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POLICE NEWS

NOVI

Playing games

On Dec. 21 at 11:10 a.m. the owner of the Library Pub in Novi called police stating two of the pub's games had been broken into. The owner said he was notified by a customer that the Deer Hunting USA and 2002 Golden Tee games were not working. Upon inspection of the games, the owner noticed the security bars had been cut off and both machines had been pried open. Cash, estimated in the police report as \$1,000, was removed. The owner of the Grand River Avenue pub said the cash had been last collected on Dec. 11 and it was unknown when the machines were damaged. The case remains open.

WALLED LAKE

Too much alcohol

A Walled Lake police officer was dispatched to Club Liquid, formerly Club LaBoom, when an 18-year-old Springlull boy had passed out inside the club.

However, when police arrived at the club, they found they had another juvenile who was drinking under age.

The boy's 18-year-old cousin also had been drinking. He had a strong odor of alcohol on his breath. A breath-a-lyzer test showed 10.

The cousin told police he could not remember when he had taken his last drink but he said he drank a fifth of whiskey.

The boy was placed under arrest and lodged in city jail until he was sober.

The other boy, who was still unconscious, was transported by ambulance to Huron Valley Hospital and treated for alcohol poisoning.

WIXOM

Gun play

On Dec. 22, a man was assaulted with a firearm in an apartment parking lot off Tamarack Street in Wixom.

The victim said a suspicious vehicle - a black Cavalier or Sunbird - pulled next to his car, where the driver began yelling at his girlfriend. When the victim stepped from his car, three males exited the suspicious vehicle and approached him.

Then another passenger still in the suspicious vehicle - who appeared to be about 18 years old and was wearing a white shirt - pulled a black pistol from around his waist.

The man with the gun then asked the victim if he "wanted to play," the victim said. The suspicious vehicle drove off towards Pontiac Trail. Wixom Police searched the area but were unable to locate the suspects.

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Judge orders gag on Main St. news

By Victoria Sadlocha
STAFF WRITER

Main Street business owners involved in the lawsuit with their landlord will not be complaining anymore after an order to keep quiet was issued last week.

On Dec. 27, 52-1 District Court Judge Brian MacKenzie ordered all parties involved in the lawsuit between nine downtown Novi businesses and Evergreen III, Inc. to

quit discussing ongoing issues impacting current litigation.

MacKenzie did say all parties agreed to the judgment which was discussed in closed chambers, but would not comment further in respect of the order.

According to court documents, it was ordered "that until further order of this court, all parties, their attorneys, employees, representatives and agents are forbidden from discussing this matter or the mer-

its of the litigation except with counsel and the court, and as necessary to prepare the matter for trial."

It was further stated "that no party, their agents or the attorneys shall make public statements or provide public information regarding this matter."

The motion, resulting in the order, was filed by Evergreen III, which James Chen is part owner and managing partner of.

According to the documents, the motion was filed to ensure the plaintiff's parties would have a right to a fair and impartial trial.

The lawsuit, where Main Street tenants were initially suing for undefined suspiciously high common area maintenance fees, has been in the media since tenants received eviction notices in October after withholding a portion of the undefined fees.

Later, counterclaims were filed

by the tenants including an accusation Chen misrepresented the development - telling the existing tenants that Main Street would be full thus increasing traffic through the shopping and dining area. The Main Street development continues to be not full-capacity.

Coverage of the situation escalated further after Chen failed to pay

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Extra officers kept city safe

By Victoria Sadlocha
STAFF WRITER

Novi police officers worked double duty over the holidays, keeping drunk drivers off city roadways.

"The majority of our fatalities are from drunk drivers," said Lt. Tim McNamara of the Novi Police Department. "I think people are doing a good job, but they need to work harder."

McNamara said Christmas and New Year's holidays bring more drivers to the roadway after having a couple of drinks because of the increase in parties and holiday gatherings.

Officials of the department appreciate efforts area residents have been making, but want to send out the message that drinking and driving is not tolerated in our city.

"Reducing drinking and driving should be an effort by everyone," McNamara said.

The department's plan on keeping the streets safe is made up of increasing patrolling and enforcing strict drinking and driving penalties.

The department's plan of having more officers on the road was recently enhanced after members of the Novi city council unanimously approved an offer from the Traffic Improvement Association of Oakland County to have the Novi Police Department serve as a cooperative agency in order to

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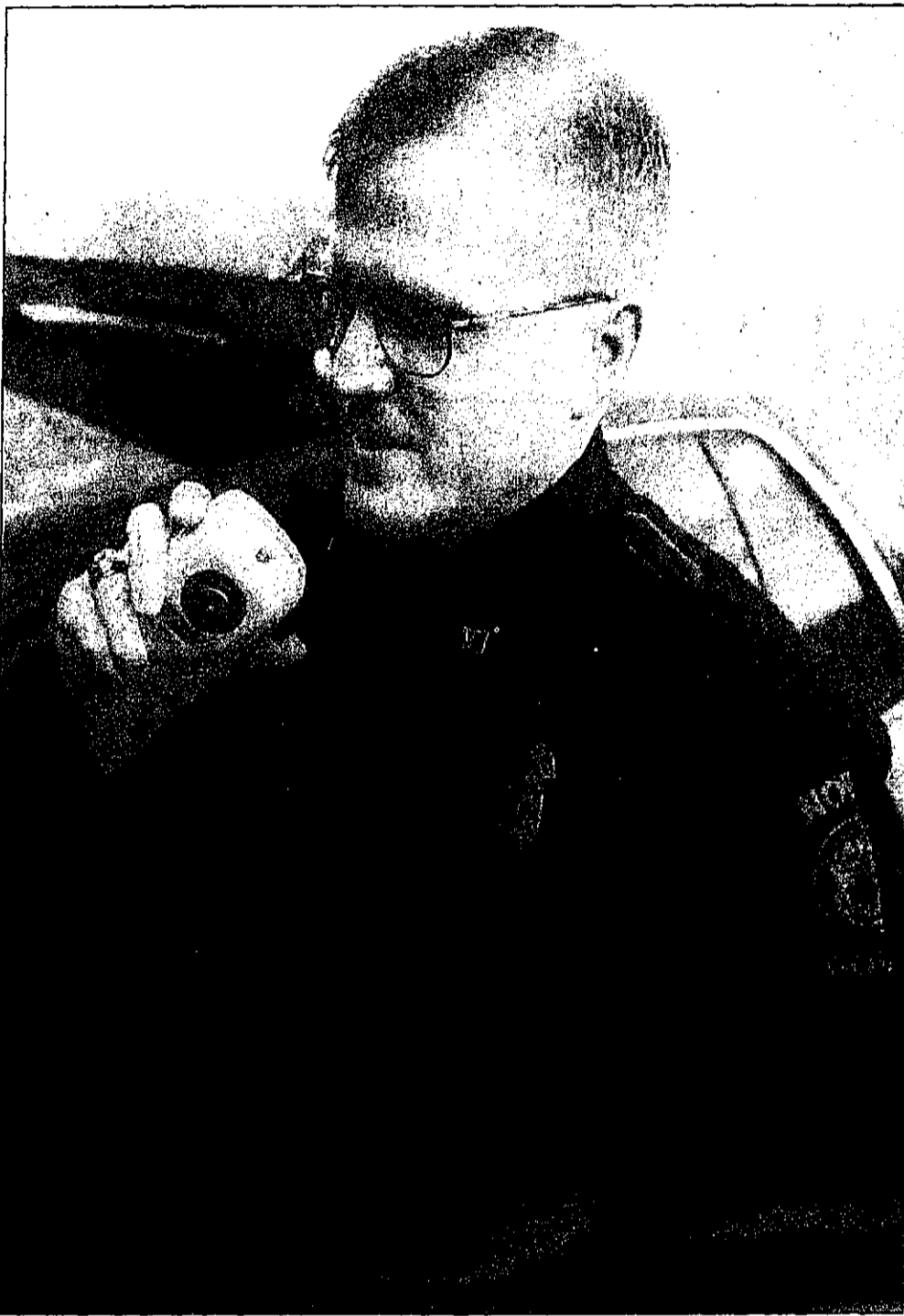


Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Novi Police Sergeant Tom Lindberg and other officers performed extra over-time patrols this holiday season in attempt to keep drunk drivers off the road. The department can do these extra patrols thanks to a grant from the Traffic Improvement Association of Oakland County.

Master Plan hearing Jan. 9

■ Planning Commission will decide whether to take North Novi Park off plan

By Angelo Parlove
STAFF WRITER

Novi residents are going to get their chance to speak up on a brewing city matter concerning the city's Master Plan.

On Jan. 9, a public hearing is scheduled for the purpose of hearing whether the city should amend its master plan map of the Novi 2020 Master Plan for Land Use. The hearing is set for 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber at the Novi Civic Center.

"This will give the public a chance to air their views," said Novi planning director David Evancoe.

The Novi Planning Commission will listen to residents' input before deciding whether to change the city's classification of the North Novi Park land being considered for transfer in a partial settlement for the Sandstone Associates versus city of Novi law suit.

"It's been brought to the planning table and the place to discuss this is at the planning table," said Novi Planning Commissioner David Ruyke.

Oakland County Circuit Court Judge John McDonald ruled on

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Historical Society awarded for veterans efforts

By Victoria Sadlocha
STAFF WRITER

The Novi Historical Society was recently recognized for its efforts to bring a greater understanding of the Korean War to interested Novi residents.

Recognition of Novi group members' efforts came in November

when Librarian of Congress James H. Billington announced the society's Korean War Oral History Project as an official partner of its National Veterans History Project.

The Novi Historical Society's Korean War project was one of 100 partners in 38 states granted the recognition honor and the only partner project in Michigan.

Member of the Novi Historical Society and project director, Kathy Mutch, explained members of the historical society, with the help from members of the Novi Historical Commission and the Novi Public Library, have been conducting oral history interviews with Korean War veterans to document their experiences during the 1950-

1953 period of the war.

"These interviews go beyond the moment of the event," Mutch said. "People can look at these interviews and learn from them."

It was the society's ability to meet the national mission that motivated the partnership.

The national mission is "to collect the memories, accounts and

documents of war veterans and of those who served in support of them during World War I, World War II and the Korean, Vietnam and Persian Gulf wars, and to preserve their stories of experience and service for future generations."

As of June, more than 80 veter-

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Salone Nadwa customer Kendra Hubbarth seems quite relaxed as employee Marina Palazzolo performs the Mineral Palm Hotstone Massage of Hubbarth's feet and lower legs. The procedure costs \$75.

Hotstone massage perfect release of post-holiday stress

By Victoria Sadlocha
STAFF WRITER

Being stoned from head to toe doesn't usually sound like something to make an appointment for, but at Salone Nadwa and Day Spa in Novi, it is a must.

The Novi Town Center salon and spa recently debuted the innovative hot stone foot and facial massage.

In a rich atmosphere, men and women may enjoy a relaxing session of warmed Basalt Lava stones rubbed over their face or feet hitting tension points, causing a unique sensory sensation.

The technique, which is most popular in the southwest portion of the United States, has become more popular in the past two years.

"People love these," said Fiona McCann, massage therapist at Salone Nadwa and Day Spa. "It feels so good on the face. A lot of people wouldn't think about that."

Utilizing warm stones, the hour-long facial massage includes smooth stones gliding over the face, including the sinus area, temples and jaw joints.

McCann performs the facial massage and said the benefits go

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MAN ON THE STREET

The Novi News asked residents and business owners...

What are your New Year's resolutions?



"To be a better person."

Scott Toth
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"To exercise more and spend time with my family."

Dr. Tim Kirk
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"I want to gain weight."

Joe Morrison
Absolute Tan



"To enroll into a good college."

Jozelina Kalaj
M&K Cleaners



"To spend less money."

John Maceri
Frame Pedlar

More housing headed to Novi

By Angelo Parlove
STAFF WRITER

More housing units are headed to Novi, as plans for the upcoming neighborhood - Maybury Park Estates - are being hammered out by city officials and developers. Multi Building Company of Plymouth is proposing to develop 106 detached condominium units on nearly 135 acres on the north side of Eight Mile Road between Beck and Garfield Roads. Also, the city of Novi is requesting that all entry islands be illuminated so people can see the subdivision signs, as well as the island itself. "They'll have to make sure they are properly lit," Evancow said. Furthermore, Maybury Park Estates will host an active recreation facilities for playing sports and enjoying picnics. However, no specifics have been detailed for this area and the planning commission wants to see its exact location and plans. "They'll have to tell us where it will be and how large it will be," Evancow said. "It needs to be defined."

Sober reality: court program helps residents kick habit

By Angelo Parlove
STAFF WRITER

Nine Oakland County residents took one giant leap towards kicking their addiction with alcohol this month. The inaugural members of Oakland County's Sobriety Court in Novi - completed their first formidable hurdle in the program's demanding road to sobriety. "Who wants to be an addict. This program shows them a way they can stop being an addict," said Judge Brian Mackenzie of the 52-1 District Court. Sobriety Court targets the most dangerous drunk drivers - repeat offenders, who often have serious problems with alcohol abuse. Some have as many as six drunk driving offenses. "It provides them the tools to stop and demands total responsibility. There are no excuses," Mackenzie said. To lead the offenders down a responsible track, the court calls upon the entire criminal justice system, including judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys, probation officers and treatment providers, as well as outside groups, such as Mother's Against Drunk Driving and Ashley's Dream.org, an organization started by a former Kiara executive whose 18-year-old daughter was killed by a drunk driver. "This is a community program. This is a community court," Mackenzie said. "It's not just about not drinking. It's about holding people absolutely accountable." On Dec. 12, the court's first nine members successfully finished Sobriety Court's first lap, an intense 36-week schedule designed to provide the repeat offender's life with a new structure, emphasizing treatment and wellness over mandatory jail sentences. "This has definitely changed my life and my long-term outlook on living," said Kevin O'Neal, 36, a Sobriety Court defendant who has been in and out of the criminal justice system for nearly 20 years on alcohol-related charges. "Everything that you thought was important all changes in Sobriety Court. Sobriety is the main priority."

"Drinking became a labor of love," O'Neal said. "It gets you. You're a slave to it and it takes and takes and takes. I'm doing this for myself - first and foremost. Uniquely, the defendants earn the respect of the criminal justice system, which becomes an integral force in the defendant's life. A force that usually catches people only on the downside of the law. This is one of the best things this court has ever done. Personally, it allows me to see the upside of people who are growing and becoming better and stronger," Mackenzie said. "Alcohol is a poison. These people have been poisoning their systems. After a while, you see physical and personality changes. And these relationships are fostered on both ends of a typically cold justice system. I consider Judge Mackenzie my friend. He cares about people, but he has a job to do," O'Neal said. "He has an obligation to kick people up who don't quit."

"Many alcoholics are not willing to deal with their problem on a daily basis. There is a difference between knowing you're an alcoholic and doing something about it."

Kevin O'Neal
Sobriety Court defendant

"Nine out of 10 respond wonderfully early and put in jail," Mackenzie said. "Punishment is swift and certain, just as rewards are equally swift and certain." Meaning, if the defendant successfully clears each hurdle towards sobriety, they are rewarded with movie tickets, concert tickets and dinner passes. "We try to provide them with non-alcohol related activities," said 52-1 District Court probation officer David Campbell. They learn how to structure their lives around non-using activities. Moreover, they make their way back to complete sobriety through responsibility. The 52-1 District Court's Sobriety Court was funded through a \$95,000 grant from the Michigan Supreme Court, as well as a \$27,373 grant by the Traffic Improvement Association. In 1999, 52-1 District Court handled more drunk driving cases than any other court in Michigan. During the past several years, the court has averaged over 1,000 alcohol-related driving offenses per year, with about 36 percent of these cases being repeat offenders.

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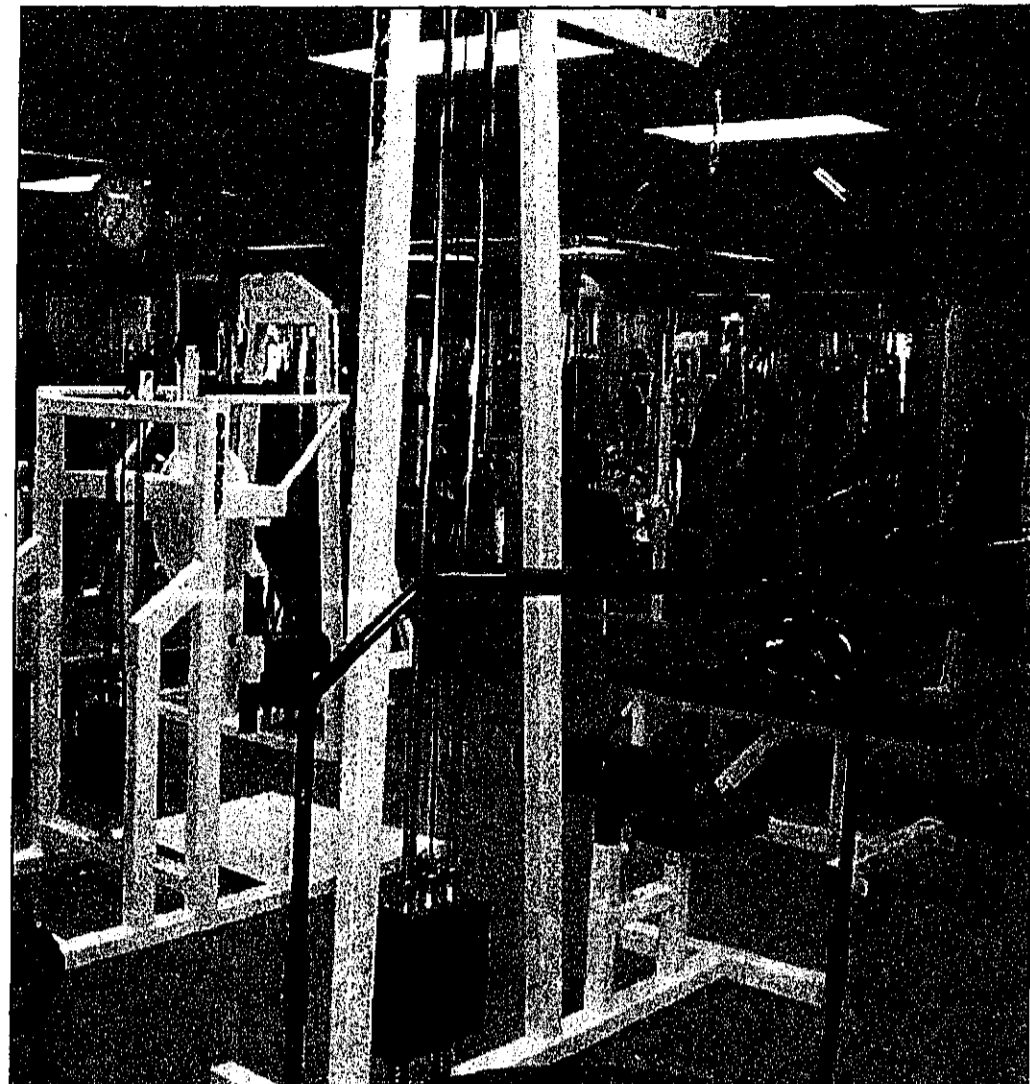
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Club Elite debuts first women's only physical fitness center in Novi

By Victoria Sadlocha



Circuit training weight machines combined with Reebok Rebounders comprise the specialized exercise routine at Club Elite in Novi.

Women looking for an alternative to busy co-ed gyms to fulfill their physical fitness New Year's resolutions now have a solution... Club Elite in Novi offers an intimate, ladies-only approach to becoming tone, losing weight and inches and adopting a healthier lifestyle.

The experience at Club Elite is quite different to us to provide "one-on-one service"... We want people to feel like this is their club, like this is their place.

First Walled Lake Consolidated school looking for memorabilia

By Diane Dempsey Deel

Unlimited tanning is an additional \$15 to the set-up fee... Victoria Sadlocha is a staff writer for the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105 or vsadlocha@ht.livemcom.net.

The Walled Lake Consolidated School building on Pontiac Trail was built when the dance "The Charleston" was a craze and the school has continued to be used to educate students...

Charles Long donated his 1941 sweater to the school. He played football, basketball, baseball and track before he left his high school days behind...

Organizational Calendar

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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. The event will occur 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 14 in the Novi Civic Center. A reception will follow and there is no admittance fee. For more information, call Craig Klaver at (248) 347-0445.

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. The Winter fun will include the annual snow sculpting contest, chili cook-off, Bridge tournament, Euchre tournament and the "Kid's Movie House."

Winter Property Tax Bills

Winter 2001 property tax bills are due on or before February 14, 2001 in order to avoid late payment penalties. For more information, call the treasurer's department at (248) 347-0440.

Council briefs

Novi city council members unanimously approved a number of traffic control orders put before them at the Dec. 17 city council meeting. The request was approved after a recommendation was made by the city's traffic consultant. The following traffic devices were approved: Stop signs on southbound Lynwood Drive at Rushwood Lane and eastbound

and westbound Rushwood Lane at Lynwood Drive; no parking signs on the island side of the cul-de-sac on Beckentham Court, on Bakdwin Court and Brittany Court; a keep right sign on each end of the island at Beckentham Boulevard and Beck Road; yield signs at southbound Broadmoor Park Boulevard at Broadmoor Park Lane, eastbound Baker Street at Broadmoor Park Lane, southbound Trafalgar Court at Baker Street, eastbound Autumn Park Court at Autumn Park Boulevard, eastbound Summer Lane at Autumn Park Boulevard, eastbound Somerset Court at Autumn Park Boulevard, northbound Autumn Park boulevard at Sunnybrook Lane and southbound Whitehall Drive at Sunnybrook Lane; and a 30 mph speed-limit sign on Old Novi Road

between Novi and 13 Mile roads.

Health and Fitness Expo

The fourth annual WWJ Newsradio 950 Health, Fitness & Lifestyle Show will be held Jan. 4 through 6 at the Novi Expo Center. More than 100 exhibitors will showcase and sell products and services from all areas in the health and fitness industry. Fitness expert Richard Simmons will appear at the center Jan. 5 and attendees may bring their gym shoes and workout with Simmons from 1 to 3 p.m. The show is presented by Bob Sellers Pontiac GMC and sponsored by Pfizer and Bally Total Fitness. Show hours are 4 to 9 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Adult admission is

\$6 and no charge for children younger than 13.

Coffee House to present Patricia Pettinga

Saturday, Jan. 5 Off-The-Wall Acoustic Coffee House presents Patricia Pettinga at St. William Parish Hall in Walled Lake. The event, which is held from 8 to 10:30 p.m., will feature Pettinga's performance at 8:30 p.m. Pettinga will be performing songs off of her newly released compact disc. Jim Bertin and George Garcia will be hosts of the evening which will also include story telling as entertainment and an open mic segment from 8 to 8:30 p.m. Admission is \$10 per adult and \$20 per family. Admission

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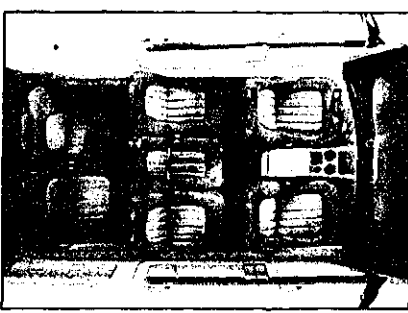
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Novi's Mario DeGrazia takes a faceoff against Lakeland at the Novi Ice Arena in late November.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Kortlandt is more than a Novi athlete

By Sara-Beth O'Connor
 SPECIAL WRITER

With three varsity letters, a 4.0 grade point average and awards such as a National Merit Scholar, Scott Kortlandt is taking the term "multi-tasking" to a new level. Kortlandt, a senior at Novi High School, followed his two older siblings footsteps, as they also had been very active students. "When you come in freshman year, they [the staff at Novi High School] tell you to do everything...I had no clue what to do," Kortlandt said. He soon figured out he could try a little bit of everything. He started with football then wrestling. During the spring of his freshman year, he participated in junior varsity baseball and varsity track. Kortlandt learned how to balance

his time at an early age when his track and baseball schedule had eight conflicts. "I tried to balance them both," Kortlandt said, "but track got preference because it was a varsity sport." He would run at track from 2-5 p.m. and head straight to baseball practice from 5-7 p.m. Now, as a senior, he participates in all of the same sports as he did as an underclassman. To add to his hectic weeks, Kortlandt also has a part-time job. On Sundays only, he works at Gordon Food Service. With a schedule like this, Kortlandt has many supporters — his biggest one is his family. At all of his games, anyone can find George or Pat Kortlandt cheering their son on or

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Grapplers have good showings

By Sam Eggleston
 SPORTS WRITER

The Novi Wildcats wrestling squad could have definitely found worse ways to bring in the New Year. Taking second-place in the Oakland County meet (Dec. 21-22) is something for all teams to be proud of — add that to a sixth-place finish in the Tournament of Champions (Dec. 29) — and you have a very nice start to the 2001-2002 season. The Novi Wildcats wrestling squad notched three first-place finishes in the Oakland County meet with the abilities of Craig Hearn (103 pounds), Josh Churella (125) and Scott Kortlandt (189) leading

the way for the team. The Wildcats found 12 wrestlers qualifying for the second day of competition at Lake Orion — a feat that takes two wins during the first day of wrestling to accomplish. "We wrestled well and finished second to Clarkston," Novi coach Brad Huss said. "We have finished in the top-two now for the last three years." Besides Churella, Hearn and Kortlandt's top place finishes, the Wildcats found Brian Ong (135) taking second in an overtime loss in the finals while J.R. Muldoon (130) took fourth in his weight class. Also making it to the second round of wrestling was Eric Hansen (119), Dan Cash (140), Matt Harsha-Strong (145), Alex Burtch (152), Andrew Becker (160).

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Oliveira excels in academics as well as sports

By Brian Doyle
 SPECIAL WRITER

Don't tell Novi's Alexandra Oliveira that athletes are all brawn and no brains — she's too darn smart for that. You could easily say that Oliveira is not your average student-athlete. She participates in two sports and takes some of the hardest courses available to Novi High School students. Oliveira was designated an Advanced Placement (AP) Scholar

by The College Board. To become an AP Scholar, she had to take at least three AP Tests and receive a passing grade on all of them. Oliveira took AP tests in Biology, Calculus AB, and Chemistry last May and received the highest grade possible on all of them. At Novi, she is a member of the swim and track teams. "I'm a thrower and a two-miler," she said of her involvement in track. She is involved in

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Novi notches more wins Hockey record climbs to 10-1-2

By Sam Eggleston
 SPORTS WRITER

The Novi Wildcats hockey team is right where they had hoped to be at this point in their season. The 'Cats, led by coach Dan Phelps, climbed to a 10-1-2 record after defeating both Traverse City West and Alpena in the Showcase Tournament held in Trenton Dec. 20 and 21 before topping Howell 4-3 in a tight KVC contest Jan. 2. The Wildcats then went on to pound Livonia Franklin 5-0 Dec. 5. "It was a non-league game,"

Phelps said about the Franklin contest. "It was a game that I had mixed emotions about. I felt we played well, but not up to the top level that we are able to reach. But the bottom line is, we won." And win they did. The Wildcats not only dominated Franklin with five goals — they did so playing mostly short-handed on the night. "We had 14 minor penalties," Phelps said. "I had to scratch my head as a coach. 28 out of 45 minutes in the game we were playing short-handed. There were no major penalties, nothing retaliatory, and I think we might of had three short-handed goals. I guess that is a good sign for me. They may not have played to my expectations, but they came out with a victory." The Wildcats will have a busy week after four straight wins as they hosted Lakeland Wednesday (after the Novi News went to print) before packing their bags and traveling to the Great Northland of the Upper Peninsula to take on Calumet and Hancock in a two-

day tournament before coming home to gear up for their game against Brighton. "It is going to be a busy week," Phelps said. "I think the team is up to the challenge." Novi 4, Howell 3 In a contest that Phelps had predicted at the beginning of the season to be a tough match up, the Novi Wildcats prevailed on a Robby Overfield power-play goal with two minutes, 41 seconds remaining on the clock in the third

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HomeTown All-Area girls cage team named

By Sam Eggleston
 and Steve Bell
 HOMETOWN NEWSPAPERS

Fall ball may soon be a thing of the past. But the following players were good enough to have left their mark no matter the season or era. It takes more than just the average player to lead their team to new heights. These girls have the talent and the dedication needed to be All-Area:

Player of the Year

Stephanie Anderson
 5'6" Sr G Milford
 Anderson ran Milford's point for four years — one KVC champion and one district champion — and, fittingly enough, finished her career with the school's all-

time assist record. This season, Anderson was at her best in the biggest games, leading the Redskins to a district title and regional victory. An all-around guard who could beat you with the pass or the score, inside and out, Anderson was a first-team All-KVC pick and Milford's leading scorer at 9.7 points per game.

Kelly Anderson
 5'7" Sr G Northville
 Anderson was a consistent and vital player for the Northville Mustangs. Anderson, who led her team in scoring at 10.7 points per game, played in all of the squad's 21 games of 2001. Anderson was a consistent

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GAME OF THE WEEK

Novi Wildcats Hockey vs Brighton

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Wildcat hockey ready for revenge against KVC opponent Bulldogs

By Sam Eggleston
 SPORTS WRITER

Can you say barn-burner? That's what this game is probably going to be. The Novi Wildcats hockey team will be looking to play for keeps when the skate against their Kensington Valley Conference rival Brighton in a match up that is sure to please. Both teams have good speed and shot ability as well as determined players who are not going to let this game get out of reach of each other no matter what. The Wildcats felt the sting of a loss against the Bulldogs earlier this season and were knocked out of the top spot in the KVC in the process. They will no doubt be looking to avenge that loss

The Novi Wildcats hockey team will no doubt be looking to get some much awaited ice time against the Brighton Bulldogs. This game is no doubt going to be a barn burner.

with a win over the Bulldogs. The Wildcats bring a variety of talent to the ice with players like Adam Haberman, Robbie

Overfield, Robbie Harrell, Dan Morrison, Trent Sisson and Fred Napier as well as Charles Bulbuk, Jordan Collins, Justin Collins, Mario De Grazia, Bryan Ellis, John Jansen, Brett Jausis, Brian Jausis, Mike Karas, Ray Kennedy, Garrett Mallot, John Murray, Jared Parras, Ryan Schoenbach, Steve Stork and Robert Vulaj. Take these top-notch players and add in the coaching ability and experience of helmetsman Dan Phelps and you are looking at a team just raring to go — all Phelps has to do is give the word and these 'Cats are going to be all over the Bulldogs. There are few things that bring out the Wildcat in these guys like

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WLW tops Central in city rivalry game

Warriors now look to WLAA Franklin

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

The Walled Lake Western and Walled Lake Central rivalry is like few others across the county. When these two teams meet, no matter their records, fans can expect one heck of a game.

The Warriors of Western knew that even though the Central Vikings were 0-6 coming into their game, they were still as dangerous as any team they would face this season — but the Warriors came away victorious, notching a 59-35 win.

"They played us very tough in the first half," Western coach Rex Stanczak said of the contest. "They came out in a 2-3 zone after they had played man-to-man almost the entire time when we scouted them. I guess we didn't completely prepare for it."

The Vikings held on in the game as long as they could, looking to Maxx Morris to help lead the young team in the difficult game. Morris, who scored

"We made adjustments at half time to work against their zone. We pretty much ended the game after the first four or five minutes into the second half."

Rex Stanczak
Walled Lake Western coach

six points in the losing effort, was one of the players Stanczak and the Warriors were looking to contain.

"I thought we did a really good job containing Maxx Morris," Stanczak said. "He has had some big games for Central and we were really concentrating on

stopping him."

The Vikings were ready for a scrap, at least in the first half. They held the Warriors to 22 points while scoring 12 of their own — but that was all they could muster as the Western squad dominated most of the second half.

"We made adjustments at half time to work against their zone," Stanczak said. "We pretty much ended the game after the first four or five minutes into the second half."

Brian Verdun and Chris Eagle led the charge for the Warriors, scoring 12 points each for the winners.

"We didn't have anyone score a whole ton of points," Stanczak said. "No one played over a full half of the game. There are a lot of kids who don't normally get to play at the back of the bench who saw playing time."

The Warriors were pretty geared up for the Vikings and no doubt the Vikings were eager to face Western.

"It is a great emotional game for the kids," Stanczak said. "Last year Central had a great year and were 13-0 when we played them. We had primed ourselves to be the team that knocked them off. We led the game up until the final two minutes when they came back to beat us."

"I felt our kids just really wanted it this season."

The Warriors will return to action when they take on the Franklin in a WLAA contest Jan. 18 at home. Game time is scheduled for 7 p.m. Western, still suffering from early losses this season, will be looking to get their game plans back together and in working order for the long stretch of their WLAA schedule.

The Vikings are scheduled to visit Harland in a non-conference match up Jan. 14 at 7 p.m. before visiting Stevenson in a WLAA contest Jan. 18 at 7 p.m. The Vikings, who fell to 0-6 on the season, will be looking to bring their game back up to speed and earn some victories.

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Western's Adam Muehl, 6-foot-2, tries to get around taller Central opponent Erik Wilcox, 6-7, during a January game at Walled Lake Western.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Western's Steve Sobleck, a captain, tries to wrestle the ball away from Central's Eric Wilcox, left, as Viking Maxx Morris (40) tries to help.

Warriors can't stop hat tricks, Northville wins

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

The Walled Lake Western Warriors were no doubt expecting their first game of the season against Northville to be more of a contest — unfortunately, it was Northville that was left wondering where the competition was.

Hockey

The Warriors took a severe 11-4 beating from the Mustangs in a Western Lakes Activities Association match up.

The Warriors made a game out of the contest in the first two quarters. They fell behind early in the contest 2-0 before Alan Shamoun scored an unassisted short-handed goal to put Western on the score board with 33 seconds remaining in the first period.

Northville came back quickly though, tacking on another goal to increase their lead to 3-1 on a Tim Hillebrand pass to Ryan Hohl early in the second for the score.

Shamoun and the Warriors were determined not to be left behind early in the contest and proved it with another goal mid-

way through the second period. Shamoun took the puck beyond the blue line and skated in past the Northville defense for the unassisted goal on Mustang Dave Stewart to close the gap to 4-2 before the Mustangs added a fifth goal to their stats off of Hohl's excellent shooting abilities.

The Warriors came back once more as Brian Hartmann knocked down a Northville attempt to clear the zone and took it in for the unassisted tally before Davis pulled the Western team within striking distance — but the Mustangs were ready.

Jason Engelland, Nick Strauch, Hohl and Adam Zobl scored goals while Hillebrand carved two scores for himself as the Northville squad dominated the remainder of the third period.

The Northville icers went on a scoring spree, finding the back of the net seven times in the third period and found three separate players notch hat tricks on the night.

The Warriors will take to the ice again when they host Livonia Churchill in a Western Lakes Activities Association contest Saturday at 5:20 p.m. before



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Walled Lake Western seemed to have trouble stopping the puck from finding the back of the net against Northville.

hosting Livonia Stevenson Jan. 18 at 8:20 p.m.

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Central spikers showcase talent

By Brian Doyle
SPECIAL WRITER

The Walled Lake Central Vikings volleyball team put itself in a great position to win their own invitational last Saturday, but couldn't put everything together.

After winning their first three matches of the Walled Lake Central Invitational, the Vikings made it out of the 20-team pool and into final tournament of eight teams as the top seed. The team faltered in their second match against Clarkston.

"We had one bad match at the wrong time," said Vikings coach Mike Lindstrom. In their fourth match of the tournament, the Vikings let their guard down slightly and Clarkston made them pay. The Vikings soundly won their first match against Clarkston, 15-2 and then 15-10. The second time around they weren't so fortunate. The Vikings battled hard and won the first game 16-14.

The second game dealt the Vikings their first loss of the day. The team lost 7-15. In what turned out to be their final game of the day, the Vikings were eliminated by Clarkston in rally play 9-15.

"Clarkston played an excellent match," Lindstrom said. Since the Vikings had already beaten Clarkston once, the team may have been looking forward to other matches.

"We thought it was going to be us and Marian in the finals," Lindstrom said. The favorites going into the tournament were Walled Lake Central, Marian and Brighton — who the Vikings had already beaten twice. The Vikings were taken by surprise

by the defeat and strong play of Clarkston.

"We were a little shell-shocked," Lindstrom said.

There were also some physical problems that hampered the Vikings in that final match.

"We have a couple of kids with some back things and knee tendinitis. We may have been a little wore down later in the day," Lindstrom said.

Although the team was eliminated by Clarkston, the day was still very successful. Before their initial match against Clarkston, the team beat Royal Oak Kimball and Lakeland by impressive margins. Against Kimball, the Vikings pounded out two 15-7 victories. The Vikings roasted Lakeland 15-1 in the first game and won the second 15-12. The team's third and fourth matches were the ones against Clarkston.

"I hope we learned something," Lindstrom said. The squad had three players that were recognized as all-tournament. Senior Amy Rathsburg was 20/21 serving with 4 aces, 43 kills, and 32 digs. Juniors Kelsey Cross and Katie Rademacher were also named. Cross had 112 assists, served 23/25 and had two aces. Rademacher had 39 kills, 18 blocks, and was 17/18 on serving.

According to Lindstrom, the team is off to an excellent start — or at least so far. The Vikings 12-5-2 and their losses have come at the hands of excellent teams.

Lindstrom said they have lost to the fourth, second, and twice to the top-ranked team in the county.