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Novi and Wixom residents are served by road commission crews based at garages on in Millard Township and in Southfield. "We're at the end of the line for both of them," said McCusker.

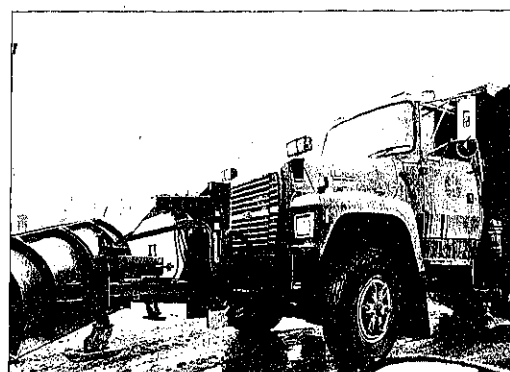
Novi helps county with snow removal

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He added the Department of Public Works has its own direct satellite feed to track storms as they move across the state. McCusker said the city gets paid \$64,000 annually for snow removal on county roads.

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Municipal woes bring snowplow deal

By Phil Foley

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Rochester Hills woman charged in Novi home invasion

By Phil Foley
STAFF WRITER

A 37-year-old Rochester Hills woman is being held on a \$60,000 bond in the Oakland County Jail after being accused of masterminding the robbery of her former boyfriend in Novi Jan. 18.

The 58-year-old ex-boyfriend was treated and released at Farmington's Bostford Hospital with multiple injuries, but Novi Police Detective David Molloy, said the incident was "probably seconds away from being a homicide."

Police stakeout. Molloy said Novi investigators are now working with Pontiac Police in an attempt to locate Springfield's accomplices.

Molloy said Springfield was only able to provide investigators with street names for the pair described as a 5-foot-6 black man with a small build and a 5-foot-9 black man with what sounded like a Jamaican accent.



T. Springfield

The victim told police he was at his apartment on the 31000 block of Menden Court in Waterview Farms about 9:49 p.m. when he

got a call from Springfield saying she was upset and wanted to come over. The man told investigators that after Springfield arrived, she told him she had ordered pizza.

When a knock came at the door a few minutes later, according to reports, instead of getting pizza, the man got hit in the head with beer bottles. The larger

of the two attackers reportedly grabbed the man by the throat and told him, "Just tell Terry where the credit cards and cash are."

The attackers, said Molloy, bound the man with duct tape and when he was slow in revealing the location of his valuables, they beat his feet with hammers. The smaller man also reportedly hit the victim in the head with a glass coffee pot.

There were blood smears all over the victim's apartment.

Springfield was slated to appear before Judge Dennis Powers Wednesday for a preliminary exam on charges of armed robbery, home invasion and possession of less than 24 grams of cocaine. Conviction on the armed robbery charge carries a maximum penalty of life in prison.

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Novi dentist Koskinski appeals tax conviction, wife pleads guilty

By Phil Foley
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A prominent local dentist who was supposed to begin a 30-month sentence on a federal tax evasion conviction Monday has filed an appeal, while his wife has pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to structure currency transactions.

Dr. Timothy Koskinski, 45, who is a partner in a nationally-known dental implant practice in Bingham Farms, was convicted in federal court on tax evasion charges in June. He was sentenced four months later by Judge Arthur Tarnow to 30 months in a federal prison, followed by two years of supervised release, fined \$60,000 and ordered to file corrected tax returns for 1996-98.

Koskinski's wife, Barbara, 46, pled guilty in federal court Jan. 23 to one count of conspiring to structure currency transactions for the purpose of preventing currency transaction reports from being filed with the Internal Revenue Service.

According to her attorney, Walter J. Piszczatowski, under federal sentencing guidelines, Mrs. Koskinski is looking at no more than six months in federal prison or a year or two probation. While saying the "facts are not in dispute," Piszczatowski insisted his client did not know what she did was illegal.

According to IRS investigators, the Koskinskis and Melvin Phillips, a Detroit businessman, were engaged in what amounted to reverse smurfing between 1995-98. Smurfing, explained IRS spokesman Stephen Moore, is the practice of individuals involved in a criminal enterprise making bank deposits just below the \$10,000 threshold that requires U.S. Treasury Department reports. Thus, he said, allows illegitimate money into the banking systems.

The trio was charged with making more than 800 transactions during the same period, taking more than \$7.6 million from accounts with Comerica and Standard Federal in order to hide a cash payroll. Mrs.

Noting that the Novi couple paid \$3.5 million in taxes during that three-year period, Piszczatowski said they simply withdrew lawfully-earned money from their bank accounts and used it in Dr. Koskinski's construction business. TJ Construction.

According to federal investigators, TJ Construction was paid \$4.8 million by Thyssen, Inc., a German auto parts supplier, for plants built in Detroit and North Carolina.

Last year Phillips, who ran Phillips Contracting, a Detroit-based cement company, pled guilty to making \$2.2 million in "off-the-books" payments to people working on construction projects in Detroit and Richburg, S.C. According to Phillips' plea agreement, that included 40 to 50 cement workers on a Detroit project alone. No federal income tax, FICA or Medicare taxes were paid on this income, according to court documents.

Without being specific, Piszczatowski said Dr. Koskinski's conviction is being appealed to the Sixth Circuit Court in Cincinnati because of errors that took place during the trial. He said the appeal bond allows Dr. Koskinski to continue practicing while his conviction is being appealed.

According to a spokesman for the State Department of Consumer and Industry Services, the Public Health Code requires the mandatory summary suspension of a health professional's license upon conviction of a felony.

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POLICE REPORT

Small jewelry heist

Officer David Martino charged a 36-year-old Franklinville woman with retail fraud at 5:10 p.m. Jan. 22 after loss prevention specialists at Lord & Taylor told him they videotaped the woman removing the price tag from an \$80 silver and diamond bracelet before hitting it and leaving the store.

Off-road trip

A 36-year-old Canton woman told Officer David Martino that the reason her 2003 Ford Mustang ended up in the front yard of Anglin's Landscape at 10:41 p.m. Jan. 22 was that someone cut her off, making her lose control of her car. However, Officer Martino decided the strong smell of alcohol suggested another explanation. After the woman admitted to having three drinks at Gus O'Connors, failed field sobriety tests, and registered a blood alcohol content of .11, he charged her with operating under the influence of liquor.

Lock your doors

A 50-year-old Novi man told Officers Adrienne Hlinka and Kevin Gilmore that his wallet was taken from his unlocked car while it was parked at his Bayview residence sometime before 2:16 p.m. Jan. 16.

Lock your doors II

A 40-year-old Novi man told

Officer Diane MacGregor that his cell phone, Map-Lite and sunglasses were taken from his unlocked car at his Ravenna Street residence sometime before 3:32 p.m. Jan. 16. The man told Officer MacGregor that he found four pills next to his car.

Long time looking

A 41-year-old Detroit man is being held in the Oakland County Jail in lieu of a \$1,000 bond after being taken into custody at 3:58 p.m. Jan. 16. Officer Michael Prough stopped the man's 1999 Ford Contour on Grand River Avenue near Market Street after the man turned left off Novi Road on a red light. After charging the man with operating under the influence of liquor, operating without a license and having open intoxicants in a vehicle, Prough discovered the man was being sought on a warrant issued by Novi Police in 1997. Prough also seized an empty can of Miller Lite, a half-full can, four full cans and an open bottle of Paul Masson Brandy. The suspect registered a blood alcohol content of .137. Bond was set by Magistrate Judith Holtz in Pontiac Jan. 17.

Discount shopping

A loss prevention specialist at Kohls in the West Oaks Shopping Center told Officer Erick Tapa that a woman snatched a shopping bag with merchandise and fled the store at 1:25 p.m. Jan. 17. The suspect was described as a 150-

pound white woman with long, wavy, dark hair wearing a black leather jacket and sweat pants. The suspect was last seen driving off in a gray Pontiac Sunfire. Anyone with information on this incident should call (248) 348-7100 and ask for the on-duty supervisor.

Trio tripped up

Officer Thomas Orłowski charged a 41-year-old Canton woman, a 36-year-old Dearborn woman and an 18-year-old Canton woman with retail fraud after loss prevention specialists at Lord & Taylor told him they stopped the women with \$132 worth of clothing taken from the store. The trio was later released after each woman posted a \$100 bond.

Coat check, what coat check?

A 24-year-old Canton man told Officer Thomas Orłowski that he gave his \$150 coat to an employee at The Post Bar and when he asked for it back at 2:17 a.m. Jan. 18 the employee told him he'd given the coat to a blond. The Bar manager told Orłowski the Post doesn't have a coat check. Orłowski suggested the Canton man discuss the issue with Post management when he's sober.

Dog gone it

A 26-year-old woman from Ontario told Officer Erick Tapa

that someone stole a leather pouch containing dog grooming tools while she was at the Novi Expo Center at 12:38 p.m. Jan. 18. She estimated her loss at \$1,570.

Dog gone II

A 43-year-old Traverse City man told Officer David Martino that someone stole a grooming table, dog crate and crate dolly about 6:49 p.m. Jan. 18 while he was at the Novi Expo Center. He said the items were worth \$245 and were marked with the name of his business - Highland Dalmations.

No take out

Officer John Nelson charged a 24-year-old South Lyon man with public consumption of alcohol after he reported seeing the man drinking beer in the parking garage on Main Street. The man told Officer Nelson he'd left The Post Bar with the beer.

Sudden impact

A 30-year-old Novi woman escaped injury after she lost control of her 1997 Chevrolet on eastbound I-96 near Novi Road at 2:40 p.m. Jan. 23. According to Officer Mark Stone, the woman's car spun across two lanes before slamming into the center divider wall facing west.

Compiled by Phil Foley

Novi High students might have to take MEAP to graduate

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for them and parents. In Novi, however, even with that financial incentive, about 20 percent of the students are still choosing not to take the MEAP test.

"I'm not sure why that is," Davis said. "It could be lots of reasons. They may not think it's important. Maybe they don't need the money. It may be a variety of reasons that they are choosing not to participate."

Why the change?

The problem is Education Yes, which is Michigan's state accountability system. A major factor that school districts are going to be graded on is called Indicators of School Performance. One of those indicators is the percentage of students who take the MEAP test.

"The bar that has been set for Novi is 95 percent of all students, including students who are in each sub category," Davis explained. "We have some sub categories in Novi, mainly our minority students and the English Language Learner. They too have to take the test at a 95-percent or higher percentage rate."

One group that Novi school officials aren't worried too much about is the Special Education students. They are taking the test at a high enough degree because it's written into their Individualized Education Plan that states that they take the MEAP or another test called My Access.

Students at the high school level have three opportunities to take the MEAP, but at the elementary schools and the middle school, students all take the test as part of their routine.

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"That's a reflection of our high attendance rate," Davis said. "We have very good high attendance rates in Novi, so that really helps. For some reason though, we have a percentage of students at the high school who choose not to participate in the MEAP test and that's why we need to address it. As long as we document that the students do take it, they're fine."

Davis explained that most students don't take the test until the 11th grade because it is designed to be given to juniors. However, there are some who take it at the 10th grade level, but that's primarily so that they can qualify for dual enrollment.

For instance, if a student wants to take a college course while in

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high school, the state requires that he or she must have taken the MEAP test and passed it in the same subject area that they want to dual enroll. For the gen-

eral population of students, however, it's the 11th grade that they all must take it now.

If some students don't take the test for some reason -

maybe they were ill or on an extended leave - there are two make-up sessions. One is in the fall of their senior year and the other is given in April for all the juniors and any senior who has not taken it yet. For this year, the board of education was asked to approve the change and have it in place for the graduating class of 2004.

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"I'm fairly confident that the school board will support the

change, but we want to give the public and the parents, but particularly the seniors who have not taken it yet, a chance to make sure they are aware of it and if they have any concerns or opinions or questions, that they know that they are welcome to come to the board meeting on Feb. 5 and address those questions to the board of education," Davis said. "There are a number of high schools around the state that are making this a requirement for high school graduation, so we're not the first one."

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Greek Isles Eatery offers authentic cuisine, decor, music

Family-owned and operated business opens at Pheasant Run

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

If you're a Novi resident who's looking for authentic Greek cuisine, there's no need to take a trip to Greektown in Detroit.

A new restaurant, Greek Isles Eatery, located at 39777 Grand River Ave., in Pheasant Run Plaza just west of Haggerty in Novi, has the real thing.

The family-run restaurant's staff prepares Greek dishes from scratch — from braided lamb chops to moussaka, gyros sandwiches, rice pudding and baklava.

Owners and brothers John and Tom Kotsogiannis, of Farmington Hills and Woodhaven, respectively, immigrated to the United States from Greece in the early 1970s. With language being a barrier to most jobs, they started out working as busboys at local Coney Island restaurants.

As they learned English and the ins and outs of running a restaurant they were promoted to managers.

Eleven years ago, John Kotsogiannis and a partner decided to venture out on their own, realizing that customers wanted more choices than what typical Coney Island restaurants offer.

They developed a menu at their Greek Islands restaurant on Hamilton Rowe Street in Birmingham that provides not only burgers and Conneys, but food for the diet- and health-conscious as well.

Last year, John Kotsogiannis and his partner opened another Greek Islands restaurant in West



Photo by John Hinder

Watched by brother John Kotsogiannis at right, Greek Isles restaurant chef Tom Kotsogiannis lites up a pan of opa (flaming cheese) at their Pheasant Run plaza location in Novi.

Bloomfield on Farmington Road north of Maple.

Meanwhile, Tom Kotsogiannis took a job at one of the Big Three automakers but missed the bustle of the restaurant business.

So, last year, he and John Kotsogiannis' dream of owning a restaurant together finally materialized with the opening of the Novi restaurant in May.

John Kotsogiannis' wife, Mary, and Tom Kotsogiannis' wife, Dina, run the dining room, and their children work at the restaurant when their school schedules permit. Tom and Dina's daughter,

Maria, works there, and their son, Sam, bussied tables last summer. Mary's daughters, Ana and Marysa, will start working at the restaurant this year.

"We all get along so well," Mary Kotsogiannis said. "You have more of a vested interest in seeing your customers happy than if you're an absentee owner. You take personal pride in people being satisfied."

"I think seeing all of us together is one of the things our customers enjoy," Dina Kotsogiannis said.

Tom Kotsogiannis found out about the vacant property, which

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nearby restaurant. The building was completely remodeled to feature Greek decor and has all new kitchen equipment.

"We pretty much gutted it. The only thing left from the former restaurant is the tile floor in the front dining area," Mary Kotsogiannis said. Diners can also enjoy Greek music.

The restaurant does not serve alcohol and is totally non-smoking. "We had it half smoking and half non-smoking before and just changed the policy a couple of months ago," John Kotsogiannis said.

Greek Isles also provides carry-out service, which represents about 25 percent of the restaurant's business. "Novi's a nice city to open a restaurant, so I thought, 'Let's go for it,'" he said.

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Novi physical therapist opens fifth new office

Business expands due to strong referral base

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

One barometer of a business' success is its expansion history. Novi resident Jeff Sirabian started Plymouth Physical Therapy Specialists at 9366 Lilley Road in Plymouth in 1994 and opened an office at 39855 Grand River in Novi in 2001.

The entrepreneur now has another new office that just opened at Five Mile and Newburgh in Livonia.

That brings the total number of offices in the business to five quite an accomplishment considering Sirabian started the business only 10 years ago.

Sirabian is a physical therapist, has a master's degree in health science, is a board-certified orthopedic specialist and a certified strength conditioning specialist.

He says he owes his business success to the large number of referrals he receives from physi-

icians at Providence Hospital & Medical Center in Novi and elsewhere.

Other offices in the physical therapy business are located 29825 Wixom Road in Wixom and at 9145 Highland Road in White Lake.

Sirabian opened the Wixom Road office in 1995 and added the White Lake office, which is near the intersection of M-59 and Elizabeth Lake Road, in 1999.

Benjamin Wallis of Ann Arbor serves as director of the Novi office in the Grand Court Plaza on the south side of Grand River Avenue just west of Haggerty Road.

"Since I live in Novi, I wanted an office close to home," Sirabian said. "We see a lot of patients from Novi and Northville, and we look forward to more referrals from physicians at Providence."

Sirabian noted that more than 300 physicians in the area have referred their patients to him.

The physical therapists also offer their services to high school athletic teams in the area. In fact, the business provides athletic trainers to eight area high schools.

"We also have three additional therapists besides myself who are certified orthopedic special-

ists," Sirabian noted.

"I'm fortunate to have the group of therapists I have," Sirabian said.

Plymouth Physical Therapy Specialists focus on treating patients with orthopedic and sports injuries. Sirabian and his staff use techniques such as myofascial release, soft tissue mobilization, joint mobilization and manipulation.

Therapists in the five clinics strongly emphasize patient education and therapeutic exercise.

Sirabian graduated from the University of Michigan School of Physical Therapy and earned his master's degree from the University of Indianapolis.

Wallis graduated from Central Michigan University with a master's degree in physical therapy. He joined Plymouth Physical Therapy Specialists in 2000 and has been clinical director of the Novi office since 2001.

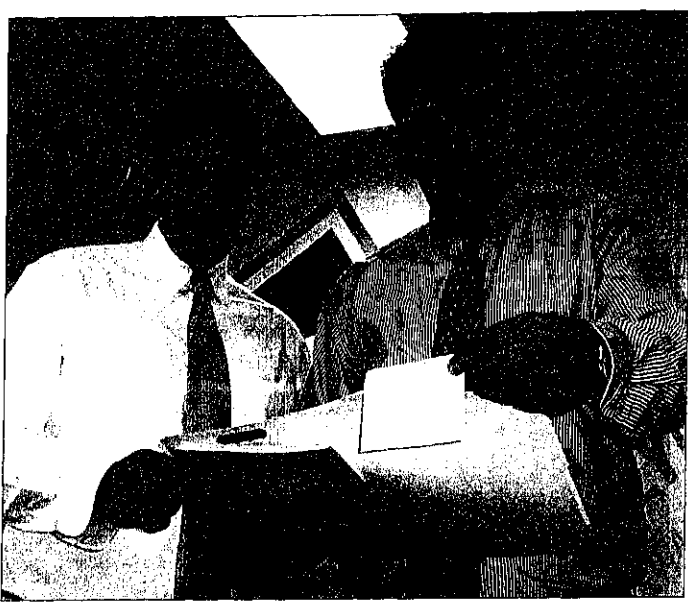


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Jeff Sirabian, right, of Novi, owner of Plymouth Physical Therapy Specialists, with offices in Plymouth, Wixom, White Lake, Novi and now Livonia, reviews charts with Benjamin Wallis, clinical director of the Novi office. The business just opened its fifth new office.

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

BUSINESS BRIEFS

August Max to open at Twelve Oaks

Retail Brand Alliance will introduce August Max, a women's fashion store, with a grand opening Jan. 30 at its new location at Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi.

Informal modeling and refreshments will be served during the grand opening from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

August Max offers a collection of easy, unstructured pieces designed for the many facets of a woman's life, according to Claudio Del Vecchio, CEO and president of Retail Brand Alliance.

With sizes offered in 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 (comparable to sizes 8-20), August Max fashions provide a forgiving and relaxed fit regardless of size.

The new store is located on the lower level of Twelve Oaks between Lord & Taylor and the Food Court. August Max stores are also located at Laurel Park Place in Livonia and at the Village of Rochester Hills in Rochester Hills.

Borders to host anti-Valentine's Day event

Borders Books & Music in Novi will host an anti-Valentine's Day book signing with Michigan children's author/illustrator Jim Benton for his new book "Frammy K. Stein: Attack of the 50-Ft. Cupid" at 2 p.m. Feb. 7.

The event will include a reading and book signing, and attendees will receive anti-Valentine's Day cards. Adults and children of all ages are invited to participate in

Valentine's Day event

There is more to Valentine's Day than chocolate covered cherries and Cupid's arrows as Benton proves in this wacky new children's book. When Franny's new lab assistant loses a 50-foot-tall cupid, it's up to Franny to save the day. This second book about the frazzled mid scientist includes Franny's own Valentine's Poem Generator.

Benton's unique brand of humor has been seen on news, television, T-shirts, greeting cards and even underwear. Franny K. Stein is the first character he's created especially for young children. Jim is also the creator of the "Just Jimmy," "It's Happy Bunny," and "Just Plain Mean" merchandise lines plus "Kids 3000," a daily cartoon on Nickelodeon's Web site Nick.com.

'Hemline' survey projects strong economy

Things are looking up for the U.S. economy, according to a national forecast based on skirt lengths.

The just-released projection relies not on computer models or complex econometric formulas. Rather, the optimistic forecast is based on a quirky — yet historically accurate — forecasting tool, better known as the "hemline indicator." The time-tested theory says that when hemlines go up, so does the economy.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

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including Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi, uses the "hemline indicator" to measure consumer optimism by asking 1,000 shoppers nationwide where they think skirt lengths will be this spring based on their projections for the economy.

This is the second year Taubman has conducted the survey.

This year, 63 percent of those surveyed predicted skirts will rise above the knee and beyond, a strong omen of improving economic times. That's more than a 30 percent increase in economic optimism over last year's results.

In addition, nearly one-third of this year's respondents showed "cautious optimism" by projecting just-below-the-knee skirts. Only 7 percent predicted "uncertain times" — compared to 24 percent who were pessimistic last year.

Here are the 2004 totals:

- Cheesecake! (Good times ahead): 12 percent
- Above the knee (Light at the end of the tunnel): 51 percent
- Just below the knee (Cautious optimism): 30 percent
- Ankle-duster (Uncertain times ahead): 7 percent

"I guess you could say that our customers across the country believe the economy really has legs," said Karen MacDonald, director of communications for Taubman. The survey was conducted this month on Taubman shopping center Web sites.

Novi residents join accounting firm

Sonia Basile of Novi has joined the Detroit office of Virchow, Krause & Company, LLP as an audit associate.

She will be responsible for performing a wide range of client assurance services.

Basile graduated from Wayne State University in 1997 with a bachelor's degree in education.

She also earned a master's degree in accounting from Walsh College in 2003.

Virchow, Krause & Company, LLP is a certified public accounting and consulting firm and ranks as the 13th largest firm in the country, according to "Public Accounting Report" Top 100 of 2003. The firm has 12 locations in Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota.

Technology Fraud Conference set

The Walsh College Information Assurance Education Center and Jefferson Wells consulting firm will offer a half-day Technology Fraud Conference Feb. 3 at the Walsh College Novi Campus, 41500 Gardenbrook Road. Registration and breakfast will begin at 7:30 a.m., and the conference will end at 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$25.

Because space is limited, advance registrations are requested by tomorrow and can be e-mailed to sandra_judkins@jeffersonwells.com or by calling (248) 226-1214. Payment can be made at the door, with checks payable to Walsh College.

Plumbing company wins awards

Plumb Shop, a leading manufacturer of retail plumbing products, recently won one of 10 plumbing department Member's Choice Awards for its Safety-PLUS Advantage gas installation kits.

The presentation was made at the Do-it Best Fall Dealer Market. The award was based on the most innovative product within each category, as judged by a Member's Choice Board consisting of Do-it Best members.

Brass Craft, a Masco Company headquartered in Novi, manufactures water supplies and other plumbing products for wholesale and retail markets. The company markets its products under the Brass Craft and Plumb Shop brands.

Designed to fit both new and older appliances, Safety-PLUS Advantage gas installation kits include two safety features. First, the patented Safety-PLUS automatic gas shut-off valve, acts as a circuit breaker to your gas appliance in the event of a major gas leak. Secondly, the proprietary ProCoat™ polymer coating, protects the stainless steel connector from corrosive household cleaning and plumbing repair chemicals. The installation kits are displayed in a stickkit that conveniently converts to a stack-on merchandiser.

Plumb Shop also won a Key Supplier of the Year Award at the recent Executive Partnership Conference held by Pro Group. This is the fourth time in the past 10 years that Pro Group has recognized Plumb Shop as a Key Supplier.

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OBITUARIES

Jennifer Ann "Prickle" Borin

Jennifer Borin died January 22, 2004. She was 33. Survivors include her parents, Pamela and Dennis Doyle and Bruce and Kathy Borin; and four siblings, David, Mark, Amanda and Emily.

Manuela "Emma" Sousa

Manuela Sousa of Novi, died January 24, 2004. She was 82. Survivors include her husband, Jose "Tony" Sousa; two children, Raymond (Mary) Sousa and Carol (Jim) Nati; four grandchildren, Todd, Jeff, Kevin and Andrea; and two great-grandchildren, Jacob and Joshua.

Thomas Patrick Dowd

Thomas Dowd died January 13, 2004. He was 60. Survivors include five siblings, Edward (Beth) Dowd, Paul (Sally) Dowd, Mary (Dave) DiPinto, Anne (Ron) Kott, and Angie (Paul) Kott; 14 nieces and nephews, Kathy (Doug) Dowd Geary, Paulie, Dave, MayBeth, Megan, Maris, Sarah, Catherine, Erin, Casey, Molly, Christopher, Kelly and Abigail; and two great-

nephews, Brenden and Cullen.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Edward Joseph and Angela Dowd; one brother, John Dowd; and one sister-in-law, Rosemary Dowd. A funeral service was held January 17 at Prince of Peace Church, West Bloomfield. Interment will be at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. Memorials may be made to The Salvation Army, Eastern Michigan Division, 16130 Northland Dr., Southfield, Mich. 48075-5218. Online sympathy messages @obrien-sullivan-funeral-home.com.

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The Filthauts: Tom and Dawn Spindler of Novi announce the engagement of their daughter, Erin Spindler, to Brian Neiss, son of Ken and Janice Neiss of Windham, Ohio.

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LIBRARY LINES

Novi Public Library

The Novi Public Library is open Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, 1-5 p.m. We are located at 45245 W. 10 Mile Road, just east of Taft Road. For more information, call (248) 349-0720.

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A hands-on class designed to introduce seniors to using the computer mouse will be held Thursday, Feb. 5, from 10-11 a.m. We will complete a self-guided online tutorial, learning and practicing all of the basic functions of the mouse. If you've never used a mouse, this class is definitely for you!

Introduction to the internet for seniors

Learn the basics of the Internet in a relaxed, supportive environment on Wednesday, Feb. 11, from 1-3 p.m. You will discover how the Internet works, practice using a web browser, and learn about using search engines to find information. The class includes interactive discussion and hands-on practice.

Middle school book discussion

Our book discussion group for teens in grades 7-9 meets for food, fun, and a lively discussion of "Stargirl" by Jerry Spinelli on Saturday, Jan. 31, from 11-11:45 a.m. No registration is necessary.

Book sale clearance

The Friends of Novi Public Library will hold a special January Clearance Sale on used books Saturday, Jan. 31, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Items will be sold at reduced rates.

Chapter Club

The Chapter Club, our book discussion group for grades 4-6, meets Saturday, Feb. 7, from 11-11:45 a.m. We'll be discussing "The Year of Miss Agnes" by Kirkpatrick Hill, snacking on



Barn Again!

Kathy Mutch, right, president of Preserve Novi, takes a look at some of the traveling history panels for the Smithsonian Institute's "Barn Again!" exhibit with Jan Fedewa of the Michigan Humanities Council and Carol Harsh, left, with the Smithsonian's Traveling Exhibit Service. Barn Again is on display in the lobby of the Novi Civic Center.

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NOTICE - CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

2004 Storm Water Engineering Services - Meadowbrook Lake & Village Oaks Lake Dredging and Storm Water Management Master Plan Update. The City of Novi will receive sealed proposals for 2004 Storm Water Engineering Services - Meadowbrook Lake & Village Oaks Lake Dredging and Storm Water Management Master Plan Update according to the specifications of the City of Novi. Proposal packages are available at the Office of the Purchasing Director. Sealed proposals will be received until 3:00 P.M. prevailing Eastern Time, Tuesday, February 3, 2004, at which time proposals will be opened and read. Proposals shall be addressed as follows:

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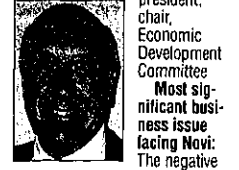
The City of Novi will receive sealed bids for Doors, Frames & Hardware Replacement - Lakeshore Park according to the specifications of the City of Novi. Bid packages are available at the Office of the Purchasing Director. Sealed bids will be received until 4:00 P.M. prevailing Eastern Time, Thursday, February 12, 2004 at which time proposals will be opened and read. Bids shall be addressed as follows:

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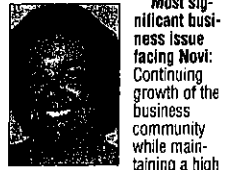
Joseph Sutschek Firm: Ramco-Gershenson, Inc. How long with firm: 15 years How long with Novi Chamber of Commerce: 6 years Previous chamber positions: Board member; vice president; chair, Economic Development Committee



Most significant business issue facing Novi: The negative perception that the residents of Novi have about Novi businesses. What I hope to accomplish as a chamber board member this year: To continue to focus on services that provide real value to the member businesses.

VICE CHAIR

Peggy Hayes Firm: Twelve Oaks Mall How long with firm: 6 years How long with Novi Chamber of Commerce: 5 years Previous chamber positions: Marketing Committee chairperson



Most significant business issue facing Novi: Continuing growth of the business community while maintaining a high quality of life for residents, visitors and the community at large. What I hope to accomplish as a chamber board member this year: Continuing to represent the "face" and "heart" of the business community to residents of the Greater Novi area through events such as "Threads of Power," the Charity Auction and other events.

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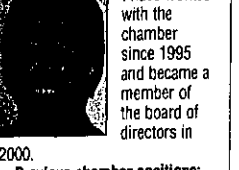
Jim Koster Firm: Novi Community School District How long with firm: 12 years How long with Novi Chamber of Commerce: 10 years Previous chamber positions: Board trustee



Most significant business issue facing Novi: Finding creative ways to help businesses that want to come to Novi through tax abatements or other creative ways to attract the business. What I hope to accomplish as a chamber board member this year: Do what I can to grow the Chamber through membership enhancement.

PAST CHAIR

Lou Martin Firm: Providence Hospital & Medical Centers How long with firm: 4 years How long with Novi Chamber of Commerce: 1 year



Previous chamber positions: Chairman 2003 Most significant business issues facing Novi: In the current face of an economic downturn, to not only maintain a consumer base but to also aggressively pursue growth opportunities. What I hope to accomplish as a chamber board member this year: (Board) priorities... deal directly with service to our membership and providing increased marketing and networking opportunities.

Chamber chair wants to work more closely with city

Wilson hopes to build better value for Novi membership

By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER Keith Wilson, new chairman of the Novi Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, believes the civic organization can provide even more benefits to its members. Wilson, of Milford, wants not only to build better value to chamber members but would also like for the chamber to work more closely with the City of Novi.

Wilson said he is hopeful that the chamber will be able to build stronger ties with city administrators. "I think with the new city regime, we're going to have a much closer relationship than we have in the past," Wilson said.

"Lou Cordas is going to take the 'no' out of Novi," Wilson said. "We foresee a good relationship between business and residents under his leadership," he said. Wilson is the general manager of Bob Sellers Pontiac-GMC on Grand River at Ten Mile.

Wilson said he is hopeful that the chamber will be able to build stronger ties with city administrators. "I think with the new city regime, we're going to have a much closer relationship than we have in the past," Wilson said.

"Our business is in Farmington Hills, but more than 50 percent of our clientele is from the Novi, and I love Novi," Wilson said. "I would like to make it easier for members to work with the city if

we're building a new business or whatever," Wilson said. "I want to thank Lou Martin, the outgoing chair, for giving us momentum into the new year," Wilson said.

"I want to make every member of the board income accessible to the general membership as far as ideas, input or problems they may have. We'll address them immediately," Wilson said. "We're going to publish all the directors' phone numbers and e-mail addresses on our Web site so any member can get in touch with our director," he noted.

"We want good, honest feedback from our membership." The chamber currently has more than 500 members. "Hopefully, the membership will grow by word of mouth," Wilson said. "That's the best form of advertising."

Wilson noted that Bob Sellers Pontiac-GMC became a member of the chamber in 1987, and he has worked at the dealership since 1979. "It's wonderful to see the growth in the community. I'm anxious to work with the city to help local businesses as well as residents," Wilson said. "I think the main function of a chamber is to help business owners to grow their business, whether it's an existing or new business just coming into the city," he said.

"The most important goal is to make it easier for businesses to operate or locate a business in Novi. We're going to accomplish this by working closely with the city — whether it be signs, landscaping or other concerns."

Keith Wilson Chairman, Board of Directors, Novi Chamber of Commerce

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Gary Ankers Firm: Howard & Howard Attorneys, P.C. How long with firm: 4 years How long with Novi Chamber of Commerce: 13 years Previous chamber positions: Board of Directors; co-chair, Business Education Committee Most significant business issue facing Novi: The continued improvement of Novi's roads. What I hope to accomplish as a chamber board member this year: As a Board member, I hope to continue to improve the business relationship between the business community and city government and to make positive changes to the Novi Sign Ordinance that unnecessarily restrict the business community's opportunities to tastefully promote and identify the location of their businesses. I also hope to improve the Chamber's networking program to provide greater benefits to Chamber members.



- Leonard T. Williams Firm: Hotel Baronette How long with firm: 5 years How long with Novi Chamber of Commerce: 4 years Previous chamber positions: Chairman of Governmental Affairs Committee; currently vice chairman of Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce Most significant business issue facing Novi: Finding creative ways to help businesses that want to come to Novi through tax abatements or other creative ways to attract the business. What I hope to accomplish as a chamber board member this year: Do what I can to grow the Chamber through membership enhancement.
- Christy L. Seaberg Firm: Republic Bank How long with firm: 5 years How long with Novi Chamber of Commerce: 2 years Previous chamber positions: Board member Most significant business issue facing Novi: City and businesses overcoming obstacles. The City of Novi needs to reduce some of the red tape to attract new business and help existing businesses move forward. This will ensure Novi's continuing growth and positive image. What I hope to accomplish as a chamber board member this year: Help to build membership, create a positive image for the Chamber and help to raise more money for the Chamber through special events.
- Nikki Pearce Forum Entertainment & Event Planning How long with firm: 10 years How long with Novi Chamber of Commerce: Since 1997 Previous chamber positions: Board member Most significant business issue facing Novi: City and businesses overcoming obstacles. The City of Novi needs to reduce some of the red tape to attract new business and help existing businesses move forward. This will ensure Novi's continuing growth and positive image. What I hope to accomplish as a chamber board member this year: Help to build membership, create a positive image for the Chamber and help to raise more money for the Chamber through special events.
- Tony Musu Firm: Novi Community Credit Union How long with firm: 20 years How long with Novi Chamber of Commerce: 7 years Previous chamber positions: Chair of the Ambassador Committee Most significant business issue facing Novi: Roads and business development. What I hope to accomplish as a chamber board member this year: I hope to bring more value to our chamber members through programs like our speaker bureau and business-to-business networking. Workshops and educational business seminars are another opportunity for our chamber members. Finally, I would like to establish a coupon page on our Web site for our chamber members to take advantage of.

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Online courses piloted at Novi High this semester

■ Moving to prep students for technology age

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

With the increasing use of the Internet in business and industries in recent years, administrators at the Novi Community School District decided to get into the act by offering a series of online courses at Novi High School to prepare students for the advancing technology age.

The new online courses, which are increasing in number by the day as new ones are developed, are something that students at Novi High have never seen before this semester. Courses such as astronomy, oceanography and international business are being piloted for students to take. However, according to Jennifer Cheal, education director of instructional initiatives, they're not for everyone.

"Currently there are 116 online courses being offered by the Michigan Virtual High School and they're developing new ones all the time," she said. "It's for specific types of learners. Some kids just learn better independently and for some, this would be a nice change of pace."

Cheal explained that students need to be reading at their grade level to take these courses because there is a lot of reading on the screen. They also have to be self-starters. There are no teachers over their heads telling them to take out their paper and pencils, and even though the students will be attending class during the day in school, there is still outside work that's required

to be done on their own. Students also have to be independent learners. If they don't understand something, rather than just raising their hands, they should try to sort through those answers themselves, said Cheal. Some of the courses, like oceanography and astronomy, aren't even offered at the high school, so they're going to have to go to the Web sites that are linked by an electronic teacher.

When Novi got involved

K-12 schools in Michigan got involved back in 2000, when a lot of talk started to circle re- lating to the opportunity for stu- dents to have courses online.

Cheal, who was Novi High's principal at the time, explained that the conversation was a bit confusing, however, because there were a lot of college indus- tries who were trying to offer online courses as well.

"Frankly, you didn't know how many kids were in the class, you really didn't know the curricu- lum and you didn't have a chance to feel if it was rigorous enough for the students," Cheal said. "Given all of those unknowns, how could I say that it would be comparable to a course in the Novi Community School District? I couldn't. We just had to step back and let the whole industry develop."

In June 2001, the state legisla- ture appropriated three years of funding for the creation of the Michigan Virtual High School, which is now offering these courses at Novi High. One of the main reasons that Cheal liked the organization is because its cur- riculum is aligned with Michigan Frameworks. Also, the design of the courses is very interactive.

WHAT'S OFFERED

- A list of eight online course categories that are available to students at Novi High School:
- Computer Science
- Language Arts
- Math
- Science
- Social Studies
- Workforce and Life Skills
- World Languages

When can students take online courses?

Cheal said that many of the online courses are ones that stu- dents can take in the traditional manner at Novi High. But if they are not successful, they will then have the option of re- taking it in the classroom or online. They must, however, at- tempt the course traditionally first.

Michigan Virtual High School offers test preparation opportunities for all kids in the district, even if they're not en- rolled in an online course. There is a career planning tool that they can access, but there are a limited number of seats available.

"I personally am excited about it. I had a lot of fun and learned when I went into the classroom with students," Cheal said. "I was very impressed with it to the point where I even signed up for an online class this semester at Schriener College. We forwarded our guideline to the Michigan Virtual High School and it's probably one of the most complete guidelines in the state right now. I think we have addressed a lot of issues of concern."

There are projects that must be done online, and students have frequent contact with their teach- ers, who check to see if the kids are dialing in and doing the work. If they're not, they contact that student's school mentor, who in turn talks to the student and the parents to make sure they do get back on task.

The online courses at Novi High are assigned to class per- iods. For instance, there may be 15 students sitting in a classroom in a certain block time with a cer- tified teacher in a room with them, but all 15 might be taking 15 different online courses. The mentor teacher is making sure the students are going online and staying in communication with the online electronic teachers of the courses to make sure the work and understanding it at an acceptable level. They administer some of the tests and they also get the grade from the online teacher and transfer it to the school's reporting system.

Is this the future of learning?

However, Cheal still doesn't see online courses totally replacing traditional ones in the future. "You don't have that human interaction," she said. "Sure, there's an online interaction, and I was very impressed with that. To me, I thought it would be a cold, sterile world, but it wasn't. You do have interaction, but it was not personal interaction."

The first thing that one does when he or she first accesses one of these courses is meet the certified Michigan teacher. There's a picture of the teacher and it tells the student who they are, where they live and what they teach.

"In an online course, you miss the personal contact," Cheal said. "Teenagers are very social, so this can be a lonely experience. That's one reason we decided to put them in a classroom setting. Even though the person in the terminal next door is taking a very different course than you are, you still have a human being next to you to turn and have contact with."

Online courses gaining popularity

Cheal said that the students at Novi High are already talking about their new opportunities and it won't be long until they all know about them. She recently visited the school and talked to about 17 students who were interested in learning more.

"It's a totally different way of thinking about education for a lot of these kids and their parents," Cheal said. "This is so new that if classes start on Monday, kids are a little afraid to commit to something that they still don't have a comfort level with. This is an opportunity for us to differentiate instructional service and to provide additional learning opportunities for our students. Not all of them learn the same way or in the same format or in the same time. This is just another alternative for individualized opportunities for students."

For more information, visit www.mvhs.org or contact Novi Community School District Career Specialist Bill Schoff at Novi High.

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Andrew Hunt of Novi has been named to the Dean's List at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, Terre Haute, Ind. for the fall 2003 quarter. He is the son of Scotty Hunt and Deborah Hunt.

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Add pizzazz to your Super party

Your favorite NFL team didn't make the playoffs. Or maybe you don't have a favorite team. Or perhaps you don't even know the difference between a corner blitz and a shotgun formation. It makes no difference. You can still enjoy Super Bowl Sunday by making the game the centerpiece of a dinner party.

"You can serve something beyond the usual, ho-hum chips and hot dogs," says Karen Brown, author of "The Dinner Party Cookbook" (Meadowbrook Press). "I'm not saying that you should break out the tuxedo," Brown says. "But why not make the party more memorable?"

Brown suggests sending out invitations on stationary adorned with football images or in the colors of the competing teams. Ask your guests to dress in NFL replica jerseys or in the garb of their collegiate alma mater.

Before the guests arrive, decorate your house with pennants, pom-poms and toy footballs. On the main table, nestle a real football amidst menus festooned with flowing ribbons and miniature NFL figures.

Once guests show up, put on some college football songs. Or organize a football pool with token bets. Your guests should be getting the impression that this party is far beyond the routine gather-around-the-tube event.

If there is any doubt about the party's uniqueness, it will vanish when you reveal the appetizers. Brown suggests warm crab dip with pita chips, offered with Bloody Marys. An ideal second course is green beans and potatoes with a light vinaigrette.

Shortly after the game begins, serve the main course: beef tenderloin on rolls. Guests who were expecting bland burgers will be overjoyed. A nice red wine, like a Merlot, goes perfectly with the meat.

As the game enters its final quarter, present your guests with dessert. Caramel brownies complement the feast and satiate your guests.

"Regardless of who wins the game, your guests will have nothing but praise for your exceptional taste," Brown says. "And you will have succeeded in throwing a Super Bowl party that is unique and enjoyable to die-hard fan and sports novice alike."

TOUCHDOWN!

PARTY TIPS

- Ask guests to dress in the colors of their favorite team.
- Decorate with pennants, pom-poms, and toy footballs.
- Serve food and beverages as a buffet, or assemble box lunches that guests can take on their laps during the game.
- For a centerpiece, use a real football surrounded by maps, ribbons, and miniature football figures.
- Get things started by organizing a pool with low-dollar bets.
- Try a menu of warm crab dip on pita chips, green beans and potato casserole, beef tenderloin on rolls, caramel brownies, and Bloody Marys.

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"Rudy" (1993) The inspirational true story about an under-sized underdog who dared to dream about playing football for Notre Dame.

"North Dallas Forty" (1979) Nick Nolte and Mac Davis star in this account of the seedy side of pro football. Nolte plays a gruff and cynical tight end addicted to painkillers.

"The Waterboy" (1998) The football antics of Adam Sandler will leave your kids in stitches.

"Jerry Maguire" (1996) The movie starring Tom Cruise that introduced the world to the phrase, "Show me the money!"

"The Program" (1993) James Caan stars as the college football coach of a fictional team, the ESU Timberwolves. This movie provides an inside look at the intricacies of college football.



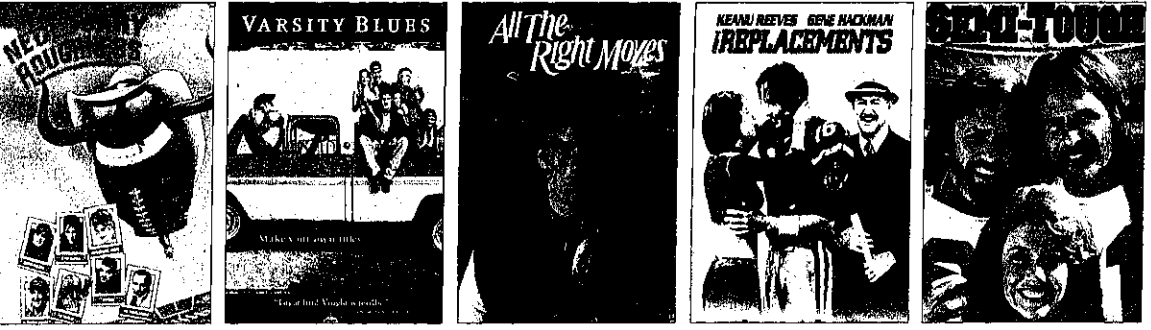
"The Longest Yard" (1974) Burt Reynolds is a former football player sent to prison for stealing his ex-girlfriend's sports car. The Warden is a football fan who forces Reynolds to organize a team of inmates to play against the guards.

"Any Given Sunday" (1999) Oliver Stone's realistic look at professional football and the relationships between owners, players, coaches and fans.

"Brian's Song" (1971) The poignant classic about Gayle Sayers and Brian Piccolo of the Chicago Bears. This one will leave even the gruffest members of your family a little misty.

"Horse Feathers" (1932) This Marx Brothers comedy pokes fun at higher education and college football and is as funny today as it was so many years ago.

"Remember the Titans" (2000) The true story about a Virginia high school in 1971 that had to overcome racial barriers on and off the field.



"Necessary Roughness" (1991) Scott Bakula stars as the aging quarterback of a cheating Texas college team forced to play without scholarship players.

"Varsity Blues" (1999) A look at the West Texas high school football way of life and the effects of celebrity on the well-adjusted player. Jon Voight plays the evil coach.

"All the Right Moves" (1993) Tom Cruise as the star of a mill-town high school team who tries to make sure he doesn't follow the same path as his parents. Craig T. Nelson is the evil coach in this one.

"The Replacements" (2000) Coach Gene Hackman is commissioned to form a team, led by quarterback Keanu Reeves, after a professional football players' strike happens.

"Semi-Tough" (1977) Burt Reynolds and Kris Kristofferson are best friends on and off the field, and they also compete for the love of Jill Clayburgh.



"Knute Rockne - All American" (1940) Ronald Reagan plays the Fighting Irish's first All-American and delivers his classic deathbed plea to "win just one for the Gipper."

"Black Sunday" (1976) Terrorists attempt detonate a dart-firing blimp to wipe out a Super Bowl crowd. Stars Bruce Dern and Robert Shaw.

"Heaven Can Wait" (1978) Warren Beatty stars as a quarterback who meets an untimely death and returns to earth in a remake of the 1941 comedy-drama "Here Comes Mr. Jordan."

"Something for Joey" (1977) Warren Beatty stars as a quarterback who meets an untimely death and returns to earth in a remake of the 1941 comedy-drama "Here Comes Mr. Jordan."

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Having fun at Bonnaventure

The Orchard Hills Elementary School roller-skating party took place last Thursday. Shown (l to r) are Alyssa Yarrish, Mackenzie Betts and Eri Abe, all third graders.

Teacher of the Year nominees sought in Novi

The Novi Community Schools is accepting nominations from parents, students, staff and community members for the Novi 2004 Teacher of the Year Award. From all nominations submitted three teachers

will be selected as finalists, one each from the K-6 level, the middle school level and the high school level.

The names of the three finalists will be submitted to Oakland Schools to be considered for the Oakland County Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award.

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Living Science Foundations brings tidepool to Orchard Hills

Students had chance to touch living creatures of the sea

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

Students at Orchard Hills Elementary School experienced a chance to reach into chilly tidepool waters to touch and learn about many live sea animals, such as sea stars, crabs, barnacles, mussels, anemones, limpets, sea urchins, chitons and lobsters. They were also treated to a slide show with pictures and information of all the animals.

The tidepool, which is only one of five programs, was brought to the facility thanks to Plymouth-based Living Science Foundation, a company that travels to elementary and middle schools all over Michigan and surrounding states to teach about science.

"I have two tidepool tables set up and each of them has about 200 gallons of ice cold ocean salt water," Science Interpreter Jeremy Madynski said. "The children come down and they put their hands right into the water. They can pick some of the animals up and for others they can reach in and just touch them."

One fish called the Monkey Face Prickle Back, was one that students were not able to touch because it was too shy. "He gets a little jumpy if he's touched, so they just look at him and learn that way," Madynski said.

Madynski explained that growing up in a place like Michigan, students should have an understanding of creatures that inhabit lakes all over the state.

"Usually people don't really have an idea of what these animals are like and how they survive. To actually reach into the water and pick one up and see what it feels like and see how it lives is just so eye opening for a young person," Madynski said. "I'll bet most of these kids have never been to the ocean, never

walked on the beach and picked up some of these animals. Just the touch of the cold water and the feel of the animals is very therapeutic."

Madynski hopes the children took away an appreciation for the diversity of living things from the assembly. "A lot of those animals in the tide pool, like the sea stars and the chitons, don't do a whole lot of moving, but they are very much alive," he said. "For a student to look at something and realize that it is a living thing and it's just as alive as they are. I think that's a very important idea for them to take away."

The other four programs that the foundation presents are Australia, Africa, Natural Science and Rainforest. For more information on the tidepool or any of the other programs, visit www.living-science.org.

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Photo by John Heider

While Morgan Cosby, right, looks for something interesting, Orchard Hills student Emma Howe excitedly picks up a dripping-wet starfish during a Wednesday morning visit to a Tide Pool Touch. Orchard Hills pupils had the chance to touch lobsters, starfish, clams, barnacles, mussels, monkey fish, and sea anemone.

Walled Lake Schools honors 'Friends of Diversity'

Marc Stiegler, Walled Lake Schools' Board of Education trustee, Jill McDonald, and Dr. James Geisler, Walled Lake superintendent, each received the Friend of Diversity Award recently at the Walled Lake Consolidated Schools' Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community celebration attended by more than 1,000 people.

Stiegler repeatedly demonstrates his commitment to diversity with his role with the Jacob Project, which promotes peace between Jewish and Chaldean communities; six years on the Walled Lake Schools' Board of Education; and service as co-chair of the newly formed Lakes Area Community Diversity Council (LACDC).

McDonald's contributions include serving as a co-chairperson of the Keith Elementary Diversity Team; her leadership role in the Huron Valley School District's Multicultural Committee; authoring a book about bullying in high schools; and serving as a co-chair of the new LACDC.

For many years Geisler has been guiding light, moving the district toward acceptance and openness to our diverse population. Dr. Geisler



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Marc Stiegler, Walled Lake Schools' Board of Education trustee, Jill McDonald, active Walled Lake parent, and Dr. James Geisler, Walled Lake superintendent, received the Friend of Diversity Award at Walled Lake Consolidated Schools' Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community celebration.

was instrumental in the planning and implementation of the two-day diversity training for all employees. His support boosts the district's diversity initiative in the Strategic Plan; he serves on the district's Multicultural Committee; is active in the Minority Support Network; and in the LACDC.

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Yvonne Healy brings multicultural storytelling to Village Oaks

Performance ties in with English language arts studies

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

Students at Village Oaks Elementary School received an entertaining reinforcement of their English language arts studies when Yvonne Healy, a multicultural storyteller, came visiting.

Healy used a drum and her experience as a professional actor to tell the kids three stories from around the globe. The first was a tale from Mexico about a family of mice who ran into a hungry cat. Next, Healy told the story from Africa about how people used to be able to cut the sky. The third story was one from China and told where dragons come from.

Each story had an important lesson to be learned. But as Healy also explained, storytelling can be used to improve a child's sequencing, which will in turn

improve their English language arts skills and even math skills as well.

"Storytelling is a really ancient art form and it uses the imagination of the person telling the story and the imagination of the person listening to the story," Healy said. "There's a communication bridge that happens between them. It all happens in the imagination and through storytelling you can find out about different cultures and the morals and ethics as well as customs of different cultures."

Healy addresses various literary and language arts curricular standards in her performances because she says that storytelling is part of the Michigan curriculum standards. One major discovery from research done on storytelling is, by listening to stories, children are more inclined to tell stories themselves, which will instill a sense of expressive communication and encourage them to go home and tell the story to their families.

"Instead of it being something that happens outside of the child, it's something where the child becomes involved in and encourages them to

then go out and be creative with language themselves," Healy said. "That's what I hope to do, and to have fun as well."

Healy explained that even as early as three years old, children through storytelling will begin to follow logical sequences and then they can give the sequence back in reverse. For example, first there is a lion, then there's a fox, then there's a tiger. In retelling, children take you back in the story and say first there was a tiger, then a fox and first there was a lion. That ends up supporting their mathematics ability. And as they get older and develop into adults, they'll start to use more complicated plot structures with more complexity.

"I started storytelling when I was a child because I was raised in an Irish household where storytelling is part of our cultural tradition," Healy said. "I was a professional actress for many years in New York City and when my children were born I retired from acting so I could be with them. Storytelling then came along and it was a perfect way for me to combine my love of language and

reading with my performance arts background and be able to take my children with me when I worked."

Healy has been doing storytelling professionally across the United States for 11 years. She does schools, museums, conferences and festivals, just to name a few. In Michigan alone, she is just one of many performers who participate in over 400 public storytelling events annually.

"We have a Web site, www.michiganstorytelling.com, and there is a monthly calendar which lists the public storytelling events in Michigan," Healy said. "I've been to Wisconsin, I've been brought out to Colorado and to Rhode Island, Tennessee, Virginia, so I get to travel around. I get to read, to talk and write. It's the perfect job."

To contact Healy, visit www.yhealy.com or call (810) 225-2304.

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Courtesy photo
Yvonne Healy tells her story to Village Oaks children.

Walled Lake district presents Parenting Education Fair March 20

The 12th Annual Walled Lake Schools Parenting Education Fair will be held on Saturday, March 20 from 8:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. at Walled Lake Northern High School (6000 Hoopie Lake Rd., Commerce Township).

Parents and community members from throughout the Detroit area are invited to attend. This year's theme is "Discovering the Joy of Parenthood." Jim Fay, one of

America's most sought-after presenters in the areas of parenting, positive discipline, and classroom management, will deliver the keynote address. His topic will be "Parenting with Love and Logic."

Twenty-eight breakout sessions on a variety of topics of interest following Fay's presentation. Some of the topics include:

- Six Building Blocks of a

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- Ineffective Discipline Techniques
- How and Why Some of Your Methods are Failing to Achieve The Desired Results
- Understanding Adolescence and Building Healthy Relationships
- "I Can't" Antidotes, and many more.

Admission is \$8 for the entire program. An optional lunch will

be available on site for \$7. Childcare for children ages 2 through 12 for a nominal fee of \$2 per family for the entire day.

This year, a special new segment has been added to the Parenting Education Fair: Teaming up with the Walled Lake PTSA Council, there will be a concurrent Health Information Fair that will feature health care experts and displays of information on a num-

ber of health-related issues and services. These will include various health screenings such as blood pressure and cholesterol checks. Additionally, there will be a variety of exhibitors with great products for parents including books, children's games, and educational toys.

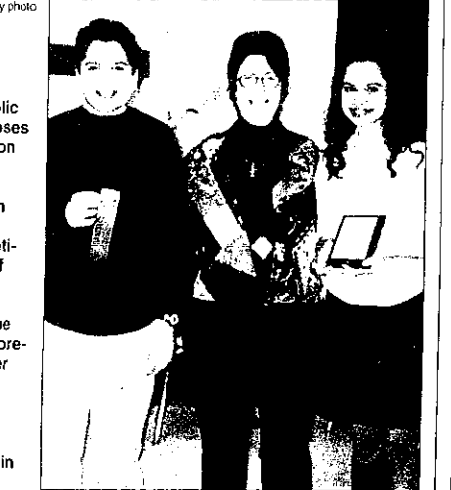
The Walled Lake Schools Parenting Education Fair is supported by the Walled Lake Schools, the Foundation For

Excellence Walled Lake Schools, Target of Commerce Township, and many other local organizations and businesses.

Additional information and registration materials for the Parenting Education Fair are available. Please contact Alec Bender at (248) 956-4200, Henry McCurry at (248) 956-3500, or Christopher Peal at (248) 956-3300.

Forensics Team Awards

Mary Beth Strassel (center), coach of Huron Valley Catholic School's Forensics Team, poses with sixth grader John Denton and eighth grader Grace Denton as they receive their awards. The two competed in the Michigan Interscholastic Forensic Association competition, held at the University of Michigan on Jan. 10. Grace earned an "Award of Excellence" plaque and a blue ribbon for her dramatic interpretation of Paul Zindel's Pulitzer Prize Winning, "The Effect of Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds." John also earned a blue ribbon. His African Folk Tale, "Talk," was in the "storytelling" category.



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SCREEN BEAT

By Brian Renner

Opening in theaters this weekend

Romantic comedy "Win a Date with Tad Hamilton!" is the story of a hot young actor, Tad Hamilton (Josh Duhamel), who agrees to participate in a "win a date" contest to promote his new movie. His world is turned upside-down when he finds himself falling in love with the winner, a grocery store checkout girl from West Virginia named Rosalie (Kate Bosworth). Showing up in her hometown to profess his love, Tad unwittingly inspires Rosalie's longtime best friend (Tophir Grace), who works with her as a bagger at the Piggly Wiggly, to also admit his love for her, putting Rosalie in the middle of a very unexpected romantic triangle. "Win a Date with Tad Hamilton!" is a DreamWorks Pictures release and rated PG-13 by the MPAA for sexual content, some drug references and language.

Ashton Kutcher (TV's "That '70s Show") stars in psychological thriller "The Butterfly Effect" as a young man who discovers an ability to travel back in time to inhabit his childhood body, but he finds that every trip back has unintended results on his present self, leading him to travel back again and again, trying to repair the damage that he's only making. The film also stars Amy Smart, Eileen Henson, William Lee Scott, Eric Stoltz and Melora Walters. "The Butterfly Effect" is a New Line Cinema release and rated R by the MPAA for violence, sexual content, language and brief drug use.

On a remote island, the FBI has a training program for their psychological profiling division, called "Mindhunters," used to track down serial killers. The training goes horribly wrong, however, when a group of seven young agents discover that one of them is a serial killer, and is setting about slaying the others. The film stars Val Kilmer, L.L. Cool J., Christian Slater, Eion Bailey, Clifton Collins Jr., "Mindhunters" is a Dimension Films release and rated R by the MPAA for violence/strong graphic images, language and sexual content.

On video and DVD shelves this week

In "Cabin Fever," five college friends spend a weekend at a remote mountain cabin. One of them becomes infected with a flesh-eating virus. Fueled by paranoia and hostility, the remaining friends struggle to survive the virus and each other. The film stars Jordan Ladd, Rider Strong, James DeBello, Cerina Vincent, Joey Kern, Aric Verveen, Joe Adams. "Freddy vs. Jason" is a New Line Cinema release and rated R by the MPAA for strong violence and gore, sexuality, language and brief drug use.

The third installment of Robert Rodriguez' "Desperado" trilogy, "Once Upon a Time in Mexico," is the story of El Mariachi (Antonio Banderas) who's recruited by a shady CIA agent to take on a mighty drug cartel leader, who plans to assassinate the Mexican president. "Once Upon a Time in Mexico" is a Sony Pictures release and rated R by the MPAA for strong violence and language.

Fifth installment, "Pokemon Heroes" follows the continuing adventures of heroes Ash and Pikachu, who travel to Alto Mare, the water capital of the world to protect a treasure from a pair of slick thieves. "Pokemon Heroes" is a Miramax Films release and rated G by the MPAA for General Audiences.

Academy Award nominated documentary "Spellbound" follows 8 children as they compete through regional finals with the goal to participate at the Scripps Howard National Spelling Bee in Washington D.C. "Spellbound" is a ThinkFilm release and rated G by the MPAA for General Audiences.

Classic western drama "Open Range" about four cattle herders who roam the countryside without owning a particular piece of land. (Kevin Costner, Robert Duvall, Diego Luna, Abraham Benrubi), living in the final years of the Wild West. "Open Range" is a Touchstone Pictures release and rated R by the MPAA for violence.

For more information, please log on to The Movie Insider at www.themovieinsider.com. Please direct any questions, comments, and/or feedback to brian@themovieinsider.com.

CITY OF NOVI-VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR WOODLANDS REVIEW BOARD

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Novi City Council is seeking volunteers to serve on the newly formed Woodlands Review Board. If you are interested in serving on this Board, applications may be obtained in the office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile, or by calling 347-0456 to receive an application by mail or fax, or visit our website at www.ci.novi.mi.us for an application.

(1-29 & 2-5-04 NN 110930) MARYANNE CORNELIUS, CITY CLERK

CITY OF NOVI VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO SERVE ON CITY BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Notice is given that the Novi City Council will be meeting to interview applicants for appointment to the Beautification Commission, Cable Access Committee, Construction Board of Appeals, Economic Development Corporation, Historical Commission, Library Board, and Novi Building Authority.

If you are a qualified voter in the City of Novi and interested in volunteering to serve on a City board or commission, applications are available in the office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile, or by calling (248) 347-0456 to receive an application by mail or fax, or visit the City Web Site at www.ci.novi.mi.us to print out an application.

Council will be interviewing applicants on Monday, February 9, 2004 beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers; interviews are scheduled for 15 minutes each and all City Council meetings are televised.

(1-29 & 2-5-04 NN 110930) MARYANNE CORNELIUS, CITY CLERK

NOTICE - CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Meadowbrook Road Reconstruction Engineering Services

The City of Novi will receive sealed proposals for Meadowbrook Road Reconstruction according to the specifications of the City of Novi. Proposal packages are available at the Office of the Purchasing Director. Sealed proposals will be received until 3:30 P.M. prevailing Eastern Time, Tuesday, February 3, 2004, at which time proposals will be opened and read. Proposals shall be addressed as follows:

CITY OF NOVI
CAROL J. KALINOVIK, PURCHASING DIRECTOR
45175 W. Ten Mile Rd.
Novi, MI 48375-3024

All proposals must be signed by a legally authorized agent of the proposing firm. ENVELOPES MUST BE PLAINLY MARKED "Meadowbrook Road Reconstruction Engineering Services" RFP

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The Novi News and Novi Town Center 8 are once again holding an Oscar Contest. Prizes are: First - 52 pairs of passes; Second - 52 single passes; Third - 26 single passes. Random drawing held for other pairs of passes. One entry per person. Please send to: Novi Town Center 8, 26085 Town Center Dr., Novi, MI 48375; or fax to (248) 386-2870. All entries must be received by Saturday, March 13, 2004.

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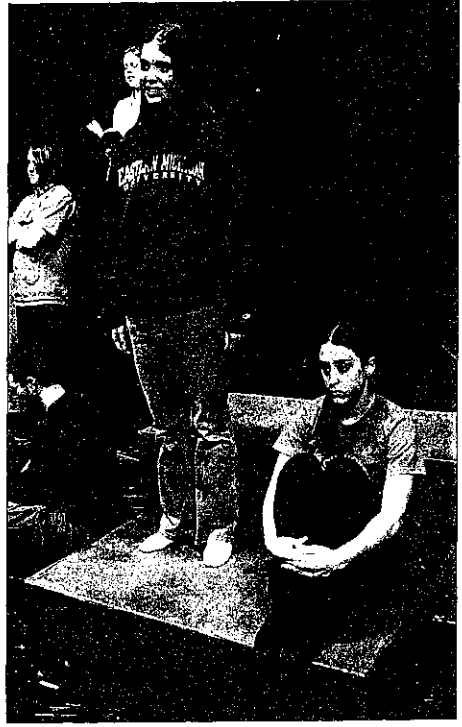


Photo by John Heider

"Antigone" During a rehearsal last week, Antigone (played by Lauren Lopez in the red shirt at right) listens as her friends and family begin the tale of her life in the Greek tragedy put on by students of Novi High School. Novi High's Winter One Act Play, "Antigone," will be performed to the public free of charge at 7 p.m. tonight (Thursday the 29th) at Novi Middle School. "Antigone" is part of the winter competition which will be going on all day on Saturday at the middle school on Jan. 31. Many other area schools will be performing that day as well, with Novi High's performance taking place at 4:20 p.m., also free of charge. "Antigone" has 20 cast members and 20 crew members.



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HEALTH CARE CONTINUUM

A Kensington winter



— PHOTOS BY HAL GOULD —

Ice harvesting program comes to Kensington

By Aileen Wingblad
STAFF WRITER

Looking for something cool to do? Head out to Kensington Metropark for the upcoming annual ice harvesting event.

Held Saturday, Jan. 31, and Sunday, Feb. 1, from 1 to 3 p.m., ice harvesting at Kensington is a hands-on activity that is fun and educational — and something the whole family can enjoy, explained Chris Williams, Kensington's assistant farm manager.

"This is for anybody who wants something out of the ordinary to do, something that's exciting," Williams said. "And it's a good reason to get out of the house."

The program is "kind of a step back into yesterday," Williams added, with demonstrations depicting how ice was harvested and delivered to homes and businesses before refrigerators became a common-place appliance some 50 or 60 years ago. Most people are at least one generation removed from the activity, he said.

During the demonstrations, adults and kids alike will get the chance to use rare, antique tools on 300-pound ice blocks to cut, chip and lift pieces onto a truck bed. There will also be a running video in the farm center classroom that shows the process used in the 1930s and 1940s.

If weather conditions permit, the ice blocks will come from Kent Lake and be hauled up to the farm center for the program. Should the lake not freeze to at least a 6-foot depth, the ice blocks will be purchased from a local supplier.

Williams noted that during the first couple years the ice harvesting program was held, it took place directly on a section of frozen lake at the park. Due to safety concerns and questionable depths of frozen water, it was moved to the farm center lawn. Since the move, he said, the event has attracted more people because it's in a much more visible spot.

"Before, we were off the beaten path, on a bay of Wild Wing Lake or near the boat launch. Now, people see us and they stop."

The idea for the program came from a similar event held at Crossroads Village near Flint. Williams saw it and decided it would be ideal for Kensington, he said. It's since been held for the past 10 years, Williams said, and has grown to be a popular winter-time draw. Some years, close to 1,000 people attend. "It depends on the weather," he added. "If we have a nice, sunny day, we'll see more people. But if it's really bitterly cold and windy, not too many people show up."

No preregistration is required for the ice harvesting program and there is no cost beyond park entry. For more information, call (248) 685-1561 or (800) 477-3178.

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Chris Williams
assistant farm manager



Photo courtesy of Huron-Clinton Metroparks
Chris Williams, Kensington Metropark interpreter, helps Greg Mogos, of Plymouth, cut a block of ice with an antique ice saw.

(Top left) Kensington Metropark offers horse-drawn sleds through the Milford Township park. (Top right) Most the plant life at Kensington is blanketed by snowfall last Wednesday and Saturday. Only a few plants, like the ones peeked out from the snow. (Above right) For the plants that weren't buried, individual shoots were sprinkled with snowflakes. (Below) One of the top winter sports in Kensington is cross country skiing. Jerry Korchak of Bloomfield Hills was one of a series of residents taking advantage of the 12 miles of groomed trails for cross-country skiers. And on the weekend, they have equipment rentals for those who want to try it out.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- "Antigone"**
DATE: Thurs., Jan. 29 (7 p.m.); Sat., Jan. 31 (4:20 p.m.)
LOCATION: Novi Middle School
DETAILS: Novi High's Winter One Act Play, "Antigone," will be performed to the public free of charge. "Antigone" is part of the winter competition which will be going on all day on Saturday, Jan. 31. Many other area schools will be performing that day as well, with Novi High's performance happening at 4:20 p.m., also free of charge. "Antigone" has 20 cast members and 20 crew members.
PHONE: (248) 449-1600
- 2004 Novi Home Improvement Show**
DATES: Jan. 30-Feb. 1
TIMES: Fri., noon-9 p.m.; Sat., 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sun., 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
LOCATION: Novi Expo Center, located at I-96 and Novi Rd.
DETAILS: Adults \$7, Seniors \$6, children under 12 free.
PHONE: 248-862-1019 or www.builders.org
- "Barn Again!" Oral History Workshop**
DATE: Saturday, Jan. 31
TIME: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center
DETAILS: Glenn Ruggles, oral historian and author from Commerce Township, to conduct workshop on the art of oral history. Event organized in conjunction with Smithsonian Institution traveling exhibit, "Barn Again! Celebrating an American Icon," in the Novi Civic Center Atrium.
PHONE: Kathy Much, "Barn Again!" site coordinator, (248) 224-4211
- "Marry Me at Twelve" Wedding Preview**
DATE: Saturday, Jan. 31
TIME: noon to 4 p.m.
LOCATION: Center Court at Twelve Oaks Mall, I-96 and Novi Road
DETAILS: Informal modeling of bridal gowns and tiaras. Other vendors involved in "Marry Me at Twelve" wedding contest to demonstrate products, services.
PHONE: (248) 348-9400
- Novi Co-op Preschool Open House**
DATE: Saturday, Jan. 31
TIME: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
LOCATION: Novi United Methodist Church, at 10 Mile and Meadowbrook.
DETAILS: Come visit the preschool, meet the teachers, and be able to register for the 2004/2005 school year.
PHONE: For more info, call (248) 344-0296.
- Technology Fraud Conference**
DATE: Tuesday, Feb. 3
TIME: 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
LOCATION: Walsh College
- Novi Campus, 41500 Gardenbrook Road.**
DETAILS: The Walsh College Information Assurance Education Center and the law firm Jefferson Wells will offer a half-day Technology Fraud Conference. The cost is \$25.
- The Art of Recruiting and Selecting Employees with Talent**
DATE: Thursday, Feb. 5
TIME: 8:00 a.m. to noon
LOCATION: Walsh College in Novi
DETAILS: The seminar, hosted by Performance Progression, LLC of Novi and The Law Office of David A. Bayles of Northville, will cover aspects of an effective recruiting and selection process and legal issues to consider throughout the process.
PHONE: The seminar is free but requires advance registration by sending an e-mail to registrar@performanceprogression.com. For more information call Performance Progression, LLC at (248) 767-7849.
- Boat Camp Day**
DATE: Friday, Feb. 6
TIME: 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
LOCATION: Providence Medical building, 47601 Grand River Ave., Novi
DETAILS: A day of enrichment and personal exploration designed to provide valuable tools, information and a new perspective on healthier living through wholesome. Open to the public; \$45 per person; registration required.
PHONE: (248) 465-5455
- Expressions From the Heart Valentine's Tea**
DATE: Saturday, Feb. 7
TIME: 2 p.m.
LOCATION: Walled Lake City Library is located at 1499 E. West Maple, Walled Lake
DETAILS: Children five and older are invited to bring an adult guest to make an old-fashioned valentine. The festive event will include history of valentines, stories, poems, an old-fashioned valentine display and refreshments. Seating is limited. Please register.
PHONE: Call the library at (248) 624-3772.
- Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce, Heart of the Lakes Ball**
DATE: Saturday, Feb. 7
TIME: 7 p.m.
LOCATION: DoubleTree Hotel, Novi
DETAILS: A benefit for Cardiac Care at Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital and Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce. Dinner, Dance and Auction. Tickets are \$40.
PHONE: (248) 624-2892.
- Spotlight Players Dinner Theatre "Steel Magnolias"**
DATE: Feb. 6-8, 13-15.
LOCATION: Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton
DETAILS: Jennifer Camilleri of Novi, producer, \$30 includes family style Southern cuisine and performance. Tickets must be purchased 48 hours in advance.
PHONE: (734) 394-5460, www.spotlightplayers.net.
- Northwestern Michigan University Program for prospective students**
DATE: Sunday, Feb. 8
TIME: 2 p.m.-4 p.m.
LOCATION: Novi Sheraton Hotel, Haggerty Rd.
DETAILS: For prospective students and parents, information on financial aid, orientation, and housing. Meet NMU students, faculty members and admissions staff.
PHONE: Advance reg. by Jan. 30 requested. Call (800) 682-9397, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday thru Friday.
- "Classical Bells" Concert**
DATE: Sunday, Feb. 8
TIME: 3:30 p.m.
LOCATION: St. John Lutheran Church, 23221 Gill Rd. west of Farmington Rd. and south of Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills.
DETAILS: Classical Bells is a group of seasoned professionals who have appeared nationwide with groups such as The Detroit Symphony, Michigan Opera Theater and Birmingham First Night. They also provide first-playing workshops as well as concerts in communities, churches and schools. Tickets for concert are \$8/adults, \$6/Seniors, \$2/students, children under 5 free.
PHONE: Tickets may be ordered by calling (248) 474-8321 or (248) 474-0584.
- Wixom Parks and Recreation "Escape School"**
DATE: Tues., Feb. 10
TIME: 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Wixom Community Center
DETAILS: Practical prevention techniques in a manner that is neither frightening nor threatening, teaching children to identify strangers not by what they look like, but how they act. This has been featured on Oprah, Good Morning America.
PHONE: (248) 624-2850.
- Henry Ford Complimentary Medicine Center Class "Don't Worry Be Happy"**
DATE: Wednesday, Feb. 11
TIME: 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Henry Ford Medical Center, Novi, 40000 Eight Mile, one block west of Haggerty.
DETAILS: Course fee is \$5 per class. Space is limited and preregistration is required. Learn how to
- stop the endless loop of worrisome thoughts that keep you from living joyfully, achieving relaxation, and sleeping with ease.
PHONE: To register, (248) 380-6201.
- The 38th Annual Detroit Camper & RV Show**
DATES: Feb. 11-15
TIMES: open weekdays 2-9 p.m., Saturday 12-9 p.m. and Sunday 12-6 p.m.
LOCATION: Novi Expo Center
DETAILS: New, year 2004 recreation vehicles will be on display including folding campers, motor homes, travel trailers, truck campers, park models and fifth wheel travel trailers. Display models range in price from \$4,000 to more than \$300,000. Adult admission (age 13 and up) is \$8; children age 12 and under are admitted free! Seniors admitted for just \$5 on Wednesday, February 11, and Thursday, February 12 (no coupon necessary). Visitors can register to win an Aprilia scooter from Detroit Eurocycles.
- Wixom Parks and Recreation 2nd Annual Wine Tasting**
DATE: Friday, Feb. 13
TIME: 7 p.m.-9 p.m.
LOCATION: Wixom Community Center
DETAILS: Celebrate the latest trends in the New World and the cutting edge wines of the Old World.
PHONE: 248-624-2850.
- Cygnus Chordant concert**
DATE: Saturday, Feb. 14
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Franklin Road Christian School, 13 Mile Rd., Novi
DETAILS: Jazz pianist will perform with Rodney Whitaker, bass, and Randy Gillespie, drums, of the Professors of Jazz at Michigan State University. Tickets are \$20; \$10 for students. Call (248) 477-7711 to order.
PHONE: www.concertsforacause.com
- Novi Chamber of Commerce 5th Annual Thousands of Power Breakfast**
DATE: Tuesday, Feb. 17
TIME: 8:30 a.m.
LOCATION: Sheraton Detroit, Novi
DETAILS: Clean your closet for a cause! Donations of gently-used business attire will go to several organizations including The Clothes Closet @ Holy Family Church, Southfield Career Center WorkFirst Program, The Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft College, Lighthouse Pontiac Area Transitional Housing (PATH) AND HAVEM. Cost is \$15 and reservations must be made by Friday, February 13.
PHONE: (248) 349-3743.
- Town & Country Eyecare Ribbon Cutting**
DATE: Wednesday, Feb. 25
LOCATION: Southeast corner of Nine Mile and Novi Road, Novi
TIME: Office tours, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.; ribbon cutting ceremony, 5 p.m.
DETAILS: Novi Mayor Lou Coardas to be present at the ribbon cutting ceremony.
PHONE: (248) 347-7800.
- Henry Ford Complimentary Medicine Center Class "Reawakening Your Flexible Self: Gentle But Effective Techniques for Promoting Easy Movement"**
DATE: Wednesday, Feb. 25
TIME: 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Henry Ford Medical Center, Novi, 40000 Eight Mile, one block west of Haggerty.
DETAILS: Course fee is \$5 per class. Space is limited and preregistration is required. This class will teach you how to notice and take active control over unwanted chronic stiffness, pain and fatigue.
PHONE: To register, (248) 380-6201.
- Seniorsentennial birthday celebration**
DATE: Tuesday, March 2
TIME: 6 p.m.-9 p.m.
LOCATION: Walled Lake City Library is located at 1499 E. West Maple, Walled Lake.
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DETAILS: Free.
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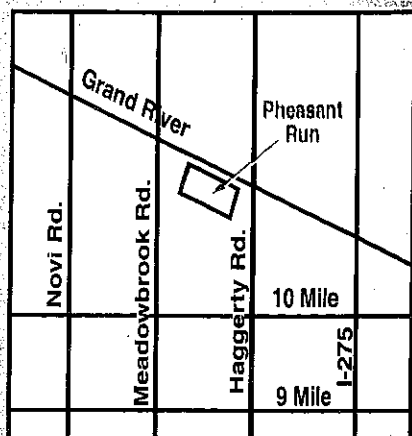
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Quick Hits



Novi grapplers continue to improve

The Novi Wildcats wrestling team continues to show why they are tough to beat — because of their ongoing individual improvements. A.J. Morris and Eric Hansen earned gold medals at a recent tournament, while Alex Baum was given a silver for his efforts against some quality opponents.

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Did you know?

Volleyball is the most popular girls sport in the state of Michigan? Last season, the sport had 698 schools participate with 21,678 girls competing. Not bad, considering girls' basketball had just 714 schools involved last year with 20, 831 participants.

Information from the Michigan High School Athletics Association

Novi basketball tops Brighton, keeps trophy

The Wildcats boys basketball team kept the Court Wanderer trophy safe in their hands as they took on and beat the Brighton Bulldogs in a Kensington Valley Conference showdown.

WILDCATS 52
BULLDOGS 42

Junior Mark Moore led the way with 10 points in the game, while Trevor Hoover sunk the only two three-point field goals of the night.

— See Page B2

Hockey tops state-ranked Highlanders

The Wildcats were well aware that if they wanted to get their season going in the direction they wanted it to, they had to win a game that most folks would have figured they couldn't win. Well, the Wildcats did just that as they took on and beat the Howell Highlanders in a Kensington Valley Conference. Howell was ranked in the top-10 Division I hockey poll, but that didn't bother a single Wildcat as they followed Chaz Bulbuk's lead of five points on the night.

— See Page B3

It's all about teamwork

Wild 'Stangs get best of John Glenn

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

For the Northville-Novi Wild 'Stangs gymnastics team, getting wins isn't so much something that happens because of great scores by a single individual, but from the overall team effort.

The Wild 'Stangs, who are coached by Lindsay Schultz, came away with a 135.45-110.50 victory over their foes from John Glenn January 22 in a home showing.

The combined Northville-
Novi team
WILD 'STANGS 135.45
JOHN GLENN 110.50

scored 130.40 points with their Division II team, which consists of some extremely talented gymnasts.

The Division I team found itself getting some pretty remarkable scores across the board as they jumped into action with some work on the vault. For the Wild 'Stangs, Janna Ramsey took first place with an 8.60, while Julie Foucher and Lauren Duda's 8.40s were good enough for second. Ann McQueen put together a showing of an 8.30, which was good for fourth, while Adrienne McHenry took fifth with an 8.20. The best showing from John Glenn came from Traci Stanton, who scored an 8.20.

On the bars, Tricia Brownfield led the way with an 8.30 to lead all gymnasts. Ramsey took an 8.10, as did Sara Ilkhani-Pour, which was good enough to be second best among their peers. Jacqueline Gazette took fourth with an 8.05, which was also the best showing of a John Glenn gymnast, who was Stanton. Maggie Mills rounded out the Northville-Novi scoring with a 7.45 in the winning effort.

Leading the way on the beam was Jenn Mehl, who scored a 9.10 with her routine. Foucher recorded an 8.7, while

both Emma Platt and Marcie Fink earned 8.5 for their showings. Duda had the fifth-best score with a 7.90, and Gazette rounded out the scorers with a 7.60. For Glenn, Stanton was joined by Beckey Clark with a 7.6 to lead their squad.

Brownfield recorded an impressive 9.0 with her floor routine to lead all scorers, while Ilkhani-Pour scored an 8.65 for second place. Taking third was McHenry with an 8.55, while Gazette scored an 8.20 for fourth and Fink notched an 8.10 for fifth. Taking sixth out of the Wild 'Stang performances was McQueen, who recorded an 8.05 from the judges. The best John Glenn showing once again came from Stanton, who notched a 7.90.

For the Division II gymnasts, the Wild 'Stangs proved to be extremely dedicated and talented as they racked up some impressive numbers. On the vault, Megan Wallen collected 8.50 points for first, while Jill Guffey took second with an 8.2 along with Jessica Glancy. Glancy led the way on the bars, collecting another 8.2, while Coriney Paul earned an 8.15 and Wallen collected a 7.55 for third. The beam found Wallen taking first with an 8.7, while Paul was second with an 8.6 and Kylea Pohl was third with an 8.40. Glancy took fifth in the event with a 7.8 and Nika Frimenko took fifth with a 7.6. Erin Yankovich had the best floor routine, earning an 8.45, while Amanda Crawford and Pohl took second with an 8.10.

The Wild 'Stangs are scheduled to be back in competitive form when they visit Plymouth high school February 2 at 7 p.m.

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Photo by John Heider

Wild 'Stang gymnast Megan Whalen temporarily looks at the floor as she nails her dismount from the balance beam in last week's home game against John Glenn High School.

GAME OF THE WEEK

Novi Wildcats Swimming
VS
Northville

Tuesday, February 10
7:00 p.m. at Northville

The dunk tank

The Novi Wildcats boys' swimming and diving team has had the chore of not only being on the road all year, but also facing teams that are much bigger than they are. Well, both of those things are about to change — well, kind of. Novi will swim in the same pool they practice in at Northville High School and will take on the 18-man roster the Mustangs have to offer.

— See Page B3



Novi making a statement

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

It's the kind of volleyball the Novi Wildcats were well aware they could play — it was just everyone else who didn't think so.

In the face of predictions that placed them near last in conference play, the Novi Wildcats made one thing clear with their second and third straight victories in the Kensington Valley Conference: They're contenders.

Novi's latest statement came in the form of a win over Brighton in four games. Novi won the first two, 25-8 and 25-16, and then dropped the third, 25-21, before coming back to win the fourth and take the victory, 25-19.

Just three days earlier, the Wildcats won in similar fashion over the South Lyon Lions. Novi fell 25-19 in the first game before coming back with back-to-back-to-back wins to take the victory, 25-17, 25-22 and 25-19.

Novi also finished well in their

Photo by John Heider

Sophomore Jenna Kuhn leaps to tap the ball over the net in an early January contest hosted by Novi.

own Novi Invitational, earning wins through the semi-finals before finally losing to Plymouth Salem in two games, 25-23 and 26-24.

"I know HomeTown Newspapers ranked us to finish pretty low," Novi coach Julie Fisette said. "We had a lot of girls graduate from last season, but what no one knew was I had a loaded bench."

And that bench has now turned into some phenomenal starters — this year's bench isn't bad either. "What I really like this year is the fact that we don't have to have just a couple of players on each night in order to win," Fisette said. "If someone is having trouble getting into the game, I can put someone off the bench in there and they can play just as well as anyone else."

Against the Lions, Novi found itself facing adversity following their loss in the first game, but they knew exactly what they had to do.

"It's not always easy to get a team to rebound off a loss," Fisette said. "This year, the girls realize that losing one game doesn't mean anything. I'm proud of the way they are able to respond."

Novi did have some hiccups along the way. In the first contest, they gave up 18 points on errors.

"When 25 points have to be scored to win a game and you give up 18 on errors, you can't expect to

beat any team," Fisette said. "I showed the girls the stat sheet and the 18 errors and asked them who they thought was going to win that game. Then, I told them to make South Lyon earn their points and they turned the game around nicely."

Leading Novi in that contest was Amanda Taffoli, who collected nine kills and 13 digs in the winning effort. Sara Schmitt added 11 digs and four kills to her season totals. Bella Feldbaum added four aces and Kim Zarezynski had eight kills and four blocks.

Against the Bulldogs of Brighton, Novi started the game off on the right foot with two convincing wins before their Kensington Valley rivals were able to squeak out a win of their own in the third game. Then, in a style that Novi is making all their own this year, they rebounded to win the contest in the fourth game.

"I think they were pretty fired up to come back," Fisette said.

Novi was led by Feldbaum with eight kills and two blocks, while Nicole Barndt added six kills to the victory. Taffoli had 21 serves on the night and didn't miss a single one, and then added 12 digs to her season totals.

Novi is scheduled to be back in action today when they host rival Milford at the Novi High School field house at 7 p.m.

Chaz Bulbuk Senior Hockey

Bulbuk is the kind of player that can turn a game around, and that was definitely evident when the Wildcats took on and beat the state-ranked Howell Highlanders last week. Bulbuk had two goals and three assists to lead the 'Cats with a total of five points in the victory. Expect to see Bulbuk continue to be an impact player as the Wildcats look to finish their season strong and head into the post-season with winning on their minds.



Athletes OF THE Week

Bella Feldbaum Senior Volleyball

Actions do speak louder than words. Though Feldbaum was a member of the bench through the majority of last season, she has improved to the point of being a pivotal athlete for the Novi volleyball team. She's able to change the tide in a game with blocks and kills and has one heck of a mean serve — yet you'll never hear her talk herself up or ask for more attention. She's content just knowing she's one of the best spikers around.

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Novi continues to show improvement

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

The Novi Wildcats know that this season may not see them winning the most matches, but it has seen them make some considerable strides as individual wrestlers.

The Wildcats continued to show those strides as they put their ability forward and found individuals standing out once again.

In the South Lyon dual tournament, the Novi grapplers found Eric Hansen and A.J. Morris earning gold medals for going 5-0 throughout the day. Alex Baum was given a silver medal for his

4-1 finish.

Novi found Andrew Sunislow (152-pound division) and Andrew Kristoff (215) earning pins in a loss to Bedford, 31-26. Kyle Bickenstaff (199), Baum (135) and Kyle Margrave (theory-weight) won by void in the same match. Earning wins through points were Hansen (125) and Morris (160).

"It's good to have Andrew Sunislow back in the lineup," Novi coach Brad Huss said. "He's been out all year with a knee injury."

The Wildcats had a much better showing when they dominated Sallie, 48-25. Al Vellathottam (103) and Bickenstaff both won

void, while Hansen, Jason Sierra (130) and Joe Czapski (140) all earned their wins through point totals.

"Kyle Bickenstaff is doing a nice job filling in for Scott Arbow," Huss said.

Getting pins in the contest were Morris, Dan Sprys (189), Baum, Hansen and Nick Lichorobiec (112).

Against South Lyon, a match Novi lost 42-27, Lichorobiec, Morris and Dan Sprys (189) all

earned big wins through point totals while Bickenstaff, Hansen and Baum all notched pins over their opponents.

In one of their closest matches of the year, Novi lost to Ann Arbor, 36-33.

Vellathottam, Hansen, Sierra and Sprys all earned victories through point totals, while Margrave and Lichorobiec won through voids.

Earning pins for the Wildcats were Morris and Ulices Sanchez. In the final match of the day, the Wildcats fell to an extremely

talented John Glenn team 58-21. Baum, Morris and Sanchez all earned pins in the final match-up, while Hansen did it the hard way with a 7-4 win over Matt Naber.

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contact Northville softball coach Jean Calabrese at 248-344-8420 or through her e-mail account at calabje@northville.k12.mi.us.

SPORTS SHORTS

Baseball/Softball Meeting

The Kensington Valley Baseball Softball Association will hold a travel baseball meeting February 3 at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria of Brighton High School. The meeting is for the 2004 season and is for any new and returning U9-U18 teams.

For more information, contact Jeff Davis at (810) 227-2322 or visit the website at www.KVBSA.com.

Detroit Pistons Youth Basketball Clinic

On January 31, Coach Steve Moreland, of the Detroit Pistons/Detroit Shock will conduct his youth basketball clinic at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville. The clinic for grades 1-3 will be from 12:30-2:30 p.m. and the clinic for grades 4-6 will be from 2:30-4:30 p.m. The cost of the clinic is \$15 per child and also includes a free Pistons t-shirt. Additional tickets for parents can be purchased for \$10 each and they will be able to attend the pre-game shoot-around at court-side and refreshments for all.

To register, call Carol Jacoby at (248) 374-5937 or email her at carol.jacoby@wardchurch.org.

Mustangs host softball clinic

The Northville High School softball program will be sponsoring a softball clinic for all girls in grades 9 through 12 on February 11, Feb. 22, Feb. 28, and Feb. 29 from 9-11 a.m. at Northville High School.

Any high school age girl interested in playing for their team this year is invited to attend and they do not have to be a Northville player for practice each day and they are probably just as comfortable as their rivals in any sport.

The determining factor in this meet, at least in my opinion, isn't necessarily who wins the most matches—it's going to be who can get the most points through those seconds and thirds that will get this one. I have no doubt that Novi and Northville will probably split this meet basically down the middle in the way of direct wins, but it will be the depth and the stamina of the other swimmers who decides this one.

Expect to see some top-notch swimming being done at the Northville pool, and don't think for one moment that either team is coming as the underdog here. This one is going to be classic—just like every other Northville and Novi match-up between the two schools in any sport.

I can't really make a call on this particular meet in the way of final results thanks to my position as sports writer for both communities. I can say I expect this to be a very close contest, and whoever wins will probably do it in 20 points or so.

This could be exciting

GAME OF THE WEEK

It's probably one of the few chances Novi fans will have to see these swimmers and divers in action. Through the Novi Wildcats swimming and diving team has just 17 members, their determination and dedication isn't about to waiver as they continue to push forward in a season without a home pool.

The 'Cats, who are coached by Larry Tahan, will find they are competing in the closest thing to a home pool they have when they visit the Northville Mustangs February 10 at 7 p.m.

This could prove to be a fun and interesting match-up. Northville, which boasts a deep talent base, has just 18 members of their aquatic team, and the Wildcats are facing a team that is similar to them in size and talent this time around.

With both squads going to be pushing each other to the limit and the meet being held just a few miles from where the Novi city limits start, this meet is perfect for Northville and Novi fans alike.

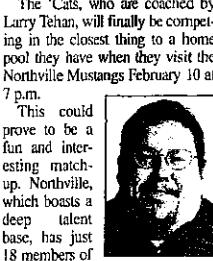
No doubt, it's going to be exciting for the players and coaches as well. Two compact teams of elite talent means one thing—a lot of very close races.

And, truth be told, the Mustangs can't even consider this to be "home field" advantage in any way—the Wildcats use the Northville pool for practice each day and they are probably just as comfortable as their rivals in any sport.

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Sam Eggleston

'Cats beat Highlanders

Big win over state-ranked Howell lets everyone know Novi is serious about their hockey

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

After taking a tough loss to the Millford Mavericks the week before, the Novi Wildcats hockey team knew it had to find a way to get back on track—and what's a better way than edging the Howell Highlanders?

Novi managed to squeeze out a close victory over their Kensington Valley Conference opponents, 6-5, when the two teams squared off January 19.

The Wildcats started things off with a bang as R.J. Mitkowski took advantage of a sagging Howell defense to flip the puck to Chaz Bulbuk. Bulbuk took no time in getting the puck past Howell goalie Jason Spencer to notch the first goal of the night.

The Highlanders responded in turn, putting up a score of their own on a hard pass from Jon Madden to Andrew Parsons, who deflected it into the net for the 1-1 tie just a minute and a half later.

The scoring frenzy continued as Wildcat Mark Ehrlinger scored for a 2-1 Novi lead just a minute later. Howell tied the game on an Eric Miras score just a few minutes later.

The Wildcats wouldn't go into the second period without leading though, and capitalized on a hard shot by Ryan Fox that found the net with just 10 seconds remaining in

the first for a 3-2 lead.

Novi never trailed in the contest, thanks partly to the play of Bulbuk, who scored another goal late in the game and assisted on three others throughout the remainder of the game.

Novi went on to curra the tight victory thanks to some impressive play in goal by Danny Morrison, who had to stand on his head at times to stop a flurry of Howell attacks. Morrison stopped 21-of-26 shots on the night.

Novi took 10 penalties on the night, and Howell wasn't far behind with eight of their own.

Ehrlinger added three assists to his goal to help the Wildcats on to victory while John Janssens, a captain on the team, had two assists.

The Highlanders fell to 9-3-1 overall (3-3-1 KVC), while the Wildcats moved into third place ahead of Howell with a 7-6 overall record and a 4-3 KVC standing.

Novi will be back skating when they take on Ann Arbor Pioneer on the road tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. before visiting the South Lyon Lions February 4 at 6 p.m.

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Novi's Brad Simpson makes his way around a Lakeland defender during a home game in late January.

Wildcats hold on to trophy, beat Brighton

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

It wasn't so much the idea that they got to keep the Court Wanderer Trophy, but more the idea that they got to beat Brighton while doing it.

The Novi Wildcats boys' basketball team took home a victory over the Brighton Bulldogs, 52-42, to keep the Wanderer safe in their hands for another few days.

The Wildcats, who are tied for second place in the Kensington Valley Conference behind Pinckney with Howell and South Lyon, found themselves all knotted up, 10-10, after the first quarter of play but managed to slide to a 25-19 lead by the half. The second half of the contest wasn't even as close. Novi controlled the entire second half with a 27-18 difference between the two teams.

The third quarter was defined by the difference in the contest. The Wildcats turned to senior Mark Angelucci to ignite the fire and then sat back and watched as they compiled an 11-point lead over the Bulldogs.

In the fourth, the Brighton squad went to fouling the 'Cats in hopes of gaining some advantage. Unfortunately for them, Novi was on from the stripe and hit 11-of-19 to help earn the victory.

Leading the way for Novi was Mark Moore, who had 10 points on the night, while Angelucci added nine. Trevor Hoover, who had two three-point field goals, added eight in the win and had the only three for either squad. Anthony Harbin pitched in seven and Brad Simpson and Brad Chandler added six each.

Brighton was led by Zach Nichols, who had 11 points in the losing effort.

Novi climbed to 7-1 overall with the win and 2-1 in the conference.

Novi is slated to be back in action tomorrow when they play host to the South Lyon Lions at 7 p.m. February 3.

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With cars, sell smart, buy smart

Beauty lies in the eye of the beholder—even in the world of automobiles. Recently, I thought my husband had spied Cameron Diaz the way he made a u-turn to look at a 1955 Chevy that was for sale. It turns out, the car was a rust bucket and an overpriced one.

By selling your car yourself, you could pocket \$1,000 to \$2,000 more than if you trade it in at the dealership. If you know your product — its pluses and minuses — and are willing to price it appropriately, that is.

Assess your car's condition

The first step to selling your car is to rate it — honestly. AutoSeekandSell.com has a handy checklist you can print to help you assess your car's exterior, interior and mechanical condition. This information will be helpful when you research the market value of your car. Review maintenance and service records and make note of how often you changed the oil, rotated tires and engine parts you replaced. Have the receipts and records available to show prospective buyers.

Determine your car's worth

Knowing what your car is worth will allow you to price it appropriately. Online car guides like Kellybluebook.com, Edmunds.com, and autoweb.com offer up-to-date pricing information. Car and truck prices will vary by region. Consult newspaper ads to be sure that you're asking price isn't ridiculously high or low. To give yourself some wiggle room, consider pricing your car 10 to 15 percent higher than your absolute lowest asking price.

Treat your car to day at spa

Vacuum the carpets, clean the seats and ashtrays, wash the windows, and wash and wax the exterior including the tires. If the engine looks greasy, consider having it detailed.

Spread the word

Start by telling your friends, family and coworkers. Put a "for sale" sign in your car's window and ask a local retailer if you can park it on their lot over the weekend. Consider placing an ad in the newspaper or online at AutoTrader.com or Cars.com. When you write your ad, use verbiage that will make your car stand out from the others, like "original owner," "garaged," and "service records available."

Showing the car

If a prospective buyer wants to see the car, agree to meet at a public place like a grocery store parking lot. Consider bringing a spouse or friend along. Jot down a license number and leave it with your spouse or friend before embarking on a test drive.

Making the sale

Once you and the buyer have negotiated the price you're ready to make the sale. Don't accept anything but cash or a cashier's check. Complete the back of the title and create a bill of sale. The sale form should include the date of sale, the make, model, year and vehicle identification number (VIN) of the car, the purchase price, mileage and both parties' signatures. If you've agreed to sell the car "as is," make note of this on the bill of sale. Have the form notarized.

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Part of the ambience of Scappare is the luxurious interior décor; modern architecture and equipment mixed with furnishings that are all old English antiques.



Submitted photo

The large staff of Scappare salon provides a broad range of services that make their customers feel pampered and beautiful. From hair to pedicure, Scappare has someone special to make their customers feel their very best.

Pamper Yourself at



By Annette Jaworski
SPECIAL WRITER

You don't have to go to Hollywood to feel like a star. Glamour is right in your neighborhood at Scappare in South Lyon. This upscale salon provides a one-of-a-kind experience, specializing in pampering their customers. Expect the unexpected, even the cut and styles include a relaxing head massage. Once you've tried it — you'll be back.

"There's no other place like it," said Chris Cortis, owner of the elegant day spa along with wife, Lindsay Cortis.

"It's very easy to get people to become addicted. People nowadays don't take the time to pamper themselves... We're the only salon around that has this ambience and incredibly well-trained

staff." The service and atmosphere are incomparable, and the staff ensures clients feel comfortable. It's the small things like greeting customers at the door and offering refreshments that are part of the service at Scappare.

"People think that maybe it's stuffy and you need to get dressed up. We're not about that," said Lindsay Cortis.

"We want people to feel at home. That's why we have the warm furnishings like sofas, carpeting and comfortable chairs," added Chris Cortis.

Part of the ambience, is the luxurious interior décor. Lindsay notes that all the furnishings are old English antiques. Each station features an antique dresser and roomy surroundings.

Chris Cortis describes it as a Beverly Hills feel with the

warmth of Old-World Europe. The focal point is a 138-year-old, grand piano in mint condition. Adding to the ambience is local artist, Michael Baker, who plays the keyboards for guests on the weekend.

Ongoing training by top of the line platform artists such as Corey Randall from Matrix and Michael Shaw from Alterna keeps the entire staff on the cutting edge. They're also carefully chosen for their attention to customers.

"They're all fantastic. We're like one big extended family," said Lindsay Cortis. "Everyone pitches in together to get done what needs to be done."

"We look for the best of the best," added Chris. He raves about the aestheticians, and massage therapists.

And now the same fantastic

product lines they carry in their salon like Aveda, Graham Webb and Alterna are also available on line at salonscappare.com.

Why not give yourself the star treatment with exclusive products such as Alterna's White Truffle limited edition shampoo used by Jennifer Aniston and Britney Spears. It's always available. Product specials change once a month as well. Come in and browse or check it out online.

For a great escape, a romantic retreat or trying a new look, contact Scappare at (248) 437-1112.

Scappare is located at 21190 Pontiac Trail South of 9 Mile Road in South Lyon. Hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday; 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday and Friday; and 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. They're closed Sunday and Monday.

"Scappare is Italian for 'escape to' and that's just what we are providing, an escape from the everyday. But we don't want you to feel you have to dress up to come here."

Lindsay Cortis
owner, Scappare

Treat someone special (including yourself) to a day at Scappare salon

Why not enjoy the pleasures of being pampered, like South Lyon's Donna McGuire, who admits to using all of the services offered at Salon Scappare. The relaxing atmosphere and attention to detail has made her a regular.

"I came here once and I've never left," she explains. "It's like walking into a family atmosphere here with Chris and Lindsay."

To begin, you're greeted at the door, where they'll take your coat and offer refreshment.

"You're relaxed from the minute you walk in the door until you walk out," she added.

A perfect day for McGuire might begin with a moisturizing facial, followed by a relaxing massage with Susan. Then she would enjoy a pedicure by Bob and nails by Kerri.

"I'd finish it all off by having my hair styled by Laura, and then have my husband take me out," she laughed.

McGuire said they used the salon for hair, nails, makeup and pedicures on the day of her daughter's wedding and "had the time of our lives." It's a great destination for bridal parties.

On this day, she's getting her nails done

by her favorite manicurist, Kerri. She can't help but smile at her pretty fingers that are now a shimmering ruby red, something like the color of Dorothy's slippers in the Wizard of Oz.

Special Salon Packages

Chris Cortis points out that Scappare's make it easy for guys to find a gift that would please anyone. Why not pamper your wife or significant other with gift certificates for special occasions, maybe Valentine's Day or a birthday? It's a gift they'll treasure. For the guys, you know you could use a little pampering, too. Get your feet wet with a little hydrotherapy pedicure, massage or even a facial. Or, make it a romantic occasion, a Valentine's Day treat, suggests Lindsay. They'll provide the atmosphere in a private alcove with a dual hydrotherapeutic pedicure and whatever you like, wine, or mimosas, cheese and crackers or dessert.

Here's a few of Scappare's packages.

Mosta

Pamper yourself with a mini facial, hairstyle and make up application — a perfect beginning for a special event.



File photo by HAL GOULD

Michael Baker, 13, is one of the musicians who entertain customers at Scappare salon with its 136-year-old grand piano.

Melljena

Three hours of indulgence by professionals including a one-hour massage, manicure, pedicure and lunch.

Maina

Enjoy a European facial, one-hour massage, manicure, pedicure and lunch.

Valleta

Get lost for four or five hours beginning with a Four Layer Facial, one hour massage, cut and style, manicure, pedicure, make-up, arch and lunch.

Facials

Tired of dry dull skin? Facials can be tremendously beneficial for your skin this time of year, points out Delanie West, aesthetician for Scappare. The winter weather and forced heat can be very drying for your skin.

"If you're looking to start having facials, it's a great time to do so, says West. Scappare uses the Repechage fine line of products. A favorite to try is the Hydradew, which replenishes moisture. Or go for the glamour with the Four Layer Facial that Cosmopolitan magazine calls the facial of the century.

"This is layer upon layer of hydrations that will definitely put the moisture back in your skin," said West.

You're in capable hands at Scappare. Delanie West is the regional trainer for Repechage products. In addition to the Midwest area, she also does national platform training throughout the country.



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