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Daddy's Little Valentine

Jeff Sneed leans over to interpret his daughter, Jacqueline's wishes while the two pause on the dance floor at Friday's Daddy Daughter Dance. For more photos of the City of Novi event, see page 13A.

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Mistrial



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Daniel Pittao confers with his attorney, Richard Convertino, left, at the Oakland County District Court. Pittao's trial concluded with a hung jury.

Man's wait extended in Novi murder

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By Chris Jackett
STAFF WRITER

A 12-person Oakland County Circuit Court jury panel came back deadlocked last Friday on whether or not Daniel Pittao, 49, is guilty of the murder of his estranged wife and Judge Michael Warren declared a mistrial.

Seven jurors decided Pittao was guilty and five said he was innocent.

"Another two thought he was guilty, but there wasn't enough evidence," said Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Gregory Townsend. "It's the burden of proof that we have."

A 9-3 vote still would not have been enough to sentence Pittao, which required a unanimous vote. The jury sent three apologetic notes to Judge Michael Warren announcing the indecision, forcing Warren to declare a mistrial.

"We're very disappointed, but that goes with the territory," said Defense Attorney Neil Fink. "The jury worked hard. You have to appreciate their service."

The incident

Tamara was found dead in her Novi apartment the morning of Nov. 27, 1997, Thanksgiving Day. The only suspect who was not cleared by police was her husband, Daniel.

The two were separated and going through divorce proceedings while Pittao, now 49, continued to live in Davisburg and Tamara, then 30, moved to Novi in July 1997.

Tamara was found with a slashed throat and evidence of head and neck trauma after she and their then-2-year-old daughter

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Providence Park campus opening piece by piece

Orthopedic and surgery centers introduced

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

By Kelly Murad
STAFF WRITER

Tears were shed as Novi resident Paula Hebert hugged co-

workers last Friday at the Bone and Joint Surgery Center on the Providence Park campus.

The tears were not shed out of pain or sadness, but of joy.

"We'd like to see our first patient Wednesday morning," said Hebert, administrator at the surgery center.

After months of hard work and dedication, and only a few days notice to prepare for a state evaluation, the surgery center received the official OK to open for business.

"We just got surprised," Hebert said. "The (state) survey normally comes after you start seeing patients, they just changed things

around, we were notified two days ago."

Surgery center

The Bone and Joint Surgery Center, which was scheduled to open yesterday, is located in the same building as the Novi Orthopedic Center.

A partnership between Providence Hospital and private physicians, the state-of-the-art surgery center is the only one of its kind in the state of Michigan.

"Putting a surgical center dedicated to orthopedics or musculoskeletal issues has not been done ever in this state,"

said Dr. Jeffrey Michaelson, orthopedic surgeon and chairman of the Bone and Joint Surgery Center.

The surgery center is not only unique in its concept, it is unique in its design.

"Everything is bigger and wider than it needs to be just because that's how we wanted it to be," Michaelson said. "We designed the rooms around what the specialty is to make flow, or ease of care, better for everybody."

The surgery center is providing patients the option of using regional anesthesia, as opposed to



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The Novi Orthopedic Center at the Providence Park campus is open and ready for business.

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• **SATURDAY**
Safari Club International-Novis will hold its annual fundraiser at Laurel Manor, in Livonia. The 4 p.m. event will serve dinner at 7 p.m. and also include auctions for hunting and fishing trips to Africa, Argentina, Costa Rica, the United States and Canada. Guns, shopping sprees and a large-screen television will also be raffled off. The \$75 tickets can be purchased at (248) 620-0161 or www.scinovi.com.

• **SUNDAY**
Thinking about your next road trip or bonding experience with nature? Stop in at the 42nd Annual Detroit

Camper and RV Show from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. at Rock Financial Showplace, 46100 Grand River Ave. The event will feature a wide array of new models of campers, motor homes, trailers and more. There will also be information on parts, accessories, campgrounds and RV financing on hand. Admission is \$9 for adults, free for ages 12 and younger and \$5 for seniors today only. Parking costs \$5 and the show will also run 2-9 p.m. through Friday and 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday. Call (517) 349-8881 or visit www.marvac.org for more information.

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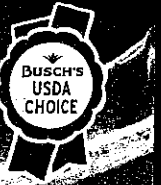
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Family-run gourmet market offers inviting atmosphere

By Kelly Murad
STAFF WRITER

Novi resident Mike Sarafa has been anticipating the opening of the new gourmet market at the corner of Grand River Avenue and Meadowbrook Road. "Ever since Vic's closed, there's been no where to shop ... until now," Sarafa said. Market Village offers residents everything a full-service grocery store does, on a slightly smaller scale.

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"We were going for a place where people could come and get everything they need, plus more," said owner Vincent Nona. Economic development manager Ara Topouzian believes the market's visible location, quality of products and large selection will satisfy residents' needs. "It makes it convenient for residents to pick up a last minute item, or to pick up the works for dinner," Topouzian said. "What makes it unique is it's got a different quality of products, they've got a lot of specialty items."

All in the family

Nona, who also owns The Vinery in Dearborn Heights, said he and his sister, Ann, have been talking about opening a gourmet market in Novi for the past six years. "Novi's an up-and-coming area to do a project like this," said Ann Michael, Nona's sister. Michael does marketing for Triangle Development, which is owned by the Nona family. The family-owned business is responsible for a number of successful projects within the City of Novi, such as MainStreet.

Gateway Village condominiums and the property where Market Village is located. "It's part of the Nona family and they have a good reputation of doing good developments in the area," Topouzian said. "They understand the needs of the community." Topouzian believes residents are attracted to family-run businesses. "They've got a vested interest in the community," he said. "It adds a nice down home touch to it." And unique is exactly the word to describe the wine selection. "It has a nice ambience to it," said wine specialist Saad Yono of the cellar-style area in the corner of the market. "We tried to appeal to most people's taste - to fit the area because Novi does well with wine." The market features wines from regions, such as Germany, France, Italy, Australia, Argentina, Asia and Michigan. Yono, who used to own a store in Sterling Heights, said every bottle of wine is hand-selected before it is placed on the shelves. "I've always had a passion for wine," he said. "It's just something I've always enjoyed."

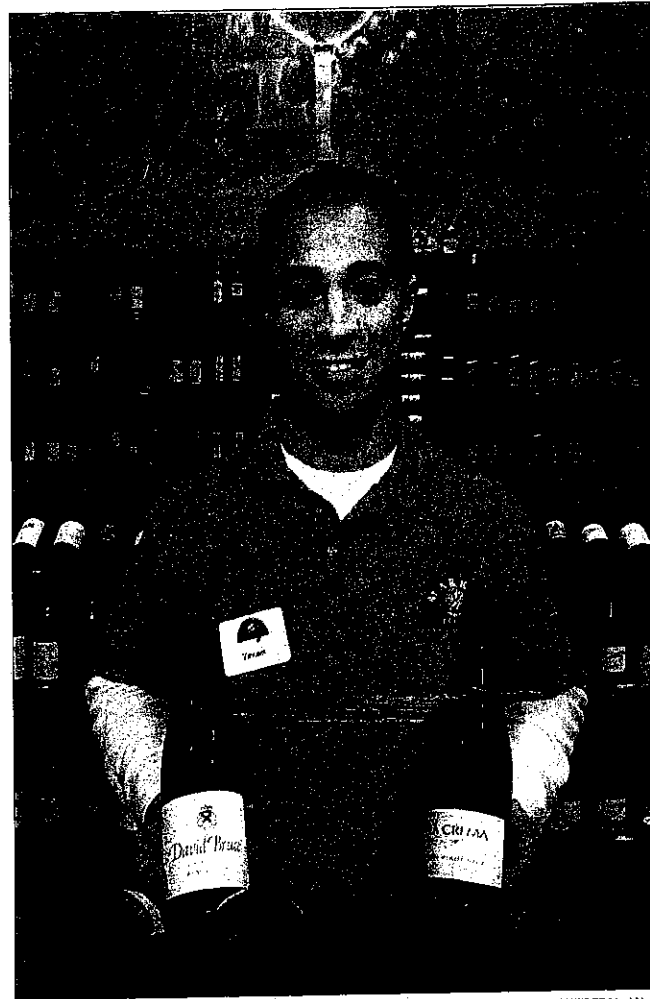


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"We were going for a place where people could come and get everything they need, plus more."

Vincent Nona
Owner, Market Village

Vincent Nona's Market Village, which opened on the northwest corner of Grand River Avenue and Meadowbrook Road, specializes in a wide variety of wines. Nona is manager of the market, which opened Feb. 4.

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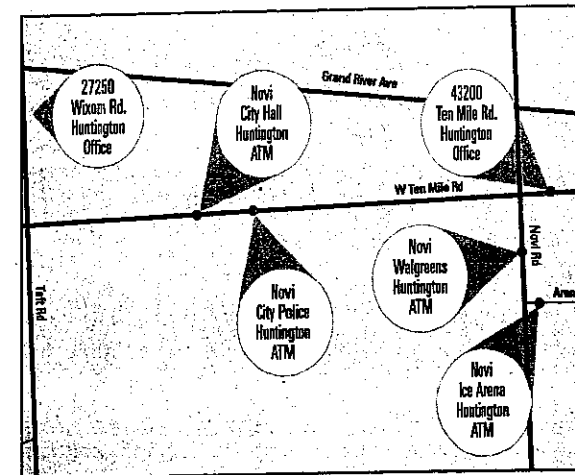
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Theater adds to Valentine's experience

By Chris Jackett
STAFF WRITER

If you ever wished seats at the movies were as comfortable as the recliner at home, your wish has come true.

Imagine Theater in Novi has transformed Auditorium 5 into "5th Avenue - the ultimate luxury experience."

The 180-seat auditorium offers high-back, leather, rocking seats with tables and amenities seen before only in the luxury section at Imagine's two largest auditoriums.

"We've evolved a little bit. You can pick your seats online," said Ruth Daniels, vice president of sales and marketing. "It's been going very well. People who go just love it. We're encouraging everyone to try it."

The luxury theater has an usher at the front of the theater to help viewers find their pre-determined seats, solving any confusion with the process, and making sure others aren't disruptive on their mobile devices during the film.

All of Imagine Novi's auditoriums have digital projectors and stadium seating, but only 5th Avenue has a 35mm digital projector, allowing older movies to be played at special events.

Of the theater's 18 auditoriums, 5th Avenue is also the only one

On-screen romance suggestions

In theaters:

- *Definitely, Maybe*
- *Fool's Gold*
- *27 Dresses*
- *Over Her Dead Body*
- *Juno*

At home:

- *The Princess Bride* (1987)
- *Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind* (2004)
- *Whatever It Takes* (2001)
- *Ainelle* (2001)
- *Can't Hardly Wait* (1998)
- *Lost in Translation* (2003)
- *Say Anything* (1989)
- *The Holiday* (2006)
- *Get Over It* (2001)
- *A Lot Like Love* (2005)

Compiled by Chris Jackett, Novi News

filled with leather seats and small tables with cup-holders between every set of two seats. It is also one of just three auditoriums offering the food voucher deal.

"It's \$6 on top of the ticket price," Daniels said. "If you're going to make a purchase, you deserve luxury anyway. Anything we sell, you can use it toward."

The former \$8 voucher originally worked toward unlimited

refills for popcorn and pop, but has been upgraded to work as a coupon for any food or drink at the theater. It was recently expanded to include items at the bar, allowing moviegoers to take advantage of the pre-show cocktail delivery service available during weekends and holidays.

Today, the theater is adding a little more to the package for couples looking for a simple date.

"For Valentine's Day, we're doing \$30 for two tickets, \$12 in (concessions) vouchers and a rose, while supplies last," Daniels said of 5th Avenue. "Fools Gold" will be in 5 and "Definitely Maybe" and "Step Up 2" will be in 9 and 10 with luxury seating available.

The \$30 package is the same cost for an adult on an evening trip to 5th Avenue, but the Valentine's Day special includes a rose, as well.

Imagine Novi prices an adult ticket in the evening at \$9, \$7 for matinee and \$6 for children all day. Students and seniors can purchase matinee tickets for \$6.50 and evening tickets for \$7.50. For 5th Avenue, just add \$6 to any individual price to include the concessions vouchers.

"I think it's been performing well," Daniels said. "Everyone who does it loves it and asks what's coming out next week."

She said the atmosphere at Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk compliments Imagine.

"I think, not only are we the best theater to see a movie at in metro-Detroit, and offer roses, but there's great restaurants in Novi and even just in Fountain Walk. There's Lucky's, Buffalo Wild Wings and Bamboo Club," she said. "Novi's a restaurant and shopping Mecca."



Mr. and Mrs. Hiep Dao

Jennifer Bagdady and Hiep Dao were married Oct. 27, 2007 in the herb garden at the Charleston Place Hotel in Charleston, S.C.

The bride is the daughter of Bruce and Carol Bagdady of Novi. She graduated from Michigan State University and Georgetown School of Medicine and is currently a medical resident at Detroit Medical Center.

The groom is the son of Hoa and Nguyet Dao of Mount Pleasant, S.C. He graduated from Duke University and the Georgetown School of Medicine and is currently a medical resident at St. Joseph's Hospital.

A reception was held at the Charleston Place Hotel. Kim Tuller, Nicole Angelocci and Hueng Dao served as bridesmaids. Groomsmen

were Pratik Patel, Justin Bagdady and Jeremy Hulsey. Ushers were Andy Bagdady and Michael Dao.

The bride wore a Lacy Judd Waddell gown and carried a bouquet with white orchids, roses and lilies.

The couple honeymooned in Playa Conchal, Costa Rica. They currently reside in Plymouth, but will move to Washington D. C. in June.

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Getting a quick start on the track and in life

By Chris Jackett
STAFF WRITER

When Novi resident Dustin Loynes was announced as rookie of the year by Milan Dragway, his family wasn't surprised.

The 20-year-old South Lyon High School graduate has a long family history behind the wheel at Milan.

"This goes way back to my dad, who had raced," said Ken Loynes, Dustin's father, who raced from 1982-89 and was a safety director at Milan Dragway for about four years afterward. "We used to race a 1968 Camaro. Racing has been in my family since 1950. My uncle Tim raced in the 1960s.

"No one's ever won the rookie of the year in our family except Dustin."

Ken said the award speaks volumes about Dustin, a former football player who was voted as having the coolest car in school, the blue 1980 Firebird he races, during his junior year.

"This is an award you have to be nominated for and voted upon," he said. "He's a very friendly guy. His car doesn't have a hood on it, so people came over and asked him about the big block engine."

His engine may have made Dustin the object of pit and garage conversation, but it was his steadily improving race times that got him noticed.

One of his earlier competitions was a national event sponsored by the National Muscle Car Association.

"There's a lot of people there. I had a bye and was racing by myself. It was one of the best lights I cut and my fastest time at the time," Dustin said of his 12.56-second quarter-mile run.

His fastest time was a 107.8 mile-per-hour rush in 12.27 seconds, nearly a half second better than his slowest time of 12.75 seconds at his very first race.

"I was psyched because that's the fastest I've ever gone," Dustin said. "In the car, a half second feels a lot different. You wouldn't think it, but it was."

Dustin finished 14th in points out of about 40 cars in the street class during the April to late September points season last year. His rookie of the year status wasn't announced until the Jan. 19 banquet in Southgate.

"I wasn't really sure (I'd win).

"I was psyched because that's the fastest I've ever gone."

Dustin Loynes
Milan Dragway rookie of the Year

Another guy was really good too. Out of all the guys, I had improved most from start to end. I didn't know he was a rookie," Dustin said of Bruce Beard of Ohio, who tied Dustin in rookie of the year voting.

Dustin credits his family with his initial interest and success in the racing world.

"They bought a 1968 Camaro in 1982 and started going down and, not with points, but kind of goofing around and adding to it. They did two or three seasons of points. My dad was really good and everyone hated racing him. He was in some national events," he said. "We took (the Firebird) down there a couple times three years ago. I just got motivated to being in the points system this year."

"My grandfather (Robert Loynes) was my crew chief this year. He's very knowledgeable about it. We already have a bunch of new things we're looking to put on the car. I kind of can't wait for next season already. I have a lot of fun with it."

Robert was also the secondary driver when Ken was racing. Robert's brother, Tim, had also raced, and now works as a mechanic for Novi's Department of Public Works, where he's been able to work on cars for more than 20 years since his racing days ended.

Connecting the city further, Dustin's great-grandfather was former Novi Fire Chief Fred Loynes, who reigned from the late 1930s to early 1970s, according to Ken.

Fast driver, fast learner

Dustin isn't only quick on the dragway, but also in starting his career.

As a sophomore at Wayne State University, he is building up a resume in video production while working with New Hudson-based



Team Dustin Loynes. From left: Dustin, father Ken, and grandfather Robert. Dustin raced this 1980 Pontiac Firebird at the Milan Dragway and was named Rookie of the Year.

Miller Media Vision, which has also opened doors for him with Fox Sports Net Detroit, Fox and General Motors.

He's covered events at Milan Dragway, the Great Lakes Invitational collegiate hockey tournament, Howell High School football and hockey games, South Lyon High School boy's and girl's soccer games and even one event that took him out to Washington, D.C. on Mike Ilitch's private jet.

"I've done a lot of work for Miller Media Vision the last two-and-a-half years," Dustin said. "I want to keep everything with video production. I've got a good career going so far."

His passion behind the camera matches his passion behind the wheel, but didn't ignite until the end of his high school career.

"I took a TV class at school. Senior year of football I got Miller Media Vision in for football and they also did my senior

pictures," the former free safety and decade-long player said. "I asked if I could try it out. (Rich Miller) brought me out on a Howell hockey game and I did a period and a half and he said I was doing professional-level quality. I just love doing it."

Dustin plans on transferring to Central Michigan University in the fall to pursue a degree in film and video production. With sponsorships from Miller Media Vision and Novi-based SIGN-ARAMA, he plans to spend this summer at the track again with sights to improve upon his rookie performance.

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Prior to that, he was the senior vice president and medical director for Vista Health Plan, executive director for Permanente Medical Group in the Mid-Atlantic states and the chair of adult medicine for the Mitchel Trotman Group/Humana in Washington D.C.

He has several years of leadership experience as an internist both with a hospital team and in group practice.

Burgos is a board-certified physician executive and has a master's degree in health policy and management from the Harvard School of Public Health. His medical doctorate degree is from Albert Einstein College of Medicine.

Dr. Burgos and his family reside in Novi.

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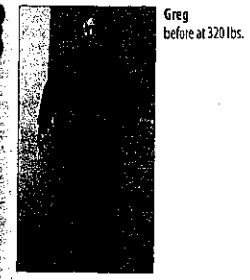
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Jewelry suspected stolen during open house

Two rings are suspected stolen from a residence on Porter Street between September and December, reports said.

According to the victim, she suspects the rings were stolen during an open house at the residence.

The rings were in white jewelry boxes on a shelf in the master bedroom closet, reports said.

One of the rings was a white gold engagement ring with three princess-cut diamonds on top of eight smaller round-cut diamonds.

The other ring was a white gold wedding band with five princess-cut diamonds on top of eight smaller round-cut diamonds.

The woman said her house has been for sale for about one year and there have been several open houses and showings during those months.

She first noticed the rings were missing Dec. 1, 2007 and remembers last seeing them two or three months prior, reports said.

The woman was instructed to make a police report by her homeowner's insurance company.

POLICE BRIEFS

reports said.

According to police reports, the victim parked her vehicle on Terrace Court at about 5 p.m. and left the keys on the front seat with the doors unlocked. She returned to her vehicle at about 7 p.m. to go to a doctor's appointment and the keys were missing.

Nothing else was reported missing. Police advised the woman to disconnect the battery of her vehicle, remove all personal property and lock the doors.

The woman also contacted the apartment complex to have the locks of the doors to her residence changed, reports said.

Windows and doors destroyed

Property was destroyed at a construction site near 12 Mile Road and West Park Drive, between 6 p.m. Jan. 30 and noon Jan. 31, reports said.

According to the report, two doors on the west side of the

building under construction were open and windows were broken.

The glass of the door at the main entrance was smashed and the doors were forced open, reports said. The glass from the door, north of the main entrance, was removed from the frame and laying to the side, undamaged.

The only damage done to the building was the exterior doors.

The police report said there was no evidence to indicate anybody entered the building and nothing was missing.

According to reports, the suspect(s) may have been trying to seal the glass windows or the aluminum doors.

Laptop stolen

According to recent police reports, a black and silver Toshiba laptop was stolen from a vehicle between 6-7:15 p.m. Jan. 29.

The red Toyota Sienna was parked in the east side of the Olive Garden parking lot, away from the building, when the pas-

senger-side window was smashed out, reports said.

Nothing else was reported missing from the vehicle.

According to the victim, the laptop was sitting on the floor, between the two middle seats.

There are no suspects or witnesses at this time, reports said.

Hockey equipment stolen

A vehicle was broken into while parked at a residence on Broadmoor Park Lane, between 9 p.m. Jan. 24 and 6 a.m. Jan. 25, reports said.

The owner of the tan Saturn

found the seal around her passenger-side window had been pried open, reports said.

According to the vehicle owner, her hockey sticks, skates, iPod, hat and a pair of sunglasses were missing.

The woman said the doors of her vehicle were locked.

She was advised by the officer to call Play-It-Again Sports to see if any of the equipment had been turned in, reports said.

Suspended driver

According to recent police reports, a man was arrested just

before midnight, Jan. 27 for driving on a suspended license.

While on patrol near Haggerty Road and High Point Drive, an officer observed a green Chevrolet Malibu, on southbound Haggerty, with its license plate light out.

According to the report, the officer initiated the traffic stop in the south lot of the Sheraton.

After the driver gave the officer an expired license, he was arrested and transported to the City of Novi Police Department.

Keys stolen from inside vehicle

A woman's keys were stolen while on the front seat of her vehicle between 5-7 p.m. Jan. 28.

Novi man suspected in several bank robberies

By Kelly Murad
STAFF WRITER

A Novi man suspected in several bank robberies in Wayne and Oakland counties was arraigned Sunday at the 47th District Court in Farmington Hills.

Byron Lee Greer II, 22, attempted to rob a Chase Bank on 12 Mile Road in Farmington Hills, but was unsuccessful due to bank employees recognizing him from a bulletin, distributed by police.

Greer is facing charges for the attempted bank robbery and two other bank robberies in Farmington Hills since September.

He is also suspected to be responsible for at least seven other bank robberies, including three in Southfield, two in Beverly Hills and one in Lathrup Village and Dearborn Heights.


According to Farmington Hills Police Chief William Dwyer, Greer could face up to life in

prison if convicted.

The Novi Police Department assisted the Farmington Hills Police Department in executing the search warrant at his Novi residence, near 13 Mile and Novi roads, said Novi Police Chief David Molloy.

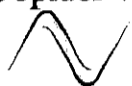
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Changes continue at Detroit Public TV's Wixom facility

■ New president and general manager named

By Kelly Murad
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As Detroit Public Television continues making structural improvements to its Wixom facility, a new face was added to the internal line-up.

Ritschard Homberg, former vice president and general manager of WJLW-TV (Channel 56), DPTV.org, DPTV Media and radio station WRCJ-FM (Channel 90.9), which is licensed to Detroit Public Schools.

According to John O'Donnell, manager of public utility Homberg will be responsible for leading the audience-supported stations' services to the community through broadcasting, new media and community outreach activities.

Originally from New Jersey, Homberg has worked in other cities such as New York and Philadelphia, but feels confident in his decision to relocate to Detroit.

"I love big cities and Detroit was perfect," he said. "It's a great news town. Detroit makes huge national news because so much happens here, it's a very vibrant news and content city."



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Detroit Public TV's future studio headquarters, located off Grand River Avenue, the Riley Broadcast Center.

As a viewer supported, non-profit media source, community commitment is vital to the success of Detroit Public Television.

Wixom headquarters

In 2005, Detroit Public Television purchased the Wixom facility from former Clover Technologies.

In order to raise funds to relocate the locally owned and operated broadcasting center, a capital campaign was launched with an overall goal of \$22 million.

Relying on donations has required renovations of the 93,000-square-foot building to be done in phases.

The facility is currently undergoing construction of the master control room and editing rooms, which is slated for completion in May.

"This building is a tremendous resource to us and we plan to use it to produce more local series," O'Donnell said.

Of Detroit Public Television's 90 employees, 70 have already

relocated to Wixom, but production still remains in Detroit where the studios are located.

"It really depends on how fast we raise the money, but I would say it (the construction of the three studios) is at least a year and a half away," said Dan Alpert, chief operating officer and station manager of Detroit Public Television.

The capital campaign has currently raised \$14.7 million.

Local programs

Although most people are familiar with the PBS programs delivered by Detroit Public Television, local programs are also created to emphasize the culture of southeastern Michigan.

"You can imagine what we are doing for the image of this region," O'Donnell said, noting Detroit Public TV is broadcast locally in about 2 million households and also reaches about the same of southeastern Michigan.

Some of Detroit Public Television's local programs



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Rich Homberg, president and general manager of Detroit Public TV, at their new Riley Broadcast Center studio facility in Novi.

include "Get Up! Get Out!", a weekly series done exclusively on location to encourage recreational activity throughout southeastern Michigan; "In the Frame: Exploring the DIA," a behind-the-scenes look at the newly remodeled art museum; and "Leaders on Leadership," a program produced in partnership with Wayne State University School of Business, which provides business students

one-on-one interviews with local business and community leaders.

"Random Acts of Music," a new series on the Detroit Symphony Orchestra is planned to air in September.

The public will also be invited to the Wixom facility for Community Cinema, to preview and discuss some of the upcoming programs and films in their entirety.

Alpert said Detroit Public TV strives to follow a local-national model.

"You take a national program and make it matter to your community," he said. "Public television is more than just what you see on your screen."

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Massage businesses aren't backing down

■ Council approves to review ordinance

By Kelly Murad
STAFF WRITER

Local massage therapists remain persistent in challenging the city's decision to increase their license and permit fees from \$110 to \$630.

"I think the ordinance needs to be reviewed," said Linda Dumbrigue, owner of Knot Kneading Massage. "No other business is subjected to this. It's bias."

The ordinance of Dumbrigue and numerous other massage therapists within the City of Novi prompted local officials to review the ordinance.

At the last council meeting, Novi City Council members unanimously approved a motion to send the issue to the Ordinance Review Committee.

"We're looking at the fees themselves to see if they are reasonable and we're looking to see if all these inspections are necessary every year," said Mayor Pro Tem Kim Capello.

Capello said he is hoping they will find a way to reduce the costs incurred upon these businesses.

The annual fee includes a \$300 massage business renewal fee, a \$20 business registration fee, a \$100 massage therapist renewal fee and a \$10 applicant background check fee.

The increase was previously approved by Novi's City Council and went into effect March 19, 2007, but massage therapists and business owners claimed they did not receive notice of the increase until December when the total sum was due.

City officials said the new fees were adopted to cover the costs incurred by city staff during the license renewal process, which is estimated to cost the city \$519.

According to the current ordinance for massage businesses, numerous inspections are required every year by the building and fire departments.

"I didn't think all of the building inspections are necessary every year," Capello said, noting that 65 percent of the fees are due to inspections only.

The Ordinance Review Committee will meet in about two weeks, once city administration has an opportunity to weigh in on the subject.

If the decision is made to amend the ordinance, it will go before the planning commission

and they will make a recommendation before sending it back to city council.

"I think strides were made, but there's a lot more to be done," Dumbrigue said. "I think the ordinance does need to be updated, but I don't feel like this is something that needs to be put off until next year."

Massage therapists are also contesting the requirement of annual communicable disease examinations.

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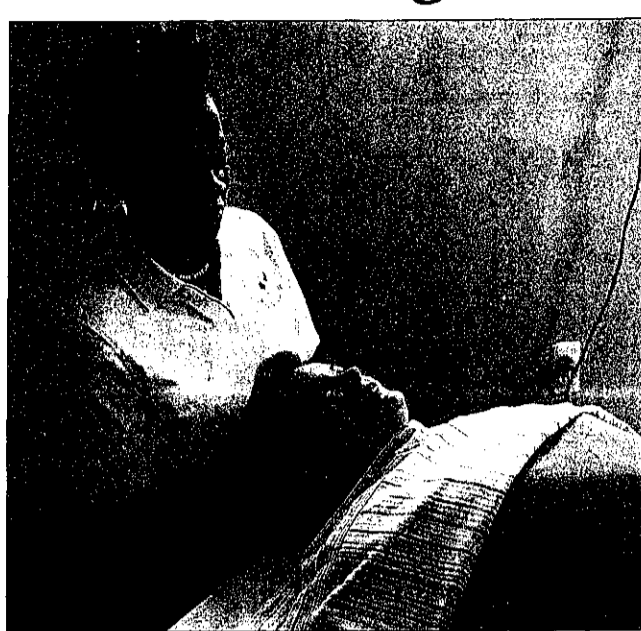


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Knot Kneading Massage owner Linda Dumbrigue is one of the many service-oriented businesses in Novi affected by the city's increase in registration fees. Here, the massage therapist works on the neck of Mary Muscat in her Grand River Avenue office.

Panel rejects petition to recall State Rep. DeRoche

Representatives say "Yes" to David Law for Prosecutor

An Oakland County elections panel cited unclear petition language last Thursday in rejecting a recall Democratic Party bid to recall House Minority Leader Craig DeRoche (R-Novi).

DeRoche was targeted because of his reputed ties to groups seeking to recall other lawmakers, mostly Democrats, because they voted to raise taxes. He said the recall was an attempt to silence critics of the tax increases.

The panel, made up of Republicans, recently approved recall language against Rep. Marie Donigan (D-Royal Oak).

Although the recall would have only shortened DeRoche's term by about a month, he said there was still room for concern.

Cooper meets Democrats

Jessica R. Cooper, Democratic candidate for Oakland County prosecuting attorney, will meet with Democrats Tuesday at Maple Restaurant and Golf in Novi. Cooper served as district judge, circuit court judge, and Michigan court of appeals judge. She received a doctor of law degree from Wayne State University.

Cooper is guest speaker at the February monthly meeting of Democrats of West Oakland County, serving voters in Novi and neighboring communities. The public is invited, and there is no charge for admission.

Maple Restaurant and Golf is on 14 Mile Road between Novi Road and Michigan 5 in Novi. For more information, call club treasurer Cynthia Churches at (248) 489-0780.

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POLITICAL CORNER

Cassis receives Community Service Award

Sen. Nancy Cassis (R-Novi) received the Community Service Award earlier this month from the West Bloomfield Optimist Club for being an outstanding member of the community.

The club specifically recognized Cassis for her advocacy for children, taxpayers and small businesses. Cassis also was successful in passing her amendment to the Michigan Food Inspection Act to be built in West Bloomfield.

Cassis was given the award at the club's weekly breakfast meeting at the Fiddler Restaurant in West Bloomfield. Cassis spoke of the connection between the Optimist Club, West Bloomfield Mentor Connection and her SAVE the Children program, a landmark legislative package to help prevent early learning failure and give students the skills they need to succeed both in school and in life.

The West Bloomfield Optimist Club is a philanthropic service organization that supports services and programs for young people.

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Google executive promotes growth to Novi professionals

By Chris Jackett
STAFF WRITER

Seventeen months after opening shop in Ann Arbor, Internet search engine Google is continuing growth and reaching out to other Michigan businesses.

John Kelley, manager of online sales and operations for Google in Ann Arbor, was the speaker at the Greater Novi Chamber's luncheon Feb. 6 at Crown Plaza hotel in Novi.

The Grand Rapids native explained to a room of about 70 local businessmen and women what Google does and how it can help their businesses.

"Google offers more than 67 applications to help organize and advertise a business through a variety of free multimedia methods."

"Everyone uses Google products, but only two people have ever paid anything? This business model is going to work," Kelley joked after receiving a show of hands from those in attendance.

He also explained the advertising model for those interested in advertising on Google.

"You only pay when someone clicks on your ad," he said. "The better your ad is, the less you pay. Everything that happened with your ad, you can track."

This expands to times, dates and locations an ad is accessed. If someone from halfway around the globe clicks on an ad, it would be documented for the business to use.

"There's so much power in advertising online. There's so much business control," Kelley said.

He said Google's search methods are all relative to user search, however. A search for a specific word is calculated by the number of times that word or related site is linked or referenced through all the other Web sites on the Internet.

"Auctions happen every time you search - billions of times a day. The 'I'm Feeling Lucky' button goes to the first page that would show up in the results," Kelley said. "Google is a play on words from a mathematical standpoint. It means the number one, followed by 100 zeros."

The company's name and its guiding mission have been a sweet combination since Sergey Brin and Larry Page formulated the research project at Stanford University in 1995. It has since grown to more than 12,000 employees, and dozens of offices across the globe.

Brin, a Moscow native, and Page, a Michigan native and University of Michigan alumnus,

ran the business out of a garage at one point before they were able to find financial backing from a professor's friend.

Kelley said the Google move to Ann Arbor was a decision made while he was still working at Tables, an enterprise security company in Ann Arbor, but it ended up paying off for him and also allowed Page to return to his alma mater.

"I wanted to stay in Michigan and work at a start-up, but I went to California," Kelley said of his post-collegiate career, which took him to Boston and then California, allowing him to work with Microsoft and Apple for 10 years.

Now a father of three sons, Kelley moved back to Ann Arbor six years ago and is glad Google "followed him."

"One gamble that was taken is to tap into a market that was under-served," he said. "We believe there are a lot of people who wanted to stay in the region, so give them a compelling company to stay or, even better, draw them back."

Google's future seems bright and, although Kelley said this advance level of understanding will ensure Red Level's customers have complete visibility and control over the Internet.

Cymphonix's offerings were initially built to specifically address the needs of schools, districts and institutions of higher learning. These organizations have savvy users that know how to bypass traditional filters and Internet controls. With a Cymphonix solution in place, educational organizations ensure students and faculty are safe from Internet threats and inappropriate content.

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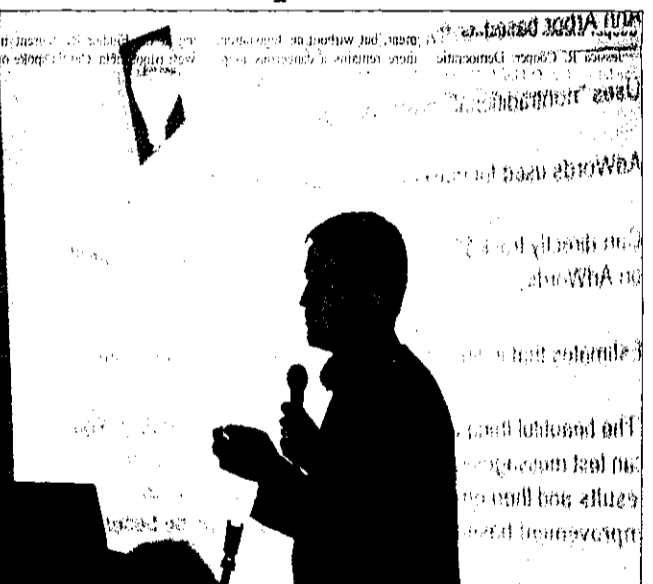


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Restaurant Equipper expands to Detroit Metro market

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Equipper still relies heavily on direct mail. The company sends out two million catalogs a year. But the Southfield warehouse allows customers the opportunity to see and touch the equipment they need.

Erickson retirement communities recognized

FORTUNE announced today that Erickson Retirement Communities, the manager/developer of Fox Run in Novi and Henry Ford Village in Dearborn, was ranked 93rd on the 11th annual "100 Best Companies to Work For" list. The full list and related stories appear in the Feb 4 issue of FORTUNE, available on newsstands and at www.fortune.com. Erickson is the only retirement developer/provider in the United States on this year's prestigious list.

A driving factor for the FORTUNE "100 Best Companies to Work For" list this year is that these companies excel in creating jobs. The 100 companies on the 2008 list added 67,000 employees to their

payrolls in the past year and employ a total of nearly 1.6 million employees; up 16 percent from the number employed by companies comprising last year's list.

Gorman's unveils Katuzzi furniture

Gorman's Home Furnishings and Interior Design recently announced the addition of the NATUZZO furniture collection to the company's Southfield, Novi, Lakeside and Troy locations. The collections of upholstery living room furniture are currently available at the four showroom locations.

Novi Petland is a "Top Dog," Erickson retirement communities recognized

The Petland store in Novi is among the company's franchised stores nationwide ranked among the best in pet retail franchises through Entrepreneur Magazine's 29th Annual Franchise 500.

Overall, Petland, Inc. ranked 202 in the 2008 Entrepreneur Franchise 500, earning them the top spot in the Pet Products category. According to Entrepreneur.com, there are close to 3,000 active franchisors in the United States. Petland's ranking of 202 once again puts the company in the top 10 percent of all domestic franchises.

This year, Petland is the only full-service pet store franchise listed among Entrepreneur's Franchise 500 top retail franchises. In conducting its annual rating of franchises in the world, Entrepreneur considers numerous factors including financial strength, stability, growth rate and size of the franchise system. Other rating factors include number of years in business, length of time franchising, start-up costs, litigation, percentage of termina-

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Red Level Networks achieves Cymphonix partner status

Red Level Networks, an IT solution provider, announced it recently achieved certified partner status from Cymphonix. Through this certification, Red Level will be able to offer its customers the ability to work both Internet browsing activity and Internet application activity, ensuring that mission critical information has the resources it needs.

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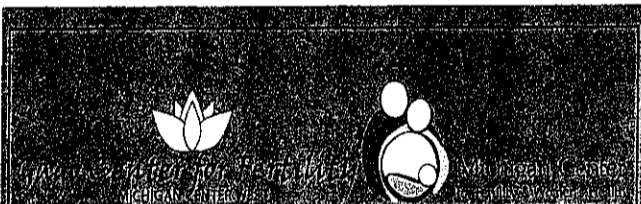
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International Baccalaureate slated for Novi Schools

By Chris Jackett
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Novi Community Schools' students may be receiving a higher level of education in the next few years if all goes as planned with the implementation of the International Baccalaureate program.

The program, which currently serves more than 573,000 students in 2,121 schools throughout 126 different countries, can be thought of as a sort of world-wide advanced learning course set.

The 38 courses, which could be in Novi classrooms as soon as fall 2010, would offer a new curriculum for students.

"It's a challenging two-year curriculum aimed at 16-19 year olds and leads to a qualification recognized by the world's top universities," said Maggie Laine, a math teacher at Novi High School. "It will fit very well into the state curriculum."

The program, which would offer both individual courses and entire International Baccalaureate diploma programs, aims to develop a strong sense of identity and culture while focusing on six subject groups: Primary modern language (English), second language

(foreign language); individual and society (social studies, sociology, etc.); experimental sciences (biology, chemistry, etc.); mathematics and computer sciences, and arts (painting, music, theater, etc.).

Teachers already began training for the program, which has a multi-year application process requiring all training and material upgrades to be complete before the International Baccalaureate certifiers spend two 11-hour days analyzing the district schools.

"IB has a preprogrammed timetable. Teachers are receiving the initial training," Laine said. "Sometime at the end of this year we will begin to work on the application A & B phases, fill out a ton of forms and develop curriculum."

If students were slated to begin the courses in fall 2010, implementation would occur in December 2009 or January 2010 with enrollment beginning as early as February or March 2010. The program would run parallel to the Advanced Placement program, but include additional features, rather than just harder classes.

Students would take courses similar to AP credit and apply

them to college credit. It offers a more broad curriculum for students to select from," said Mike Ziegler, an English teacher at Novi High School. "The IB program is not built for the higher end students. It's more about student motivation. The curriculum is rich enough it has something to offer to any level of student."

Diploma program

Many nearby school districts such as Farmington, Walled Lake and West Bloomfield have programs set up through the International Academy in Bloomfield Hills, a private school for diploma-seeking International Baccalaureate students.

"International Academy is geared toward diploma kids. At a school where you see it integrated, you would see much higher numbers, similar to what you see with AP," said Assistant Principal Rany Gawol. "In our real world, I think you can expose kids to it without every kid having to go through and get a full diploma for this, but still benefit from the possibilities as far as learning life-long skills rather than departmentalized knowledge. I think that's the benefit of it on a larger

District voice

During a presentation to the Novi board of education last month, board members sounded interested in the proposed program.

"The thing that excited me the most about this is the fact that it's teaching kids to learn how to learn. Kids will be exposed to careers that they don't even have an idea of what they are," said Secretary Katie Reason. "We don't have to reinvent the wheel to do this. It sounds like just a wonderful program."

Treasurer Ann Glubzinski referenced Thomas L. Friedman's book, "The World is Flat," in her commentary on the broad spectrum the program encompasses. "Students are getting degrees today, yet the job they're going to have 10 years from now is not necessarily what their degree is in," Glubzinski said. "The people who will be successful in those jobs are the ones who are able to adapt and learn and continue to learn."

If the district did not want to invest and host the program in its schools, Superintendent Peter Dion said students could potentially participate in the courses at other schools such as nearby White Lake Lakeside.

"We can be in this program by sending kids to other schools, but there is cost to us. We lose that head count. The cost of loss of students is based on the interest and the questions I've gotten from many parents," Dion said. "Over the last year, as I've talked to my colleagues throughout the state, in five years, the average high school will have this program."

Board President Jeff Nielson summed up the 70-minute presentation and ensuing questions by saying he looks forward to hearing more about the program as the application process continues.

"It seems to me this district, while cautious and conservative with decisions, is not opposed to being innovative when it comes to how we choose to educate our children. I've heard some really good success stories about what our teachers are able to do. We pride ourselves in Novi on having a school district that provides an excellent education," Nielson said.

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Students approve snow days; construction bids discussed

Student board member Vilhi Bamzai, a student council senior vice president at Novi High School, began the meeting by telling the board how successful the eighth-grade curriculum night was Jan. 30, and ACT testing was planned to take place at the high school last Saturday. She also noted a trip students from the human anatomy class were planning to Orchard Hills Elementary School on Tuesday to help students dissect sheep eyes. Bamzai recognized nine seniors, lead signed letters of intent to play collegiate sports, including four players from the three-time champion girls soccer team. She also recognized strong finishes by the figure skating and debate teams, and mentioned a choir performance scheduled for last night. She closed her report by thanking Superintendent Peter Dion for the snow day on Feb. 1, telling him to "keep them coming."

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the board voicing concern about the proposed construction plans at three elementary schools.

Reports to the board

Novi High School teacher Bill Dunbar spoke about the medical careers exploration course at the high school and the Partners in Excellence program with St. John Providence Hospital. Student Chelsea Reynolds, who took the course last semester, told the board about the benefits of "the real world experience" and how it opened up options for medical careers that didn't take a decade of schooling after graduation. Providence Associates Darlene Ephraim and Frank Svechota spoke about how the program is talked about and forming connections for students throughout southeastern Michigan. Students Sara Sheeran, Rohith Havi,

Marina Pilibosian and Natine Shirvanian explained how the program works and what they gained from it.

Consent agenda and action items

The board approved three items by a 7-0 vote, including the Jan. 24 board meeting minutes. The personnel recommendations of salary adjustments for teachers Kathleen Ader, Saralyn Borrowman, Alaina Bryon, David Kniaz, Agnes Lee and Erin Schuck were approved alongside tenure recommendations for teachers Julie Behmer and Allison Larson. The board also amended Board Policy 9100 to allow the board election laws to be finalized without term-related time conflicts.

Discussion items

Assistant Superintendent of Finance Gail Credit presented bid information for the installation of surveillance cameras at all district buildings via the bond approved in the May 2007 election. With a security budget of \$1.38 million, about \$900,000 will remain after the installation of the surveillance cameras and equipment. Credit recommended the bid be awarded to Optimal Solutions, which will use ONSSI software.

Credit presented bids for construction projects at Village Oaks, Orchard Hills and Parkview elementary schools. The bids were scheduled to be voted on at the board's special Tuesday meeting and would begin construction in March with a completion date before the school begins in September.

Board communication

Superintendent Peter Dion received his mid-year evaluation in a meeting with the board on Feb. 5. His role in sending out a district-wide survey, contract

negotiations, special programs, district projects and the Providence Park partnership earned him commendable recognition. Overall, Dion was recognized for his passion for the students, work ethic toward improving the district, vision for the schools, support and understanding of diversity and his ability to empower the staff throughout the district.

The board announced a special board meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 12.

Comments from the audience

Three women living in the neighborhood west of Parkview Elementary School voiced concerns over the proposed school construction project.

Superintendent's report

Peter Dion reported foreign language courses will be offered in Chinese, Japanese, German, French and Spanish for all fifth through eighth grade students

next year thanks to efforts by Novi Meadows teachers Diane McCurdy and Laura Pennycoff to learn how to teach the Mandarin Chinese language.

Dion handed out certificates of recognition to each board member from U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter (R-Livonia).

The district will have a representative at upcoming Furst Farm focus group meetings.

Dion was at Deerfield Elementary School earlier in the day for the annual timed multiplication challenge for third and fourth graders. On a 50-question test, four students finished faster than Dion. In a trip earlier this year to Parkview Elementary School, three students beat Dion on a 100-question test.

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

School board meeting notes were taken from the Thursday, Feb. 7 regular meeting of the Novi Community School Board. All board members were in attendance. Next meeting: 7 p.m., Feb. 28 at the Educational Services Building, 25345 Taff Road.

Correspondence

Secretary Katie Reason reported several e-mail correspondences to

Vacation periods approved; district reduces energy and costs

The Oakland-Intermediate School Board approved a five-year common calendar for all county schools for the winter and spring vacation period. This year, the winter vacation will be from Dec. 22 through Jan. 2, 2009. The Spring Break for the 2008-09 school year will be from April 6-10, 2009.

District reduces energy and costs

The Novi Schools participated in an energy saving initiative throughout the last year through the efforts of Energy Education, Inc. As a result, the district saved \$424,820 during the last 12-month period, or a 20 percent energy savings. The savings was calculated from a base year usage adjusted for changes in weather, energy loads and prices. School officials attribute the success to teamwork, data analysis, on-site training and expertise and comprehensive audits. The district's goal is to continue the program becoming better energy savers and increasing the district's savings.

Mid American Studio hosts "High School Musical" party

Local students can enjoy a fun-filled day during their Winter Break by attending a "High School Musical" inspired song and dance party at Mid American Studio in Farmington Hills. The clinic will take place on Monday, Feb. 18 from 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Registration is currently taking place.

Mid American certified dance instructors will teach students a dance routine to a "High School Musical" song mix and lead a sing-a-long. Participants will also

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for election in November of 2008. The term of the appointment is until Dec. 31, 2008.

District earns 16 ENERGY STAR awards from EPA

The Walled Lake Consolidated School district is proud to announce that 16 of its 22 buildings earned the ENERGY STAR, the national symbol for energy efficiency in America, from the Environmental Protection Agency. There are only 44 school buildings in Michigan that have earned this honor. The Energy Star designation recognizes buildings that use about 35 percent less energy than comparable buildings while still providing quality services. Walled Lake has reduced its energy consumption by more than 30 percent in the past four years.

Commerce, Gleagary, Hickory Woods, Mary Helen Guest, Meadowbrook, and Walled Lake Elementary Schools, and Clifford H. Smart and James R. Geisler Middle Schools, the Community Education Center, and Western High School received their ENERGY STAR plaque during the Jan. 10 school board meeting.

Dublin, Keith, Maple, Oakley Park, and Twin Beach Elementary Schools, and Walnut Creek Middle School received their ENERGY STAR plaque during the Feb. 7 school board meeting.

The plaques will be affixed prominently in each building to demonstrate the environmental leadership and commitment that

has been made to superior energy performance. The facilities will be included on the ENERGY STAR Web site at www.energystar.gov/buildinglist.

Franklin Road Christian School open house

Franklin Road Christian School is hosting an open house from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Tuesday. Prospective parents may stop in, speak with faculty and administrators and take a tour of our beautiful facility. We are located at 40800 W. 13 Mile Road, at the northwest corner of Michigan 5, in Novi. Open enrollment begins Feb. 1 for the 2008-09 school year. For more information, contact (248) 668-7100 or visit www.franklinroadchristianschool.org.

Tuition Expedition 2008

Foundation for Excellence-Walled Lake Schools has launched "Tuition Expedition 2008," a 50/50 raffle for postsecondary education funds. The winner also has the option of choosing a 40 percent cash option instead of the scholarship. Tickets will be limited to the first 1,000 purchasers. Funds will be paid (in the form of scholarship funds) directly to an U.S. "eligible educational institution" as defined by the IRS. Winner has up to 20 years to assign and split the funds among up to four students, but once disbursement has begun, must be used within four years, or the winner may choose cash equal to 40 percent of total ticket proceeds paid through out four years (less 25 percent federal income tax withholding).

Tickets are first-come, first served, in order of checks/payments received. VISA and MasterCard are also accepted.

Parenting fair

The 16th annual Walled Lake



Jessica Miesowicz, 10, dances with her dad Jim during last Friday night's Daddy Daughter Dance sponsored by the Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department.



Bob Jackson lifts his daughter Elly up in the air as the pair dance at last Friday night's get together at the Novi Civic Center.



Sabrina Tituskin, 9, gets her corsage pinned to her dress before she starts her night at the Daddy Daughter Dance at the Novi Civic Center.

Daddy's little girls

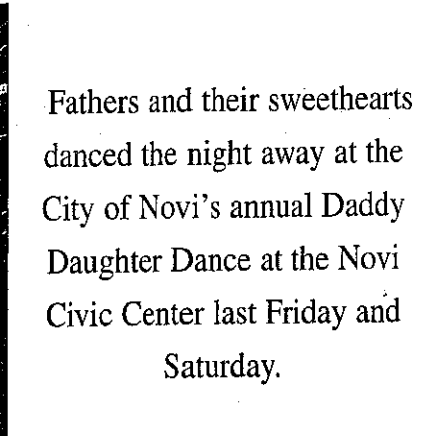


A trio of young ladies put their arms around each other and prepare for a photograph during last Friday night's dance at the Novi Civic Center. The Daddy Daughter Dance, put on by the Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department, featured a dessert buffet complete with custom-made milkshakes and a chocolate fountain; photo portraits of all the couples; and a disco jockey that kept the dance floor moving until 9 p.m.

PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/NOVI NEWS



Katherine Trimmer, 8, takes her turn at making a treat at the chocolate fountain at last Friday night's dance.



Fathers and their sweethearts danced the night away at the City of Novi's annual Daddy Daughter Dance at the Novi Civic Center last Friday and Saturday.



Tom Smith walks into the dance with daughters Ashley, 6, and Tiffany, 4. The Daddy Daughter Dance's theme was a 60's sock-hop.

HOT TICKET: For a complete list of area churches and faith activities, visit www.novinews.com

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EVENTS

SCI-Novi Chapter Annual Fundraiser Banquet

TIME/DATE: Doors open 4 p.m., dinner 7 p.m., Saturday
LOCATION: Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia
DETAILS: Featured items include hunting and fishing adventures all over the world, jewelry, artwork, home decorating goods, vacations and sport memorabilia, also numerous raffles. Tickets are \$65 each, including \$25 in free raffle tickets, when purchased by Jan. 31 and \$75 each after Jan. 31 with no free raffle tickets. Special table purchase programs also available. Purchase tickets by visiting www.sci-novi.com or calling Wendy at (248) 620-0161. Seating is limited to the first 1,000 tickets sold.

Friendship Concert Series at Hammell Music Hall

TIME/DATE: 3 p.m. Sunday
LOCATION: Hammell Music Hall, corner of M-5 and Maple Road
DETAILS: Sponsored by the Lakes Area Rotary Club. Concert features Walled Lake Northern, Central and Western choral students; a silent auction of gift baskets will occur before the concert and during intermission; free afternoon following concert at Johnny Carino's Italian Restaurant, discount offered for ticket holders who wish to dine also. Concert proceeds support local scholarship and Rotary service projects. Tickets are \$10 for students and their parents, and \$20 for adults; purchase tickets by calling Cheryl at (248) 960-0333 or Lorrie at (248) 390-8572. Program advertising is also available.

Democrats of West Oakland County

TIME/DATE: 7:00 p.m. Tuesday
LOCATION: Maple Restaurant and Grill, 31260 Wakefield Drive, on 14 Mile between Novi Rd. and M-5.
DETAILS: Speaker: Jessica R. Cooper, Candidate for Oakland County Prosecuting Attorney.
CONTACT: Jim at (248) 624-7228

Mad Hatter Tea Party Art Show

TIME/DATE: 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday until Feb. 29
LOCATION: Nancy A. Fox Art Gallery, Assarian Cancer Center, Providence Park Hospital, Novi
DETAILS: Art show of original artwork featuring playful and imaginative teapots created by a variety of local artists and Novi high school students; part of the partnership between Providence Park Hospital and the Novi Community School District.

Art Van Furniture Store Events

LOCATION: 27775 Novi Road
CONTACT: (248) 349-8922
Celebrate Italian Style with Andiamo's
TIME/DATE: Noon-2 p.m. Saturday
DETAILS: Leather furniture collections are featured as guests enjoy samples of specialty dishes prepared by chefs from Andiamo Restaurants; chefs will share recipes and tips on Italian cuisine.

Collage and Lakeloft Living Shows

DATE: Thursday, Feb. 28-Sunday, March 2
LOCATION: Rock Financial Showplace, 45100 Grand River Ave.
DETAILS: Copper Harbor and Grand Shows Collections from their Michigan H.O.M.E.S. series are featured during the 2008 Home Shows; stop by the Art Van booths.

Single Mingle Dance

TIME/DATE: 8 p.m.-1 a.m. Friday, Feb. 22
LOCATION: Sheraton Hotel- Novi, 21111 Haggerty Road, near corner of Eight Mile Road, Novi
DETAILS: Meet new friends, dance and socialize. Top 40 DJ, cash bar, hors d'oeuvres and door prizes. Admission is \$5 for members, \$10 for non-members.

Attire is dressy casual (no blue-jeans, blue jean skirts or tennis shoes). Hosted by The Metropolitan Single Professionals.

CONTACT: (248) 544-6445 or visit www.mspp.com

Novi Lions Club 2nd Annual Charity Dinner and Auction

TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. Saturday, March 1
LOCATION: Maples of Novi Clubhouse, 31260 Wakefield Dr., on 14 Mile Road, east of Novi Road, Novi
DETAILS: Tickets are \$15 per person and includes a carved beef dinner with all the fixings and access to the Live and Silent Auction; auction items include dinners, hotel stays, vacation condos, furniture, sports memorabilia and more. All proceeds go to Sight First and other Lion charities. Spots is limited. Call Lion Doc Bar at (248) 960-3092 for tickets or more information.

Novi Theatres Present "Father Bingo"

TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 7 and 14; 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 8 and 15; 2 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, March 8, 9 and 15
LOCATION: Novi Middle School Auditorium, 49000 11 Mile Road
DETAILS: This is the community theatre world premier of this musical comedy. Everyone is looking for salvation and the stakes are raised with the introduction of bingo to the parish church tickets are on sale now at the Novi Parks office, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road. Tickets are \$18 and all seats are reserved.
CONTACT: (248) 347-0400

Novi Educational Foundation Green Gala

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Saturday, March 8
LOCATION: Rock Financial Showplace
DETAILS: The Novi Educational Foundation's 2008 Green Gala "Help Our Children Shine Like Stars" event is a fun-filled evening of dancing and casino style gambling benefiting students of the Novi Community Schools. Tickets include chips for gambling in the Stardust Casino, tantalizing hors d'oeuvres and desserts, a live and silent auction, music, dancing and chances to win raffle prizes donated by local merchants. The cost is \$75 per person and tickets are available by calling (248) 449-1206 or visit www.NoviEducationalFoundation.org.

Novi Meadows Fun Fest

TIME/DATE: 6-9 p.m. Friday, March 7
LOCATION: Novi Meadows School 6th Grade House
DETAILS: The annual Fun Fest includes games, food, raffle and prizes. Adult volunteers needed for the Fun Fest; many different committees need your help, especially dads. For more information, contact Lynne at (248) 305-3256 or Linda at (248) 344-2237.

Ambassador Meeting

TIME/DATE: 9:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 29
LOCATION: Chamber Office Heart of Lakes Gala - Motown Review
TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. Saturday, March 1
LOCATION: Sheratonand County Club; 5600 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield
DETAILS: Features dinner with cash bar; dancing and a silent auction; cost is \$55 per person; proceeds benefit the Cardiac Care Program at Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital and the Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce; tickets are available by contacting the Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce.

Spotlight Lunch

TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursday, March 6
LOCATION: Unique Franks, 716 Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake
DETAILS: Join this group in its quest to bring more conventions and visitors to the area, no cost.
Blood Drive
TIME/DATE: 1-7 p.m. today
LOCATION: 25100 Haggerty Road, Farmington Hills
DETAILS: New member Suburban Honda is hosting this

event and anyone who attempts to donate will receive a free baseball hat.

Sales Leads Group
TIME/DATE: 8:30-9:30 a.m. second and fourth Thursday of each month (today and Feb. 28)
LOCATION: Hooter's of Novi
DETAILS: Serious networking, no cost.

Financial Round Table

TIME/DATE: 7:30-9 a.m. Friday
LOCATION: Panera, Novi Road and Grand River Ave.
DETAILS: Come and join in talks about the financial business, no cost.

Events Committee

TIME/DATE: Noon-1 p.m. Wednesday
LOCATION: Famous Dave's
DETAILS: Committee meeting, RSVP.

After Hours at The Grapevine

TIME/DATE: 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 21
LOCATION: The Grapevine, 43155 Main St., Novi
DETAILS: Come join us for some wonderful food and wine; cash bar; \$10 for members, \$15 for non-members.

Ambassador Committee

TIME/DATE: Noon-1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 26
LOCATION: Moie's on Ten
DETAILS: Committee meeting; RSVP.

Month Long Health Fair

LOCATION: Meadowbrook and 11 Mile roads
DETAILS: During the month of February, member Meadowbrook Urgent Care is offering, on a walk-in basis, free cholesterol checks, blood glucose checks, blood pressures with complete vital signs, oxygen saturation rates and vision testing.

Novi Chamber of Commerce

The chamber is celebrating 40 years of business; representing over 500 members. Our mission is to be a responsible, proactive advocate of business interests in the greater Novi area. We are business and professional people working together to enhance the life of our community and the businesses in it. For more information, visit www.novichamber.com or contact the chamber office at (248) 349-3743.

Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce

Since 1963, the Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce has proudly served as West Oakland's Regional Chamber; servicing the communities of Commerce Township, Union Lake; Walled Lake; Waterford; Wixom; Wolverine Lake and White Lake. Our purpose is to improve the quality of life for businesses and residents in the Lakes area. We act as a unified voice on behalf of the business community, provide a forum to discuss and review topics of interest; serve as a source of information and development programs that are responsive to the needs of the communities we serve.

LOCATION: 305 N. Pontiac Trail; Ste. B, Walled Lake

CONTACT: For more information visit www.lakesareachamber.com or (248) 624-2826.

Greater Novi Chamber of Commerce

"We're about business. We're about networking. We're about creating excitement in business and networking!" Everyone is welcome to attend any of our events. For more information call Whitney; executive director at (248) 347-4622 or whitney@greater-novichamber.com. Also visit www.greaternovichamber.com.

Experience West Oakland

TIME/DATE: 3 p.m. today
LOCATION: Crown Plaza, 27000 Sheraton Dr.
DETAILS: Join this group in its quest to bring more conventions and visitors to the area, no cost.

BUSINESS

Novi Rotary Club

TIME/DATE: Noon every Thursday

Thursday

LOCATION: Novi Methodist Church, 41671 W. 10 Mile Road
DETAILS: Lunch is \$10 at meeting; visitors welcome; check website for speaker information; www.noviroary.org.

A Century of Values

TIME/DATE: Noon, Today
LOCATION: Novi Bulletin Board, 104 W. Main Street, Suite 101, Northville, MI 48167.
Fax: (248) 349-9832
E-mail: venitchell@gannett.com

Novi Schools - Current Developments

Third Thursday, Feb. 28
DETAILS: Jeff Neilson, President, Novi Board of Education

Interpreting Communication

TIME/DATE: Noon, March 13
DETAILS: Dr. Lee Meadows, Prof. Walsh College, gives and overview on the meaning of the spoken words we use as well as the different ways readers interpret the written word.

Annual Novi Rotary Senior Easter Luncheon

TIME/DATE: Noon, March 20

Females in the Family Business Affinity Group

TIME/DATE: 9-9:30 a.m. Third Thursday of every month
LOCATION: Walsh College Troy Campus
DETAILS: Walsh Business Leadership Institute invites women who own, are partners in, or work for family businesses. Items discussed will be common issues; and women can share solutions in a nonthreatening; noncompetitive; non-sales roundtable. Registration is required.
CONTACT: Jan Hubbard; jhubbard@walshcollege.edu

CLASSES

Providence Center for the Healing Arts

LOCATION: Assarian Cancer Center, 47601 Grand River Ave., Novi
CONTACT: (248) 465-5455
Wanted: One-time Art Workshop Instructors
DETAILS: We are looking for people who have an art or craft that they would like to share in our series of one-time workshops.

Colored Pencil Workshop

TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m.; second Tuesday of every month
DETAILS: Beginners welcome.

Ceramics Class

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday; Friday by appointment
DETAILS: \$10 materials fee.

Knit'n' Yarns

TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m. Wednesday
DETAILS: Join others and create hats and shawls for those in need.

Meditation

TIME/DATE: Meditation for individuals or groups by appointment.
DETAILS: Learn proper breathing techniques that can be used at home or on the job to help reduce stress; class held in reflection space; Cancer Center.

Therapeutic Yoga

TIME/DATE: 6-7 p.m. (for backs) Monday; 11 a.m.-noon (mixed level) Tuesday; 12:15-1:15 p.m. (gentle yoga for cancer) and 5:30-6:30 p.m. (mixed level) Wednesday; 12:30-1:30 p.m. (prenatal) Thursday; 9:30-10:30 a.m. (beginner/intermediate) Friday; 10:45-11:45 a.m. (intermediate/advanced) Saturday
DETAILS: \$10/walk-in; \$30/10-class card; \$45/5-class card; Lunch and Learn Yoga 7-week session is \$60; registration required. Classes also held at Providence Hospital; Southfield; call for details.

Massage Therapy

TIME/DATE: By appointment
DETAILS: Therapeutic massage is effective for stress and tension, chronic fatigue, pain and headaches. Everyone is welcome. Patients undergoing treatment should bring physician's referral; \$50/50-minutes.

Benlie Tai Chi

TIME/DATE: 10:15-11 a.m. Thursday

List your event in our calendar!

To be included in My Bulletin Board, please send event name, date, time, location, details and contact. Website for speaker information; www.noviroary.org.

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TIME: 6:30-9:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Instructional Technology Center Computer Lab
DETAILS: Better prepare yourself to answer HELP WANTED ads for a job as an administrative assistant, manager, supervisor, receptionist, coordinator, etc. Learn Microsoft Excel and Word Fundamentals, and get an overview of PowerPoint; produce various types of business documents, maintain computer records, and track expenses, services, product, customers and staff. Increase your keyboarding skills and computer procedures. Certificate and C.E.U.s awarded.
FEE: \$299, book fee \$59 per session.

Food for Life Cooking Classes

TIME/DATE: 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 26-April 22
DETAILS: 8-week series about cancer-related nutrition topics and cooking demonstrations, sponsored by The Cancer Program. Open to those interested in preventing and surviving cancer. Call for reservation; \$3 suggested per session.

Line Dancing

DATE: Monday and Friday
TIME: 6:30-7:30 p.m. beginners; 7:30-9:30 p.m. intermediate
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center; 45175 W. 10 Mile Road
DETAILS: No partner needed; pay-as-you-go; Novi residents \$5; non-residents \$6.

SCHOOL & GOVERNMENT

Novi Community School District Board of Education Meeting

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28
LOCATION: Instructional Services Building; 25345 Tait Road
CONTACT: (248) 449-1204

Novi City Council Meeting

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. first and third Monday of month (Feb. 25)
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 347-0470

Novi Youth Assistance General Citizens Meeting

TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. Tuesday; March 4
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center; 45175 W. 10 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 347-0410

Novi Community Education Corner

CONTACT: (248) 449-1206
Computer Office Specialist
DATE: Monday, February 25-June 2 (no class March 24, May 26)
TIME: 6:30-9:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Instructional Technology Center Computer Lab
DETAILS: An class for office personnel or anyone needing to upgrade their computer skills. Become proficient in Microsoft Office using Word, Excel, Access, and PowerPoint. Certificate and C.E.U.s awarded.

Novi Public Library

LOCATION: 45245 W. 10 Mile Road
HOURS: 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday and Saturday; 1-5 p.m. Sunday
CONTACT: (248) 349-0720
Unless noted below, all programs take place at the library.

Story Time

DETAILS: Please visit library website or Story Time brochure.

Knitlers and Knotters

TIME/DATE: 6:30-8 p.m. second and fourth Monday of each month
DETAILS: Drop in for informal needlework group in Youth Area; all levels welcome.

Senior Book Discussion

TIME/DATE: Noon-1:30 p.m. second Thursday of each month
DETAILS: Book discussion group for older adults facilitated by librarian; please call to join.

English Conversation Group

TIME/DATE: 11 a.m.-noon every Tuesday through Feb. 25
DETAILS: For ages 18 and older; practice your English while you make friends; no registration required.
Tax Issues for Non U.S. Citizens
TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. today
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Computer Office Specialist
DATE: Monday, February 25-June 2 (no class March 24, May 26)
TIME: 6:30-9:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Instructional Technology Center Computer Lab
DETAILS: An class for office personnel or anyone needing to upgrade their computer skills. Become proficient in Microsoft Office using Word, Excel, Access, and PowerPoint. Certificate and C.E.U.s awarded.

Novi Public Library

LOCATION: 45245 W. 10 Mile Road
HOURS: 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday and Saturday; 1-5 p.m. Sunday
CONTACT: (248) 349-0720
Unless noted below, all programs take place at the library.

Story Time

DETAILS: Please visit library website or Story Time brochure.

Knitlers and Knotters

TIME/DATE: 6:30-8 p.m. second and fourth Monday of each month
DETAILS: Drop in for informal needlework group in Youth Area; all levels welcome.

Senior Book Discussion

TIME/DATE: Noon-1:30 p.m. second Thursday of each month
DETAILS: Book discussion group for older adults facilitated by librarian; please call to join.

English Conversation Group

TIME/DATE: 11 a.m.-noon every Tuesday through Feb. 25
DETAILS: For ages 18 and older; practice your English while you make friends; no registration required.
Tax Issues for Non U.S. Citizens
TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. today
American Idol Karaoke
TIME/DATE: 1-2 p.m. Monday

DETAILS: For grades 3 and up; sing along with your favorite American Idol at this karaoke event.

Grandma Science

TIME/DATE: 7-7:45 p.m. Tuesday
DETAILS: This event will demonstrate the science of everyday living for grades K-6.
Movie Afternoon
TIME/DATE: 1-2:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 21
DETAILS: Join us for an afternoon movie; for ages 4 and up.
Discover the Artist Behind the Lens: Monte Nagler
TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 21
DETAILS: A student of Ansel Adams, Nagler is a top landscape photographer. Improve your photo skills in a short "workshop." Nagler will sell and sign copies of his book, "Monte Nagler's Michigan." Registration requested.
Novi Writers' Group
10 a.m.-noon Saturday, Feb. 23
DETAILS: This group, facilitated by local writer Kathy Mulch, provides environment for writers to collaborate, critique and create with other writers. Ages 18 and older. Please register.
Age Club
TIME/DATE: 6-7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 25
DETAILS: Lego show-and-tell and building activities for grades K-4.

Walled Lake City Library

LOCATION: 1499 E. West Maple Road, Walled Lake
HOURS: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday; 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Wednesday and Saturday; 1-5 p.m. Sunday; closed Friday.
CONTACT: (248) 624-3772 or e-mail to admin@walledlakeilibrary.org

Classical Music Series

TIME/DATE: 2-3 p.m. first Tuesday of each month
Friends of the Library Meeting
TIME/DATE: 1 p.m. second Tuesday of each month
Book Discussion Group
TIME/DATE: 12:30 p.m. third Tuesday of each month
DETAILS: Drop in for informal discussion; bring a bag lunch; check library for current book selection.

Preschool Story Time

TIME/DATE: 11 a.m. every Tuesday
DETAILS: For ages 2-4; registration required.

Story & Snacks Family Time

continued from 15A

Sunday, Feb. 17
DETAILS: New recreational vehicles on display. Admission \$9. 12 and under are free; seniors are \$5 on Wednesday and Thursday only; \$5 parking.
Great Train Expo
TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday; Feb. 23-24
DETAILS: Largest traveling show in the U.S.; admission is \$7 for ages 12 and older; under 12 free; \$5 parking.
Great Motorcycle Swap
TIME/DATE: 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday; Feb. 24
DETAILS: Admission is \$10 for adults and \$3 for kids; parking \$5.
Outdoorama and Cottage and Lakefront Living Show
TIME/DATE: 2-9:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Feb. 28-29; 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday, March 1; and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, March 2
DETAILS: Admission is \$9 for adults, \$4 for ages 6-14 and under 5 is free; parking is \$5.

CLASS REUNIONS

Plymouth High School Class of 1968
DETAILS: The Class of 1968 is looking for classmates for their 40th Class Reunion to be held July 19, 2008 in Livonia. For more information; contact Janet (Sneezy) Johnston at (734) 437-3534 or e-mail to jchs04@earthlink.net.

REGIONAL

City of Wixom
CONTACT: Community Services Programs, 49045 Pontiac Trail, Wixom; (248) 624-2850
Senior Ongoing Programs
 Some of these activities have a fee
 Monday: 10-11 a.m. Exercise Class
 Tuesday: 10 a.m.-noon Kni/Crochet and Sew Group; noon-2:30 p.m. Line Dancing

Wednesday, 10-11 a.m.
Exercise Class
 Second Monday: 11:30 a.m. Lunch Bunch
 Second Tuesday: 10 a.m. Senior Commission
 Second Thursday: 11:30 a.m. Bingo
 Fourth Thursday: 10-11:30 a.m. Blood Pressure
Home Hints
TIME/DATE: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday
DETAILS: Learn ways to improve your home to sell or to look better and how to buy foreclosed homes; no cost; instructor is Jay Harrison of Prudential.
6th Annual Wine Tasting Luncheon Series
TIME/DATE: 7-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 22
DETAILS: Taste wines from Australia and enjoy cheeses, crackers and fruits; also beer and non-alcohol tables; ages 21 and up only; \$29 per person, pre-registration by 3 p.m. Feb. 20.

Kensington Metro Park
LOCATION: 2240 West Bono Road, Milford, (248) 685-1561 or (800) 477-3178
Nature Center Programs
(Please pre-register)
SCHEDULE: 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday - Jr. Girl Scouts Frosty Fun, 1-4 p.m. Sunday - Great Backyard Bird Count; 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday; Feb. 23 - Webelos Naturalist; 2 p.m. Sunday; Feb. 24 - Snake Care, Sleight Rides or Hayrides
TIME/DATE: Noon-4 p.m. every weekend at the Learning Center, weather permitting.

Winter Master Gardener Class
TIME/DATE: 6-10 p.m. Thursday evenings through Apr. 10
LOCATION: Executive Office Building Conference Center, Oakland County Service Center, 2100 Pontiac Lake Road, Waterford
DETAILS: Each session focuses on a different horticultural topic that will prepare you to fulfill a 40-hour community service commitment to earn Master Gardener Certification. First come, first served; \$25 application fee; class fee \$300.

University Musical Society; University of Michigan
PERFORMANCE LOCATIONS:
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CONTACT: (248) 858-0887 or visit www.msue.msu.edu/oakland. Look under horticulture and gardening.

Schoolcraft College Women's Resource Center
LOCATION: Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road
CONTACT: For more information and to register call (734) 462-4443
Women's Resource Center Luncheon Series
TIME/DATE: 11:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 29
LOCATION: Schoolcraft College, VistaTech Center
DETAILS: Joel Thurnell, Detroit Free Press reporter, tells the story of Plymouth's historic Wilcox House. \$15 per luncheon. Prepaid registration required. No tickets issued. Limited seating. Doors open 11:15 a.m.
Divorce Support Group
TIME/DATE: 7-9 p.m. second and fourth Tuesday of month
LOCATION: Women's Resource Center, Room 225 McDowell Center
DETAILS: Open to anyone contemplating, in the process of, or having difficulty adjusting to divorce. No fee or registration required.
Ask An Attorney
DATE: 5-7 p.m. second and third Monday of each month
DETAILS: Ask an attorney about divorce and family law; first come, first served; sign-in begins at 4:30 p.m.; Sept.-May; walk-in; no fee
Money Matters in Divorce
DATE: 5-7 p.m. first Monday of each month
DETAILS: Opportunity to ask a certified financial planner about the financial concerns related to divorce; walk-in; no fee; sign-in begins at 4:30 p.m.



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Nolet08
TIME/DATE: 8 p.m. Friday
DETAILS: Tickets \$16-\$40; Power Center
An Evening with Ahmad Jamal
TIME/DATE: 8 p.m. Saturday
DETAILS: Tickets \$10-\$42; Hill Auditorium
SFJAZZ Collective
TIME/DATE: 8:00 p.m. Thursday, March 13
LOCATION: Hill Auditorium
DETAILS: The SFJAZZ Collective explores the last 50 years of jazz repertoire through new compositions written by band members and new arrangements of seminal works from modern jazz history. Led by Joe

Lovano, the concert pays tribute to the genius of saxophonist and composer Wayne Shorter. Ticket prices are \$10 - \$44. For information, www.ums.org and click on "Education and Community."
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Life of art pays off for Novi students

By Chris Jackett
 STAFF WRITER

It's never too early to start a career, focus because it may pay off in the end.
 Alina Bruder, 17, is an example of this. A senior at Novi High School, she has been interested in art for most of her life.
 "I've always kind of taken to it since I was a little kid," Bruder said. "Before I was even in school, I just sat around drawing." She kept doodling and drawing on her own until she started high school and began taking art classes with Gary Boyer.

Through the classes, Bruder has made quite a name for herself, winning several Southwest Michigan Regional Scholastic art awards.
 "I've won different awards through scholastics since freshman year," she said. "I like oil painting and drawing. Painting would have to be my favorite though."
 This year, Bruder won six Scholastic awards - four for drawings and two for paintings. Her work will be on display at the College for Creative Studies in Detroit Feb. 9-29 along with award-winning pieces from peers Jennifer Chin, Jacalyn Gendloff, Emily Hong, Yanho Jeang, Laurco Paquette, Tejung Song and Yuka Yamaguchi. Novi resident and Mercy High School senior Kellyann Wargo was also recognized.

The group of students won a total of 32 awards 10 from Wargo, nine from Song, six from Hong, six from Cho and one from each of the others.
 But Bruder stands out from an already elite crowd of artists for a few reasons.
 She has the lead role of Rosie in the school spring musical, "Bye Bye Birdie," and is heavily involved in the youth group at Revival Outreach Center International Church in Northville, which helped open up more artistic doorways for her.
 "The Assemblies of God churches had a competition in Indianapolis this past year and I got first place there," she said of some memorable experiences. "It's been real amazing. I went to Baltimore, to the Maryland Institute College of Arts for a month in June and July. I had to paint a 12-square-foot self-portrait in five days."
 Bruder will be spending more time close to the east coast this

Student art on display

What: Southwest Michigan Regional Scholastic art display featuring Novi students
Where: College for Creative Studies, 201 E. Kirby in Detroit
When: Feb. 9-29 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday, noon-5 p.m. Saturday & Sunday
Admission: Free



Novi High School student Alina Bruder was recently given six awards for her overall portfolio and paintings in the southwest Michigan Regional Scholastic art awards. Bruder also nabbed the top scholarship to the well-regarded Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts.



Novi High art student Alina Bruder's painting titled "Falling in the City."



Novi High student Stephanie Tejung created this acrylic oil painting and titled it "Brown Bag Portrait."

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SPORTS SPOTLIGHT: WRESTLING

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

**IT'S GO TIME:
 Novi ready for districts**

■ **Wildcats**
 postseason run
 begins tonight
 vs. Franklin

By Jeff Theisen
 SPORTS WRITER

Novi wrestling head coach Brad Huss got a sneak preview of what the Wildcats can do, and he liked it.

Robbie Yusko and Ryan Thomas both claimed KVC titles over the weekend. Ryan Ridenour finished runner-up, and Joey Shada and Joe Pritchard both claimed third-place finishes.

"If they wrestle the way they did this past weekend, then we're going to have several regional qualifiers," Huss said. "This weekend at the KVC championships is the best we've wrestled all year."

"As far as the wrestling goes, we're starting to peak at the right time. We've got eight seniors in the lineup. I'm hoping for big things from them."

The Wildcats kick off postseason wrestling tonight at Northville at team districts. Novi will face North Farmington at 5:30, and with a win, have a shot at facing rival Northville in the finals.

Individual districts begin Saturday morning at Groves High School.

Huss knows his kids are fired up to get things going.

"They're hyped for this," he said. "They're ready to go. I think the kids really, really enjoy the team part of it."

Huss said with 14 weight classes, some kids that probably won't take part in individual districts will get a chance to help out the team.

Getting the team ready for postseason is something that Huss and his coaches have been working on for quite some time.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

Wildcat teammates Joe Pritchard, right, and Ryan Thomas spar before a Monday afternoon practice.

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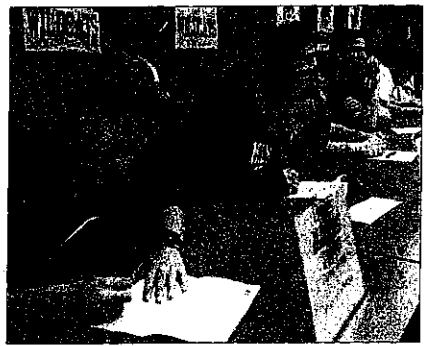


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Wildcat varsity soccer teammates Jenna Carosio, left, (University of Illinois) and Katie Chaklos (Michigan State) sit side by side on Wednesday Feb. 6 at their NCAA National Letter of Intent signing day ceremony at Novi High School.

**9 'Cats sign
 on the line**

Novi celebrates National
 Signing Day with 4 sports

By Jeff Theisen
 SPORTS WRITER

■ **STORY CHAT**
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Nine Novi Wildcats had the opportunity to take part in the National Signing Day.

From girls soccer, Katie Chaklos, Jamie Fratto, Shannon Cody and Jenna Carosio all signed. Nathan Robinson also signed from the boys team.

Others signing were golfer Alex Lyall, baseball player Tyler Scott and football players Arshaun Hall and Tyler Mouch.

Soccer coach Brian O'Leary is getting used to players advancing to the next level after three state championship runs.

"It's good to see their hard work rewarded," O'Leary said. "They're good kids all the way around. They deserve whatever they get."

Chaklos is heading to Michigan State, Fratto to the University of Nevada Las Vegas, Cody to Pittsburgh and Carosio to Illinois.

"Even though it's an individual day for them, they're not just individuals," O'Leary said. "They do a great job of understanding the team concept. All

those girls, and Nathan too, they don't put themselves above the team.

"I think every one of them would gladly trade any individual thing for a team thing. That's what makes them special."

Robinson will take his soccer skills to Cincinnati.

Scott, a hard-throwing pitcher, will take his baseball skills to Toledo.

The Novi football team, that made its way back to the playoffs, this year had two athletes signing and one that already has.

Tyler Hoover already signed and is taking classes at Michigan State. Hall, the game-breaking running back, is headed to Ferris State. Mouch is headed to Northwood University.

"Tyler Mouch and Arshaun Hall were fine, fine players," said Wildcat football head coach Tab Kelleppourey. "They did a

See **SIGNING**, 2B

Novi girls take charge in league race

By Jeff Theisen
 SPORTS WRITER

Novi and Brighton squared off for the lone spot atop the KVC standings and what happened was something special.

The Wildcats (16-2, 11-1) knocked off the perennial league champs for the second time this year, 45-44 in triple overtime.

Caroline Johnson scored eight of her 10 points after regulation, including two big free throws with 4.4 left in the second overtime to send the game into the decisive third overtime. She scored all four of Novi's points in the final overtime.

"Was that the best high school girls game you ever saw or what?" Novi head coach Bill Kelp said. "There's something special going on with this team. It's unbelievable."

Brighton had a chance to pull out the win. The Bulldogs had the ball with 12 seconds remaining, but ran the clock down and never got a shot off as the Wildcat defense surrounded an attempted pass and knocked the ball to floor as time ran out.

"We wanted to pressure the ball to make the clock go down so they would get nervous," Kelp said. "They struggled with their little handoff to get the ball to the point

guard. Katie and Paige switched perfectly and Paige stepped up on her. She had to give it up and time ran out."

Catie Kozak led the Wildcats with 11 points. She hit seven of eight free throws on a night where the Wildcats hit just 15 of 32 charity shots and missed all eight three-point attempts.

Brighton appeared as though they were going to walk away with things early. The Wildcats held an early 4-2 lead before the Bulldogs ripped off the final nine points of the first for an 11-4 lead.

But the second quarter was all Wildcats. An 11-3 edge left Novi up 15-14 at the break.

Novi stretched the lead to 26-21 going into the fourth and eventually held an eight-point lead before a string of turnovers put Brighton back in it.

Novi coughed up the ball six straight possessions as Brighton fought back to within a point.

Down two with under five seconds to play, Morgan Albert hit a tying bucket that sent the game into extended play.

Both teams managed just two points in the first overtime, setting up the wild finish to the second overtime.

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The Novi girls basketball players and coaches celebrate the triple-overtime win against Brighton on Friday.

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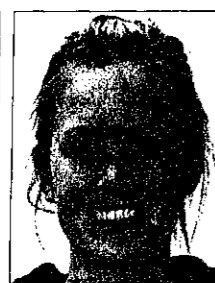
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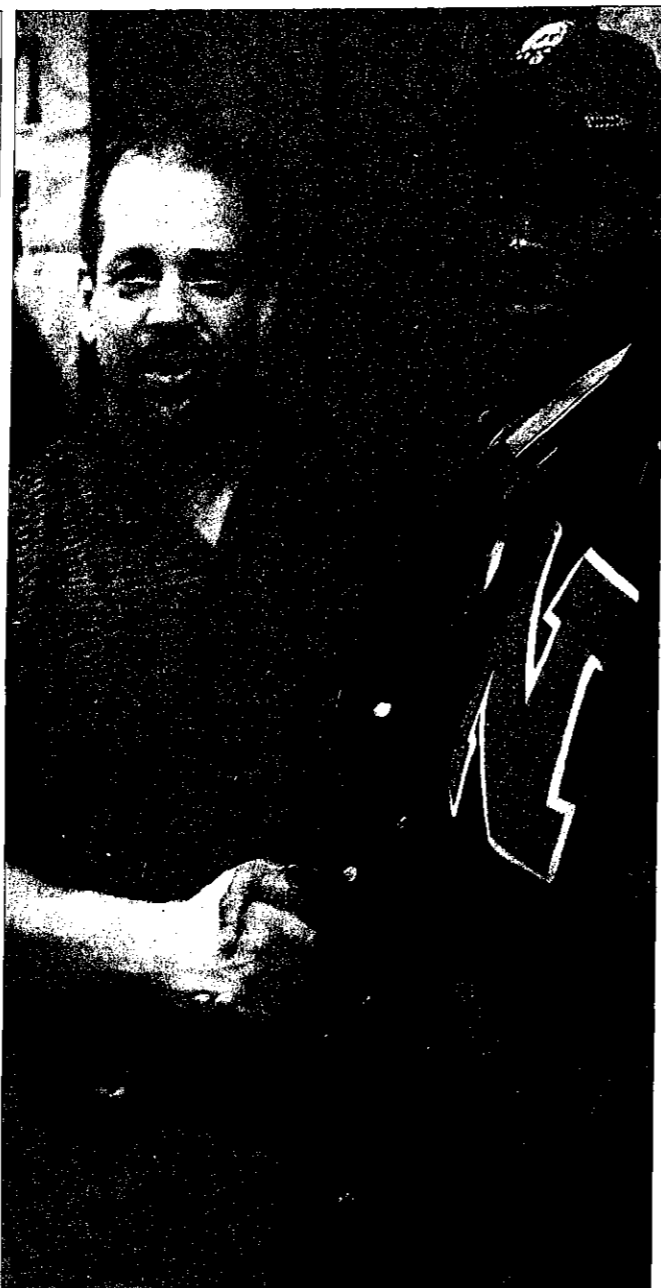
Jamie Fratto
 Sport: Soccer
 College: UNLV
 Career Interest: Physical therapist
 Why UNLV: The coaches and the environment was awesome, and I fell in love with the school.
 Favorite game as a Wildcat: All three state championships
 Best thing about being a Wildcat: Being on a team with all of my friends.



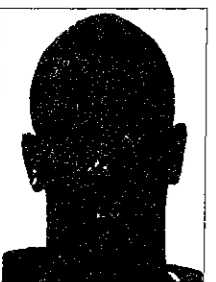
Shannon Cody
 Sport: Soccer
 College: Pittsburgh
 Career Interest: undecided
 Why Pittsburgh: Love the city and campus
 Favorite game as a Wildcat: State championship games because they are so exciting.
 Best thing about being a Wildcat: All the fans and friends at games.



Katie Chaklos
 Sport: Soccer
 College: Michigan State
 Career Interest: Business/Law
 Why MSU: The soccer coaches at MSU were incredible and I felt it was the perfect fit for me both academically and as an athlete.
 Favorite game as a Wildcat: When we won districts in basketball last year.
 Best thing about being a Wildcat: The program here at Novi is awesome.



Novi High football coach Tab Kellepourey shakes the hand of runningback Arshaun Hall who's off to Ferris State.



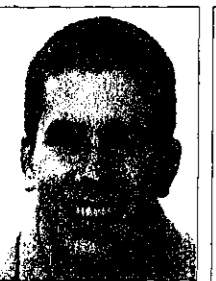
Arshaun Hall II
 Sport: Football
 College: Ferris State
 Career Interest: English
 Why Ferris State: The academics, and I was given the opportunity to play football as a running back.
 Favorite game as a Wildcat: Lakeland. When I ran 70 yards to set up for the game-winning score.
 Best thing about being a Wildcat: Setting team school records and enjoying my first year on varsity as a running back.



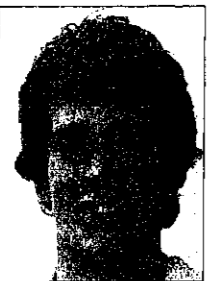
Tyler Mouch
 Sport: Football
 College: Northwood
 Career Interest: Business
 Why Northwood: The academics as well as the athletics
 Favorite game as a Wildcat: Churchill because it was my last home game as a senior and a start to our playoff run.
 Best thing about being a Wildcat: To be a part of a great program and always having fun from freshmen to senior seasons.



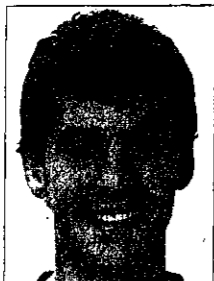
Jenna Carosio
 Sport: Soccer
 College: Illinois
 Career Interest: Civil Engineering
 Why Illinois: Great team, great coach, great academics and a great campus
 Favorite game as a Wildcat: When we beat Northville in the 2006 state championship, because beating our rivals in the finals was awesome.
 Best thing about being a Wildcat: Playing with the older kids every day made me a much better soccer player.



Tyler Scott
 Sport: Baseball
 College: Toledo
 Career Interest: Business marketing
 Why Toledo: Close to home, Division 1 and good coaches
 Favorite game as a Wildcat: Northville games. Always fought hard and finally beat them over years of rivalry.
 Best thing about being a Wildcat: To be a part of a great program from freshman to senior years.



Alex Lyall
 Sport: Golf
 College: Louisville
 Career Interest: Business
 Why Louisville: I felt very comfortable on the campus and in the city. They have an excellent golf program.
 Favorite game as a Wildcat: Traverse City Invite. It's fun to make the road trip up there with the team, and there is really good competition.
 Best thing about being a Wildcat: The great school spirit and the colors.



Nate Robinson
 Sport: Soccer
 College: Cincinnati
 Career Interest: Business
 Why Cincinnati: Great facilities, I loved the guys on the soccer team and they offer a very good business program along with D-1 soccer.
 Favorite game as a Wildcat: The Northville game when I scored in the final 20 seconds to tie it up.
 Best thing about being a Wildcat: The sense of family and community that comes with being involved with pep rallies and Friday night football games.

NATIONAL SIGNING DAY:

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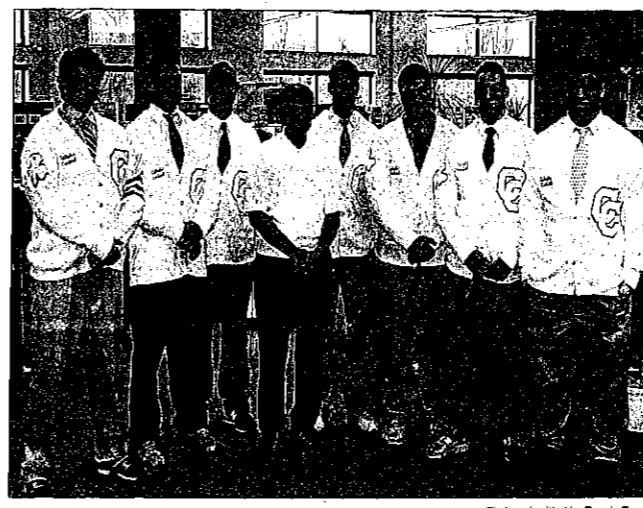
great job as football players this year, but really, they did a tremendous job blending together and being a great team.

"Tyler Hoover is a little busy right now. If he's not in class, I think the strength coach has got him working out. He's another very hard-working young man." But Kellepourey is appreciative for all the Wildcats that were able to take part in signing day. "With the growth of our community and our school, this is what we seem to be encountering," Kellepourey said. "We're getting more and more young athletes, not just football players, but just very good athletes that are good enough not only to excel on our fields, but to move on to the next level. "It's very rewarding to be part of that as a coaching staff."

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Shamrock signings



Catholic Central football head coach Tom Mach, middle, is surrounded by seven of his eight players that signed National Letters of Intent to play football next year.

Martin officially signs with Michigan

By Jeff Theisen
 SPORTS WRITER

For at least one more afternoon, Catholic Central football head coach Tom Mach enjoyed how successful this season was. Eight of his players signed National Letters of Intent on Feb. 6.

"This team this year worked as hard as any team that we've had in our program," Mach said. "It's great because it shows all of the kids in our school that hard work pays off. They're getting their just reward because they dedicated themselves to the program and their teammates.

"I'm really happy for them. They wanted to be good and they made sure that they were." The signing Shamrocks included big fish Mike Martin, one of the top recruits in the state. He signed with the University of Michigan.

"It feels really good to finish the process," he said. "It was a fun ride, the recruiting process, but it's nice to know it's official right now."

Martin said he really enjoyed being able to sign his letter of intent along with the rest of his teammates that are also going on to play in college. "It just shows that we've worked so hard and we're able to go on to college and be able to play football for another four years as well as do our academics." Also signing were Ryan Houska with Cornell, Kevin Longe with Northwood, Tyler Seling with Wagner, Dave Robinson with Butler, Mel Farr with Brown, Scott Kovanda with Ball State and Joe Kinville with Central Michigan.

Mach said he's already seeing the hard work from this year's crew sliding down to next year's seniors-to-be. "The things they gave to the program were a great attitude, a great work ethic and great character," Mach said. "I'm very happy for them and their families. I'm ecstatic that they got a chance to go on and play in college."

Shamrocks knock off Brother Rice, 44-40

By Jeff Theisen
 SPORTS WRITER

Catholic Central basketball team started the Catholic Central tournament with a win against rival Brother Rice.

The Shamrocks (8-9) knocked off the Warriors (4-4) Saturday with three players scoring in double digits.

Steve Harding led the way with 13 points, 10 of which came in the first half. Brett Smith scored 10 of his 12 points in the second half. Tim Dzeski recorded 10 points.

The Shamrocks came screaming back from a 17-7 first quarter deficit to tie the game at 20 by halftime. Both teams struggled through the third quarter, with the Warriors reclaiming a 26-23 lead heading into the fourth.



Catholic Central basketball team started the Catholic Central tournament with a win against rival Brother Rice.

The Shamrocks hit seven of eight free throws in the final quarter to help with the win. Catholic Central almost knocked off St. Mary's earlier in the week, falling 44-42 Feb. 5.

The Shamrocks took a 35-33 lead into the final quarter, but couldn't pull out the win. Dzeski led with 15 points. Smith was next with 11 points, and Ryan Houska scored nine.

The Shamrocks kick off the postseason with team duals starting 5:30 p.m. tonight at Walled Lake Central. Involved in the regional with the Shamrocks are Walled Lake Central, Walled Lake Western and West Bloomfield.

Individual districts begin Saturday, also at Walled Lake Central.

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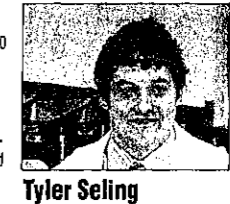
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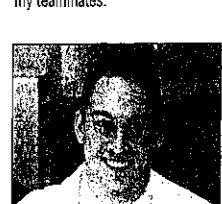
Ryan Houska
 College: Cornell
 Career Interest: Business
 Why Cornell: It was a really good fit. I liked the campus, and all the guys were pretty cool.
 Favorite game as a Shamrock: Boys Bowl vs. St. Mary's. No one expected us to win. It was a turning point in our season. We even had a flyover before the game.
 Best thing about being a Shamrock: The guys on the team have really become my brothers over the past four years. I have had so much fun playing ball with them.



Kevin Longe
 College: Northwood
 Career Interest: Business/Marketing
 Why Northwood: The coaches and the players made me feel like this was the place to spend the next four years. Also, it's one of the best business schools in the country.
 Favorite game as a Shamrock: St. Mary's. Going in, St. Mary's was undefeated, and it was the biggest win we've had at the new school.
 Best thing about being a Shamrock: The camaraderie with my teammates.



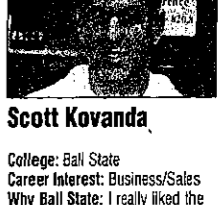
Tyler Seling
 College: Wagner College
 Career Interest: International Business/Law/Politics
 Why Wagner: It has an excellent internship program as well as an outstanding academic record. The biggest sell was the coaching staff and the students.
 Favorite game as a Shamrock: Holt in the playoffs. We came from behind and showed the entire state to have a flyover before the game.
 Best thing about being a Shamrock: The brotherhood and camaraderie that existed between the players. We always pushed each other and had each other's back.



Dave Robinson
 College: Butler
 Career Interest: Sports Medicine
 Why Butler: Butler has great academics and athletics and a great atmosphere.
 Favorite game as a Shamrock: Holt. We came together in the second half and dominated.
 Best thing about being a Shamrock: The great tradition and brotherhood. No other school in the state has school spirit like CC.



Joe Kinville
 College: Central Michigan
 Career Interest: Undecided
 Why CMU: I really like the coaches and the rest of the people. It also reminded me a lot of CC.
 Favorite game as a Shamrock: Boys Bowl against St. Mary's. It was definitely the turning point of our season.
 Best thing about being a Shamrock: The brotherhood and camaraderie that the senior class had this year.



Scott Kovanda
 College: Ball State
 Career Interest: Business/Sales
 Why Ball State: I really liked the coaches and all the new facilities. The academics are also going to be a good fit.
 Favorite game as a Shamrock: St. Mary's. I scored on a key touchdown pass and punted well. We also had the first flyover in school history.
 Best thing about being a Shamrock: The friends you make when you are here. You make friends that you will have for the rest of your life.

ROUNDUP: Boys hoops suffers first loss of 2008; Yusko, Thomas champs

By Jeff Theisen
 SPORTS WRITER

The Novi boys basketball team suffered its first loss of 2008, losing 59-46 to Lakeland.

The Wildcats bounced back with a 56-47 win against Brighton on Friday.

The Wildcats need to win one of their next two games to guarantee a tie for the KVC title.

Hartland will host the KVC championships Saturday.

The Novi wrestlers competed at the league meet Saturday.

Robbie Yusko (119 pounds) and Ryan Thomas (132) each claimed titles. Ryan Ridenour finished runner-up at 189.

Joe Pritchard (189) and Joe Shada (215) each placed third. Tom Szczygiel finished fourth at 130.

Hockey

W	L	T	W	L	T	
Brighton	8	1	2	13	6	2
Hartland	8	3	1	13	5	2
Howell	5	4	1	11	6	3
Lakeland	5	5	1	11	6	2
South Lyon	4	4	3	8	7	4
Novi	5	7	0	8	12	1
Milford	4	5	2	7	9	2
Pinkney	0	10	1	6	12	1

Boys Basketball

W	L	W	L	
Novi	10	2	12	6
Lakeland	9	3	13	4
Hartland	9	3	12	5
Pinkney	7	5	11	5
South Lyon	6	6	10	7
Brighton	4	8	7	11
Milford	3	9	5	11
Howell	0	12	3	15

Cheer

The Novi cheer team placed 11th at the Delta Plex Cheer tournament this weekend in Grand Rapids.

The Wildcats scored a season-high 702.280 points with 199.5 in the first round, 205.180 in the second and 297.5 in the final round.

Cheer

The Novi competitive cheer team reached a new season-high score, beating Brighton 719.47-700.26 Monday.

The Wildcats scored 199.5 in

Girls Basketball

W	L	W	L	
Novi	11	1	16	2
Brighton	10	2	12	6
Lakeland	8	4	10	8
South Lyon	6	6	9	9
Milford	6	6	9	9
Milford	5	7	9	9
Hartland	2	10	7	11
Pinkney	0	12	3	15

round one, 215.47 in the second round and 304.5 in the final round.

Novi will compete at the KVC league meet Saturday at Hartland.

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Health

The balancing act with weight loss and exercise

Usually, when the discussion is about the best exercises for a weight loss program, the most common recommendation regarding physical activity will be cardiovascular exercise.

Regardless of the exercise type, the main factor for weight loss is related to the perfect combination between diet and exercise. Both resistance training and cardiovascular training raise caloric expenditure with the diet causing a caloric deficit (less calories than the calories burned). The net result from this situation is fat loss.



Benito Olmos

But the first question still remains: What is the best exercise for fat loss? The most accurate and scientific answer is BOTH. Cardiovascular exercise and resistance training burn calories. If the diet is not putting back these calories, the fat burning process will start generating weight loss.

The energy used by the body to maintain bodily functions in a daily bases is known as Rest Metabolic Rate (RMR). RMR represents the majority of daily energy expenditure, been responsible for at least 60-75 percent of the calories burnt every day.

Bodily functions engaging the RMR include nervous system activity, pulmonary ventilation, heart respiration and gastrointestinal function. RMR is highly correlated to fat-free mass (muscle, bone, cartilage) and may be affected by body composition, gender, age and genetic factors. A decrease in RMR of 2 percent to 3 percent per decade with advancing age is primarily attributable to a loss in fat-free mass. Additionally, the older males tend to have higher RMR than females, due mostly to the larger body size. This explains partially why males can lose body fat easier than females. One of the most important relationships is the effect that resistance training may encompass on RMR.

Improvements in fat free mass should increase RMR impacting daily energy expenditure. The main component of the fat free mass are the muscles and resistance training is well known by the ability to increase the muscle mass. Some research have showed that the RMR increases after 12 weeks doing resistance training in an average of 6 percent whereas doing only endurance training is expected a decrease of 2 percent in the RMR. Mainly these results are related to the changes in the muscle mass that both kind of training generates. Normally in a typical cardiovascular training without any type of concurrent resistance training is expected a small loss in the lean body mass and this is responsible by the fall of the RMR.

In other hand, the improvement in the lean body mass generated by the resistance training when combined with a proper diet will result in an increase in the body fat. But, the cardiovascular exercise is still very important inside this scenario, because besides the health benefits this kind of training provides, it will help the fat loss process by the improvements in the amount of calories burnt every day and making the body more efficient as a fat burning machine, specially the muscles.

Essentially, when the goal is weight loss the most important factors are: resistance training, diet and cardiovascular exercise since they are combined in the right amount for your fitness level and goals.

Benito Olmos is the Planet Fitness General Manager. Certified Personal Trainer by NASM and Nutrition Coach by APEX. He holds a bachelor's degree in Physical Education and he is a published author and well-known Health and Fitness expert in Brazil.



The Novi girls ham it up in the locker room after beating Brighton in triple overtime.

■ BASKETBALL: Atop the KVC

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Johnson drove into the lane and drew a foul with 4.4 left and trailing by two. She had missed her two previous attempts, both the front end of a one-and-one during the fourth quarter. But she stepped to the line and drained both, using her high-arc shot.

"It was really, really nerve-racking, but in the end it was a great win," Johnson said. "It was a great win."

The Wildcats jumped ahead by four on a pair of Johnson buckets in the third overtime and did not relinquish the lead.

Senior captain Katie Chalko put the win up there with some of her top accomplishments in high school.

"We played our hearts out tonight," she said. "Beating Brighton once is a huge deal for us. Beating them twice, especially when the KVC is on the line, I've never been so happy before, and I've won three state championships (in soccer)."

Three Bulldogs scored in double digits. Brittany Lapham led all scorers with 13 points. Albert and Kelly Cieslak each scored 11 points. Cieslak scored all six points for the Bulldogs in the second overtime.

The Wildcats can clinch the final league title by winning their final two games against South Lyon (Feb. 12) and Hartland at home Friday.

Earlier in the week, the Wildcats knocked off Lakeland 53-42 behind 17 points from Johnson. Chalko talked some points, and Kelsey Masserati grabbed eight points to go with six points in the win.

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Paige Janer looks to pass against Brighton.

■ WRESTLING: District time

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"It's a whole process starting around Christmas time to get the kids to peak at this time of year and not to peak too early," he said. "It's a process we've been working on, just in the way that you structure your practices, the length of your practices, the intensity of the practices, when to go hard and when to back off a little bit."

A kid can be in shape and mentally as ready as possible, but his body has to be ready for the rigors.

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Novi, CC Schedules



Novi Boys Basketball
2/15 vs. Hartland, 7 p.m.
2/22 vs. Flint Southwest, 7 p.m.

Girls Basketball
2/15 vs. Hartland, 7 p.m.
2/20 vs. Plymouth/Salem winner at Ladywood, 7:30 p.m.

Hockey
2/20 vs. Hartland, 6:30 p.m.

Boys Swim and Dive
2/22 KVC at S. Lyon East, TBA

Bowling
2/15 KVC at S. Lyon, 4 p.m.
2/22 Regionals at Wonderland Lanes, 11 a.m.

Cheer
2/23 KVC at Hartland, TBA

Skiing
2/14 Regional at Alpine Valley, TBA

Sport Shorts

Youth Lacrosse Teams

Travel team lacrosse will be offered for boys at all skill levels in fifth-eighth grades. Northville lacrosse will play the top teams and participate in the Cranbrook Jamboree.

The season runs March 17-June 1, practice is M-W-F. The cost is \$195 for Northville residents.

Girls lacrosse will learn the fundamentals and play four-six games. The season runs April 14-May 30. Cost is \$120 for Northville residents.

New teams are forming now for the spring. For more information please contact Kathy at (248) 305-9776.

Shamrock lacrosse fundraiser

There will be a CC lacrosse fundraiser at BD's Mongolian BBQ on Thursday, March 6. Seatings at 7 and 8 p.m. for walk-ins.

Questions or donations can go to coachdwilson@yahoo.com.

Novi Youth Baseball Registration

The 2008 Novi Youth Baseball season is almost here. League registration began Feb. 1 and will run through March 15. The NYBL is open to all children from 7-18.

See www.noviyouthbaseball.org for more information and registration.

Send sports submission to sports writer Jeff Thiesen at jthesien@gannett.com. See more sports online at www.novinews.com.

Postseason tournaments

District Girls Basketball
Hosted by: Ladywood High School

1 Northville	Wed, Feb. 20	6:00 PM	District 25 Champion
2 Ladywood	Mon, Feb. 18	6:00 PM	
3 Canton	Fri, Feb. 22	7:00 PM	
4 Salem	Mon, Feb. 18	7:30 PM	
5 Plymouth	Wed, Feb. 20	7:30 PM	
6 Novi			

Hockey Pre-Region
Located at: Novi Ice Arena

WL Western (H)	2/25 @ 5:30 PM	
Farmington (A)		2/27 @ 7:00 PM
Novi (A)	2/25 @ 7:00 PM	
Brother Rice (H)		

Wrestling Team Districts
Hosted by: Northville High School
When: Feb. 14

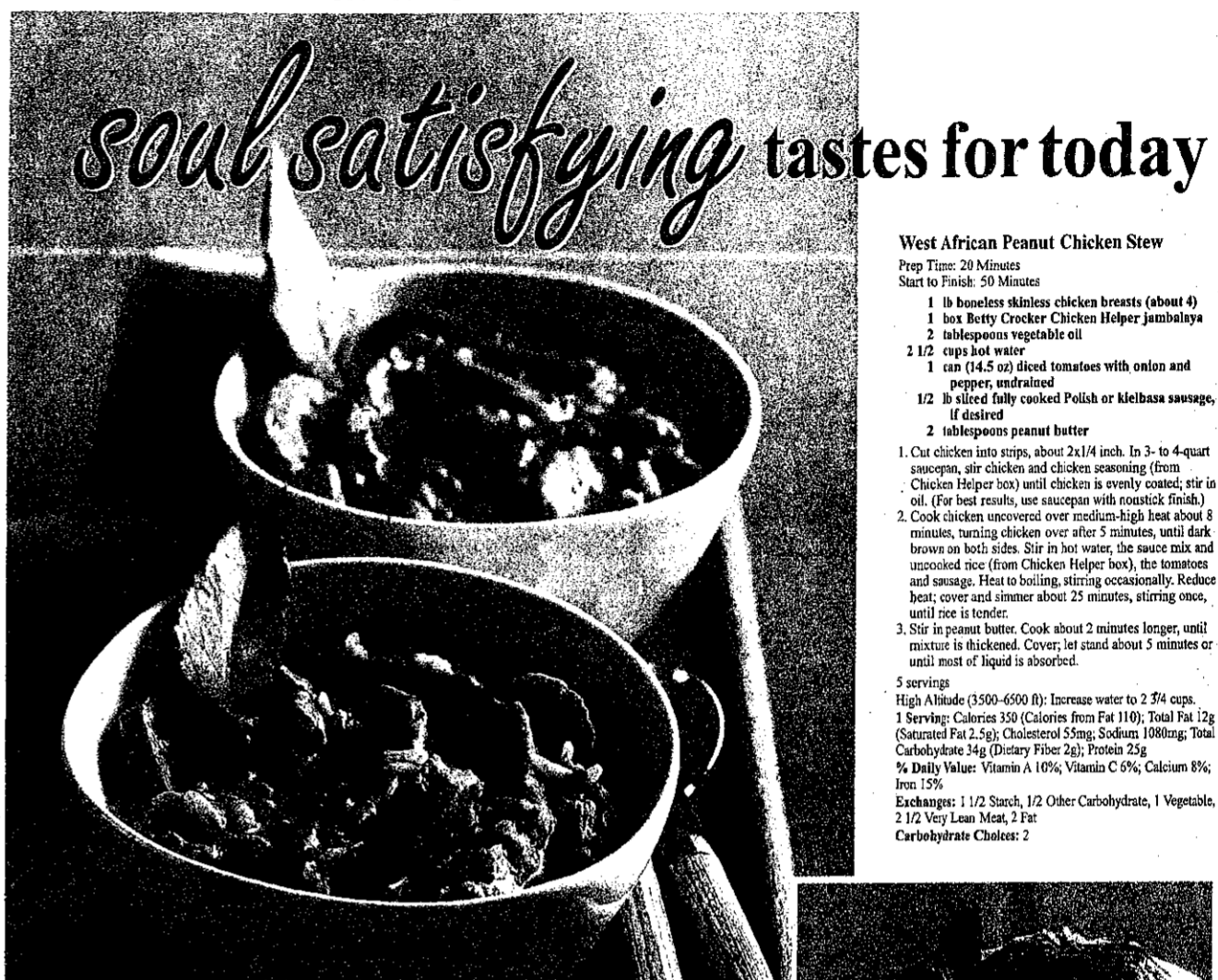
N. Farmington	5:30 PM on mat 1	
Novi		After 10 Minutes Break Mat 1
Northville		
Stevenson	5:30 PM on mat 2	

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- 1 1/2 cups hot water
- 1 can (14.5 oz) diced tomatoes with onion and pepper, undrained
- 1/2 lb sliced fully cooked Polish or kielbasa sausage, if desired
- 2 tablespoons peanut butter

- Cut chicken into strips, about 2x1/4 inch. In 3- to 4-quart saucepan, stir chicken and chicken seasoning (from Chicken Helper box) until chicken is evenly coated; stir in oil. (For best results, use saucepan with nonstick finish.)
- Cook chicken uncovered over medium-high heat about 8 minutes, turning chicken over after 5 minutes, until dark brown on both sides. Stir in hot water, the sauce mix and uncooked rice (from Chicken Helper box), the tomatoes and sausage. Heat to boiling, stirring occasionally. Reduce heat; cover and simmer about 25 minutes, stirring once, until rice is tender.
- Stir in peanut butter. Cook about 2 minutes longer, until mixture is thickened. Cover; let stand about 5 minutes or until most of liquid is absorbed.

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Prep Time: 20 Minutes
Start to Finish: 2 Hours 20 Minutes

- 3 cups Cinnamon Toast Crunch cereal
- 6 scoops (1/2 cup each) vanilla ice cream
- 4 tablespoons honey

- Place cereal in resealable food-storage plastic bag; seal bag and crush with rolling pin or meat mallet. Place crushed cereal in shallow dish. Drizzle 2 tablespoons of the honey over cereal.
- Quickly roll 1 scoop ice cream at a time in cereal to coat. Place coated scoops of ice cream in ungreased 15x10x1-inch pan. Cover; freeze about 2 hours or until firm.
- Set oven control to broil. Uncover pan. Broil scoops with tops 6 inches from heat about 30 seconds or until coating is light brown. Immediately place scoops in individual serving dishes. In small microwavable bowl, microwave remaining 2 tablespoons honey on High 10 to 30 seconds until warm. Drizzle 1 teaspoon warm honey over each serving.

6 servings
High Altitude (3500-6500 ft): No change.
1 Serving: Calories 240 (Calories from Fat 90); Total Fat 10g (Saturated Fat 5g); Cholesterol 30mg; Sodium 200mg; Total Carbohydrate 33g (Dietary Fiber 1g); Protein 3g
% Daily Value: Vitamin A 15%; Vitamin C 8%; Calcium 15%; Iron 15%
Exchanges: 1 Starch, 1 Other Carbohydrate, 2 Fat
Carbohydrate Choices: 2
Special Touch: Surround servings of this "fried" ice cream with bowls of your favorite sundae toppings, and let guests pile 'em on!

Black-Eyed Pea and Cornbread Salad
Your search for the perfect salad ends here, with this brilliant mix of layered flavors, including bacon, black-eyed peas, tomatoes, bell pepper, celery and sweet cornbread.
Prep Time: 30 Minutes
Start to Finish: 1 Hour 30 Minutes

Cornbread
1 pouch (6.5 oz) Betty Crocker cornbread & muffin mix
Milk, butter and egg called for on a cornbread pouch

Salad
3 slices bacon
1 can (15 to 16 oz) black-eyed peas, drained, rinsed
2 cups chopped tomatoes (2 large)
1/4 cup chopped green bell pepper
1/4 cup chopped red or sweet onion
1/4 cup thinly sliced celery
1/2 teaspoon seasoned salt
1/2 cup zesty Italian salad dressing

- Heat oven to 400°F. Make cornbread as directed on pouch for cornbread baked in oven. Cool 15 minutes. Reduce oven temperature to 350°F. Cut cornbread into 1-inch cubes; place on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake 6 to 8 minutes or until crisp; set aside.
- In 8-inch skillet, cook bacon over low heat 8 to 10 minutes, turning occasionally until crisp. Drain on paper towels. Crumble bacon.
- In medium bowl, mix bacon, black-eyed peas, tomatoes, bell pepper, onion, celery and seasoned salt.
- In large serving bowl, arrange half of the cornbread cubes. Spoon half of the tomato mixture over cornbread. Top with remaining cornbread and tomato mixture. Drizzle dressing over salad. Refrigerate at least 20 minutes before serving.

8 servings
High Altitude (3500-6500 ft): After cutting cornbread into cubes, bake 9 to 11 minutes.
1 Serving: Calories 230 (Calories from Fat 80); Total Fat 8g (Saturated Fat 3g); Cholesterol 40mg; Sodium 610mg; Total Carbohydrate 32g (Dietary Fiber 3g); Protein 8g
% Daily Value: Vitamin A 10%; Vitamin C 8%; Calcium 4%; Iron 10%
Exchanges: 1 1/2 Starch, 1/2 Other Carbohydrate, 1/2 Very Lean Meat, 1 1/2 Fat
Carbohydrate Choices: 2

Sweet Potato Pie Smoothies
Prep Time: 5 Minutes
Start to Finish: 5 Minutes

- 1 1/4 cups 8th Continent vanilla soy milk
- 1/4 cup cooked sweet potato, cold
- 1 container (6 oz) Yoplait Original 99% Fat Free French vanilla yogurt
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon vanilla

- Place ingredients in blender or food processor. Cover; blend on high speed about 1 minute or until smooth.
- Pour into 2 glasses. Serve immediately.

2 servings (1 cup each)
High Altitude (3500-6500 ft): No change.
1 Serving: Calories 190 (Calories from Fat 25); Total Fat 3g (Saturated Fat 1g); Cholesterol 5mg; Sodium 150mg; Total Carbohydrate 35g (Dietary Fiber 1g); Protein 7g
% Daily Value: Vitamin A 110%; Vitamin C 2%; Calcium 30%; Iron 6%
Exchanges: 1 1/2 Other Carbohydrate, 1 Skim Milk
Carbohydrate Choices: 2

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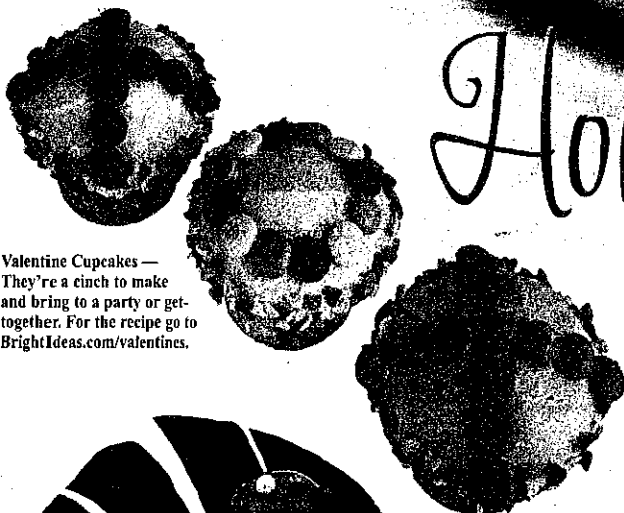
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Send Cupid's arrow this Valentine's Day! Gather in the kitchen for some quality time and make treats the whole family can share. Homemade chocolate treats from your kitchen are sure to warm anyone's heart.

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Change of Tart

Bake a tart for your sweetheart on the most romantic day of the year!

Prep time: 15 minutes
Baking time: 30 to 35 minutes
Decorating time: 15 minutes
Difficulty: Moderate

- 1 bag DOVE® Brand Dark Chocolate Miniatures
- 1 bag M&M'S® Milk Chocolate Candies for Valentine's Day
- 1 refrigerated pie crust (15-ounce), at room temperature
- 1 stick unsalted butter
- 3 eggs
- 1/2 cup heavy cream
- 1 pinch salt
- 1 cup whipped cream

1. Preheat oven to 400°F.
2. Press pie crust into 9-inch tart pan and prick bottom with fork. Place sheet of foil on top, and bake 15 minutes. Remove foil, and continue baking another 5 minutes, or until golden brown.
3. While pie is baking, melt butter and 18 DOVE® Brand Dark Chocolate Miniatures over a double boiler.
4. Whisk together eggs, heavy cream and salt. Stir mixture into warm chocolate, and pour chocolate mixture into hot pie crust.
5. Reduce heat to 350°F, and bake 15 to 20 minutes, or until filling is just set.
6. Remove from oven, and let cool to room temperature. Fill resealable plastic bag with whipped cream, snip corner, attach star tip (optional) and pipe rosettes around outside of tart.
7. Separate M&M'S® Brand Milk Chocolate Candies for Valentine's Day by color, and arrange them into concentric hearts in center of tart.

Makes 1 tart.

Heart Tarts

Tasty tarts straight from the heart!

Prep time: 10 minutes
Baking time: 7 to 10 minutes
Decorating time: 5 minutes
Difficulty: Easy

For Crust

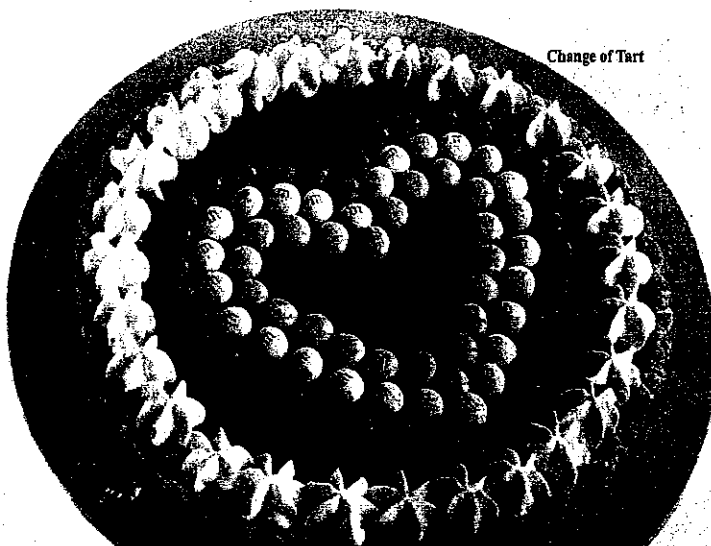
- 1 box (9-ounce) thin chocolate wafers, finely ground
- 8 tablespoons butter, melted
- 4 tablespoons sugar

For Filling

- 1 bag DOVE® Brand Rich Dark Chocolate Hearts
- 2 boxes (3.9-ounce each) instant chocolate pudding
- 1 1/2 cups heavy cream, whipped or whipped topping
- 1 pint raspberries

1. Combine ground chocolate wafers with butter and sugar. Press mixture into sides and bottom of 12 small (4 1/2-inch each) greased tart pans.
2. Place tart pans on cookie sheet(s) and bake in a preheated 350°F oven approximately 7 to 10 minutes. Remove and cool completely.
3. Melt DOVE® Brand Rich Dark Chocolate Hearts in microwave, stirring every 15 seconds until smooth. Prepare pudding according to instructions on package. Whisk melted chocolate into pudding and refrigerate until set.
4. Before serving, fold 3/4 cup whipped cream into chocolate pudding mixture and fill tart shells. Spoon remaining whipped cream into resealable bag with snipped corner and pipe heart design on top. Cover with raspberries.

Makes 12 servings.



Change of Tart