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POLICE NEWS

NOVI
Christmas sleigh stolen

A homeowner in the 22000 block of Brook Forest Road told police someone stole his white decorative Christmas sleigh. The Novi resident said he last saw the sleigh in his yard at 5 p.m. on Dec. 19 and discovered it was missing at 3 p.m. Dec. 20. The sleigh, valued at \$70, was a family decoration made of wire and metal rods. The man told police it was lit with small lights. Police noted in their report it had been staked down with four tent like stakes which were still in the lawn. A Novi police officer checked the area, but was unable to locate the sleigh. The case remains open.

Gun stolen

On Dec. 18 at 6 p.m., Novi police were dispatched to a home in the 30000 block of Montmorency Drive for a burglary report. Upon arrival, the officer spoke to the complainant who said some of his guns were taken. The Novi man told police he had brought some of his guns home from Up North and put them away three days ago. After that, he was told by a friend that another acquaintance had taken the guns and sold them in Detroit. He told police he immediately went into his home to see if the guns were in fact gone - and they were. The 39-year-old male said he did not want to prosecute, but did want to document the guns were taken.

WALLED LAKE

DUI
 A 23-year-old Wixom woman was arrested for driving while intoxicated after Walled Lake officers noticed her driving 19 mph over the speed limit south on Pontiac Trail and drifting from lane to lane. She was administered sobriety tests, which she had a difficult time with. She told the officer she had only one glass of wine with dinner. However, her breath tests came back .208 and .21 respectively. Her license was confiscated and destroyed.

WIXOM

Painting fun
 The Wixom Water building, 2044 Maple Rd., was barged by paint balls on Dec. 17. The unknown suspects used a paint gun with yellow paint pellets to shoot out six exterior lights of the water house, as well as striking the rear door. A majority of the damage - malicious destruction of city property - was to the south side of the facility.

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Novi year in review - 2001



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Lang Shuker, left, Ron Hennin and other members of a Canadian Armed Forces contingent salutes during the National Anthem at the city of Novi's Korean War Veterans' Recognition Day ceremony at the Novi Civic Center in July.

Robberies, park land dilemma top 2001 city news

February
 The 2001 Chilly Willy Festival put together by the Novi Parks and Recreation Department and Providence Hospital brought more than 400 residents into the Novi Civic Center for an afternoon of fun. Activities of the Jan. 20 event included a snow sculpting contest, euchre and bridge tournament, children's games, and the ever popular chili cook off. "It's wonderful to see so many of you and thanks to all the restaurants who came out today. This has been a wonderful afternoon." Novi Mayor Richard Clark said at the event.

February
 After 16 years with Novi Parks & Recreation, Director Dan Davis left his position with the department early this year. "I'm just ready for a change," Davis said. "I've been doing this for a long time and I think now is the time for me to do something else." Davis said his proudest moments with the city were the creation of the Tim Pope Memorial and the passage of the 1993 bond issue which brought in \$9.9 million of local tax support to purchase recreational property and resulted in the planning and development of North Novi Park and the Community Sports Park. As the city's parks and recreational director, Davis was responsible for overseeing more than 750 acres of parks and being responsible for the planning, administration and directing of numerous recreation programs. The formal announcement of his successor, Randall Auler, came nine months after he left the position.

February
 The month of February began a spree of robberies in the city of Novi. The first Novi robbery occurred Feb. 20 at about 3 p.m., when a man carrying a McDonald's bag entered Comerica Bank in front of Twelve Oaks Mall and demanded money. The man waited in line and when it was his turn, he handed the teller a note saying he was going to rob the bank. On April 10, a man brandished a gun and demanded money from the Michigan National Bank on Pontiac Trail and West Road. On July 13, a suspect robbed Standard Federal Bank on West Oaks Drive, putting a gun to one customer's head. The suspect placed several thousand dollars in a black bag and fled by foot. On Sept. 15, a necklace worth \$80,000 was stolen from Elias Jewelry in Twelve Oaks Mall. An unknown suspect entered the store, asked to see the necklace then took off running. About one month after that, on Oct. 9, two local employees were bound at their hands and feet after unknown robbers stole more than \$100,000 in jewelry - primarily diamonds. The robbery occurred at Ram Creations Custom Jewelers in the Novi Town Center.

March
 The Archdiocese of Detroit announced in early March it was concentrating its efforts for a \$34 million Catholic Central High School in the city of Novi. The location was narrowed to several sites in Novi.

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Terry Morin, left, and Mike Shields, with their platform shoes, afro wigs and polyester bellbottoms get into the 70s feel of Disco Night at the 2001 Music and Motor Fest in July.

Novi businesses boomed this year

January
 One of the last hurdles was cleared in January, paving the way for the commencement of the Gateway project. Representatives from N.Y. Properties and the city of Novi agreed on a consent judgment over property near Meadowbrook Road and Grand River Avenue needed for the project to begin. The total cost of the project was estimated at about \$45 million.

Concern was initially raised regarding the effects the project would have on the Main Street development. The concerns were subsided after changes to the Gateway project were made adding more residential development and less commercial.

January
 On January 8, in a vote of 4-2, members of the Novi City Council approved a tax abatement for the new Novi Expo Center. Former Mayor Pro-Tem Laura Lorenzo and current Mayor Pro-Tem



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Two traditional greek appetizers: Saganaki (goat) cheese and sauteed sausage are lit with brandy at Agora Parthenon. The restaurant changed menus and names last month to Novi Bistro.

Michelle Bononi were the two dissenting voters. The abatement

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

A Chinese delegation visited Novi Schools in September to learn of the school's teaching methods.

Sex education heated up school district

January
 Novi Community School Board held the first of two public hearings to decide whether to adopt an "abstinence-only" curriculum for ninth-grade sex education or keep its current "abstinence-based" approach.

The "abstinence-only" curriculum teaches abstinence until marriage as the only option for young people, whereas the "abstinence-based" program promotes abstinence, as well as provides information about disease prevention, safe sex and birth control.

After much debate, the district would later decide to keep its "abstinence-based" program.

February
 Deerfield Elementary featured the Disabilities Awareness Workshop, a program sponsored by Oakland Schools to promote empathy for the special needs of disabled people in today's citizens.

Students participated in hands-on activities that simulate disabilities, such as writing your name on a card looking into a mirror to emulate dyslexia, generating understanding for the difficult lives and obstacles some people must face each day.

Schools

Please see SCHOOLS, 4A

Fire destroys house under construction

By Victoria Sadiouha
STAFF WRITER

One week before Christmas proved to be an unlucky time for future residents of Novi as a new home incurred substantial damage from a December fire.

On Dec. 19 at 3:52 p.m., Novi firefighters were called to a house under construction in the 26000 block of Glenwood in the area of Wilson and Forest Mills Roads.

After arriving on the scene, firefighters determined there were no people in the dwelling and Arthur Lenaghan, fire chief for the city of Novi, said there were no injuries associated with the blaze.

"It was accidental," Lenaghan said. "The fire had done quite a bit of damage after burning very slow for an undetermined amount of time."

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Obituaries

Frederic E. Black
Frederic E. Black, of Novi, died Dec. 16 at the age of 81.

Survivors include his wife of 51 years, Wanda; children, Charlene (Hamm) Green, Black and Michele Black-DeGennaro; six grandchildren, and siblings, Vera Schuber and Elizabeth Sloan.

A memorial mass will be held at a later date.

Arrangements entrusted to the Henry Simmonds Funeral Home of Farmington Hills, 371-5200.

Memorial tributes can be made to Veterans of America or the Alzheimer's Association.

Mary Trehanne
Mary Betty Trehanne died on Dec. 21 at Arbor Hospice in Eastfield Twp. She was 77.

Survivors include husband Jack; children John (Dollett) and Donald (Sterne); grandchildren Kimberly, Daniel, Katie and Emily; nephew Thomas; and nieces Sheila and Maurine.

Service was Saturday, Dec. 15 at Holy Family Church in Novi. Visitation was held at the Henry/Sullivan Funeral Home

In Novi. Memorials can be made to Arbor Hospice.

Olga E. Palokangas
Olga Eleanor Palokangas died on Dec. 21 at Great Lakes Rehabilitation Hospital in Southfield.

She was born Dec. 21, 1924 in Ironwood. She was a resident of Novi and a homemaker. She belonged to the Finnish Center Association in Farmington Hills and loved music and sewing her own clothes.

Mrs. Palokangas is survived by children, Kenneth (Rene) and Albert (Liamie) of Warren; and two grandchildren, Scott and Kevin. Her husband, Wiljo, preceded her in death in 1977.

Services were Dec. 24 at Thayer-Buck Funeral Home, 33603 Grand River Ave. in Farmington Hills by the Rev. Lawrence A. Rinaldi of St. Matthew Lutheran Church. Visitations were Dec. 23.

Interment was at Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia.

Memorials can be made to the donor's choice of charity.

Interact Club will bring warmth to homeless in surrounding areas

By Angelo Parlove
STAFF WRITER

Novi students are calling upon their community to keep the days and nights warm this winter season.

The Novi High School Interact Club is sponsoring its second annual Winter Coat Drive to help some homeless people in the Detroit area. The event runs through Jan. 11.

This year, students are collecting gently used winter coats from fellow students, the high school staff and the rest of the Novi community, which will be picked up by the Purple Heart at the close of the drive.

Donations can be dropped off at the Novi High School main office. Last year, more than 60

good about themselves when they volunteer, and I feel that volunteering boosts a young person's self esteem," said Novi High School Interact Club director Jerilyn Rinaldi.

The Interact Club is the high school branch of the Rotary Club. They are a volunteer group that promotes service activities throughout the community and their school, as well as coordinate fundraising for school scholarships and local charities.

"This is an excellent club for students to join if they are interested in making a difference in someone's life," Rinaldi said. "The Interact Club usually just works within the community."

In the past, this organization

has assisted the Salvation Army, nursing homes, including the Whitehall Nursing Home in Novi, children's hospitals, low-income families and soup kitchens, as well as the Purple Heart.

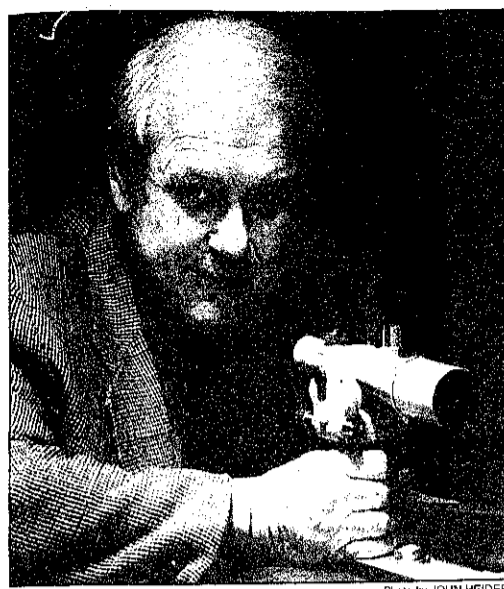
"Some of our goals this year are to continue our band-aide drive for Detroit's Children's Hospital, raise money for senior scholarship, and work closely with the Novi Rotary," Rinaldi said. "Knowing that they helped out in some way really makes a person feel good," Rinaldi said.

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Novi Interact Club director

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Novi's Business-person of the Year JCK president Joe Kapelczak holds an Aldade scope instrument on a surveying table that he bought from Detroit's Cass Tech High School 23 years ago.

Capello, Kapelczak head up Novi newsmakers of the year

Betty Wang
Novi resident Betty Wang received a state of Michigan tribute from Rep. Nancy Cassis for her volunteer work assisting hundreds of new families coming into the city from abroad. Betty truly epitomizes what it means to be a volunteer and to give without any thought of gaining something in return," Cassis said. Wang and her family moved to Novi more than a decade ago from Taiwan, but spent several years in Japan where they learned the language and customs. After becoming a resident, Wang started helping other families adjust. Some of the activities she performed throughout the year included translating parts of the Novi Middle School newsletter into

Japanese, beginning a Japanese newsletter for K-12 students with help from the Novi Community School District and visiting more than 120 families.

Kim Capello
Local attorney Kim Capello moved around a lot this year stepping down from the Novi Planning Commission and moving into the Novi City Council. In what was reported as a surprise move, Capello decided to step aside in January after remaining on the Planning Commission seven months after his term expired. Capello said he did not want his appointment to pull apart the planning commission or the city council. About ten months later, Capello

was elected by the voters to fill one of three open seats on city council. Capello ran on the platform of being the voice of the thousands of families with children. Later in the year, Capello was in the news again, representing the majority of Main Street tenants in their ongoing lawsuit against landlord James Chen.

Elinor Holland
Novi resident Elinor Holland was awarded the Novi Chamber of Commerce's 2000 Outstanding Volunteer of the Year Award in recognition of her tireless efforts to be a vital part of the community. "Elinor has been instrumental in

making all our fund-raising projects successful," said former chamber director Stacey DeBoche in February. "She has spent countless hours working on our annual chamber auction getting donations and in the past five years has never missed a luncheon." Over the years, Holland has been a member of many Novi committees and organizations including the Beautification Commission, the Novi Garden Club, the Senior Center, the Diabetes Association and Paralyzed Veterans of America. Holland also hosts her own cable access show "Potpourri."

Joseph Kapelczak

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Cornelius named Michigan Clerk of the Year

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Clark announced he would file for re-election in an effort to maintain his mayoral position. Clark, who ran uncontested most of the election period, beat write-in candidate Chuck Tindall...

The Novi Theatre. A ceremony was held Oct. 15 in the Novi Civic Center as a gesture of thanks to not only Wickert, but also for others involved with the group. When Wickert began the theater, she started with only three productions a year...

Chuck Tindall Novi resident Chuck Tindall threw his name in the mayoral race against existing Novi Mayor Richard J. Clark. Tindall said he decided to run to give the voters a choice...

Robert McKenney Novi Magistrate Robert McKenney celebrated his 80th birthday in 2001. One of McKenney's life highlights has been focusing on continuously using his knowledge and experience of law to serve his community and improve his surroundings...

777777 An anonymous 46-year-old Novi resident hit the jackpot winning \$16 million dollars with the only ticket to match all six numbers in the September Michigan Millions drawing...

Craig DeRoche Novi city council member, Craig DeRoche, was vindicated by the state of Michigan after being accused by local residents of making out a campaign letter that violated Michigan's campaign finance laws...

Linda Wickert After bringing 10 years of theater enjoyment to the city, Linda Wickert was honored for founding



Novi City Clerk Maryanne Cornelius, right, and deputy clerk Nancy Reuter take a look at city council documents.

Lauren Lorenzo and David Landry did not violate campaign finance requirements. At the center of the controversy was who actually paid for the letter...

Donald Seven Novi building official Donald Seven earned the title of Michigan's City Official of the Year by members of the Building Officials Conference of Michigan...

Novi Briefs

State of the City Address

Novi residents are cordially invited to join Novi Mayor Richard J. Clark and members of the Novi City Council for the 2002 State of the City Address...

Chilly Willy Winter Festival

Come and celebrate winter in the Novi Civic Center for the city's annual Chilly Willy Winter Festival. The event will take place Saturday, Jan. 19...

Holiday Hours

Novi's library, recycling center and city offices will be closed on Dec. 28 and 31 and Jan. 1 in observance of Christmas and New Years...

Winter Property Tax Bills

Winter 2001 property tax bills are due on or before February 14, 2001. A drop box for payments is located behind Novi City Hall through Dec. 31...

Toy and Hobby Expo

The Toy and Hobby Expo returns to Novi Expo Center. The Expo, featuring a 100 long operating model railroad display, vendors and collectors selling vintage toys and hobby items...

Warriors football highlight top Walled Lake successful teams

Although the Lake Area Times was not started until April and sports coverage only includes most major boys and girls sports, we wanted to take a look at the accomplishments these hard-working athletes have had in the last two seasons...

Walled Lake Western Warriors did exactly what they were planning on doing since the beginning of the season - make the playoffs. They got home field for the first round of the playoffs in the process...

Girls Skiing

On Jan 22 the Walled Lake Central girls ski team defeated the Eagles 10-30 on their way to matching each of the top five finish positions.

The Walled Lake Central boys ski team skied away with a decisive victory against their non-league rival Hartland. The Vikings took the top four finishing times...

The formula for an upset can go something like this: Sleds, 5:00 record, plus surprising young enthusiasm, minus pres-

WL Sports

The Walled Lake Central football team took another step closer to reaching their goals Friday as they crushed the Farmington Falcons in a Lakes Division contest...

On Friday, October 19, Walled Lake Western dedicated its football field to Dick Watson in a pregame ceremony. Coach Watson has taught in the school district for 36 years and has been at WLW since its opening in 1969...



Walled Lake Western's Paul Price connects with a pitch in a game against Walled Lake Central in the spring.

An American Red Cross bloodmobile will be at Wixom Public Library on Dec. 27, from 1-7 p.m. For more information, call 1-800-448-3543 (GIVE-LIFE).

Lakes Briefs

Flu Shots

Oakland County Health Division are providing flu shots and will continue while supplies last. Shots are available at all OCHD locations (Pontiac, Southfield, and Walled Lake)...

Red Wings take on Anaheim Mighty Ducks at Joe Louis Arena on Jan 2. Bus will leave at 6:30 p.m. from the Wixom Community Center. Cost is \$60 per ticket...

Blood Mobile

An American Red Cross bloodmobile will be at Wixom Public Library on Dec. 27, from 1-7 p.m. For more information, call 1-800-448-3543 (GIVE-LIFE).

Guest Elementary News

Mary Helen Guest Elementary's fourth graders collected 150 boxes of cereal for the PISH program as their holiday community project. Congratulations! On Jan. 3 the school will be having a fourth and fifth grade geographic bee...

Ethan Allen Clearance Sale advertisement. Features the text 'The holidays aren't the only reason to celebrate... You're just in time for the ... ETHAN ALLEN Clearance Sale 20%-50% December 26 through January 6 only!'. Includes images of furniture and a coupon code.

Church Directory advertisement. Title: CHURCH DIRECTORY. Subtitle: For information regarding rates call The Northville Record or Novi News (248)349-1700. Lists various churches and their addresses.

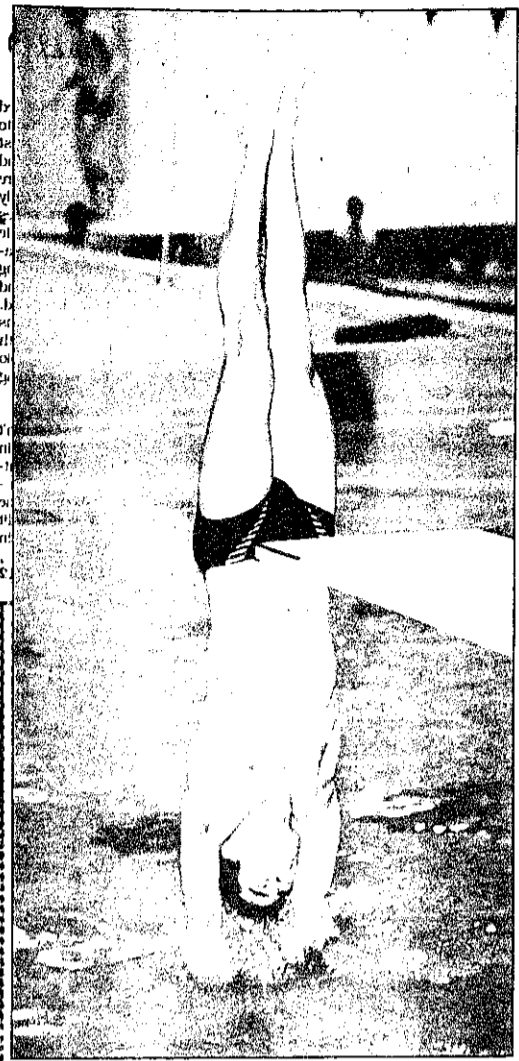
Table listing various churches and their contact information. Columns include church name, address, phone, and website. Churches listed include Good Shepherd Lutheran, First Presbyterian, Church of Today, etc.

Happy Holidays from Happy Camper Rv Service advertisement. Includes text: 'We are a full Service Rv Service Center Offering You the Following: Warranties and Non-Warranty Repairs (Most Manufacturers), Appliance Service & Repair, Electrical Repair, Body Repair, Insurance Repairs, Free Pick-up and Delivery, We will Meet or Beat Camping worlds pricing'. Contact: 248-446-1283.

3 Wednesday's at Ward Church advertisement. Title: 3 WEDNESDAYS AT WARD CHURCH. Addressing Current Issues and Ideas in American Culture. Seminars on 'Muslims and Christians - Do They Worship the Same God?' and 'Helping the Family Survive''. Dates: Jan 9, 16, 23, 2001.

The Works Salon and Wellness advertisement. 1123 E. West Maple Walled Lake 48392. 248/669-3130. Services include: All Packages Include: Aroma Journey, Take-home Gift, Day Spa Experience, Day Spa, Day Spa, Mini Day Spa.

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Novi Wildcat diver Derrick Zonka completes a reverse dive during a practice at the high school pool last year.

On Campus

Emily Testani, senior at Alma College, danced in the Alma College Dance Company performance of Motown in early November. The Eisenhower Dance Ensemble conducted a two-week residency in October and choreographed the piece for select ACPD and area dance students. Testani is the daughter of Robert and Madie Testani of Wildcat Lake and a graduate of Wildcat Lake Western.

Brothers earn individual state wrestling titles

Winter

NOVI General - Novi High School's athletic director retired, John Fundukian wrapped up a career that started 36 years ago in Highland Park. Following his stint there, he continued his work in athletic administration at the Wildcat Lake Schools, and then to Novi, where he has been since 1988. In his words, the 59-year old husband and father off three did not retire, but instead stepped away.

Wrestling - In Novi, it's expected that winter brings cold, snow, and wrestling championships. To this point, the Wildcats have done nothing to disappoint. Sandwiched between the destruction of Brighton/Milford on Jan. 19, and Lakeland/Pinckney in Jan. 26, the Cats found time to sweep through the Bay City tournament on Jan. 20, to raise their season record to 20-1. They ended up winning all their dual meets, they split the KVC title, and also won their district.

Gymnastics - The Wild Stings gymnasts scored 145.75, the third highest team score registered in the Michigan High School gymnastics a season. The match was at the Canton Invitational. The gymnasts ran their perfect conference record to 9-0 by winning the Western Lakes Activities Association Conference meet, with a team score of 146.825. The Wild Stings also brought home the state title after notching 147.575 points to take the highest score out of 13 teams to collect the win. Second place went to Rochester Adams with 147.00 points.

Boys Swimming - The Novi swim team looked outside of the Kensington Valley Conference for some competition and found it in a battle of the big cats, as the Wildcats gauged the Fenelon Tigers 135.50. Novi racked up the first place finish in all twelve events, and added eight second place finishes and five third place finishes. Winning easily became commonplace for the Wildcats swim team. After drowning Fenelon 35-50 on Feb. 8, Novi returned to the pool the next week to maul its next few opponents. On Feb. 12, they took out Walled Lake Western/Central 146-40, and two days after that drubbed South Lyon 11-43.

Sports

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Wildcat Mickie Rzepka returns a serve in a home game against Pinckney.

Hockey wins second regional championship

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compete in the Universal Dance Association's Nation Dance competition. This was Novi's first time ever entering a national competition since forming the squad nine years ago. In the end, the squad took second place with their routine. The Novi varsity pom team just could stop winning. The girls heated up the Michigan winter with a state title-earning performance at the Class A championships Feb. 25, scoring 338.5 points out of a possible 360 - topping defending state champ Livonia Churchill, who had collected 338 points in the competition.

Hockey - Undaunted and looking to avenge an easy loss, the Lakeland Eagles swooped into the Novi Ice Arena. In the end Adam Haberman clipped the Eagles' wings with a beautiful goal and put an end to any Lakeland comeback. This win moved the Novi hockey record to 12-0 and a number 3 ranking in the division two state ranking as of Jan. 8. After beating Howell 4-3 Feb. 21, Novi wrapped up the KVC championship and capped off an amazing 20-win season with a final KVC record of 13-1. With a 10-3 domination of Pinckney in the semifinals of the regional, the Wildcats bested Lakeland 1-0 March 2 to win their second straight regional championship. Kensington Valley

Conference Player of the Year Brad Zarem notched the games first and only goal just 48-seconds into the first period on a pass from Adam Haberman and Justin Harvey. Volleyball - The Lady Wildcats kept trying to improve their record in the cheerleading regional Feb. 24, the Wildcats season came to an end. The Novi varsity pom team just could stop winning. The girls heated up the Michigan winter with a state title-earning performance at the Class A championships Feb. 25, scoring 338.5 points out of a possible 360 - topping defending state champ Livonia Churchill, who had collected 338 points in the competition.

Sports

Basketball - When a team doesn't have a superstar they can lean on in tight games, they depend on executing the basic fundamentals to win - including free throw shooting. The Wildcats boys basketball team fit that most perfectly in their 55-50 win

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Boys tennis fourth in 2001 KVC league

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Pre-KVC tourney scored Girls golf second place

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WALLED LAKE SPORTS

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Warriors stung by fierce Ann Arbor Huron cagers

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

According to Walled Lake Western head basketball coach Rex Stanczak, when someone punches you in the mouth — you better punch back.

When the Warriors found themselves in that situation — a very physical contest against Ann Arbor — they didn't live up to that creed.

The Walled Lake Western Warriors boys basketball team discovered the meaning of being

beaten by a more physical team when they fell to Ann Arbor Huron 67-55 Dec. 16 in a non-conference contest.

"I thought they came out and punched us in the mouth in the beginning of the second half," Stanczak said. "We didn't punch back. It was tough both mentally and physically."

The Warriors led the contest by three points going into the locker room at the half, but when they came out Huron was ready and waiting.

"They are a small team (like us)," Stanczak said of Huron's

practice. "Not to mention the Warriors could have led the contest by much more when they hit the locker room if it weren't for mental and fundamental errors."

"We forced them into 13 turnovers in the first half," Stanczak said of the team's three-point halftime lead. "I should have been 20. We had them on the ropes, but we shot only 2-of-11 free throws in the first half and missed six or seven lay-ups. Had we converted we would have been up by 16 or 20 and they wouldn't have been able to come back. But we didn't and it ended up being a close game where they put it to us in the second half."

The Warriors will return to action when they play in a Christmas tournament which they will host. The first game, between Brother Rice and Sterling Stevenson, will be at 5:30 p.m. today with Western taking on Fraser at 7:15 p.m. The winners of the two contests will face off tomorrow at 7:15 p.m. with the losers hitting the hardwood at 5:30 p.m.

With a Christmas tourney looming, will the Warriors be able to toughen up?

"I am confident that they guys will get the message and that we are going to get tougher," Stanczak said. "We will make sure to make the changes we need to before we play again."

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NOVI SPORTS

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Icers hold first alumni hockey game

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

You may not have seen these guys play in almost a year, some of them even longer — but now is your chance.

The Novi Alumni Green and White Hockey game will be held tomorrow at 3 p.m. at the Novi Ice Arena and will be showcasing the talent and the dedication that has helped shape and develop the successful hockey program Novi has today.

"All of the players are looking forward to it," said Dave Vigna, the coordinator of the event. "Most of them just can't wait to get together

again. Some of these players haven't seen each other since they graduated."

The former Wildcats, including current college players like Brad Zarem, Travis Mallott and Brian Ward, will be hooping to put on quite a show for the parents and fans of Novi hockey.

Admission to the event is free with donations to the Novi Wildcat Hockey team being accepted at the door.

"This game just sort of evolved," Vigna said. "If it didn't happen this year, it was definitely going to happen next year."

The idea for the game seemed to have evolved from just a suggestion to reality as well.

"Actually we, being the parents, have talked about this game since sometime last year or so," Vigna said. "There were never enough alumni to make a game though. My son (Bryan) graduated last year and I really started to think about it at the end of last season."

And now it has blossomed into a reality. The roster, which includes 15 former players, will be padded with the addition of some new teammates — the men who coached these former Wildcats in their high school years.

Included on the roster for this event is Mallott, Zarem, Ward, Phil Stachowski, Bryan Vigna, Kyle Major, Ryan Major, Dan Szalaga, Anthony Saari, Anthony Nguyen, Angelo Barbuca, Matt Hoy, Jeff Poulos, Curt Russell and Brian Markowicz.

"At the start of the season I got a list of the alumni and sent out notices," Vigna said. "I was hoping to get enough responses to at least field a couple of teams. We got a lot of interest, even from players who are still on the team who wanted to play with the alumni, from the alumni from past seasons."

The event, scheduled for tomorrow at 3 p.m., will be held at the Novi Ice Arena off of Novi Road. Admission to the event is free.

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25	Matt Hoy	25	Matt Hoy
8	Jeff Poulos	8	Jeff Poulos
20	Curt Russell	20	Curt Russell
15	Bryan Vigna	15	Bryan Vigna
14	Kyle Major	14	Kyle Major
24	Ryan Major	24	Ryan Major

Sports Schedule

Hockey
12/27/01 West at Trenton Away 11 a.m.
12/28/01 Alpena at Trenton Away 11 a.m.

Walled Lake Western Volleyball
12/27/01 Dearborn Invite Away 9 a.m.
12/28/01 Dearborn Invite Away 9 a.m.

Wrestling
12/27/01 Salem JV at Plymouth Salem 9:30 a.m.
12/28/01 Brother Rice JV at Brother Rice 9:30 a.m.
12/29/01 Tour of Champions at Goodrich 10 a.m.

Basketball
12/27/01 Dearborn Invite Home 7:15 p.m.

Walled Lake Central Volleyball
12/28/01 Dearborn Invite Away 9 a.m.

Basketball
12/27/01 Dearborn Invite Home 5:30 or 7:15 p.m.

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Merry First Christmas to all of these special babies.

Football captures Jug, playoff berth

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Fall Football - The Novi Wildcats made sure there would be no mistaking the champions of the Baseline Jug Game this year. The Wildcats led by seniors Matt Gorman and Jake Ray, ran over the Northville Mustangs on the chilly, windless night of Friday, October 19 - taking home the Jug with a 42-12 victory. Give the people what they want - that's the first rule in being successful. The Novi Wildcats gave the people - their fans, parents, and fellow students - exactly what they wanted when they took to the gridiron for the 2001 Homecoming game and jolted the Millford Redskins with a 24-6 loss in a Kensington Valley Conference contest.

nely worse ways to start out a season. The Novi Wildcats girls basketball team invited two guests into the 'Cats Den before escorting them out with a loss for their records. The Wildcats led by Walled Lake Central 45-42 Tuesday, Aug. 28 before edging Farmington Harrison 31-30 Aug. 30.

The Novi Wildcats girls basketball team collected two victories, one over South Lyon and the other over Lakeland - both without their head coach. Coach Dennis Cichonski was out of town when the 'Cats, led by coaches Rod Sullivan and Ron Valenti, powered over Lakeland 43-25

September 27 after edging South Lyon 38-38 September 25 with both games being Kensington Valley Conference contests. The 'Cats, who collected a win in the first round of the District tournament this season, fell to the perennial powerhouse Plymouth Salem in the semi-final district contest.

Boys Golf - The Novi Wildcats golf team had an outstanding start to the 2001 season. The squad gathered wins in the South Lyon meet as they notched a collective 144 (South Lyon 155, Farmington Harrison 162, Farmington 177) as well as wins in the Pre-KVC meet

with a 308. The 'Cats recorded a third-place finish in the Saline Invitational before dropping a dual meet to cross-town rival Northville. Wildcat golfers, who collected their best finish in school history in the Oakland County meet October 1 with a third-place finish, found themselves pounding the Pinckney Pirates 154-172 September 25 in a Kensington Valley Conference contest. The 'Cats, who had hoped to take a swing at the state tournament this season, could not get past the always extremely tough regional tourney.

Compiled by Sam Eggleston.



To the joyous shots of his players, Novi headcoach Tab Kellepourey hoists the Baseline Jug after the Wildcats defeated the Mustangs in the annual rivalry game at Novi High.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

SPECIAL HOLIDAY HOURS
MONDAY, DECEMBER 31
 NEW YEAR'S EVE
 OPEN 9 A.M. TO 6 P.M.
 (PHARMACY OPEN 9 A.M. TO 6 P.M.)
TUESDAY, JANUARY 1
 NEW YEAR'S DAY
 OPEN 10 A.M. TO 6 P.M.
 CALL STORE FOR PHARMACY HOURS

CLEARANCE!

50% OFF

ENTIRE STOCK OF CHRISTMAS ITEMS

25% OFF

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY GOODS AND FAVORS
 Special Assortment

50% OFF

GIFT SETS
 Fragrance, Bath, Hair, Nail or Travel Gift Sets.
 (Excludes Designer Fragrances)
 While Quantities Last

- LIGHTS
- GIFT WRAP
- GIFT BAGS
- GARLAND
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- CHRISTMAS CANDY
- FRUITCAKE, and MORE!

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SCOTTIES FACIAL TISSUE
 150 ct.

78¢

CAP'N CRUNCH CEREAL
 15 oz. Regular, Peanut Butter or Crunch Berries

1.96

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 13.8 oz. Bonus Size Lightly Salted Mixed Nuts
 20 oz. Bonus Size Cocktail Peanuts

1.98

HANDI-MAID PAPER TOWELS
 Single Roll

2 \$ 1 FOR 1

SWANSON BROTHERS
 32 oz. Chicken or Natural Goodness

2 \$ 3 FOR 3

PLANTERS COCKTAIL PEANUTS

ENERGIZER BATTERIES
 8-Pack "AA" or "AAA" Batteries

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KODAK FUNSAVER CAMERA
 With Flash. 27 Exposure.

10.92

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 10 oz. Original or Cherry Flavor

3.97

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 Extra Large

78¢

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 2% Gallon

1.87

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 24 Pack 12 oz. Cans

13.93

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 Limit 2
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1.97



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