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Main Street stores still aglow

Deal struck to keep power on

By Victoria Sadlocha
STAFF WRITER

Tenants of Main Street breathed a sigh of relief Monday when they opened their businesses and realized they would still be able to service Christmas-time customers. "Everyone has power," said Tiffany Zendejas, owner of

Sincerely Yours.

Zendejas, who has recently joined the group of clients represented by local attorney Kim Capello, said she had not received a formal notice by Detroit Edison notifying her of the shut-off, but was aware of a courtesy notification phone call made to another tenant by Detroit Edison.

Oakland County District Court Judge Brian W. Mackenzie met with both Capello and part owner and managing partner of Evergreen

III, James Chen, in a closed session Friday, Dec. 14 regarding the pending disconnect order.

Capello said the purpose of the session, held in Mackenzie's 52-1 District Court chambers, was to see if a temporary agreement could be reached in order to stop the order issued by Detroit Edison.

Despite the fact the local attorney and city council member said his clients were paying base rent and CAM charges, Capello said both parties were looking at an

agreement which included his clients paying base rent and \$3.50 per foot of occupying space for common area maintenance (CAM) fees so that Chen would satisfy the electric company's requirements.

"We have made an arrangement with the owner and the power will stay on," said John Austerberry, spokesman for Detroit Edison regarding why the shut-off order was terminated.

Brian Larson, co-owner of Larson Jewelry Design, was one of

the tenants to receive notification from Detroit Edison saying the power to the building would be shut off on Dec. 17.

Larson said he was told by Detroit Edison that Chen was \$266,000 behind on his account and had not made a payment since July.

Neither Chen nor John Pitrone, a representative of the Hayman Company who was hired to manage

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Hearing opens doors to arsenic problem

State would not mandate city to clean up park

By Victoria Sadlocha
STAFF WRITER

If North Novi Park was kept as park land, the city of Novi would not be mandated by the state of Michigan to remediate the park as a result of arsenic contamination.

This was one statement revealed by Novi city manager Richard Helwig during Oakland County Circuit Court hearings held Dec. 6 and 7 regarding the pending Sandstone Associates settlement agreement.

Helwig stated in court that even though the state does not mandate remediation for contaminated acreage of North Novi Park if used for recreational purposes, members of the city council agreed they would have the land remediated anyway.

Helwig said city officials found out very late in the settlement process there was a presence of arsenic on the property.

Members of the Friends of Novi Parks felt gratified to hear this statement after waging a campaign

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Bathed in light



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Lee Mennerich and his son Kiel, 7, and their family did an amazing job of decorating their Buckminster home in Novi with Christmas lights. Lee said that he began putting the lights up the day after Thanksgiving.

Mennerich family wins contest

By Victoria Sadlocha
STAFF WRITER

Festive residents were honored Dec. 18 for turning Novi streets into a winter wonderland.

The holiday ceremony, held in the Novi Civic Center, honored the Mennerich family as the winner of the "Best Decorated House in Novi" contest.

The competition, sponsored by

the city of Novi Homeowners Association, honored the 16-year Novi family for decorating their 25567 Buckminster home with special spirit and pizzazz.

Their Cedar Springs Subdivision dwelling, located in the Eleven Mile and Taft Roads area, displays a winning combination of colored lights, lawn decorations and window displays.

Driving by the Mennerich's

home, Christmas-light viewers may see bells ringing, Santa Claus waving and Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer.

"It took three days to decorate," said contest winner Lee Mennerich.

Mennerich was excited to win and said he achieved his winning look by adding a few more decorations every year until the perfect balance of holiday cheer was created.

Ron Boron, president of the city of Novi Homeowners Association, said he went to 25 Novi subdivisions, viewing the contest entries.

"I looked not so much at the quantity of lights, but rather the thought and the way the lighting and displays were set up," Boron said.

Boron said he also looked for

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Local churches gather for holiday services

Church of the Holy Family. 24505 Meadowbrook Road, (248) 349-8847.

Christmas Mass schedule: Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, 4 p.m.; children's choir and pageant, 6 p.m.; midnight Mass, adult choir at 11:30 p.m.

Christmas Day, 8:45 and 10:30 a.m., 12:15 p.m.

Church of Today West. Meadowbrook Elementary, Meadowbrook Road - south of Thirteen Mile in Novi, (248) 449-8900.

Christmas Eve service: Dec. 24 at 4 p.m.

Children's Christmas Pageant: Dec. 23 at 10 a.m.

Burning Bowl - Dec. 31 at 7 p.m.

First Baptist Church of Northville. 217 N. Wing St., (248) 348-1020.

Dec. 22-23, 7 p.m. A musical drama focusing on the events surrounding Pearl Harbor.

Dec. 24, Christmas Eve service, 6 p.m.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. 41415 W. Nine Mile Road, Novi, (248) 349-0565.

Christmas Eve candlelight service, 7 p.m.
Christmas Day festival service, 10 a.m.

Northville Christian Assembly.

41355 Six Mile Road, Northville, (248) 348-9030.

Two Christmas Eve services, Dec. 24, 6 and 8 p.m.

New Year's Eve, Dec. 31, 6 p.m. Worship, baptism and Communion in the Sanctuary.

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Two elementary dancers will perform in holiday "Nutcracker"

By Angelo Parlove
STAFF WRITER

Two tiny dancers from Novi twirled their way into this year's Christmas classic in Detroit.

Deerfield Elementary second-graders Kelsey Kenrick and Hannah Woods performed in the "Nutcracker" by Ballet Internationale, a professional dance company from Indiana, at the Detroit Opera House this holiday season.

"I am very proud of these kids," said Michelle Stretcher, assistant director for the dance center at the Sports Club of Novi.

Kenrick and Woods hone their dance steps at the Sports Club of Novi, where they practice ballet, hip-hop and tap.

"Before the curtain goes up, I get to talk to the king."

Hannah Woods
student dancer in "Nutcracker"

"This is a great learning experience for them," she said.

The show, which ran from Dec. 7-16, uses professional dancers for the main roles but selects local children each year for minor parts.

For six performances, Woods played the harlequin doll who handed the Nutcracker his sword

before he battles the Mouse King. "Before the curtain goes up, I get to talk to the king," Woods said.

Kenrick played a page, a child who stands alongside the king, for seven performances.

"I was nervous because a lot of people are out there watching," Kenrick said.

Ballet Internationale hosted auditions for this year's holiday favorite in September at Marygrove College in Detroit, where more than 400 children showed off their dance moves in hopes of a role in professional theater.

Michelle Wilson, dance director at the Sports Club of Novi, offered her students some simple advice before the try-outs: smile, do your

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SUBMITTED PHOTO

Hannah Woods, 7, at left and Kelsey Kenrick, 8, will dance in the holiday classic "Nutcracker."

State of the city address will be given at the Civic Center

By Victoria Sadlocha
Staff Writer

"The chamber supports the mayor's decision. I think it is a positive move that we are all working together on."

Nora Champion
Novi Chamber of Commerce
executive director

The beginning of a new tradition will start in January as Novi Mayor Richard J. Clark announced he will give the State of the City address from the Novi Civic Center.

The announcement came as a surprise to some as the annual event had been sponsored for many years by the Novi Chamber of Commerce.

"I wanted to afford the entire community the opportunity to be here," Clark said.

In the past, the mayor of Novi has given the address during the chamber's annual luncheon.

"A lot of people work out of town during the day," Clark said.

He said having the address at 7 p.m. Jan. 14 in the Novi Civic Center would allow more residents the opportunity to attend.

"The chamber supports the mayor's decision," said Nora

Champion, executive director of the Novi Chamber of Commerce. "I think it is a positive move that we are all working together on."

Champion said not only will members of the chamber attend the Jan. 14 event, but the mayor has also agreed to speak at the annual chamber luncheon the next afternoon.

The mayor will provide a recap of the address and be available for questions, Champion said.

Clark believes having the address during a public event will also allow members of the chamber the opportunity to meet members of the community and vice versa.

He also feels it will be a good networking opportunity for chamber members to meet existing Novi business owners who are not familiar with the organization.

"It is another way to reconnect," said Richard Heibel, Novi city manager. "This is all a part of our coming of age."

The Jan. 14 address will be televised on Novi's local cable channel and a reception will follow Clark's speech.

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Obituaries

Mary M. Nugent

Mary Margaret Nugent died Dec. 16 at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak at the age of 66.

She graduated from nursing school in 1957 from Mt. Carmel. She was a member of the Catholic Central Mothers Club, The Right to Life of Michigan Organization and the Farmington Musicale. She was also active at Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Farmington.

Survivors include her children, Thomas (Elizabeth), James (Jennifer), Michael (Esther) and Patrick (Sarah); grandchildren Lauren, Chelsea, Matthew, Sofia and David; siblings Gerald (Margaret) Bagley, Elizabeth (Edward) Szalay and sister-in-law Rosemary Bagley. Husband James, granddaughter Monica and brother Charles Bagley all preceded her in death.

Visitation was Wednesday from 5-9 p.m. and will be Thursday from 1-4 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. at O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, 41555 Grand River in Novi. Inauguration will be on Friday, Dec. 21 at 9:30 a.m. at Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Farmington.

Sorrows Church in Farmington with a funeral liturgy at 10 a.m. Interment will be at the Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield. Memorials can be made to Right to Life - Lifespan, 28200 Seven Mile Road, #127, Livonia, MI, 48152-3736 and Catholic Central High School, 14200 Breakfast Dr., Redford, MI, 48239.

Howard R. Poppen

Howard Rudolph Poppen died Dec. 16 at Providence Hospital in Southfield at the age of 94.

Mr. Poppen was a 50-year resident of Grosse Pointe. He was a member of the Harper Woods Rotary Club, the Grosse Pointe Men's Garden Club, the Senior

Men's Club of Grosse Pointe and a member of the Grosse Pointe United Church and a life member of the CLU.

Survivors include children Janet (Phillip) Carr, Judy (Charles) Hanneman, Joyce (Matthew) Quinn; six grandchildren; two great grandchildren; and brother Robert Poppen. He was preceded in death by his wife, Grayce.

Visitation will be Friday from 4-8 p.m. at O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, 41555 Grand River in Novi. There is no service.

Interment will be at Springdale Cemetery, Farmington, MI. Memorials can be made to the Alzheimer's Association and Hospice of Michigan.

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Resident walking dog finds surprise on sidewalk

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A woman walking her dog in Novi found a surprise, prompting her to notify local police. According to the police report, an unidentified elderly female was walking her dog on Dec. 13 at 4:30 p.m. when she found a piece of narcotic paraphernalia. The woman told police she found a white and red pipe on a walk near court B of the Old Orchards Condominium complex. Novi police officers advised the department's Narcotic Enforcement Team of the incident and destroyed the pipe.

Police News

kept saying she was too embarrassed and felt stupid, putting off the task. She finally gave in, starting at 6 and ending at 7. After failing the task, the Ferndale resident told the officer, "can I just not?" After failing to perform other field sobriety tasks, she performed a preliminary breath test, blowing a .208. The woman was arrested and taken to the Novi Police Department.

Fight in parking lot

On Dec. 15 at 2 a.m., Novi police were dispatched to the Mobile Gas Station on Grand River Avenue in reference to a fight in progress. When officers arrived on the scene, the suspect was gone and the 23-year-old victim was in the parking lot. The Brighton man told police he was talking to a friend through his open car door when the suspect pulled into the lot. The victim told police the male suspect said, "nice park job," and then swore at him. The victim said he replied by saying, "too bad you'll have to wait." As a response, the 23-year-old male exited the silver car and said, "I'm a U.S. Marine." According to the report filed by the officer, the victim said after that - a verbal argument broke out, then the suspect head-butted him before the reported fist fight began. The victim said after fighting for a few minutes,

the suspect left the parking lot. The Brighton man said he was not hurt and did not want to press charges. A few minutes later, another Novi officer, who initially reported to the scene but left to find the subject, found the described silver car on Novi Road north of Interstate 96. The second officer pulled him over and suspected he had been drinking. After the suspect, determined to be a Highland resident, failed field sobriety tasks he was asked to take a preliminary breath test. The man blew a .117 and was arrested. His story of the fight was consistent with the victim's and the case was closed.

WALLED LAKE CDs found

Walled Lake Police chased a man on foot Dec. 7 after an employee called to report a man had just walked out with a number of play station cassette discs without paying.

The man was apprehended and arrested in a condominium complex behind Farmer Jack's in Walled Lake.

When the officers later entered the man's home, they recovered other CDs that were allegedly stolen a few days earlier.

Police estimate that the CDs cost at least \$550.

Driving test gone wrong
A 47-year-old female driving instructor reported Dec. 7 that a 52-year-old Waterford man threatened her after she failed him on his driving test.

The woman, who is a road test instructor for students applying for a chauffeur's license, said the man told her "this is how innocent Americans get hurt" after she told him he did not pass the driving exam. He also made reference to the Sept. 11 attack.

The man, who has lived in multiple countries including Lebanon, was attempting to get a license for hauling hazardous chemicals as well.

The next day, officers went to the church lot at 1795 N. Pontiac Trail where the woman conducts the test to watch the man take his test a second time. The instructor pulled the man again, who became angry.

He challenged the way the woman administered the test. However, he denied that he said anything wrong the previous day. He finally admitted making a comment but downplayed his intent.

The man's English was difficult to understand. However, the officer clearly heard him say "I am not afraid. I am not afraid of nobody."

The officer was unable to get clarification of what the man meant by the statement.

He told police he has been an American citizen for the past 15 years. He was informed that his comments could be construed as intimidating.

The woman told him he would have to seek another driving school.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation was notified of the incident. However, they told Walled Lake police they were not pursuing it any further.

Needing Pepsi

A Walled Lake officer was dispatched Dec. 10 when a Victory Lane employee told police the Pepsi machine had been broken into.

When the employee closed the business, when he opened it Dec. 10, he noticed the machine had been pried open and an undetermined amount of money was stolen.

WIXOM Hiding drugs?

The quick thinking of the Wixom Police nabbed a man on drug charges.

An officer stopped a suspicious vehicle - a black S-10 Chevy pickup - near Beck Road and Pontiac Trail in Wixom on Dec. 15. As he approached the small truck, the officer could smell the strong odor of marijuana.

He asked the driver how much marijuana he had smoked.

"None. I just dropped a friend off. It must have been him," the man in the pickup said.

The Wixom officer noticed the man's eyes were bloodshot and glassy and asked if there were any drugs in the vehicle.

Hassing customers

Wixom police were dispatched to stop a male in a red and white pickup from terrorizing people at the Wixom Plaza on Dec. 13.

Officers found the suspect on the sidewalk next to Fibber Magee's on Pontiac Trail. The man attempted to flee the scene when he saw the police approaching.

However, he stumbled and was easily apprehended and booked for disorderly person, public intoxication and disturbing the peace.

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The development, were available for comment.
The disconnection would have put all of the suites occupying the Main Street building - including businesses not involved in the ongoing litigation - in the dark.
A legal battle between Chen and Main Street tenants began after business owners received eviction notices in October.
The notices were issued after Chen did not receive full payment of CAM fees. Tenants said they were holding back the fees because they felt the charges were suspiciously high and not supported with detailed descriptions.
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City reveals state would not mandate park remediation

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to say the park land was not dangerous if used as park land.
'It was great to hear Mr. Helwig say that, since it vindicated our position that North Novi Park is viable as a park,' said Brian Smith, member of Friends of Novi Parks.
Smith also said he believed if remediated, which would have to be done if sold to Sanjour Associates as part of the settlement deal, it would cost a lot more than the \$750,000 city officials had set aside for that purpose.
'In my mind, it is a moot point because obviously if it is used for residential use, then it will have to be remediated,' said council member Laura Lorenzo. Lorenzo said she wasn't even really thinking about it because she felt confident the settlement would go through.
'I can't give an answer to that because I do not remember a discussion by the group on that issue,' said council member Louis Cornelius when asked why members of the council agreed they would remediate the land even if it was kept as park land.
Cornelius said he did remember Novi Mayor Richard Clark saying at a public hearing on the settlement deal that he felt the city had a moral obligation to clear the park land.

Students dance with international ballet

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allows the kids to meet other people excited about dance.
'Hannah is on cloud 9!' said Alice Woods, Hannah's mother. 'They get to make friends with the dancers and the other children.'
Berk stage, the professional dancers often mix with the local children and encourage their ballet dreams.
'I can't wait to get big so I can be Chae,' Renick said.
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Lights and decorations dress up Novi

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position in the lighting and for a home that was lit up completely.
Honorable mentions were given to the homeowners on Sullivan and Williams Streets for their team effort in lighting their blocks, the Better family located at 46535 Cransview in the Roma Ridge Subdivision and the Meyers family located at 41565 Fern Trail in the Deerbrook Subdivision.
Entries included homes from the River Bridge, Chase Farms, Simmons Orchard, Meadowbrook, Gleno, Echo Valley, Deerbrook, Antioch Pointe I, Novi Heights, Cedar Springs I, II, III and IV, Harby Estates, Andrew Pointe II, Settlers Creek Court, Roma Ridge, Haverhill Farms, Yorkshire Place, Greenwood Oaks III and IV, Dunbarton Pines, Royal Crown Estates, Abbey Hills, Turtle Creek, Waldon Woods II, Orchard Ridge Estates, Willowbrook and Westmont Village Subdivisions and condominiums from Country Place and Glen Haven Condominiums.
'This was the first year the city of Novi Homeowners Association judged the residential portion of the lighting contest. In the past few years, members of the association judged the lighting displays of commercial buildings in Novi.'
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Weddings

Mr. and Mrs. Kirk and Sue Hooper of Northville announce the wedding of their son, Sean Thomas, to Kimberly Sue Kosby, daughter of Lee Kosby and Suzy Bertram and Andrew and Deana Krakauer of Los Angeles.
'The couple were united in matrimony on Sept. 22 in Las Vegas by the Rev. Virginia Greer. The bride was given away by both fathers, Lee Kosby and Andrew Krakauer.
'The bride graduated from Taft High School in Woodland Hills, Calif. She carried a bouquet of red roses, with pearls inset in the center of each flower. She also carried a handkerchief that belonged to the groom's Great Great Grandmother.
'These Bondai was the matron of honor for the bride.
'The groom graduated from Northville High School in 1994 and is a First Class Petty Officer in the Navy. He is currently an instructor at the Naval Weapons Station in Charleston, South Carolina.
'The couple met three years ago in California when the groom was serving on the U.S.S. Bremerton.
'The groom's best man was his younger brother, Tyler Thomas



Kosby - Hooper
Hooper. The couple also honeymooned in Las Vegas.

Churches: holiday services next week

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conclude both services.
Oak Pointe Church, 40500 Grand River, Novi, (248) 615-7050. All services held at Northville High School, Six Mile at Sibleton Road.
Two Christmas Eve services, Dec. 24, 7 p.m., family candlelight service; 11 p.m., candlelight Communion service.
Holy Ascension Eastern Catholic Church, 16115 Beck Road between Five/Six Mile, Northville, (313) 584-1424 or Website www.holyascension.org. The church facility is located on the grounds of Our Lady of Providence Residential Center. Christmas Eve service at 9 p.m.
First United Methodist Church of Northville, 777 W. Eight Mile Road, (248) 349-1144. Christmas Eve services: Children's Christmas pageant, 4 p.m.; Contemporary worship celebration, 6 p.m.; Festive worship celebration, 8-9:30 p.m.; Communion worship celebration, 11 p.m.
Faith Community Presbyterian Church, 44400 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, (248) 349-2345. Three Christmas Eve services: Family service, 5 p.m.; Candlelight service, 8 p.m.; Candlelight service and Communion, 11 p.m.
First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 E. Main St., (248) 349-0911. Website www.firstpresbytrian.org. Christmas Eve services: Family worship and children's choirs, 5 p.m.; Candlelight service, carols, youth choirs, 7 p.m.; Candlelight service, carols, handbell choir, 9 p.m.; Candlelight service, carols, adult choir, 11 p.m.
Hope Lutheran Church, 39200 W. Twelve Mile Road, Farmington Hills, (248) 553-7170. Christmas Eve schedule: 4 p.m., worship/children's service for young children and their families; includes Holy Communion. (Children are encouraged to dress as shepherds or stable animals so they can partake in the nativity drama); 6 p.m., contemporary worship, special children's message, Holy Communion and candlelighting; 7:30, 9 and 11 p.m., traditional worship, special children's message, Communion and candlelighting.
Meadowbrook Congregational Church, 21355 Meadowbrook Road, Novi, (248) 348-7757. Dec. 24, two Christmas Eve services at 6 and 9 p.m. The 6 p.m. will be a pageant presentation by the children; the 9 p.m. will be an adult service. Carols and candlelighting will conclude both services.
Iglesia Ni Cristo - Church of Christ, 41390 Five Mile Road, Northville Township, (734) 420-0303.
Church of the Holy Cross Episcopal, 46200 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, (248) 348-1175. Holy Communion at the following services: Dec. 23, 7:45 and 11 a.m.; Dec. 24, 6 and 11 p.m.; Dec. 25, 8 a.m.
Church of Today West, meets at Meadowbrook Elementary, 2905 S. Commerce Road, Walled Lake, (248) 624-4235. Dec. 24, Christmas Eve - three services: 5 p.m., family worship; 7 p.m., candlelight worship; 11 p.m., candlelight with Holy Communion.
Immanuel Church, meets at Hickory Woods Elementary School of Novi Road between Thirteen and Fourteen Mile roads, (248) 345-5524. Sunday, Dec. 23, two services 9:30 and 11 a.m. No services for Christmas Eve or Christmas Day.
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Abiding Hope Lutheran Church, 4200 White Oak Trail, Commerce, (248) 349-0565. Christmas service held on Sunday, Dec. 23 at 7 p.m.
Lakes Area Assembly of God Ministries, 1850 S. Commerce Road, Walled Lake, (248) 624-1821. No services Christmas Eve or Christmas Day.
St. Anne's Episcopal of Walled Lake, 430 Nicolet St., Walled Lake, (248) 624-3817. Sunday, Dec. 23, 9 a.m., Holy Communion. Monday, Dec. 24, 9 p.m., Christmas Eve service. Tuesday, Dec. 25, 9 a.m., Holy Communion.
Church of God of Walled Lake, (248) 624-3855. Christmas Day, 9:30 a.m. with Sunday School at 11 a.m.
St. William Catholic Church of Walled Lake, 531 Common St., (248) 624-1421. Christmas Eve: Children's Mass 4 p.m., 6 p.m., midnight Mass (celebration begins at 11 p.m.). Christmas Day: 8 and 10 a.m. and noon, no evening Mass. New Year's Eve: 4:30 p.m.; New Year's Day: 9 and 11:30 a.m.
Walled Baptist Church of Walled Lake, 309 Decker Road, (248) 624-2390. Sunday, Dec. 23 at 6 p.m., candlelight carols - a family Christmas carol sing.
First Baptist Church of Wixom, 620 N. Wixom Road, Wixom, (248) 624-3823. Wednesday, Dec. 19, church-wide Christmas caroling, 7 p.m. New Year's Eve, Watchnight service at 9 p.m.
St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 2040 S. Commerce Road, Walled Lake, (248) 624-7676. Dec. 24 Christmas Eve services (train worship center), 5 p.m. - Adult choir and orchestra.

MADD announces Dec. campaign

Mothers Against Drunk Driving announced its plans for a December enforcement month campaign as part of National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention (3-4) Month. The campaign in Michigan will have two primary components. The first component is School Media Awareness' packets that are being distributed to every high school in Michigan. The packet includes materials developed by SAAD students that promote the message of alcohol avoidance and safety for MADD Michigan. Executive Director Homer Smith stated, 'The second component is enforcement efforts called 'Spotlight Operations' that will focus on identifying teens who are attempting to purchase alcohol illegally. These efforts will be conducted in several communities throughout the state of Michigan. The campaign has been made possible by a grant from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to MADD Michigan.

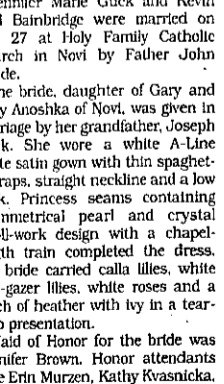
Mr. and Mrs. Tom and Lynne Cavanaugh of Northville announce the wedding of their daughter, Karen, to Matthew Farley, son of Terry and Audrey Farley of Westfield, New Jersey. The couple were united in marriage in Santa Fe, New Mexico by the Rev. Naomi Fiske on July 7. The bride was given away by her father, Tom. The bride graduated from Northville High School in 1991 and Western Michigan University with a bachelors of science degree. She is currently employed as a RN at the University of New Mexico Hospital in Albuquerque in the trauma ward. Sister Pam Cavanaugh was the maid of honor. The groom graduated with a bachelors of science degree from Northeastern in Boston, Mass. He is currently employed with the Rio Rancho Public Schools in Rio Rancho, New Mexico. Brother Peter Farley was the best man. The couple honeymooned in Anguilla, Caribbean and reside in Albuquerque.

Jennifer Marie Guck and Kevin Paul Bainbridge were married on Oct. 27 at Holy Family Catholic Church in Novi by Father John Bunde. The bride, daughter of Gary and Mary Anoshka of Novi, was given in marriage by her grandfather, Joseph Guck. She wore a white A-Line matte satin gown with thin spaghetti straps, straight neckline and a low back. Princess seams containing asymmetrical pearl and crystal scroll-work design with a chapel-length train completed the dress. The bride carried calla lilies, white star-gazer lilies, white roses and a touch of heather with ivy in a tear-drop presentation. Maid of Honor for the bride was Jennifer Brown. Honor attendants were Erin Murgen, Kathy Rozanicka, Donna Collins and Angela Nelson. The bride received her bachelors of science in nursing degree at Madonna University. She is currently an RN at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in the cardiology unit. The groom, son of James and Jean Bainbridge of Novi, attended Oakland Community College and is self-employed in new residential construction.

Best man for the groom was Stephen Daniel. Honor attendants were Larry (Rocky) Brown, Jeff Benit, Noah Guck and Mark Fuzari. The couple honeymooned in San Antonio Riverwalk, Texas and currently reside in Howell.



Cavanaugh - Farley

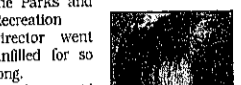


Guck - Bainbridge

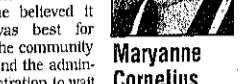
Employee reviews favorable for Helwig, Cornelius

By Victoria Sadlocha
SPEW WRITER
Two of Novi's city employees received high praise for a job well done during their annual performance evaluations.
Members of the Novi City Council reviewed city manager Richard Helwig and City Clerk Maryanne Cornelius during an open session held Wednesday, Dec. 12.
Before beginning her evaluation, Cornelius jokingly compared having a public evaluation to going to the dentist.
There is a little bit of nervousness in both, she said.
Neither she nor Helwig needed to be nervous as both reviews were favorable, involving only a small amount of constructive criticism.
Cornelius received her evaluation first, answering questions asked by members of the council and accepting compliments on some of the efforts she has made while serving as a leader in the Novi clerk's office.
Examples of some of the strides Cornelius has taken to run the clerk's office more effectively include cross-training staff members and making it a policy to respond to the public and other employees of the city in a fast and helpful manner.
'You have saved the citizens of Novi money and that is always appreciated,' said Laura Lorenzo, city council member.
During the Nov. 6 election, Cornelius saved the city of Novi \$6,600 by being proactive and seeking a better solution to how election results are coded.
Cornelius is also in the process of keeping her eye on a laptop voter registration process being tested in other areas as a possible solution to decreasing voters' wait-time at the polls.
Council member Craig DeRoche said government officials from all over have told him he has one of the best clerks in the state.
This year, Cornelius was named Michigan Municipal Clerk of the Year by the Michigan Municipal Clerk's Association - a group she has served as president of.
DeRoche did mention he would like to see more attention to detail on the placement of city council agenda items. He wants to ensure returning items on the agenda come back in the same category they were originally under and with the same wording.
'You're a very fortunate person who works with each of you and along side the city manager,' Cornelius said to members of the council.
Cornelius has been with the city for about a year-and-a-half and Helwig has been with the city for about 20 months.
'It has been a whirlwind 20 months,' Helwig said.
Since starting with the city, Helwig said his daily priority has been building trust throughout the community.
One issue brought up by numerous members of the city council was high turnover of city employees.
'I absolutely aspire to retain and attract the very best,' Helwig said.
He feels although the city's turnover rate has been high, he views it each and every time as an opportunity to improve city operations.

I think accountability has been something I have stood for since day one,' Helwig said.
During the evaluation, Helwig was questioned on why the position of Parks and Recreation Director went unfilled for so long.
Helwig said that although it may have been difficult in the short term, he believed it was best for the community and the administration for the person who would be best for the city.
Clark commended Helwig for wanting and said, 'It would have been very easy to fill a slot just to fill a slot.'
Council member Laura Lorenzo read off a long list of items she felt the new city manager had positively done including forming the Neighborhood Services Committee and Organization.
She did however passionately



Maryanne Cornelius



Richard Helwig

COMMENTS ON EMPLOYEES

Comments made by Novi City Council members regarding Novi city clerk Maryanne Cornelius and city manager Rick Helwig.
do anything wrong yet," joked Kim Capello.
Helwig: "I think you are doing an excellent job as our city manager in Novi," said Craig DeRoche. "You have a very strong work ethic."
"I think you have done a very admirable job in this community," said Laura Lorenzo.
"I have not talked to a single citizen who has expressed dissatisfaction," said Mayor Pro-Tem Michelle Bononi.
"The only one here for a month and I haven't seen your department

Advertisement for 'A HOLIDAY TREAT!' featuring 'Joe somebody: The Comedy For Everybody' at AMC Forum 30 and other theaters. Includes showtimes and ticket information.

Advertisement for 'THE GUILT FREE SHOPPING SPREE' at a Salvation Army Store. Includes the store's address (6458 E. Grand River) and operating hours.

Advertisement for the movie 'Ocean's Eleven' at AMC Forum 30. Includes showtimes and cast members (Clooney, Damon, Garcia, Pitt, Roberts).

Advertisement for the movie 'A Ring to Rule the Screen!' at AMC Forum 30. Includes showtimes and cast members (Duffy-Henault, Jackman).

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Advertisement for the movie 'Kate & Leopold' at AMC Forum 30. Includes showtimes and cast members (Ryan, Jackman).

Fifth graders learn about nature through outdoor education camp

By Angelo Parlove
STAFF WRITER

Novi Meadows is taking the classroom into the great outdoors. Since Dec. 3, the school has been sending fifth-grade students to the Walled Lake Outdoor Education Center for its "Outdoor Education" program - better known as "fifth-grade camp." The program runs through Jan. 16.

"It was a lot of fun," said Novi Meadows fifth-grade student Tom Machsik on his recent outdoor adventure. "You didn't know you were learning, but you were."

Each of the nine fifth-grade teams will spend two and one-half days away from mom and dad, brothers and sisters for a romp with the mysteries of nature.

"For many students, this is the first time away from home," said Novi Meadows fifth-grade teacher and Outdoor Education coordinator Gary Hurst. "They are exposed to new experiences in a safe environment."

On the excursion, campers participate in six educational classes - including pond life, wildlife, forest community, survival and outdoor first-aid, which correlate with benchmarks set forth by the Novi Meadows curriculum for science and language arts.

"We make sure all the kids have the same experiences, and the

same classes are taught out there," said Novi Meadows fifth-grade teacher and Outdoor Education coordinator Marianne Malarkey.

During pond life class, students gather water and microorganisms to the Walled Lake Outdoor Education Center for its "Outdoor Education" program - better known as "fifth-grade camp." The program runs through Jan. 16.

"We found a lot of stuff that was crawling in there," said Novi Meadows fifth-grade student Han.

For forest community class, campers are made aware of the many ways in which people and animals depend on trees and vegetation to sustain life.

"They show you all about the forest and how it develops," Han said.

During survival class, methods for outdoor winter survival are taught, especially skills that emphasize finding food, building shelters and staying warm - the essential wilderness knowledge.

Located near the Walled Lake center is a kitchen, dining hall, central activity room, classrooms and dormitories. On their three day-two night stay, the

students are responsible for their own bunks, dorms, table setting and clean up.

"The camp food was better than school food," Han said.

"You got so hungry out there, anything went down," Malarkey said.

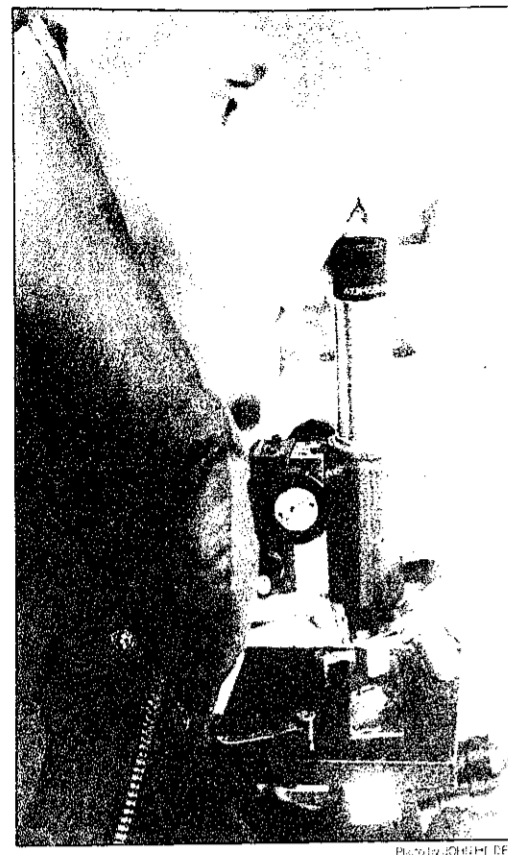
The program has seen an outpouring of parent volunteers, with more than 50 parents donating their time to teach classes, take hikes and supervise activities.

"Some parents get so excited they want to stay the whole time. They go back home, get their sleeping bags and come back," Malarkey said. "There was a lot of parent support, we couldn't have run the program without it."

Novi Schools has been holding its Outdoor Education at the Walled Lake Outdoor Education Center since 1974, when three teachers from Village Oaks Elementary kicked off the program. It soon grew to include all the elementary schools in the district and carried over at Novi Meadows when the building opened in 1978.

"It is great for the kids to see Dr. Falls, Mr. Carnacchi and Mrs. Michos in a different environment and get to know them," Malarkey said.

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Novi Meadows' student Casey Blickestaff takes a look at microscopic aquatic life at the Walled Lake Outdoor Education Center.



WOWI DJs Christian Dewiele, left, and Mark Levin and their listening public at Novi High helped to fill the display case behind them with toys for Toys for Tots.

WOWI collects over 850 toys for children's charity

By Angelo Parlove
STAFF WRITER

On Dec. 14, WOWI 89.5 FM, Novi High School's student-run radio station, tirelessly promoted a holiday intangible - the spirit of giving.

The radio station hosted an 18-hour marathon, which lasted from 6 a.m. Friday morning until midnight, to raise awareness for the national holiday drive, "Toys for Tots."

"The kids have a riot doing this each year," said David Legg, Novi High School broadcast teacher and WOWI faculty adviser. "They enjoy the interviews, having guests in the studio and participating in a worthy cause."

WOWI senior program director Mark Levin and Novi High School junior Christian VanDeWiele laughed out the entire show, the station's third annual "Toys for

Tots" marathon. "We talked about how it was the holidays and how it goes for a good cause," Levin said.

Furthermore, Levin and VanDeWiele, along with other radio staff, played music, read news and weather, entertained guests and gave away prizes to listeners - all in the name of collecting Christmas presents and brightening the holidays for a few kids.

More than 30 local businesses donated gift certificates and prizes to the event for giveaways, as well as provided food for the station's hard working staff.

"The students have worked really hard with businesses this year," Legg said.

Listeners were urged to drop off unwrapped new toys in the original packaging at the Novi

High School auto office. "We've had lots of support," Levin said. "The community has been great."

Overall, with student faculty and community help, the Novi High School collected more than 850 toys. The U.S. Marine Corps will pick up the donations and distribute them throughout the country.

"It's amazing," VanDeWiele said. "We got caller after caller after caller."

WOWI 89.5 FM - which has been on the air since 1978 - is the 2001 Michigan Association of Educational Broadcasters High School Station of the Year. The award recognizes the station's community service efforts.

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Couple saves mementos into cherished tapes

By Victoria Sadlocha
STAFF WRITER

For one Novi couple, bringing tears to customers' eyes has been very rewarding.

And crying usually is the end result after the customers watch their personal mementos brought to life through videos made by Novi and Patty Sophia, owners of Final Cut Video Services.

"This kind of stuff really does pull at your heart strings," Patty said.

"The owners of the local-based business take photographs brought in by customers and turn them into 5 to 25 minute videos featuring music and appropriate special effects.

"The transformation of the photos encounter when placed into a new dimension to photo viewing."

"The process begins when customers bring photos to the Sophia's Novi home. The average number of photos submitted falls

anywhere between 50 to 200. One hundred and five photos equals about an 18 minute video.

"I think the hard part is for the people to seal the pictures," Sophia joked.

The partners are then transferred into a digital format which Sophia manipulates with her Macintosh computer into the final product.

Since beginning the business in July, Sophia has made videos for birthdays and anniversary gifts and has also made personal tribute and vacation compilation tapes.

Patricia recently made a video called "In Loving Memory of Dad," featuring photos and the song "One More Day" by Diamond Rio to serve as a lasting memory of one family's deceased father and husband.

Other items may also be incorporated into videos including cards, newspaper articles or special plaques.

Patricia also use slides and video-taped footage in her customized tapes.

Both Patty and her husband were certified through the Take One Network in the Spring and also provide videotape duplication, home music transfer, international conversion and format transfer services.

Sophia said it all started when her husband wanted to start a business doing something that made people feel good.

"I think we found it," she said.



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Patty Sophia demonstrates how she transfers still photos onto video tape in her Novi home. Sophia operates Final Cut Video Services and her office/studio is cramed with monitors, video cameras, DVD players, and dozens of VCRs.

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CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY HOURS
The library will be closed Dec. 24-25 for the Christmas holiday. It will be open for regular hours Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 22-23.

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The library will be closed Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 31 and Jan. 1 for the New Year's holiday. It will be open for regular hours Saturday, Dec. 29 and Sunday, Dec. 30.

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What: Provide services and assist with obtaining benefits for veterans and their families of military service during and after World War II through present.
Where: Novi Expo Center, 43700 Expo Center Dr., Novi.
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Greater Novi Chapter
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Wixom Cemetery will honor deceased

By Diane Dempsey Deel
STAFF WRITER

Russell Miner has thought of a special way to display love for residents' deceased loved ones who are buried at the Wixom Cemetery.

Family members cannot plant trees on grave sites because the roots infringe on other grave sites.

"Usually they plant them themselves and we have to tell them to take the trees out," Miner said. "We have a lot of violations."

However, he and other board members wanted to implement something for families who miss their loved ones. Therefore, loved ones are now able to have a bronze plaque affixed to a tree in their memory.

"If someone wants to dedicate a tree to their loved one, where everyone can see it, it's the same purpose as planting a tree on the grave site," Miner said.

Currently there are two trees dedicated to deceased loved ones. Miner dedicated a tree to his wife, Kathleen. Another board member, Peggy Slasser, dedicated a tree in her son's memory.

Family members can write up to 40 words on the bronze plaque. However, Miner kept his dedication to his wife, who passed away 10 years ago, simple. It reads "In memory of Kathleen Miner."

"It's not new to dedicate something in a loved one's memory. However, this idea is new for the community."

"People do all kinds of things in memory of their loved ones," Miner said.

Some people dedicate bricks in sidewalks or some other type of dedication, he said. However, he doesn't know of any other cemetery that dedicates trees.

There has also been a couple other requests for plaques, he said. Family or friends of deceased loved ones, who are buried at the cemetery, can buy the plaque at the city clerk's office at Wixom City Hall. It will later be affixed to a tree.

"I don't think we will get a big rush," Miner said. "It will take awhile for it to grow."

The six-acre cemetery has grave stones dating back to the mid 1800s. The cemetery began with the pioneer Wixom and Sibley families.

It now has more than 1,200 graves and there is room for approximately 1,200 to 1,500 more since the cemetery developed a new section 10 years ago.

"A cemetery is forever," Miner said. "You can't just think of this year and next year. You have to think in terms of forever."

Diane Dempsey Deel is a staff writer for the Lake Area Times. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700 ext. 110 or ddeel@ht.home.com.net.

Community Events

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
Where: Faith Community United Presbyterian Church, 44400 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375
When: General meeting: Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.; Couples meeting: Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.; Women's meeting: Sunday at 4 p.m.
Contact: Stanley (734) 522-8971

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Where: Novi Expo Center, 43700 Expo Center Dr., Novi.
When: Second Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m.
Phone: (734) 421-8296

NOVI AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
What: Serves the public through amateur radio service. It offers help during all emergencies and disasters. The club also provides grade control in Northville on July 4 and works with R.A.C.E.S. and the tornado alert system.
Where: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile, Novi.
When: First Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m.
Phone: (248) 349-4064

NOVI MINISTERS ASSOCIATION
Where: King's Garden Restaurant, 26150 Novi Road, Novi.
When: Lions: every second and fourth Wednesday; Lions: every third Tuesday. Social hour is at 6:30 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m.
Phone: (248) 348-0531; Lions: (248) 348-9098

NOVI NEWCOMERS AND NEIGHBORS
What: To help newcomers to the area, as well as, current residents who would like to become more familiar with the community on a social and civic level. Newcomers hold fund raisers to aid the Novi community.
When: Once a month, September through May. Social interest groups meet once or twice a month.
Phone: (248) 349-2414

NOVI REBEKAHS LODGE 482
What: A fraternal organization, the women's division of the Independent Order of Oddfellows.
When: Second and fourth Thursday of every month at 1 p.m.
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NOVI ROTARY CLUB
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NOVI YOUTH ASSISTANCE
What: Prevention program that relies on local citizens who volunteer their time and skills toward the goal of preventing juvenile delinquency. They are aided by a professional staff person in implementing programs such as Summer Teen Center, parenting classes, and Substance Abuse Prevention.
Where: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi.
When: Committees meet every fourth Tuesday at 7 p.m.
Phone: (248) 347-6410

NOVI JAYCEES
What: Group of men and women ages 21-39 working on community projects, leadership and spiritual and management skills. The Jaycees sponsor fund raising projects for muscular dystrophy, St. Jude, March of Dimes and local charities affiliated with the Jaycees.
Where: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile, Novi.
When: First Thursday of every month at 8 p.m.
Phone: (248) 348-6664

NOVI LIONS CLUB AND LIONESSES CLUB
What: The Lions' objectives are to help the blind, sight-impaired and blind physically and mentally challenged children and to help blind cure for preventable blindness. Lionesses work with the Lions Club but also host their own projects and programs.
Where: King's Garden Restaurant, 26150 Novi Road, Novi.
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NOVI VETERANS ALLIANCE OF NOVI
What: Veterans Alliance of Novi is a coalition of the following veterans groups: Novi Post 19, The American Legion, Perry Kenner Post 76, AMVETS Northwest Detachment 162, Marine Corps League and Novi Post 2165, Veterans of Foreign Wars.
Where: Novi Expo Center, 43700 Expo Center Drive, Suite 100, Novi.
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Italian festival visit inspires Novi flute player

By Angelo Parlove
STAFF WRITER

One Novi resident traveled to Europe this past summer on the sweet sounds of her flute.

After winning a competitive national audition, flute and piccolo player Kinako Kobayashi performed as a featured artist at the Rome Festival in Rome, Italy, from

July 11-Aug. 1.

"Ms. Kobayashi upheld the high standard of performing that Italian music lovers, tourists and critics have come to expect from the Rome Festival," said Fritz Maraffi, musical director of the Rome Festival Orchestra and Opera.

Alongside other artists - including instrumentalists, singers and ballet dancers - from nine different

countries, Kobayashi played Mozart's opera, "Così fan Tutti," a sight of the world-famous Coliseum.

"It gives you a lot of experience and you get to play in Rome," Kobayashi said.

More than 3000 musicians have participated in the Rome Festival since its inception 30 years ago, coming from 23 different countries and all 50

states in America.

"I saw a lot of people in the previous year who landed jobs in big orchestras," Kobayashi said.

Kobayashi received a master's degree from Arizona State University and a bachelor's degree from Michigan State University in flute performance. Currently, she is taking lessons and studying the piccolo at the

Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

Furthermore, in September, the musician began teaching private flute and piccolo lessons - from beginners to the advanced - in Novi for children and adults across lower Michigan.

"I love teaching," Kobayashi said. "I get to teach how to enjoy music and play music."

Right now, she has 17 students

and hopes to teach more in the future.

"All my students do really well and enjoy it. I'm relaxed but strict," she said.

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Chelsea Miller skates to "An Angel Gets Her Wings," at the Novi Holiday Skating Exhibition, on Saturday.

Skating exhibition raises money for Afghan children

By Victoria Sadlocha
STAFF WRITER

Skaters of all ages graced the ice Saturday, spreading holiday cheer and raising funds for a good cause.

The Skating Club of Novi presented its fourth annual holiday figure skating exhibition Dec. 15 raising money for "Americas Fund for Afghan Children."

All 81 admission charges collected were donated to the fund, totaling a \$250 gift.

Tammy Homberg, employed by Suburban Hockey as the figure skating director for the Novi Ice Arena, said this was the first year the club donated its admission proceeds to charity.

"It was a fun time for everyone," Homberg said.

About 45 skaters ranging in age from 5 to 18, performed routines to Christmas classics

"For some of the skaters, it was the first time they skated in front of an audience."

Tammy Homberg
Novi Ice Arena
figure skating director

delightful holiday show.

The energy level in the rink for the two-hour event was at an excitingly high level.

"Everybody did well," Homberg said. "For some of the skaters, it was the first time they skated in front of an audience."

Homberg said all of the skaters, ranging in ability level, chose their own music and enjoyed skating for the appreciative crowd.

The Skating Club of Novi sponsored the event in conjunction with the Novi Ice Arena.

The club, which has been in existence for four years, is comprised of competitive and recreational members.

including "Santa Baby" and "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree."

"You name it and it was performed to," Homberg said.

Members of the club sashayed, spun and sprung across the ice adorned in sparkling costumes providing a

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Weddings

Tara Claire Stevens and David Michael Kovacs were married Oct. 6 at Mackinac Island. The couple were married under a gazebo in the gardens of Mission Point Resort.

The Rev. Edwin G. Reunty of Cheltenham officiated the double-ring ceremony. The bride was given in marriage by her mother and father after her arrival by a horse-drawn covered carriage.

The bride is the daughter of Marlene and James Stevens of Thompson, Manitoba, Canada. She received her degree in business administration with a marketing major from Red River College, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Attending the bride was Ghislaine Paulin, a childhood friend, as her maid of honor. Tammy Lynn Stevens, the bride's sister and Lyfe Stevens, the bride's brother, were honor attendants.

The bridegroom was a Gemini's creation of ivory peacock-rose satin. A-line style skirt with tank top bodice. The bodice was covered with delicately sewn beadedwork and the translucent crystal beading was



Stevens - Kovacs

scattered throughout the skirt. The back of the dress had a small train and buttons covered the back. A shoulder-length veil of illusion net was held in place with a tiara.

The bridegroom was a group of deep purple long-sleeved, hand-tied tulle tights.

The groom is the son of Diane and Andrew Kovacs Jr. of Novi. He received his bachelor of science degrees in fisheries and wildlife ecology and management and environmental sciences and management from Michigan State University. The groom is a 1995 graduate of Novi High School.

The groom was escorted from the Mission Point staircase to the gazebo by his parents, James Andrew Kovacs of Chicago, the groom's brother, served as best man. Gayl Mueley, friend of the groom, was the honor attendant.

The couple went to Kaiti, Hawaii for their honeymoon. They will reside in Quantico, Virginia while the groom, a Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps, completes his officers' training.

Bullard proposes security to prevent terrorist acts

Michigan residents will have better in-state security from potential terrorist acts under legislation recently introduced by Sen. Bill Bullard Jr., R-Highland and his Senate colleagues.

"Just as we have enacted laws addressing organized crime, we must enact laws targeting criminal actions and potential criminal acts coordinated through terrorist organizations," Bullard said.

"These bills are a necessary protection for our citizens in case terrorism strikes here in Michigan."

Bullard's measure, Senate Bill 938, prohibits persons from disclosing information on grand jury proceedings. An exemption is included for information shared between prosecuting attorneys, police and defendants involved in grand jury proceedings. A violation would be a misdemeanor punishable by up to a year in

prison and a \$1,000 fine.

The legislative package contains more than 24 bills to fight terrorism by:

- Requiring flight schools to conduct criminal background checks of all students;
- Requiring any applicant for state ID cards and driver licenses be a U.S. citizen or a legal resident alien;
- Increasing penalties for issuing bomb threats against vulnerable targets such as bridges, tunnels and power plants;
- Expanding from the Freedom of Information Act information about public security, risk assessments and security arrangements;
- Requiring employers to offer jobs to employees called up for active military service;
- Adding punishments for attempting to poison or contaminate food and water supplies; and
- Increasing customs inspectors and immigration agents to protect border crossings between Michigan and Canada and ensure passage is conducted in a timely fashion.

"We are working on a comprehensive package designed to protect Michigan residents during the current crises and well into the future," Bullard said. "There is a genuine sense of urgency to get these bills debated and passed while at the same time ensuring law-abiding residents continue to enjoy life in the world's greatest, most free nation. Civil liberties will be preserved."

"The anti-terrorism legislation was introduced Dec. 11, and most bills in the package have been referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee of which Sen. Bullard is a member."

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PLANNING COMMISSION CITY OF WALLED LAKE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Section 24.02(b), of the City of Walled Lake Zoning Ordinance, notice is hereby given that the Planning Commission of the City of Walled Lake will hold a public hearing at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 8, 2002, for the purpose of considering amendments to their Schedule of Regulations, Article 17.02 of the Zoning Ordinance. The public hearing will be held at the Walled Lake City Hall, 1459 E. West Maple Road, Walled Lake, MI 48390.

The modifications with regard to setback averaging for residential homes may be approved at City Hall during normal business hours.

All interested persons are invited to attend and comments will be received from the public. Written comments concerning the proposal may be submitted to the Planning and Development Department prior to the hearing at the above address.

LESLIE MEYERS, DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT (12-20-01 NN 1068640)

PLANNING COMMISSION CITY OF WALLED LAKE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Section 24.02(b), of the City of Walled Lake Zoning Ordinance, notice is hereby given that the Planning Commission of the City of Walled Lake will hold a public hearing at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 8, 2002, for the purpose of considering amendments to their Commercial Planned Development Ordinance, Article 30.00. The public hearing will be held at the Walled Lake City Hall, 1459 E. West Maple Road, Walled Lake, MI 48390.

The modifications, in their entirety, may be reviewed at City Hall during normal business hours.

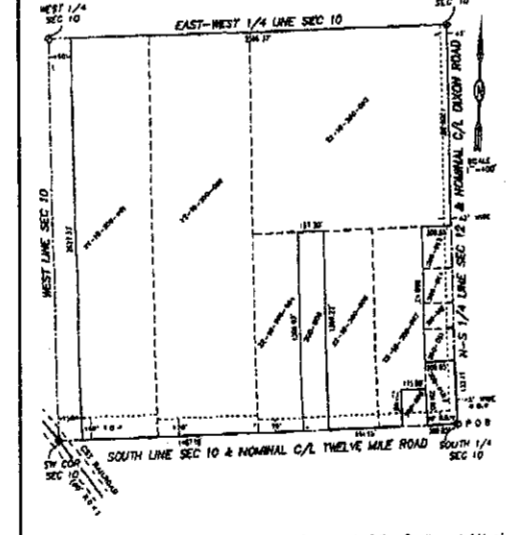
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PLANNING COMMISSION CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing will be held by the City of Novi Planning Commission on January 8, 2002, at 7:30 P.M. in the City of Novi Council Chamber at 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan, for the purpose of hearing public comment and input on whether to amend the Novi 2000 Master Plan for Land Use, so as to reclassify the land which is shown on Master Plan Map as a portion of the North Novi Park, described in the accompanying description and shown on the accompanying drawing, and to clarify that such land is not required for park use by the City. The amendments to be considered at the hearing include: a) May reclassification of the land from Community Park to Multiple Family, or to such other classification found to be appropriate by the Planning Commission; and a map or text statement that the land is not required for park purposes by the City.

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To amend the Master Plan for Land Use for a part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 10, T.1N, R.8E., City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan, being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the South 1/4 corner of said Section 10; then N02°52'51"W 435.77 feet along the North-South 1/4 line of Section 10 (normal centerline of Dixon Road); thence S86°52'25"W 200.85 feet, thence N02°52'51"W 863.43 feet; thence N87°10'51"E 200.85 feet to said normal centerline; thence N02°52'51"W 302.30 feet along said normal centerline of the Center Post of said Section; thence S87°52'21"W 225.37 feet along the East-West 1/4 line of said Section; thence S02°52'25"E 2627.33 feet to the South line of said Section (normal centerline of Twelve Mile Road); thence N66°52'25"E 1457.18 feet along said South line; thence N02°52'21"W 1306.37 feet; thence N57°10'51"E 157.20 feet thence S02°45'25"E 1306.22 feet to said South line; thence N88°55'25"E 494.15 feet along said South line; thence N02°52'51"W 251.00 feet; thence N89°55'75"E 175.00 feet; thence S02°52'51"E 251.00 feet to said South line; thence N89°55'25"E 220.65 feet along said South line to the point of beginning.

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MASTER PLAN FOR LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT CITY OF NOVI, MICHIGAN
ADOPTED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION
ROBERT CHURELLA, CHAIRPERSON
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All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning & Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 5:00 P.M., Wednesday, January 9, 2002.
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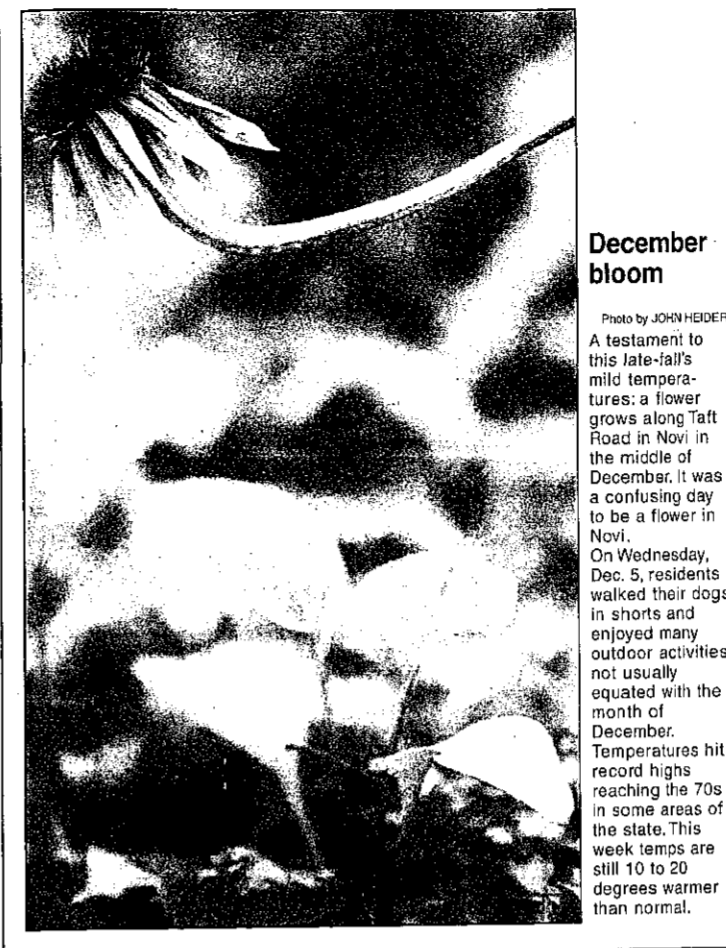


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Crawford named public service committee chair

The Oakland County Board of Commissioners Republican Caucus nominated commissioner Hugh D. Crawford (R) representing Novi, Novi Township, Northville and Walled Lake as chair of the influential public service committee of the board of commissioners at its Dec. 3 organizational caucus.

Crawford's election by the full board at its first meeting Jan. 10, 2002 is assured because the GOP currently holds a 17-7 majority on the board.

Elevation to full chairmanship in a mere 11 months is highly unusual, but we're confident Hugh Crawford will do an outstanding job," said commissioner David L. Moffitt, newly-nominated GOP candidate for the vice chairman position of the board, who will relinquish the chair of the public services committee as part of assuming new duties as board vice chairman.

Crawford credited his election to his service as public services committee vice chairman under

Moffitt during the past year as a valuable learning opportunity. Crawford, newly elected to the board in November 2000, has been preparing for his new assignment by consulting with law and heads in areas for which the public services committee has liaison and oversight responsibility.

Crawford, 60, a Marine veteran served 15 years on the Novi City Council and as mayor pro-tem before election to the board of commissioners.

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Hickory Woods to remember students with mural

By Diane Dempsey Deel
STAFF WRITER

Students at Hickory Woods are going to immortalize their young faces in a school-wide art project to show their diversity.

Pewabic Pottery in Detroit will be working on the project with teachers and students. Their goal is to create a mural made of tile that will be permanently displayed in the school. The mural project, entitled Faces, is to celebrate the school's ten year anniversary and its 100

out of 500 students who originate from different countries.

Janice Calligaris, second grade teacher, and Joan Sterling, art teacher, have been working to get the project off the ground.

"We thought this tile project would celebrate diversity in the school," Calligaris said. "We felt this would be a great monument. When they make something, they own it."

Pewabic artists will be in art classes instructing the children who will design a template of their face on a five inch by five inch tile.

Their name will be written at the bottom of each tile.

The students are challenged to artistically show what their face tells about them, she noted. The tiles, which will have a luster or glaze, assembled and later attached to a wall in the foyer.

Everyone who walks into the school foyer for generations will be able to admire the children's work. The children and adults are invited to view the mural anytime, she said.

The project will be in full force in March when the tiles will be crafted. However, they will not be able to see it on the wall until they come back to school in the fall. The mural will be mounted when school is out for the summer.

Funded by a \$5,000 grant, which Calligaris' uncle is instrumental in getting, the project will take another \$5,000 to complete.

Pewabic Pottery was started in the early 1900s as a small, unique pottery factory and store, she said. It has since become popular for many area projects.

"When they design a tile, it becomes a historical artifact and part of their historical library," Calligaris said. "We're glad to have their expertise to guide us along."

Sterling is thrilled to have the kids work on such a worthwhile project with Pewabic Pottery.

"They are world famous and the children will be working with them - how amazing is that?" Sterling said.

Calligaris believes this mural project not only shows the diversity of the school.

"We think with the world's situation, this is a very positive and rewarding thing to do," Calligaris said. "It pushes the emphasis away from gloom and doom into excitement."

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Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Markey II of Northville and Mr. and Mrs. Roger Boerema of Grand Rapids. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Markey Sr. of Milford, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Boyd of Haslet Island, Mrs. Stella McGee of Royal Oak and Mrs. Bess Tolson of Grand Rapids.



Jameson Markey Boerema

Engagements

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick and Linda Price announce the engagement of their daughter, Shannon Elisabeth, to Jason Lukz, son of Joseph and Joyce Lukz of Niles, Ohio.

The bride-elect is a 1991 graduate of Northville High School, a 1995 graduate of Miami University with a bachelor's degree in education and is attending Western Michigan University for a masters in early childhood literacy. Currently she is employed as a teacher in Livonia Public Schools.

The groom-elect is a graduate of Niles-McKadee High School and a 1996 graduate of the University of Michigan with a bachelor's degree in communications. Currently, he is employed as an account executive for Campbell World Advertising Agency.

An Aug. 10 wedding is planned.



Price - Lukz

Jerilyn and Dennis Bullock of Scottsdale, Ariz., announce the engagement of their daughter, Cherrisa Lynn, to David Kenneth Wick, son of Kathy and Larry Wick of Livonia.

The bride-elect is a 1993 graduate of Northville High School and graduate of the School of Radiologic Technology in Michigan. She currently works for the Mayo Clinic in Scottsdale.

The groom-elect is a 1992 graduate of Thurston High School in Redford, graduate of University of Michigan in English and literature and a graduate of Arizona State University with a masters of business administration. He currently works for Honeywell Aerospace in Tempe, Ariz.

A January 5 wedding is planned.



Bullock - Wick

Wixom sponsors holiday camp

By Diane Dempsey Deel

While parents are rushing to work and finishing up their last-minute Christmas shopping, their kids are having Yuletide bliss at Holiday Happenings Camp at the Wixom Community Center.

At the day camp, which begins at 9 a.m. and ends Friday, children will make cards and play games.

Dr. Schlotzinger, owner of Leisure Center in West Bloomfield that sponsored the camp for the city, pointed out that kids will have the time of their life at the camp.

They will play holiday-themed games where some of the kids will learn to play checkers and the others will learn to play Solitaire. She said that they will put their artistic skills to use as they make a Santa sign out of a wooden block and a winter scene complete with lake snow.

They like to mix up games and crafts so the kids never get bored, she said. They also like to make sure the kids get quiet time to wind down.

"We keep them busy," Schlotzinger said. "They're tired when they go home."

It's not easy for kids to get out and get their parents something for Christmas. However, parents whose children attend camp will be able to open gifts given to them from their children's hands.

Sarah Honkala, parks and recreation supervisor, said children's craft making comes in handy at this time of year.

"With the crafts being right before Christmas, they can be kept or they can give them away as gifts," Honkala said.

Parents like the program because they often don't have anyone to watch their children since school is out for the holiday season, she said.

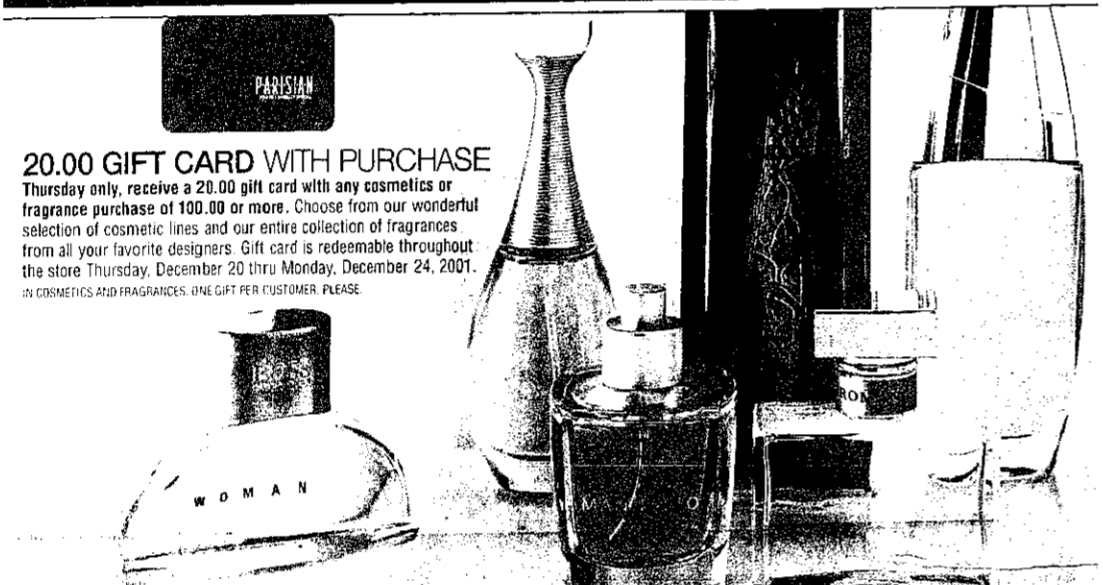
"They like the kids can still play with their friends during the day and meet new friends," Honkala said.

Honkala noted that one of the most meaningful things children learn from attending the camp is good sportsmanship, which is taught by Coach Dave East with Leisure Center. Honkala said West Bloomfield is active in other children's sports throughout the city.

"This is a well-rounded sports guy," Honkala said. "Some of the students have known him since they were three and they keep taking classes with him until they are 12 years old. He has a bit of a following."

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Curing more than simple back pain

By Annette Jaworski
SPECIAL WRITER

Although many people associate chiropractic care with back pain, that's only the tip of the iceberg, according to Dr. Thomas Klapp of First Choice Chiropractic in Northville.

"Finding and removing nerve interference is our primary goal," said Dr. Klapp. But often in the process many other health problems can be improved or entirely eliminated.

"Back pain is the least of the problems we can help with," he explains.

In fact, Dr. Klapp decided to pursue the field after one chiropractic adjustment eliminated the headaches he suffered with for five years. Eventually his allergies disappeared, too, making him a believer. It was enough to convince him to devote his life to chiropractic care. He wants to help others, too.

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"Patient is a medical term for a sick person. We want to get them back to wellness as soon as possible in the education room, they'll receive a brief overview of the treatment and the reasoning behind recommended services. On their second visit, clients view another educational video before they're asked to embark on their course of treatment."

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The Staff of First Choice Chiropractic in Northville. From left: Dr. Tom Klapp, Genevieve Gowing, Danielle Phillips, and Dr. Tucker Ford.

tromyography detects abnormal muscle function. A thermal scan helps identify nerve interference and problem areas and measures the temperature along the spine. Another step includes a posture analysis.

It's an important key to overall health, says Dr. Klapp.

"When you have posture problems, it can work your muscles up to six times more."

The purpose of all of this is to see how the spine is affecting your overall health. It's a misconception to think that chiropractic care only treats back problems, he points out. Other health problems that can possibly be helped include headaches, allergies even carpal tunnel syndrome. Dr. Klapp also points out that chiropractic care is gentler and much less risky than surgeries. Children are especially good candidates for chiropractic care, he believes, because their spines respond so well to correction.

First Choice Chiropractic features comfortable and well-equipped exam and education rooms. The bright new facilities combine attractive design with

state-of-the-art equipment. Even the windows in the adjustment room brighten the atmosphere.

As part of their philosophy of patient awareness, the staff keeps all their clients informed as to what procedures and costs are covered under their insurance. Most insurance plans are accepted.

Although First Choice Chiropractic Care is a brand new practice just recently established



New Life Chiropractic Clinic staff member Genevieve Gowing has her lower spine adjusted by Dr. Tucker Ford at their Northville Township office.

Make good on promises for a lasting impression

By Tim Kissman
SBAM DIRECTOR OF PUBLICATIONS

Penny Rae Peterson promised to make me famous, and she did.

For one December morning, I was the hottest thing in the Orion Township Public Library, where Peterson runs a tight ship with a smile and wit that kept me, and hundreds of others, in a great mood.

She promised me fame and delivered. She promised me a crowd and delivered. She even promised me breakfast, which I didn't enjoy it as much as I would have liked because I didn't have a chance to eat, but it was there.

Peterson, and her comrade Stephanie Honemann, invited me for a book signing. I wrote the official children's book for the 2001 Tree of Hope. It's called Michigan's Tree-mendous Gift and tells about how the U.S. Capitol Tree made it's way from the Upper Peninsula to the U.S. Capitol. If you'd like to find out more about the book, click here.

I was running a few minutes late, which I didn't think mattered, but when I arrived at the library there was a line of — dare I say it — fans waiting for me. And they kept coming, and coming and coming. For an hour and a half I didn't stop signing books.

I shook hands, took pictures and even spoke to a group of children about how fun it was to write the book. Then they asked the type of questions only kids could come up with. The same questions Peterson warned me about.

"Mr. Kissman, how long did it take to write the book?"

A couple hours. Next question, please.

"Mr. Kissman, how long did it take to write the book?"

A couple hours. Let's pay attention, OK? Next question.

"Mr. Kissman, how long did it take you to read the book?"

Hmmm. That's the first time anyone has asked that. I don't know if it was part of Peterson's plan, but I enjoyed it. That morning was one of the best times I ever had in a library.

Small business owners who want to put out the red carpet for clients and customers should take a page out of Peterson's playbook, because if she can make me feel welcome, then you can make the surliest client feel like a prince.



Tim Kissman

Here's what made the day:

- Keep your promise.

Peterson nailed this one on the head. Everything she promised, and then some, was there. By the end of my book signing, I was tired, a little hoarse, but very excited. She set up the tables, managed the crowd and kept everyone in a good mood with her wit. She even managed to keep the line moving as a pretty good clip, making my hand kind of sore. But it was worth it!

Advertise. As the editor of her wildly popular library newsletter, she promoted me to no end and even printed thousands of flyers for the local schools. Parents waiting in line commented how wonderful it was to know about the event. She even managed to bring in a local newspaper editor who snapped a few shots of me signing a book with some children. Very, very cool. If you ask me, that was worth it.

Thank-yous. At the end of the session Peterson and Honemann presented me with a gift basket containing a bunch of great food and a thank-you card. Peterson went as far as saving all the press from the week leading up to the signing that mentioned my name. It was well beyond what I expected and made the day very special.

Now that I'm starting to come back to Earth and feeling my right again, I'll never forget that signing. I felt like a professional writer that morning and even, if it was just for an hour or so, felt like a star.

All thanks to Penny and Stephanie.

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Tim Kissman is the Director of Publications for the Small Business Association of Michigan.

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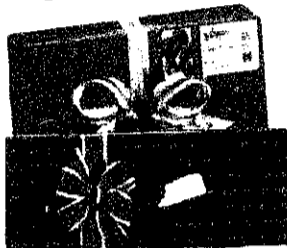
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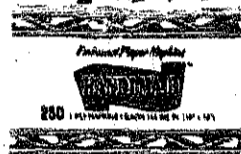
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Wildcat hockey falls to new KVC top 'Dog Squad will have to wait to get another shot

By Sam Eggleston
 SPORTS WRITER

Of all the teams to lose to, Novi didn't want to lose to this one. The Novi Wildcats hockey team felt the sting of their first loss of the season — and it couldn't have been any more bitter than it was.

The Wildcats fell 5-1 to their rival Brighton Bulldogs in a Kensington Valley Conference contest. The Wildcats (5-1-2, 4-1 KVC) loss found the Bulldogs (7-1, 5-0 KVC) taking over first place in the conference.

"Brighton right now is the top team," Novi coach Dan Phelps told the Livingston County Daily Press and Argus.

"They played hard, they played with tenacity and played with a lot of will and a lot of drive, and tonight it really showed."

The Bulldogs drew first blood, collecting an early goal as Tyler Sturos banged home a rebound with just 2 minutes, 32 seconds off the clock.

Minutes later, senior Bulldog forward Ryan Hitch put a shot on net which bounced off the

"Brighton right now is the top team. They played hard, they played with tenacity and played with a lot of will and a lot of drive, and tonight it really showed. I don't have any excuses. We lost to a bigger, faster, stronger team that wanted it more than we did. That's just the way the sport is."

Dan Phelps
 Novi head hockey coach

post to the left of Novi goaltender Trent Sisson, then off his back and into the goal with 8:01 left in the first period.

Novi would not be denied though and collected their first goal, cutting the Bulldog lead in half, as Brian Jausi scored with 22.4 seconds left in the first period.

"I knew Brighton was a good team," Phelps said.

"The last couple of seasons we

took some things from under them, the carpet they were used to standing on, and there was some vengeance. They deserved to win tonight.

The Bulldogs put the game out of reach with a goal by Aaron Killunen in the second period before scoring twice more in the third period.

The first came on a wrist shot by Kyle Halbert midway through the period, and another on a

power-play goal by Todd Pietila on a shot he lifted over Sisson's shoulder with 2:38 remaining in the contest.

"I don't have any excuses," Phelps said.

"We lost to a bigger, faster, stronger team that wanted it more than we did. That's just the way sport is."

Even with a tough loss like this, the Wildcats are gearing up and getting ready for whatever challenges await them throughout the rest of the season — and will no doubt be chomping at the bit when they host the Bulldogs January 16.

The Wildcats will have returned to action when they played Pinkney Wednesday in a KVC match up before taking a trip to Trenton tomorrow and Saturday to play Traverse City West and Alpena before taking a holiday break through the first week of January.

Sam Eggleston is the sports writer for the Novi News and the Lake Area Times. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104 or at seggleston@ht.homecomm.net.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Novi's Trent Sisson mans the net for the Novi Wildcats. The Wildcats fell to KVC rival Brighton and fell from their top spot.

Novi tops Northville

By Brian Doyle
 SPECIAL WRITER

The Novi-Northville rivalry added another chapter December 11 at Novi High School as the Novi Wildcats ousted the Mustangs 63-47.

Northville was in control early — the Mustangs jumped out to a 14-2 point lead thanks to seven first-quarter points by the 'Stangs sharpshooter Adam Konst. Konst knocked down two triples in the first seven minutes. The Mustangs were leading 17-8 when the first quarter ended.

"In the beginning, it was defense," said Northville head coach Darrel Schumacher.

Novi's early woes also had a lot to do with the defensive side of the

ball. However, Novi didn't give up and it was Novi's defense that brought Novi back into the game in the second quarter.

The Wildcats shut down the Mustang offense and allowed only four points in the second quarter.

"I thought they played disciplined, hard nosed defense," Schumacher said of Novi's play.

On the other end of the court, Novi's offense started to roll. Although Jamie Schram and Matt Emenecker were the only Wildcats to score in the second quarter, they managed to score 16 points. At the end of the first half, Novi was leading 24-21.

"I told them it was a game of runs and to keep their composure," Schluter said. Novi did just that and went into third quarter and extended their lead. The Wildcats

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...but not Brighton

Novi handed first loss of the season

The Novi Wildcats boys basketball team could not keep the winning streak alive as they fell to KVC rival Brighton 72-55 Dec. 14.

The Wildcats made only two of their first 15 shots of the contest as the Bulldogs slid out to a 16-4 first-quarter lead and didn't bother to look back. The closest the game got after that point was nine points in the second quarter, but Novi could not put together the offense they needed to come from behind against the stingy Brighton defense.

The loss dropped Novi to 3-1 overall on the year, 1-1 in the Kensington Valley Conference, while Brighton climbed to 2-0 (2-0 KVC).

The leading scorer for the contest was Brighton's 6-foot-10 senior center, Chris Grimm, who collected 24

points on the night.

Novi followed the scoring lead of Matt Emenecker with 13 points.

The biggest hole the Wildcats found themselves in came when their biggest player, 6-5 senior Jamie Schram, drew two fouls in the first two minutes and then fouled out with 4:49 left in the third quarter.

"We knew coming in that Brighton is the team to beat in our league and losing Jamie was hard. That killed us," Novi coach Pat Schluter said. "I'm not making any excuses. Brighton did a good job and things didn't go our way."

The Wildcats will look to be back in action when they visit Walled Lake Central in a non-conference contest Jan. 2.

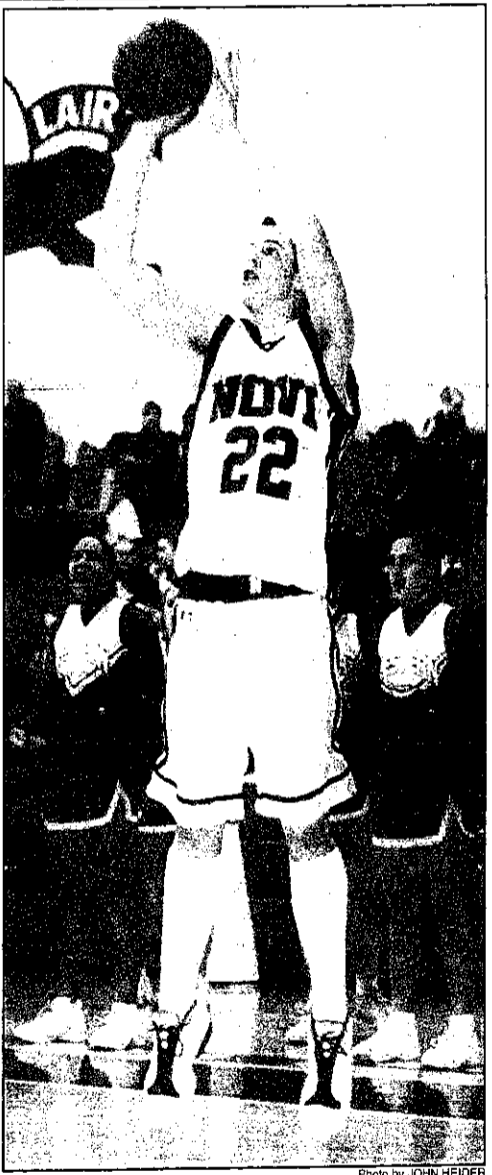


Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Novi's Shaun Dicken takes a shot from beyond the 3-point arc against the Walled Lake Western Warriors. The 'Cats recently topped Northville before falling to Brighton.

Volleyball gets win over 'Stangs

By Sam Eggleston
 SPORTS WRITER

The Novi Wildcats volleyball team collected the first win of their regular season as they topped cross-town rival Northville 15-11, 11-15, 15-7 Dec. 11 after collecting a second-place finish in the South Lyon Invitational volleyball tournament just two days prior.

"This was the first year we were going in blind. It was just kind of strange. It was a Northville team the kids weren't familiar with, we weren't familiar with the coaches and the surroundings were strange because we had never played there (in the new Northville gym) before. We are just happy we won," said

Novi coach Julie Fisette.

And happy they should be. Crystal Corte collected seven kills on the night — out of 13 attacks — and notched two solo blocks and one assist. Shoko Oshima served nine times for the Wildcats in a performance Fisette called "flawless." Carmen Simpkins showed what she was made of in the season opener, collecting five aces — the most on the Novi squad.

"All the girls stepped up for us," Fisette said. "We weren't playing as well as we did Saturday (in the South Lyon tournament) but everyone played and showed what they had."

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Look for hockey to strut abilities

By Sam Eggleston
 SPORTS WRITER

I don't think a little thing like a Showcase Tournament is going to slow down the Novi Wildcats ice hockey team.

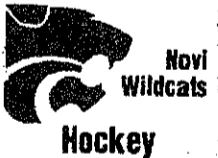
The Wildcats, who recently fell from their newly acquired first-place position in the Kensington Valley Conference to rival Brighton (see related story, this page), will be looking to lick their wounds and get back on track when they head to Trenton to play Alpena and Traverse City West in two of the team's toughest non-conference match-ups of the year.

Novi, who is coached by Dan Phelps, will look to players like Adam Haberman, Robbie Overfield and Robby Herald to lead by example on and off the ice.

Haberman, whose size and

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GAME OF THE WEEK



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Wrestlers win tourney, fall to Davison, beat Northville Mustangs

By Sam Eggleston
 SPORTS WRITER

Not a bad way to start the season. The Novi Wildcats wrestling team showed their abilities when they notched a 58-12 win over Northville Dec. 3 before falling to Davison 54-8 Dec. 7. The 'Cats would not stay down for long though, coming back to win a round-robin tournament they hosted with wins over Canton, Lake Orion and Oxford Dec. 8.

"It was our round-robin tourna-

ment and we won it," Novi coach Brad Huss said. "It was a nice way to come back after the Davison meet on Friday."

The Wildcats won the tournament with three over-all wins as they topped Canton in their first round 36-21 as Craig Hearn (103-pound division), Josh Churella (125), J. R. Muldoon (135), Alex Burtch (152), Andrew Becker (160), Vince Slovan (171), Scott Kortlandt (189) and Josh

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WINNERS OVER NORTHVILLE

Winners in Novi's match against cross-town rival Northville Mustangs
 December 3

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 Craig Hearn (103)
 Brian Ong (130)
 Matt Harsha-Strong (145)
 A. J. Morris (152)
 Vince Slovan (171)
 Matt Kollch (215)
 Josh Churella (125)

- WINS**
 J. R. Muldoon (135)
 Joe Harris (Heavyweight)
 Scott Kortlandt (189)
 Andrew Becker (160)
 Dan Cash (140)

Swim team takes seventh place Beats South Lyon in first dual meet of season

By Sam Eggleston
 SPORTS WRITER

The Wildcats definitely could have picked a worse way to start the season.

The Novi Wildcats boys' swim team started their season with a seventh-place finish

Swimming

out of 14 teams in the Eastern Michigan University Relays before topping the Lions of South Lyon 140-46 in their opening dual meet Dec. 13.

The 'Cats topped South Lyon in their first dual meet of the

2001-02 season as they collected 10-out-of-12 first-place finishes in the contest.

The 200 medley relay team of Jordan Mobolo, Juhwan Yoo, Chris Pieprzak and Tachwan Yoo took first with a time of one minute, 49.23 seconds while Jack Tyler collected a first for the Wildcats in the 200 freestyle with 1:54.05.

The 200 individual medley found Ian Robertson notching a first-place finish with a time of 2:09.93 while the 100 fly found Tyler collecting yet another first with 0:58.41.

Robertson notched another first-place in the 500 free, taking

the event in 5:19.98 and joined the ranks with three fellow Wildcats to take first in the 200 free relay in 1:40.09.

The 100 backstroke event found Mobolo taking it in 0:58.36 while Yoo notched a first in the 100 breaststroke with a time of 1:08.61.

The team of Tyler, Mobolo, Robertson and Yoo notched a first-place finish in the 400 freestyle relay with a time of 3:37.92.

The Wildcats, coached by Larry Teahan, will be back in action when they take visit Plymouth Salem Jan. 3 in a non-conference meet.

Wrestlers start season strong

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back collected wins. Lake Orion found their hands full against the Wildcats as Ilean, Brian Ong (130), Charella, Muldown, Dornch, Becker, Strawn, Karkloft, Matt Kozick (125) and back-pocket victories. The final victory came against Oxford, 36-30, as Ilean collected a pin in 2:50 with Charella doing the same in 1:18. Out (17-2) came a win for Hanson with Muldown (110-2) doing the same. Dan Cash pinned his opponents in the 140-pound division in 1:17 while Becker earned a win for Nov (4-2).

The Wildcats will return to action when they compete in the Oakland County meet tomorrow at South Lyon.

"We are looking forward to the Oakland County meet this Friday at South Lyon and Saturday at Lake Orion," Huss said. "We are seeded first at South Lyon. We won it two years ago and finished second last year. This is always one of our goals to win Oakland County. Hopefully, we are up to the task."

Novi 58, Northville 12
The Wildcats matched a win in their season opener as they defeated the Mustangs of Northville Dec. 3. "It was a good way to start the season," Huss said. "We have a nice rivalry with Northville that goes back 10 years."

The Cats collected wins as Ilean, Ong, Matt Harris-Strong (145-pound), Matt J. Morris (152), Shaun Kubiak and Charella each earned a pin while Muldown, Joe Harris (105-pound), Kortlandt, Becker and Cash each earned victories.

"It is always nice to beat them," Huss said of the Mustangs. "They have a young team with new coaches so I know they'll be much tougher by the end of the season."

Novi 54, Novi 8
The Novi Wildcats collected only two wins. Charella in the 125-pound division (15-2) and Kubiak in the 115 division (8-7), as they fell to a very strong Davison team Dec. 7.

"We wrestled this in an assembly room in front of 1,500 or so Davison fans," Huss said. "They have a very good team that wrestles every year."

Cheer looking good

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

The Novi Wildcats cheerleading team went above and beyond their cheerleading duties... they took steps towards helping their fellow cheerleaders in their future educations.

The squad, coached by Amy Denny, participated in a competitive event that was also a scholarship fundraiser.

All of the proceeds will go to the 2002 graduating seniors throughout the state of Michigan," Denny said.

Even with the fund-raising theme of the event, there was still competition to be done. The Wildcats were separated into two teams with the higher-ranked teams at the competition such as Oxford, Grosse Ile, Howell, Hartland, Airport and Allen Park.

"Going into the afternoon portion of the event Novi was ranked fourth among all of the 13 teams," Denny said. "At the end of the day, Novi had placed fifth in their pool."

The Wildcats cheerleading team not only placed in the top five for the competition, they also showed their depth and their skill.

"My team had an outstanding stunt round performance," Denny said. "They were complimented by Harland's coach, Paula Cunningham, as having the strongest performance in that round as compared to the other teams participating."

According to Denny, other teams had a difficult time executing their third-round material.

"It is still early in the season and most of the teams, including Novi, are still working to perfect their material," Denny said. "Due to the dangerous nature of the stunt round, the officials requested that all of teams no perform this cheer again in the afternoon session."

The Wildcats seemed energized and excited for the early season. "I am extremely pleased with my team's performance," Denny said. "The girls pulled together and really kicked out an awesome set of cheers. Over the next few weeks, we will continue to fine-tune our material while adding more stunting and gymnastics to our third round cheer."

All-Area football named

Davis, Gorman lead pack for Novi while Ducat, Bell earn honors for Walled Lake

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

The HomeTown East's All-Area football team was not an easy one to pick. The amount of talent spilling from these schools is more than enough to make colleges stumble over themselves to recruit this wealth of football ability.

HomeTown East is proud to present the 2001 All-Area football team:

Offense:
Bill Adkins Northville SR WR
Bill Adkins is a 6-foot-1 receiver who quickly became one of Hertz's favorite targets this season. The Mustangs were not afraid to throw in his direction because Adkins has the ability to be a very consistent receiver as well as a speedy player with the ability to gain separation from a defender.

Brian Deyle Novi SR Center
A quiet, yet effective center, Brian Deyle has the ability to come off the snap like a fullback at full speed. The wildcat snapper not only got to touch the ball each and every offensive down, he also had the responsibility to making sure it traveled beyond the line of scrimmage. Deyle is one of the key members of a Novi offensive line that opened massive holes for Gorman and the backfield as well as make key downfield blocks.

Brandon Burtis WLV SR Interior Lineman
Brandon Burtis is one of the reasons Bell and the other Warrior backs have the room they need to collect their yard and their touchdowns. A strong player with the ability to make a defender miss his best right off the snap, Burtis has made some wide holes for the Western backfield to run through.

John Sowers WLV SR TE
John Sowers has the speed and catching ability of most receivers in the WLVAA, not to mention the strength of an offensive lineman. His power and his size make Sowers an ideal candidate for the line and his ability to haul in the pass makes him one of the Warriors' favorite targets.

Matt Gorman Novi SR QB
Matt Gorman is one of the premier athletes in the Kearsarge Valley Conference. His position, though listed as quarterback, should be back-of-all-trades. Gorman can run the ball, throw the ball, catch the ball and play defense like there is no tomorrow. He was relied on by his teammates and the coaching staff at Novi to be their leader on the field and he did exactly that.

Drew Hertzlich Northville SR QB
Dealing with the problems of an understated offensive line is one thing, breaking a school record while doing it is another. Hertzlich not only set the Northville school record in most touchdowns scored in a single game with five, he set the standard for Northville Mustangs to follow while on the football field — never give up no matter what the score is.

Defense:
Steve Bell WLV SR Running Back
Walled Lake Western's premier runner is the exact role Steve Bell stepped into this season. Combined fitness, running with balling ram power made Bell one of the toughest runners to take down in the Western Lakes Activities Association. Coach Mike Zibinski feels Bell is "The best all-around player on my football team."

Bell's ability to take charge and to lead his team by example on and off the field has made him HomeTown East's Player of the Year.

Jack Ray Novi SR RB
The battling bruiser of the backfield is the description that would summarize Jack Ray's senior season. Being a team responsible for running the ball up the gut or making the first kick-off Gorman could be just parts of Ray's job description — not to mention being the 200 yard rusher that brought the Baseline Jug back to Novi.

Jim Presley Milford Jr RB
In his first full season as Presley did was lead the area in rushing with 1,149 yards. He ran for nine touchdowns while averaging 127.7 yards per game. The all downs were few and far between as Presley played on the defensive line for the Redskins and his 11 tackles for loss again led the team. And it's on that side of the ball where Presley's football future may lie. He made "Michigan Preps" (junior all-state first team as a linebacker, joining the state's 21 other top 11th-grade college prospects.

Jamie Gasparella South Lyon SR QB
The KVC's version of Indiana's Anquan (Randle-El). At times it seemed that the Lions' offense was based around Gasparella busting out a 70-yard run and he came through more often than most would be able to. The key completed over half his passes for 516 yards and six touchdowns and ran for 949 yards and 14 scores. Gasparella's college future may lie in the defense backfield, where this season he started full-time and led the Lions with four interceptions.

Jeff LaClair Milford Jr QB
When "Skeeter" LaClair and Jim Presley got it going, Milford had one of the KVC's most dangerous teams. He ran the option like a 1980s Big 8 quarterback. With LaClair, a two-time team starter, under center the Redskins turned in their first winning season in over 20 years. A first-team All-KVC selection, he rushed for 770 yards and 10 touchdowns.

Stu Uley South Lyon Jr TE
In South Lyon's conservative offense obviously the majority of tight ends duties involve blocking. While Uley did that, he also emerged as a legitimate pass-catching threat. When Gasparella did throw the ball the majority of the time it was going to this sure-handed senior. Uley caught 19 balls for 311 yards and five touchdowns.

J.R. Ducat WLV SR OLB
J.R. Ducat is one of the premier outside linebackers in the state of Michigan with the ability to blitz the quarterback as well as crash the run. Ducat has an uncanny ability to read a play as it unfolds and is often the team's leading tackler no matter if a team prefers to pass or run. Ducat's speed and outstanding strength make an unstoppable force with the ability to make the lay on any part of the playing field.

Barina Opong-Ovusu WLV SR Linebacker
Even a broken foot couldn't keep Adam Dilley from being one of the top tacklers on the Northville defensive backfield. His field presence and awareness make him one of the top tacklers in the WLVAA. A solid tackler with the ability to read the play, Opong-Ovusu has needed his aggressiveness taken in late interceptions with ease.

Tim Downing Northville SOPH Defensive Back
A few more points scored against the Mustangs may have kept them from gaining a berth into the playoffs. Tim Downing was one of the main reasons those points were never scored. His speed proved too much for many players to compete with he pulled them down after they collected a 10 or 15 yard lead on the defense. Look for Downing to be a premier player in the WLVAA next season.

Mike Pisha WLV SR LB
Don't throw at him and don't run at him is pretty much what should have been going through most coaches' minds when they took on the Warriors. Mike Pisha has the ability to make the interception or take a player out of the game with a bone-jarring hit.

Special Teams
Mike Hildebrandt WLV SR Specialist
Mike Hildebrandt's leg got the Walled Lake Central Vikings out of the more than one sticky situation. His accuracy and power made him one of the top field-goal kickers in the WLVAA as well as the reason the Vikings notched a homecoming victory.

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Cats collect win

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were lead again by the scoring of Schramm and were aided by the strong play of Brandon Davis.

"Davis had some nice drives to the basket," Schluter said.

Northville's offense got back on track, but was unable to score more than 12 in the third quarter. Thomas Knapp who scored half of Northville's points in that quarter to lead the Mustangs with his scoring capabilities.

"Knapp played really well," Schumacher said of the Northville center. Knapp led the Mustangs with 14 points. Konst, who was averaging 28 points coming into the game, scored 13 more for Northville.

"Our job was to deny Konst, he had those two three's early," Schluter said. After the third quarter ended with Novi up 49-33, both teams scored 14 more in the final quarter. The game ended 63-47.

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Next Level Athletes

Kelly M. DeLeonardis, Junior, Albion College
DeLeonardis, a graduate of Northville High School, was selected to be a member of Albion College's award-winning cheerleading team for 2001. The cheerleading team participates in Universal Cheerleaders Association College Spirit Camp and Competitions. They have also completed an intensive season-preparation camp on the Albion College Campus. DeLeonardis, a English and Speech Communication major, is the daughter of Darryl and Judith DeLeonardis of Northville.

Sarah Clark, Sophomore, Dartmouth College
Sarah Clark, a Novi High School graduate, is a member of the Dartmouth College Division I women's ice hockey program. Clark, who played soccer and volleyball for the Novi Wildcats, was selected as the Rookie of the Year last season for the Ivy League.

Kristi Arrington, Sophomore, Michigan State University
Kristi Arrington, a 2000 graduate of Novi High School, is currently attending Michigan State University. Arrington is a member of the Spartans women's soccer team and currently leads her squad in scoring.

Miguel Martinez, Junior, Boston College
Miguel Martinez, a Northville resident and 1999 graduate of Detroit Catholic Central, is a member of the Boston College Division I ski team. Martinez, who majors in Biology, skis the slalom and the giant slalom for the Eagles. The Boston College men's ski team is presently rated number seven in the nation in the USCSA coaches pre-season poll while the Eagles' women are ranked No. 2.

Junior Varsity results

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Novi to win last 2001 game

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strength make him a fierce player to contend with, will have to use his senior experience and his leadership abilities to lead the Wildcats off of their toughest loss in quite some time.

Overfield, who is a potent threat on the ice, will look to notch more than a couple of goals against the Alpena Wildcats (who will be wearing green and white) as well as against the Titans of Traverse City (Forest green and gold).

Herald is as potent as a scorer as they come — a true dead-eye sniper with the ability to cut you deep from the blue-line. His ability to be both the scorer and the assist man make him a double threat to his opponents and it doesn't hurt this tourney will be any different.

"The main reason I feel the Wildcats are going to come out strong and stay that way is because of their loss to Brighton. The team is no doubt

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Volleyball gets win over 'Stangs Takes second in tourney

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that hosted less teams than usual. "It is a nice tournament and always has been," Fisetle said. "There are more teams usually than there were this year."

But even with the fewer numbers of teams to compete against, Novi still gained the positives the tournament has to offer.

"It is always nice to see the girls in action before the first season game," Fisetle said. "It helps them get some exposure and some court time."

Fisetle noted that most of her team showed what they were capable of in the tournament.

"All of my girls did well in the tournament," she said. "The team did well and we did a fantastic job serving."

The Wildcats may have played well, but they still wanted to walk away the champions.

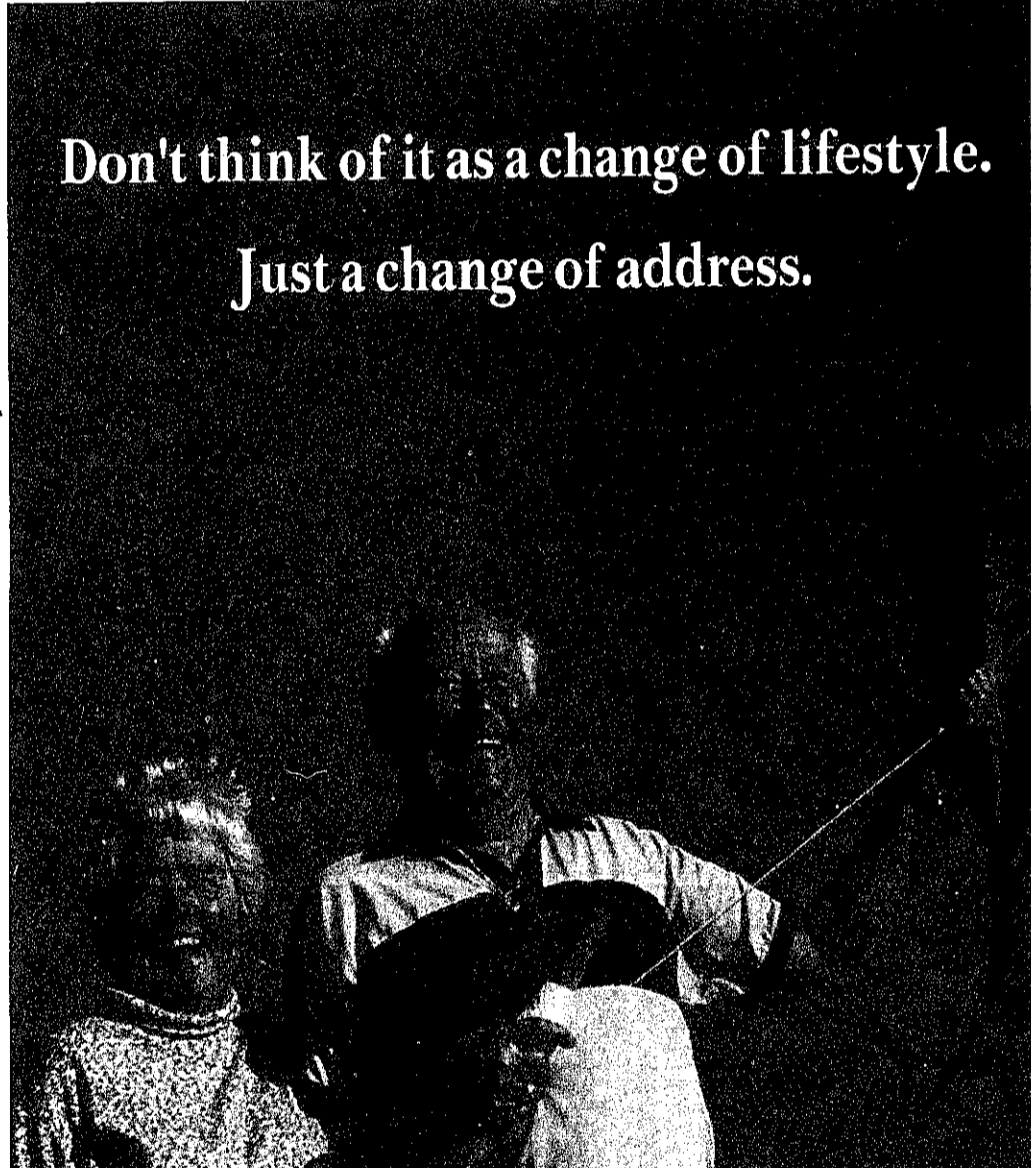
"You always wish you would have won," Fisetle said. "I thought we did a phenomenal job though. Everyone got to play and we plan on using our bench every game. We are deep this year and everyone will baskally play every game."

South Lyon Tournament
The Novi Wildcats collected a second-place finish behind Chelsea in the South Lyon Invitational volleyball tournament Dec. 5.

The Cats played and beat KVC rival Lakeland in the opening round before going on to defeat both Saginaw Heritage and Weberville.

"We played Milford in the semi-finals and beat them," Fisetle said. "Then we played Chelsea in the final and lost in three games."

The Wildcats played well throughout the tournament — one



Novi's volleyball team won their first two games of the season last week by defeating Northville and Hartland in all three matches. The Wildcats also finished in second place at the 12 team Saline Invitational last Saturday. They lost to host Saline in the finals after defeating them in pool play.

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Warriors collect cage win over Inkster

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

The Walled Lake Western Warriors collected their first win of the season after two disappointing losses to open the 2001-02 season as they topped Inkster 69-59.

"We played much better this game than we did the previous two," Western coach Rex Stanczak said. "I anticipated that we would break out of our slump and we did."

The Inkster squad were not an easy win though and stayed ahead through the end of the first quarter 20-18 before falling to a

five-point Warrior lead at the end of the half -- the Warriors were not about to lose another one.

"We came out of the locker room and really jumped on them," Stanczak said. "We just had a great run to start the third quarter. We extended out lead to about 12 and hit a three (pointer) at the buzzer to go up by 15. After that, they didn't get any closer than 10."

The Warriors handled just about everything the Inkster squad could throw at them as they held off the team that Stanczak said was extremely aggressive and a very quick, athletic team.

Bryan Verdun led the Warrior charge with 18 points while Chris Eagle broke out of his scoring slump and poured in 16 points in the winning effort. Eagle collected three 3-point buckets in the contest while playing what Stanczak said was "a great defensive game."

David Zeitlin collected 11 assists on the night.

"David did a tremendous job," Stanczak said. "He had some really, really outstanding passes in this game."

Another player who stepped up for the Warriors was Steve Sobleck. Sobleck collected nine points, five rebounds and four

steals in the first win for the Western squad.

"He was just sort of a tone setter for us," Stanczak said. "He was all over the place. Diving on the floor, tipping the ball away. He hit the three at the buzzer to put us up by 15 at the end of the third. He does all of the little things we need to make us successful."

Inkster followed the scoring lead of Dwayne Jones, who poured in 18 points in the losing effort.

The Warriors' new found success came from going back to their roots.

"We kind of scrapped the new things we were trying in the first

two games and went back to our roots," Stanczak said. "We went back to our full court pressure, going back to intense man-to-man and we had to make sure to play as a team at the offensive half."

Some of the success came from their running as well.

"We pressed the entire game, until the end of course," Stanczak said.

"Run, run, run. We played much better half-court man-to-man defense and ran the floor extremely well on the offensive end. We utilized David as well and capitalized on his ability to create and pass by getting out

and running the floor."

The Warriors will have returned to action Tuesday (after the Lake Area Times went to print) when they took on Ann Arbor Huron.

"This should be a good game," Stanczak said. "They are a good team. If we play like we did during the first week they are going to blow us out. If we play like we did against Inkster than it is going to be a great game."

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WLW hockey falls in tourney

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

The Warriors were ready for a tough fight -- but having a goalie with a concussion and playing the likes of Fenton and Waterford Mott proved a little too tough.

The Walled Lake Western Warriors ice hockey team knew going into their Showcase Tournament that the competition was going to be stiff -- and it was. The Warriors fell to Fenton the opener 13-7 Dec. 14 before dropping a close 4-3 contest against Waterford Mott.

"You never expect going in that you are going to lose," Walled Lake Western helmetsman Mark Johnson said. "We went in with good, positive attitudes and were hoping to come away with a victory or two, but obviously it didn't work out that way."

One of the reasons for the high scoring game against Fenton was the fact that Western's goalie, Jennifer Fine, was found to have a concussion part way through the contest.

"We didn't realize she was actually suffering from a concussion until after the second period," Johnson said. "We pulled her and put in her backup, Alex Duscio. It looks as though she will be fine."

The Warriors may have lost to the better team in the Showcase, but there was still a standout player.

"Alan Shmon did a nice job for us," Johnson said. "He is one of our better players and he really stepped it up. It was a pretty big team effort and an offensive minded game."

The game against Waterford Mott found Justin Strobe manning the nets for the Warriors.

"We actually came out in the second period with a 3-2 lead," Johnson said. "They kind of just wore us down. We were exhausted by the end of the game. Mott was a very physical team and it tires you out, especially when you are a little smaller and a little faster like we are."

Steve Lomkin stepped up for the Warriors against Mott, collecting a goal and assisting on the others.

"He is actually a younger guy," Johnson said. "He is doing very well. Steve made some nice passes and took some nice shots."

The Warriors (2-6 overall) will resume action when they take on Plymouth Canton in a Western Lakes Activities Association game.

"It should be a really good game," Johnson said. "Plymouth is a tough team and so are we. No one is going to give up on either team."

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Walled Lake Western Hockey



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Walled Lake Central skating the night away

Walled Lake Central may not have beaten the Western Warriors when the teams met on the ice earlier this season, but they sure had themselves a good game when they played though. The Vikings will get back into action tomorrow when they host Mott at the Waterford Ice Arena at 8:20 p.m. before going to the Howell Invitational Dec. 26 and 28. The Warriors, who recently fell twice in the Showcase Tournament, resumes action Saturday when they host Plymouth Canton at 2:20 p.m. before taking a break until Jan. 5 when they take a trip to the Novi Ice Arena to play WLAA rival Northville.

Gymnastics earns victory over Canton Chiefs

Genna Borg, Stefanie Schmaltz sidelined with injuries

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

Chock up another win for the Walled Lake gymnastics squad.

The Walled Lake gymnastics team collected their third win of the season in as many meets as they edged the Canton Chiefs 133-129.25 Dec. 12.

"This was where I thought the girls had the potential to be at the beginning of the season," Walled Lake gymnastics coach Jennifer Hart said. "It is kind of hard to judge teams from what they did last year. But looking at what these teams (that we have faced) did last year and what I knew we were capable of doing, I knew we had the potential to be where we are right now."

The Walled Lake crew collected a tie for second place in the vaulting event as Amy Gursky and Lindsay Brown collected a score of 8.55. First place went to Jill Rakovits of

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Jennifer Hart
Walled Lake gymnastics coach

Canton with an 8.6 while teammate J. G. Williams notched an 8.5 for third place.

"I was satisfied with how we did," Hart said. "I know we have more potential than that though. We had

some overall sloppy routines in there, but I am satisfied for this early in the season."

The bars found Walled Lake notching a first and second place finish with Sarah Chrzanowski col-

lecting an 8.2 for first and Brown notching an 8.15 for second place. Canton's Williams was third with a 7.9.

"There is definitely a lot of potential with this team," Hart said. "Other girls need to step up to the plate and fill in a little harder. I am moving some girls from our B team to the A team. It is putting on the pressure but there are already starting to improve some of their scores."

The beam event found Audra Ahern from Canton finishing in first with a 9.0 while Walled Lake took second and third. Brown notched 8.9 for the second-place finish while Gursky 8.85 for third.

Brown and her fellow teammates swept the floor event as she collected first-place with a 9.0 while Chrzanowski took second with 8.7 and Gursky was third with 8.65.

But the injuries are starting to

take their toll on the Walled Lake team.

The injuries to stellar gymnasts Genna Borg and Stefanie Schmaltz have been a hindrance to the Walled Lake squad, even though they are 3-0 so far this season.

Borg went down in the first meet of the season with a knee injury and is still waiting on the results of her MRI while Schmaltz is waiting to get her back x-rayed to see if she will be able to compete in future events.

"They want to be out there right now," Hart said.

"The girls on my team have to come to practice if they are injured or not for support of their team. They just sit there and you can tell they want to be out there competing. They are definitely dedicated gymnasts."

The squad will resume action today when they visit Brighton at 7 p.m. before being off for the holidays with competition resuming Jan. 5 at the Salem Invitational.