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Emergency room technician Sheena Thompson (left) and registered nurse Elizabeth Michalika work together to re-stock Novi Providence Park Hospital's Level I trauma room. The hospital's emergency department has seen a higher number of visitors than expected since it opened.

Providence Park on track for first-year projections

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

BY KELLY MURAD
STAFF WRITER

As tomorrow marks the three-month anniversary of Providence Park Hospital's official grand opening, the Novi facility has reached 60 percent of its targeted bed capacity. "We opened with just under 100 beds and now we're at 120," said Dr. Michael Wiemann, executive vice president of the Providence (west) region. "Our ultimate target is 200 beds, which we should achieve in the March time frame."

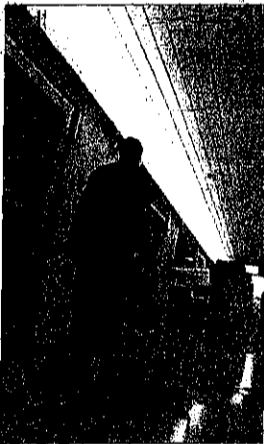
Wiemann is president of Providence Hospital in Southfield and accepted the regional role in July, overseeing the St. John Health west region, which includes the Southfield location, Novi's Providence Park Hospital and Brighton Hospital.

PROVIDENCE PARK CAMPUS

The 500,000-square-foot hospital is just one piece of Novi's Providence Park Campus, which is surrounded by a 1.6-mile serene path for walking or biking through the natural woods and wetlands of the property. The 200-acre campus is composed of six separate buildings, including the existing medical center, the Assarian Cancer Center, Providence Park Hospital, the Novi Orthopaedic Center (including The Bone and Joint Surgery Center of Novi), the Neurosciences Institute and Park Medical Office building, and Staybridge Suites hotel. Once complete, total employment on the campus is projected to be about 2,000.

With the departure of former Providence Park Hospital President Rob Casalou in September, Wiemann

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An orderly wheels a cart down the hallway of Providence Park Hospital's emergency room.

Novi loses longtime restaurateur, friend

BY KELLY MURAD
STAFF WRITER

Karen Hyland, wine buyer of Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro in Novi, laughs as she recalls the famous words longtime Novi restaurateur Tom Brady spoke to his staff at the end of a shift.

"Go straight home," she said. Brady, a Milford resident, died last Tuesday, with his family around him after battling lung cancer.

Now, at the end of his shift, Brady's battle is over. "Go straight home," he would say.

Diamond Jim Brady's was originally located in Detroit at Seven Mile and Greenfield roads where Tom's father, Jim Brady, began the business in 1954. The restaurant moved to Southfield in 1978 before coming to its current location in the Novi Town Center in 1991.

"Tom used to call himself a dinosaur in the restaurant business," said Hyland, who began working at the Southfield location about 30 years ago. "We were one big family. He was a very generous employer, going above and beyond what a normal employer would do."

Brady is survived by Mary, his soul mate and wife of 23 years. "They are partners through and through," Hyland said. "They complimented each other and supported each other. They were a well-molded team."

Hyland said Mary, who is a certified executive chef, ran the back of the house operations, while Tom handled the front of the house.

"He was the consummate host. He knew everybody's name as they walked through the door," she said. "He knew everybody's business, but on the other hand, he was a very private person. He wouldn't burden you with his aches and pains. Even after he was getting sick, he would say 'everything's fine.'"

Brady underwent surgery in July to remove cancer found in his lungs and began a series of daily preventative treatments in September. He learned of the disease during a CAT scan last May, just a few months after the restaurant became non-smoking.

Hyland remembers Tom working as recently as three weeks ago. "Tom only had one rule and that



FILE PHOTO BY JOHN HEIDER

Mary and Tom Brady, owners of Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro in Novi, celebrate their restaurant's anniversary.

was when you walk through the door, leave your troubles behind," she said. "If he was questioned, he would share, but he didn't want to dwell on it (the cancer)."

A staple in the Novi community for 17 years, Tom will be greatly missed.

"He wasn't just loved by employees, but patrons alike," Hyland said.

Tom is also survived by his children Mary Beth (Don Hegarty) Brady, Erin (Kurt) Harlow and Tommy Brady; and his brothers and sisters Lawrence (Joy) Brady, Colleen (Charles) Batcheller, Patrick (Joyce) Brady, Matthew (Elizabeth) Brady, the late Dr. Robert Brady and Dorothy Brady.

Tom was a proud grandfather of Samuel, Michaela and Alex, although reluctant to admit to his age.

"If you look at his obituary (his age) was left out," Hyland said. "But I think it was done on purpose, because if you asked Tom, he was always 39."

Visitations were at the O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home Sunday and Monday, and the funeral service was Tuesday at St. Mary Church in Milford.

In lieu of flowers, donations were made to The Capuchin Soup Kitchen, www.cskdetroit.org, or Hospice of Southeastern Michigan, www.hom.org.

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Coney Island wait staff donates tips for tots

BY KELLY MURAD
STAFF WRITER

Employees of the National Coney Island raised \$750, plus toys, for Toys for Tots Monday, at the Novi location on Beck Road, just south of Pontiac Trail.

From 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., five waitresses dressed in Marine Corps T-shirts, basically worked for free, collecting tips and toys

for children in need.

"The girls wanted to do this for the kids and were willing to donate all their tips for the day to Toys for Tots," said the restaurant's general manager Frank Fulgenzi.

Toys for Tots is a non-profit organization whose goal is to collect new, unwrapped toys each year, to be distributed as Christmas gifts to needy children

in the community.

Of the about 20 locations in metro Detroit, the Novi National Coney Island was the only store to host a Toys for Tots charity event.

"The Marine Corps Reserves have been supporting the (Toys for Tots) foundation since 1948," said Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Martin of the 1st Battalion 24th Marine division of Selfridge. "It's a great

thing that this coney island is willing to raise donations."

The philanthropic idea arose from full-time employee Stephanie Rosa.

"There was a time years ago, as a single mom, that I needed some help from Toys for Tots. It's time to give back," said Rosa, mother of three. "It's hard times. A lot of

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Staff members of Novi's National Coney Island, Conner Theodore (left), Kimberly Shiminsky and Carol Hough, drop toys in the toys for Tots bin.

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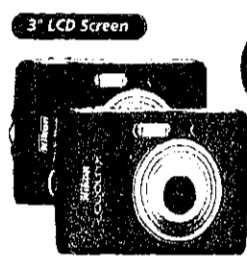
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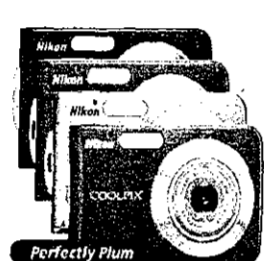
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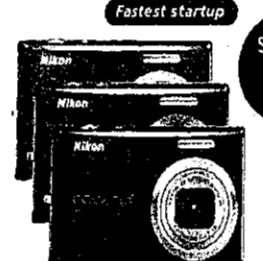
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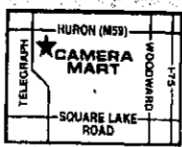
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OBITUARIES

KENNETH ROY BUTTERFIELD

Age 61, passed away November 28, 2008. Ken was born in Detroit to the late Kenneth and June (Sigma) Butterfield on May 28, 1947. He was a building engineer for 13 years for the South Lyon Schools. Ken is survived by his beloved wife of 35 years Joyce (Rice) Butterfield; daughter Heidi Butterfield; sister Barbara Hester; and two nieces, Barbie (Tyler) Mieske and Donna Erickson. A private family service was held. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Homeless Society and the American Cancer Society. Funeral Arrangements by PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, ONLINE GUESTBOOK WWW.PHILLIPSFUNERAL.COM

LEO E. HARRAWOOD

Of Novi. Passed away November 23, 2008 at the age of 88. Beloved husband of Beatrice, loving father of Diana (Brexit) Cauw and Debra (Zack) Fishman. Predeceased by Bernice who died in 1991 after 51 years of marriage. Loving grandfather of Brent J. (Clint) Camp & Brenda (Michelle) Daray. Grandfather of Morgan & Marquay Cauw and Skylar & Tanner Daray. Leo is survived by one sister Laura Wollford and predeceased by three brothers and two sisters Francis, Paul, Everett, Gladys Petri & Nellie. Beloved uncle to Pam and Art. Leo was a founder and active member of numerous organizations and businesses in Novi and the State of Michigan. He was a WWII veteran and recipient of two Purple Hearts with Oak Leaf Clusters. Good Conduct Medal, Bronze Star with Arrowhead, and the WWII Victory Medal. He was a life time member of the Disabled American Veterans, Amvets and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Leo served the village of Novi in several capacities including city planning board member, Councilman and Past President Pro-Tem. He was instrumental in making Novi into a city. Mr. Harrawood was a charter member, director and Past President of the Novi Rotary Club District Governor for Rotary District Number 638. A charter member of the Farmington Elys Lodge, a charter member of St. John's Lutheran Church Farmington, Past President of the Novi Chamber of Commerce. Leo served as the illustrious Patronite of the Muslim Temple and was a member of the Walnut Lake Masonic Lodge. He was the owner/operator of the Standard Oil/Amoco gas station on Grand River and Novi Road for 44 years. He was also the owner of the station at Novi Road and 12 mile. He next the co-owner of Shirley's Club Realty of Novi. Owner/Founder of Sales Training Institute of Detroit, Leo was an avid outdoor sportsman, a licensed pilot and successful multi-millionaire and talented visualist at the O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, 41555 Grand River, Novi, (248) 348-1800. Wednesday 9-9pm, Masonic Service Wednesday 7:00pm and Thursday 4:00pm, in state at St. John's Lutheran Church, 23225 Gil Rd., Farmington Hills Friday 9:00am until the funeral service at 10:00. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church. Online sympathy messages at: www.obitnotificationsfuneralhome.com

ANNA T. CYERS

Age 103, November 20, 2008. Beloved wife of the late Alex Sr. Loving mother of Beverly (Robert) McBride and the late Alex Jr. Dear grandmother of 9, and great-grandmother of 13. Memorial Services will be held at a later date. The family wishes to thank the staff and community of South Lyons Gardens Nursing and Rehabilitation Center for their loving care and support. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to South Lyons Gardens, The Capuchin Fathers, or St. Joseph Catholic Church in South Lyon. www.mccabe-funeralhome.com

JOYCE HARE

Age 82, passed away October 15, 2008. Funeral Mass Saturday, Dec. 13, 11 a.m. with final visitation at 10:30 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 830 Lafayette, South Lyon. Arrangements by PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. ONLINE GUESTBOOK WWW.PHILLIPSFUNERAL.COM

EVAN MICHAEL MCCORD

Of Milford, died at home in Milford on Thursday, November 20, 2008 after a long, courageous struggle with depression. He was 18 years old. Beloved son of Pamela and Michael McCord. Dear brother of Ian Mackay McCord. Dear grandson of Tom (L.B.) Gordon of White Lake, the late Mary Janet and Malcolm Christian McCord. Dear nephew of Joseph J. (Mane) Gordon, Todd (Christine) Gordon, and Malcolm Christian (Jeanna) McCord. Also many cousins and dear friends. A funeral service was held November 25 at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, Milford. For further information phone 248.684.6645 or visit www.lynchfuneraldirectors.com.

WALTER "UNCLE WALLY" PYLES

Age 73, passed away November 20, 2008. He was born on May 14, 1935, to the late Roy G. and Thelma (Frey) Pyles. He served in the United States Air Force for over 37 years and was a Chief Master Sergeant. He was very active in a variety of community activities including the Civil Air Patrol, Pumpkinfest, Kwanza, and the Parks and Recreation Dept. Walter is survived by his children Eric (Linda) Pyles, Carolyn (Shawn) McBride, grandchildren Justin, Jacob, Eric, Brandon, Jamie, and many close extended family members. Visitation was held Saturday 3-7 p.m. and Sunday 2-8 p.m. Funeral was on Monday, Nov. 24, 10 a.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Burial was held at Great Lakes National Cemetery with Military Honors on Monday at 12:30 p.m. Memorials may be made to VFW, Local 2502, 125 E. McHattie, South Lyon, MI 48178. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

ROBERT L. NAUD

Age 79 of Milford, passed away at his home on November 15, 2008. He is survived by his wife of 53 years Margie, his three children, Julieanne, Stephanie, and Dennis. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Johanne Ruthless. A gathering was held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, Milford, on November 19th. Memorials may be made in his name to the Karmanos Cancer Institute. For further information please phone 248.684.6645 or visit www.lynchfuneraldirectors.com.

RICHARD NEEDHAM

Age 79 of Rogers City, formerly of Milford, passed away on November 21, 2008. He is survived by his dear children, Diane Needham, Dennis (Mary) Needham, Ellen (Tim) Slawczka, Richard (Lana) Needham, John Needham; Grandchildren: Erin (Scott), Mike, Jessica, and Laurie; great-grandchildren: Alexis, Autumn and longtime friend Setsuko ("Shorty") Bey. He was preceded in death by his granddaughters, the late Christy (d. 1956). A funeral service was held November 28, 2008 at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, Milford. The Rev. Pastor Thomas Monaghan officiated. For further information call 248-684-6645 or visit www.lynchfuneraldirectors.com

MARIE C. SMITH

Age 81. Born October 17, 1957. Died October 22, 2008. Beloved wife of Bob for 23 years. Dear mother of Wes and Brad. Daughter of Catherine and the late Jerry Mazur. Sister of Michael (Louise) Aum of Rachel Mazur Memorial services were held Saturday, Nov. 22, 2008 - 11am St. Joseph Church, 830 Pontiac Trail, South Lyon, Mi. Mrs. Smith died of a pulmonary embolism. She was the owner of the Sportsman Shop in Glen Arbor, Mi. She was a figure skating instructor in the Detroit area for over 20 years. Interment was in Maple Grove Cemetery, Empire, MI

OBITUARY POLICY

e-mail your obit to: INFO@obitnotificationsfuneralhome.com or fax to: Attn: Obit: c/o Jennifer Muszduk 586-826-7318 For more information call: Jennifer Muszduk 586-826-7115 The first seven "filled" lines of an obituary are published at no cost. All additional lines will be charged at \$3 per line. You may place an obituary for as long as one day or as long as you wish. An obituary may contain photographs. There is no cost for a photograph. There is a charge for a photograph. There is no charge for a photograph. There is no charge for a photograph.

NOVI CITY COUNCIL MEETING NOTEBOOK

Council unanimously approved a contract with Municipal Web Services to host and maintain the City of Novi's two public Web sites and intranet Web site for three years with two renewal options in one-year increments. Municipal Web Services has been operating the city's Web sites for the past nine years. The annual contract is \$64,239, with \$60,770 approved in the 2008-09 fiscal year budget. Councilman Bob Gatt questioned the importance of video streaming, which accounts for 22 percent of the cost. Community relations manager Sheryl Walsh said live meetings receive 1,800 hits a month, archived council meeting videos receive 1,600 hits a month and archived video programs for Channel 13 receive 1,500 hits a month. The three Web sites cityof-novi.org, investnovi.org and eWeb, are accessed by as many as 110,000 visitors each month who request more than 200,000 page views per month. The contract begins Dec. 12 and ends Dec. 31, 2011. Caren Collins, executive director of the Southwest

Council meeting notes were taken from the Dec. 1 regular meeting of the Novi City Council. Mayor David Landry was absent. Meeting began 6 p.m. Dec. 15 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road.

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Monday afternoon. Fulgenzi also tried to attract customers through advertising and by offering coupons only valid Dec. 1. "Everyone's so supporting," Rosa said. "All the girls were going to do it. It was teamwork." Once customers found out what the tips were going toward, they would leave \$20, Rosa said. "I praise the ladies here that are giving up their tips," Martin said. "They are giving up their daily wages to help support needy kids this holiday season." "Monday is one of our busiest days, but it's been steadier than normal," Fulgenzi said.

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three months, the hospital has experienced more than 1,200 admissions and more than 300 births. "It is really off to a terrific start. It's about what we predicted in terms of births," he said, noting they projected 1,200 in the first year. "We're seeing a significantly higher volume of ambulatory visits now that the hospital is open, versus the free standing emergency department. We're averaging about 100-110 emergency visits a day." Wiemann said typical emergency room visits include heart attacks, strokes and major and minor trauma cases in adults and children. "We expect to see the respiratory illnesses and flu cases anytime," he said. "We haven't seen that surge yet, but we are anticipating it." Challenges St. John Health invested \$225 million into the state-of-the-art hospital, which is located on the southwest corner of Beck Road and Grand River Avenue. "It is absolutely the nicest hospital I've ever seen," Wiemann said. "The hospital is a beautiful place, but it's really designed for patient safety and the delivery of high quality care." Wiemann said becoming oriented with the new computer technology, as well as meeting the hospital's needs in terms of staff and equipment were some of the challenges they have faced at Providence Park. "It's been challenging but fun," he said. "There is a shortage around the country in health care workers, but we've been pleased as to how we've readily staffed up. We've had abundant applications for all our positions." While St. John Health is becoming acclimated to its Novi facility, other health systems such as Beaumont and University of Michigan hospitals are facing challenges with the economy. "We're not immune to the economic troubles, we just prepared for them and feel we are very well positioned for the future," Wiemann said, explaining St. John Health underwent extensive restructuring in early 2008.

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The greatest fear the Chinese government has is social unrest among the masses. Should the U.S. government share the same fear? We need a sense of urgency that we have begun to see from the Obama team coupled with fast action to address the real concerns hurting average American families. China and the U.S. are fighting rising unemployment amid the global financial meltdown. Our economies are clearly inextricably linked. Yin Weimin, minister of Human Resources and Social Security for the People's Republic of China, recently said that labor unrest caused by the bleak economy is his country's top

concern. "You went on to say, 'Employment stability is the top priority for China.'" As our economy crumbles shouldn't our government officials make "employment stability" a top priority and share the same fear as China's leaders that is coupled with the arrogance and greed emanating from the titans of business. China has seen double-digit economic growth almost every year since Deng Xiaoping opened China to the world 30 years ago. Given the toxic world economy, China, the "factory to the world," is hitting the brakes. Many of its people, like middle class Americans, are getting slammed against the windshield. World economists are grappling with the magnitude of this global economic meltdown. Some believe it will rival the Great Depression of the 1930s, Black October of 1987, and the Asian Economic Crisis of 1997. Rest assured, if you are out of work

and fear losing your home - it is a depression. Many believe the true unemployment number in Michigan is approaching depression levels of 25 percent in many of our hard-pressed urban and rural areas. People are not only losing their jobs - they are losing hope. Close to home, soup kitchens and food pantries are seeing the demand for their services skyrocket. People that last year were donating to food banks are now in line with them. The frustration and anger in Michigan and America is at a raging boil. The national election acted like the little jiggler on my grandma's pres-

sure cooker, letting off just enough steam to keep the pot from blowing. The holiday season is going to bring families and friends together to share their angst, anger and annoyance at the lack of leadership and a plan to get this country and state moving again. Fear, frustration and fury are going to be added to the simmering pot. Something could blow if help and hope is not on the way - and soon. Tom Watkins is an education and business consultant in the U.S. and China. He served the state of Michigan as State Superintendent of Schools from 2001-2005. Read his internationally recognized report: The New Education (Revolution) at www.raoel.org. He can be reached at twatkins@aol.

Your Invitation to Worship. A directory of churches across Michigan including: Brighton (Lord of Life Lutheran Church, Holy Spirit Roman Catholic Church), Farmington Hills (St. John Lutheran ELCA, Saint Hill Church, S.B.C.), Highland (Highland Community Church, Highland Church of the Nazarene), New Hudson (New Hope - A Unitarian Universalist Congregation), Northville (Northville Christian, Church of the Holy Spirit), Livonia (Fellowship Presbyterian Church), and South Lyon (Fellowship Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Church of Christ, Fellowship Baptist Church, First Presbyterian Church, First United Methodist Church, The Church of Christ, Crossroads Community Church, Immanuel Lutheran).

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Novi High School hosts debate finals

On Saturday, Dec. 6, Novi High School will host the Michigan Interscholastic Forensics Association State Legislative Debate Finals.

Holiday greenery sale

Oakland Schools Technical Campus Southwest is hosting its 37th Annual 2008 Winter Season Sale.

Ski equipment wanted

The Novi Meadows Outdoor Education program needs your help. If you have new or gently used cross-country ski equipment, consider donating it to Novi Meadows Outdoor Education.

CLASS NOTES

Accepted. All donations may be dropped off at Novi Meadows Fifth Grade office. Questions should be directed to principals David Ascher or Lisa Fenichel.

Senior All Night Party

Putting on a Senior All Night Party requires many volunteers and many funds. In an effort to raise money for this memorable evening, the Novi High School Class of 2009 Senior All Night Party Parent Committee will be hosting a fund-raiser at the California Pizza Kitchen at Twelve Oaks Mall.

Raising Resilient Kids

Novi School District is pleased to present: Raising Resilient Kids. The free workshop with parent coach Nancy Prisky will take place 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27 inside the Community Education (ITC) - Forum.

Novi High School Athletic Booster meeting. The next Novi Athletic Booster meeting will be 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10 in room 160 at Novi High School, 24062 Taft Road.

CARE program open house

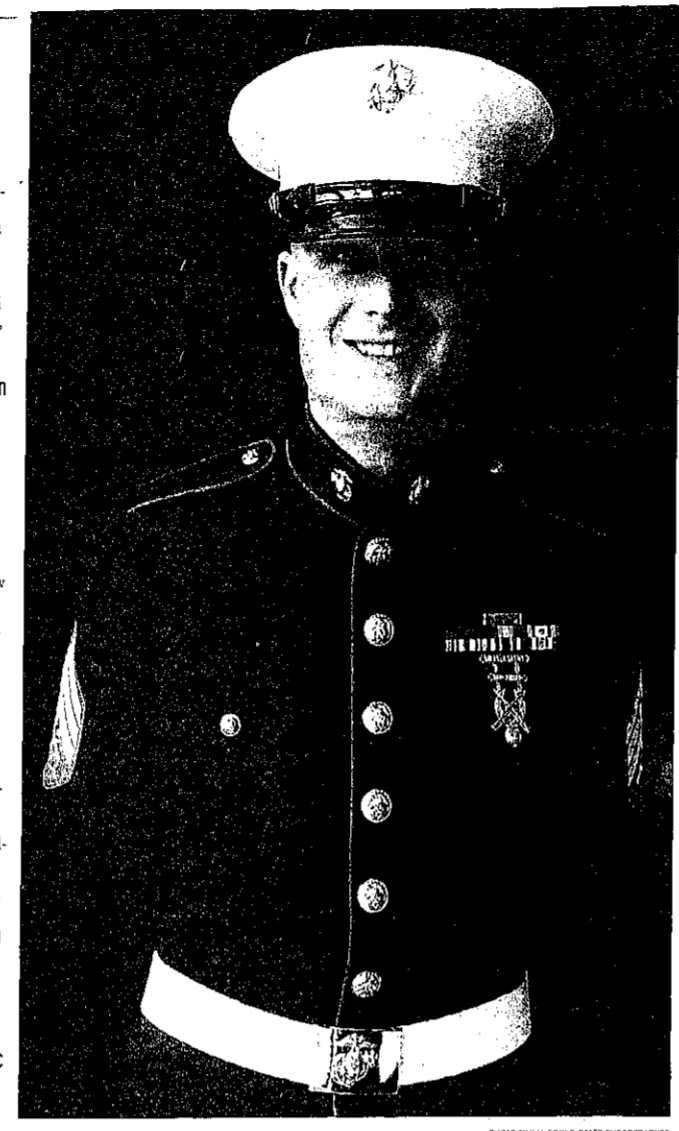
The Novi Community Education Infant and Toddler CARE Program is hosting an open house 5:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 9 at Novi High School, 24062 Taft Road.

Construction completion open house

The Novi Community School District will host multiple open houses 5-8 p.m. Dec. 4 and 9 at Orchard Hills, Parkview and Village Oaks to view the completed renovations and construction projects.

Novi High School Athletics Web site

The Novi Athletic Boosters' new Web site is www.noviathleticboosters.com. The site is the source for upcoming Novi Athletic Boosters events, fund-raising events and Wildcat game schedules.



Sgt. Shawn King is the new U.S. Marine Corps recruiter for Detroit Catholic Central in Novi.

Marines appoint King as local recruiter

PHIL ALMER STAFF WRITER. King, based out of Howell, covers Catholic Central, Milford and Lakeside high schools locally, as well as Oakland Lakes Community College's Highland Lakes campus.

NOVI ON CAMPUS

Springfield College

Jeremy Goodman of Novi, earned a master of science degree in exercise science and sport studies from Springfield College, Mass. for studies completed in August, 2008.

Central Michigan University

Wiscon resident Chelsea Melvin was named to the Central Michigan University summer honors list. Honor students earned a 3.5 grade point average or higher.

Passageways advertisement with holiday gift card and contact info.

NOTICE OF CITY COUNCIL VACANCY CITY OF NOVI

CITY OF NOVI PROPOSED VACATION OF KAREVICH DRIVE RIGHT OF WAY, A FRONTAGE ROAD IN THE WEST OAKS II SHOPPING CENTER

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Novi Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, December 15, 2008, at 7:00 p.m.

CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 10, 2008 at 7:00 P.M.

PROJECT LOCATION map showing Grand River Ave, Eleven Mile Road, and Subject Property.

SNAP FITNESS 24-7 advertisement with contact info and address.

LOCAL EVENTS

President Doreilly fund-raiser. Regular business hours. President Doreilly of Novi will be accepting donations of new hats, scarves, mittens and gloves.

Life Style Writing Workshop. Monday, Dec. 4 and 15. Location: Novi Public Library, 45245 W. 10 Mile Road.

Novi Chorale. 7:30 p.m. Friday. First United Methodist Church 3312 Grand River Ave., Farmington.

Novi Cheer Squad. 6 p.m. Saturday. St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gift Road, Farmington.

Novi Coastal Band. 8 p.m. Saturday. St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gift Road, Farmington.

Novi Football. 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 31. Novi City Soccer. 6:00 p.m. Tuesday.

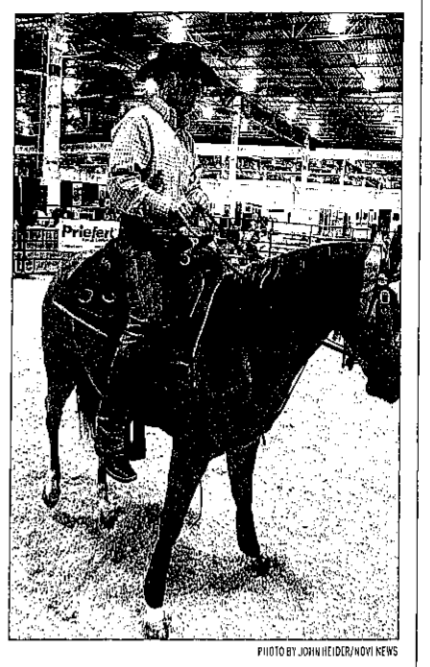
Novi Rotary Club. Noon every Thursday. Novi Methodist Church, 41671 West 12 Mile Road.

Novi Sports Business Workshops. Location: Oakland County Executive Office Building Conference Center, 2100 Pontiac Lake Road, west of Telegraph Road, Waterford.

Novi Tennis. 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Saturday. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Novi Youth Activities Center. 6:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. every Thursday. Novi Public Library.

NOVI BULLETIN BOARD



Tommy Garland mounts his horse during last month's North American Horse Show at Novi's Rock Financial Plaza.

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- Refrain from parking vehicles on any street during snow and sleet. If a snow emergency is declared, all parked vehicles must be removed from the street.
- Do not use snow blowers to blow snow into the street. The area around a resident's mailbox must be cleared or mail will not be delivered.
- Do not let children play on the mounds of snow near the roadway. It is difficult for snowplow operators to see behind or over the mounds.

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Start solving problems by better describing policy disputes

When we talk about where people stand on the political spectrum, our long-standing practice has been to describe them in terms of being "left" and "right." But do those terms even make sense any more? Since New Deal days, our habit in America has been to say that Republicans are generally on the right, while Democrats are said to occupy the left. Extreme conservatives are characterized as "right wingers," while ultra-liberals are called "lefties."

So where do these terms come from, anyway? Well, the roots of the practice go back to the French Revolution, when, in the parliament of 1791, politicians who supported the monarchy ("Fouillants") sat on the right hand side of the chamber, while those favoring radical change ("Montagnards") clustered on the left.

That may have made some sense then. But like many



Phil Power

things that are more than 200 years old, this habit of thought has become both rigid and sloppy — and increasingly inaccurate. I'm beginning to think a far better way of looking at today's political and policy differences is along past-oriented vs. future-oriented lines.

For example, take the labor movement — or some parts of it, anyway. Traditionally, organized labor has been lumped on the left, along with liberals, Democrats and other such. Management has been placed on the right, along with conservatives. But then take a careful look at the way unions and management often behave.

Too often, both sides are working to try and preserve work rules and compensation structures of the past, often

embodied in a written contract. This has direct relevance to the ongoing problems of the domestic auto makers. While it would be too simplistic to blame all the auto industry's problems on this type of thinking, it is true that labor and management have been historically reluctant to change the way the industry has been organized and run since the 1940s.

That attitude was on sad display last month, when the nation was treated to the sad spectacle of the leaders of the Detroit Three and the United Auto Workers union being pilloried before the Congress as out of touch and unwilling to change.

But big auto is far from the only example. Others include Beer and Wine: They fight to protect an old monopoly. For many, many years, the Michigan Beer and Wine Wholesalers Association has been among the most powerful lobbies in Lansing.

Powered by the 70 or so Michigan families that own beer and wine distribution companies, the association has worked to preserve the "three tier" system governing the way beer and wine is sold. That is a formula that was introduced in the 1930s. Basically, it gave the distributors a monopoly on the distribution and sale of beer and wine — a monopoly they have fiercely defended over the years.

Yet they began to run into trouble in 2005 and thereafter, when federal courts repeatedly slapped down as unconstitutional the Michigan law protecting this monopoly. Out-of-state wineries and retailers began shipping wine into the state and to individual consumers, though shipments were few and far between and almost entirely of high-end wines to connoisseurs.

Last month, however, the beer and wine lobby reacted, slipping through a House committee a bill that would bar out-of-state retailers — but not wineries — from shipping wine and liquor into Michigan. The Michigan Liquor Control Commission joined in, fearful of losing its profitable monopoly on selling booze — a monopoly that has resulted in our prices being far higher than those in, for example, Chicago. According to a report from the Michigan Bureau of Elections, the Michigan Beer & Wine Wholesalers

Association political action committee has received contributions of at least \$345,951 this year. That's a lot of dough to spread around, especially to protect the past in the form of a long-standing monopoly that reduces consumer choice and drives up prices.

Great Lakes Shipping: They fight new ways to prevent Great Lakes pollution. Ever since the St. Lawrence Seaway opened the Great Lakes to trans-Atlantic shipping in 1959, there have been repeated instances of seagoing ships dumping their ballast into our lakes as they take on cargo. In the ballast water were various critters that originate elsewhere — Zebra Mussels, Spiny Water Fleas, and Round-headed Gobies, among others.

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What this means is that the shippers have fought for years to preserve their profits while polluting a lake system that represents some 20 percent of all the earth's surface drinkable fresh water.

Earlier this fall, the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals upheld Michigan's ballast water statute that obliges ships to obtain state permits and, if the ships discharge water, to treat the water to prevent introduction of invasives. The explicit purpose of the Michigan statute was to protect the Great Lakes for the future.

These two brief examples, neither corresponding to the standard right-left characterization of politics and policy, offer insight into how we might get a better understanding of policy disputes by changing our habits in describing them.

Once we do that, maybe we can then start to actually do something about our problems.

Former newspaper publisher and University of Michigan Regent Phil Power is a longtime observer of Michigan politics and economics, and a former chairman of the Michigan chapter of the Nature Conservancy. He is also the founder and president of The Center for Michigan, a centrist think-and-do tank which publishes the Michigan Scorecard. The opinions expressed here are Power's own and do not represent the official views of the Center. He welcomes your comments at power@thecenterformichigan.net.

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Fox Run

The dedicated hourly staff at Fox Run in Novi will find a little something extra in their holiday stockings this year, thanks to the generosity of the community's residents. Presentations of the staff appreciation gifts will be distributed

Monday, Dec. 8. The Annual Staff Appreciation Fund this year generated more than \$130,000. Contributions were made by more than 80 percent of the men and women who live at the community.

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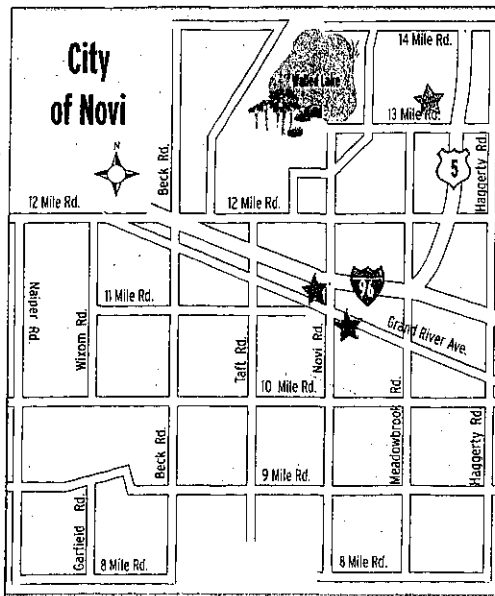
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Fox Run resident Chel Tarczynski puts some candy decorations on a full-sized gingerbread home. The gingerbread home was built around the frame of a storage shed.

Fox Run residents live together, laugh together

Q. Who represents Fox Run to the community?

A. Kathie Shaffer, public and community relations manager

Q. Where did you grow up?

A. My husband and I are both originally from Redford. We lived and raised our children in Redford until we moved to Brighton almost 11 years ago.

Q. When did Fox Run open?

A. June 2003

Q. How many employees does Fox Run have?

A. 450

Q. What is your business specialty?

A. Retirement Living

Q. What are Fox Run's hours of operation?

A. 24/7

Q. Tell us about your business?

A. Fox Run offers campus style living for men and women at least 62 years of age. The worry-free environment affords people who live at Fox Run the chance to truly enjoy their retirement. Our residents especially appreciate the sense of community at our campus.

Q. What makes your business unique?

A. The people are what makes Fox Run unique, residents and staff alike.

Q. How did you first decide to open the business?

A. John C. Erickson of Baltimore opened his

first retirement community in Catonsville, Md. 25 years ago. Erickson had been involved in the management of retirement communities and decided that none were a place where he would want his parents to retire. Since the original community opened, Erickson Retirement Communities has grown to 20 campuses similar to Fox Run across the United States. Erickson developed and manages Fox Run.

Q. How did you decide to locate in the Novi community?

A. The decision to build Fox Run in Novi was made in response to metro Detroit residents looking for our type of lifestyle in the western suburbs. Novi is a growing community with so much to offer, and after significant research, it was determined to be the perfect place for Fox Run. By the end of this year almost 1,000 men and women will live in one of our seven apartment home buildings.

Q. Do you have a funny tidbit or story to share with our readers about your experience so far?

A. Nothing in particular that I recall, but having a sense of humor in our business is critical and makes a big difference in our day. The people who live here have some very funny stories to share and such a wealth of experience. We often laugh together.

CHAMBER CHAT

The Novi Chamber of Commerce and Rock Financial Showplace invite community members to join the first Diamond Center Holiday Party. This holiday season brings unprecedented community challenges as well as celebrations and gifts. The Novi Chamber of Commerce and Rock Financial Showplace are teaming up to create a brand new seasonal event aimed at gathering the community together during this difficult economic period. The Diamond Center Holiday Party, Dec. 18 and 19 at the Rock Financial Showplace, 46100 Grand River Ave., is being launched as a collective event designed to bring multiple small groups together for one large party.

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The Novi Chamber of Commerce Business to Business Breakfast is 8-9 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10 at The Art Institute of Michigan, 28175 Cabot Dr. Networking and refreshments will be provided. Register online at www.novichamber.com or call (248) 349-3743. No fee.

The Novi Chamber of Commerce After 5 Event & Holiday Bazaar is 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 17 at Mezza Mediterranean Grille, 42050 Grand River Ave. Shop for holiday gifts offered by Chamber Members. Networking and appetizers will be provided. Register online at www.novichamber.com or call (248) 349-3743. \$15 registration.

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Wildcat girls hoops squad enters tough KLAA Central

BY JEFF THEISEN
SPORTS WRITER

The Novi girls basketball team gets to face a new challenge after winning the final KVC title and posting a 17-4 record.

The Wildcats are now part of the KLAA and in the Central Division with WLA champ Salem and rival Northville.

"The competition is going to be just as tough as the KVC was," Novi head coach Bill Kelp said. "I think if you look at the four divisions, we're in the toughest division."

But Novi enters the new league with plenty of firepower.

Caroline Johnson, now a junior, returns after earning KVC Player of the Year honors.

"It was an honor for her to have that and achieve that," Kelp said. "Now for her to take the next step... is to be able to adjust to being the go-to girl and leader of the team."

Despite being one of the top players back, Kelp knows she has room to improve as she becomes an upperclassman.

"We're trying to get her to shoot off the dribble more and penetrate more to develop her game," he said. "Defensively, she can improve."

Also back is starting guard Chantel Hill. She battled through some injuries last year, but when at full speed, she is one of the fastest players in the league and likes to push the ball.

"We'll still try to push the ball," Kelp said. "That's the name of her game."

Others returning from last year's team include Jessica Cingel, Emily Hall, Kelsey Masserant, Katie Barry and Heather and Alyssa Armiak.

Graduation did take some serious talent off last year's team, but mostly it took players that dealt with leading the

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2/13	Away	Salem
2/17	Home	Stevenson
2/20	Home	South Lyon
2/24	Home	Conference Championship
2/27	Away	Association Championship

team. Kelp knows his eight players returning from last year's team will have to some how fill the void.

"We talked about girls stepping up and becoming leaders to replace the leadership we lost," he said. "That's what we're searching for."

"Girls have to develop larger roles to fill the shoes of the girls we lost."

Kelp knows his team has talent, but it's how they come together that will determine how the team finishes.

"We'll just try to continue what was built the last five years," he said. "Try to come together and build leadership as a group and learn how to play together with the loss of four talented seniors."

The Wildcats get the season started at home Dec. 9 against Walled Lake Western.

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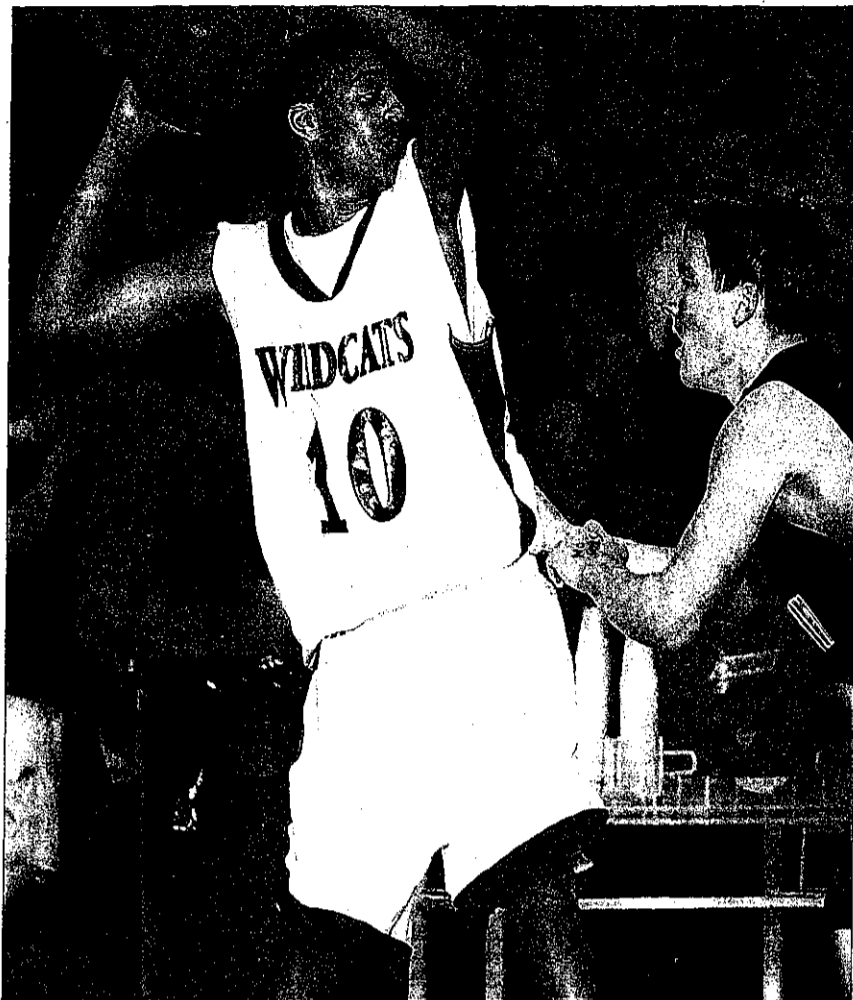


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Novi's Chris Bellamy tries to inbound a ball as he's being pressured by a South Lyon defender last season.

'Cats look to claim first KLAA title

BY JEFF THEISEN
SPORTS WRITER

Novi's boys basketball head coach Cory Heitsch is more relaxed entering his second year.

He knows more of what to expect both on and off the court now after winning the final KLAA title while sporting a 17-6 record.

"I'm not as overwhelmed," he said. "Things aren't coming at me as fast. It feels like I'm focusing more on basketball than a year ago."

Paperwork aside, Heitsch is quite excited about what will be on the court.

Chris Bellamy (captain) returns as one of the top guards in the area.

"He's a third-year starting lead guard," Heitsch said. "He took his growth from last year into spring and summer. He's a tremendous player."

"He's in complete control of everything."

Also returning are Brandon Bryant and Nick Brockman (captain) after getting playing time last year.

Jeremy Mims (captain) moved up from JV last year as a backup, and should see more playing time this season.

Heitsch's offense is geared for the guards to dominate. He sees them getting much more familiar with the offense this year.

"They wanted to push the ball



PHOTO BY JOHN HEIDER/NOVI NEWS

Novi's Nick Brockman is hounded by Northville's Martins Trautmanis during a game last season.

Please see 'CATS, B2

Wildcats capture a pair of blowouts

BY JEFF THEISEN
SPORTS WRITER

Novi hockey improved to 3-0-1 with a pair of blowout wins.

The Wildcats mercied Livonia Franklin 9-0 before thumping Walled Lake 6-2.

Against Franklin, the offense raced out a 5-0 lead by the end of the first period.

Evan Dixon tallied the first two goals and capped off the hat trick with the

fourth goal.

Tyler Perpich and Sean Murphy also scored first period goals.

Nolan Valteau knocked home a pair of goals in the second to go with goals from Taylor Howell and Brandon Juodikis.

Valteau led the assist brigade with three, followed by Tyler Manning and Zach Mohr with two each.

The game ended by mercy rule after the second period.

In the 6-2 win against Western, Mohr

scored the lone goal in the first period. Howell put the Wildcats up 2-0 before Western rallied to tie.

Manning put the Wildcats back up with a goal in the final minute of the second, and Novi would never trail again.

Nick Hansen, Dixon and Manning each scored in the third period to put the game out of reach.

Michael Pesendorfer earned both wins in net for the Wildcats.

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Members of Novi High's Lady Wildcats basketball practice as they prep for the 2008-09 season.

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last year, but they didn't know how to do it consistently," he said. "It's being done without reminders. It's what they're comfortable with now."

"The difference will be, they understand when that's not working, they have the ability to get by people. We've seen that in practice. Hopefully we won't allow other teams to dictate what we do offensively."

"The past play will be significantly different with the graduation of 6-9 Caleb Dean. We'll be making a full transition to a guard and wing dominated team," Heitsch said. "It changes us defensively more than offensively. It does not put more pressure on us to stay focused on a whole defensive possession. I think we'll be able to overcome it."

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But the defense in general won't change. The Wildcats will play in-your-face man defense.

"We are still a straight man-to-man pressure team," Heitsch said. "We have a lot of guys that we can roll off the bench that are solid defensively."

KLAA
 The Wildcats move along with the rest of the KVC into the new KLAA. The schedule won't change much for Novi as it still has a lot of the old league on the non-conference schedule.

"One of the positive changes is having something on the line with Northville, more than just pride."

"The rivalry is that much better with Northville," Heitsch said.

The Wildcats are grouped in the Central Division with Northville, Stevenson, South Lyon, South Lyon East and Salem. Heitsch hopes the Wildcats can make history in their first season in the new league.

"It would be nice to win the first KLAA Central Division," he said. "Another strong goal is to perform well in districts and, if we have the ability, finish the job."

SCHEDULE
 (All games 7 p.m. unless noted)

12/9	Away	WL Western
12/12	Home	WL Central
12/16	Home	WL Northern
12/18	Away	Wal. Ketterling
1/6	Away	John Glenn
1/16	Home	Canlon
1/20	Away	South Lyon East
1/23	Home	Northville
1/27	Away	Salem
1/30	Home	Stevenson
2/3	Home	South Lyon
2/6	Away	South Lyon East
2/10	Home	Northville
2/13	Home	Salem
2/17	Away	Stevenson
2/20	Away	South Lyon
2/23	Away	Plymouth
2/26	Home	Franklin
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3/9	Home	Districts

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Channel Flipper

■ FS Plus will televise its first CCHA game of the season, featuring the match-up between Michigan and Michigan State on Friday, with the puck drop set for 7:30 p.m.

A total of 34 players on the two teams rosters hail from the state of Michigan, including Michigan's Shawn Honavick (Sterling Heights), Mark Mitera (Livonia), Brandon Naurato (Livonia), Aaron Fehushaj (Northville), Matt Rust (Bloomfield Hills) and David Wohlberg (South Lyon). Michigan State skaters include Tim Buttery (Northville), Dustin Gazley (Novi), Kurt Kivisto (Milford), Jeff Lerg (Livonia), Steve Muich (Northville), Trevor Nill (Novi), Jeff Petry (Farmington Hills), Corey Tropp (Northville), Ryan Tursk (Northville) and Ben Warda (Lake Orion).

■ Comcast will feature the match-up between Michigan and Michigan State on Saturday, with the opening face-off at 7 p.m.

■ ESPN U will feature the match-up between Miami and Western Michigan on Sunday, beginning at 4 p.m. A total of 11 players from two teams rosters hail from the state of Michigan, including local Western Michigan skaters Jordan Collins (Novi), Patrick Nagosen (Novi) and Steve Silver (Brighton).

Need to Know Items

■ Michigan freshman forward David Wohlberg (South Lyon) scored two goals against Minnesota in Friday's 6-3 win over the top-ranked Gophers.

■ Ferris State sophomore goalie Pat Nagle (Bloomfield) earned first-star honors with 23 saves in Saturday's 2-1 road win at Northern Michigan.

■ Michigan State senior netminder Jeff Lerg (Livonia) made 50 saves in Friday's 3-1 loss at Wisconsin. Lerg's 50 saves this past weekend brings him closer to 10th place on the CCHA's all-time saves list. Lerg currently has 3,313 career saves, just 15 shy of Mike Betz (3,328), a former Ohio State netminder.

■ Ohio State senior forward Corey Elkins (West Bloomfield) and the Buckeyes play Robert Morris at Cleveland this weekend. Elkins had two assists in the previous meeting between the two clubs a few weeks ago at Mellon Arena in Pittsburgh.

■ Western Michigan junior defenseman Jordan Collins (Novi) and the Broncos host Miami this coming weekend. Collins scored his only career goal against the RedHawks last season.

■ Bowling Green junior defenseman Kyle Page (Wixom) scored his

first collegiate goal in Saturday's 5-2 loss to Minnesota State. The Falcon captain had not scored a goal in the first 89 games of his career.

■ Bowling Green sophomore goalie Nick Eno (Howell) is expected to start practicing this week and the coaching staff hopes to have him available to play after the team's bye this week, against Notre Dame on Dec. 12-13.

■ Lake Superior junior forward Zac MacVoy (Livonia) has recorded a point in 11 of 14 games this season.

■ Miami sophomore forward Andy Miele (Grosse Pointe Woods) has racked up six points, while recording at least a one point in each of the last four road games for the RedHawks.

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December Chill adventure race set for Saturday

The seventh annual December Chill Sprint Adventure Race will be held Saturday at Island Lake State Park, beginning at 9 a.m.

An adventure race is an endurance event, for solo competitors or small teams, that may include disciplines such as running, biking, paddling, climbing, swimming, and hiking, over a variety of terrains. Saturday's event is brief for an adventure race - "only" seven hours - and features paddling, trekking, trail running and orienteering for solo or two-person teams.

Teams will be paddle in kayaks or canoes for about 4-6 miles. The total on foot distance will be between 4-10 miles, more depending on the selected route. The terrain will vary from trails to dense brush. Biking will take place on roads of various surface types, with a large portion of the biking section being on single track trails. Total distance will hit between 10 and 15 miles. There will also be one fixed ropes section in the race. The December Chill is designed for beginner to advanced sprint competitors.

Among the local teams scheduled to compete are:

- Death Ninja's (John Aittama, South Lyon).
- South Lyon Cycle (Gordon Seelye, South Lyon).
- Blue Bayou (Roger Rush and Zandra Hudson, Novi).
- Li.B.D.O. (Marie Martinko and Jennifer McWilliams, Northville).
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- SLC gals (Bev Kuznicki and Heather Guzik, Northville).
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Radcliff Center, 1751 Radcliff St., Garden City
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