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An evening with Rebecca Rosen

Rebecca Rosen's new book, "SPIRITED: Connect to the Guides All Around You" (published by Harper Collins), goes on sale at bookstores everywhere Feb. 2.

The day prior, she will kick off her national promotional book tour in metro Detroit, where she began her career as a psychic medium, offering individuals messages of love, hope and closure from their deceased loved ones.

A Spirited Evening with Rebecca Rosen will be held on Monday, Feb. 1 from 7-9 p.m. at the Rock Financial Showplace Diamond Center (46100 Grand River Avenue in Novi). General admission tickets are \$30 in advance and \$45 at the door. Premium tickets (which allow attendees to enter early to secure select seating) are \$60 in advance and \$90 at the door. Tickets can be purchased by calling (800) 838-3006 or at spiritedthebook.com.



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It's one thing to be considered a great representative of a school or a conference. It's something completely different to be considered a great representative for a whole state.

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks swimming and diving team will be just that this weekend when they represent Michigan in the first-ever Great Lakes States Invitational.

The invite, which will feature four Catholic schools from four different states, will take place at the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Ind.

Notre Dame's top-flight facilities, the Rolfe Aquatic Center, will play host to Detroit Catholic Central as well as Ohio's Archbishop Moeller High School, Indiana's Bishop Chatard High School and Illinois' Loyola Academy.

Book signing

Deerfield Elementary Principal Richard Njus will be hosting a signing for his book, "Touching Hearts Educating Minds," 4-6 p.m. Feb. 6 at the Borders Bookstore, 43075 Crescent Boulevard, Novi. The book is catered toward educators and parents and will be available for purchase for \$15.

Teachers union ready to make presentation

Board looking for concessions from bargaining units to help with deficit

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

The Novi Community Schools District Board of Education is hopeful that its bargaining units will make some concessions to help offset a budget deficit estimated at \$4.4 million this year.

In December, the district received concessions from the transportation group and privatized custodial services to save the district an estimated \$777,765. At that same time, the board also asked the teachers union and administrative staff to open their books and look at ways to help.

"It's a very serious situation, and though we have made some progress, we haven't made enough," board President Ann Glubzinski said. "We are looking for this to be a united team effort."

'This district is in better position than others, but we haven't been robbing them to get rich ourselves.'

TOM BRENNER, Novi Education Association president

The board went into executive session last Thursday, and Glubzinski said it is close to getting concessions from the administration. She could not elaborate on what the concessions would be, but said the two parties are pretty close on getting a definitive answer.

From the teachers' standpoint, Tom Brenner, president of the Novi Education Association, said their presentation is ready for the board to see, but a date has not been set up to do so.

Opening the contract requires the Michigan Education Association to have its financial team examine the

district's finances and then make a recommendation to the NEA if it should open its contract. The teachers are in the second year of a three-year contract, and despite not having an obligation to look at opening their contract, are doing so as a "good faith effort."

"Part of this presentation is not just for the board, but for our own members to get a sense of how bad of shape the district is really in," Brenner said.

Brenner believes in the short term the district isn't in poor shape, and ultimately the teachers want to do what is best for the district.

The current contract calls for a 1-percent wage increase each year and for teachers to pay a portion of their health care.

"This district is in better position than others, but we haven't been robbing them to get rich ourselves," he said.

Glubzinski said she anticipates receiving a report from the teachers soon and is "looking for basically a thumbs up or thumbs down from the NEA on if they are willing to open (the contract)."

Brenner said he has heard from his constituents that until the administration takes a leadership role, they do not want to budge.

"There are other options out there that do not mean opening up our contract," he said.

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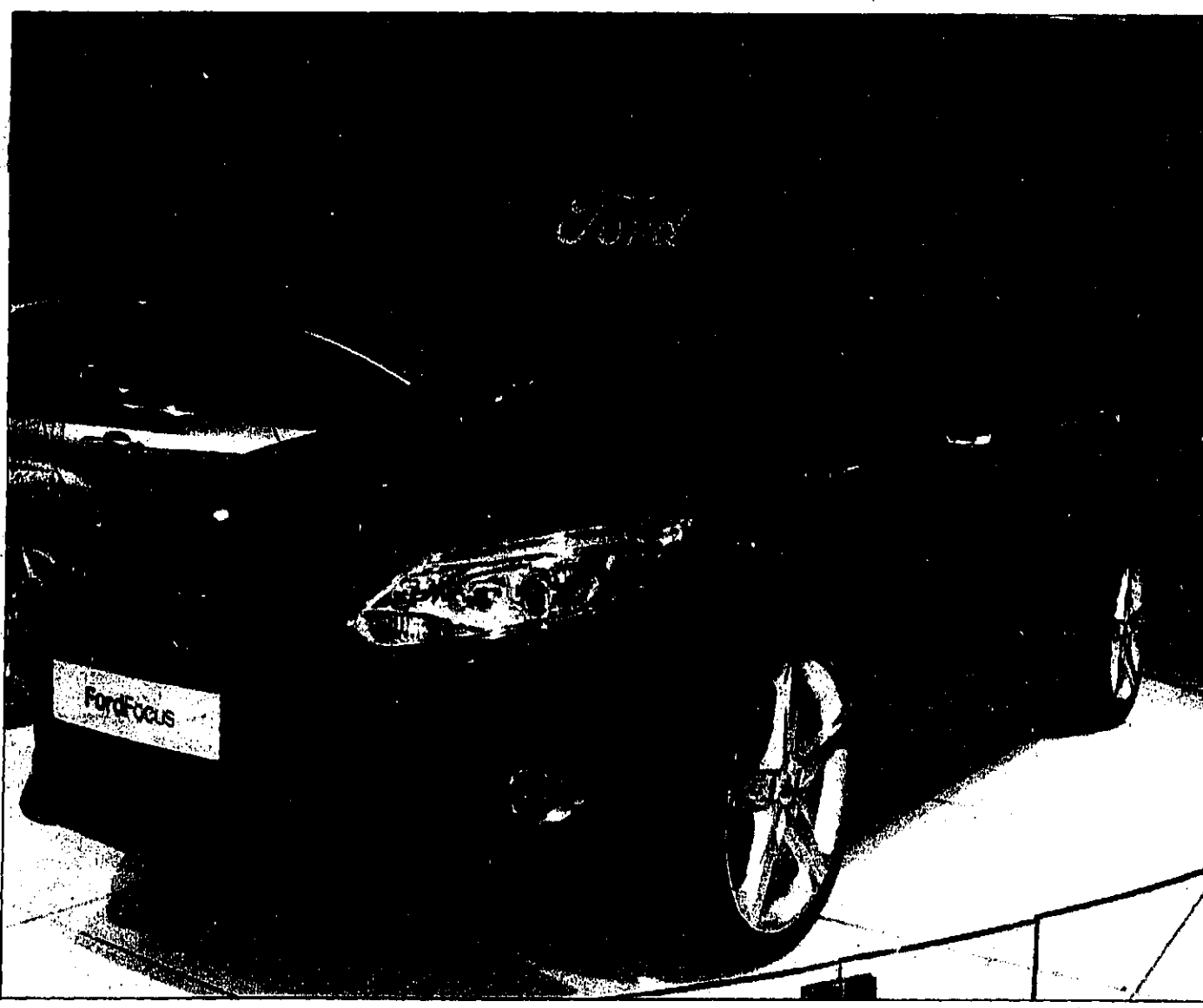
Cooper-Standard products found in several vehicles by different automakers

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

The glitz and glamour that the North American International Auto Show was known for appears to be on its way back as an eager crowd filed into the Cobo Center on Saturday afternoon.

Detroit's Big Three automakers were well represented with displays showcasing some of their newest technology and most popular cars. Interactive displays gave people a change of pace, but the people were there to see the cars — and each automaker brought plenty.

"The mood is definitely better than last year and that is without a doubt," Lyle Otremba, vice president of sales and marketing for the Novi-based Cooper-Standard Automotive, said prior to the public opening. "From the people manning the stands from the car



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Novi City Council looks at improving CEMS coverage

Proposal would improve response times, generate revenue

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

The Novi City Council will vote Monday on a proposal city officials say will improve Community Emergency Medical Services' response times and increase their coverage area.

Currently, CEMS does not have a permanent location in the city to house its vehicles or employees as it regularly posts in select parking lots throughout Novi.

Under the proposed plan, a 24-hour ambulance would be housed at old Fire Station No. 4 near Providence Park Hospital,

while another ambulance would use Fire Station No. 3 on the south side of Nine Mile Road east of Novi Road at night and on weekends.

"This gives them a place where they can get out of the weather, get their equipment out of the weather and get out of the driver's seat," Fire Chief Frank Smith said. "And we are always looking at ways to make the service better."

Currently CEMS is obligated to make 90 percent of its runs within eight minutes, but with the change that would change to 7 1/2 minutes.

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companies to the people in the industry viewing the exhibits, you could feel it. Everything is much more positive."

Cooper-Standard, which is a leading global automotive supplier, also had its mark on several vehicles with products that will likely go unnoticed by the general public.

The business is a major supplier for the 2011 Cadillac CTS-V Coupe, 2012 Ford Focus, 2011 Ford Lincoln MKX crossover and 2011 Ford Mustang GT. The products on these vehicles range from door seals and heater hoses to fuel lines and various belts.

"Certainly we take a lot of pride in what we have out there," Otremba said.

He also said he hopes the public gets the same kind



The 2011 Lincoln MKX has a big Novi feel. Chief designer Doyle Letson is a Novi resident, and Novi-based Cooper-Standard Automotive has several parts inside.

of positive vibe he got, and thinks attendees will notice all the new options in cars that consumers didn't have before.

The majority of the cars on

display were actual vehicles available to the public. There was still a fair share of concept vehicles and electric cars of the future, but they did not dominate the scene.

"It isn't the same old Detroit, the same old industry," Otremba said. "There is a lot of technology ready now."

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In Bloom exhibit

The Nancy A. Fox Art Gallery and the Providence Center for the Healing Arts present In Bloom, an exhibit of captivating garden photography taken by members of the Photography Visions Group. This collection, Photography Visions' debut exhibit, features an array of floral studies selected especially for their natural beauty and color interest. The Photography Visions Group is made up of community residents who meet monthly at the Assarian Cancer Center in Novi to gain knowledge, share ideas and meet new friends with a shared interest in photography. In Bloom represents a juried selection of the groups' finest garden images. The explosion of digital photography has allowed group members to emphasize pure creativity over photographic mechanics when capturing the beauty of nature. In Bloom is on display through Feb. 28. The gallery is located in the Assarian Cancer Center on the Providence Park campus at 47601 Grand River Avenue, Novi. The art gallery is open Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

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part of the city. It would also generate some revenue for the city as CEMS would pay \$600 per month rent for using old Fire Station No. 4. City Manager Clay Pearson said this proposal was not part of the ICMA study which looked into police and fire services; rather it came about when talking with CEMS about ways to

improve coverage. "We don't care as much where they are, just as long as they get to where they need to be," he said. According to Smith, CEMS is ready to move into place immediately if the proposal is approved by council. The city council meeting starts at 7 p.m. Monday.

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EDUCATION

Students honor King with talents

BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

Students throughout Novi told the story of Martin Luther King Jr. on Monday in several unique ways.

Some did it with their voices, singing or through the spoken word. Others did it with their musical talents by playing the piano. And several more did so through different styles of dance.

But for as different as the performances were, the message at the fourth annual Unity in the Community program at Novi High School was straightforward — to promote unity and diversity.

"If you are going to make unity and diversity ring and live, then you have to practice it," said keynote speaker and former Detroit Public Schools Superintendent Ken Burnley. Mayor David Landry thanked the students for promoting unity and diversity and "showing an entire community how it's done."

"It's a never-ending challenge," he said. Teena Antony, winner of the oratorical contest, said what she admired about King was that he knew what was happening in the world was wrong and he wanted to make it right.

"Dr. King is a role model for all of us because he had the courage to stand up for what he believed in," she said.

Kayla Alvarez, who performed a dance titled "Saved by the Bell" with Davanta Beal-Greer, said she was honored to be part of the event and hopes the people who attended leave with the idea of unity and being there for each other on their minds.



The Novi Ensemble sings the National Anthem at the start of Monday night's Unity in the Community event honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



Novi High School student Jasmine Mims performs "Universal Tap Control" during the Unity in the Community event on Martin Luther King Jr. Day.



Audience members at Novi's Unity in the Community event recite the Pledge of Allegiance.



Dr. Ken Burnley, former superintendent of Detroit Public Schools, was the night's keynote speaker.

"It meant a lot to me because Dr. King impacted all our lives," she said. "It was fun and a different experience being on stage and performing for someone who means so much to all of us." The event was put on by the

Students Promoting Unity and Diversity group, and at the end of the program they presented the Shine the Light Award to Orchard Hills Elementary teacher Annie Bailey Bailey, who has been with the district since 1972 and is retiring at the end of the school year, was one of the first African-American teachers hired by the school district.

She was flattered by the honor and shared a three-point message with the audience. "Let no man erase your visions in life. Let no man block your path on your principals and high standards. Let no man hinder you from achieving your impossible dreams and unreachable stars," she said.

New custodians getting acquainted with schools

BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

Tom Marcus stands alone as the only former employee of the Novi Community Schools District to get hired by the private company that was brought in to essentially take his job.

But when Marcus weighed the pros and cons between hitting the unemployment line or working for GCA Services Group, he chose the latter for a variety of reasons.

"First off, I have a family," he said. "And second, I love working with these kids and love working with this staff." Marcus has worked with the district for 18 years, including the last two months at Deerfield Elementary. He was touched by the staff and student support throughout the process of privatization, and is not surprised many of his colleagues chose to look for work elsewhere.

"For me, I didn't want to see these kids go with someone new in the building," he said. Deerfield Principal Richard Njus also is glad Marcus was hired by the new company. "It's a real plus for us to have someone that has worked here before and can help with the transition for the night custodians," he said.

The new custodians have been on the job for a little over two weeks, and the principals in the schools have had very few complaints.

Njus said they have been responsive to any direction they have been given and they are very helpful and upbeat. Sue Burnham, principal at Village Oaks Elementary, said the head custodian at the school lives across the street and has heard "only positive" responses from teachers.

"You miss old friends and you are curious how it is going to work, but so far I have not heard anything bad," she said.



GCA Services Group employee Kerry Delford cleans a classroom in Novi Meadows Elementary on Jan. 14. The Novi Community Schools District recently privatized its custodians and laid off its former employees to help with budget problems.

"They seem like they are trying very hard." John Lawrence, principal at Novi High School, said "it's working out great" considering the high school is the biggest building in the district and has events daily.

They key, Lawrence said, has been communication. "We never were concerned because we knew this company was coming in to clean," he said. "The concern was over losing faces and people, and certainly we are feeling that loss, but we have

to move forward because we have a responsibility to provide a safe and clean environment." The contract with GCA upped the staffing levels from 39 employees to 47.5 and was estimated to save the district \$3,622,676. School board president Ann Glubzinski said she believes everyone is hired and in place, and the board will be updated on how it's going at its regular meeting on Feb. 4.

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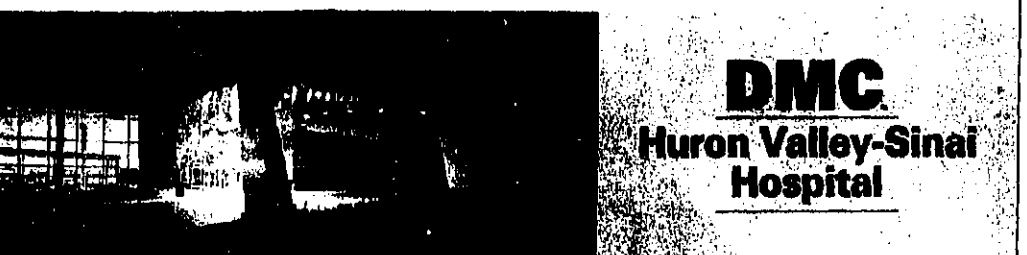


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Celebrating King's dream
(From left) Jordyn Williams, Jacob Brown, Emily Hathaway, Koko Kobayashi, Sunidhi Majikar and the students in Darlene Grabowski's class at Orchard Hills Elementary celebrated Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday with cupcakes, songs and a vow to keep his dream alive.

School board to consider hiring two employees

Dean of students position at high school up for elimination

BY NATHAN MULLER
STAFF WRITER

A proposal to hire an assistant principal at Novi High School and executive secretary at the Educational Services Building, while also eliminating the dean of students position at the high school, was met by mixed reviews from the board of education last Thursday.

The two positions have been held vacant since October, but Superintendent Peter Dion now wants to fill the voids after knowing the district is not going to be cut \$127 per pupil this year and after analyzing the impact of not having them.

"With the high school position, I am going to eliminate the dean of students and therefore replace the high school assistant principal because of the needs and the responsibilities that were lacking at the high school without that assistant principal," Dion said.

He said the total savings would amount to about \$80,000.

His rationale behind replacing the position formerly held by Randy Gavel is that the assistant principals have the responsibility of evaluating

teachers. With over 100 teachers at the high school and many who are probationary, they need to be evaluated two different times. He also cited a need for an administrator to provide coverage at events.

The current dean of students, Nicole Carter, can apply for the posted position, but is not guaranteed the job.

Treasurer Dennis O'Connor said he believes these moves send a mixed message to the community and staff.

"We all heard as a board last April that the high school could not function without the dean function," he said. "...Now all of a sudden we're eliminating that dean function, and I don't understand that."

Other members also felt it wasn't right to hire someone knowing that in five months the position could be eliminated again at budget time.

President Ann Glubzinski said the board will still be in a situation when the personnel report comes — which could be as soon as Feb. 4 — to act-

Board elects new officers

The Novi Community Schools Board of Education elected new officers at last Thursday's meeting.

Ann Glubzinski is staying on as president, but the other three seats have all changed. Bruce Bagdady will serve as vice president, Bobbie Murphy as secretary and Dennis O'Connor as treasurer.

The board also agreed to donate the money they receive for attending the meetings back to the district. The total amount per meeting is \$75 with the president getting \$15 and the other members \$10.

"While it's not a large dollar amount we feel strongly that based on the economic situation any amount helps," Glubzinski said. "We are totally working as volunteers so I'm proud of that."

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Haiti: Not all charities are equipped to help, some fraudulent

As immediate relief needs are assessed in the wake of the devastating earthquake in Haiti on Jan. 12, many Americans are looking for ways to help by donating to a charity. The Better Business Bureau warns that, as occurred following the tsunami in 2004 and Katrina in 2005, fraudulent charities will likely emerge to try and scam donations from well-meaning Americans.

Whenever there is a major natural disaster, be it home or abroad, the generosity of Americans to donate time and money to help victims can always be counted on. Unfortunately, it can also be guaranteed that poorly run and in some cases fraudulent charities will also begin soliciting money from people during a time of need. Not only do donors need to be concerned about avoiding fraud, they also need to make sure their money goes to competent relief organizations that are equipped and experienced to handle the unique challenges of providing assistance at these times when help is needed the most. Your local BBB offers the following six tips to help Americans decide where to direct donations.

"Rely on expert opinion when it comes to evaluating a charity. Be cautious when relying on third-party recommendations such as bloggers or other Web sites, as they might not have fully researched the listed relief organizations. The public can go to www.bbb.org/charity to research charities and relief organizations to verify that they are accredited by the BBB and meet the 20 Standards for Charity Accountability."

"Be wary of claims that 100 percent of donations will assist relief victims. Despite what an organization might claim, charities have fund raising and administrative costs. Even a credit card donation will involve, at a minimum, a processing fee. If a charity claims 100 percent of collected funds will be assisting earthquake victims, the truth is that the organization is still probably incurring fund raising and administrative expenses. They may use some of their other funds to pay this, but the expenses will not be incurred."

"Be cautious about online giving, especially in response to spam messages and emails that claim to link to a relief organization. In response to the tsunami disaster in 2004, there were concerns raised about many Web sites and new organizations that were created overnight allegedly to help victims."

"Find out if the charity has an on-the-ground presence in the impacted areas. Unless the charity already has staff in the effected areas, it may be difficult to get new aid workers to quickly provide assistance. See if the charity's website clearly describes what they can do to address immediate needs."

"Find out if the charity is providing direct aid or raising money for other groups. Some charities may be raising money to pass along to relief organizations. If so, you may want to consider 'avoiding the middleman' and giving directly to charities that have a presence in the region. Or, at a minimum, check out the ultimate recipients of these donations to ensure the organizations are equipped to effectively provide aid."

"Practical drives for food and clothing, while well intentioned, may not necessarily be the quickest way to help those in need — unless the organization has the staff and infrastructure to be able to properly distribute such aid. Ask the charity about their transportation and distribution plans. Be wary of those who are not experienced in disaster relief assistance."

For more information about wise charitable giving and avoiding scams, visit the Better Business Bureau online at www.bbb.org or www.facebook.com/mvbbb.

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Northwood University
Five Novi residents have been named to the Dean's List for spring term: Ashley Bush, freshman; Joshua Frentan, senior; Colton Paganio, freshman; Shaun Rydzewski, sophomore; and Patrick Schlenke, sophomore.

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Age 78, died Jan. 11, 2010. A chapel service was held on Jan. 14, at Clinton Grove Memorial Park, Clinton Twp., MI. Arrangements by PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon, Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

LOUIS H. MARROW
Age 60, died Jan. 11, 2010. Survived by daughter Teresa Dobref, siblings James & MaryAlice. A private service was held. Arrangements by PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon, Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

GREGORY R. SERETIAN
Age 64, of Northville, formerly of Howell, passed away Jan. 14, 2010. Funeral Service was held Mon., Jan. 18 at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc., of Northville. Contributions to American Cancer Society or Angela Hospice.

CHARLES R. CORISTINE
December 25, 2009. Funeral at O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi, (248) 346-8800. Jan. 23 at 11:00am followed by visiting until 3:00pm. Donations to American Diabetes Association. Online condolences www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

PATRICIA K. PUTANSU
Age 75, January 9, 2010. Funeral was held January 16, 2010 at Holy Family Church, Novi. Online condolences www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

DOROTHY VON STEINEN
Age 73, passed away Saturday, January 16, 2010. She was born July 6, 1936 in Grand Rapids, MI, the daughter of Alo L. and Edith H. (Belton) Dell. A long-time resident of South Lyon, Dorothy also lived in Novi and raised her family in Westland, MI. She is survived by her loving husband of 53 years, Louis von Steinen; a sister, Laura Dell of North Fort Myers, FL; sons, Randy and Barry; and her grandchildren, Ryan, Drew and Sofia. A celebration of her life was held for family and close friends January 18, 2010. Contributions in her memory may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 7701 W. Beaubien Dr., Alexandria, VA 22311, www.diabetes.org. Arrangements handled through Stark Funeral Association, 7701 W. Beaubien Dr., Alexandria, VA 22311, www.starkfuneral.com.

VALERIE ROSE DOMBROWSKI
Age 83, January 17, 2010. Funeral was January 20 at Holy Family Church, Novi. Memorial donations may be made to Susan E. Korman for the Cure. Online condolences at www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

CECILIA A. GREGORY
Age 94, Jan. 11, 2010. Funeral was held Jan. 16, 2010 at Holy Family Church, Novi. Donations may be made to the Foundation Fighting Blindness. Online condolences at www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

MARGARET B. HOUSE
Age 75 of Northville, passed away 1/14/10. Loving mother of Melissa (Tim) Cain, grandmother of Sean and Seth; sister of S. Private Services held. Arrangements by Casterline Funeral Home, Inc.

BETTY JANE MALONEY
Age 88 of Howell, formerly of Milford, died at her home Sunday, January 10, 2010. She was born October 2, 1921 in Huntington, PA, the daughter of Selvie C. and Erma M. (Pomerooy) Bryant. Beloved wife of the late Bruno R. Vandekirk (1970) and John B. Maloney (1988). Dear mother of Barbara (Michael) Mohr of Tucson, AZ, and the late Susan Leatherman. Grandmother of Karissa (Frank) Schultz of Denver, CO, Sean (Brandi) Mohr of Knoxville, TN, Ed (JoAnn) Leatherman and Jeff Leatherman of Howell. Also survived by six great-grandchildren. Mass of Resurrection was held Friday, January 15 at 11 a.m. (in-state 10 a.m.) at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 40 W. Washington Street, Howell. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Joseph Catholic Church Building Fund. Arrangements by MacDonald's Funeral Home, Howell (517-546-2800). Please visit the family's online guestbook at www.macdonaldsfuneralhome.com



Wax museum
Fourth grade students at Novi Woods recently studied famous people. Each student selected a person and became that person in costume and speech, in a wax museum setting. Shown are (l-r) James McKeen Cattell, Anne Sullivan, Anna Julia Wilmer, Jella Zaitzoff as Mary Lou Retton, Laine Fenchel as Shirley Temple; and Maria Paparella as Helen Keller.

Andiamo Theater performance pokes fun at the reality of unemployment

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Anyone who has lost their job knows it's no laughing matter. But, the new Andiamo Novi Theatre performances poke fun at being unemployed in a light-hearted way.

With its presentation of "Act Your Wage...The Pink Slip and Fall of an Automotive CEO," the cast provides comic relief to Metro Detroit auto workers, or anyone who's unemployed for that matter, in the new year.

In fact, the theatre even hosted a complimentary performance recently for area laid-off or employed auto workers.

Jamaal Hines and Mike Shreeman. Better to laugh than cry. The original production — written by directed by Graham along with co-directors Hines and Shreeman — follows a hypothetical auto executive, Philip Rip, a man born with a silver spoon in his mouth, after he's fired from an automotive company.

It's a situation of "Honey, I'm home — but way too early."

Not familiar with the reality of the hard economic times his state faces, he is taken on an eye-opening adventure by his longtime friend that puts everything in perspective — that life is about more than money.

His journey also takes audiences to some familiar local places, such as Comerica Park and Costco, and makes references to the new movie industry in Michigan as well as the Detroit Lions.

The performance includes one scene with some audience participation, which leads to some on-stage scripping.

The comedy moves along quickly, keeping the audience entertained.

"Act Your Wage...The Pink Slip and Fall of an Automotive CEO" features Sharon Brooks and Shreeman of Detroit, Lesa Doa of Brighton, Hines of Farmington Hills and Pete Podolaki of Grosse Ile.

John Edwartzowski serves as musical director, and Ed Cosgriff is the stage manager.

DETAILS
Showtimes and prices for the one-hour comedy are 8 p.m. on Wednesdays and 5 p.m. on Sundays, \$15; 8 p.m. on Fridays, \$20; and 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. on Saturdays, \$20.
Tickets are available at the theater's box office by calling (248) 348-4448 or by calling Ticketmaster at (800) 745-3000 or online at www.ticketmaster.com. The Andiamo Novi Theatre is located at 42705 Grand River Avenue, Novi. The comedy is scheduled to run through March 14.

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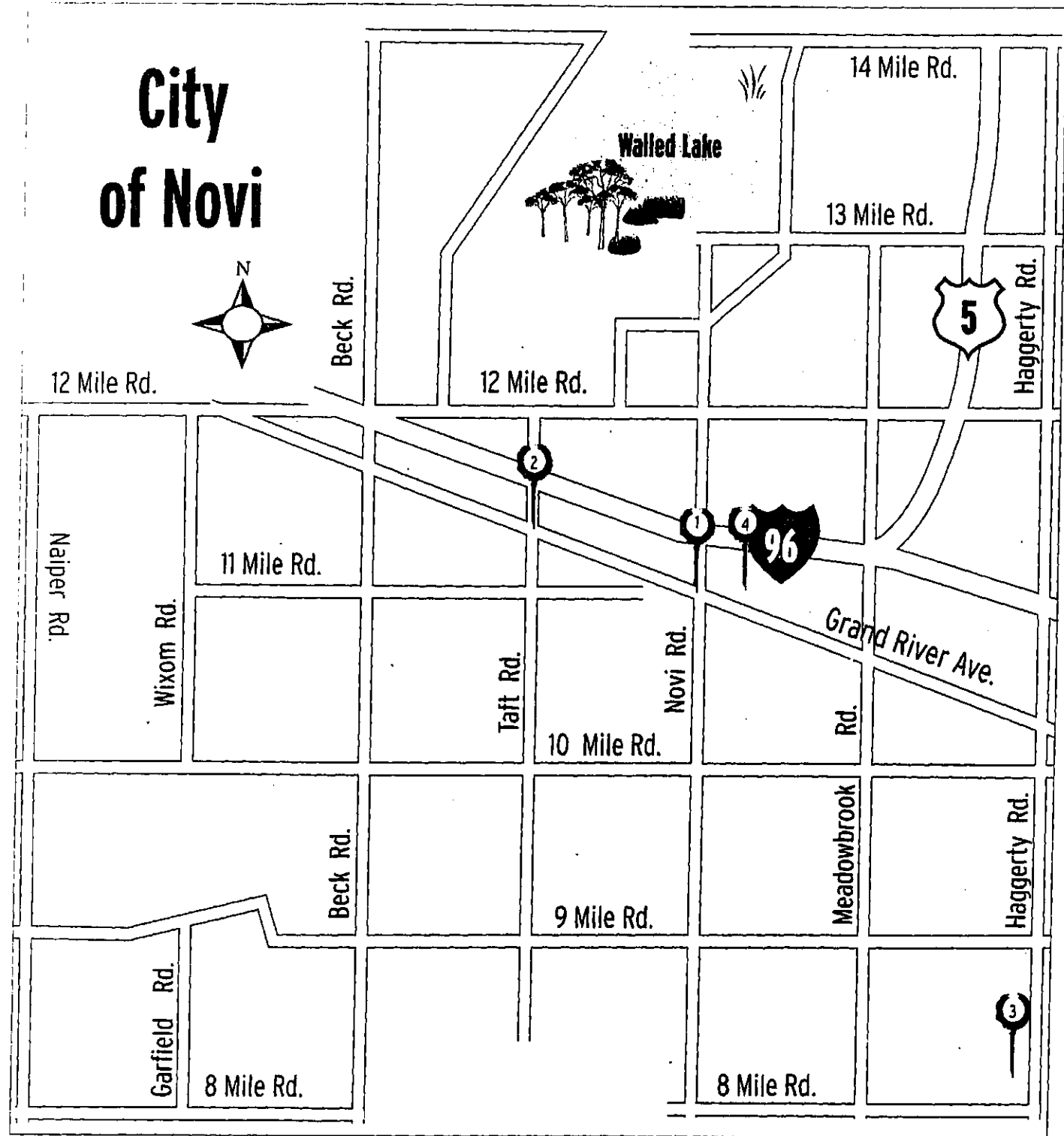
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NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

Police apprehend drunk driver

A Novi police officer arrested a man for drunk driving at 11:29 p.m. on Jan. 15 after finding him stopped at a green light on Grand River Avenue and Novi Road. According to the report, the officer observed a vehicle go around the van, which was stopped at the red light but did not advance once the light turned green. The officer thought it was a disabled vehicle, but when he approached the van the driver appeared "dazed" and began to pull forward when the officer knocked on the window before stopping on the officer's command. The officer could smell a strong odor of intoxicants coming from inside the van when the man rolled the window down, and he failed field sobriety tests. A preliminary breath test registered a blood alcohol content of .14 percent. The legal limit for drivers in Michigan is .08 percent. The man was arrested and taken to the Novi Police Department where he was issued a citation for operating while intoxicated and released when sober.

Drunk caught after speeding

A 28-year-old man was arrested for drunk driving at 8:42 p.m. on Jan. 14 after speeding on Grand River Avenue west of Novi Road. An officer in the area paced the vehicle traveling 55 miles per hour in a 40 mph zone, and initiated a traffic stop at Grand River and Taft Road. The officer could smell an odor of intoxicants coming from the vehicle and the man admitted to drinking earlier that night. He failed field sobriety tests and a preliminary breath test registered a blood alcohol content of .11 percent. The legal limit for drivers in Michigan is .08 percent. The driver was arrested for operating while intoxicated and transported to the Novi Police Department where he was held until sober.

GPS, computer stolen from vehicle

An in-dash CD player and GPS system as well as a lap top were stolen from

a locked vehicle between the hours of 8 a.m. and 12 p.m. on Jan. 12 while it was parked in the parking lot of the Sheraton on Haggerty Road. According to the report, the owner noticed the incident when he returned to his vehicle and the rear passenger side window was smashed. The suspect then pried on the dash to remove the system and also took the lap top on the seat. Police have no suspects at this time.

Car broken into at fitness club

A 24-year-old woman had her car broken into and several items stolen around 2 p.m. on Jan. 17 while it was parked in the parking lot at Bally Total Fitness. The suspect broke the front passenger window and took the woman's purse, a GPS, digital camera, jewelry, credit cards and more. Police scanned the area but could not find evidence to process. There are no suspects at this time.

Novi eyed for police dispatch service in Milford

BY AILEEN WINGLAD
STAFF WRITER

The Milford Police Department's entire dispatch unit is on the chopping block, and two police officers will also likely lose their jobs within the next several weeks, due to a projected decrease in revenue of at least \$870,000 for this year.

That has Milford officials eyeing the city of Novi as a paid provider of dispatch service and to house its prisoners. A proposal to contract with the city of Novi for those police services was to be considered by the Milford Village Council when it met on Tuesday, after press time.

Clay Pearson, Novi city manager, said his office has given information to Milford on "what the arrangement would be in terms of cost and additional services."

Based on a study Novi conducted a few years ago, the cost to absorb Milford's dispatch service would be between \$160,000 to \$170,000. Novi already handles dispatch duties for South Lyon and Lyon Township, and Pearson said he expects shared services to become more commonplace in the future.

"This is something we will see a lot more of," Pearson said. "We have a very well-run and efficient dispatch center, and it does have some additional limited capacity, so we put it out there if any other jurisdiction wanted in. Milford would be a good fit."

Milford's decrease in revenue is due to declining property values — and property taxes which fund police operations. Additional police layoffs will be necessary in Milford without an increase to the police millage, which is expected to be put before voters in August, according to Milford Police Chief Wayne Walli. Millage language has not yet been approved.

Walli said the decision to lay off the five dispatchers and two police officers has been "an excruciating experience" which left the employees "shocked."

"Making this announcement to my police department ranks with the worst days of my life," Walli said. He said the layoffs will be considered permanent. "I'm not in a position to offer any hope that they will return. I have nothing good to offer that will buffer the layoffs," he said.

Walli said he has anticipated financial problems for awhile, but it wasn't until he got the latest figures from the county a few days ago did he learn just how dire the situation is — and how long it's expected to last. "Oakland County is projecting three years (of decline). And the county is usually quite accurate," Walli said.

Milford police officer Tanya Pence, Milford's police officer's

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CLAY PEARSON, Novi city manager

union steward, said Walli's announcement "completely blindsided" officers and dispatchers.

"It seems to be a first resort instead of a last resort, and it's going to result in the loss of important services," she said.

Pence said Walli has not asked for any concessions from the union which could result in cost-savings, and said suggestions have been made over the past few years to pare back expenses — such as moving to 12-hour shifts — that were ignored. She questions why "spending has remained consistent over the last 18 months" if a budget crisis was anticipated.

"This is poor planning, poor decision making and poor money management," Pence said. "It's sad we're not working together on this. Everybody is angry and shocked."

According to Walli, the layoffs and contracting out the services will save the department about \$150,000. That's enough to keep things running without more layoffs for the next several months, when the millage proposal will likely be presented. Should the millage fail, Walli said at least six more police officers will lose their jobs.

Milford Village Manager Arthur Shuffelbarger said the pending layoffs are not yet "a done deal" but are an unfortunate necessity — though other options will be considered before a decision is made.

"These people absolutely contribute and are very, very valuable employees who are doing a service to the community," Shuffelbarger said. "We're not cutting surplus, this is not cutting fat. This is cutting muscle."

"We want to keep these people. We just can't afford to," he said.

Shuffelbarger said the police department has a fund balance which will likely be tapped over the next several months, but it's not the answer to a financial crisis that will likely continue for at least two or three years.

"We can't spend it down to nothing and then say 'We have a problem,'" he said. "We have to look for a long-term solution."

The police department is operated by the village of Milford. It serves both the village and township of Milford.

Novi News staff writer Nathan Mueller contributed to this report.

Man arrested after bullet goes through neighbor's window

Family home at the time, no one injured

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

A 42-year-old Novi man was arrested on Jan. 10 and is facing charges after a bullet from a gun he was holding went through his neighbor's sliding glass window and lodged in the wall.

The incident occurred around 4:45 p.m. when the family living on the 24000 block of Cranbrook Drive was sitting down for dinner. They heard a gun shot and immediately called 911 for help.

According to Novi Police Detective Sgt. Matt Conquest, when the officers arrived they were able to determine the trajectory of the bullet and traced it to a home on the 40000 block of Ten Mile Road.

The officers made contact with the subject and observed a hole in the siding of his home. He told officers he was showing his friend how to load and unload the gun when it accidentally discharged.

Conquest said both subjects had been drinking. Police confiscated the weapon and took the man to the Novi Police Department. The man did have a valid concealed pistol license and has no prior criminal history.

He was later released pending issuance of a warrant from the Oakland County prosecutor's office on charges which may include possession of a firearm while intoxicated and reckless use of a firearm.

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Down the hill

Brothers Miller, 10, left, and Drew Carlock, 4, zip down the hill at Novi's Lakeshore Park on Fri., Jan. 8. The brothers were there with their sister Megan and dad Jason to take advantage of the four inches of snow that fell on the area that day.

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LOCAL EVENTS

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MEETING
Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m. Monday, Feb 8

American Legion Post 19 Monthly Meeting
Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. on third Tuesdays

Location: Rock Financial Showplace, Grand River Avenue between Tall and Beck roads
Details: Comrades and fellow veterans, please join these monthly meetings; attendance is needed to maintain and grow the Post.

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Time/Date: 9-8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29 and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30
Location: Laurel Park Place Mall, Livonia
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JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Winter fun

Jan. 23 - Johnnie Bassett (blues)
The Post Bar
Location: 42875 Grand River Avenue, Novi

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Thursday-Saturday: DJ

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Novi Toastmasters Club
Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., every first and third Tuesday
Location: Novi Civic Center, Activities Room, 45175 West 10 Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375

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Time/Date: Noon every Thursday
Location: Novi Methodist Church, 41671 W. 10 Mile Road

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Mbargo
Location: Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk, 44325 Twelve Mile Road, Novi

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Location: 43155 Market Street, Novi

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CALENDAR FROM PAGE A10

Lego Club
Time/Date: 6-6:45 p.m. Monday, Jan. 25
Details: Join us once a month for Lego show-and-tell and building activities.

Tuesday Evening Book Discussion
Time/Date: 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 26
Details: Join your Novi neighbors in a great discussion.

Early Surveyors of Michigan
Time/Date: 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 26
Details: Morris Thomas, Professor of Geography at Michigan State University, will discuss the early surveyors of Michigan.

Reference USA: Database Instruction
Time/Date: 3-5 p.m. and 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 27
Details: Learn about this fantastic database from a pro!

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Wixom Public Library
Location: 49015 Pontiac Trail, Wixom
Hours: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday; and 1-5 p.m. Sunday

Museum Adventure Pass
Details: Card holders can check out free passes, for two to four people, to many area museums, cultural centers and historical sites.

ESL Cafe
Time/Date: 3:30 p.m. every Thursday
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ent a 4-day All Breed Dog Show.
Contact: www.oaklandcountyclub.com
Novi Home Improvement Show
Time/Date: Jan. 29-31; Friday, noon-9 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sunday 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

"Spirited" by Rebecca Rosen
Book Release Party
Time/Date: Feb. 17, 7-9 p.m.
Details: Rebecca Rosen's highly-anticipated new book, "SPIRITED: Connect to the Guides All Around You," published by Harper Collins, will be in bookstores nationwide on Feb. 2.

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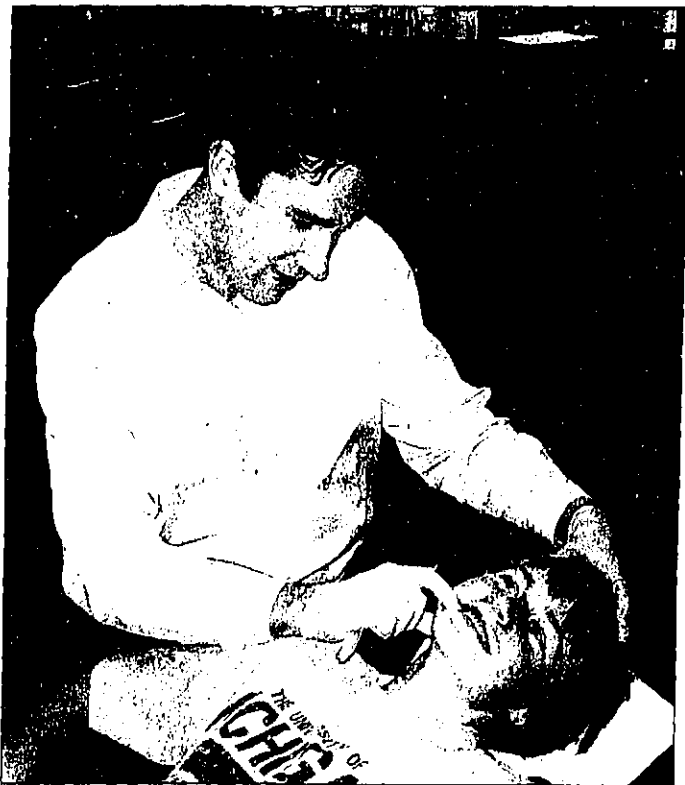
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Orthodontic practice expands to Novi

Business to offer unique SureSmile technology

BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER
After five years of waiting, the Tyler Dumas Reyes orthodontic practice is finally expanding to Novi.

The owners of the business, who also have locations in Birmingham and Rochester, said the timing was right to open another office and the addition of Dr. Samuel Wise to the staff helped seal the deal.

"We've always had our eye on Novi, and we thought it was a fantastic location because of its proximity to so many other communities," said Dr. Samuel Wise. "This has been long in the works, but we didn't have the manpower to pull it off."

Tyler Dumas Reyes is not a normal orthodontic practice, either. It is one of only four other practices in the United States to offer SureSmile technology, a system that uses robotics to fit people for braces. The technology is said to increase precision and decrease the length of treatment time.

Patients who wore braces had to come into the office and



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It is estimated that between 20,000 to 30,000 deaths occur annually, in the U.S. from radon gas poisoning.

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There are many detectors available to test for radon gas. Most common, for "short term" testing - a minimum of 48 hours - are charcoal canisters which absorb radon from the air to determine the presence of radon. A "long term" test, 90 days or more, provides a more accurate reading.

The modern measurement technique used by professionals is the Continuous Radon Monitor (CRM). This device provides an hourly report for the level of radon in your home. You are provided a detailed report at the end of the 48 hour test period. The EPA guidelines for testing protocols and remediation guideline should always be followed.

"We pride ourselves on being down to earth and relating well with patients," Wise said. "Getting to know our patients like they are neighbors and friends is what we are trying to bring into the community."

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Strictly Business



Coming to Novi

(Clockwise from top left) Drs. Samuel Wise, Brian Reynolds, John Dumas and Scott Tyler will be opening a Tyler Dumas Reyes orthodontic practice in Novi this April. See their story in this week's A section.

BUSINESS MILESTONES

Street market coming to Novi

The Novi Chamber of Commerce, Bright House Networks, and The Atrium of Novi announce plans to bring an International Street Market to Novi's Main Street. The market will feature fresh produce, flowers, handicrafts, antiques, music, and more. Dates are Sundays from May through October.

There are still opportunities for businesses to sponsor the Market as well as many vendor opportunities. The Chamber is very happy to include the Toasted Oak Grill and Market at the newly-renovated Renaissance Hotel as a major sponsor of the International Street Market.

For more information on Novi's new International Street Market, contact Linda Daily, executive director of the Novi Chamber of Commerce at (248) 349-3743. Visit www.novi-chamber.com.

Advanced Vein Therapies changes name

In order to distinguish Advanced Vein Therapies from other clinics that use the word "advanced" in their name, the local business is now called Novi Vein. Using the old tale that Novi's name comes from the No. V1 railroad that ran through the city, and the Latin parallel word "vein" - meaning new, the new business name has a double meaning - making legs new again.

Oakland offers business workshops

Business owners and entrepreneurs who need assistance are invited to attend seminars in January offered at the Oakland County Executive Office Building Conference Center, 2100 Pontiac Lake Road, west of Telegraph, Waterford. For location specifics and pre-registration, visit www.oakgov.com/peds/calendar or call (248) 858-0783. Business Basics workshops are now offered in the evenings on alternating months.

Fundamentals of Writing a Business Plan

This workshop covers many of the key legal and financial issues faced by both new and existing small businesses in Michigan. The program initially focuses on the many management and liability concerns faced by entrepreneurs, as well as today's tax consequences. The program also provides solutions and techniques for business concession and individual investment and retirement planning. Presented by Carter & Associates, P.C. Tuesday, Jan. 26, from 9 a.m. to noon. For location specifics and pre-registration, visit our website at oakgov.com/peds/calendar or call (248) 858-0783. This workshop is free, but pre-registration is required.

Fundamentals of Marketing Your Business

Marketing is an essential part of business success. All products/services must be sold to well-targeted audiences with a wide-ranging marketing mix. Our staff/SCORE counselors can guide you through successful techniques and marketing principles helping you to promote your products and services to the most promising customers-your target audience. Presented by The Michigan Small Business & Technology Development Center (MI-SBTD). Thursday, Jan. 28 from 9 a.m. to noon. For location specifics and pre-registration, visit oakgov.com/peds/calendar or call (248) 858-0783. The fee is \$40 (make check payable to E.M.U.), which includes all materials. No refunds.

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(AM) Morning Class 9 a.m. to 12/12:30 p.m. (PM) Evening Class 6 p.m. to 9/9:30 p.m.

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Many computer-literate professionals and students find themselves working on multiple computers. We have our home computers, our laptops, our work computers, and computers at school. Sharing files across a number of computers is problematic. Using one of the Web-based file storage solutions would work except I use some computers that do not always have Internet access. The solution that I like the most is to carry my "active" files around with me on a small flash drive that plugs into a USB port on any computer.

I personally use a 16 GB drive that is waterproof and shockproof. I paid a little extra for the increased durability but I have never regretted it. I have found that 16 GB is more than enough storage for my needs and I always have it hanging around my neck when I head off for work. My wife thinks that it looks a little nerdy and calls my flash drive my neck-leave or my "nerd bling."

Flash drives come in a variety of blinged-out versions. Mine is a simple rubber-covered striped design but it is possible to buy drives covered in rhinestones that so serve as true bling. Some people like to carry around decorative flash drives that are shaped like animals, keys, twigs, baked goods, or hamburgers. The choices are as wide as your imagination and personal interests.

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Franklin Road school open house

Franklin Road Christian School-Nowi is a K-12, coeducational, college preparatory school with a nondenominational Christian philosophy. Come to an open house from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 26 and see students and classrooms in action, speak with faculty and administrators, and take a tour of the new campus on the northwest corner of M5 and 13 Mile Road.

Free investment classes at library

The Southeastern Michigan Chapter of Better Investing will offer two free investment classes. Learn about excellent stock and mutual fund research tools—both online and paper based—and ways you can improve your selections by utilizing these library resources. On Tuesday, Feb. 9 from 7-8 p.m. "Introduction to Morningstar" and on Thursday, Feb. 11 from 7-8 p.m. "Introduction to Value Line" will be presented at the Novi Public Library, 42545 W. 10 Mile Road.

Novi Coop Preschool open house

Novi Cooperative Preschool, located at 41871 Ten Mile Road, will host an open house from 10 a.m.-noon on Jan. 30. Call (248) 349-3223 for more information, or visit www.novipreschool.com.

Pet psychic visits

Pet psychic Kathleen Katona visits the Walled Lake City Library on Monday, Jan. 25, at 6:30 p.m. to help people connect on a deeper level with their beloved pets, including those that have passed on. This event is free and open to the public, but seating is limited so please call the library to register at (248) 624-3772 or email admin@walledlakelibrary.org. Participants are encouraged to bring photos or favorite mementos of their pets, but please do not bring live animals to the presentation.

Musical troupe to perform in Novi

Wayne State University's Confucius Institute will be sponsoring the nationally recognized Huazhong University of Science and Technology (HUST) Musical Troupe on Jan. 29 at the Novi High School Auditorium. The 23-member troupe will perform a number of traditional and contemporary Chinese songs and dances.

Hand problems addressed

If you've stopped doing the things you enjoy because of problems with your hands, then join Germaine Fritz, D.O., hand and microvascular surgeon, at Botsford Hospital on Thursday, Jan. 21 from 3:30-4:30 p.m.

'Spelling Bee' performed

After performing Les Miserables-School Edition to sold out audiences this fall, Walled Lake Western High School announced another musical, The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, to be performed Feb. 4-6 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets for these performances will only be sold at the door. Ticket prices range from \$10 for adults and \$8 for students and seniors.

Intense workout at Botsford

Start your New Year off right with a blast of intense calorie burning workouts at the Botsford Center for Health Improvement. Staff at the Botsford Center for Health Improvement have combined their top three highest calorie-burning classes into a two-



George and Caroline Giese (above) help out from the stage at the Novi Senior Center during their once a month sing-a-long on Weds., Jan. 13. The Meadowbrook Rd. senior center is the site of the hour and a half song fest which begins at 1:30 on the second Wednesday of each month. Visitors to the Novi Senior Center (below) on Jan. 13 join in together on a song.



hour intense workout session called Cardio Blast taking place on Saturday, Jan. 23 from 9-11 a.m. The free Cardio Blast class will include:

- Spinning: Indoor cycling at its finest. Incorporates cardiovascular, lower body strength,
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Friends' Ball to benefit Providence

The Providence Health Foundation 2010 Friends' Ball will be held on Saturday, April 24, at 6 p.m. at the Diamond Center at Rock Financial Showplace, Novi. This year, Art Van Elslander will receive the prestigious Order of Charity award and physicians Bruce H. Kole, M.D.; Daniel R. Piper, M.D.; Bruce M. Silverman, D.O.; and Teck-Mun Soo, M.D., will be the recipients of the Caduceus Society Physician of the Year award.

Proceeds from this year's event will benefit the Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary program. The program is designed to offer a comprehensive approach to the surgical and medical management of patients with malignancies, neoplasms and diseases involving the liver, gallbladder, bile ducts, pancreas and the duodenum. The multidisciplinary team for the HBP program is dedicated to the consistent evaluation and improvement of patient care outcomes across the continuum of inpatient and outpatient care.

Computers for beginners

"Computers for Beginners" will be offered at the Walled Lake City Library on Tuesday, Feb. 2, at 7 p.m. and on Wednesday, Feb. 3, at 2 p.m. Each session is free and open to the public, but pre-registration is required as there is limited space. To register, call the Walled Lake City Library at (248) 624-3772.

Pre-registration is required and space is limited. Sign up

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OUR VIEWS

Race to the Top not right move for Novi

Teachers all over the state are saying no thanks to the federal Race to the Top legislation designed to improve schools. Educators shouldn't be blamed for failing to support the legislation because they don't know exactly what is in it, through no fault of their own. The state Legislature hastily crafted the legislation in time to hold its collective hat out for an estimated \$400 million in federal aid, most of which will go to the poorest districts in the state. Michigan didn't want to be left on the sidelines of a \$100 billion national makeover of schools design to: Create new charter schools, referred to as "schools of excellence." Raise the drop out age from 16 to 18. Allow merit pay for highly effective teachers. Require annual teacher and principal evaluations. Allow removal of ineffective educators. Allow for high school curriculum flexibility. Allow appointed chief executive to run multiple schools. State Superintendent of Education Mike Flanagan said he will process the application without the approval of union reps but conceded the lack of cooperation could damage Michigan's chances of approval.

The Novi school district didn't expect to gain a huge amount of money from the program -- just \$27,041 -- and voted not to sign up. But students in poorer districts including Detroit Public Schools may not get extra help if Michigan's application is rejected and that's too bad. Legislators should have done a better job spelling out exactly how teachers and administrators would be evaluated and disciplined under Race to the Top. If the new law is intended to weed out lousy teachers who only keep their jobs because they have the union contract memorized and manage to get by doing the bare minimum year after year, then hallelujah, because school districts -- like most businesses -- have some employees who are dead weight. That said, the salvation of Race to the Top could be raising the student drop-out age from 16 to 19. Anything that keeps children in school longer is a step in the right direction given the dismal drop-out rates in some districts. One topic that wasn't stressed enough in the Race to the Top legislation is the role of families. If all students are given the tools to succeed and families place the proper importance on education in the home, our school system would undoubtedly improve.

Unfortunately, politicians seemingly look to reinvent education every few years without taking a serious look at the role families play in the process. If family expectations and standards are high, a child will more often than not succeed in school. If education is of little importance at the dinner table, the best efforts of educators are often wasted.

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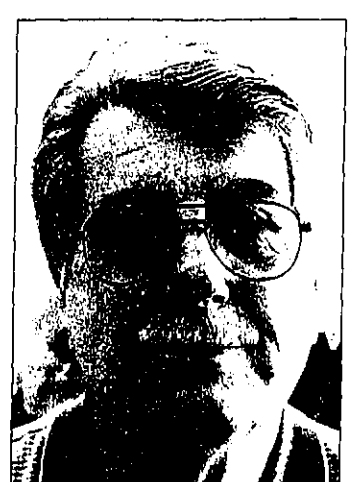
Would you say that this is the worst economy you've ever seen?



I remember the Depression and to me it's about the same.
Ernestine Merlotti
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I would say so. I was a baby in the '29 depression, and for now it's really bad. It's hard on everyone, even the seniors."
Florence Baptist
Novi



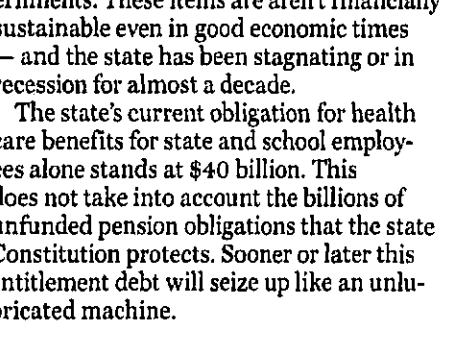
I believe it's going to be a gradual improvement, but it's still devastating to many people.
Loren Colwell
Novi



Well, I know it's affected everyone, but I don't feel like it has affected the older people. We've had years to save up for this. I think it's important for those of us to help others out.
George Giese
Novi

Some things cannot go on forever

Herbert Stein, President Richard Nixon's chief economic adviser and father of actor Ben Stein (*Ferris Bueller's Day Off*), coined a saying that applies to what ails Michigan. Stein's Law says, "If something cannot go on forever, it will stop." In other words, no one needs to take action; the trend will halt by itself. Stein's Law poses a challenge to address the out-of-control pension and health care costs of state government, public schools and local governments. These items aren't financially sustainable even in good economic times -- and the state has been stagnating or in recession for almost a decade. The state's current obligation for health care benefits for state and school employees alone stands at \$40 billion. This does not take into account the billions of unfunded pension obligations that the state Constitution protects. Sooner or later this entitlement debt will seize up like an un-lubricated machine.



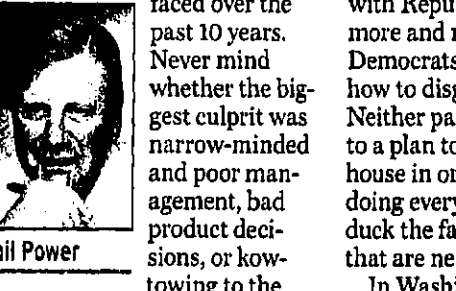
Tom Watkins
An example is the failure to diversify the state's investment portfolio. As Michigan continues to shed jobs and employers, political leaders should confront the new economic reality and force real change in how government operates. In a December interview, Gov. Jennifer Granholm gets it partially right when she says, "The old way of being is gone and is never coming back," and "the lesson of this (2009) year is so stark: We must diversify or die." The governor should have continued that government at all levels must "change or die." We can't keep spending as if nothing has changed, when everything has changed.

COMMENTARY
We are fast approaching a time when Michigan will be forced to try to raise taxes not to invest in our collective future -- in K-12 education, higher education or infrastructure fixes -- but to pay for promises made to public employees that we do not have the money to keep. In a sign of things to come in Michigan, Pittsburgh Mayor Luke Ravenstahl announced plans and then shelved them to become the nation's first government to tax college tuition in exchange for an increase in voluntary contributions from local colleges and universities to the city. The mayor said the money was needed to pay for pensions for retired workers. Will Michigan's political leaders, in 2010 finally address unsustainable government spending and tax breaks before they bankrupt the state and stall our economic rebirth? This year, Michiganians will elect a new governor and nearly two-thirds of the state legislature as well as decide if we should rewrite our state Constitution. It will test whether Stein's Law applies: Will we try to reform the unsustainable or hope it stops by itself?

Tom Watkins is a China consultant based in Metro Detroit and former state superintendent of schools, 2001-05. Read more by Watkins at www.dometeam.com.

Past decade marked the beginning of our decline

As we enter a new decade, it's striking how much the situation we face in Michigan mirrors the one confronting our country. Here at home, it's clear that the near-collapse of our domestic automobile industry is the major contributor to our present economic disaster -- and before that, to the decline we have faced over the past 10 years. Never mind whether the biggest culprit was narrow-minded and poor management, bad product decisions, or how-towing-to-the-union fact is that the industry shriveled and over the decade, Michigan lost nearly a million jobs. Now, our state is beginning to lose population as well. Nationally, the worst economic downturn since the 1930s was clearly provoked by a combination of astounding greed, terrible risk management and asleep-at-the-switch government regulation of the financial industry. And, as anybody who is trying to find a job or has lost their house can tell you, we're not nearly out of the woods yet. Certainly not in Michigan, where we have spent the last decade utterly failing to come to terms with a financial crisis that threatens to swamp state and local government, our schools and the quality of life in our communities. (The projected deficit for next year's General Fund is more than \$2 billion.) Failures roost equally on the right and on the left, with Republicans shouting for more and more tax cuts and Democrats trying to figure out how to disguise tax increases. Neither party has anything close to a plan to get our financial house in order, and both are doing everything they can to duck the far-reaching reforms that are necessary.



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In Washington, the national debt is now estimated by the Treasury at \$12.1 trillion and climbing fast, while the deficit for the current fiscal year is estimated by Bloomberg News Service at \$1.4 trillion -- nearly three times the previous record. Rising deficits are the product of high spending for wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, government intervention to undo the recession and tax cuts enacted over the years by the Bush administration. Once again, neither Republicans nor Democrats have proposed a solid or realistic plan to get our national financial house in order. Worse, it appears that our political institutions -- nationally and in Michigan -- are losing the capacity and/or the will to function effectively to fix our problems. In Washington, the atmosphere is nothing less than acrid, futile partisanship, "the worst I've ever seen," according to U.S. Rep. John Dingell, D-DeARBorn, and he should know. He has served in the House longer than anyone in history. Over the past decade in Lansing, each party has taken turns beating up on the other, rather than achieving anything in particular to help the people of the state get through their financial crisis. For example, experts on both the left and right agree that Michigan's tax system (both personal and business) needs wholesale reform, but political topiders concede there's little chance anything will be done until after this fall's election -- if then. That is frustrating, because oddly enough, the climate for reform, in Michigan at least, has never been better, if only because things are so bad ... and the prospect for change is so dim. Business Leaders for Michigan, the group formerly known as Detroit Renaissance, has presented a "turnaround plan" that offers ways to bring our state into the top 10 in the country. Other reform groups, including The Center for Michigan, have proposed similarly far-reaching packages. Business and reform leaders in the state spent much of the holiday break meeting face to face

GUEST COLUMN
with Gov. Jennifer Granholm, Speaker of the House Andy Dillon and Senate Majority Leader Mike Bishop to plead for progress on reform. "The likely outcome? Forget about it. Looking at the wreckage, it's hard to overstate the sad consequences of the past decade for both our state and our nation. Here at home, we appear to be losing faith in our capacity to sustain our distinctive competitive assets such as our universities, the brainpower of our kids and our magnificent quality of life. How we are to retain the best and the brightest -- let alone attract them from elsewhere -- when we have no clear long-term strategy or short-term recipe for reform -- is not at all clear. Nationally, I am beginning to suspect that future historians will point to the decade we've just lived through as the beginning of America's relative decline in worldwide leadership and prosperity. And nothing would make me happier than if the next 10 years prove me dead wrong. Former newspaper publisher and University of Michigan regent Phil Power is a longtime observer of Michigan politics and economics, former chairman of the Michigan chapter of the Nature Conservancy and founder and president of The Center for Michigan. Contact him at ppower@theCenterforMichigan.net.

BRIEFS

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Coffee with Crawford

State Rep. Hugh D. Crawford today announced the opportunity for local residents to meet with him in the community. Coffee with Crawford will be at the Coffee Beanery, located at 49328 Pontiac Trail in Wixom on Saturday, Feb. 6 from 10-11:30 a.m. "As your voice in Lansing, it is important for me to stay connected with your needs and ideas," said Crawford, R-Nowi. "I look forward to this opportunity for local residents to express their thoughts and concerns, and discuss what is happening in Lansing and our community." An appointment is not necessary for district office hours. Residents unable to meet Crawford during the scheduled office hours can contact him at (517) 373-0827 or by e-mail at hucrawford@house.mi.gov to make an appointment.

At a meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 27 from 6-7 p.m. at the Botsford Center for Health Improvement, this interactive session will allow you to meet the physician, registered dietitian and physiotherapist, sample meal replacement products, and ask questions. For details and pre-registration information, please call (248) 479-3100 or visit www.botsford.org/hcni. The Botsford Center for Health Improvement is located at 39750 Grand River Ave. in Novi.

Applicants for county's mental health authority sought

The Oakland County Board of Commissioners is seeking interested citizens to volunteer to serve the community through appointment to the Oakland County Community Mental Health Authority. Four citizen representatives are sought to serve as members of the Oakland County Community Mental Health Authority. The individuals selected by the Board will be responsible for assuring the provision of services and support to adults with mental illness, children with serious emotional disturbances as well as persons with developmental disabilities.

Free H1N1 vaccines

Botsford Hospital is reaching out to the community to share its supply of H1N1 vaccine. Free vaccines for both adult and children are available and are being given at an event held at Botsford Hospital's main campus at 28050 Grand River Ave. in Farmington Hills on Saturday, Jan. 30, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. The event will take place in the hospital's Community Room in the Zieger Building. This building is located across from the Emergency Center walk-in entrance. Parking is available at the Zieger Building.

Loss weight with Botsford's Renew

The Botsford Center for Health Improvement is offering a medically supervised weight loss program. The 20-week program called Renew

who is currently receiving services to serve on the Community Mental Health Authority. • One individual Secondary Consumer of Community Mental Health Services (CMHS) which is someone who has a family member receiving mental health services from the Community Mental Health Authority. • Two individuals either from the General Public or from the Mental Health Profession to serve that currently have working involvement with mental health services. Application deadline is Friday, Feb. 12. To apply or receive more information about these positions, to obtain and submit an application online go to www.oakgov.com/hcni/news/04pr_applications. To print out an application form, go to the listed website above or call (248) 858-10103 request an application. Mail completed application forms to: Oakland County Board of Commissioners, 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Dept. 470, Pontiac, MI 48341 or fax to (248) 858-1572.

at Botsford Center for Health Improvement is designed for people who have at least 20 pound to lose and are ready to take control of their weight loss goals. Renew utilizes a meal replacement supplement with medically managed support and monitoring. The program includes regular weekly group sessions with a dietitian and exercise physiologist, individual phone coaching, lab work, regular monitoring with Farmington physician Joe Williams, D.O., and fitness membership. Participants in similar programs report up to five pound per week of weight loss. An informational session will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 27 from 6-7 p.m. at the Botsford Center for Health Improvement. This interactive session will allow you to meet the physician, registered dietitian and physiotherapist, sample meal replacement products, and ask questions. For details and pre-registration information, please call (248) 479-3100 or visit www.botsford.org/hcni. The Botsford Center for Health Improvement is located at 39750 Grand River Ave. in Novi.

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Dine with Doc

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NORTHVILLE / NOVI CHURCH EVENTS

Submit: Send calendar submissions via e-mail to ctstone@gnnet.com, by fax to (248) 685-2892, or by mail to Church Events/Novi/Novi, 101 W. Lafayette South Lyon, MI 48178. Items must be received by noon on Monday to be included in Thursday's newspaper.

Pat O'Brien from Church of the Holy Family called and had some changes to their church calendar listing. The mass times have changed and under time and day they have a 6:30 a.m. mass on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday (on Wednesday like the calendar says). They also no longer have the adoptive parent class, so that can be removed.

Church of the Holy Family
Location: 24505 Meadowbrook Road
Contact: (248) 349-8847 or visit holymfamilynovi.org
Mass Schedule
TIME/DAY: 7:30, 9, 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Sunday, 9 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, 6:30 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 7 p.m. Tuesday, 5 p.m. (English), 6:30 p.m.

Crossroads Meadows Church
Location: 15301 Meadowbrook Road, South Lyon, MI 48178
Contact: (248) 689-9400, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or visit www.crossroadsmeadows.org
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.
Bible study classes: 10 a.m. for all ages
Details: Ministry and older children programs available. Worship blends traditional and contemporary elements resulting in a multi-sensory worship experience.

Detroit First Church of the Nazarene
Location: 2200 Haggerty Road, north of Light Mile Road
Contact: (248) 348-7600 or visit detroitfnaz.com
Sunday Schedule: 9:15 a.m. Worship service with Praise Band, children's Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 10:15 a.m. Fellowship and refreshments; 11 a.m. Traditional worship service; Children's Church, Youth Sunday School and Adult Bible

Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross
Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile Road
Contact: (248) 427-1175 or churchoftheholycross.com
Sunday Worship: 7:45 a.m., 10 a.m.

Fellowship: 6 p.m. Evening Service. Children's program. Youth Worship Service
Tuesday Schedule: Tuesday 9:30-11:15 a.m. Women of the Word Bible Study with childcare available for through age 5; 6:45 p.m. Ladies Evening Bible Study; 7 p.m. Men's Evening Bible Study
Wednesday Schedule: 5:30 p.m. Family Meal, \$4 per person, \$12 per family; 7 p.m. Children's Caravan, Club 56, Bible Study, Quilting, Adult Classes, Youth Blast
Thursday Schedule: 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group; 7 p.m. Tae Kwon Do

Women of the Word
Time/Date: 9:25-11:15 a.m.
Details: The W.O.W. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study welcomes you to their study of the Book of Exodus. There is a \$15 registration fee, which includes interdenominational study materials. Childcare will be available in the morning for children through age 5.

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Sunday School and Nursery Care: 10 a.m. Worship Service
ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP
Time/Date: 10 a.m. second Saturday of month
Faith Community Presbyterian
Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile Road
Contact: (248) 349-2345 or visit faithcommunity-novi.org
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

First Baptist Church of Northville
Location: 217 N. Wing
Contact: (248) 348-1020
Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays
Men's Bible Study: 9 a.m. first Saturday of every month
Christmas Eve Service: 6 p.m.

First Baptist Church of Novi-Family Integrated Church
Location: 45301 W. 11 Mile Road
Contact: (248) 349-3647 or firstbaptistchurchofnovi.org
Family Bible Hour: 9:45 a.m.
Family Worship: 11 a.m.
Bible Study: 6 p.m.
Family Movie Night: 5:30 p.m.; fourth Sunday of every month

First Presbyterian Church of Northville
Location: 200 E. Main St.
Contact: (248) 349-0911 or visit firstpres.org
SUNDAY WORSHIP
Time: 9:30, 11 a.m.
WALKING IN THE PARK
Time/Date: 10-11 a.m. every Saturday
Location: Meet at the Visitor's Center of Heritage Park (Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile roads)
Details: Group meets for lunch afterwards.
Contact: Sue (734) 459-0016

SINGLE PLACE MINISTRIES
Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. social time; 7:45 p.m. opening; 8-9 p.m. program, every Thursday.
Details: Informative and entertaining programs of interest to singles; \$5 per person. Check Web site for details singleplace.org.

First United Methodist of Northville A Stephen Ministry church
Location: 777 W. Eight Mile Road
Contact: (248) 349-1144 or fumcnorthville.org
SUNDAY WORSHIP
Time: 8, 9:15 and 11 a.m.
Details: Rev. Dr. Steve Buck

Coffee hour at 10:15 a.m.
HEALING SERVICE
Time/Date: 4 p.m. first Monday of every month
RADICAL JOY
Time/Date: 6:8 p.m. first and third Thursday of every month.
Details: All women seeking to strengthen their faith and connect with other women are invited to attend, irrespective of church affiliation. Crafters and Vendors are needed

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Location: 41415 Nine Mile Road, corner of Meadowbrook Road, Novi
Contact: (248) 349-0565
SUNDAY SCHEDULE
Time: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Study; 10 a.m. Worship
Livonia Church of Christ
Location: 15431 Merriman Road, Livonia
Contact: For further information, please contact NSD Douglas K. Wells at (313) 964-6595.

Meadowbrook Congregational
Location: 21355 Meadowbrook Road, between Eight and Nine Mile roads
Contact: Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, Senior Minister (248) 348-7757, visit mbccc.org or e-mail to office@mbccc.org.
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.
Sermon: Having a Plan
Church School: 10-11 a.m.
Fellowship Hour: 11 a.m.
MERRY WIDOWS LUNCHEON
Time/Date: 1:30 a.m. fourth Thursday of each month
PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP
Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sundays
Christmas Eve Services
Time/Date: 6 p.m. family; 9 p.m. traditional candle lighting
Acoustic Concert Coffeehouse
Time/Date: 8 p.m. Jan. 23
Details: Join Meadowbrook's own guitarist, Floyd Reason, for an acoustic/folk concert with Judy Inley and Almost Perfect. Smoke and alcohol free entertainment awaits your family, friends and neighbors in Fellowship Hall; doors open at 7:30 p.m.; light refreshments between sets. Tickets are \$10 presale and \$12 at the door.

Northville Christian Assembly
Location: 41355 Six Mile Road
Contact: (248) 348-9030
SUNDAY SCHEDULE
9-10 a.m.: Sunday School for Adults / Youth / Children
9 a.m.: Contemporary service in multi-purpose gymnasium
10:15 a.m.: Contemporary service in

worship center; children's super church on the second level (208/210)
TUESDAY MORNING LADIES BIBLE STUDY
8:45-10:30 a.m. (cafè)
WEDNESDAY FAMILY NIGHT
7 p.m.: Adult elective classes; jr. and sr. high student ministries; children's programs (M-Pact Girls Club & Royal Rangers Boys Club) Nursery and Preschool Program on Sundays and Wednesdays Home of Northville Christian School (day care; preschool through eighth grade) - contact (248) 348-9031

Novi-Northville Center for Jewish Life
Location: Novi
Contact: www.novijewishcenter.com or call (248) 790-6075.
Novi United Methodist
Location: 41671 W. 10 Mile Road
Contact: (248) 349-2652 or visit novi-umc.org
SUNDAY WORSHIP
Time: 9:45 a.m.
Healing Service and Holy Communion
Time/Date: 9:45 a.m. first Sunday of every month
PEACE VIGIL
Time/Date: Noon, first Sunday of every month
Location: In front of the church
Details: Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace.
ADVENT SERVICE
Time/Date: 9:45 a.m. Sunday
Oak Pointe Church
Location: 50200 W. 10 Mile Road
Contact: (248) 912-0043 or visit oakpointe.org
WORSHIP SERVICES
Time: 5:15 p.m. Saturday; 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. Sunday
RENEW LIFE MINISTRIES
Time/Date: 7:15-9 p.m. every Monday
Details: Ongoing Life Groups that support and facilitate personal growth, healing, learning and change from a Christian perspective.
Contact: For more information or to register call (248) 912-0043 or visit oakpointe.org.

CHARMED INFLUENCE
Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. every Wednesday
Details: Studying the book "Surviving a Spiritual Mismatch in Marriage".
Contact: Joy Ruby at joy@oakpointe.org or call the church.

NOVI IN THE SERVICE

Lance C. Kittrell
Lance C. Kittrell has been commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army after successfully completing the Army ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps) program and graduating with a bachelor's degree from Michigan State University, East Lansing.

The new officer will be branched to a specific corps in the Army to serve on active duty or in the National Guard or Reserve. The lieutenant will attend an officer basic course relating to his or her particular military occupational specialty/job. Afterward, the officer will complete advanced training by attending basic officer leader-

ship courses for career progression purposes. The ROTC curriculum prepares students with the tools, training and experiences to help cadets succeed as effective leaders in any competitive environment. Army officers serve as leaders, counselors, strategists and motivators, who lead other soldiers in all situations occurring in ever-changing environments. As trained problem-solvers, key influencers and planners, they are driven to achieve success with their team on every mission.

He is the son of Marilyn Kittrell of Novi. Kittrell is a 2005 graduate of Novi High School.

Corey T. Bergin
Marine Corps Pfc. Corey

T. Bergin, son of Mariann Phillips of Novi and Daniel D. Bergin of Fowlerville, recently graduated from the Basic Water Support Technician Course while assigned as a student at Marine Corps Engineer School, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Bergin and fellow students received instruction in subjects such as maintenance management, plumbing, military water supply and field sanitation. Upon completion of the course, graduates are qualified to perform tasks expected of a basic water support technician.

Bergin is a 2006 graduate of South Lyon High School of South Lyon, and joined the Marine Corps in May 2009.

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Ice Fest: What you need to know



With the Plymouth Ice Festival scheduled for downtown Plymouth Jan. 22-24, here are a few things to know about the popular festival:

- It was all by chance the quaint Western Wayne County community of Plymouth became the perfect winter setting for an ice-carving festival. The town square centers on Kellogg Park, and over 100 shops and restaurants enhance the visitors' overall experience, creating the foundation for the oldest running and largest ice carving event in North America.

- The event is presented by the Plymouth International Ice Carving Spectacular, a 501(c)(3) non-profit Michigan corporation, and is produced by first-year organizer Signature Professional Group of Wixom. The organizers raise all funds necessary to present the festival from the sale of sponsorships, donations, and the sale of ice sculptures.

- Carving teams from Russia, Canada, Norway, Switzerland and Japan (where this art form originated) have participated in past festivals, though this year's festival was downsized and renamed without the international flavor.

- In addition, past Plymouth champions Ted Wakar and Jim Bur of Frozen Images, and Tajana Raukar of Ice Dreams have won international competitions including: The World Championships in Ashikawa, Japan (Wakar and Bur), the World Ice Art Championship in Alaska (Tajana Raukar, Bur and Wakar), and they have also competed in the Winter Olympics where ice carving is a demonstration sport.

- Each block of ice used for the festival weighs some 300 pounds, and carvings are made from a single block to as many as 100 blocks. The ice is specially made to ensure its clarity. Between 200,000 and 300,000 pounds of ice are carved annually at the festival. The multi-block carvings require much physical prowess by each carver, and the assistance of forklifts and skilled drivers to stack the blocks into a proper and safe configuration to start the desired statue.

- Carving techniques were developed by a French chef, prior to the invention of refrigeration, who created carved serving bowls of ice to keep perishable foods from spoiling and to decorate the table of the king. The art form became a mainstay in the culinary field as a way to offer dishes in an unusual fashion, and to decorate banquet tables.

- Carvers use specially made and finely sharpened chisels, handsaws, files, power tools, and blow torches to create their works of art. One of the special aspects of the Plymouth Ice Spectacular is that the artists are making the art as the spectators view them.

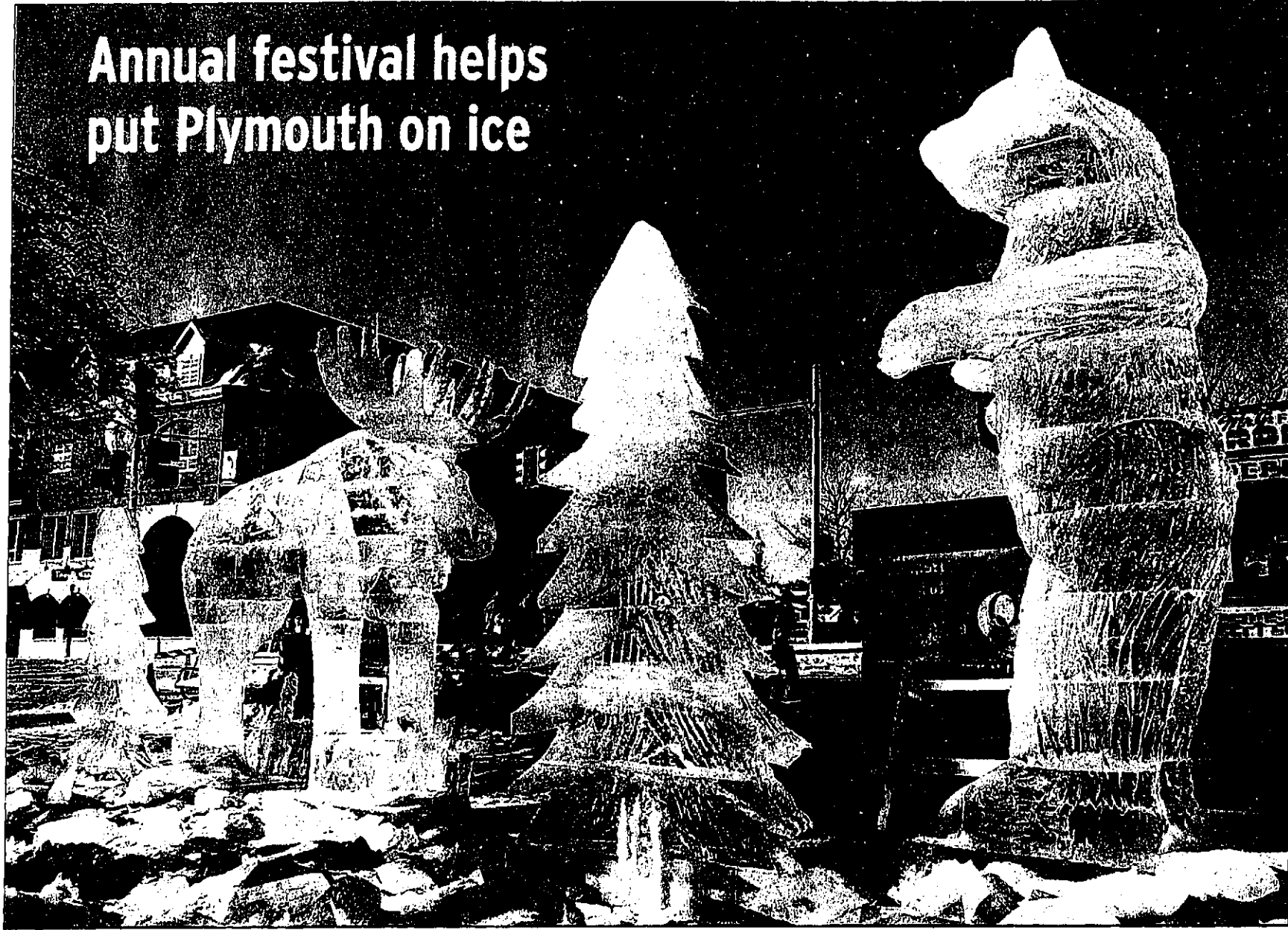
- Ice carving is still closely tied to the culinary arts, and students from Schoolcraft, Macomb, Oakland, Washtenaw, Grand Rapids, and Henry Ford community colleges, as well as students from University of Michigan, and Eastern Michigan University, all have participated at the festival.

- Why is this event spectacular? Because it has placed a small, quiet bedroom community in southeastern Michigan on the national and world main stage for one week a year. People all over the world access the Web site, associate ice carving with Plymouth, and plan trips to the area just to view the dazzling works of ice art.

- The event has become one of the most popular events in the area over the last quarter century. People who came with their parents or grandparents as children are now bringing their own families, giving it the distinction as the best free winter family event around.

- For years, couples have made the Ice Spectacular a date destination; some have fallen in love here, got engaged here, and even married here as the event takes on a romantic ambience in the evening when colored lights bathe the sculptures.

Annual festival helps put Plymouth on ice



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The northwoods tableau certainly fits the generally frigid temperatures that greet the annual ice festival.



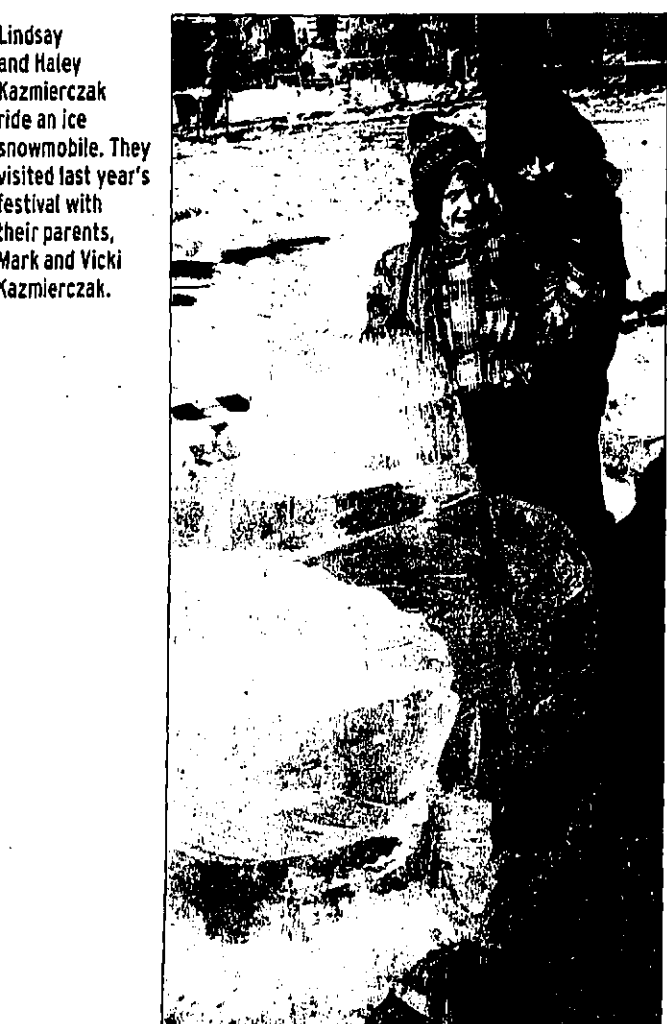
Three-year-old Ellie Brandon examines a sculpture in front of a Main Street business. Ellie, sister Charlotte, and mom and dad Pam and Mark Brandon, Livonia residents, visited last year's Plymouth Ice Festival.



Carvers had some repairs to make when temperatures got a little too warm at last year's ice festival.



Gavin Strassel carved for U-of-M's ice carving team during last year's festival.



Lindsay and Haley Kazmierczak ride an ice snowmobile. They visited last year's festival with their parents, Mark and Vicki Kazmierczak.



It's hard to think spring when your teeth are chattering.



Eatery serves up perfect treat for ice fest

BY SHARON DARGAY
DEE STAFF WRITER

Paul Zajac, general manager of Station 885 Restaurant, is working on a special recipe for Plymouth Ice Festival weekend. It goes something like this:

BLUE RASPBERRY, ORANGE AND CHERRY STRIPED SNOW CONE

- 5,000 pounds of shaved ice
- 90 gallons (900 pounds) of syrup
- 1 cardboard cone, 9 feet tall and 6 feet wide at its opening
- 1 metal exoskeleton to support the cardboard cone
- Three industrial-sized ice shaving machines
- Scaffolding

Place cone in metal support next to scaffolding. Shave ice. Using a bucket brigade, fill cone with shaved ice and add syrup. Serves 10,000.

"The only thing I'd ask is that I'd like the first snow cone," said Zajac, who plans to scoop out samples of the monster-sized frozen treat for onlookers when it's completed Saturday, Jan. 23, in the restaurant parking lot in Plymouth's Historic Old Village.

"I can't wait to fill this thing. It will be

a sight. The joke around here is that the standard line is 'I don't know. I've never done it before.' That's one of the things that makes this fun. To accomplish the feat is secondary. It's just a fun thing for families to watch."

That feat is breaking the world record for the biggest snow cone. Zajac hopes to create a 2.5 ton (5,000 pounds) icy confection that will beat out the current record of 2,104 tons (4,640 pounds) held by Mammoth Mountain Ski Area in Mammoth Lakes, Calif.

He figures it will take the restaurant's owners, staff and volunteers about four hours, starting at 11 a.m., to create the shaved ice and fill the cone.

MAKING IT BIG

Three ice shaving machines from C. Creators & Co., in Chicago will turn out a total of approximately 2,500 pounds of ice an hour. A bucket brigade will dump the main ingredient into a "green" cardboard cone built by ATS Packaging, with help from PianoCrafters, both of Plymouth. Then they'll add the flavored syrup and weigh the cone on equipment from Metro Scale.

"The company's automotive scale weighs up to 16,000 pounds. We'll have

a scoreboard read-out. We'll know (its weight) when we reach the top," Zajac said. "Because we're dealing with such weight, we'll move at a safe pace."

GETTING INVOLVED

Zajac cooked up the snow cone idea last June while searching for ways to participate in Plymouth's downtown events.

"Arguably the biggest event Plymouth has is the ice festival. I thought about world records and ice. We wanted something family-oriented, of course, and I also wanted something fun. All signs pointed to the snow cone."

He didn't find out until August, after Guinness World Records approved the attempt, just how big the last record-setting cone was. Unfazed, he figured Station 885 could built it "better and bigger."

And also edible. Zajac said Guinness requires the giant-sized snow cone to function like its smaller versions. The ice-handling equipment is sterilized and food grade ice is used.

"We're going to scoop from the top," he said, explaining plans for distributing the treat. "It will be something special to eat...to eat a piece of history."

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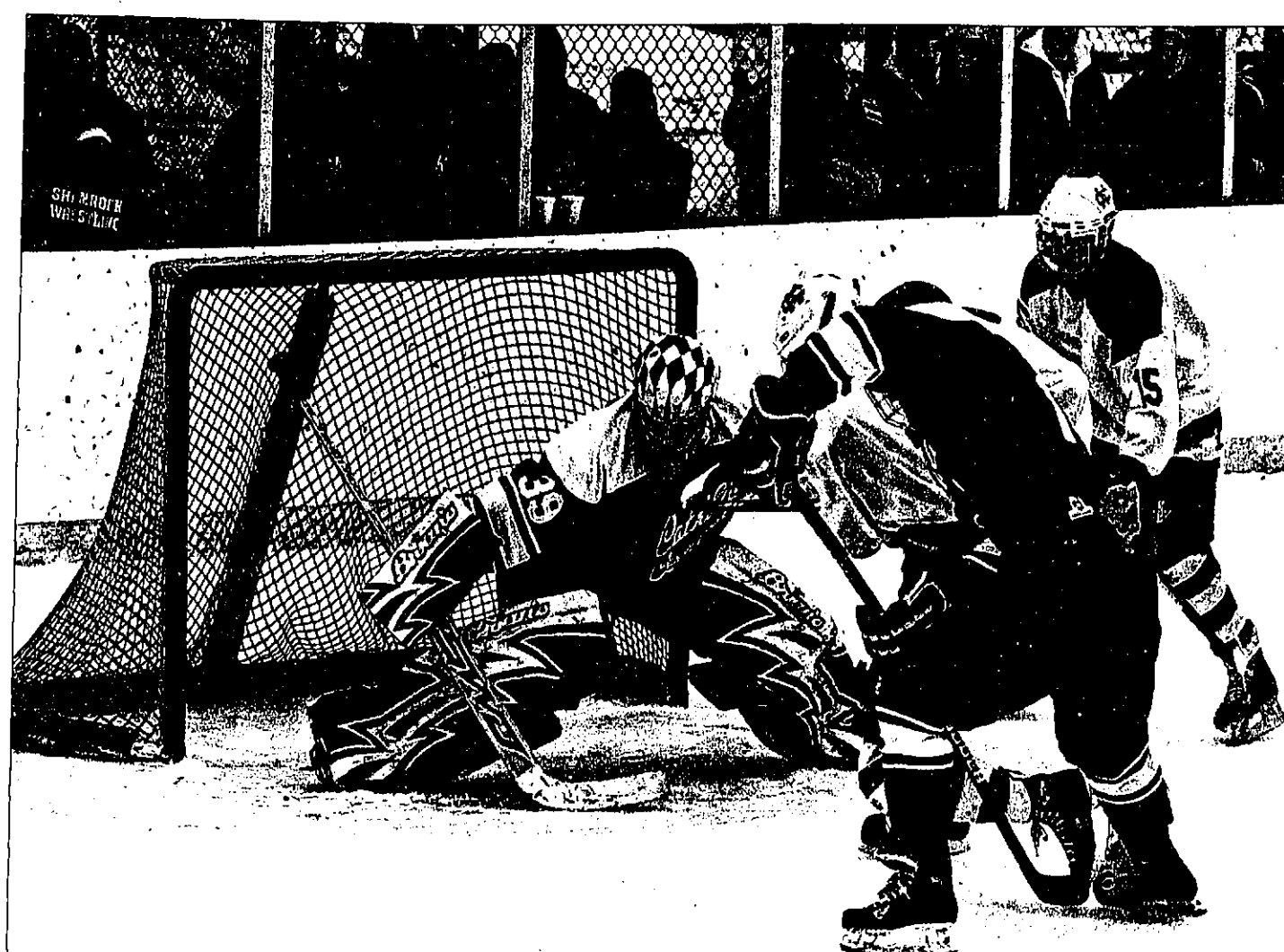
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Novi figure skating team glides through competition, B3



CC senior goalie Zack Cisek shuts down Cranbrook on Saturday.

PHOTOS BY DENNIS BARKES

'Cats' comebacks improve KLAA Central standings

Down at half, Novi defeats both Salem, Northville by a combined five points

BY CHRIS JACKETT
CORRESPONDENT

ON TAP

The Wildcats learned their lesson about close games in their division-opening 50-49 loss to South Lyon and used that experience to outscore two opponents by a combined five points while producing two wins last week.

The Lions followed their Jan. 8 win over the Wildcats with a 19-point loss to Northville (4-4, 1-2 KLAA Central) last Tuesday. Novi then defeated the Mustangs 47-45 in a come-from-behind victory last Friday in a display that showed how evenly matched the KLAA Central Division can be.

Down 21-17 at half-time, the Wildcats outscored Northville 21-20 in the third quarter to cut the deficit to three before clamping down on defense and outscoring the Mustangs 9-4 in the fourth quarter while allowing just one field goal.

"I was just very impressed with our ability to defend them in the fourth quarter. Northville is a very good team who really puts you in tough spots every possession because they have three really good offensive players who are involved every trip," Novi coach Cory Heitsch said. "Justin Hopton really took away (Tim) Hesse in the second half, which was huge."

In addition to his defensive prowess, Hopton, a senior, was one of three Wildcats with nine points on the night, along with juniors Samer Ozeir and Rob Laney.

The Wildcats are establishing themselves as a second-half team. The victory over Northville came three days after recovering from a 32-24 halftime deficit against Plymouth Salem (5-3, 1-2 Central). Novi outscored the Rocks 17-8 in the third quarter to take a 41-40 lead into the fourth quarter en route to a 54-51 victory on the road.

The 'Cats were led past Salem by Ozeir's 12 points, 10 rebounds and three blocks, and enforced by senior Jeremy Minis (11 points, five steals) and senior Antwan Batwo, who had 10 points off the bench. Hopton added eight points, five rebounds and two assists.

The pair of wins improves Novi's record to 6-2 (3-1 Central).

Chris Jackett is a freelance writer and former Novi News staff writer.

Catholic Central not wowed by outdoor hockey spectacle

Shamrocks beat Cranbrook, again

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

Despite the media coverage, despite the 75th year of competition and despite all of the hoopla and the sold-out crowd, the Catholic Central Shamrocks hockey team played to victory like it was any other game.

The Shamrocks earned their second-straight victory over Cranbrook Kingswood, 5-2, last week in the 2010 Outdoor Classic held at Clark Park in southwest Detroit.

Catholic Central climbed to a 13-0 mark with the victory. Cranbrook fell to 10-3, with two of those losses coming to

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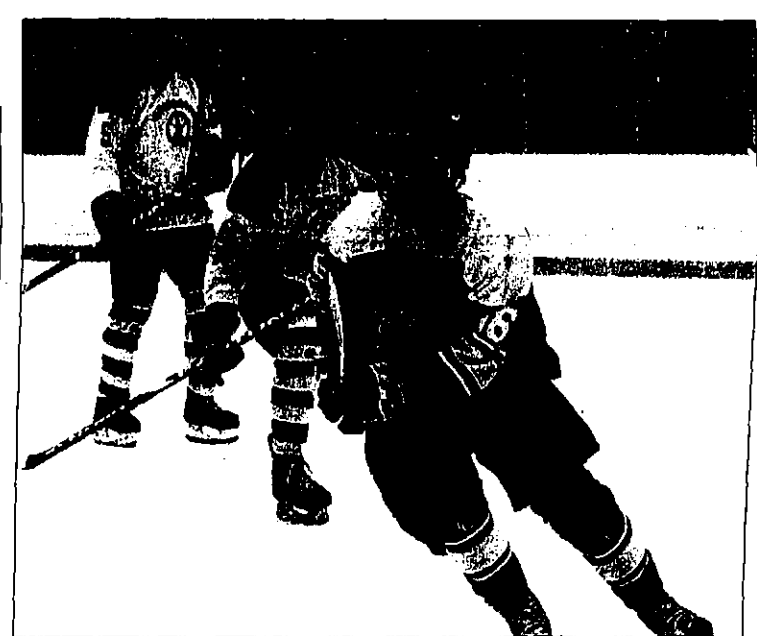
The Catholic Central Shamrocks are slated to be back on the ice this weekend when they travel to the Culver Military Academy for a tournament.

the Shamrocks with a 6-1 decision, just the day before the Outdoor Classic.

"We knew this was going to be a battle today," said Catholic Central coach Todd Johnson, dismissing the victory from the day before.

The Outdoor Classic commemorated the 75th anniversary.

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Wildcat skiers slide into tough competition in first week

Novi edges out West Bloomfield 18-19

BY CHRIS JACKETT
CORRESPONDENT

Novi's ski team kicked off the season with an intense three meets in three days. The first went down to the wire for both the boys and girls teams before both took on two teams ranked among the best in the state.

The team made their first competitive trip down the slopes at Alpine Valley in White Lake on Jan. 12 when they faced West Bloomfield. The Wildcats' top four skiers all landed in the overall top seven for both the boys and girls, but the Lakers stayed close with strong performances of their own.

It wasn't until freshman Miranda Hanby took eighth for Novi on the eighth and final flight of the day that the Wildcats secured the win, 18-19.

"The girls were tied until our last racer came down, who is a freshman and this was her first race. She placed eighth, making West Bloomfield's fourth racer ninth place, giving us the win."

Hanby finished the day with a two-run total of 65.25 seconds, edging out the 65.84 seconds West Bloomfield's Megan Eiswerth set in the fifth flight.

Senior Hailey Spillane took first overall in the girls competition in 41.99 seconds, while seniors Harper Halley (40.63) and Jake Walczak (40.86) put in a two-three punch behind West Bloomfield's Jack Minter (40.39) to lead the boys team to an identical 18-19 win.

"The kids have done excellent. We went into West Bloomfield and I'm pleased we came out with the wins. The St. Mary's and Brother Rice/Marian teams are always up there with the state champions," coach Wendy Whiteside said. "I want them to keep it up. They're all performing great."

Considering the high level and experience of the competition Jan. 13 and 14, the Wildcats had impressive showings against Orchard Lake St. Mary's Preparatory and Bloomfield Hills Brother Rice/Marian despite both Novi teams falling to 1-2 on the season.

The guys lost a 12-27 decision to the Eagles, although Walczak took third overall in 61.4 seconds. Novi's other three scored times finished seventh through ninth. The girls fared slightly better as Spillane took first overall in 64.98 seconds, but a depleted Novi roster and talented St. Mary's team cost

ON TAP
The teams hit the Alpine Valley slopes against Walled Lake Central 4 p.m. today and Walled Lake Northern 4 p.m. Jan. 28.

the Wildcats a 16-20 loss.

The smaller roster was a result of the Lady Gaga concert that evening.

"It was a fluke thing that happened when the schedule was out and we didn't have a race on it, so the kids thought they could go. (A meet was moved and) then there was confusion and tickets were already bought," Whiteside said.

The teams went into their third day on the slopes at Alpine Valley and struggled against a strong Bloomfield Hills team.

The guys had two skiers place in the top eight as Bloomfield Hills swept the top three and won 10-33. Halley led the way for Novi with a 41.96-second fifth-place finish. Graham Berry won the event in 39.87 seconds.

The girls managed three skiers in the top eight and all four in the top nine, but Bloomfield Hills took four of the top six to win 13-24. Senior Lindsey Johnson led the Wildcats with

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Novi's boys swim and dive team has defeated 13 other teams this season. The Wildcats kicked off their dual meet season last Thursday with a 100-86 win over South Lyon's unified team.

Tankers sink 13 opponents in first two weeks of season

Wildcats' toughest task ahead in tonight's baseline battle

BY CHRIS JACKETT
CORRESPONDENT

ON TAP

Novi's swimmers will face their biggest hurdle when they take on a strong Northville team 6:30 p.m. tonight. The Wildcats will then host Plymouth Salem 6 p.m. Jan. 28.

Less than two weeks off the starting block and the Novi boys swim and dive team have added a dual meet victory and a second invitation to their resume. Between those two meets and their season opener at West Bloomfield's Laker Invitational, Novi has defeated 13 other teams.

The Wildcats kicked off their dual meet season last Thursday with a 100-86 win over South Lyon's unified team.

"We were down by 11 points after diving and the captains - John Lu, David Groechel and Tommy Goers - took the team into the team room and talked to them. I don't know what they said in there, but the team came out and dominated the second half of the meet," coach Eric Lynn said. "I was very pleased with the team coming together and digging deep to

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Rocks drop Stone in Novi's perfect season

With two starters out, Wildcats can't keep up with Salem, fall 43-35

BY CHRIS JACKETT
CORRESPONDENT

Novi and Plymouth Salem entered the season as two of the top 25 teams in the state by some preseason rankings, making the Jan. 12 KLA A Central Division matchup at Novi a big game for both teams.

The Wildcats (7-1, 2-1 Central) had played up to their ranking in the first month of the season, but with starting guard junior Alyssa Armiak (sick) and starting forward senior Jessica Cingel (injured) out of the lineup, it didn't take long for Salem to jump out to an 8-0 lead they would never turn over as the defending KLA A champion Rocks (6-3, 3-0 Central) took a step up in the Central Division standings with a 43-35 victory on the road.

"We didn't have anybody stepping up and kids filling in," Novi coach Bill Kelp said. "Not having Alyssa really hurt."

In a defensive-laden first quarter, Salem took an 8-4 lead at the break as Novi found themselves called for four fouls and made several offensive turnovers.

Sophomore Ally D'Annunzio (four points) got her second varsity start, replacing Armiak at guard, while sophomore Katie Seelenbinder got her first varsity start in place of Cingel at forward, contributing solid defense on Salem senior Sarah Stone.

Seelenbinder and the Wildcats couldn't hold back Stone or senior Brett Debar, as both scored eight on the 'Cats in the first half on the way to a 21-13 halftime lead, thanks to the Rocks' up-tempo rotating offense.

Starting at guard in the second half, freshman Brittany Beruhka ripped off all seven of her points in a third quarter that saw Novi outscore 10-8. The Wildcats seemed to gain some brief momentum when sophomore Abby Chandler made a steal on defense and senior Caroline Johnson secured a rebound down court and dished it to Beruhka for three.

Novi never got closer than eight points the rest of the way, as both teams traded off small spurts of offensive. Every time the Wildcats hit a big shot, Stone (game-high 19 points) answered with a run-

ning jumper from the side that would bank in off the back of the rim without touching the backboard.

Senior Kelsey Masseran made herself open for several post-up moves from beneath the basket, as she led the Wildcats with 13 points.

Down 41-29 in the final 90 seconds after Masseran nailed two free throws, Johnson came on strong to secure six of her 10 points as she raced all over the Wildcats' offensive end, making several steals and big rebounds.

Novi's final two baskets came when Johnson missed a free throw and a three pointer and, in both occasions, Masseran grabbed the rebound and dished it back to Johnson for contested shots that went in as smoothly as the connections made between the two Novi players.

Despite their efforts, Salem milked the clock on offense in the final six minutes and got the win.



Tournament champs
The fifth grade girls St. James CYO Basketball Team won the St. Patrick's Christmas Tournament last Wednesday. The team includes Jenna Beaudoin, Gabby Broche, Lucy DeFidder, Sarah Ehn, Carson, Garquilo, Megan Greeshover, Jessica Lyпка, Cara Ninkovich, Emily Robinson, Jaclyn Schubring and Mary Grace Sinkovich. Coaches are Jeff Sinkovich and John Ninkovich.

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win some key races and come ahead of a very strong South Lyon swim team.

his strong performances, winning the 200-yard individual medley (2:00.06) and 100-yard breaststroke (59.86), while anchoring the 400-yard freestyle relay team of Ao, Lu and sophomore Jong Min Kim to victory in 3:28.98.

The Wildcats rode the victory wave into Saturday's Lakeland Invitational, Novi swam hard against Walled Lake Northern, Brighton, Howell, Farmington Hills, Harrison, Lakeland, Livonia Churchill and Milford, coming out ahead of the competition with 340 points, more than 80 points ahead of second-place Northern.

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Novi figure skaters gliding through competition

Young program seeing success locally, nationally

BY CHRIS JACKETT
CORRESPONDENT



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A member of the Novi High figure skating team performs at a Jan. 18 meet at Farmington Hills.



A member of the Novi High figure skating team warms up at a Jan. 18 event.

The U.S. Figure Skating Championships are going on this week in Spokane, Wash., but local skaters are also taking to the ice in Farmington Hills as Novi's figure skating team competed Monday in its second of three team meets this season.

Since the winter of 2000-01, the Novi program has blossomed and even helped produce an Olympic hopeful in Emily Sammelson, who ranks among the best U.S. dance pairings with her partner, Evan Bates of Ann Arbor.

"It was a pretty small group when we first started," said manager Nancy Harbin, whose daughter, Jessica, was part of the original team before going on to skate at the University of Michigan.

SHAMROCKS

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sary of the first official varsity hockey games between the two schools, which began in 1935. Catholic Central skated out to a 2-0 lead on goals by Ian Jacobs and Austin Hervey, but the Cranes were not about to go down without a fight -- especially not in front of an estimated 2,000 fans who braved the 30-some degree weather.

Cranbrook Kingswood showcased their talent in the second period, adding two goals of their own off the sticks of Tyler Waterman and Dakota Sherman to knot the game up, 2-2, going into the third stanza.

It was there that the Shamrocks responded, and with force. The Shamrocks scored three times in the third to seal the game. Junior Ryan Keller and freshman Charlie Green each tallied goals in the third. Eric Winkler, a senior, capped the scoring with an open-net goal to end the game.

The game itself felt like only half of the spectacle though. The outdoor match was the first of its kind, and television cameras lined the outdoor rink. Fans -- who were initially hoped to number around 1,200 instead of nearly double that -- packed around the rink to watch the two teams square off.

The players got into the hype, getting a chance to dress in throw-back jerseys for the contest. Cranbrook players wore jerseys in the same style as their 1930s counterparts, while Catholic Central showcased 1960s uniforms. Even the coaches got into the event, with Catholic Central's Johnson wearing a CC letterman jacket and one of Cranbrook's assistant coaches sporting a bowtie.

All of the media attention, however, did work to Catholic Central's advantage. Johnson, with his team tied at the end of the second period, stalked around the locker room. Finally, he noted the cameras and the streaming Internet video and the hype. He asked the players what kind of third period they were going to show everyone, and how they were going to be remembered.

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Answers to common ice festival questions

Oksana Habsburg of the Oakland Tech Center's Culinary Arts Hospitality Program rocked her sculpture for the high school competition last year.



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Oakland Community College student Gernell Franklin carved a dinosaur in last year's college carving competition.

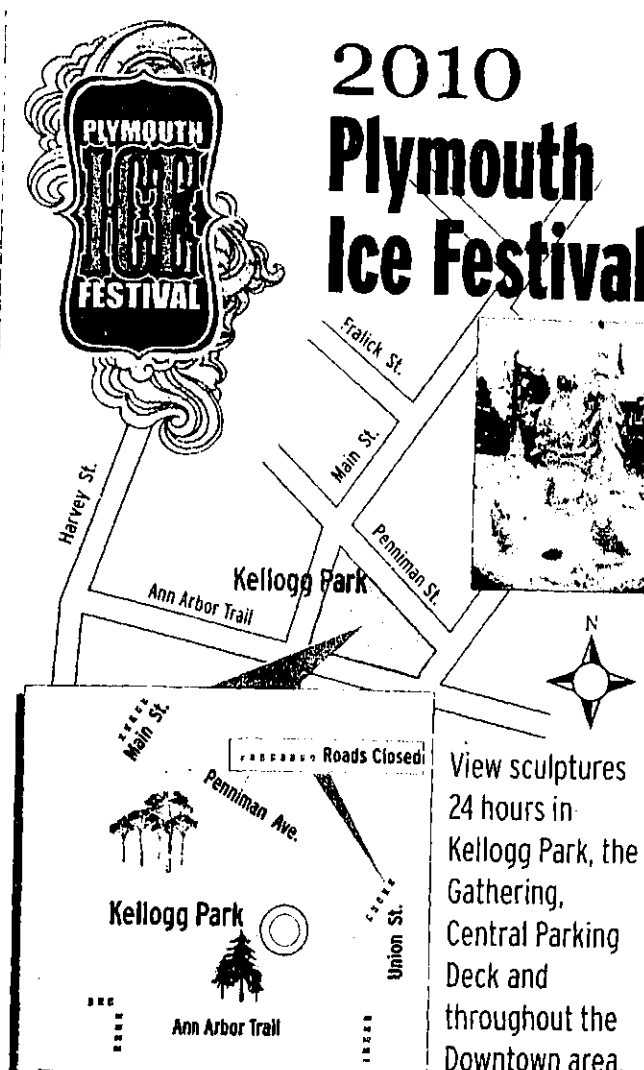
The answers to some commonly asked questions about the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular, the oldest and largest continuously running ice carving event in America.

How and why did the event begin?
Scott Lorenz, the son of the owner of the Plymouth Mayflower Hotel, came up with the idea after visiting a similar event in Japan. The event was established to fill a void in the post-holiday retail slowdown. (Hotel, restaurant, and retail business takes a nosedive immediately after the holiday season.)

The concept was to create an event that was so unique that it would draw large numbers of people to Plymouth (750,000 in 1999) in the hope that they would also shop and eat. With an average annual attendance of over 500,000, the event has exceeded expectations of the festival's founders.

How did the art of ice carving start?
As the story goes, once upon a time a czarina in Russia was enamored with a local man who was in love with a woman from his village. As was the custom of the day, the man went to the czarina to get her permission to wed the woman he loved. The czarina was not pleased by the request, and decided to show her displeasure by agreeing to let the couple wed only if they would spend their wedding night in a castle made of ice. She was sure this would cool their passion for each other, and/or ruin their wedding night. Much to her surprise, love won out and the couple agreed to her condition. The czarina had her army cut blocks of ice from Lake Baikal, and build a house of ice complete with furnishings including tables, chairs and a bed for the newlyweds. The couple was married, spent their wedding night in the house of ice, and lived happily ever after. However, word spread about the strange house of ice, and

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2010 Plymouth Ice Festival

Ice festival lineup has lots to offer

The 28th annual Plymouth Ice Festival, Jan. 22-24, brings a new name, a new look and several new outdoor exhibits into the heart of downtown Plymouth.

Created specifically for the love of winter, the revamped Plymouth Ice Festival will feature more than 100 ice sculptures, live music and entertainment, interactive family shows, winter-themed tasty treats and a variety of additional events to interest all ages. Several new event highlights include the Dueling Chainsaws Speed Carving Show, Forest Avenue Scavenger Hunt and Petting Farm & Pony Rides. Many of the downtown Plymouth merchants will also be holding individualized in-store events offering discounts and giveaways. An estimated 100,000 people are slated to attend the three-day event.

Here's the schedule:

Friday, Jan. 22

• 7 p.m. — Opening Ceremony featuring Detroit Red Wing Tomas Holmstrom, who will cut a specially commissioned 'Ice Ribbon' to officially kick off this year's festivities. Opening remarks by state Attorney General Mike Cox, Plymouth Mayor Dan Dwyer and festival staff.

• 7 p.m. — *Balto* (children's animated film) at the Penn Theater
A half-wolf, half-husky named Balto becomes a hero as he leads a dog team on a 600-mile trip across the Alaskan wilderness.

Saturday, Jan. 23

• 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. — College Individual Carving Competitions will showcase the talent of young, local Michigan ice carvers. Witness the drama as more than 30 individual college students compete under a strict time limit to win first prize at the Plymouth Ice Festival.

• 1 p.m. — Global Village perform on Penningman Avenue

• 3, 5 and 7 p.m. — *Balto* (children's animated film) at the Penn Theater.

• 5 p.m. — Dueling Chainsaws Speed Carving Competition, a high stakes, fast-paced, entertaining show. Each contender will have only 15 minutes to carve a sculpture to be judged by the audience.

Sunday, Jan. 24

• 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. — College Team Carving Competition features 20 teams

(two carvers each) working together to turn three blocks (900 pounds) of ice into a beautiful sculpture under a strict time limit.

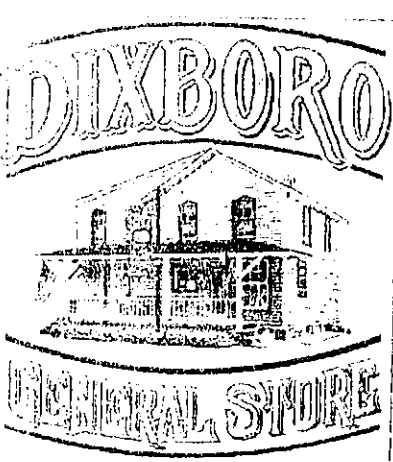
• 1 p.m. — Steve King & the Ditties perform on Forest Avenue. Michigan's favorite oldies band comes to the Plymouth Ice Festival for the first time ever.

• 3, 5 and 7 p.m. — *Balto* (children's animated film) at the Penn Theater.
• 3-5 p.m. — Plymouth Whalers will be on-site to sign autographs and take pictures with their fans.

Additional Events

• **The Party Lot:** Located in the parking lot behind E.C. Nick's restaurant, off of Forest Avenue. Friday and Saturday, 6-11 p.m. live entertainment from some of Detroit's hottest talent, The Party Lot will fuse a lively mix of music, spirits and fantastic food.

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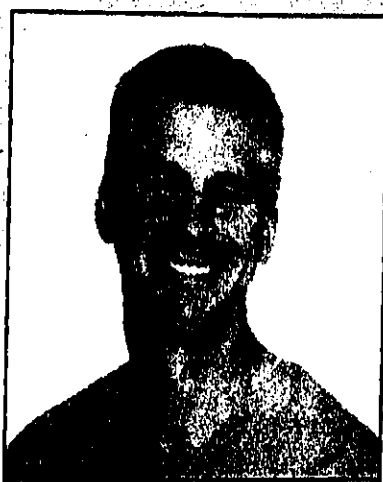
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ICE FEST
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eventually people from all over Russia and Europe visited the site to gaze at the first ice castle. It was so popular that it was recreated as a tourist attraction for many years to come.

How did the art of ice carving spread?

Hearing about the unusual use of ice from countrymen who had traveled to Russia to see the famous ice castle, a French chef developed the idea of carving serving bowls of ice to keep perishable foods from spoiling and to decorate the table of the king. This idea may have been a necessity, because at the time, spoiled food or illness from a dinner could cost the chef his head in a guillotine. The French carried the art with them to the Orient, and today the Japanese are the finest and most prolific carvers in the world.

Who carves the ice statues at the Plymouth Ice Sculpture Spectacular?

Professional ice carvers, chefs, culinary instructors, and culinary art students from the area and across the country, as well as a team from Japan, Canada, Russia, Norway, and Switzerland have carved the displays. The professional chef carvers, amateur carvers and student carvers all compete in the team and individual carving competitions.

Who presents the event?

The Plymouth Ice Festival is owned and operated by the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular Incorporated, a non-profit (501 (c) 3) corporation, administered by a volunteer Board of Directors.

Who funds the event?

The event is funded by donations, corporate sponsorships and various fund-raisers. All the monies collected go to the presentation of the event.

How much does it cost to present the event?

Sam Walton of Signature Professional Group, the first-year organizer of the event, hopes to raise some \$75,000 to fund the 2010 Plymouth Ice Festival.

Who benefits from the event?

The entire business community of Plymouth benefits from the presentation of the ice festival. This event has become one of the single busiest retail and restaurant weeks of the year. Many businesses in the community rely heavily on the business it generates to make ends meet in the two to three slow months that follow the holiday season. The event also creates numerous jobs for young people in the community, and most importantly garners over \$1 million annually in local, regional, national, and international publicity for the city of Plymouth and Plymouth Township area.

Culinary art students at the metropolitan area community colleges and trade high schools who need to acquire ice-carving skills to enhance their education benefit from the event. Money donated to their club is used to purchase blocks of ice for them to practice on and carving tools. Students who compete in the competitions benefit from the experience and the instruction that is given to them by the educators and professional carvers before, during, and after each event.



Harry Werwinski of Henry Ford Community College carved a giraffe last year.



Debbie Fronkowiak of Canton and her dog, Floyd, looked at the sculptures at last year's ice festival.



Tonie Day, a student at the Oakland Tech Center, worked on her sculpture with an ice chisel.

No, it's not a brain. Valerie McGowan, a member of the Henry Ford Community College Ice Club, was working on a mushroom, part of a larger piece carved by club members at the 2009 ice festival.

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