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Ground breaking



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Lou Martin, St. John Health public relations director - West region, looks out a window of the new 200-bed hospital at its on-campus neighbor, a neurosurgery center.

Providence Park Hospital leads industry

This is the first installment in a monthly series featuring the St. John Health Providence Park campus in Novi.

By Kelly Murad
STAFF WRITER

Despite the Michigan economy, things are looking up for Novi in 2008.

St. John Health is investing \$224 million in Providence Park Hospital, part of the 200-acre, state-of-the-art health care campus, located at Grand River Avenue and Beck Road.

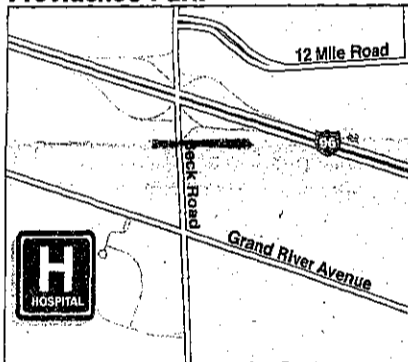
In an attempt to form a partnership between the hospital and physicians, more than \$60 million was invested into two of the campus buildings by the physicians.

Whitehall Real Estate and Hotel Investment Services Inc. also invested about \$7 million in the Staybridge Suites hotel, which is expected to open this month.

Once the entire campus is open, total employment will be more than 2,000, with about 300 being physicians.

Although the main entrance will be relocated to Beck Road, the current entrance off Grand

Providence Park



SOURCE: St. John Health

River Avenue will still be used for the existing medical facility, which will be for outpatient procedures.

The campus

Once complete, the campus will consist of six separate buildings including the existing medical center, the Assarian Cancer Center, Providence Park Hospital, an orthopedics office

center including The Bone and Joint Surgery Center of Novi, The Neurosciences Institute and medical office buildings and a Staybridge Suites hotel.

"Our campus is more than a state-of-the-art hospital; we want it to be a total health destination," said Rob Casalou, president of Providence Park Hospital.

Known nationally for its neurosciences and orthopedics, the

campus will provide innovative approaches to health care.

"(Rob's) had this vision, it's just been him pushing his vision," said Lou Martin, public relations director - West region for St. John Health.

The hospital also owns property on the west-side of the campus, which will be leased to commercial development.

"We are being very particular," Casalou said, noting they are looking for health-related businesses that promote activity and wellness.

Striving to obtain the feeling of serenity, the campus is surrounded by a 1.6 mile path for walking or biking through the natural woods and wetlands of the property.

Providence Park Hospital

Construction of the new Providence Park Hospital began in October 2005 and is near completion, with the unveiling scheduled for late this summer.

The 500,000-square-foot hospital will include 200 beds, with the capability of adding 68 extra beds.

Of the seven floors in the hos-

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Accused killer stands trial in Novi cold case

■ Early testimony points to Pittao's history of abuse

By Chris Jackett
STAFF WRITER

Highland Township resident Daniel Pittao's trial for the



Daniel Pittao

1997 brutal murder of his estranged wife is underway. After Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Michael Warren delayed the trial from Sept. 28, 2007, proceedings began last Friday in Pontiac. The delay was one in a series of rescheduled dates for the case.

Pittao, 48, is charged with

murdering his second wife, Tamara, who's body was found on Thanksgiving Day 1997 inside her Novi apartment.

Pittao plead not guilty and defense attorneys said he is a loving father and there is no physical evidence linking their client to the murder.

Tuesday's court session was spent largely on testimonies by Dr. Karu Virani and Pittao's first wife, Constance Fraser.

Virani, deputy chief medical examiner for Oakland County, gave a detailed account of the bruises, swelling and bleeding on Tamara's body when it was recovered. In addition to head trauma at three locations, she had a four-and-a-half inch gash across her neck, Virani said.

Fraser, who was married to Pittao in the late 1980s before Tamara, testified to several instances of abuse where she was punched, suffocated, thrown down stairs and verbally abused by the suspect.

More witnesses rounded out the beginning trial days telling stories of verbal abuse on the side of the highway, physical

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Energy experts offer strategies

The importance of green currents

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Source: City of Novi

By Kelly Murad
STAFF WRITER

Looking for ways to save money in the new year?

The City of Novi is hosting two sessions on how to make your residence or business more energy efficient.

"I received, in my DTE bill, a little flyer explaining green currents and energy efficient seminars that took place in different

cities and I wanted Novi to be on (the list)," said Cindy Uglow, neighborhood and small business manager.

Detroit Edison energy experts Larry Kaufman and Gerald Polk will be leading the sessions, discussing the importance of green currents and energy efficiency.

"The average homeowner, with the tips we give them, can

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NOVI WEEKEND PLANNER



• FRIDAY

Head to Novi High School's cafeteria, 24062 Taft Road, from 5-7 p.m. for a Pancake Supper Fundraiser sponsored by Novi Neighbors and Newcomers. The all-you-can-eat buffet will feature pancakes, sausage, orange juice and coffee. Also, Chris Cakes of Michigan will be speed-

flipping pancakes! The event costs \$6 for ages 4 and older, with proceeds benefiting the Novi High School student scholars. Afterward, stick around for the Wildcats' varsity boys basketball game against the Lakeland Eagles at 7 p.m. in the gym.

• SATURDAY

Children can create their own growth chart at Art Van Furniture, 27775 Novi Road, during store hours from 10 a.m.-9 p.m. The Kids Castle Craft will take place in the supervised play area, where children can play and create their charts while parents shop. Call (248) 348-8922 for more information.

• SUNDAY

Lovers of the great outdoors may be interested in the Ultimate Sport Show Tour at Rock Financial Showplace, 46100 Grand River Ave. From 10 a.m.-5 p.m., the state's largest all-fishing show will feature seminars,

equipment, destinations and displays associated with fishing of all variations. Admission is \$9 for adults, \$4 ages 6-14 and free for ages 5 and younger. The box office is cash only. Parking costs \$5. The show also runs 2-9:30 p.m.

Thursday, noon-9:30 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday. Call (800) 328-6550 or visit www.ultimate-fishingshow.com for more information about the tour. Don't forget your rod and reel!



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MY BUSINESS

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Trinity Health earns 'AA' ratings upgrade

Trinity Health recently announced that Standard & Poor's Ratings Services raised its credit rating on series bonds to 'AA' from 'AA-', a year after receiving similar ratings upgrades from Moody's and Fitch ratings services. The higher ratings will save the health system millions of dollars in interest in future years.

In separate announcements this week:

- Standard & Poor's raised its standard long-term rating and underlying rating to 'AA' from 'AA-'.
- Fitch affirmed its 'AA' rating, stable outlook.
- Moody's affirmed its 'Aa2' rating and stable outlook.

According to Standard & Poor's, reasons for the upgrade included strong financial performance, sound governance, quality of management, funding of the pension plan, a strong balance sheet and geographic diversity of earnings.

In affirming its 'AA' rating and "stable outlook," Fitch noted in its report that Trinity Health is among the "strongest credits in Fitch's 'AA' non-profit health care portfolio."

In affirming Trinity Health's 'Aa2' rating, Moody's noted strong operating cash flows to support existing debt service, while maintaining its liquidity and balance sheet profile.

By Chris Jackett
STAFF WRITER

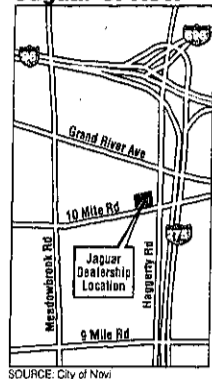
Novi's Jaguar dealership changed ownership to wrap up 2007, but the showroom and lot full of vehicles will continue to offer the same service to those in need.

Owner Nathan Conyers retired at the turn of the new year as Elder Automotive Group announced the purchase of Jaguar of Novi, its 11th automotive dealership, on Dec. 28. Elder Automotive had taken over Dec. 15.

"Everything's going very well. We got off the ground running. Most of the employees, they remained, with the exception of some management, which is to be expected," said Irma Elder, founder and chief executive officer of Elder Automotive Group. "We brought on John Oraha as general manager. The dealership is beautiful, as it's only five years old. The selection of pre-owned (vehicles) will increase dramatically."

Jaguar of Novi was built on the northwest corner of 10 Mile and Haggerty roads in 2002 by Conyers, who owned Riverside Ford in Detroit from 1973-2003.

Jaguar of Novi



SOURCE: City of Novi

eight dealerships in Michigan and three in Florida. Three Michigan dealerships (Novi, Troy, Lakeland) and one Florida dealership (Tampa) are Jaguar locations.

"We are confident in the Jaguar nameplate and look forward to working together with our employees and our customers to assure continuity of quality and service," Elder said. "We are looking forward to the new vehicles that will be introduced to the public."

Jaguar's XK, revamped XJ and all-new XF models are all expected to do well, she said.

Elder Automotive Group also owns Ford, Land Rover, Aston Martin, Lincoln Mercury, Jeep and Saab dealerships.

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Jaguar of Novi welcomed John Oraha as its new general manager beginning Dec. 28 of 2007.

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Irma Elder
Founder and chief executive officer of Elder Automotive Group

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MY NOVI COMMUNITY

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Raising the bar in community urgent care

By Tracy Estes-Mishler
SPECIAL WRITER

Dr. Rona Wadle is striving to raise the bar on the delivery of urgent care in the City of Novi.

As co-founder and medical director of the recently opened Meadowbrook Urgent Care, Wadle, board certified in emergency medicine, is hoping to bridge the gap between primary care and emergency room care with her new facility through a commitment to customer service.

Along with partner Yisroel Sigler, vice president and clinical director, Wadle said it is her goal to achieve the highest level of satisfaction from patients and pave the way for what urgent care facilities should be like in the future.

"I truly believe urgent care is under utilized," Wadle said. "I walked away from a partnership with a group to do this because I wasn't feeling like I was making a difference."

"Our goal is to do everything we can to live up to what our public needs."

With convenience for patients in mind, those seeking medical assistance at Meadowbrook Urgent Care can look forward to walk-in evaluations and treatment for non-life threatening medical emergencies, online patient registration, extended hours of operation, pre-filled prescription, on-site lab work and a discounted health benefit plan for those who cannot afford traditional coverage.

Wadle said, between herself, Sigler and second board-certified emergency medicine and family practice physician, Dr. Amy Embree, along with a team of paramedics and emergency room-trained registered nurses, they are hoping to provide the highest level of care and first class service.

"From our many years of experience, we are pulling the good and bad out of all hospitals," Sigler said. "We've hand picked our staff and those who are here

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with us are those who care and want to make a difference."

What's offered?

Throughout its walls, Meadowbrook Urgent Care offers several different rooms based on the type of medical treatment needed, including rooms for orthopedics, gynecology, trauma and ophthalmology.

Sigler said the facility has a larger quarters specifically designed similar to an emergency room setting for administering IVs, antibiotics, observation and performing procedures.

Among a broad range of services provided, Meadowbrook Urgent Care also offers patients school and sports physicals, electronic medical records, electronic



Dr. Amy Embree, Yisroel Sigler, Dr. Rona Wadle and Asher Sigler take a look at one of Meadowbrook Urgent Care center's portable patient information pads. The urgent care office at 25500 Meadowbrook Rd. is now open for patients. Yisroel Sigler will be the clinic's vice president and manager.

prescription call in, pre-filled prescriptions, digital X-rays with CDs supplied to patients that day, a no-wait guaranteed policy, beverages while family waits for you and daily hours with after hours available.

"Patients often go to the doctor or hospital and go away with the negatives of waiting a long time to see a doctor, not feeling comfortable or not getting the help they need," Sigler said. "We are doing everything in our power to accommodate our patients and public as best we can."

"We're offering a non-life threatening emergency type setting with a concierge service," Wadle said.

Meadowbrook Urgent Care opened Monday in the recently built Meadowbrook Medical Center located just north of Grand River Avenue on Meadowbrook Road.

Wadle said, with help from the several medical organizations located in the building, Meadowbrook Urgent Care can treat several different medical needs, it can transport patients by ambulance to the hospital if a life-threatening emergency arises and can supply medical prescriptions

to fill that gap between primary care physicians and emergency departments," she said. "We quit our jobs to do this, and we will be here for the community."

"If we're not able to see our patients quickly, we'll hire more physicians. This is about you, not about my schedule," Sigler said, though Meadowbrook Urgent Care can treat several different medical needs, it can transport patients by ambulance to the hospital if a life-threatening emergency arises and can supply medical prescriptions

onsite. Sigler said they are not there to steal patients or come between hospitals and primary care facilities.

"We're not here to battle other hospitals," he said. "We're offering a different service and hoping to educate the community on urgent care and alleviate some stress of emergency departments and primary care physicians."

"We want to challenge the community to come in and see what we have to offer. I can guarantee once you've come here once, they will continue to come back."

So what's your issue?

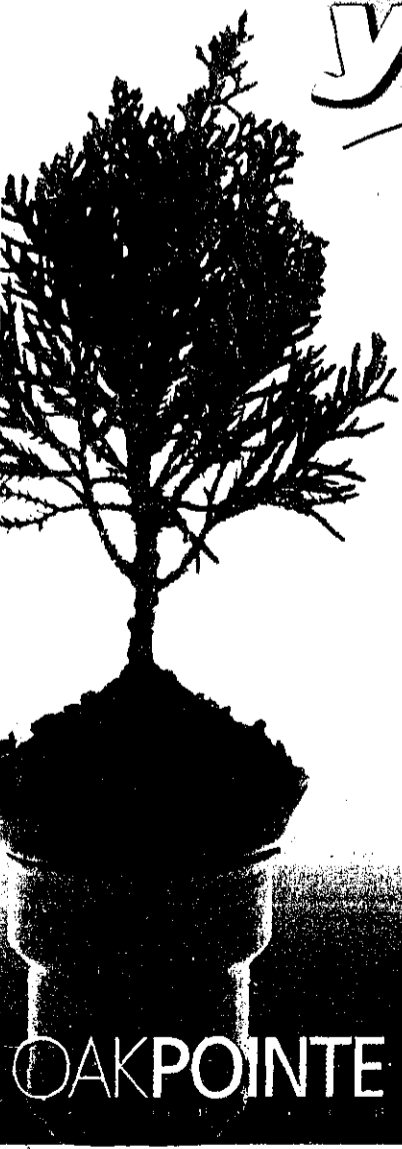
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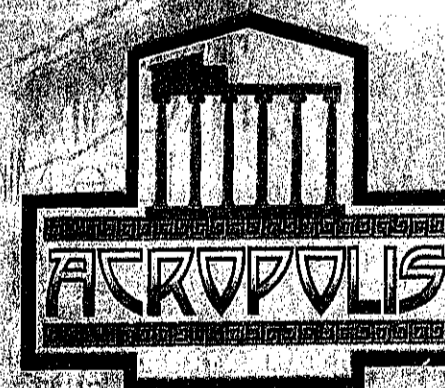
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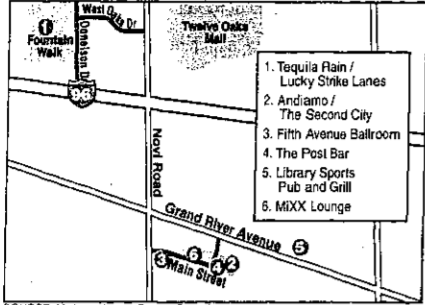
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Novi bar tops county liquor sales

By Chris Jackett
STAFF WRITER

\$90K or more liquor buyer locations



SOURCE: Michigan Liquor Control Commission

Although the economy may leave less money available for liquor patrons to spend on a night out, some Novi locations are still finding more success than other county bars and restaurants.

The Michigan Liquor Control Commission listed Tequila Rain and Lucky's as the top liquor sales venue in Oakland County through mid-December. The bar ranked first with nearly \$340,000 in sales, almost \$75,000 more than Birmingham runner-up Big Rock Chop & Brew House.

Although that may sound like a large amount, more bars are reporting decreases in sales.

"It's the economy. People don't have the extra money to spend," said Wil Black, a manager at Lucky's and Tequila Rain. "I expect the downward trend to still decrease in sales. Everything happens in a bar business as a direct relation to the economy. It was decent during the holidays, but then people have less to spend after."

Although a Novi location tops the list, the next six highest ranked locations are in Birmingham and Royal Oak, with between \$196,000-265,000 in sales. Andiamo and The Second City's \$222,000 in sales would have been fifth highest if included on the list.

Beer and wine are not included in these figures. The only other two Novi locations topping \$100,000 are Fifth Avenue Ballroom and The Post Bar, with another half dozen locations within reach of the six-figure mark by the time final numbers

are released for 2007.

"Overall, we finished '07 up about 3 percent," said Darrel Krause, general manager of The Post Bar. "At 16,000 square feet, we have the ability to hold a lot of people."

He said The Post has a legal capacity of 900, but they usually let in 600-700 people on a Friday or Saturday night to prevent crowding.

East side competitors

Krause was general manager at Woody's in Royal Oak for 11 years before coming to The Post in late October 2006.

"Royal Oak is perfectly positioned. When these locations opened up, we saw business go down," he said of his experience at Woody's. "Novi is more of a destination location. People will say 'I'm going to The Post' or 'I'm going to Tequila Rain.' For Birmingham and Royal Oak, people don't really name a specific location."

"A sports bar draws beer drinkers who want beer and a burger. With clubs, you get beer drinkers, but you get more people who want to do shots. You don't get that at a sports bar. We have a pretty good middle ground," Black said.

By comparison, Buffalo Wild Wings, which has a line reaching to the door most weekends and could easily be classified as a sports bar, had just more than \$27,000 in liquor sales.



Novi's Lucky's bartender Erin Scafon mixes up a cosmopolitan at the Fountain Walk watering hole.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

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Accused killer stands trial in Novi cold case

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abuse in the home and inconsistent responses to questioning by law enforcement, medical personnel and Tamara's friends.

Defense attorney Neil Fink moved for a mistrial earlier in the week after Novi Police Chief David Molloy testified that Pitao had made three different statements about when he last saw Tamara during Molloy's interview of Pitao the morning of his wife's slaying. Molloy was a sergeant in Novi at the time of the murder.

"For the court to underscore and highlight it, we're not going to get a fair trial in this case," Fink said.

Judge Warren did not approve the motion for a mistrial.

The trial is scheduled to resume today for a morning-only session at Oakland County Circuit Court in front of Judge Michael Warren.

The trial is expected to continue through most of next week.

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Oakland County Prosecutor Gregory Townsend prepares for the pretrial exam for Daniel Pittao on Aug. 16 in Oakland County Circuit Court in Pontiac.



Oakland County Circuit Judge Michael Warren presides over Daniel Pittao's Aug. 16 pretrial exam for first degree murder.

File photos by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

Background

Tamara, 30 at the time, was found with a slashed throat and evidence of head and neck trauma after she and their then-2-year-old daughter did not arrive at Tamara's parents' house in Illinois for Thanksgiving. Her parents called Novi Police to check up on her for them, which is when her body was found.

Virgil determined Tamara died the Monday afternoon three days before Thanksgiving.

Daniel and Tamara were in the process of getting a divorce at the time. Daniel has since lost his parental rights and their daughter is being raised by Tamara's parents in Illinois.

Pitao is back in court after he attempted to collect \$180,000 in his wife's life insurance in May 2006 and made statements that conflicted with his earlier court statements while doing so. A law change allowing such post-trial testimonies to be used in court landed Pitao back in the hands of law enforcement at Detroit Metro Airport upon return from a business trip to Texas.

Pitao has a history of domestic violence from his first marriage, which produced one son, now 21, who also testified against his father.

Pitao said he is not guilty.

Energy experts offer strategies

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save 30 percent on their energy bills," Kaufman said. "I have a 2,700-square-foot home and I spend \$1,500-\$1,600 a year (in energy bills)."

Polk will be leading the business and commercial session at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday and Kaufman will be leading the residential session at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 31. The sessions are free and open to the public.

"Larry Kaufman probably has one of the lowest energy bills known to man," Uglow said, noting she hopes everyone will be able to lower their energy bills after attending the sessions.

Aside from energy efficiency, Kaufman, who has been hosting seminars for eight years, is going to discuss the importance of green currents.

"Green currents is our new volunteer renewable energy program," he said. "I encourage people to practice energy efficiency and take the money they save and invest it in green currents."

Kaufman said DTE customers have the option of paying an entire \$2-30 per month to get their energy from wind or bio-energy, as opposed to coal and nuclear power.

"We've created two new wind farms in Michigan," he said. "We're keeping energy money in the state."

Of the \$30 billion Michigan spends in energy, Kaufman said 100 percent of the coal, 96 percent of the uranium, 75 percent of the natural gases and 96 percent of the oil are imported from out of state. "Twenty billion out of our 30 billion goes out of state," he said.

Not only will green currents help Michigan's economy, Kaufman said another benefit of using renewable energy is it creates less pollution than fossil fuels.

"It's the right thing to do, it's sustainability for our kids," he said.

Three kinds of bio-energy utilized in Michigan are landfills, burning agricultural waste and digesters, which convert animal waste into energy.

"Michigan is a very agricultural state," Kaufman said, noting there is a digester plant in Elsie, and the two most recent wind farms are in Cadillac and Pigeon.

According to Kaufman, one of the biggest misconceptions regarding renewable energy is the windmills required to use wind as an energy source kill birds.

"Cats kill more birds in one week than windmills kill in two years," he said.

Since DTE launched its green currents program in April, more than 7,000 people have signed up for it.

"Fifteen thousand will put us in the top 10 programs in the country," Kaufman said.

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Novi's liquor buyers above \$49K in 2007

Bar/Restaurants	Stores
1. \$339,348 Tequila Rain/Lucky's/Lucky Strike Lanes	1. \$371,289 Food and Wine Bazaar
2. \$222,148 Andiamo/The Second City	2. \$333,822 Castle Wine Shoppe
3. \$140,666 Fifth Avenue Ballroom	3. \$330,253 Kroger #632
4. \$137,912 The Post Bar	4. \$294,893 Sam's Club #6657
5. \$96,067 Library Sports Pub and Grill	5. \$256,555 Vintage Wine Shoppe
6. \$95,349 MiXX Lounge	6. \$246,761 Golden Oaks Liquor
7. \$88,534 TGI Fridays	7. \$214,079 Novi Party Store
8. \$83,968 O'Tooles	8. \$118,452 CVS Pharmacy #8244
9. \$74,001 Imagine Theater	9. \$98,347 Liquor Depot No. VI
10. \$73,182 The Hotel Baronne	10. \$90,308 Rite Aid #4534
11. \$70,427 On the Border	11. \$78,581 Lakeview Market
12. \$62,321 Rook Financial Services	12. \$78,186 Rite Aid #7869
13. \$62,296 Gus O'Connor's	13. \$68,683 CVS Pharmacy #8161
14. \$58,829 Chili's Bar & Grill	
15. \$58,536 Bonefish Grill	
16. \$52,853 Border Cantina	
17. \$49,238 Steve & Rocky's	

Note: Numbers do not include the last few weeks of December.

SOURCE: Michigan Liquor Control Commission

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Snow shoveling, more than an inconvenience

Local chiropractors share snow removal safety tips

By Kelly Murad
STAFF WRITER

Michigan residents may feel like snow removal experts during the winter, but using improper techniques while shoveling snow can lead to serious injuries.

"I'm getting a high volume of back and neck injuries from snow shoveling," said Dr. Kenneth Stopa of Main Street Family Chiropractic Center in Northville. "It was like an epidemic."

"They're basically lifting the snow and bending too much. You need to push the snow, you don't have to throw it."

your body is warmed up and ready to accept any abnormal activity.

For severe injuries, Doinidis said he may see patients three times a week, but once a month is typical for maintenance and wellness.

"My recommendation is to get adjustments throughout the season so you can snow shovel and you don't get hurt," Stopa said. "It will help decrease the injuries. Usually they go out there and they already have misalignment."

According to Doinidis, a lot of people are carrying around injuries from 15-20 years ago.

"A lot of injuries are from when they were younger," he said. "We're attempting to realign the spine with gentle adjustments. If it stays misaligned, they're going to lose their normal range of motion."

Aside from snow shoveling, Doinidis said common ways people injure their backs are sports such as bowling and golf, and moving heavy items such as furniture.

Shoveling isn't only straining on your neck and back, but it can also lead to heart attacks.

"It is exercise. It is a stress on the cardiovascular system. I think people overlook that," Stopa said. "My grandpa died from shoveling snow, he had a heart attack."

"Take frequent breaks and if you start to get chest pains or shortness of breath, you need to stop. My recommendation would also be to have a cell phone on you, in case something does happen."

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Snow shoveling tips

Shoveling snow can wreak havoc on the musculoskeletal system. The American Chiropractic Association suggests the following tips for snow shoveling:

- Listen to weather forecasts so you can rise early and have time to shovel before work.
- Layer clothing to keep your muscles warm and flexible.
- Shoveling can strain "de-conditioned" muscles between your shoulders, in your upper back, lower back, buttocks and legs. So, do some warm-up stretching before you grab that shovel.
- When you do shovel, push the snow straight ahead. Don't try to throw it. Walk it to the snow bank. Avoid sudden twisting and turning motions.
- Bend your knees to lift when shoveling. Let the muscles of your legs and arms do the work, not your back.
- Take frequent rest breaks to take the strain off your muscles. A fatigued body asks for injury.
- Stop if you feel chest pain, or get really tired or have shortness of breath. You may need immediate professional help.



Novi chiropractor Dr. Nick Doinidis takes a look at a back X-ray. Doinidis is busy during the winter months.

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Council supports school, not high-density residential

CITY COUNCIL MEETING NOTEBOOK

Council members unanimously agreed to table the issue regarding rezoning the property south of 12 Mile Road, between Wisom and Nagler roads to high-density residential.

Site plans proposed for the property include an all-girls Catholic school, St. Catherine of Siena Academy, and a residential neighborhood, Nicoletta Estates.

The applicant, Lakeside Oakland Development, is seeking approval to rezone the property, which is currently I-1, light industrial; R-1, one-family residential; and R-4, residential acreage to RM-2, high-density, mid-rise, multi-family residential with a PRO and RT, two-family residential with consideration of the PRO concept plan.

Lakeside Oakland Development is proposing the rezoning to construct a 230-unit duplex residential development.

In November, the applicant received a positive recommendation from the planning commission to rezone the property to R-4, one-family residential with a PRO.

The density standards of the R-4 district is 3.5 units per acre and the proposed density of Nicoletta Estates is 3.6 units per acre.

Representing the developer, Matt Quinn, of Cooper, Shifman, Gabe, Quinn and Seymour said having to follow the density standards for R-4 would require them to reduce Nicoletta Estates by 18 units.

Although council members were all in support of the school, there were some doubts regarding

changes to the zoning for residential properties.

"My issue and my struggle is with my position to set policy for this city," said councilwoman Terry Margolis. "One of our responsibilities is to really follow our master plan."

A master plan review of this area was recently conducted with zoning recommendations allowing single-family residential, an educational facility and community commercial.

"I can't agree to RM-2," said Mayor David Landry. "We just spent all this time and money looking at our master plan and the whole reason was to maintain the integrity of the master plan. I can't just ignore this with the first project that comes before us."

The applicant plans to do some financial studies of the proposed development with the R-4 zoning and return before council at the next meeting.

Council still holding onto quota liquor licenses

Council denied, by a 7-0 vote, Edwin White Novi, LLC, doing business as the Hilton Garden Inn on Cabaret Drive, one of the city's quota liquor licenses.

As a result of the mid-decade census, the city received three quota liquor licenses to provide, free of charge, to a business of their choice.

Although council members appreciate another hotel in the Novi community, they did not feel it was an appropriate use of one of their quota licenses.

"This really does not comply with our request," said Mayor Pro Tem Kim Capello. "There's nothing unique or exciting about your business."

This is the third business council has denied a quota license

Fire department will get two new vehicles

Council unanimously agreed to purchase one fire apparatus and one ambulance from Hatt Fire Inc.

The fire apparatus, Pierce Arrow XT Pumper, is \$410,356 and the Mediac Ambulance model AD-170 is \$219,793.

The city had budgeted \$660,000 for these vehicles.

The ambulance, which is larger than the typical ambulance and has the capability to transport, will be replacing a rescue truck that is currently housed at Fire Station No. 1 that does not have the capability to transport.

Goal setting session Jan. 19

Council meeting notes were taken from the Monday, Jan. 7 regular meeting of the Novi City Council. All Council members were present. Next meeting: 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 22 at the Novi Civic Center, 35175 W. 10 Mile Rd.

The session will begin at 8:30 a.m. at Fire Station No. 4 at 10 Mile and Wisom roads.

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Assault suspects arraigned in separate incidents

By Kelly Murad
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The holiday season brought crime to the Novi community. A New Year's Eve celebration on Heddernouse Street in Old Dutch Farms, ended with a brutal fight resulting in the stabbing of a Waterford man.

On Monday, Carlos Alberto-Aceves Garcia, 22, of South Lyon was arrested and arraigned on charges of assault with intent to murder, a felony carrying life or any number of years in prison and an alternate charge of assault with intent to do great bodily harm, a felony carrying a penalty of 10 years or \$5,000.

Police were dispatched to the residence at 2:15 a.m. Jan. 1. When they arrived, both the victim and the suspect were being transported to the hospital regarding injuries.

The resident was hosting a large party with 25-30 people. Both Garcia and the victim knew the resident, but did not know one another.

The victim, who was a relative of the resident, was stabbed six times in the abdomen with a stainless steel 3.5-inch blade.

He is in stable condition and recovering.

Garcia, unintentionally cut himself during the struggle and suffered a laceration to the left forearm.

According to police, the stabbing was a result of a fight that initially involved the victim and a friend of the suspect.

The preliminary examination



Garcia
with a \$100,000 cash bond.

Former radio executive facing charges of assault

Jeffrey Tod Castleberry, of Virginia, was scheduled for a preliminary examination yesterday at 52-1 District Court on charges of assault and battery, and resisting and obstructing an officer.

Castleberry, 47, was arrested Dec. 29, at the Hotel Baronette.



Castleberry
but no officers or victims were

located at 27790 Novi Road, Novi for assaulting a 26-year-old woman.

The former radio executive was not cooperative with police.

Conquest said Castleberry was in town on business.

According to reports, Castleberry had met the woman the night before his arrest and it is unknown whether alcohol was involved.

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POLICE BRIEFS

Suspect steals compact disc player

A compact disc player was stolen from a vehicle while parked at Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk Jan. 2, reports said.

The silver Chevrolet Malibu was parked in the front row on the north side of Emagine between 7:30-8:20 p.m., reports said.

According to the report, the lock was cut off the vehicle and the driver-side door handle was found lying next to the rear driver-side tire.

When the owner returned to his vehicle from Buffalo Wild Wings at about 8:20 p.m., he noticed the compact disc player was missing.

The officers said security will be providing the Novi Police Department with a copy of the surveillance video.

Pad-lock didn't stop suspected thief

According to a recent police report, a man's work bag was stolen from a locker in the men's locker room at Bally Total Fitness at about 8 p.m. Jan. 2.

The man said his work bag and work-out bag were secured in the locker by a lock he purchased from the fitness club.

When he returned to the locker room, he discovered the lock was unlocked and his work bag was missing.

The bag was a black laptop case containing a black wallet, white iPod with black leather case, Apple iPhone and personal and work-related paperwork, reports said.

Neither the lock, nor the locker was damaged, reports said.

According to the man, he normally leaves his work bag in the car but was worried about the electronics in the cold weather.

Purse stolen from Macy's

A woman's purse was stolen from right under her nose while shopping at Macy's at about 6 p.m. Dec. 26, reports said.

According to the woman, she set her purse down for a moment while selecting articles of clothing and when she went to pick it up, it was gone.

Among the items stolen with the Echo purse were her check-book, car keys, LG Cingular cellular phone, debit card and various credit cards, reports said.

Thief chose vehicle with bad transmission

A vehicle with a bad transmission was broken into between Dec. 21-31, reports said.

The red Chevy Blazer was parked under a car port on Solomon Boulevard, reports said.

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The hospital also put thought into how to make visitors more comfortable, by adopting a concept from the Disney Institute, called onstage/offstage.

The concept simply means the hospital was designed using double corridors to keep the health care activities and supplies separate from the visitors.

"The public will feel like they're in a hotel," Casalou said. "This is going to be a 5-star hotel with sick people."

To provide patients with the most efficient care, the majority of the rooms are designed with a higher level of technology and equipment to be acuity-adaptable, meaning the patient can remain in the same room throughout their stay, no matter their condition.

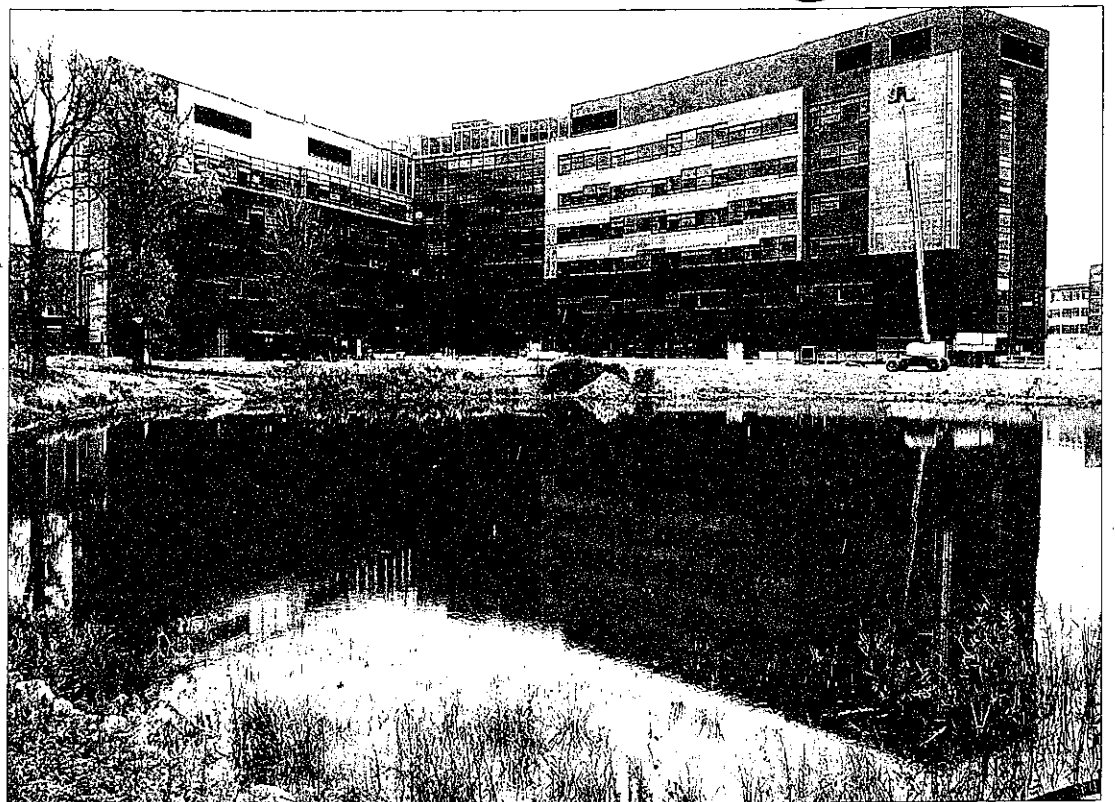
"It's a proven safer method of care," Casalou said. "We have invested our energy being on the cutting edge of eliminating errors. It's important because one source of errors is from patient transfers."

The hospital will qualify as a Level II trauma center, with a chest pain area right inside the emergency room to determine whether or not a patient is having a heart attack or stroke.

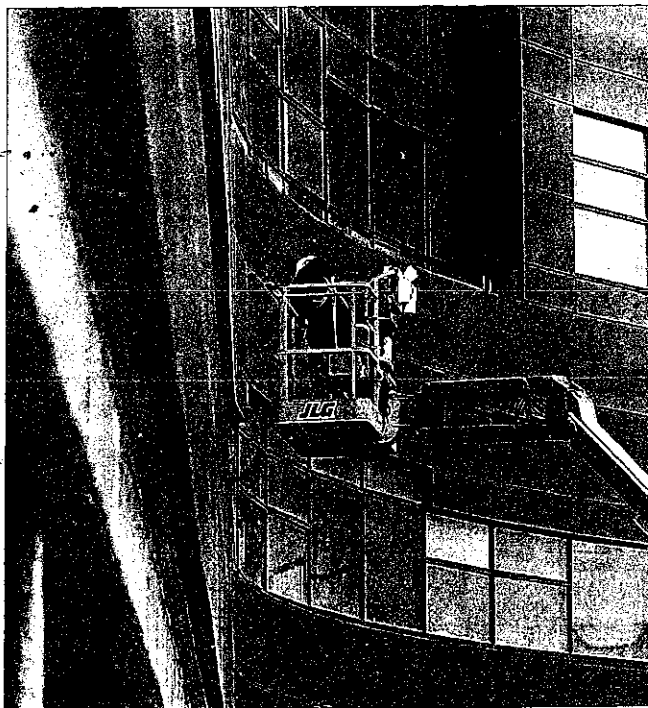
"In this ER we've created a hospital inside a hospital," Casalou said.

With today's technological medical advancements, Providence Park Hospital will be the first hospital in Michigan to have an intra-operative Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI), which will allow surgeons to get a better view of the brain during surgery, as opposed to pre- or post-operatively.

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In this early November 2007 photo, the exterior of Providence Park Hospital is just about complete. The new 200-bed hospital is expected to open late this summer and will cost \$224 million dollars. The total construction effort at Providence Park's campus, includes the hospital, a neurosciences institute, an orthopedic surgery center and a Staybridge Suites Hotel, running around \$350 million.



The exterior of the new Providence Park Hospital is covered with a laminate wood panel that requires no maintenance for its first 40 years.



Cliff Sarniak of Future Maintenance begins painting the walls of the Providence Park Hospital surgery patient prep area. The hospital will open this summer.

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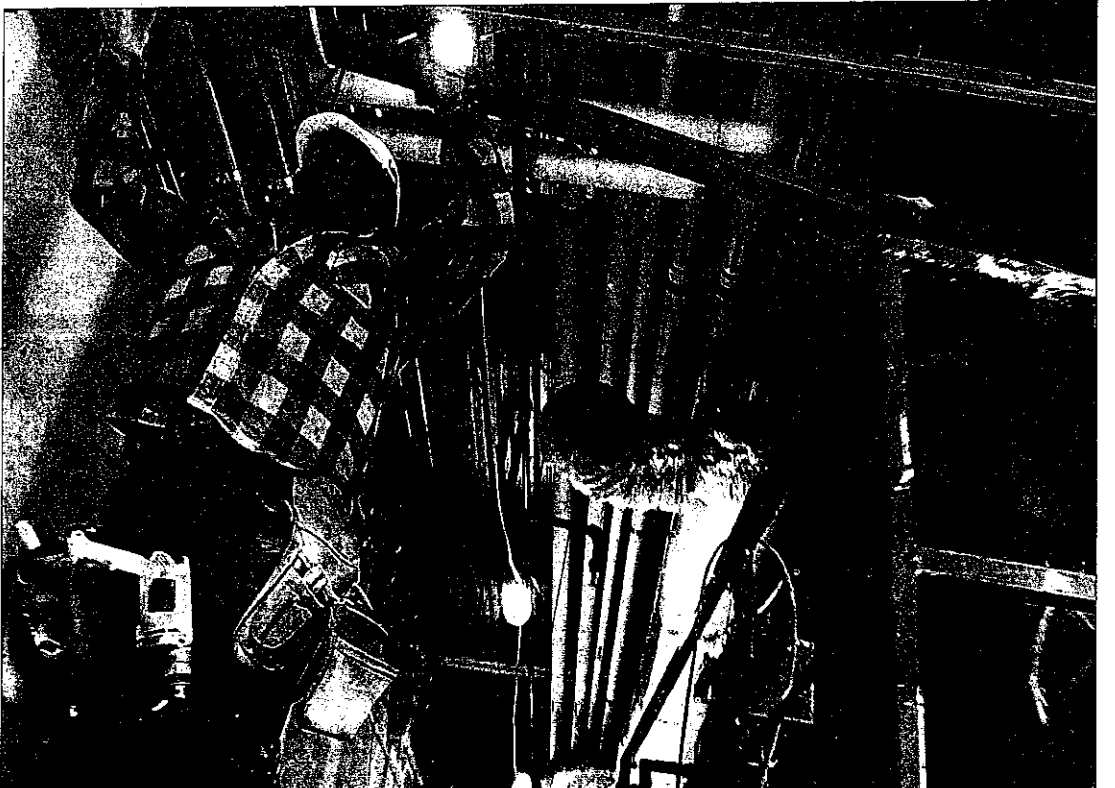
A view of the atrium of Providence Park Hospital in Novi. The hospital is being constructed to give visitors better views of the outside as they make their way around the campus so they can easily orient themselves.



Providence Park Hospital public relations director Lou Martin looks outside.



Public relations director Lou Martin demonstrates how the nurses stations will be able to visually monitor patients through a small hallway window of the new hospital's maternity ward.



Construction workers install ceiling tile bridge work at the new Providence Park Hospital in Novi.

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Local hockey fan turns 100

By Chris Jockett
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Tonight, Gladys Kerr will spend the evening at Joe Louis Arena cheering on the Detroit Red Wings as they face off against the Minnesota Wild. Tomorrow, she'll come out of her own way, not only as a 100-year-old fan, but as a hockey fan. Kerr, who grew up in Ontario and Saskatchewan, has become a die-hard Red Wings fan since moving to Detroit in 1937. "I love Kerrs was a Toronto Maple Leaf goalie. I wrote to Dave Kerr and didn't think anything of it and when he came up there, he called us and we invited him to dinner and he accepted. When I was out there, my favorite teams was the Maple Leafs," she said.

Gladys Kerr, who lives at Whitehall Convalescent Home in Novi, said moving to the Detroit area was not planned, but she has lived here for the past 70 years. "I graduated from teachers college before I was 18, so I had to wait until the end of the year," said Kerr, a 1925 graduate of Regina Teachers College.

She taught in Saskatchewan until she met her husband Floyd, a South Dakota native who came to Saskatchewan after working in

Washington for a few years. They married in 1933 and moved to Detroit four years later.

They started a family in 1942 with the birth of their daughter Lena and welcomed the birth of their son Jim in 1949.

"We grew up in northwest Detroit," said Jim Kerr, who lives in Berkeley. "She liked to read. She baked a lot. She was always a helper. She never refused anybody help."

Gladys lived in an apartment in Wayne Westland until recently, when she fell and hit her head. "I fell when I tried to get up and hit my head," she said of an accident that occurred when she pushed off on a chair's back rest that gave way, leaving her on the ground for three hours until someone found her. "They couldn't be nice here at Whitehall. I think it's unusual to find so many kind people in one place."

Family

Jim Kerr said his mother has five grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson. Gladys said she has two siblings, but sister Fernie, who turns 94 in May, and her brother William, who died in 2006 at age 96.

"I have a wonderful family. They just can't do too much for me," Gladys said. "My parents were wonderful parents. Remember World War I was in 1914; my cousin and I sang 'I Want to See My Daddy' at a concert."

"My great-grandson was named after me, the left eye while in the Middle East in December,

around the seventh. The doctor said if it was a centimeter the other way, it would have killed him."

Gladys said the survival of her great-grandson, who is the father of her lone great-great-grandson, was one of the best Christmas gifts she could ever receive. She said the president visited him in Washington and there's a picture of her great-great-grandchild with the president.

Ye olde Saskatchewan

Growing up on the plains of Saskatchewan, Gladys first years in the province were some of the most memorable.

"When I was 10, we moved to Saskatchewan (from Ontario). It was a wonderful move for a kid. I helped my dad raise our six horses," she said. "In 1918, when the dust storms came, it was terrible. You could see the grain blowing out of the fields."

She lived in Moorlach, a small town west of Moose Jaw, Moorlach means "dead lake." She and French, which Kerr said was fitting for the town since it was built on sand.

"We didn't intend to stay in Saskatchewan. My father's brother was a drifter and he persuaded my father to buy the place. He lived with us for the first year before he took off and left the farm to my father," she said.

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

Whitehall resident Gladys Kerr will be celebrating her 100th birthday this Friday with family and friends. Kerr grew up on Canada's Saskatchewan plains near Moose Jaw.

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MY EDUCATION

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Novi High School hosts curriculum night

On Wednesday, Jan. 30, Novi High School will hold its Curriculum Night/Open House for all parents and guardians wishing to meet teachers and see the classrooms their students will be learning and growing in throughout the second semester of the 2007-08 school year. The evening is designed to allow parents to go through the entire class schedule for their child, and to be given brief overviews by the teachers regarding the curriculum taught in each of the classes. Curriculum Night will provide the opportunity to receive course information such as grading, curriculum, attendance and general classroom expectations.

The schedule for Curriculum Night is:

7-7:15 p.m. Welcome, Introductions, First Auditorium, Hall Passing
7:15-7:30 p.m. First Block
7:30-7:35 p.m. Hall Passing
7:35-7:50 p.m. Second Block
7:50-7:55 p.m. Hall Passing
7:55-8:10 p.m. Third Block
8:10-8:15 p.m. Hall Passing
8:15-8:30 p.m. Fourth Block
8:30-8:35 p.m. Hall Passing
8:35-8:45 p.m. Seminar
8:45 p.m. Parents dismissed

Novi High School is fortunate to be represented in the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association All-State High School Band by five outstanding students: junior Matt Baker, trumpet; senior Aiyssa Kochyan, principal clarinet; junior Jessica Lorton, alto saxophone; junior Erica Qiao, principal bassoon; and senior Erica Stodwell, principal bass clarinet. This 91-piece band was selected from more than 1,850 five-auditions and is represented by 55 high schools from throughout Michigan. Novi High School is the only school with five students in the All-State Band and is also the only school that has more than one principal performer. The All-State Band will perform as part of the Michigan Music Conference on Jan. 26 in Grand Rapids.

The middle school curriculum was also introduced at the Novi Middle School for the 1998-99 school year.

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Good will for children in need

During the holiday season, Cub Scout Pack 222 of Walled Lake participated in Operation Good Cheer, a community service project administered by Child and Family Services of Michigan, Inc. On Saturday, Dec. 8, 2007, Tiger Cub Scouts Lorton, who saxophone; junior Erica Qiao, principal bassoon; and senior Erica Stodwell, principal bass clarinet. This 91-piece band was selected from more than 1,850 five-auditions and is represented by 55 high schools from throughout Michigan. Novi High School is the only school with five students in the All-State Band and is also the only school that has more than one principal performer. The All-State Band will perform as part of the Michigan Music Conference on Jan. 26 in Grand Rapids.

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MY OPINION

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Victoria Mitchell, Editor; Richard Perlborg, Executive Editor; Grace Perez Perry, General Manager

Michigan primary

There is so much wrong with the Michigan primary election on Jan. 15...

For starters, the taxpayer-funded election appears to be largely conducted for the benefit of the state's two major political parties...

Not in Michigan. Bowing to the needs of their political parties, lawmakers specifically forbid the release of what should be a public record...

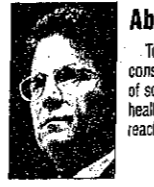
What's even more amazing is that the Republican majority on the Supreme Court somehow discovered a constitutional right for political parties to benefit from these scenarios...

The primary got rushed through Lansing even while lawmakers and the governor were battling to adequately deal with the state's budget...

Tom Watkins: Stigma and depression can kill you

Depression. It killed my younger brother as surely as if it was the instrument he used to end his life...

According to the National Institute of Mental Health, depression symptoms include: Persistent sad, anxious or "empty" feelings...



About Tom Watkins Tom Watkins is a business and education consultant...

Depression and manic depression interfere with a person's ability to work, learn and enjoy life.

However, society, feelings and ignorance about the illness can be just as debilitating as the disease itself.

seeks treatment for a treatable disease. Clearly the very nature of the illness can't - and does - literally immobilize those who suffer from it...

causes a change in how a person behaves, such as depression, is often regarded as a weakness in a person's character.

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Boulard appointed as building official



Charles Boulard has been appointed as the new building official for the City of Novi...

The City of Novi announces the appointment of Charles Boulard as building official.

Prior to his tenure with the City of Ypsilanti, Boulard was employed as a plan examiner with the City of Ann Arbor...

and inspector through the State of Michigan. Boulard serves on the Board of the Huron Valley Association of Code Officials.

Primary election Tuesday; bike collection

The Democratic and Republican Presidential Primary is Tuesday, Jan. 15.

My Novi, briefly

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Lansing Connection: Cassis resolution urges developers to discontinue proposed headquarters

In late December, I sponsored a resolution urging the developers of the new state police headquarters to discontinue the project in light of Michigan's struggling economy...



Nancy Cassis

be moved out of a building they rent for next to nothing into one costing more than \$92 million...

Michigan is struggling. Michigan's unemployment rate continues to be the highest in the nation...

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in our community" said Friends' president Kathy Hagenaan.

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Auction items will include University of Michigan football tickets, Red Wings tickets, vacation getaway, restaurant gift cards...

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SPORTS SPOTLIGHT: CC WRESTLING

STORY CHAT: WHAT DO YOU THINK? TELL US AT WWW.NOVINNEWS.COM

Hasenauer, from rival to revered



Photo submitted by Dennis Barnes

Shea Hasenauer has his arm raised after winning in last season's regional meet. He is a Brother Rice transfer that is shining at Catholic Central.

Former Warrior fits in well with Shamrocks

By Jeff Theisen
SPORTS WRITER

Catholic Central and Brother Rice go together like oil and water. They just simply don't get along.

But wrestler Shea Hasenauer came over from the dark side. A former Warrior, Hasenauer is now a Shamrock, and a good one at that.

The Shamrocks host the Warriors on Saturday at the Catholic Central Invite, the only meeting between the two teams during the regular season.

The wrestling rivalry between the schools has been severely lopsided by Catholic Central, but that doesn't mean that Hasenauer didn't have to take his ribbings when he came to Catholic Central.

"The guys accepted him, but there always the quick one-liners," Shamrock head coach Mitch Hancock said. "He dealt with that for the whole year, but now I think it's over with. He just chuckled right along with those guys."

Hasenauer, a junior, is one of five returning wrestlers that placed at the state meet. He wrestled at 135 last year and jumped up to

145, though he could wrestle at 140 if he wanted to. He's 20-4 so far this year. He also qualified for state as a Brother Rice freshman.

The Shamrocks may have ribbed Hasenauer, but Hancock says he is fully embraced by his teammates, something that might differ from a Warrior standpoint.

"They were looking at him as a big-time wrestler over there," Hancock said. "When he came over, he added so much to our program

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

Novi's goalie Michael Pesendorfer makes a stab at a high shot against South Lyon earlier this season.

Perfect trip to U.P., Eh?

Wildcats win pair of 3-2 games on annual upper peninsula trip

Submitted to the Novi News

The Novi High School Wildcats Hockey team earned two victories last weekend in their annual trek to Calumet and Hancock in the Upper Peninsula.

The team has been working hard and strong over the holiday break to cap these two victories in the new year. Coaches Todd Krygier and Jim Lewis led the team in their success.

On Friday night, the first game was played in the historic Calumet Colosseum/Armory ice rink. Built in 1913, it is the second oldest indoor ice arena still in use in the world. The oldest is the Boston Matthews Arena built in 1909.

The Wildcats beat the Copper Kings 3-2 with goals scored by Tom Dircks, Nolan Valleau and Adam Szajner.

Saturday, the Hancock Bulldogs were high from their

own Friday night victory 6-1 over Brighton. But the Wildcats had a different plan and sealed a second victory 3-2. Goals were scored by Adam Szajner and Nolan Valleau. Senior Craig Howell celebrated his 18th birthday with the game-winning goal to top off the weekend scoring.

Goalie Kevin Michalczuk gave breathtaking performances in the net with countless saves. The Novi defense showed their stamina during the games against the determined Calumet and Hancock forwards.

The Novi presence was seen all over Copper Country during the weekend. More than thirty Novi fans and family members were in attendance at the games and cheered the Wildcats on to victory from the stands.

Novi's next home game is 6:30 p.m. Jan. 16 against Pinckney at the Novi Ice Arena.

Novi boys hoops fall; CC hockey red hot

CC hockey winning streak at three games

By Jeff Theisen
SPORTS WRITER

The Novi boys basketball team has fallen to 3-4, dropping its last two games.

The Wildcats fell 57-52 just before the holiday break to Pinckney and 69-44 to Tri-unity Christian at the Cornerstone University High School Holiday Tournament.

Against Milford, the Wildcats held a four-point lead with about four minutes to play before the Pirates outscored Novi 13-4 down the stretch for the comeback victory.

The loss was the first for the Wildcats in the KVC. Pinckney improved to 6-0 and 2-0 in the

KVC

At the holiday tournament, Novi squared off with a powerful Class D team that has won its league title for 14 straight years and the state title in 2006.

Tri-unity raced out to leads of 9-0 and 18-7 and never looked back. The Defenders led 55-31 heading into the final quarter.

Girls Basketball

The Novi girls basketball team (6-1, 2-0) stayed undefeated in the KVC with a 53-28 win against Pinckney on Dec. 20.

CC Hockey

The Catholic Central hockey team improved to a three-game winning streak with a 6-0 blanking of Port Huron Northern (Jan. 5) and a 5-2 win against U-D (Dec. 22). The Shamrocks are 8-3.



Submitted photo

Shamrock Greg Merrill brings the puck up ice against Port Huron Northern.



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Louisville bound

Wildcat Alex Lyall signed a letter of intent to attend and play golf at the University of Louisville. Lyall is a Novi senior.

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Welcome back 'Cats

The Novi alumni hockey game took place Dec. 30. Players included former coaches Dan Phelps, John Smith and Dennis Gagnon. Alumni players included John Murray, Bryan Vigna, Curt Russell, Zack Flavin, Sean Hogan, Matt Quay, Brian Jaussi, Brett Jaussi, Dan Szalaga, Chaz Bulbeck, Robert Lewis, Scott Eberline, Dan Morrison, Justin Ruocco, Kyle Mouch, Tom Claverilla, Mike Berger, Anthony Nyugen, Pat Meier, Jerod Jenso, Angelo Barduca, Nick Karaisz, Shamus Finnerty, Sean Baxter, Justin Jaffe, Ryan Fox, John Janssens, Greg Morisset and Kyle Potacki.

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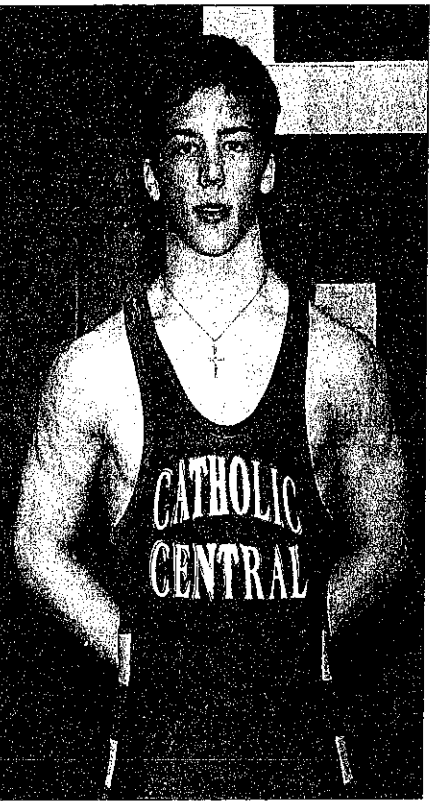
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as a sophomore. His work-ethic is unbelievable.
"I think he's a fantastic addition to our program and our school. He's a good leader, and that's what we need at Catholic Central."
Hancock was unsure, but he thinks Hasenaer is the only kid to ever win a Catholic League title at two different schools.

Funny but focused

On the mat, Hasenaer is consistently pushing the pace, but off the mat, Hancock said he's a cut-up.
"He's always smiling," Hancock said. "He enjoys humor. After school he's always putting work in, but I think he's got a comical side to him. He's always cracking jokes."
"You get him laughing and he won't stop."
But Hancock says Hasenaer's shot at a title is anything but a joke.
"I definitely see him becoming a state champ," Hancock said. "I definitely think he wants to wrestle in college. His goal are pretty high."
"I see him being a successful college wrestler as well as a successful high school wrestler."

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Submitted to the Novi News

Dramatic finish!

The Cougars of the Novi Youth Hockey Association Squirt Division delighted family and friends this past weekend by bringing home the championship trophy at the 2008 GTHA Invitational Tournament in Traverse City. The Cougars won five consecutive games spanning three days of hockey. In semifinals action the Cougars came back from two goals down in the third period to beat Grand Rapids 3-2.

The championship game against a solid Traverse City team was won in dramatic fashion. Down 3-0 with 8:20 left in regulation, the Cougars stormed back with four unanswered goals, capping a 4-3 win. Cooper Hamway's one-timer made it 3-1, and the team never looked back. Alec Bageris tucked one in for the game winner with less than two minutes to play. Five different Cougars were awarded game MVP's throughout the week-end. Bageris, Austin Cohen, Andrew Belanger, Patrick Murray and Alec Melucci. Rounding out the champs are Ryan Rabinowitz, Nick Strom, Hamway, Patrick Henry, Ty Kilar, Joe Nell, Dylan Manning, Sergey Arnold, Zach Babich, Kyle Condino and Steven Bloxson. Head Coach Joe Hamway with assistants Erik Strom and Kurt Kilar believe the timing couldn't be better as the Cougars completed a perfect 16-0 division season and are preparing to play in the district playoffs.

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Pistons Basketball Clinic

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Each participant will receive an authentic "Piston Basketball" T-shirt. Also, parents will be able to purchase Piston tickets at a discount and be invited to attend

with their children the popular pre-game shoot around at court-side at the Palace of Auburn Hills. Refreshments for all provided at the clinic.

Bring your basketball and camera. Cost is \$20 per child and pre-registration is required by contacting Margy Burkhardt at margy.burkhardt@wardchurch.org or (248) 374-5932.

Ball Hockey

Mens ball hockey leagues are forming at the TotalSports Complex in Wixom for the winter season.

Cost to register is \$850 per team, or \$80 per player. Teams

play 10 games a year plus play-offs. Each game consists of three 14-minute periods.

The league is open for men 16 and older. Anyone younger than 18 is required to wear a helmet. For more information, e-mail night@ballhockey.com or call (248) 374-5932.

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These reports are based on searches of federal, state and local databases that list environmental hazards located in the local area of a residential property. The reports provide both good news: no environmental hazards which have been identified with environmental issues. This allows the home owners to be informed of environmental conditions in the local environment.

Radon in your home: Even closer to home is the issue of elevated levels of Radon in homes. More than 20,000 deaths annually have been attributed to Radon Gas.

Radon is not caused by the age of the home, or style of house. It comes from a radioactive decay of uranium in the soil. Typically Radon Gas enters the home through the foundation, around floor drains, sump pumps, wall cracks, etc. The process to measure for Radon Gas in your home is simple.

We are certified to measure for levels of Radon in homes. We place a Continuous Radon Monitor in the lowest livable level of the home. A Certified Radon Test requires a minimum of 48 hours to collect the sample. We typically test for 60-72 hours duration. You can live in the home during the measurement process. The exterior windows and doors must remain closed; however normal entry/exit is fine. Normal use of the Heat & Cooling is recommended.

If your home has elevated levels of Radon Gas there is a simple solution and fix. A ventilation stack with a fan that runs 24 hours a day is installed. This will place a reverse suction on the soil gases, and pull the Radon gas from the soil under your foundation, and safely vent it to the exterior where the wind blows it away. It is also recommended that cracks in the foundation floor, walls, and slabs be professionally sealed.

The system is typically installed using your sump crotch which also has the cover sealed. Professional Radon Mitigation Companies provide a guarantee that the levels of Radon will be reduced to a level in accordance with EPA safe guidelines. (2 pCi/L or below)

Elevated levels of radon can be fixed. Don't allow levels of radon to be a health concern for your family.

Call us to have your home checked for elevated levels of Radon in your home as well as provide you with an Environmental Data Report for your local area.

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Standings

Girls Basketball					
KVC					
W	L	W	L	W	L
Lakeland	3	0	5	4	
Novi	2	0	6	1	
Brighton	2	0	4	4	
Howell	1	1	5	3	
Milford	1	1	3	4	
Hartland	0	2	5	3	
Pinckney	0	2	3	5	
South Lyon	0	2	3	5	

Boys Basketball					
KVC					
W	L	W	L	W	L
Pinckney	2	0	6	0	
Hartland	2	0	5	2	
Lakeland	2	1	6	2	

South Lyon					
Novi	1	1	5	2	
Milford	1	1	3	4	
Brighton	1	2	3	4	
Howell	0	2	2	5	
Howell	0	2	0	7	

Hockey					
KVC					
W	L	T	W	L	T
Brighton	4	0	1	7	4
Hartland	4	1	1	8	2
Lakeland	3	2	1	7	3
Lakeland	3	3	0	8	4
Novi	3	3	0	5	6
S. Lyon	2	3	1	4	4
Milford	1	3	2	3	5
Pinckney	0	5	0	2	7

High School Schedules

Novi
Boys Basketball
1/11 vs. Lakeland, 7 p.m.
1/15 vs. Brighton, 7 p.m.
Girls Basketball
1/11 at Lakeland, 7 p.m.
1/15 at Brighton, 7 p.m.

Pom Pen
1/19 Regionals at Churchill, TBA
Figure Skating
1/19 Ind. Dist. at D.J.S.C., 8 a.m.

Hockey
1/16 vs. Pinckney, 6:30 p.m.
Boys Swim and Dive
1/10 at Howell, 6 p.m.
1/15 at WL Western, 7 p.m.

Catholic Central
Basketball
1/11 at U-D, 7:30 p.m.
1/15 at Brother Rice, 7:30 p.m.
Bowling
1/11 vs. Howell at Brighton, 4:30 p.m.

Cheer
1/12 Home Invite, 7 p.m.
1/16 vs. Milford, 7 p.m.

Hockey
1/11 at Cranbrook, 7:30 p.m.
1/12 vs. Trenton, 7 p.m.
1/16 at GP North (in Mt. Clemens), 7:30 p.m.

Skating
1/15 vs. Brother Rice, Lakeland, 4 p.m.

Wrestling
1/12 Home Invite, 9 a.m.
1/16 at Lake Orion, 5 p.m.

Wrestling
1/12 at Brighton tourn. TBA

Bowling
1/11 vs. Bishop Foley at Thunderbird, 3:30 p.m.
1/12 vs. Crestwood Tourn. at Cherry Hill, TBA

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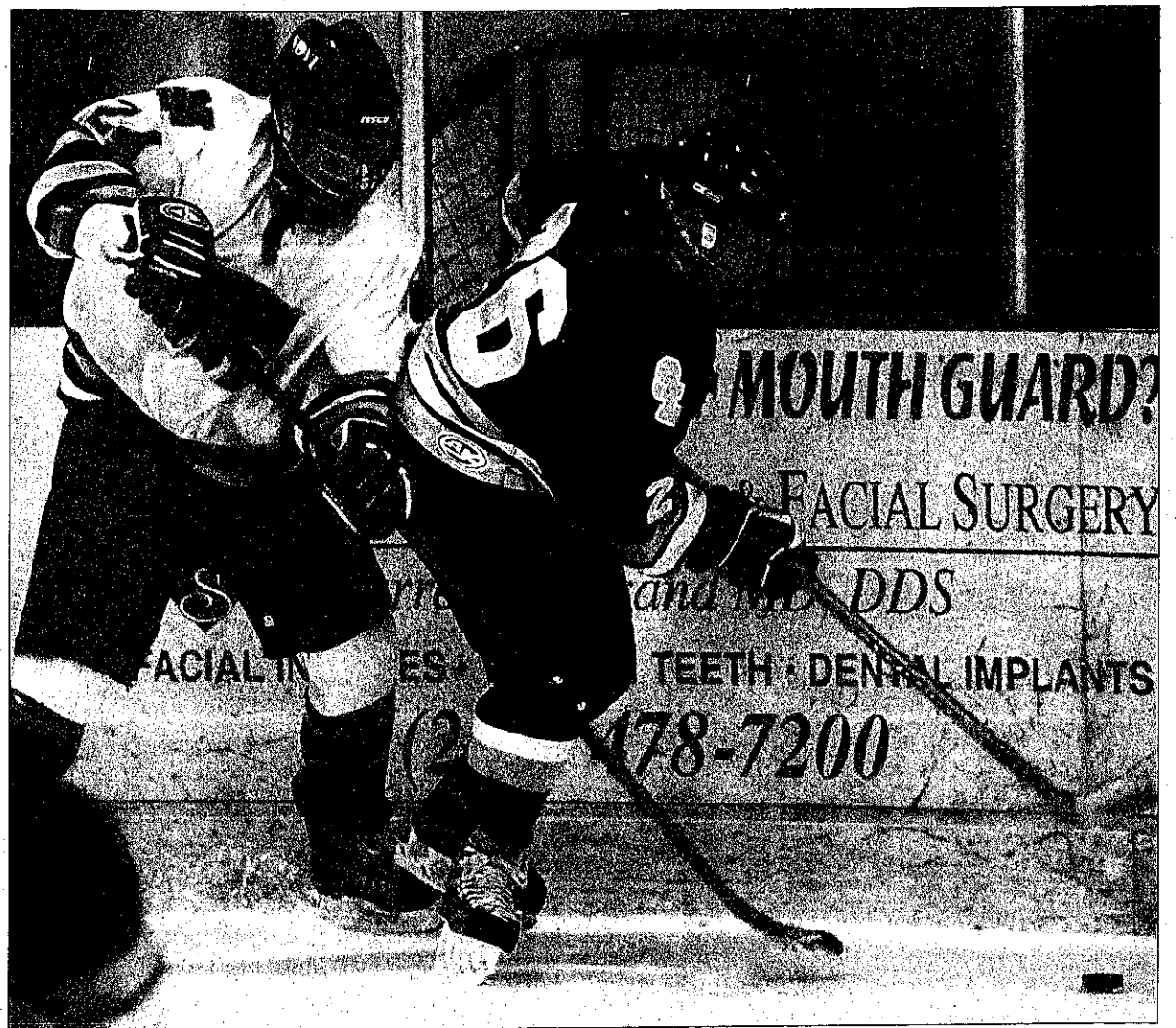
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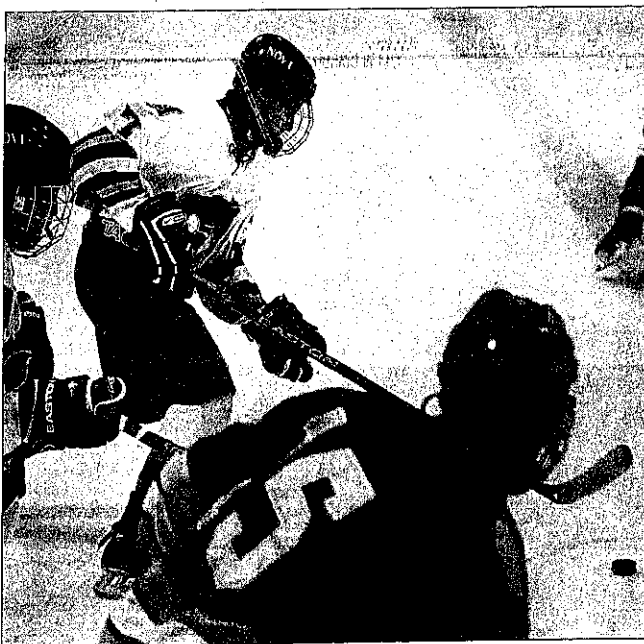
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Novi's Anthony Gasparatto tries to tie up a South Lyon player.



Trailed by teammate Brayn Winkel, Wildcat Kyle Maslarczyk heads up ice against South Lyon.



Anthony Gasparatto looks for a pass as Novi takes on South Lyon.



Wildcat Mark Bernier keeps ahead of a Lion defender.

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Raisins... Rock Around the Clock



FAMILY FEATURES

Looking for healthy, kid-friendly ideas for breakfast, lunch and after school? With family schedules increasingly hectic during the school season, look no further than simple ingredients and easy preparation to create wholesome meals and snacks that kids will love.

This school year, get the kids involved in the food-making process. From breakfast to lunch, and after-school snacks, when children are involved in the preparation, they are much more likely to eat what they have helped to create.

Start the day off right with nutritious mini-muffins that taste like oatmeal raisin cookies. For lunch, try a healthful twist on PB&J with a peanut butter and raisin spread for sandwiches or wraps. After school, the spread doubles as a perfect snack when paired with graham cracker sticks and apple slices for dipping. For another healthy treat, create a scrumptious popcorn mix that can be eaten out of a big bowl or divided into individual snack bags and enjoyed throughout the week. Raisins are high in antioxidants and are a great way to incorporate fruit and fiber into kids' diets.

Help kids develop healthy eating habits for life by trying these California Raisin recipes that are fun to make, yummy to eat and good for you, too — any time of day.

For more kid-friendly recipes and information on California Raisins, visit www.LoveYourRaisins.com.



California Raisin Peanut Butter Spread

Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 10 minutes

- 3/4 cup California raisins
- 1/2 cup apple juice
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1 cup creamy peanut butter

Measure raisins and apple juice into small saucepan and bring to boil; reduce heat to medium and simmer 8 to 10 minutes or until raisins have absorbed all juice. Stir in honey and cinnamon; cool slightly. Stir in peanut butter. Spread onto graham crackers, bread, mini-bagels, apple slices or celery sticks.

Makes 1 2/3 cups

Recipe Variations:

Raisin Peanut Butter Gridders

Smear California Raisin Peanut Butter Spread on whole wheat bread, top with banana slices and brown in a skillet.

Note to parents: Just do the prep work and have your kids assemble the sandwiches.

Raisin Peanut Butter Tortilla Roll-Ups

Wrap California Raisin Peanut Butter Spread and banana slices in a whole wheat tortilla and serve in pinwheel slices.

Note to parents: Just do the prep work and have your kids assemble and roll the wraps.

Oatmeal Raisin Cookie Muffins

Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 12 to 14 minutes

- 1/2 cup California raisins
- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup quick oats
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 3/4 teaspoon baking powder
- 3/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup low-fat vanilla yogurt
- 1/3 cup canned pumpkin
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 egg white

Preheat oven to 400°F and spray 18 mini-muffin tins with non-stick cooking spray. Stir together raisins and all dry ingredients in medium bowl. In separate bowl, mix together remaining ingredients and add to dry ingredients, stirring just until incorporated. Spoon into prepared muffin tins and bake 12 to 14 minutes or until toothpick inserted into center comes out clean.

Makes 18 mini-muffins

Note to parents: Kids can help by measuring and stirring in ingredients.

Pumpkin Pie Popcorn Mix with California Raisins

Prep time: 5 minutes
Cook time: 2 to 5 minutes

- 1 bag low-fat microwave popcorn
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 tablespoon pumpkin pie spice
- Butter-flavored non-stick cooking spray
- 1 cup California raisins
- 1 package (5 ounces) glazed pecans

Prepare popcorn according to package directions; empty into large bowl and remove all unpopped kernels. Stir sugar and pumpkin pie spice together in small bowl. Spray popcorn liberally with cooking spray, tossing to coat evenly. Add raisins and pecans. Sprinkle with sugar mixture and toss until popcorn is well coated.

Makes 12 cups

Note to parents: Get your kids involved by having them toss the popcorn.

