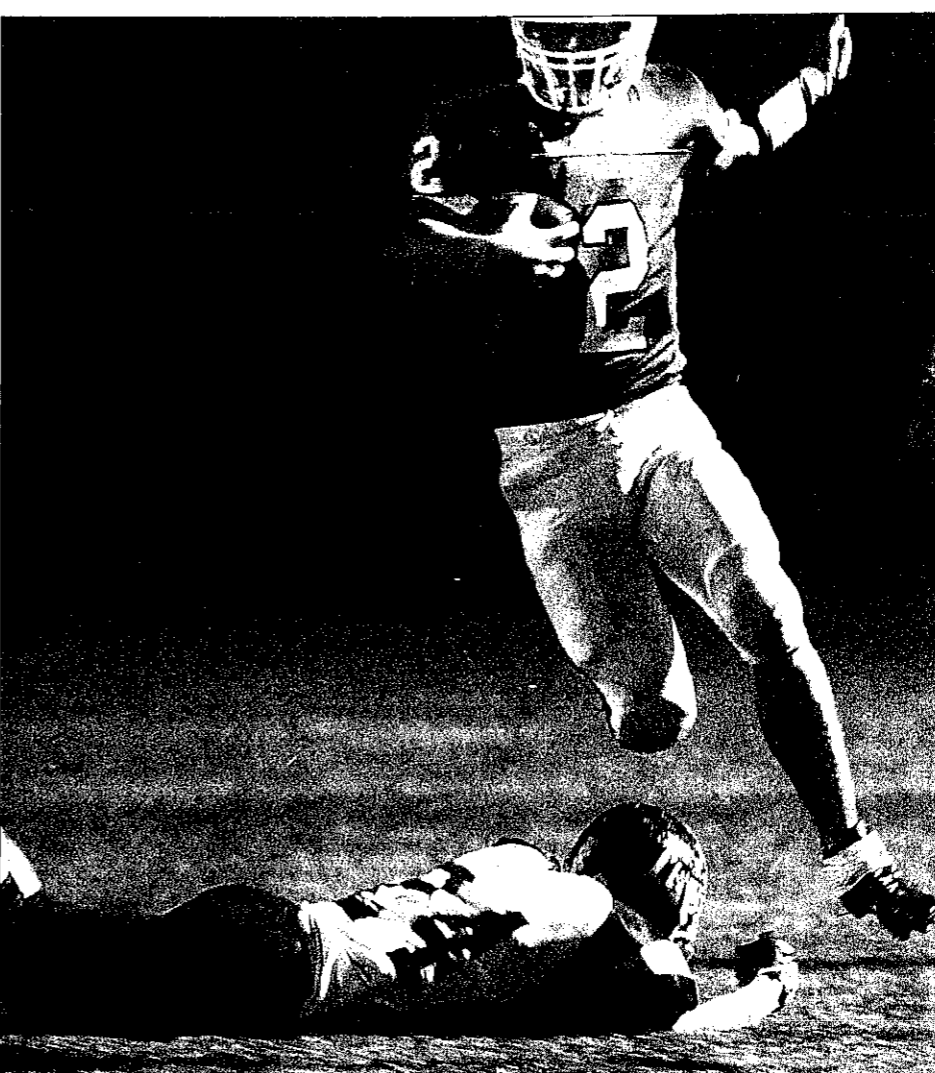
The Novi boys cross country team lost a close match, 26-30, against the Brighton Bulldogs last week.

Coach Bob Smith said the only way Brighton could beat Novi was with a first, second and third place finish. Unfortunately, that's exactly what the Bulldogs did in order to secure the victory.

Alex Prasad and Mike Wheat led the way, each running in the 16-minute mark.

Novi QB Adam Chandler hurdles a South Lyon defender on his way to making a second-half gain in last Friday's home game.

JUST ONE MORE!



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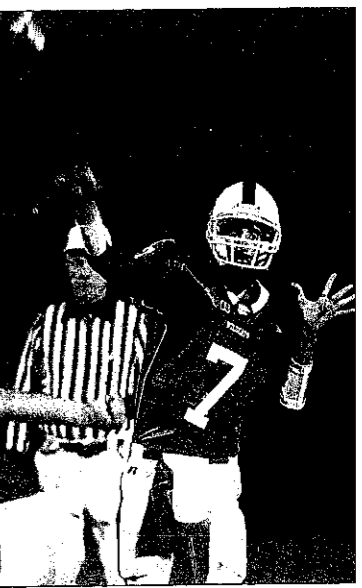
Kensington Valley Conference Football Standings

	KVC			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Brighton	5	0	0	5	1	0
NOVI	4	1	0	5	1	0
Milford	4	1	0	3	3	0
South Lyon	2	3	0	3	3	0
Lakeland	2	3	0	3	3	0
Howell	2	3	0	3	3	0
Hartland	1	4	0	2	4	0
Pinckney	0	5	0	0	6	0

Last Friday's Games
Novi 19, South Lyon 14
Brighton 13, Howell 6
Lakeland 14, Pinckney 0
Milford 41, Hartland 7

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Story by SAM EGGLESTON



Wildcat playcaller Steve Hart lofts an end-of-the-first-half touchdown pass to receiver Brandon Carnegie.

'Cats tame Lions, eye playoff berth

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

quarter for a 13-7 difference following a four yard run by Chandler. Sijan's kick was no good.

South Lyon, not surprisingly, fought back, scoring again on an 87-yard pass that found the endzone after a dash down the field. The Lions hit the extra point, taking a 14-13 lead.

The Wildcats have never been the kind of team to just throw their hands up and quit and they showed that persistence again from their 20 yard line with 1:35 left in the third quarter. The Cats began to march, going 80 yards on 17 plays and eating up over nine minutes of clock. The drive culminated with a six-yard pass from Chandler to Carnegie for the game-winning score with 4:55 left in the game.

Novi's two-quarterback style has been one Kelleporey has run for several seasons. Three years ago, it was Chandler's older brother, Chase, and Hart's older brother, Mike, sharing time on the field. That team bowed out to Catholic Central in the regional title game.

"It's something we've always done," said Kelleporey.

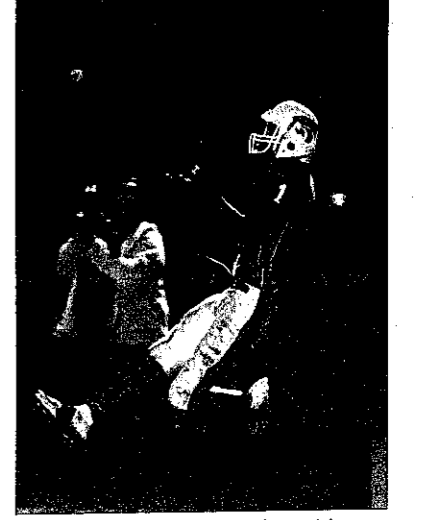
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SCORE BY QUARTER

	1	2	3	4	Total
Novi	0	7	6	6	19
South Lyon	7	0	7	0	14

LEADERS
Rushing: David Carnegie, 8-81; Adam Chandler, 5-24; Brandon Carnegie, 2-17; Brad Sisson, 4-11
Passing: Steve Hart, 14-20-138; Chandler, 1-1-6
Receiving: Brandon Carnegie, 5-42; Bret Cooke, 4-36; Chandler, 3-33; David Carnegie, 2-21
Sacks: Eric Zhao, 1
Tackles: Ryan Figurski, 10; Alex Bartlett, 9; Mike Kolis, 9; Tyler Hoover, 7.5; Tom Spislich, 6.5

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Brandon Carnegie leaps in the air to catch Novi's go-ahead touchdown score in the final moments of Friday's game.

Novi ready for victory

The Hartland Eagles better learn to duck and cover in a hurry.

The Kensington Valley Conference squad is next on Novi's hit list as the Wildcats look to earn one more victory for a guaranteed berth into the state playoffs.

Novi, coached by former Hartland head coach Tab Kelleporey, will use their combination of strong passing and impressive running ability when they visit Hartland tomorrow at 7 p.m.

The Wildcats, who are 5-1 on the season and 4-1 in the KVC, are thirsty for their sixth-straight playoff berth and won't be taking it easy on any opponents. Hartland, on the other hand, is a 2-4 squad (1-4 KVC) with no realistic hope at a playoff contention.

Novi's keys will be the passing attack from Steve Hart to Brandon Carnegie while the rushing attacks of David Carnegie and Adam Chandler could easily find the endzone time and time again in this contest.

Hartland's defense won't be the only part of their team being assessed as their offense will have to fight off a strong defensive front led by Tommy Spislich and Tyler Hoover.

Sacks have been a constant source of Novi's defensive pressure and the entire game will be wanting

a piece of the Eagles quarterback. The player who could easily come away with the most take downs? Eric Zhao, a speedy defender who runs like a defensive back and hits like a charging linebacker. This kid feeds off of big hits.

Of course, no game is a guarantee and Kelleporey and the coaching staff will want to get this game secured early. Expect to see plenty of points on the board for Novi.

Prediction: Novi 38, Hartland 12

GAME OF THE WEEK

Novi Wildcats Football vs Hartland Eagles

Friday, October 7, 7 p.m. at Hartland



A South Lyon ballcarrier is brought down by Novi's Eric Zhao during last Friday's game hosted by the Wildcats.

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NFIB UPDATE

Time to cure America's legal disease

Americans are famous for rallying to great causes. When natural disasters strike, the nation's citizens never hesitate to reach out to those who are suffering. When challenges to our national security occur, the hands of volunteers rise instantly. Major strides in medical science have become possible through the fund-raising efforts of those who cared enough to get involved.

Today, there is a disease that, if not treated and cured, could become fatal to millions of American small businesses and the jobs they create. It hasn't attracted the public attention that human diseases garner, but the potential for spreading like a plague exists. In fact, it has already taken root within our legal system and is growing at a phenomenal rate.

Spreading its malignant fingers to endanger the nation's free enterprise sector is a deadly practice of lawsuit abuse that today costs Americans more than \$200 billion dollars a year — the equivalent of a 5-percent tax on wages. While some claims are legitimate, a large percentage of lawsuits are completely without merit. But even when cases are frivolous, businesses have no choice but to dig deep to defend themselves, spending hard-earned dollars that should be allocated to growing their businesses and adding employees.

To draw attention to this dangerous disease, small-business activists will raise this and other issues during National Lawsuit Abuse Awareness Week, Oct. 3-7. During the week, local, state and national organizations will

Jack Faris

cast the spotlight on individuals and attorneys who file baseless claims and victimize innocent people. These abusers of our legal system should be held accountable for their actions.

Pro-small-business members of Congress also are joining the search for a cure by working for passage of H.R. 420, the Lawsuit Abuse Reduction Act. The legislation discourages frivolous lawsuits by reinstating several important provisions of Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure — rules that were changed in 1993. It also adds several new provisions to deter baseless claims.

A recently released NFIB Research Foundation poll found that the median total cost to settle a legal dispute is about \$5,000. Considering that the average small-business owner's salary is less than \$50,000 a year, it should be easy to understand why the economic pressures to settle are enormous. In fact, small-business owners say being sued is one of the most threatening experiences they encounter — especially for the smallest firms that could be put out of business by one frivolous lawsuit.

Liability reform is gaining momentum. States across the nation have recognized the need for change and have taken steps to limit frivolous lawsuits.

Anyone who doubts the need for lawsuit reform need only look to the recent attempts by trial lawyers to threaten legal action against caring citizens who rushed to aid Hurricane Katrina victims. When an institution of American society becomes so diseased that Good Samaritans are sued when trying to help people, the search for a cure must begin in earnest.

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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Three Cedars Farms' owner Gary Whitaker, right, is joined by grandkids Alexis and Briana Thomason (2 and six months respectively) and "Hillbilly" Joe Hoskins at the Six Mile Road farm with its pumpkin patch, corn maze and other attractions.

THREE CEDARS FARMS

If you think the days of visiting grandpa on the farm are over, you haven't seen Three Cedars Farm in Salem Township. Only a quiet country drive from South Lyon, Novi, Plymouth or Northville, it features all the charm of an old fashioned farm with a twist of fun.

The farm itself resembles a Norman Rockwell painting with colorful landscaping and folk art accenting well-tended buildings and picket fences. This time of year it's surrounded by piles of pumpkins and colorful mums. Not only are the grounds attractive, Three Cedars is a fully functioning farm, harvesting their corn and pumpkins as well as providing entertainment. Owner, Gary Whitaker, notes the ideas just evolved.

"We bought the farm ten years ago, and decided to plant pumpkins and it's taken off from there."

Eventually they opened the farm for the public to enjoy. They now feature activities for all ages with twelve acres of U-Pick pumpkin patches and goat farm for the entire family to enjoy. There are group bonfires and an amazing corn maze — a great hit with all ages. The corn maze covers seven acres and is professionally designed by a company in Missouri.

"A lot of people who come through the corn maze during the day like to come back with flashlights at night," observed Whitaker's wife, Sherry.

Every size of pumpkin is available for purchase, including the designer white as well as squash. Visitors can also find ready picked pumpkins and fall décor including corn stalks and bales of straw.

"It's fun to have people come

DETAILS

Three Cedars Farm is open Sunday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to dusk, Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. or by appointment. School and group packages may be arranged. These events will be featured from now until Halloween. During the holiday season the farm will be transformed into a display resembling a Currier and Ives. At that time they'll feature trees, wreaths and roping for sale. Children can visit Santa and Mrs. Claus. Three Cedars Farm is located at 7879 Six Mile Road in Salem Township (Northville Mailing address). For more information or to book a school field trip, church group or family party call (248) 437-8200.

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out year after year to bring their families out and enjoy it," said Gary Whitaker.

Fresh baked donuts and apple cider are new this year, he added. Fall is the perfect season to visit the donut hut, where you can smell the fresh cinnamon and apple cider inside. You can buy cider by the glass, half or whole gallon. Seating is available for visitors to sit down and relax.

Whittaker and his wife, Sherry, took over the farm ten



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The "General Store" gift shop at Three Cedars Farm.

A FAMILY AFFAIR

Why not make a visit to Three Cedars Farm a family event? The whole family can head out for a hayride, like three generations of the Iriarte family did one sunny afternoon. Mom, Lisa Iriarte, said it was so refreshing to spend the afternoon outdoors. The family was visiting from Wellington, Florida to escape the heat and the hurricane weather.

Mama, (or grandma) Kathy Ehler, reminisced about her life on the farm, remarking she never did get a tractor to ride so smoothly. Four-year-old Gabriella Iriarte and her brother, 2-year-old Mikel watched pumpkin patches and cornfields sitting atop bales of straw. Gabriella remarked that she liked the pumpkins and tractor best of all.

Stop by the visit the friendly crew, Hillbilly Joe, Bub the famous farmer, Bonnie the donut lady and Corn Stalk Darrell.

years ago from his best friend, Fred Verran, whose name still remains across the big red barn. A packaging executive by trade, he is grateful to Verran for the opportunity to enjoy the agrarian lifestyle.

It's a family affair at Three Cedars where Whitaker's children, Jamie Martin, Carrie Thomason and Travis Whittaker can all be found working, along with their spouses, Matt Martin, Ryan Thomason and Jennifer Whittaker. Thomason is the

owner of Three Cedars Landscape Company, which keeps the grounds attractive and well groomed.

Whittaker's wife, Sherry, is the mastermind behind the general store on the premises.

The store resembles a neighborhood shop in Mayberry. Young and old alike enjoy looking through the old fashioned candy and assorted goods like the galvanized tub filled with vintage "small" bottles of coke. The milk house area of the

barn contains an old fashioned barbershop, a tribute to Sherry's grandfather, a former barber and minister. The room is equipped with antique bottles of potion, brushes and an authentic barber's chair.

"I've always loved the Andy Griffith Show, so I wanted to make this into an old fashioned barbershop," said Whittaker.

The upper level features a spacious floor area. All three of the Whittaker children were married there.

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