



# Firefighters say damage to home about \$350,000

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basements and parts of the first and second floors.  
The estimated damage is about \$350,000, Johnson said. And that includes four vehicles. It's pretty tragic.  
Johnson said the investigation into the fire has been forwarded to the Oakland County Sheriff's Department for further investigation.  
"We'll bring in the Sheriff's department if there isn't any clear

cause for the fire," Johnson said. "We generally call them in if there is something that is not clear about the fire."  
Johnson also said that he did not expect a quick response on the final determination for the fire considering the sheriff's department has a couple of other fires to investigate.

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# Solicitor charged with accosting officer

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Internet that running an escort service over the Internet was "legal." Police tell the Novi News that escort services are legal up until they provide sex to customers.  
Al-Dairy was driven to her home where her computer was confiscated by police for evidence. Al-Dairy, who was released without bond, will be arraigned on solicitation and accosting charges on January 2001 in 52nd 1st Division Court in

Novi.  
Lindberg said there is a proliferation of such Web sites on the Internet.  
"There are a lot of these Web sites out there but we don't have the resources to spend on it," Lindberg said. "There are about 25 to 50 Web sites that cater to the metro Detroit area."  
Randal Yakey is a staff writer for the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700.

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# CCW law passes with little hoopla

By MIKE MALOTT  
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"Will more CCW permits be issued? Probably. Will there be more guns out there? There are millions of guns out there now," according to state Sen. Willis Bullard, R-Highland.

He was explaining that if the state Legislature adopts the "shall issue" permit law now pending in conference committee in Lansing, no one is quite sure how many additional people would be able to carry concealed weapons in Michigan.

Initial estimates given by bill sponsor Rep. Mike Green, R-Mayville, put the number at about 200,000. But the Senate added enough restrictions to the law and required more training, so that some lawmakers were willing to predict that fewer people would be able to get permits than under the current law.

The conference committee — including Bullard, Green, Reps. Larry DeVuyst, R-Alma, William J. Callahan, D-St. Clair Shores, and

Sens. Phillip Hoffman, R-Horton, and Christopher Dingell, D-Trenton — will meet this coming week, likely on Tuesday, to hammer out differences between the House and Senate versions.

The proposal stalled a year and a half ago after the shootings at Columbine High School, but legislative leaders want to try to revise it in lame duck session before it dies at the end of year.

Dingell said last week he expected no action.

"It was a fun dance by the governor to gain Republican support in outstate districts, but now that the election is over, he doesn't want anything to be done with it," Dingell concluded.

Bullard, on the other hand, said he has been talking to Green about what changes need to be made to win passage. He said Green had indicated to him there were members had with the more restrictive, Senate-passed version. Once those are solved, representatives would likely sup-

# Our Lady of Victory picks new site in Novi

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE & RANDAL YAKEY  
Staff Writers

It looks as if Novi will be the home of a new Catholic school and church.

On December 20, Our Lady of Victory of Northville received preliminary site plan and special land use approval from the Planning Commission.

The new church facility, to be located on the northwest corner of Eight Mile and Beck Roads, will include a K-8 school, sanctuary, offices and a social hall.

The 23-acre site was purchased by the church last summer from the land's owner Margaret Zayt.

According to Ned McGrath of the Archdiocese of Detroit, Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church experienced large amounts of growth over the past

few years and was looking to expand because the current facility was not conducive.

After a 1997 Northville Zoning Board of Appeals rejected an expansion plan that would have required exceptions to local zoning ordinances, the archdiocese began looking for property in other locations including both Northville and Novi.

The Roman Catholic church, currently located on Thayer Boulevard in Northville, has had plans for six new classrooms, a gymnasium, and a new parking lot on land it owned on Main Street and Orchard Drive in Northville.

"We have wanted to expand and the neighbors said 'no,' so we said 'bye,'" Fordyce said in a previous interview.

The church felt that Beck and Eight Mile was a good location because they would still be residing within their parishioner's boundaries, which extends to Nine Mile and Napier.

"We are hoping 100 percent of our parishioners will follow us to our new location," said Dave Lubis, a member of the Stewardship Commission for OLV.

Planning Commissioner Chairman Kim Cappello said while schools and area churches are subject to special land use approval, he would vote in favor of the facility. However, he was troubled by placing a non-tax base project on such a valuable piece of land.

"Putting a non-tax base entity on a lot of taxable land, which as a tax burden, falls on us as taxpayers," he said.

Cappello also noted that the city already has a Catholic church, St. James, located two miles away.

Because the church's new site borders both cities — Novi and Northville — storm water run-offs were also questioned by the commission.

Commissioners Andrew Mutch and Toni Nagy said they did not want to see a report of Quality Ridge City consultants will gather additional information of the drainage impact and have it ready at final site plan approval.

# Developers say Main Street is on track

By RANDAL YAKEY  
Staff Writer

Rumors and exaggerations have surrounded the Novi downtown Main Street project for the past two years.

But according to John Bernard, real-estate advisor of Main Street, those rumors of Novi's Main Street demise have been "greatly exaggerated."

Bernard, manager of Bernard Real Estate Services, LLC, who joined Jim Chen as a real-estate advisor to Chen's Evergreen Development since 1998, said the downtown is coming along at a fast, steady pace and he's proud of the turn around he says is well on its way for Main Street.

"I had a lot of comments on the Holiday Walk," Bernard said. "Thank you, John for being selective on the tenants. That is because of how well this [downtown] is coming together. It's nobody, it's just a leasing consultant; a real-estate consultant. But I am proud that people notice. We want to succeed. The nicest thing we hear is that we need more space."

Bernard said that what they are trying to do in the new downtown is something not been done before. Bringing restaurant retail and office space together — and the people are the main element.

"A lot of the times I tell Jim Chen that I look for motivation, sincerity, knowledge," Bernard said. "In March of 1998 when two buildings were shut down, he [Chen] was rumored to be bankrupt. We've taken over and I think we're putting together a unique concept."

Bernard said Chen agreed he couldn't be a "yes man" and that there needed to be some hard deci-

sions made on strategy for the Main Street project, especially when it comes to tenants.

"By strict definition, we are a downtown," Bernard said. "We are a central business district. And as such we stand alone because we are not 'big box,' like the malls. We're not Neiman Marcus, Sax Fifth Avenue or J.L. Hudsons. We're unique specialty stores where you come and eat, you walk around and see what else is here."

Because of the emphasis on "unique" or "specialty" stores, there needs to be more time to get the kind of business in place that will make the Main Street concept work, Bernard said.

"It is more difficult from a leasing standpoint to do the unique specialty stores than it is to do real-estate where you have million and a half square feet to deal with," Bernard said. "If you read the International Council of Shopping Centers, the national publications, the new thing now in the big shopping centers is five, six or seven jewelers in one mall — all in competition with each other. We don't want to turn the downtown into that. We want people and merchants that are already living in Novi — and people from outside Novi to come here — and succeed."

But there are those that feel the Main Street project has taken much too long to come to fruition. Current Planning Commission Chairman Kim Cappello is one of those individuals. Cappello, who has been chair of the downtown [from Center] steering committee, and has been involved in development since its inception feels the project is lagging.

"This all should have been built up years ago," Cappello said. "I don't know if it was improper construction

management or just poor project management as a whole. I think that something happened in the construction process that caused the cash flow to go down. Now, the city's challenge is to get the developer to finish the project."

Cappello said Main Street should be much closer to completion than it currently is and he blames a portion of that on Bernard.

"I don't know what [John] Bernard is trying to do here," Cappello said. "I don't think Bernard has brought too much to the table at all. Mr. Bernard says he's done so much but you look at the percentage of tenants he's brought in since he's been on board compared to what Thompson-Brown brought to the development. I think Thompson-Brown brought in a lot more."

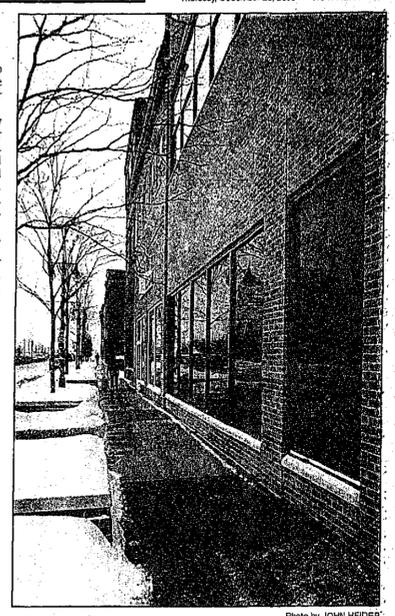
Since Bernard took over for Thompson-Brown in 1998, Cappello said there have been a number of complications between the city and what are perceived as the needs of the development.

"I don't know if Bernard is the right person to be marketing this development," Cappello said. "I think you need to look at how many times Mr. Chen has come through the planning department (or) the Town Center Steering Committee and asked for revisions in the sign ordinance. You'd figure they didn't have a clue."

Cappello said the problem Bernard and Chen say they are having is luring tenants to come because of Novi's sign ordinances.

Bernard is aware that there have been some problems with the project as a whole. He is working diligently to keep the Main Street project moving forward.

"None of us have never been in



Novi's Main Street complexes on a snowy day last week.

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**SPECIAL FEATURE: MULTI-TASKING TEENS**



Novi High student Erica Slating works out with her varsity pom squad during a recent practice.

**SURVEY SAYS: ACTIVE KIDS DO BETTER IN SCHOOL**

Research conducted in 1991 by Skip Dane of Hardness Research, Casper, Wyoming, revealed the following about participation in high school activities:

1. By a 2-to-1 ratio, boys who participate in extra-curricular activities do better in school, do not drop out and have a better chance to get through college.
2. The ratio for girls who participate in sports/clubs and do well in school is three to one.
3. About 92 percent of extra-curricular activity participants do not use drugs.
4. School athletes are more self-assured.
5. Sports participants take average and above-average grades.
6. Sports/clubs participants receive above-average grades and do above average on skills tests.
7. Those involved in extra-curricular activities have knowledge of and use financial aid and have a chance to finish college.
8. Student-athletes appear to have more parental involvement than other students.
9. Students involved in clubs and athletics appear to change focus from cars and money to life accomplishments during the process.



Multi-tasking teen Lisa Lubinsky, left, works with Melissa Roemer on laying out Novi High's yearbook during a noontime class.

**Learning to juggle gives teens life skills**

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ter attendance records, lower dropout rates and fewer discipline problems than students generally. Take a 1985 survey conducted for the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) by Indiana University, which found that the grade-point average for "high activity" students was 3.05 on a 4.0 scale, compared to a GPA of 2.54 for "low activity" students. Researchers defined high activity as involvement in four or more activities, while low activity students were involved in one activity or none.

"My family really helps keep me motivated," Lubinsky said. "They're very supportive in everything I do."

O'Conner agreed. "With all the support I'm getting, it's great," she said. "Everyone is really understanding my family, coaches and all my friends."

O'Conner added that while most schools don't allow you to do two simultaneous activities, the NHS staff encourages students to take advantage of their offerings, with a "go for it" attitude. "The school is great. They work together with us if we have a time conflict or have to miss a practice," she said. "The music department and athletes here, are very supportive of one another. (Band Director Mr. James) Siewler even comes to all our other games to show his support."

Between sports, clubs, homework, and part-time jobs, how do these active students carry on a social life? Student Justin Fischer, who keeps busy as an assistant football coach, DECA Chapter President, and Student Council representative, said it's not a problem. "I just use my time after school to talk on the phone, and there's always the weekends," he said.

Fischer also has a part-time job working at Lifetime Fitness. "While studies have shown that participation in extracurricular activities positively affects social development, academic performance, and attachment to school, participation in activity programs



Sarah Beth O'Conner gets ready to switch jobs from cheerleader to drum player.

maintain, said the students. "It's really helpful to have a time conflict or have to miss a practice," she said. "The music department and athletes here, are very supportive of one another. (Band Director Mr. James) Siewler even comes to all our other games to show his support."

opportunity to apply academic skills in other arenas as part of a well-rounded education. "Extra-curricular activities are beneficial to students because they catch the student's back grounds and help them make positive choices throughout their life," said NHS counselor Kathy Scullen.

It seems as if the students are already catching on. "Through participation in extra-curricular activities, students say they are learning self-discipline, building their self-confidence and developing the skills to handle competitive situations."

"If you can handle two things at once, it's like having a job and family I think," O'Conner said.



NHS student Justin Fischer works part-time at Lifetime Fitness health club on Haggerty Road maintaining exercise equipment.

**A famous lesson learned by pretending with 'wax'**

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE Staff Writer

Pablo Picasso, Albert Einstein, Ann Frank, Sebastian Bach and Joe Louis were just a few of the famous people who dropped by Deerfield Elementary last week. Well, okay, not these actual notables themselves, but their impersonators, as the third and fourth graders held their first ever "wax museum" on December 20.

This is a wonderful learning experience for the children," said school principal Richard Njus. Njus explained that the students do weeks of research on their designated person, give a speech on their life and even dress the part. The students also make mini biographical journals and construct a informational poster board with pictures, history, and facts on their subject.

While meant as an educational

tool, the concept of the wax museum proved popular with the kids. "It's really fun," said fourth grader Nathan Parkins. "It's neat seeing everyone dressed up and learning about all kinds of different people." Parkins, who chose to portray John Hancock, said he learned all kinds of things about the Declaration of Independence and that one interesting fact he found was that Hancock had very big handwriting. Equipped with a baseball uniform and bat, third grade sports lover Kristen Kilger admitted that she initially chose Jackie Robinson as her biographical figure because she thought "Jackie was a girl."

However, Kilger said even though Robinson ended up being a male, she still enjoyed learning about the baseball legend. "I learned that he was the first black baseball player in the major

leagues, the first black man to be elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame, and the first black person to be on a postage stamp," she said. Because he enjoys art, fourth grader Benjamin Blanchard said he chose French Impressionist painter Henri Matisse for his project. "My mom told me artists only become famous when they're dead, so I was glad I found one who was famous while he was alive," Blanchard said. To create the essence of a real wax museum, the students even created an "on" button at each of their stations. With a hit of the button, the students come to life. Nine-year-old Garrett Born, who portrayed composer Sebastian Bach, used a hidden tape recorder as his button, so that when the students touched it, it would play a piece of the composer's music.

**New judge will have short stay**

By RANDAL VAKAY Staff Writer

For the 52nd 1st Division Court in Novi to get a new judge, a simple approval of legislation by the Oakland County Board of Commissioners and a signature by Gov. John Engler is needed. That signature is expected come this week.

Last week, the legislature approved House Bill 4207 and Senate Bill 257 that would add a new judge to the 52-1 court.

Rep. Nancy Cassis (R-Now) and Sen. Bill Ballard (R-Highland) have pushed through a bill that would bring a judge to the Novi court in 2003, then take one away from Novi, most likely Michael Batchik's seat, and send it to the 52nd 2nd Division Court in Clarkston in January 2005. Clarkston would also gain jurisdiction over White Lake and Rose Township. The new judgeship would be added by putting it on the 2002 ballot.

But there is still controversy surrounding the new judgeship. Cassis calls the new legislation "the best we can do," while 52-1 court Judge Michael Batchik calls it "addition by subtraction."

"It is the first judgeship created in the state in seven years," Cassis contends. "And that is a significant accomplishment."

Batchik has already spoken out about his dissatisfaction with the bill and 'non' impact it would have in the long run on the court. Batchik said the court would "not gain anything"

if the bill goes through. "I'm okay with the move," Batchik said. "I live in White Lake. It's just a hop, skip and a jump for me. All I'm saying is they need four judges in Novi. I think if the bill is unfair to Novi, sometime in the future they are going to need to add another judge."

"This was never intended to push anyone out," Cassis said. "We had two choices here. Novi was granted the judgeship. The problem we ran into was the county commission was not going to expand any space in Novi to accommodate the new judge."

According to Cassis, the only space available was space at the 52-2 Division. She said the options were limited. Either Novi accept the new judgeship, allow Clarkston to take over jurisdiction of White Lake and Rose Township or they won't get a new judge. "It doesn't do us any good," Batchik said. "Like I said, White Lake is only about 10 percent of our dock-

et." The Michigan Supreme Court Administrator's Office recommended earlier this year that a judge be added to the 52-1 court to help ease the "overcrowding" number of cases on Novi's docket.

According to Novi's 52-1 administrator, Novi is the second busiest court in the state, only behind the 46th District Court in Detroit. Each judge in Novi has nearly 20,000 cases on their docket. Last summer, there was a proposal in the legislature that would have combined Clarkston and Novi courts into one division and given Clarkston jurisdiction over White Lake, Highland and Rose Township. That proposal died due to lack of support.

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# Holidays cause sleepless nights, sleep center says

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE Staff Writer

Although the holidays are supposed to be a time full of joy and good cheer, many people find the Yuletide season is anything but; which experts say can cause a lot of restless nights.

**"Falling asleep at the wheel is a major issue. Combining sleeplessness with holiday partying can be deadly."**

Dr. Bradley Rowens Medical Director Providence Hospital sleep disorder center

disorder center Dr. Bradley Rowens said these side effects are at their most dangerous when people get behind the wheel.

"Falling asleep at the wheel is a major issue," he said. "Combining sleeplessness with holiday partying can be deadly. Incredibly, for people with four hours of sleep at night, having one beer has the same effect on driving as a six pack."

Even without alcohol, sleep-deprived drivers cause problems on the roads. "Whether it's students coming home from college or long road trips to visit relatives, if they aren't getting a good night's sleep before they travel, they are more likely to fall asleep at the wheel,

putting everyone at risk," said Rowens.

Rowens suggested that if long drives are necessary, make sure a passenger is present and not to drink caffeinated beverages like cola or coffee for 30 minutes before hitting the road. This will help keep the driver's stay alert.

"But it's important to note that if you're driving alone, turning up the radio and rolling down the window don't work," he said. "Do you know how police can tell car accidents are caused from sleep? There are no brake marks. It comes on that fast."

The National Sleep Foundation and the AAA Foundation offer the following tips for holiday driving:

- Get a good night's sleep before your trip -- at least 8 hours for adults and 8.5-9.25 hours for teens

- On long trips take a passenger who stays awake to talk to the driver

- Schedule regular stops, every 100 miles or 2 hours

- Avoid alcohol and medications that may impair performance

- Recognize signs of fatigue:



Photo by TODD VAN SICKLE

## A patient undergoes treatment at the new Michigan Institute for Sleep Medicine located in Providence Hospital in Novi.

Drifting from your lane, hitting rumble strips, repeated yawning, difficulty focusing or keeping your eyes open, tailgating or missing road signs.

If you are having trouble sleeping because of holiday stress, Rowens and Allen have provided the following tips to help you:

- Don't drink caffeine or alcohol near bedtime. Allen said white alcohol will make you fall asleep, it will also make you restless throughout the night.

- Remember that your sleep pattern will most likely return to normal after the holidays.

- However, if you have trouble sleeping for longer than four weeks and you have difficulty functioning through the day, see your doctor or call Providence's sleep disorder center at (248) 465-4290.

- Take a warm bath or read to help you relax just before bedtime.

- Go to bed only when you are tired and get up at the same time every morning.

- Make sure room is dark and the television is turned off.

- Don't worry about losing sleep. The more you worry about it, the more frustrated you will become.

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# Residents receive first care packages from 'Novi Cares' group

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE Staff Writer

Whitehall resident Francis Robertson's eyes well up with tears as she opened her new red cardigan sweater. The smile on her face widened even further as she opened up a new vanity set and bottles of skin products.

For neglected senior citizens like Robertson, the Christmas season was less lonely and a lot brighter this year, thanks to a group of local men and women.

The newly formed Novi Cares For Senior Citizens (NCSC) showered elders with gifts and love this holiday, thanks to the number of donations from busi-

nesses and residents in the city. Currently 23 senior citizens between Novi's Whitehall and Charter House nursing homes do not have any family, friends, or outside support systems. Some because they remain the last surviving family member while others have just been "forgotten."

But thanks to Novi Police Officers Joyce Nelson, Lou Bigliardi and Randy Nince, the city of Novi and the Lionsess Club, these 23 seniors were not without presents or attention.

On December 21, the NCSC delivered over 70 wrapped gifts to both Whitehall and Charter

House Living Centers in Novi. "It's so wonderful to see them light up," Nelson said, holding her heart. "It just feels good."

While the seniors opened their gifts, Bigliardi entertained the bunch with his guitar singing Christmas carols, like Frosty the Snowman and Winter Wonderland.

Nelson said their goal is just to let these residents know either through cards, presents, and/or personal attention, that they have not been forgotten.

Nelson said these residents have to make do with very little,

including the basic necessities most of us take for granted. Employees of the each home have been known to spend their own money to supply items such as undergarments, toiletries and clothing.

Red Wing fan Brent Andrews of Whitehall was speechless after receiving an armful of hockey paraphernalia including a sweatshirt, poster, and other goodies.

Due to the outpour of support from businesses and residents in the community, Nelson said they were able to make seniors

like Andrews very happy. "The community was so generous," she said. "We were able to go over our target goal and get enough gifts for everyone."

Nelson explained that with the money collected, 1/3 will be used for the holidays, and rest will be go towards the seniors' birthdays.

"We are really going to expand this program," she said. "This is not just for Christmas. We are going to continue doing this throughout

the year for their birthdays." NCSC is also looking to assist elderly "shut-ins" as well, and hope to have a list put together soon.

If you are interested in donating funds, presents, or time, call city hall at (248)348-0460.

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**CITY OF NOVI NOTICE** NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Woodlands Review Board, of the City of Novi, will hold a meeting on Wednesday, January 3, 2001 at 4:30 p.m. at the City of Novi, Community Development Conference Room, Novi, Michigan to review the Woodlands Review Board Permit Application for Singh Homes, LLC - Willowbrook Farms, Lot 60 (Case #00-24).

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Twirlin' around

Baton twirling for all interests and levels of experience is available this winter through the Twirl-M's and Walled Lake Community Education. Four different weekly classes as well as a winter break camp will give interested participants plenty of opportunity to twirl. Classes begin Monday, January 22 and run through Memorial Day when all group participants will march with the Twirl-M's baton group in the Walled Lake Memorial Day Parade. Classes will be held at the Walled Lake Community Education Center on Pontiac Trail during the following times:

Class 1, NEW TWIRLERS, 5:45-6:15 p.m., (new twirlers with emphasis on basic skills)

Class 2, ENRICHMENT TWIRLERS, 6:15-6:45 p.m., (recreational twirling with emphasis on tricks. Must be able to demonstrate basic twirls.)

Class 3, DANCE TWIRL TEAM 2, 6:45-7:20 p.m., (must have been a member of class 2 in fall 2000).

Class 4, DANCE TWIRL TEAM 3, 7:20-7:55 p.m., (must have been a member of class 3 in fall 2000).

Winter session twirlers will also have the opportunity to compete in two area baton contests. The cost for the winter session is \$17.

A winter break camp will be held for all interested twirlers on Wednesday, February 21. Baton games, tricks, twirling series, and routines will be taught during this camp. Class times are: Class 1, NEW TWIRLERS, 10-11:30 a.m.; Class 2, NOVICE TWIRLERS, Noon-1:30 p.m.; Class 3, BEGINNER TWIRLERS, 2-4 p.m. The cost for this camp is \$20.

The Twirl-M's offers participants age 4 to 18 the chance to twirl the baton for recreation, community performances, and/or competition. With less than a year in existence, the group has already won six first place team trophies and two second place team events. They also twirled in a special community performance for residents of The Grand Court in Novi this past November.

Director and instructor of the Twirl-M's, Rhonda Muscareo reports, "Our 40 group members are really working hard in all they do. We are learning so much and look forward to new twirlers joining us this winter."

To register for any of the Twirl-M's programs, consult the Walled Lake Community Education winter brochure mailed to all Walled Lake residents mid-December. Or visit the Walled Lake Community Education Department at 615 N. Pontiac Trail in Walled Lake. You may also register through [eregister.com](http://eregister.com). For more information, call the WLCE at 248-96-5000.

### The City of Lights

Al's Copper Mug placed first in the Business Category in the Eighth Annual Holiday Display Contest. Judges sited the overall quantity of lights, most festive and colorful display as the reasons for the award. Woody's Restaurant received second place. The restaurant was noted for carrying the holiday theme throughout the restaurant, wreaths, and lights outside and holiday tablecloths and mugs inside. The judges were impressed that Woody's embraced the spirit of the holidays by collecting for the Goodfellow's. Dale's Custom Jewelry place third. The judges also recognized Watkins Flowers and Atkins Benham Systems, formerly Dynalogue Engineering for an outstanding effort.

In the residential Best of Show Category, 1479 Pontiac Trail received the top accolades for creativity, color and festive use of colored icicle lights. Second place went 310 Arvida and third to 321 Walled Lake Drive. The residents at 1502 Walnut Run and their neighbors at 1503 were also noted for their displays.

"The contest was a collaborative effort between the City of Walled Lake and the Downtown Development Authority. Businesses and homes were judged on Friday, December 15, on lighting, holiday decorations and overall appearance by a committee of resident volunteers. To serve on this "secret" committee, members may not sit on any City Boards or Commission and have ties to the business community. The committee is chaired by Council Members Helen Foss and Diane Carter, who also serve on the DDA Urban Design committee. The Co-chairs act as facilitators and only vote if there is a tie.

"So many homes and businesses decorate so beautifully, that it is a pleasure to recognize their holiday spirit and contribution to the quality of life in this community," said Co-chair Council Member Diane Carter.

"The judges had a great time touring the City! The number of displays this year was impressive, particularly because of all the snow. People really had to put forth a great deal of extra effort," said Co-chair Council Member Helen Foss.

Awards will be presented at the next Walled Lake City Council meeting, scheduled for January 3, 2001 at 6:00 p.m. in the Walled Lake City Council Chambers.

### Board members named

The Lakes Area of Oakland County Community Foundation for Children, Youth and Families, a non-profit tax-exempt charitable community foundation elected officers for 2001 at their annual meeting held December 4, 2000.

Laura Hartlep, a Walled Lake resident and business person will serve as president; vice president is Linda Oendero of Commerce Township and president of the Foster Farmhouse; treasurer is Charlene Long of Commerce Township, and secretary is Tracy White, director of business retention & recruitment for the Walled Lake Downtown Development Authority. New Friends of the Foster Farmhouse officers include, Michael Willis of Wolverine Lake as vice president and Cheryl Plummer of Commerce Township as Secretary.

"I will do my best to increase awareness, new members and financial support. Although the Foster Farmhouse is our primary focus right now, the Foundation has the potential to do so much more," said President Laura Hartlep.

"A donation does not have to be earmarked for the house. It can be set aside to form an endowment or be reserved for a future project in accordance to the donor's wishes."

Founded in 1996, the Lakes Area Community Foundation began as citizens interested in preserving Walled Lake's historic Foster Farmhouse. It soon became apparent to these civic-minded individuals that there was a need in the Lakes Area for a volunteer organization to serve the community's future social, educational and cultural needs, as well as preserve the Foster Farmhouse that will eventually serve as the Foundation's headquarters.

### Ice Skating

The Novi Ice Arena is a great place to have fun with the family this winter. The arena is open from noon to 2 on the weekdays and 3-5 weekends. Holiday hours are December 25-29, from 2-3:50 p.m., and December 30, from 3-4:50 p.m., and Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve from noon to 1:50 p.m. On December 23, the arena is open for a Santa Skate from 3-4:50 p.m. The ice arena will be closed on Christmas and New Year's Day. Admission is \$4 for residents and \$5 for non-residents. Skate rentals are \$2. Ice skating classes are also available. For more information call the arena at 247-1010.

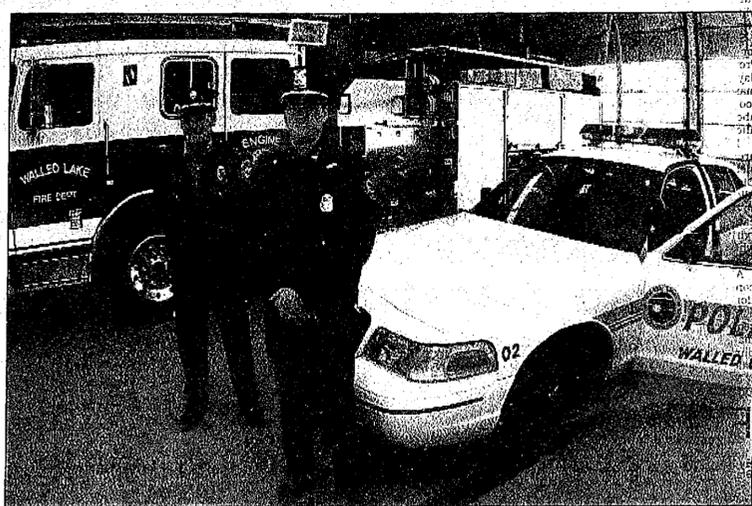
• Kensington Metropark also has ice skating from noon-6 p.m., Monday through Thursday, Fridays from noon to 8 p.m. and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. No rentals.

### Volunteers

The Village of Wolverine Lake will be presenting a "Volunteer Orientation" on Thursday, Jan. 25 at 7:30 p.m. in the Village Hall Council Chamber, 425 Glangary Road. Residents of the village are encouraged to attend to hear presentations from board and commission members.

Door prizes and refreshments will be furnished. If you have any questions, please call the village office at (248) 624-1710.

# A job well done



Officer Anthony Noble and Firefighter Matt Salow are the City of Walled Lake Employees of the Year.

## City of Walled Lake awards finest employees

By Annette Jaworski SPECIAL WRITER

We don't often think about the fire or police department until we need them - much less, do we realize that they are willing to risk their lives. But such is the case of two Walled Lake public servants, Fire Officer Matthew Salow and Police Officer Anthony Noble. The two received several awards for bravery, including 2000 City Employees of the Year from the Walled Lake City Council.

"The award was prompted by an incident that occurred during the wee hours of June 20, where they discovered a blaze in a small apartment dwelling. Quick thinking and dedication turned what would have been a disaster into a happy ending for the fire victims."

"I went to his head, and said 'Come on, we've got to get out of here. Look at me! and he kept staring. I pointed to the flames over my head. Finally, I just dragged him out," said Salow.

The source of the fire in the building was a cigarette burning in the lower level apartment. An ambulance was on site to treat victims and they were released. The two credit their training for pulling them through critical situations.

"For my part, I go into fire fighter mode, from the time that call comes in, this is what you train for," Salow commented. "You don't want to get hurt, you don't want to get burned, you want to go home at the end of the day, but you just don't think about all that stuff."

Noble added, "I agree with him, you go into a

training mode, and your training just kicks in, you really don't think about it at the time."

The most satisfying reward for the officers was being able to save lives. Captain William Benigo of the Walled Lake Fire Department says their extensive training prepares them for just such events.

"That's what we train for, and we train hard, when we get an opportunity to use it, we're ready to respond. It's an honor to be able to use these skills to save occupants from a burning house," said Benigo.

Police Captain John Woychowski is proud of his department's response over and above the line of duty.

"The department as a whole, we like to recognize people for outstanding performance."

For their bravery they received not only the 2000 City Employee of the Year Awards, but Officer Noble received a Department Citation and a Medal of Valor Award and a distinguished Service Medal by the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police. Both officers received a Medal of Valor from the distinguished Detroit 100 Club where they were also presented an 18K gold watch. Fire Officer Noble was recognized with the Heroism Award by Firehouse Magazine, an International publication.

er will get you in. Hours for cross-country skiing on weekends is 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For two weekdays hours, please call ahead. Rentals are \$8 per person for two hours and \$14 for 24 hours. Heavner's allows skiers to rent skis, even if they are skiing in another area. For more information call (248) 685-2379.

Kensington Metro Park is also a great place to cross-country. The park is located at 2440 W. Buno Road in Milford, with four groomed, graded (beginner to advanced) trails for a total of 15 miles of cross-country skiing. Park entrance fee is \$3 per day or a \$15 for an annual pass. Rentals are available seven days a week from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. weekdays and 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. weekends. Rental fee is \$8.50, with a \$1 rebate. The park is open for skiing whenever the park is open, from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. everyday.

Lakeshore Park at 601 South Lake Drive also has cross-country trails. The park is open dawn till dusk and is free of charge. There are no ski rentals. For more information, call (248) 347-0400.

**Sledding and Tobogganing** • Kensington Park is the place for both of these winter activities. There are beginner and advanced sledding/tobogganing hills in the Orchard Picnic area, about four miles from the park's entrance. Hours are from 10 a.m. to dusk on weekends and noon to dusk during the week. Bring your own toboggan.

• If you're looking for something a little closer to home, Lakeshore Park also has hills for sledding. The park is open dawn till dusk and is free of charge. For more information, call (248) 347-0400.

**Cross-country Skiing** • Heavner Cross Country Ski Center at Froud Lake is a perfect spot to take in the beautiful scenery of winter. Heavner is located at 2775 Garden Road off of Wixom Road. Ski on 10 miles of groomed trails, through pine forest and meadowland, and along the river. Heavner's is the concessionaire for the Proude Lake Recreation Area, a Michigan Park. A \$3 daily stick-

served. **2000/01 Prices:** Complete lunch, \$1.75. Reduced price lunch, 40 cents. White/chocolate milk, 30 cents. Homemade cookies, 25 cents. Fun-size snacks, 25 cents. Ice cream, 40 cents. Suncreams, Doritos, and popcorn, 40 cents. Yogurt, assorted flavors, 50 cents. Fruit roll up, 40 cents. Fruit drink box, 40 cents.

Don't let the snow leave you homebound, take advantage of winter's white and enjoy some outside fun. Here's some suggestions to help you get started, just don't forget grab your scarves, mittens, and wool hats:

**Downtown Skiing** • If you enjoy beautiful surroundings, a variety of scenic tree-lined slopes and plenty of skiing fun, then Alpine Valley is your ski area! Alpine Valley is located west of Commerce, at 6775 East Highland Road in White Lake. They offer 25 scenic slopes (both for beginners and expert skiers) serviced by 10 chairlifts and 10 rope tows. Hours are 10 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. during the week and 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. on the weekends. A full day of skiing costs \$27/lift and \$16/rope tow on the weekends and \$21 lift and \$14/rope tow weekdays. Hours are \$18 per day on weekends and \$18 weekdays. For more information call the Alpine Valley Snowline at (248) 887-4183.

• Mount Brighton also has room for snowboarders with a halfpipe, but no ramps or rails. For more information call (810) 229-9581.

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## Main Street needs to add anchor store to succeed

The Main Street project has been perceived to have its problems with getting businesses to move into the area. The Town Center Steering Committee, which oversees the downtown project and is often confused with the Novi Town Center shopping center, should become a permanent committee and hold meetings regularly to help stir ideas of making Main Street more viable and attractive to business.

The Main Street project needs an influx of pedestrian traffic and business that will fill the streets in the morning and afternoon, and not just for stops during rush hour or dinner or evening hours.

According to the developer, construction for the next set of buildings is expected to break ground this coming year. The developer has also suggested that signage may be a problem in bringing foot traffic to the downtown. Okay, we can give them that but signage cannot be the entire problem. There needs to be more emphasis on the kinds of business that generates pedestrians.

In Royal Oak and Birmingham residents work and live in the city. While many communities are contemplating creating their own downtowns, including Wixom and Shelby Township in Macomb County, the realities are that traditional downtowns have pedestrian traffic built in. Places like Northville have homes surround-

ing their downtowns for nearly a hundred years. Just creating a downtown out of empty property is an enormous task. Keeping a permanent downtown committee is a good idea and even allowing alterations to be made to facades to improve the esthetic feel of the downtown is a good idea. The reality is the developer must make a bold move to bring people downtown.

Vision, creativity and the possibility of bringing a unique department store into the downtown may be something that should be seriously considered. Something needs to be done to bring a diverse crowd, and especially young people, to the downtown.

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We are well aware that developer Jim Chen wants to keep shopping in the downtown a unique experience and we agree that it should be. But to bring crowds in, and especially young people, there needs to be an anchor store in the downtown. Until such a retail outlet is found and more pedestrians make their way through the streets, the Main Street project will more than likely continue to struggled.

## Hand over the keys, don't drive drunk

We're reminded of an unfortunate reality that occurs at a time when joy and happiness should be the rule of thumb, and it is this: alcohol and driving don't mix.

A story along with the drunk driving ads last week should pay a "reminder" not to drink. Mothers Against Drunk Driving urges common sense and safety to be the rule of the road this time of year, and all year long.

Almost on a weekly basis, while sifting through stacks of police reports do we encounter persons of all ages and backgrounds who got behind the wheel after they'd gotten behind the bottle.

This holiday season. There's no such thing as being too careful. If you do drink, do so in moderation. Eat food with your drink, and remember that time and time alone is what sobers people up.

If you go out on the town, especially this New Year's Eve, designate a driver. If you are the designated driver, understand that your role is not a casual one. It can mean the difference between life and death. Have an teawater or a soft drink, but don't touch the booze.

If you host a party, be a considerate host. Don't push alcohol on guests under the guise of being sociable. Call a cab for a friend, or offer to let someone stay the night.

Nothing is as expensive as regret. Holidays and celebrations are only fun if everyone is around the next day to reminisce about them.

Have a fun but safe New Year.

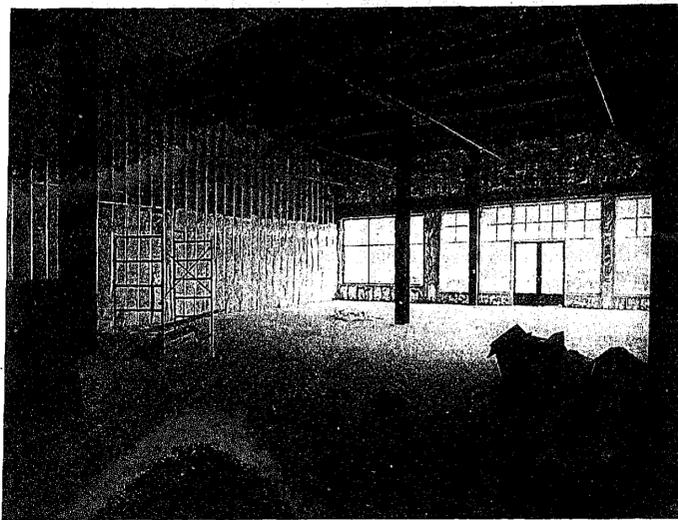


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This office-retail space in the northeastern corner of Novi's Main Street development lies unfinished more than a year after most of its businesses opened. The development has been a subject of criticism in recent months.

## What a long strange trip it has been

With a welder's mask over my face, standing in the middle of a snow drift in my uncle's back yard, I peered into the blazing sun and wondered what miracles could be expected for the new millennium.

"What are you doing?" a nephew asked me.

"I'm watching a partial solar eclipse of the sun," I told the young lad, as he stood on the precisely shoveled driveway. "What's that?" he inquired.

I explained to the boy how the moon blocked out a portion of the sun and that the only way to get a good look at the welder's mask. And yes, little man, there will be a new millennium and no it hasn't arrived yet, contrary to popular belief.

Yes, the real millennium starts this coming Monday, January 1. All that Y2K nonsense was nothing more than aggravating hype. The new millennium, and I'm sure another better, more improved millennium party, will rain down like a hail storm on December 31st. And in Novi, well, it definitely was an unique twelve months.

Without the hype, this past year saw a wacky presidential election with both sides charg-

ing theft at the voting booth. The 52nd 1st Division Court is going to get a new judge, but then they'll have one torn away from them and handed over to Clarkston - makes no sense to me whatsoever. But what does make sense these days. The presidential election? That didn't make any sense. The fight for the White House went all the way to the United States Supreme Court and each side complained that the other stole the election.

In council chambers, there have been battles over tax abatements, the road bond, fire department improvements and disagreements over county road improvements with the Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC). We've had three planning commission spots open up and after six months, there are still two commissioners that have not been appointed.

A request by Mayor Richard Clark to keep audience participation (where citizens voice their opinions in front of council) to a minimum faded away and "the voice of the public," as one citizen said, continued without limit as council meetings dragged on into the early morning hours.

And then there were the strange stories of the year. How about the guy who crashed his plane into Walled Lake or the day the Rap Group, Insane Clown Posse (ICP) invaded the quiet confines of Novi. We had helicopters chasing criminals on the run (eventually caught in Northville). It looked like the town would go berserk - and in some places it did!

There were rumors of homeless men living among Bishop's Creek (and other wooded areas of the city) though they never panned out - but that did-

**And if we get anymore snow, let's hope the RCOC's Brent Bair is handing out maps of Novi for his road crews. The pot holes on Novi Road could swallow a snow plow.**

I don't keep people from calling and telling us they were still out there. What seemed like a whole herd of deer (22 to date) had been either struck or killed by drivers in Novi in only the past four months was quite a lot.

Phew! What a year! Can't wait for the next one to begin. More tax abatements, and the future of the Novi Expo Center hanging in the balance while road improvements, road improvements, road improvements still continue. Blowing up the Grand River bridge over the CSX railroad so a new bridge can be constructed is another biggie.

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So, get ready folks. Hike up your leggings and long johns, it could be a long winter but it sure will be a lot of fun.

Happy New Year.

**Randal Yakey is a staff writer for the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700.**

## LETTERS

### Novi Theatres teaches craft for parks and rec fee

I'd like to respond to the letter to the editor dated 12/7/00 titled "Novi Theatres need to stop charging fees". We have lived here in Novi for 5 years and early on my entire family became active in the Novi Theatres. A few statements that were made in the letter need to be corrected. The Novi Theatres is part of the Novi Parks and Recreation Program. Like any Parks and Recreation program, a participation fee is paid, just like you would if you signed up for soccer, karate or line dancing.

Also, the Novi Theatres is not a community theatre and they neither compare themselves to nor compete with any community theatre experience. The Novi Theatre is unlike any other program offered in this area because it is an education based program that appeals to all ages 7-97 and the surrounding communities. The Novi Theatres is staffed with professionals with degrees in teaching, theatre, musical theatre, lighting, set design, etc.

The Novi Theatres was founded in 1991 by Linda Wickert, artistic director who has a B.A. in performing arts from the University of Detroit and a M.A. in theatre from Wayne State University. The participants in a Novi Theatre production learn the craft of acting, stage manager, property manager,

lighting, sound, etc. During all the performances, the participants in that particular performance perform the backstage duties. So as you can see, this is an opportunity for all persons who are interested in the art of theatre to learn.

And to correct Mr. Barsamian's statement that "I didn't realize the Novi Theatre were having trouble attracting people." I was under the impression they had hundreds of children lined up to pay \$125 for a walk-on or to be in the chorus. 1) The Novi Theatres doesn't have problems with "attracting" people to participate in the theatre. 2) All participants pay the participation fee. A chorus member as well as someone who has a lead.

The problem, as with any theatre production, is if it is not a "well-known" show, the attendance is usually down. With the work and effort that the participants put into a production, it should be enjoyed by many and not just a few.

With my family participating in over 40 Novi Theatre productions, we have found and made good and dear friends, learned the different aspects of theatre and gained confidence and self-esteem. With what we have gained, we call Novi Theatres our second home.

I hope this clears up any misconceptions Mr. Barsamian or anyone else might have had about The Novi Theatres. We welcome everyone to upcoming productions.

"Lion & Mouse Stories" February 2,3,4 2001  
"Music Man" March 2,3,4,9,10,11 2001

At the Novi Civic Center. For more information, call 347-0400.

**Susan R. Lewis**  
Novi

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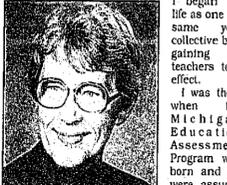
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## Education boards give insight

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Dorothy Beardmore ends her 16 years of service on the State Board of Education - most recently as president - in January. She is regarded as among the most knowledgeable and effective education reformers in Michigan. She writes her thoughts this week in lieu of the vacationing Phil Power.

When someone wishes that you "may live in interesting times," consider running for a board of education.



**Dorothy Beardmore**

I began my life as one the same year collective bargaining for teachers took effect.

I was there when the Michigan Education Assessment Program was born and we were assured scores would never be used to rank schools or districts. I was there when Michigan mandated Special Education for all children with disabilities and five years later when the federal government followed Michigan's lead.

I ran for the State Board of Education in 1984 because I felt the recommendations made in 1983's "A Nation At Risk" missed the mark, but that Michigan and other states were accepting them. Focusing on years of study without defining what should be learned would not improve schools. Defining requisite knowledge and skills in curriculum could.

My state level career began Jan. 1, 1985. Change in leadership on the state board broke an impasse on revising teacher certification and made it possible to move it from a lifetime to a five year privilege.

To renew it, a teacher must continue to upgrade and update subject area knowledge and pedagogy; either in college courses or approved professional development activities. In the mid-80s, we passed a School Improvement Policy to encourage staff in every school toward improving their students' achievement. As a reward for success and an incentive for continuous improvement, a voluntary system of Accreditation was instituted.

This effort as a teacher and in Public Act 25

of 1990, Michigan's education reform legislation, which incorporate the Board's concepts of core curriculum, school improvement, professional development and accreditation.

New Michigan's system for funding public education underwent total restructuring. It changed the tax structure to a better balance and created a per-pupil foundation grant. High-spending districts were held harmless while low spending districts were raised until now there is no district in the state receiving less than \$6,000 per pupil. Instead of less than \$3,000 as some had.

New accreditation standards are near. They will require a high level of student participation in the MIPAP, satisfactory academic performance, adequate yearly academic progress and a closing of the achievement gap between identifiable groups of students. Since the mid-80s, the state board has claimed that all Michigan children can and must be taught much more than was ever required of them before. Jobs for the uneducated or under-educated are rare and disappearing.

Today's children reflect greater diversity than ever before. They vary in language, in culture and too often, in preparation for school. The State Board and state government focus on the earlier years in a child's life to assure young brains are appropriately nurtured and ready to learn.

Schools cannot meet physical and mental health needs, the effects of poverty or the mobility of children and families, but they can and must assure those needs are met. Michigan is a national leader in inter-agency coordination to identify and activate the individuals and groups necessary to assure students have ample opportunity for success in school and in later life.

This effort is an unrecognized foundation for the state's economic development. When I joined the board, the Department of Education had 2,200 staff positions. There are now just 400. Many responsibilities have been moved from the Department and Board of Education to other agencies of state government by Executive Orders for the governor.

It is the governor's belief that the state Board of Education should focus on establishing policies to guide educational activities, regardless of where located. Because the Michigan Constitution gives the state board "leadership and general supervision: Responsibilities over all but baccalaureate degree granting institutions, and "general

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planning and coordinating" for all public education, including higher education, the board is altering its behavior to emphasize policy, and lessen its monitoring of how its policies are implemented.

That responsibility has been transferred to the superintendent of public instruction, who reports his decision so that the board can continue its constitutional "general supervision" duty.

At the end of 34 years on boards of education, 16 of them at the state level, what do I think and feel?

We have learned that students rise to the occasion if they are held to high standards. The progress we have made is great. The challenges we face are even stronger.

Change is the only constant and too many people resist it. Most Michigan schools are doing well and the students in them are too, but the world's advances can outpace even our best.

Of course, there are problem schools, problem families, problem communities. They were highlighted in the recent Proposal 1 voucher campaign. The rhetoric was counter-productive but the problems are real. What can be done in schools unable to overcome their challenges? Turning our back on areas of greatest need is no solution. Families and other caregivers and the communities in which they reside must be salvaged.

There can be no throw-away children or schools, but are we as a society ready to make the concerted effort to rectify the most serious problems? Failure to do so dooms Michigan and, since many states are doing no better or not as well as we are, it also challenges our entire nation.

My time on the board ends Jan. 1. There are plenty of issues remaining for my successor and his colleagues - and for all of us.

## Cable contract renewed after three years

After three years of negotiations, there is a new cable contract between the cities of Farmington, Farmington Hills, Novi and Time Warner Cable. You probably didn't even notice that there wasn't a contract since 1997 (when the last one expired). And the transition to a new contract will also be seamless.

However, the new agreement has opened the door for Time Warner Cable to offer two-way services. And already, customers are receiving notices for digital and high-speed cable modems which the company will begin offering after the New Year.

You'll also notice a few changes when you tune in to your access channels. Sometime next year, the educational channels will be realigned to allow you to view your school system (depending on where you live) 24 hours a day on a designated channel. (Farmington and Novi school districts are on Channel 10. Walled Lake, Clarenceville and Northville schools on Channel 20.) We'll let you know when you'll see that change. All other programs will remain the same: city

of Farmington Hills, Channel 8; city of Novi, Channel 18; and city of Farmington, Channel 15.

You'll still be able to see Public Access programming on INFO TV-12. And soon, we will be able to purchase some new equipment (with funding from the cable operator as a provision of this contract) so you'll be able to view a better quality picture. Time Warner Cable will also improve the link from each of these access channels so you'll see better quality there, too.

Novi residents in particular will be happy to see that there is a provision for greater system coverage with mandatory installation to all residential areas where 20 dwellings exist per linear mile. In the previous contract, the density requirements allowed for 30 homes per mile. The new contract also has mandatory extension language for business areas with at least 15 subscriber units per mile.

Additional provisions include level playing field language, which facilitates future competition without giving precedence to the incumbent cable provider. But this doesn't guarantee that you'll see a competitive cable provider any time soon. The previous contract was also non-exclusive, meaning any cable company could come in. So far there is very little competition - less than 1 percent of the cable cities in the U.S. have more than one cable provider.

In addition to continuing the current programming and maintaining the current 750 megahertz fiber-to-node sys-

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tem, Time Warner Cable will abide by several other provisions which are in the current cable contract.

All municipal and school buildings will continue to receive free cable - 82 locations throughout the three cities.

The cities retain the right to deny transfers of ownership, which is important in this age of mega-mergers and acquisitions. Customer service standards also remain, including a bill payment location within one of our three cities (Farmington Hills).

The term of this renewal contract is 15 years - the same as our current contract - but there are provisions for technical testing to remain "state-of-the-art."

**Caren Collins is the executive director of the Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission. The next Cable Access Committee meeting is Tuesday, Jan. 9 at 7 p.m. at SWOCC. The next SWOCC meeting is Tuesday, Jan. 16 at 4:30 p.m. at Farmington City Hall.**



**Caren Collins**

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**Monday, Jan. 1**  
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**Tuesday, Jan. 2**  
10:00 a.m. — Legislative Forum  
10:30 a.m. — The Hobby Corner  
11:00 a.m. — New Millennium Medicine  
11:30 a.m. — Financial Strategies  
12:00 p.m. — Summit University  
12:30 p.m. — (con't)  
1:00 p.m. — Chamber Spotlight  
1:30 p.m. — Home For Life: Garage Door Installation  
2:00 p.m. — Lansing Connection  
2:30 p.m. — Christian Singles  
3:00 p.m. — Bagels and Talk  
3:30 p.m. — Walled Lake Schools  
4:00 p.m. — Cosby and Company  
4:30 p.m. — Pet Talk  
5:00 p.m. — The Way, The Truth, and The Life  
5:30 p.m. — People Who Make Things Happen: Irwin Cohen  
6:00 p.m. — Harvest Ministries  
6:30 p.m. — A Man and His Dream  
7:00 p.m. — Potpourri: Novi Chamber  
7:30 p.m. — The Hobby Corner  
8:00 p.m. — Mountain Ski: Snow Academy  
8:30 p.m. — Holistic Health  
9:00 p.m. — Out in the Open  
9:30 p.m. — (con't)

**Wednesday, Jan. 3**  
10:00 a.m. — Holistic health  
10:30 a.m. — Historic District Commission  
11:00 a.m. — Walled Lake Schools  
11:30 a.m. — (con't)  
12:00 p.m. — People Who Make Things Happen: Irwin Cohen  
12:30 p.m. — MDOT Today  
1:00 p.m. — Study in Scripture  
1:30 p.m. — AMVETS  
2:00 p.m. — Restoration Now  
2:30 p.m. — Wise Guys  
3:00 p.m. — The Hobby Corner  
3:30 p.m. — Potpourri: Novi Chamber  
4:00 p.m. — Critter Connection  
4:30 p.m. — Mountain Ski: Sick Sense  
5:00 p.m. — Berean Baptist Church  
5:30 p.m. — (con't)  
6:00 p.m. — The Jesus Center  
6:30 p.m. — New Millennium Medicine  
7:00 p.m. — Adventures with Pirate Pete  
7:30 p.m. — Financial Strategies  
8:00 p.m. — Chamber Spotlight  
8:30 p.m. — Step 'n Move to the Groove  
9:00 p.m. — Todd L. Levitt Show  
9:30 p.m. — (con't)

**Thursday, Jan. 4**  
10:00 a.m. — Step 'n Move to the Groove  
10:30 a.m. — Law Talk: Risk Management  
11:00 a.m. — (con't)  
11:30 a.m. — New Millennium Medicine  
12:00 p.m. — Bagels and Talk with Tracy  
12:30 p.m. — That's Italian  
1:00 p.m. — Dance with Virginia: Showtime  
1:30 p.m. — Abundant Life Arabic Ministries  
2:00 p.m. — Lewis and Clark Trail  
2:30 p.m. — (con't)  
3:00 p.m. — Travelin' On: Florida  
3:30 p.m. — Walled Lake Schools  
4:00 p.m. — Holistic Health  
4:30 p.m. — We're Making

## Library Lines

**LIBRARY HOURS**  
The Novi Public Library is open Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, 1-5 p.m. We are located at 45245 W. Ten Mile Road, just east of Taft. For more information, call 349-0720.

**NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAY HOURS**  
The library will be closed Saturday, Dec. 30 through Monday, Jan. 1 for the New Year's holiday. The library will be open for regular hours on Tuesday, Jan. 2.

**STORYTIME NOTES**  
Registration forms for Winter Storytimes are now available in the library. Winter Storytime registration runs until Jan. 6. Winter Storytimes start Jan. 22.

**LIBRARY BOARD MEETING**  
The Novi Library Board of Directors meets Monday, Jan. 8 at 7 p.m. in the east side of the library meeting room. Community members are welcome to attend.

**ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP**  
Our January selection is "The Golden Compass" by Philip Pullman. The group meets Monday, Jan. 8 at 7 p.m. in the west side of the library meeting room. All are welcome.

**SENIOR BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP**  
Senior book lovers are reading "The Kingsley House" by Arliss Ryan. The senior group meets in the library meeting room on Thursday, Jan. 11, at noon.

Tomorrow  
5:00 p.m. — Shaarey Zedek  
5:30 p.m. — (con't)  
6:00 p.m. — Iditarod  
6:30 p.m. — (con't)  
7:00 p.m. — Mountain Ski: Unknown  
7:30 p.m. — Cosby and Company  
8:00 p.m. — People Who Make Things Happen: Irwin Cohen  
8:30 p.m. — Pet Talk  
9:00 p.m. — Let's Talk with Ben Marks  
9:30 p.m. — (con't)

**Friday, Jan. 5**  
10:00 a.m. — Lumen Christi  
10:30 a.m. — Christian Singles Today  
11:00 a.m. — The Jesus Center  
11:30 a.m. — 4:30 p.m. — To Be Announced  
5:00 p.m. — Todd L. Levitt Show  
5:30 p.m. — (con't)  
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9:30 p.m. — Potpourri

## Obituaries

**MARY A. WASNER**  
Mary A. Wasner, 76, passed away after a long illness at Providence Hospital in Southfield on Saturday, Dec. 23. Mrs. Wasner was born in Rapid River on Dec. 4, 1924, the daughter of Robert and Arlene (Hamilton) Murchie. She received her nursing degree from Deaconess Hospital of Detroit and worked as a nurse from 1951 until her retirement in 1986. She was a longtime resident of Northville.

Survivors include husband of 43 years, Hans; two children, Stephen of Belleville and Suzanne

of Brighton; five sisters, two brothers and three grandchildren. A son, Eric, preceded her in death.

Services were held on Dec. 27 at the Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home with the Rev. Christopher Fairbairn of St. Paul's Lutheran Church officiating. Burial followed at Glen Eden Cemetery in Livonia. Contributions are suggested to Hospice of Michigan.

**WILLIAM P. STUBBS**  
William P. Stubbs, 73, died Dec. 22 at Providence Hospital

in Southfield. Survivors include wife, Rita; sister, Maryann (Jim) Parnin; daughters, Peggy Scheel, Cathy (Tony) Schlaud, Mary (Bill) Wolfe, Patty (Myles) Kearney and Terri (Mile) Bradley; eleven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held Friday, Dec. 29 at noon at Holy Family Church in Novi. Arrangements are made by O'Brien Chapel/Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home.

Memorials can be sent to the American Cancer Society.



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#### Boredom Busters for You and the Kids

When the cold weather conditions keep you inside and the excitement of the holidays are gone, everyone can use some new amusements. Here are some ideas to try at home:

##### • Guess Who

**What You'll Need:** 4 or more players, a pencil, several pieces of paper (for a magazine), and tape.

**Step 1:** Write the name of a famous character or person on a piece of paper, and make one for each person playing. **Step 2:** Tape the piece of paper with a name on it (or a cut out from a magazine) to everyone's back. Make sure no one sees what his or her own name tag is! **Step 3:** The object of the game is to figure out who you are. Everyone goes around and asks the other players questions, without having the other person say the name on the tag. **Step 4:** The players can only answer yes or no. When one of the teams has an overwhelming majority of players, they are declared the winners.

##### • Treasure Island

**What You'll Need:** 3 or more players. Pretend you are all on a desert island looking for treasure. Make a map or

place clues around the house on sticky notes leading to the treasure. An alternative to searching for one treasure is to organize a scavenger hunt and look for a variety of odd household items. Make sure to include things children of all ages can find.

##### • Don't Wake Daddy

**What You'll Need:** 4 or more players. **Step 1:** Select one person to be the "daddy". **Step 2:** Have daddy go in a room where he will close his eyes and take a pretend nap. **Step 3:** All of the other players should try to sneak past him. **Step 4:** If daddy catches someone, they're the next daddy.

##### • Look at Me

**What You'll Need:** 2 or more players. Have your child observe you for a minute. Leave the room. Return to the room, having changed a small detail in your appearance. Remove an earring, put on some lipstick or change your hair... Can they guess?

##### • Take a Trip

**What You'll Need:** 3 or more players. Set aside one night a week for a "trip to another country" and spend the week before researching and learning about its history, customs, people and food. Let children help plan a dinner menu that reflects the chosen culture. You can all dress up in costumes and decorate the dining room.

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Does high school teacher Ed Davis know the cure for cabin fever?

# Cabin Fever

## What to do when the indoors gives you the blues

Jack Frost is alive and kicking-nipping at our noses, stinging our feet, but for the most part his wild ways are keeping us captive in our own homes.

Seeking shelter from his below freezing temperatures, endless inches of snow, and bone chilling winds, many of us are suffering from winter's most common illness: cabin fever.

You know the symptoms: you're bored, irritable, and even a little claustrophobic. But instead of sitting around going stir crazy, there are many things to do to beat the homebound blues.

"This is the perfect time to do all those little jobs you've put off or finish that forgotten project in the attic," said Director of Behavioral Medicine at Novi Providence Hospital Stephanie Brady.

Brady said doing chores like cleaning out your closet are great ways to overcome cabin fever.

"Doing little things around the house that you just haven't had

the time to get to are good ways to cure boredom because they give you a sense of accomplishment," she said.

While the harsh winter weather causes us a physical inconvenience, Brady said it can also cause us mental anguish as well.

"For many of us, our lives are so structured and so planned, that we become easily stressed if something is out of our control," she said. "We get angry and frustrated if we can't, for example, get to work so our stress factor is high."

Brady said something as simple as taking a short walk, or as silly as making a snow angle, can relieve some of the symptoms of cabin fever.

"As adults we sometimes forget we're allowed to have fun and 'play,'" she said.

Novi resident Ed Davis, who is homebound while recovering from foot surgery, knows all too well about cabin fever.

"I get pretty antsy," he said. "Let's just say my Nikes are collecting lots of dust, but you

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just have to go with the flow and suck it up."

For those who are like Davis - not only homebound but couchbound as well, Brady suggests taking advantage of the television.

"Use this time to catch up on soaps or watch Jenny Jones," she said.

While you probably won't

#### YOU KNOW YOU HAVE CABIN FEVER WHEN...

- Your car is now completely submerged in snow, and the only visible evidence left of your car is your antenna

- You now know every answer to the Who Wants To Be A Millionaire home game

- You require sunglasses when you open the curtains

- The dried mustard stain on your sweatpants is from the salami sandwich you ate five days ago

- The most exciting part of your day is watching your dog pee in the backyard

- You've watched so many talk shows, that "You go girl!" and "Kick him to the curb" are now a part of your daily vocabulary

- You've color coordinated your underwear, sock and T-shirt drawers.

- You've had enough time to master the art of origami.

- You call directory assistance to get the telephone number to someplace in Florida...just for kicks.

- Your PC has smoke billowing from the back side from chat room overuse.

catch Davis watching The Bold & The Beautiful, he does find refuge from the cabin fever jitters with the Internet.

Brady said being homebound provides us with the opportunity to do some family bonding, whether its playing board games or cooking.

"Let the kids get messy in the

kitchen one afternoon or have everyone make their favorite dish and have a little party," she said. "Just have some fun - you can clean up tomorrow."

Stephanie Fordyce is a staff writer for the Novi News. She may be reached at sfordyce@ht.homecomm.net.

## The Motions of Hanukkah

### HomeTown Authors

By David Marcus

Sneaking! Sneaking!  
(Sneaking a look at my presents)

Shrieking! Shrieking!  
(Shrieking because I drank hot cocoa)

Digesting! Digesting!  
(Digesting my Laktes)

Hugging! Hugging!  
(Hugging my parents)

Tearing! Tearing!  
(Tearing my presents open)



David Marcus

These are the motions of David's Hannukah.

David Marcus is a fifth grader in Mrs. Jan Dabkowski's class at Moraine Elementary in Northville.

#### Want to be a HomeTown Author?

We're looking for kids ages 8-18 who want to become Hometown Authors.

Prospective authors need to follow these steps:

- 1.) Write. Your entry can be a story or an opinion or an article about what's going on in your classroom. You pick the topic; after all, it's your work.
- 2.) Stories should be typed, if possible. If the story can't be typed, then it should be neatly printed on every other line of the paper.
- 3.) Stories should be between 300 and 500 words

Author's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age or Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Title of story: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (includes street, city and zip code): \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

long (about one or two pages typed and three and five pages written by hand).

4.) Every piece submitted must have this form stapled to the front.

5.) We also need your photo to accompany your story. A school photo is perfect.

6.) We'd also like a parent or guardian to sign your form.

7.) Mail your story, signed form and photo to:  
HomeTown Authors  
c/o Kelli Cooley  
104 W. Main St.  
Northville, MI 48167

#### TEN DUMB THINGS TO DO WHEN YOU'RE BORED

What can you possibly do if there is nothing else constructive? Brett Witty, author of "The Not Quite

Bored" hopes these ideas will help in beating the boredom Beelzebub.

- Break or create new records for the Guinness Book of Records. For example, how fast you can say the alphabet

- Stand on your head long enough so that you can see funny colours in front of your eyes

- Try to even up your non-dominant hand. Abuse it if it's not building up fast

enough

- Start counting and see what number you get up to

- Turn the sound off on your TV and make up your own words to shows. Make every character a deviant of some sort.

- Write Brittany Spears and N'Sync hate mail. Be creative.

- Create new words. Submit them to the Oxford Dictionary.

- Find how many words you can make on an upside-down calculator.

- Start your stand-up comedy career, successful or not.

## Northville Seniors

The staff at the Northville Senior Center at 215 W. Cady Street coordinates the following services and activities for seniors age 50 and older. For more information or to register for an activity, call (248) 349-4140.

### SERVICES

**• Newsletter**  
The senior newsletter is a monthly publication filled with information on senior citizen activities, trips and services. You can pick up a newsletter at the Senior Center or receive it monthly by mail for an annual contribution of \$7.

**• Telephone Reassurance (Telcare)**  
Homebound residents can receive a daily telephone call or an occasional call to check on their well being or to talk to someone free of charge. Please call the Senior Center to register.

**• Blood Pressure Screening**  
Come get your blood pressure checked free of charge. Held at the center on the second Monday of the month, from 1:30-3 p.m. by Westland Convalescence Center and the fourth Monday of the month, from noon to 2 p.m. by St. Mary's Hospital. An appointment is not necessary.

**• Focus: HOPE**  
Food distribution is usually the fourth Friday of every month from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Senior Center. January distribution will be on Jan. 26.

**• Senior Services Directory**  
The Northville Senior Center has created a directory of services available to senior citizens. The directory includes information on support programs, health and medical services, available housing, organizations providing financial assistance and much more. Please stop by the Senior Center to pick up your free copy today. Funding for this directory was provided by the Oakland County Community Development Block Grant Program.

**• Tax Counseling Services**  
Free tax counseling sponsored by AARP will be available on Tuesdays, Jan. 30 through April 10. Hours are 9 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. Volunteer tax counselors will prepare your state and federal tax forms. Most forms will be on hand. Appointments are scheduled at 1 1/2 hour intervals. No charge for service, however, donations to the senior program will be gratefully accepted. You must call the Senior Center ahead of time to make an appointment. (248) 349-4140.

**• Bus Service for Local Shopping Trips**  
Tuesdays: Meijer, Kohl's, Target and local banks.  
Fridays: Farmer Jack/Hickory's and Shopping Center Market/Busch's (alternating Fridays).  
Bus begins pickup at 9:30 a.m. from your home. Cost is \$2. Call the Senior Center for reservations 24 hours in advance.

**• Bus Service for Movies, Lunch and Shopping at the Mall Twice a Month**  
The senior bus goes to AMC 20

and Laurel Park Mall for an afternoon (noon to 4 p.m.) of movies, lunch and shopping. The days scheduled for the second and fourth Monday of each month. Pick-up will begin from home at 12 p.m. or the MAGS parking lot shortly thereafter. Cost is \$2. Please call to make reservations.

**• Wanted: Bus Drivers**  
With the addition of a second bus in January, we now have immediate need for additional part-time bus drivers. This position requires a CDL driver's license. Hours are flexible, evenings are great to attend free, and seniors are rewarding to serve. If interested, please call the Senior Center at (248) 349-4140.

**ONGOING ACTIVITIES**  
**• Card Playing**  
Join us for cards at the center. Enjoy several hours of fun for just \$1. The schedule is as follows: Bridge, Wednesdays, 12:15-3:15 p.m.; Pinochle, Mondays and Thursdays, 12:30-4:30 p.m.; and beginning Pinochle on Tuesdays, from 12:30-3:30 p.m.

**• Detroit Symphony Orchestra**  
Northville Senior Center has reserved tickets to various concerts throughout the season. Tickets to Classical Coffee Concerts are \$28 for residents and \$38 for non-residents. Upcoming classical concerts include: The Titan and Motory, Jan. 5; The Fantastic Symphony, Feb. 2; and Beethoven's Eroica, Feb. 23. Future Pops Concerts include: Fielder's Favorite, Feb. 8 and Debbie Reynolds, March 8. (Cost for Debbie Reynolds is \$38 for residents, \$45 for non-residents, departure time is 7 p.m. from MAGS.) Tickets to Pops Concerts are \$34 for residents, \$41 for non-residents. Departure time is 9 a.m. from MAGS for all concerts unless otherwise indicated. Registration is necessary.

**• Senior Fitness**  
**• Senior Drop-in Morning Volleyball (for co-ed adults 50 and up)**  
Do you want to look young, think young and feel young? Get rid of that sedentary feeling. Come out and play volleyball. All levels of play are welcome. Held every most Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays at the Parks and Recreation Gym from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Cost is \$1. For more information, call the Northville Parks and Recreation Department at (248) 349-0203.

**• Senior Water Aerobics**  
Classes meet Mondays and Wednesdays from 1-2 p.m. Next seven week session begins Jan. 8. Cost is \$55 for residents. Stop by the Senior Center to register.

**• Healing Touch Therapy**  
Healing Touch is an energy-based alternative healing. It balances the human energy field: touching body, mind, emotion, and spirit. Beginning in January, Cynthia Droschagen R.N., a Healing Touch practitioner, will be available on Fridays, 10 a.m. to noon at the Senior Center. Cost is \$10 for a 45-minute to one hour session. Please call the Center (248) 349-4140 for an appointment.

**Religion**  
A group of singles from Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville will celebrate "2001: A Spiritual Odyssey" with a DJ and comedian on New Year's Eve at Tanglewood Country Club in South Lyon. The Klean Comedy of Ken Kingdon will be the featured entertainment, music will be provided by Thomas & Thomas Entertainment, and a full buffet dinner will be prepared by the chefs of Tanglewood. "2001: A Spiritual Odyssey" is an alcohol-, drug-, and tobacco-free event sponsored by Single Spirit, a group of single Christians in their 20s and 30s of Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church. The celebration will begin at 6 p.m. and end at 1:30 a.m. Tickets include comedian Ken Kingdon, dinner, dancing to the music of Thomas & Thomas, and much more. Attire is semi-formal (dressy). Tanglewood Golf Club is a 53505 Ten Mile on the south side of Ten Mile - west of Wixom Road and east of Milford Road, just west of Chubb Road. Tickets purchased in advance on or before Dec. 17 are \$35 and \$45 after Dec. 17. Space is limited and tickets will not be sold the night of the event. There will be no other individual charges. For ticket information or other information, call the Single Spirit office at (248) 374-5934. Single Spirit is a group of single adults in their 20s and 30s, committed to providing a community through which people can grow to maturity in Christ, have fellowship with one another, and make an impact on the world around us.

**Who should you turn to with questions about your medicines?**

**Team Up & Talk With Your Pharmacist**  
Your pharmacist is your good answer. You may not know that your pharmacist can help you understand how to take your medications properly. This is one of the best ways to decrease your overall health care costs - and your pharmacist is there to help you get the most from your medications. By working together with your pharmacist, you can be sure that your medications will make you better when you are sick or help keep you healthy. Your pharmacist can help you get the most from your medicines. So be sure to see your pharmacist. See one of our articles for you. Helping your medicines help you.

**Some payments higher, some lower. Not all Lessees will qualify for lowest payment. For special lease terms and RCL Cash, \$1500 RCL cash on 2001 Explorer, take new retail delivery from dealer stock by 1/15/2001. RCL Cash may be used in cash, but is used towards down payment in some cases. Lease renewal cash of \$500 on Focus, only available to customers terminating their Ford Division Fleet Capital Lease and re-lease for 24 months by 1/15/2001. Lease renewal cash of \$1000 on Explorer, only available to customers terminating their Ford Division Fleet Capital Lease and re-lease for 24 months by 1/15/2001. Lease renewal cash of \$2000 on F-150, only available to customers terminating their Ford Division Fleet Capital Lease and re-lease for 24 months by 1/15/2001. Lease terminated early will be terminated with program dates. Supplies are limited, not all dealers have all featured models. Restrictive restrictions apply. See dealer for complete details.**

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS**  
**WE'RE OPEN BETWEEN THE HOLIDAYS**

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With \$3,917 customer cash due at signing.  
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## Community Events

### NORTHVILLE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

The next meeting of the Northville Genealogical Society will be Sunday, Jan. 14 at 2:30 p.m. at the Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady St. Featured will be a presentation of "Detroit and Wayne County Research" by Ruth McMahon, drawing on her 14 years experience as a professional genealogist. She will tell how to access genealogical records for one's personal research and where to find those records.

If you are new to family research, a beginner's class precedes the meeting at 1:30 p.m. This class is full of tips on where and how to begin your research. For more information, check their Web page at <http://www.nvgenealogy.com> or call (248) 348-3006.

### PET-A-PET

The Pet-a-Pet visitation program offers you and your family pet an opportunity to start the new year by bringing happiness to others. Volunteers with the group make monthly visits to hospitals, nursing homes, hospices, and schools all over the metro area. This wonderful form of pet therapy has proven

to be extremely fulfilling for the patient and the volunteer alike.

Currently we are looking for volunteers to visit the Marriott Brighton Gardens. The coordinator for that location is Susan Nuss at (248) 474-0778. Requirements include up-to-date shots, a slight screening by the coordinator, and a \$5 membership fee. If unable to reach Susan Nuss, please call Ruth Curry, president, at (313) 535-0410. Any further information regarding Pet-a-Pet can be obtained also by calling Ruth Curry.

### HONOR A LOVED ONE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

Arbor Hospice is offering members of the community a unique opportunity to honor or remember a loved one this holiday season through the "Tree of Remembrance" program. By supporting the program, you receive a hand-crafted heart-shaped ornament and help Arbor Hospice ensure that no person in our community faces the end of life alone.

For more information about the "Tree of Remembrance" program, call Arbor Hospice at (734) 662-5999 or visit their Web site at [www.arborhospice.org](http://www.arborhospice.org).

### MARQUIS ACTORS TO PERFORM PINOCCHIO

The remaining dates of "Pinocchio" at Northville's Marquis Theater are: Saturdays, Dec. 30, Jan. 6 and 13 at 2:30 p.m.; Sundays, Dec. 31, Jan. 7 and 14 at 2:30 p.m.; and Thursday and Friday, Dec. 28-29, also at 2:30 p.m.

Tickets to all performances are \$7.50. For special school dates and times, birthdays, group rates and reservations, call the Marquis Theater at (248) 349-8110. Please, no children under the age of 3.

### PARENTAL DEATH SUPPORT GROUP

Grief related to the death of a loved one can be painful, overwhelming and sometimes frightening. It affects us emotionally, spiritually and even physically. As an adult, the death of a parent can bring about strong emotions, some related to unresolved or forgotten issues. For adults who are grieving the death of a parent, a support group meets in Ann Arbor, Tuesdays, 7-8:30 p.m.; Jan. 9-Feb. 27 at the Arbor Hospice Residence, 2366 Oak Valley Drive. The

group is free and open to the public.

For more information about this and other support groups, or to preregister, call (734) 662-5999.

### YOUTH ARTIST COMPETITION

The Plymouth Symphony and Evola Music present 2000-2001 A Sound Odyssey: Youth Artist Competition on Feb. 4, 2001 at Evola Music, 7170 N. Haggerty Road, Canton. There are three divisions: Senior Instrumental Division (grades 10-12.) \$500 scholarship award; and Junior Instrumental and Piano Division (grades 7-9.) \$350 scholarship award. Application deadline is Jan. 15, 2001. Applicants must be students of Livonia, Northville, Novi, Plymouth-Canton, Van Buren (Belleville) or Wayne-Westland school districts or students at Evola Music. Past participants are encouraged to reapply, however, musicians are eligible to win only one First Prize Award in each division. Winners may have the opportunity to perform with the PSO. In the opinion of the judges, if there

is insufficient merit shown in any division to award a particular scholarship, it will not be given. The decision of the judges is final.

This program is made possible through foundation gifts and supported by a grant from the Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs. The Plymouth Symphony is a non-profit organization that provides participation without regard to race, religion, sex, age, handicap, national origin or creed.

For more information or an application, please call (734) 451-2112 or visit the Plymouth Symphony Web site at [www.plymouthsymphony.org](http://www.plymouthsymphony.org).

### HELP OUT, BE A MENTOR

As a Mentors Plus volunteer, only a few hours of your time each month will help a young person in your community. Be a positive adult role model for someone 5 to 16 years old. Training/orientation sessions will be held on the following days at Oakland County Courthouse, 1200 N. Telegraph Road in Pontiac: Thursday, Jan. 11, 2001 at 6 p.m.; Saturday, Jan. 20 at 9 a.m.; Saturday, Feb. 10

at 9 a.m.; and Wednesday, Feb. 21 at 6 p.m.

To learn more, call Oakland County Youth Assistance at (248) 858-0041.

### GRIEF SUPPORT GROUPS

Arbor Hospice and Home Care is offering New Pathways, a support group where participants can share their experience with others and begin to discover meaningful ways to deal with the anger, guilt or loneliness which often surround a loved one's death.

Two groups will meet in Ann Arbor at the Arbor Hospice Residence, 2366 Oak Valley Drive. Tuesdays, 7-8:30 p.m., Jan. 9-Feb. 27; or Thursdays, 10-11:30 a.m., Jan. 11-March 1. A group will also meet in Northville, Wednesdays, 10-11:30 a.m., Jan. 10-Feb. 26 at the First United Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile Road.

The groups are free and open to the public. For more information about these and other support groups, or to preregister, please call (734) 662-5999.

# COMMUNITY FOCUS

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Orchard Hills Elementary School students perform their theatrical presentation of the Gingerbread Man before Christmas break for fellow students and parents.

## Sugar and spice

Orchard Hills finds out what Gingerbread men are made of

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE  
Staff Writer

There was a gingerbread man on the loose at Orchard Hills Elementary last week, and only the first and second graders could save him.

In their sing-a-long, the "Gingerbread Kid Caper," the children sang to holiday favorites like "Jingle Bell Rock," "Little Drummer Boy," and "Oh! Christmas Tree" with

the words cleverly changed to fit the performance.

Dressed in their bakers' hats, the students told the story of how the gingerbread boy had escaped his oven.

While the kids searched for an answer, they found that all the gingerbread boy needed was a few friends to keep him company.

So the kids put on their oven mitts and baked him a batch of yummy pals. Sure enough,

"The gingerbread boy looks good enough to eat."

Kyle Clemmons  
Orchard Hills student

While multiplying the gingerbread population did the trick, and the ginger boy was back, Cookie capers Alexis Adams, Kyle Clemmons and Gregg VanDamme said they had a

blast performing the play/sing-a-long, but admitted that all that talk about gingerbread was making their stomachs growl.

"The gingerbread boy looks good enough to eat," laughed Clemmons.

Stephanie Fordyce is a staff reporter for the Novi News. She may be reached at [sfordyce@ht.homecomm.net](mailto:sfordyce@ht.homecomm.net).

## Pets need to prepare for cold weather too

It is the time of year to prepare for colder weather, and the

climb under the hoods of cars to get warm.

Many people service their vehicles before winter and this often includes changing the anti-freeze. Cats and dogs are drawn to anti-freeze by its sweet taste. The toxic dose for dogs is 1 ounce of pure anti-freeze per 10 pounds of body weight. Anti-freeze is 3 times more toxic to cats than dogs. Anti-freeze affects the nervous system, makes the blood very acidic, and causes the kidneys to fail. Once the clinical signs have started, treatment is fruitless. The pet must be observed consuming the anti-freeze and preventative treatment started at that time to have a successful outcome. Newer, safer propylene glycol anti-freezes are available. These products will

still make your pet sick, but do not cause fatal kidney failure as do ethylene glycol types.

Outdoor pets should be brought indoors when temperatures drop into the teens and below. Hypothermia, frost bite, and even death can occur under these conditions. Also, stressed, debilitated, very young, and very old animals should be brought indoors when the temperature approaches freezing.

If your pet has a containment system and will be outdoors during cold days take the following precautions:

- Be sure the pet has a warm place out of the elements to get warm.
- Clean snow and ice from your pet to prevent frost bite.
- Check on your pet often and observe its behavior.
- On the coldest days allow the

pet to come indoors or a heated place in the garage.

- Feed smaller portions more often (morning and late afternoon feedings) and be sure there is fresh water.
- Be sure your containment system is not affected by the weather.
- Remember, these recommendations apply to those animals that are used to being outdoors. Cold can be an even greater stress to animals that have not become accustomed to their outdoor environment. For indoor animals:
- Allow indoor pets outside long enough for exercise and to "go" only.
- Always supervise indoor pets when they are out.
- Although our pets have strong natural instincts, care will help keep them happy and healthy.

## Metropark briefs

Looking for something different to do this holiday season? Pack up the kids and head for a Metropark during the school break, where interpretive centers, farm centers and special programs offer activities with no batteries required. Most interpretive centers and farm centers will be open every day except Christmas day.

- "Webelos Geology," Indian Springs Metropark Nature Center, near White Lake on Saturday, Dec. 30 at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Webelos scouts will review the basic requirements for the geology badge. Fee: \$3 per scout. Leaders will provide badges.

Preregistration required. For additional information/registration, contact the Nature Center at 1-800-377-3192 or locally, (248) 625-7280.

- "A Chickadee in the Hand," Kensington Metropark Nature Center, near Milford/Brighton, will be held on Sunday, Dec. 31 at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Take an interpretive walk to look for these small, curious birds. Preregistration is required. For more information/registration contact Kensington Nature Center at (248) 685-0603 or 1-800-477-4178.

Interpretive Centers and Farm Learning Center Schedules

Interpretive Centers at Oakwoods, Stony Creek, Kensington and Indian Springs, and the Farm Learning Center at Kensington will be open every day except Christmas Day. Interpretive Centers at Lake Erie and Metro Beach will be open every day except Christmas Day and New Year's Day. The historic mill at Wolcott Mill Metropark will be open every day except Christmas Day and Tuesday, Dec. 26.

General Information

Individuals needing assistance in order to participate in these programs should contact the interpretive center at least 72 hours prior to the program. A Metropark vehicle entry permit is required; Annual - \$15 regular/88 senior citizens or daily - \$3 week-ends and holidays; \$2 weekdays (except Wednesdays which are free entry days).

For general information, contact the Huron-Clinton Metroparks (1-800-47-PARKS or visit our Website <http://www.metroparks.com>)

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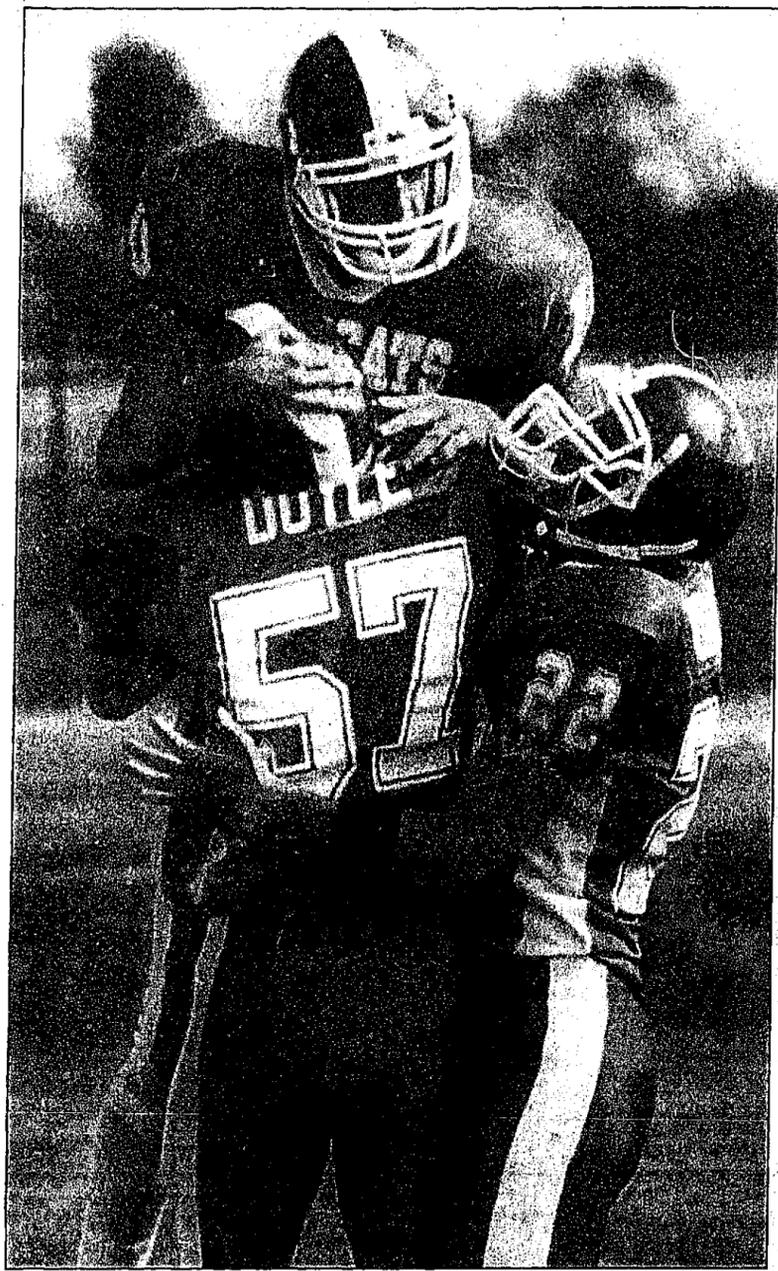
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(Above) Matt Gorman is lifted by Brian Doyle and Adam DeBiasi after Gorman's first touchdown scamper against Howell.  
(Below) With fellow linebacker Matt Polcyn, front, Chris Kaufman, center, brings down a Howell ball carrier during a season match up.

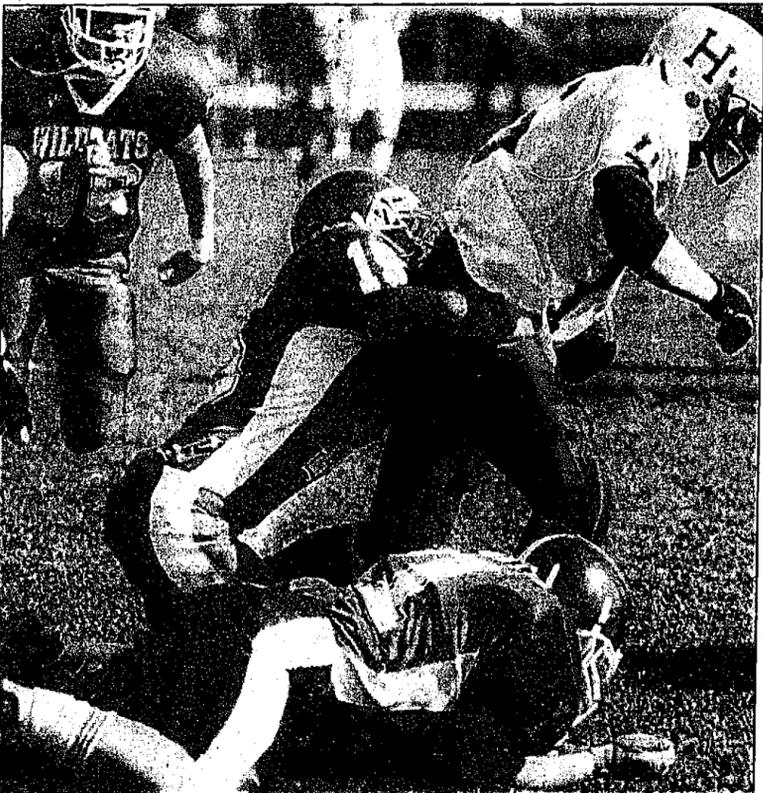


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Matt Gorman is congratulated after scoring a touchdown during a game in the early season.

## Novi, Northville majority of All-Area football team

### BRANDON LANGSTON Northville senior

And you thought Barry Sanders had retired from football, settled down and got married. Actually, he enrolled at Northville High School under the name "Brandon Langston."

Langston left his name all over the Northville record books, as this shifty but powerful back had a senior season for the ages. Langston — 5'8", 155 pounds with 4.5 speed in the 40 — ran the ball 339 times for 2,266 yards and 28 touchdowns. Those are single-season records. His 311 yards are a single-game school record. For his career Langston ran for 3,352 yards and 44 touchdowns. Those are Northville career records.

Coach Darrel Schumacher said that of all the running backs he's either coached or watched, Langston stood in a class by himself.

"Right now, he's tops," Schumacher said. "He's like a fly. Just when you think you've got him, he's gone. Brandon has that elusiveness like no one else."

### BLAKE MYERS Novi senior

A two-way threat both at fullback and linebacker, Novi head coach Tab Kellepourey said Myers had the potential to move on to play collegiate-level football.

"Blake was just a very, very good football player for us," Kellepourey said.

As a linebacker, Kellepourey said Myers had the ability to overlap and make critical tackles or help provide the finishing force to bring an opponent down. From his fullback position, Myers had both speed and power in his running game to help solidify Novi's traditional option-style offensive attack.

"He was one of one or two mainstays we had at defense," Kellepourey said. "He'll be missed."

### CHRIS LEBEIS Northville senior

If you are a good high school player, you will probably start for two seasons. Exceptional talents may begin their varsity careers as sophomores. Then there is Chris Lebeis. He played in every game for four years, beginning in the

1997 season. That's remarkable at any level of high school football, but almost unheard of at a big school like Northville.

"His motor never stops," Schumacher said. "He makes an initial hit at the line, then he gets downfield to make another block. He's a great teacher for the younger players, too."

What teammate Brandon Langston was to the glamour position of running back, Lebeis was to the grunt work in the trenches, excelling as both an offensive and defensive tackle. At 6'3", 255 pounds he had the ability to get to the other side of the field to lay a block or bring down a ball-carrier. Lebeis is a classic run blocker with terrific leg drive. On defense he made 114 tackles, 52 of them unassisted.

Lebeis was a first-team all-league in the Western Lakes, one of the state's two toughest conferences. In addition, he carries a 3.95 grade point average.

### JAMIE GASPARELLA South Lyon junior

Before the season began, there were rumors of a Tommy Frazier-playalike taking over the quarterback position at South Lyon. High expectations. Indeed, and Gasparella didn't disappoint. He was voted the team's most valuable player in his first varsity season.

"Jamie was the key for us," South Lyon coach Bob Scheloske said. "He made our offense go. He suffered an ankle injury and was not as effective after that, but still had a great season. Jamie was the fastest kid on the team. He's multidimensional — he can run the option and throw the football. I'm happy to have him back next year."

Gasparella threw for 477 yards and three touchdowns while running for 484 yards and eight touchdowns. He averaged 6.7 yards per carry.

### AARON REDDEN Northville senior

Redden was a crucial component of Northville's regular season success and post season run. On the off chance that the Mustangs went away from their bread and butter, Brandon Langston, Redden was the man, the team's leading receiver. He might have been even better as a

defensive back, leading Northville in interceptions, which is why he was named to the All-WLAA first team.

"He has a knack for using his body to shield the ball from defenders and to make the catch," Schumacher said. "Every team we played had to watch out for him."

Redden averaged 18 yards per reception as a three-year starter. This season, he hauled in 16 passes for almost 475 yards and five touchdowns.

### JIM PRESLEY Milford sophomore

Sure, there were expectations for Presley, coming off a good season on Milford's league champion freshman team, then excelling for the track team in the spring. But neither is varsity football. No matter. In an injury-shortened campaign Presley asserted himself as one of the best running backs in the KVC. In seven games Presley rushed for 821 yards and eight touchdowns. As if being a power runner with speed weren't enough, he also came out of the backfield to have 147 receiving yards. An All-KVC selection, Presley went both ways for the Redskins, getting 37 tackles and four sacks.

### MATT GORMAN Novi junior

Next fall it should be the QVC, not the KVC. Even with Brighton's Cullen Finnelly having graduated, the league will overflow with talent at the quarterback position. There's South Lyon's Jamie Gasparella, Milford's Jeff LaClair, Pinckney's Pat Doyle and, perhaps the best of them all, Novi's Matt Gorman. The conventional wisdom heading into the season was that the Wildcats' offense might not be up to par, having lost quarterback Mitch Maier to graduation. Gorman turned out to be a Maier clone, and then some.

Elusive with the run at 6'0", 172 pounds, poised as plays would break down around him, Gorman was the perfect option quarterback, leading Novi into the second round of the playoffs. And, like Maier, he was a stand-out in the defensive backfield, as well. Gorman was an All-KVC

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## Wrestlers second to Oxford at Oakland County tournament

One win.  
One lousy win.  
That's how close Novi came to winning its second-consecutive Oakland County Championship last Saturday at Clarkston High School.

The Wildcats finished runnerup to Oxford, who outscored Novi 219-217.5 at the biggest wrestling tournament in the country. Team's received two points per win in the championship bracket. Thus, in essence, one additional win would have given the Cats the title.

Rochester Adams finished third with

189.5 points, Clarkston was fourth (178) and Lake Orion took fifth (165.5). Kensington Valley Conference foe Milford was sixth while South Lyon finished 11th at the 43-team tournament.

Novi had seven of its 14 wrestlers place (top 6) with two wrestlers bringing home county titles. Ryan and Josh Churella were both crowned champions. Josh, nailing down the 103 title while Ryan dominated the 145-pound division.

The younger Churella (Josh) proved his top seed true, pinning opponents

from Lake Orion and Walled Lake Western in the quarterfinals and semifinals. His opponent in the finals, Duce Miller of Orchard Lake St. Mary, defaulted by injury to give Churella his first county title. He finished third as a freshman.

Coming in as the top wrestler at any weight class, Ryan had his work cut out for him. He too lived up to his top seed, dominating the competition en route to a final appearance. He topped Robert Love of Oak Park 20-3 in the quarters before crushing John Langdon of Clarkston 18-

2 in the semis. He then edged out Angelo Vettese of Avondale 4-2 in a tough final.

The title was the second in a row for the older Churella and was the seventh for the Churella family. Older brother Mark won a title at 140 pounds back in 1997 and his father, Mark, won three titles back in the 1970s while attending Farmington High School.

That number of titles of the Churellas with the DeGain family out of Madison and Clarkston high schools for second place. The Burger family, all out of Hazel Park, hold the all-time family record of

nine individual titles.

"It was really nice to see both of them win titles," Mark Churella said of his son's titles. "And Josh has a couple more chances at it."

Although the Churellas earned the most points for the team, others, such as Scott Kortlandt, J.R. Muldoon and Brian Ong, may have made the difference. Kortlandt picked up a huge win for his Wildcats in the semifinals. The junior toppled last year's state runnerup, Clint DeGain of Clarkston, 3-2.

Trailing 2-1 in the waning seconds of

the match, Kortlandt not only broke loose of DeGain's hold, but reverse it and scored two points with four seconds left in the match.

With Clarkston holding a small lead over Novi at the time, the win was all the more important.

"Clint DeGain didn't wrestle a bad match, he just made a mistake late and Scott took advantage of it," Novi coach Tom Fritz said.

Kortlandt, who finished fourth at last year's county meet, went on to take sec-

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## Junior Varsity Results

**NOVI JV BASKETBALL OVERALL RECORD: 2-1**

The Novi JV basketball team opened its season with a 44-35 win at Walled Lake Western last Tuesday. The Wildcats started slowly, but turned the pressure up in the second half of the game by outscoring their opponent, 31-18. The JV squad had an overall good team effort with everyone seeing some game action on the night. Brad Simpson led the Wildcats with 14 points followed by Mark Angelecci with eight and Dan Walnwright with six. Chris Lewis added four rebounds for the Wildcats.

The Wildcats JV traveled to White Lake Lakeland last Friday for their first Kensington Valley Conference game of the season where they lost, 69-53. The Wildcats could not get anything started in the first half. They fought back in the third quarter to get within four points of the Eagles, only to see Lakeland extend it back to 12 points early in the fourth quarter. Chris Lewis had a great game for Novi, scoring 20 points. Mike Allie added ten points, and Brad Chandler had six.

**Novi 52, Brighton 43**

The Novi JV basketball team improved its record to 2-1 with a 52-43 KVC victory over the Brighton Bulldogs last Friday. The Wildcats forced several turnovers and made many steals throughout the night to help the home team.

Novi even its league record to 1-1. Brad Simpson led the Wildcats with 19 points, and Chris Lewis contributed 11. Mark Angelecci and Adam Noble each had six rebounds for Novi.

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## Five Wildcats pick up first team honors

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selection, obviously. He ran for 717 yards and 12 touchdowns, including a 99-yard romp down the field against North Farmington.

"He's a real decision-maker quarterback," Kellepourey said. "Matt's got a lot of ability. His very first pass this year was a touchdown."

**DAVE SPURGESS**  
South Lyon senior  
When running the Wing-T offense, guard play is crucial. With Spurgess, a senior, and Joe Falout, a junior, South Lyon had it in spades.

"Dave was a key to our running game," Scheloske said. "Spurgess, an all-conference selection, was a vital piece of the machine that rushed for 2,003 yards in nine games while accumulating 2,480 yards in total offense."

**TONY KERN**  
South Lyon senior  
A two-year starter at tight end, Kern was nothing if not dependable. Which is exactly what you want from the position.

"Tony has great hands," Scheloske said. "If the ball is anywhere in his area he's gonna catch it. He's an excellent possession receiver because he has no fear going across the middle and can make the catch in a crowd."

**JOHN TUROWSKI**  
South Lyon senior  
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**CHRIS HARDIN**  
Lakeland senior  
A two-year starting lineman, Hardin made 87 tackles from his defensive end position. That's the fourth-best single-season mark in school history. Hardin had 16 sacks.

"And he did a great job on the offensive line," Eagles coach Brian Howe said.

Regardless of his team's struggles, Hardin came to play. And not just on Friday nights. He won have all been in to check out tape of his defensive skills. Robertson has an ideal combination of size — 6'2", 227 — and speed — 4.6

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## 2000 ALL-AREA FOOTBALL

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Name	School	Grade	Position
Brandon Langston	Northville	Senior	Runningback
Blake Myers	Novi	Senior	Runningback
Jim Friesley	Millford	Sophomore	Runningback
Jamie Gasparilla	South Lyon	Junior	Quarterback
Matt Lobeis	Novi	Junior	Quarterback
Chris Lobeis	Northville	Senior	Lineman
Dave Spurgess	South Lyon	Senior	Lineman
Tim Stefanson	Novi	Senior	Lineman
Adam DeBiasi	Novi	Senior	Lineman
John Turowski	South Lyon	Senior	Lineman
Aaron Redden	South Lyon	Senior	Receiver
Tony Kern	South Lyon	Senior	Tight End

Defense			
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Joe Rumbley	Northville	Senior	Linebacker
Chris Kaufman	Novi	Senior	Linebacker
Eddie Wilson	Millford	Senior	Linebacker
Jon Campion	Northville	Senior	Linebacker
Cas Werda	Novi	Senior	Linebacker
Chris Hardin	Lakeland	Senior	Linebacker
Adam Vedrode	South Lyon	Senior	Linebacker
Alex Plungis	Lakeland	Senior	Linebacker
Jason Crook	South Lyon	Senior	Def. back
Ryan Jones	South Lyon	Senior	Def. back

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Bryer overpowered Slovan in this final, 11-4. Slovan had defeated opponents from Okemos, Farmdale and Brandon to get to the finals. Nobsch — on the mat a lot, going the distance in all of his Saturday matches. He picked up wins over Bishop Foley and Groves before losing to the eventual runner-up Omar Youssef from Adams. He worked his way back with wins over Millard and North Farmington to take third.

## Wrestling title goes to Oxford High

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and place to St. Mary's Matt Urey in the 171-pound division. Urey was voted the most outstanding wrestler above 145 pounds.

Midweek also took second place, falling to Walled Lake Western's Ryan Beech in the championship match at 112 pounds. The junior was the No. 2 seed coming in and defeated opponents from Berkley and Lakeland to get to the finals. Tim Bragg, his Lakeland opponent, was a state place a year ago.

Urey Urey, Beech was voted the most outstanding wrestler 140 pounds and below.

Ong, a first-year regular at 125 pounds, had a long day coming back through the consolation bracket to finish fifth. He defeated opponents from Farmdale, Rochester Adams, Pontiac Central and Millard. His last win over Millard's Ben Lawrence, came in overtime (6-4).

"You always have a couple of losses here and there that can hurt you, but we played up a couple of wins that really helped us," Novi coach Brad Huss said. "Even guys like Brian Ong came through for us."

Another pair of veterans, Nick Sloan and Cory Nobsch, also came through for the Wildcats.

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**0 MISS CONSCIENCE (PG-13)**  
11:45, 2:10, 4:25, 6:45, 9:10

**0 DUNE, WHERE MY CAB? (PG-13)**  
11:30, 2:05, 5:10, 7:30, 9:30

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12:15, 1:00, 2:35, 5:00, 6:30, 8:45

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# HEALTH

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## Don't let the holidays get you down

Last month, we said holiday dread may result from the fact that many people experience something quite different from what is being hyped and what we have come to expect the holidays to be like. We focused on family relationships and suggested using meditation as a way to explore why situations are troubling and suggested ways to take control and have positive outcomes.

This month, we'll focus on the "holiday blues." Unrealistic expectations of what the holidays should be like and the fact that we don't have enough time or money to do all the things we would like to can be a reason people feel down during the holidays.

One of the ways to overcome the holiday blues is a matter of being proactive and taking control of the situation. Here are some things to consider:

- **Time** - People tend to rearrange their schedules and lives around the holidays. One of the main stressors of the holidays is not enough time. Set your priorities. You don't have to attend every function you're invited to. Choose quality over quantity.

- **Get organized** - Plan ahead to avoid having to run out at the last minute to buy gifts or take care of details. Lists work wonders.



Penny Weaver

- **As for help** - Let everyone bring a dish to pass at functions you are hosting. Get the older kids to set up activities for the younger ones.

- **Simplify** - In one family, the children asked their mother to spend Christmas day with them rather than in the kitchen. They agreed on burgers for dinner and everyone was happy.

- **Be kind to yourself** - Avoid overindulging in alcohol, holiday food and caffeine. Find time to fit in some exercise. Think about what you need to do to create some joy for yourself.

Finally, use meditation to overcome depression. This is the time of year we begin to reflect on the past year and do a self-evaluation. It's also a good time to begin planning for the new year and deciding what changes you want to make in your life. Here are steps you can

follow to help you become the person you desire to be.

- **Sit down** for a long hard talk with yourself. Determine who and what gets you down. Stay away from people who have a negative effect on you and spend more time with those who make you feel positive. Also, look at activities or things that have a similar effect and put more emphasis on things that are positive.

- **Meditate** on what your strengths and weaknesses are. Determine what you do best and areas you want to improve.

- **Determine** changes you want to make in your life. Ask where do you want to be in six months with your career, personal life and in relationships.

- **Decide** what coaches, trainers, hypnotists or mentors you need to contact to help you

make these changes.

- **Do a transformational meditation** to begin creating your new reality. Program the things you want to achieve by visualizing and using all of your senses to feel what it will be like when you achieve your goals.

Remember that we create our own realities and whatever we believe about ourselves and our lives is what we experience. A good first step to achieving a goal is to begin acting like you are, where you want to be, and are the person you strive to be.

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## Holiday eating is all about moderation

Healthy holiday cooking: eat the treats without gaining the weight. You can still eat healthy without foregoing the homebaked holiday goodies.

This New Year's you can cross one resolution off your list - losing that extra weight you put on during the holidays.

Even though it's the time of year when many people over-indulge in holiday meals and sweets, it's still possible to maintain a balanced diet by serving up some healthy holiday goodies, said Kathy Goldberg M.S., R.D., a dietitian and culinary specialist at the University of Michigan health system.

"During the holidays or any time of year, all foods can fit into a healthy diet," Goldberg said. "We want to make sure that we eat a balanced diet through, which means not excessively eating sweets and treats, but eating a diet based on whole grain, fruits, vegetables, lean protein, low-fat dairy and limiting those special treats."

Many traditional holiday cookie recipes, however, are butter-based and full of sugar. Goldberg recom-

mends keeping butter-based recipes, like for shortbread and chocolate chip cookies, traditional and not substituting ingredients.

"It's very difficult to modify a recipe for a butter-based cookie and have it really be satisfying and delicious," Goldberg said. "But you can still make those, just have a very small portion of them."

A healthy alternative to the butter-based cookies is a recipe for ginger date biscotti with white chocolate from "High Fit - Low Fat - Vegetarian," a cookbook co-authored by Goldberg that contains heart-healthy recipes for all occasions. The ginger date biscotti with white chocolate is a holiday treat that adds no butter and has half the fat of a small chocolate chip cookie. Some other holiday biscotti may have more butter in the batter than Goldberg's recipe, but include nutrients like dried fruits or nuts.

But staying away from temptations like holiday punch, frosted cookies, candy canes and meals made with all the trimmings can be difficult.

### Suggestions for healthy holiday cooking and eating:

- Stick to a normal healthy diet - avoid eating excessive amounts of foods high in fat, cholesterol, sugar and salt.
- A well-balanced diet should include whole grain, fruits, vegetables, lean protein and

low-fat dairy.

- Choose holiday foods with some nutritional value including treats made with chocolate, fruits and nuts.
- Eat small portions of butter-based treats instead of trying to modify the recipe to lower the fat.

"It's a good idea when you're choosing a sweet to try and choose something that may have some nutritional benefit," said Goldberg. "There's nutritional benefit in chocolate, fruit, nuts and there are things that are better for you than others. Try to stay away from things that have butter in them or are excessively high in sugar."

Other healthy holiday substitutions include baking gingerbread cookies instead of chocolate chip cookies. The gingerbread cookies have less fat and are a fun treat to decorate for the holidays. Also, a healthy alternative to a pie with a crust made from butter or vegetable shortening and refined white flour is a spicy fruit crisp. A fruit crisp is full of water-soluble fiber,

which has been shown to lower cholesterol, and can be filled with a variety of fruits including pears, apples, blackberries, cranberries, blueberries, peaches, strawberries and rhubarb.

Still the best way to maintain your weight during the holidays, Goldberg said, is to make foods that fit into your normal diet and try not to over-indulge in other holiday treats.

"Eat a little bit lighter at meals, but eat well-balanced meals," Goldberg said. "It'll not only help you keep those holiday pounds off, it'll help you reduce some of the stress that we find during the holidays as well."

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## Briefs

### NORTHVILLE AAU GIRLS BASKETBALL TRYOUTS

#### Ages 11-13

Jan. 9 6:30-8 p.m. Hillside Middle School (auxiliary gym)  
Jan. 11 6:30-8 p.m. Hillside Middle School (auxiliary gym)  
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If you have any questions regarding the tryouts, please contact Pete Wright, Northville High School Women's basketball coach at (248) 348-4496 or assistant basketball coach Ed Kritch at (248) 349-4524.

The NJCAA selected three players to the All-American team. They include Kristin Manteuffel of Redford, Toni Perry of Grand Blanc, and Angela Malle of Northville.

In addition, Schoolcraft College finished the NJCAA Women's National Soccer Championship in St. Louis, Mo., with two wins and one loss and fifth place overall.

Celebrate the 21st century with your family and join us at our fourth annual **New Year's Eve celebration**. This popular event will be held at Hillside Middle School, 775 N. Center St. in Northville on Sunday, Dec. 31, from 5 to 9 p.m. Join us for fun, food, carnival games, crafts, magic, and entertainment.

Tickets are available at the Northville Recreation Center and are \$13 for adults, \$8 for children 10 and under. Price includes all activities and dinner. Don't miss the party of the year - last year over 800 people attended so buy your tickets now.

For information, call the Northville Parks and Recreation Department at (248) 349-0203. This event is co-sponsored by Northville Public Schools, Northville Youth Assistance, Oak Pointe Church, Northville Community Foundation, Home Depot, Karen Woodruff of Century 21 in Northville, the Northville Masonic Association, and Sign-a-Rama in Novi.

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**Hope College** announced its sports letter winners recently for their MIAA division. **Kathryn Miller** from Novi won a letter for women's golf.

**Adrian College** also announced its letter winners for their MIAA division. **Detroit Catholic Central's Chuck Spolsky**, Novi, won a letter in football on top of being named second team All-MIAA. Adrian College's most valuable defensive lineman and named the team's player of the week vs. DeLance, Wisconsin Lutheran and Hope.

## LOW FAT DESSERT

- **Ginger Date Biscotti with White Chocolate**
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 2 1/2 tablespoons crystallized ginger, finely minced;
- 1 teaspoon baking soda, sifted;
- 1/2 cup dates, pitted and chopped;
- 3 ounces white chocolate, finely chopped;
- 1/4 teaspoon salt;
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract;
- 2 eggs;
- 1 egg white; and
- vegetable cooking spray

Method: Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.

- Combine first seven ingredients in a large mixing bowl and mix well.

- Whisk together the vanilla, eggs and egg white. Add to the dry ingredients, cutting the ingredients in with a fork or pastry blender, as you would a pastry dough. Mixture will be crumbly.

- Turn mixture out onto a lightly floured surface and knead gently to blend the ingredients so that they hold together.

- Divide dough into two equal portions and roll into two 15-in-long cylinders. Place each cylinder several inches apart on a cookie sheet lightly coated with vegetable cooking spray.

- Gently flatten dough to a thickness of 1 inch and bake for 25 minutes, or until lightly golden.

- Remove dough from the oven and allow to cool (on the cookie sheet) on a wire rack for ten minutes. Reduce oven temperature to 325 degrees F.

- Slide each roll of dough off the cookie sheet onto a cutting board and cut each one into 12 diagonal slices.

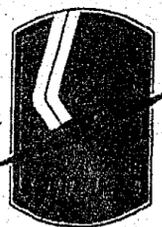
- Return the slices to the cookie sheet about 1/2 inch apart so that their cut sides can crisp up. Return to the oven to bake an additional seven to ten minutes. Remove from the baking sheet and allow to cool completely on a wire rack.

Makes two dozen cookies.

Note: If the egg whites are small; the mixture may be too crumbly to hold together. If this is the case, gradually add enough of an additional egg white to achieve a mixture that will hold together.

**Nutrient calculations (per one biscotti):**  
Calories, 94; total fat, 1.8 g (Sat. 0.9 g); Cholesterol 18 mg; Carbohydrate 18 g; Dietary Fiber 0.6 g; Protein 2 g; Sodium 86 mg; Calcium 13 mg; Iron 0.7 mg; Exchanges: 1/2 starch; 1/2 other.

Source: "High Fit - Low Fat Vegetarian," by Elizabeth Rosalie Burt, Katherine Briggs Goldberg and Katherine Sigal Rhodes. To order, call M-Fit at (734) 647-6694.



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