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The Providence Docs will take on the Novi Cops in this second annual game at 4:30 p.m., followed by the Plymouth Whalers vs. Windsor Spitfires game at 7 p.m.

The cost for both games is \$12, with \$4 being donated to the Providence Heart Institute.

For more information, contact Victor Lauria, Novi's assistant chief of police, at (248) 347-0542 or via [vlauria@cityofnovi.org](mailto:vlauria@cityofnovi.org).

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Register online at [cityofnovi.org](http://cityofnovi.org). The on-line price is \$14 per person for residents (\$19 at the Parks & Recreation office) and \$17 for non-residents (\$22).

For more information about the Daddy Daughter Dance, please contact Sandy Fisher, social services coordinator, at (248) 347-0421 or [sfisher@cityofnovi.org](mailto:sfisher@cityofnovi.org).

# Police encourage residents to sign up for free academy

Registration deadline is Feb. 15

By Nathan Mueller  
Staff Writer

Residents wondering what life is really like behind the scenes for Novi police and firefighters can take a look themselves in March through the Lakes Area Citizens Police Academy.

The academy, which is in its 33rd year, is a free program

intended for people living or working in Novi, Walled Lake, Wixom, Wolverine Lake and South Lyon. The program is one day a week for 10 weeks, and will touch on a variety of topics.

Some of the things participants will do include visits to the Oakland County Medical Examiner's Office, the Michigan State Police DNA lab and the 52-1 District

Court; participating in a ride-along with an officer; using the firearms training system; and learning about training, investigations and more.

"It really breaks down the walls between the police department and the citizens so they feel more comfortable coming to us," Detective Sgt. Matt Conquest said.

He said it also helps people to see that even though they wear uniforms and serve as police officers, they are "just like

everyone else."

Anyone over 18 years old is eligible for the academy, which will meet at 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday.

People interested in signing up must do so by Feb. 15. The first class is March 7.

For more information and to sign up, visit [www.cityofnovi.org](http://www.cityofnovi.org) and go to the police department page under city services.

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Digital Ink was given the Community Service Award (small business) at the annual Toast of the Town Awards Gala last Friday. Pictured from left: Linda Daly, Mark Whitfield, Novi Mayor Bob Gatt, and Digital Ink owner Renee Lubaway.

# Chamber toasts businesses for their work in community

Six small, large businesses given awards

By Nathan Mueller  
Staff Writer

Renee Lubaway's computer learning center Digital Ink has only been open in Novi for a little more than a year.

But that didn't stop the Novi Chamber of Commerce from honoring her with the small business Community Builder award at the annual business awards ceremony Jan. 27.

"I was very honored and it means a lot to me," she said. "I'm a very small business, but I've been challenged to meet the needs of the seniors in the community — and I think I have found a way to do that."

The award ceremony, dubbed Toast of the Town Gala, recognized six small and large businesses, including Lubaway's, for their contributions to the city. Five judges from the community

selected the winners from a pool of more than 20 entries.

Jim Kitchen, owner of Golf Tech, was given the small business Customer Service Excellence award for his more than 20 years of service to his loyal customers.

He said it was "great recognition" and applauded the city for all it does to help business owners.

"Every year they seem to

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# Novi Pizza Co. tosses final pie

Owners say friendships are what they will miss most

By Nathan Mueller  
Staff Writer

Peter and Shawn Woolford knew their run as owners of the Novi Pizza Co. would come to an end sooner rather than later.

They just didn't expect it to happen as soon as it did.

But when Peter was rushed to the emergency room Nov. 11 with a medical problem, the couple decided it was time to get out of the kitchen after 17 years of feeding families in Novi.

"We stuck at it a lot longer than we thought we would," Peter said. "We never thought we'd be here 17 years, but then again, I never thought I'd get sick."

Peter is feeling better, but is scheduled to undergo additional tests in the near future. He said it was hard to leave the pizza business because they made so many bonds with their customers over the years.

"Friendship was the reward for us," he said.

And the rewards for the customers were made-from-scratch pizzas and sandwiches that were second to none.

Lee BeGole, a longtime Novi resident and former police chief, said his favorite menu item was the Italian sub. And when he ate pizza, which was rare, he would only get it from the Novi Pizza Co.

"It was so much better than some of the franchises in Novi," he said. "Their food was great and it was one of the cleanest restaurants I have ever been in."

"Another big thing was that they knew their customers and you weren't a nuisance to them. You were a valuable friend

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try to do something and work in the right direction for the small businesses and the community," he said.

"He said 99 percent of his business is a result of customer service. "It's about treating them as people and not just numbers," he said. "It's a name-to-name basis in here, and that is how most small businesses are."

Autodesk, a design software and services company, was given the large Business Community Builder award for its work with the Novi Community School District.

Kim Campbell-Djuric, manager of education, strategy and relations for the manufacturing division of Autodesk, said it has been wonderful working with the schools and other community members on various projects.

"It does mean a lot to our local employees and a lot to our worldwide reputation," she said. "Our



Golf Tech was given the Customer Service Excellence award (small business) at the annual Toast of the Town Awards Gala last Friday. Pictured from left: Linda Daly, Mark Whitfield, Golf Tech owner Jim Kitchen and Novi Mayor Bob Gatt.

CEO and all of his staff are very committed to not only inspiring current users of our product, but especially the future users as well."

CRT Medical Systems was given the large Business Best Place to Work award for the many benefits it provides its employees.

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a milestone in our company's 30-year history," said Amy Peterson, vice president of marketing. "At CRT we take great pride in the work we provide for our clients, and our employees are our most important asset. We recruit, hire, train, retrain and reward the best talent in the industry."

Also receiving awards were:  
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 • Fox Run — Customer Service Excellence (large business)

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and good customer and they made sure you knew it."

Peter and Shawn, who lived in Novi for several years but now live in Plymouth, got into the pizza business after retiring from successful careers in the corporate world. They thought it would be fun to own their own business, and 17 years later were still having fun.

Shawn said they "worked very hard to build it up," and Friday nights the place was buzzing with all three phones ringing off the hook.

In the 17 years the business was open, it received "best pizza" recognition in the Novi News People's Choice Awards 14 times.

John Serkaian, a 24-year Novi resident, has been getting pizzas from

the Novi Pizza Co. since his 16-year-old daughter was a baby, and said nothing compares to it. "Every time we had a big family gathering at our place, we would get their pizza and everyone raved about how good it was," he said. "And it was one of those places where it still gave you a taste of that small-town feel."

Now Serkaian's biggest worry is finding someplace new.

"We are in limbo right now," he said.

The top priority for the Woolfords is Peter's health, but now that they have retired they plan on spending more time with their children who live out of state and traveling to their home out west.

"We are really going to miss the people," Shawn said.

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Elle Studio stylist Tiffany Kovacs works on the hair of Kristin Kowalczyk on Jan. 24 at their Novi Road location. Kowalczyk was at the salon as part of the Michigan "Jobs, Education and Training" program that aims to help people prep for re-entry into the workforce, and when needed, gives them proper business attire, haircuts and other donated services.

**Novi salon gives new look to local job seekers**

Free event provided needed confidence boost

By Nathan Mueller  
 Staff Writer

Six women, some of whom had never stepped foot inside a salon before, were treated to a day of pampering Jan. 24 at Elle Studio in Novi.

The women, who were selected by Oakland County's Michigan Works! which is sponsored by Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit, were able to get their hair cut and colored and make up done at no charge in an effort to prepare them for upcoming job interviews.

Kristin Melzak, front desk manager at the salon, said the co-own-

ers Marina Bojaj and Gjeni Camaj had been wanting to do a charity event for a while and the day did not disappoint.

"It was a very upbeat and energized atmosphere," Melzak said. "Everyone was excited to help out all these women and it was nice to give back to people who really appreciate it."

She said one woman couldn't stop looking at her hair in the mirror when Camaj was done with it because she was so impressed and never had her hair professionally done prior to that.

"It totally made our day," Melzak said.

Kristina Kurtz, program manager at Michigan Works!, said the day gave the women, who are actively searching for jobs, a huge confidence boost.

"When people come in here (to Michigan Works!) they last thing they are thinking about is getting a hair cut," she said. "They are more worried about paying their bills, and this made them feel better about themselves."

Melzak said the salon plans to do another event in the spring, possibly helping a different charity.

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## District takes strong stand against bullying

By Steve Matthews  
Guest Columnist



Super Talk  
Steve Matthews

Things were wonderful in my life at the end of my fifth grade year. I was the fastest student in the school, faster than the boy who eventually won the state high school 100-yard dash when we were in high school. I had been the master of ceremonies for the fifth grade talent show. I had friends. I was one of the popular kids in school. Life was good.

But then, in the summer between fifth and sixth grade I developed a sore hip. The doctor originally thought nothing about it, but by the end of summer I was diagnosed with Legg Perthes disease — a degenerative condition that softened the hip joint.

There was no cure, and the prescription was to wear a leg brace that kept all the weight off of my right leg. To do this the shoe on my left leg had to have a sole about four inches thick.

When I returned to school I was no longer able to run. My brace, made of plastic and metal, rattled as I walked the school halls. It was that year that I learned that people can be cruel.

The year before in fifth grade I was always captain of the teams at recess. Now I was left off teams completely. I was called "Franken-

stein." Other students would mimic my now awkward walk. Students who I thought were my friends

now had no time for me. Over the twenty-one months that I had my leg brace, I felt alone at school.

What I experienced was a mild form of bullying. Other students felt empowered to make fun of me, taunt me, call me names and exclude me from activities.

I survived because I had a great sixth grade teacher — Mr. Robbins. He made sure that in his classroom I was always included. He went out of his way to talk to me. He tried to help me see that my life was not over but that there were plenty of things that I could do. Even though sixth grade was tough for me in many ways, I look back and have good memories of that year because of Mr. Robbins.

My experience in being bullied was mild. Luckily for me there was no text messaging, Facebook, Twitter, or other electronic means available to harass me after school ended.

Today bullying does not stop when the school day ends.

Our school district

has an anti-bullying policy, but bullying is not prevented because you have a policy. Bullying is stopped when people — teachers, students, custodians, food service workers, secretaries, and community members — make it clear that the behavior of bullies will not be tolerated.

The state Legislature recently passed a new measure that requires us to review our anti-bullying policy to make sure that it meets certain requirements. I know that bullying occurs in our schools. I also know that our teachers, administrators, and staff work to prevent bullying. Our employees monitor behavior and work hard to create safe schools. Our goal is to create a culture that communicates clearly that bullying behavior will not be a part of our schools.

I am thankful that I had a teacher like Mr. Robbins when I was in school because he made sure school was a safe place. The goal in our district is to make sure that every student feels safe at school and has a trusted adult to which they can turn.

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## Madcap puppets



Novi Woods student Amelia Kakish (above) seems thrilled to be wearing a viking's helmet and to be part of a Madcap Puppet Theatre production at the school on Jan. 26. Madcap's Amy Willett is in back. Novi Woods School kids (below) enjoyed the performance.



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## Leadership traits being instilled in Novi students

Novi Woods uses dens to bring students together

By Nathan Mueller  
Staff Writer

Most people would think that combining students from every elementary grade level into single classrooms would be chaotic.

Except exactly the opposite happens at Novi Woods Elementary every other Friday when K-4 students head to their dens to learn about the Sean Covey book the "Seven Habits of Happy Kids."

The dens, which started last year at the school, give the students a chance to interact with each other and practice the habits being discussed. The students stay in the same den as they advance through the school, forming friendships and learning from each other.

"It's a great way to make sure kids are get-

### SEVEN HABITS

- This year all the K-6 teachers at Novi Woods Elementary, will be trained in the seven habits which are:
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- Put First Things First
- Think Win-Win
- Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood
- Synergize
- Sharpen the Saw

Circle, students are honored for exhibiting one of the habits, and the entire school stands to sing the school song.

At the Jan. 20 Pride Circle, principal David Ascher recognized four students for being leaders saying, "That's what leadership does, it inspires others to be better than they already are."

Donberger said the biggest thing to come from the dens is that the students are learning how to be leaders and take ownership of their school.

"They are realizing they can be leaders and impact the world around them," she said. "It helps them connect with each other, and the confidence that goes along with being a leader is huge."

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## NOVI SCHOOL PRIDE

### Zeng wins at Kettering contest

Novi's Aaron Zeng, a student at Detroit Country Day, won a fourth place prize (half-tuition, 4 1/2-year scholarship and a \$100 Best Buy gift certificate) at the 11th Annual Kettering University Mathematics Olympiad, a prestigious region-

al competition designed to encourage students with interests and abilities in mathematics. All scholarships will be awarded upon admission to Kettering University. In all, 120 high school students took the exam at Kettering on Saturday, Dec. 3. The competition consists of six challenging problems. There is a four-hour time limit.

# Chefs cook up plans for remodel, anniversary bash

By Karen Smith  
Staff Writer

A 20th anniversary celebration and a dining room remodel are on the menu for 2012 for Chefs Charles "Rocky" Rachwitz and Steve Allen, owners of three restaurants in Northville, Novi and Livonia.

Rocky's of Northville will celebrate its 20th anniversary in November, and Steve and Rocky's in Novi will get "a whole dining room face lift."

The partners also own Rocky's Rotisserie in Livonia.

Rachwitz hasn't decided yet how Rocky's will be celebrating its 20th anniversary. Steve and Rocky's in Novi will get "a whole dining room face lift."

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Chefs Steve Allen, left, and Chuck (Rocky) Rachwitz toast to their successful restaurant ventures in Northville and Novi. Rachwitz runs Northville's Seven Mile Road "Rocky's" and both have a hand in Novi's "Steve and Rocky's" on Grand River.

"It needs a change," he said of the look of the four-star restaurant that draws 10,000 people a month from all over the Metro Detroit area.

"It's been five years since it was last remodeled."

Allen said the restaurant will remain open during the renovations, all expected to be cosmetic. The work is expected to start in four to six weeks.

Other than that, the two chefs plan on continuing to offer people quality food at affordable prices.

Business is up Despite the economy, they said business has

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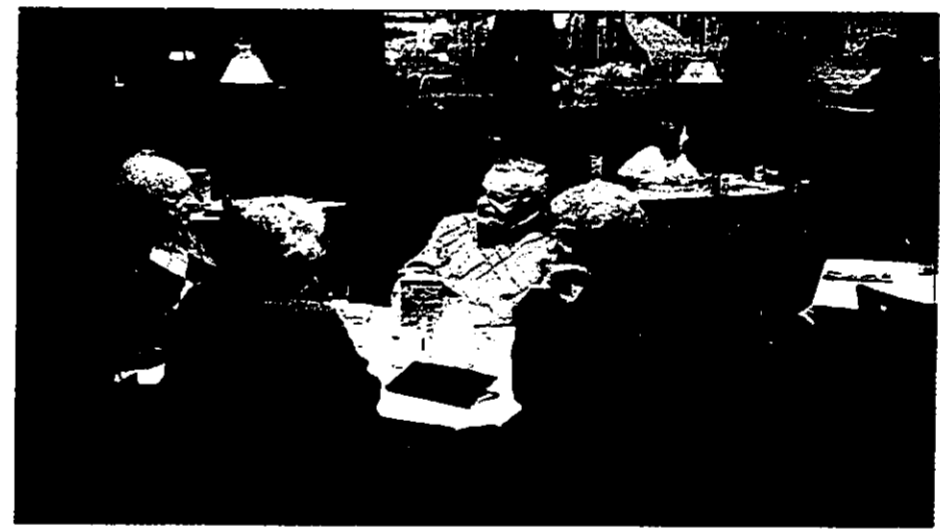
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keeping prices to the consumer down," he said.

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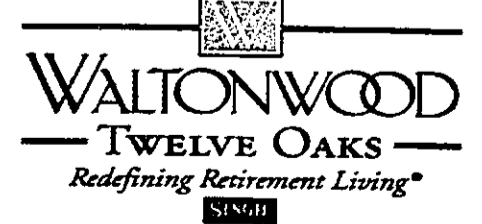


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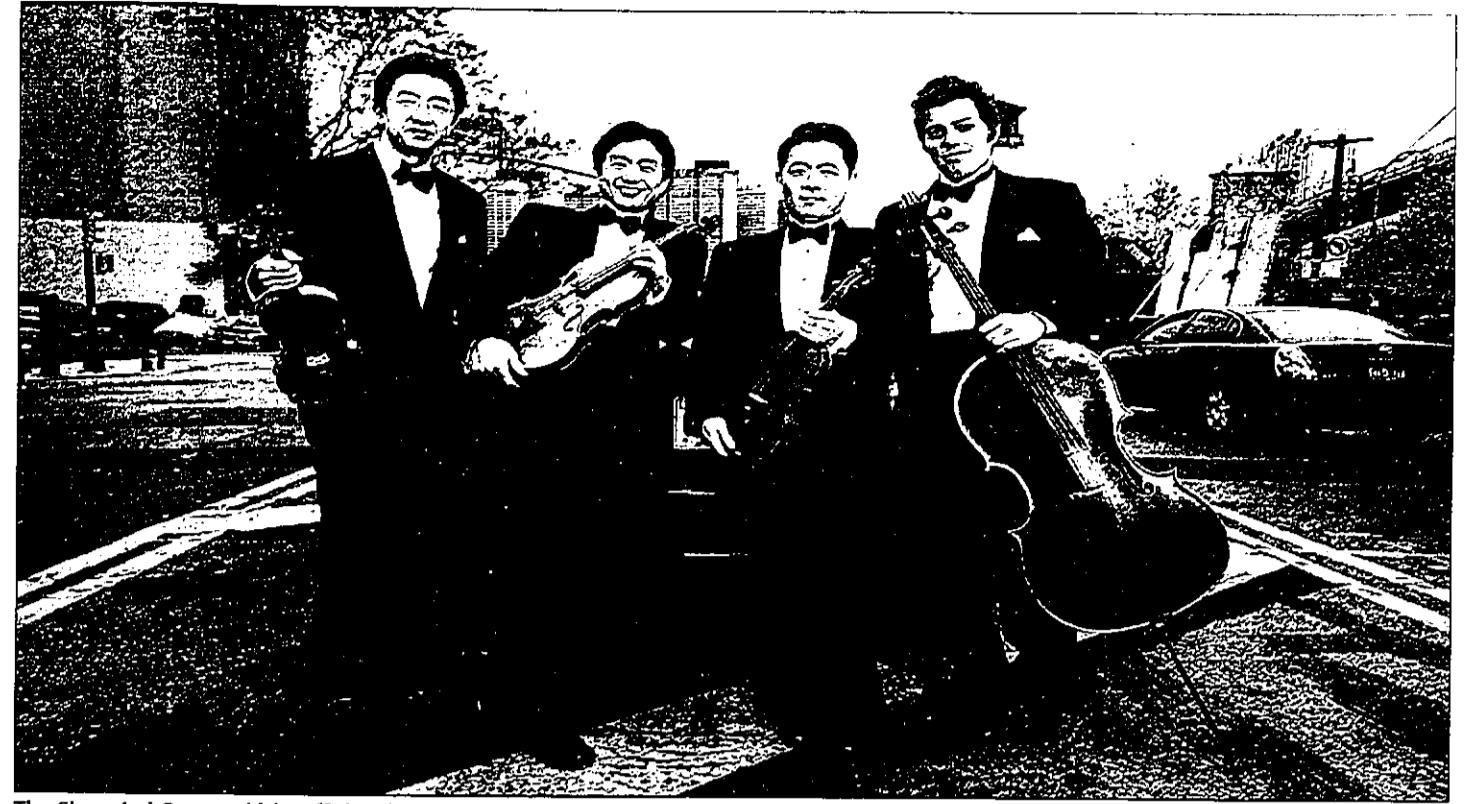
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The Shanghai Quartet kicks off the Listen @ the Library series at the Novi Public Library at 3 p.m. on Sunday.

## Chamber music series coming to library

Shanghai Quartet kicks off program Sunday

By Nathan Mueller  
 Staff Writer

The sound of music will be permeating through the Novi Public Library on one Sunday a month for the next four months as it has partnered with the Chamber Music Society of Detroit to present a series of free, family-oriented concerts.

The series, dubbed Listen @ the Library, kicks off at 3 p.m. Sunday with a performance by the Shanghai Quartet. Steve Wogaman, CMSD president, said the organization does a lot of educational programming and saw a niche

in the I-275 corridor. The programs will all be about an hour long, with plenty of audience interaction. "It's not your typical sit in a seat and listen quietly to someone play music concert," he said. "There will be a lot of opportunities to get up close and personal with the musicians." The Chamber Music Society of Detroit has been around since 1944 with a focus on enriching people's lives and promoting the appreciation of chamber music. Julie Farkas, director of the Novi Public Library, said the program is going to "bring



Wogaman

a whole new feeling of art in a musical way to the library" that hasn't been done before. "We have such phenomenal programs in the schools here in Novi, and there is a huge push for having that type of cultural experience that we can now add a layer to from the library end," she said. Wogaman, who plays the piano, is the second performance, taking place on March 4. He is followed by flutist Carol Wincenc and harpist Nancy Allen on April 1 and Windscape on May 20.

**LISTEN @ THE LIBRARY**  
 Feb. 5 — Shanghai Quartet  
 March 4 — Steve Wogaman, pianist  
 April 1 — Carol Wincenc, flute and Nancy Allen, harp  
 May 20 — Windscape, with instrument petting zoo  
 All concerts start at 3 p.m.

The first three performances will be at 3 p.m. in the library's community meeting room, while the final concert will take place at 3 p.m. in the Novi High School auditorium. There also will be a musical petting zoo at the library

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## Meals on Wheels adds pet food

Western Oakland Meals on Wheels has a new pet food distribution program. This program is designed to assist some of the frail, homebound Meals on Wheels participants with food for their pets, according to Margaret Davey, executive director of the Western Oakland Meals on Wheels Program.

Because Western Oakland Meals on Wheels Program recognized the needs of some of their participants who have pets, they sought and received a grant from the Banfield Charitable Trust to start this program in Oakland County. Research reported in the Journal of American Geriatrics Society in May 1999 stated that "independently living seniors that have pets tend to have better physical health and mental well-being than those that do not," according to Davey, adding several other health organizations have reported the same findings, including the American Journal of Cardiology and National Institute of Health Technology Assessment Workshop: Health Benefits of Pets. Eighty-nine (89) of the program's clients have pets, and some are struggling to find food to feed their pets. Several clients admitted that they feed their pets with the food that is delivered from Meals on Wheels. The Northville PetSmart Store and Banfield Pet Hospital agreed to include the Meals on Wheels organization in their collection of pet food late last year. The Banfield Charitable Trust grant has provided funds to publicize and solicit assistance from local schools and organizations to help in collecting and distributing pet food. Davey said she is looking for additional support to continue this program for seniors and their pets. Individuals and organizations desiring to contribute or initiate a pet food drive can contact Carmin Harris, program director at (810) 632-2155.

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CHEFS

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on to diners. They use the trimmed off meat and fat to make stocks as a base for soup and sauces. "Nothing here gets wasted," Hoffman said.

Menus can be changed daily to take advantage of seasonal pricing on fruit, vegetables, meat and fish.

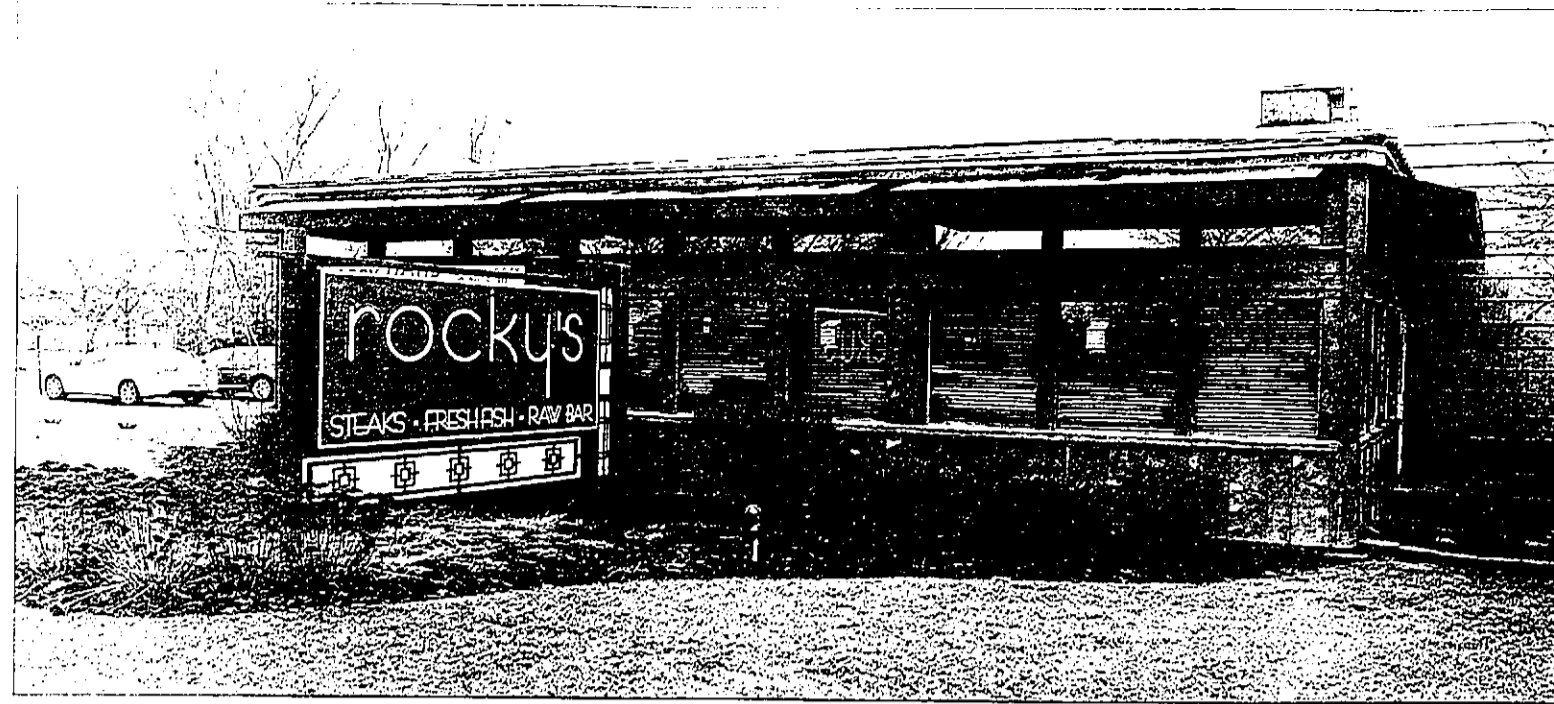
Allen, 48, of Fenton also uses produce he grows on his six-acre gentleman's farm. Last year, he harvested 3,000 pounds of heirloom tomatoes. He also uses turkeys he raises for Thanksgiving.

Both Rachwitz and Allen are award-winning chefs.

Rachwitz is a member of the American Culinary Federation and has won such events as the American Seafood Competition, Best of Michigan Meal, Taste of Plymouth, Taste of Northville, and is a four-time winner of the Novi Chili Competition.

Allen has won many American Culinary Federation gold and silver medals during his years of competition.

Their staffs stay with them a long time. Rocky's general manager and bartender have been there 17 and 18 years respectively; the chef, 13 years. Each of them has developed a following, which keeps a steady flow of regular customers coming into the restaurant.



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Rocky's on Seven Mile Road.

"I walk out here (into the dining room) on a Friday night, and I know most everyone," Rachwitz said.

Hire locally

Many of the staff they hire are from Schoolcraft and Oakland community colleges, their alma maters.

Both chefs graduated from OCC. Allen transferred there after starting at Schoolcraft.

"They're local, and I know most of the instruc-

tors there," Rachwitz said. "One of my favorite lines is, 'Does your instructor know you do it that way?'"

Rachwitz, 57, of Brighton Township got his start in the restaurant business at age 13 working for a Southfield deli. He made \$1.25 an hour, working and saving enough to buy a brand-new Ford Maverick at age 16.

He liked washing pots because that meant he could help work the broiler. One Saturday night the

broiler cook called in sick, and Rachwitz told the owner he'd do both jobs. "Sunday, guess who was the next broiler cook?"

Rachwitz started working for Muer in the same building he now owns. He went all over the country working for Muer during his 17-year career with him.

Allen was in high school when he started working in the restaurant business. "I just needed a job," he said. He hired in at Nanny's Soup Kettle at the Oakland Mall in Troy, but that restaurant didn't

survive the recession of the early 1980s. A friend who was a valet at the Golden Mushroom told him about the apprenticeship program they had there. "I didn't even know what an apprentice was," said Allen, who was 18 at the time. He applied, and was hired a few months later to work in the cold meat station.

Cihelka had just become the first Certified Executive Chef in the United States, and Allen became "enfranchised" with the food prepara-

tion, especially for food shows. "I didn't know it was a true art and a profession," he said.

He told Cihelka he wanted to be an apprentice and started working full-time at the restaurant and attending school one day a week. After 10 years under Cihelka, Allen succeeded Cihelka as executive chef when Cihelka retired. He held that position for five years until forming the partnership with Rachwitz.

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ENGAGEMENT

Reilly & Feilin Michael and Rob in Reilly of Novi announce the engagement of their son Nicholas Michael Reilly to Nicole Diane Feilin, of Canton, Ohio.

The groom-elect is a 2003 graduate of Catholic Central High School. The bride-to-be is a 2003 graduate of Glen Oak High School in Canton.

Nick and Nicole are graduates of the University of Toledo where they met. Nick is employed with Deloitte & Touche in Detroit, and Nicole is employed with Trinity Health in Farmington Hills.

A winter January 2012 wedding is taking place in Novi.



NOVI NEWSMAKERS

Appointments made to Board of Medicine

President and Medical Director of Michigan Urgent Care and Novi resident Mohammed Arsiwala, M.D., has been appointed by Gov. Rick Snyder to serve a four-year term on the Michigan Board of Medicine. The board oversees the practice of medicine of approximately 36,330 medical doctors and serves as the state's licensing board. It includes 19 voting members: 10 medical doctors, one physician's assistant and eight community members. Arsiwala will represent physicians. Nominated by State Representative and Speaker Pro Tempo-



re John Walsh, Arsiwala demonstrates leadership and excellence in medicine. "I am truly honored by this appointment. I received my medical education, got my start and have built my medical practice in Michigan. This opportunity is another way I can serve the citizens of Michigan," said Arsiwala. Arsiwala operates a regional network of nine urgent care facilities across southeast Michigan, including Urgent Care of Novi, located at 44000 W. 12 Mile Road.

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MUSIC - Continued from page A7. before the final performance where the couple can play and learn about the different instruments. Wogaman said all the music the artists will play was written to be performed live, and likened the atmosphere to a sporting event.

ALLEN, LINDA SUE Age 63, of Canton, passed away January 23, 2012. Loving mother, grandmother, sister, and friend.

KERR, JOHN "JACK" A longtime resident of the Huron Valley area, died at his home in Highland on Saturday, January 28 at 10:25 a.m.

KING, MARILYN K. Age 73, of Northville, passed away January 28, 2012. She was born in February 21, 1938 in Detroit, Michigan to Carl and Catherine (Kallung) Holmes.

DIETRICH, HELEN Age 94, passed away Jan. 21, 2012. Private family service was held. PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneralhome.com

DIXON, DAVID HENRY Age 65, October 20, 1946 - 2012. Online condolences: obituaries@philipsfuneralhome.com

HAAS, LAWRENCE J. Age 93, passed away January 26, 2012 at his home, surrounded by his loving family. He was a WWII veteran; serving with the Army Air Corp. Lawrence was a Wing Commander and flew paratroopers into combat on the beaches of Normandy on D-Day.

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MCREE, EDWARD B. 51 of Broken Bow, Ok, formerly of Milford, MI, passed suddenly January 25, 2012. Beloved husband of Donna Jean, dear father of Lee Edward, Patrick Lawrence and Sarah Jean. Preceded in death by his parents, Lawrence and Susanna McFee; brother Ted McFee, and sister Lorraine Hagar. He will be truly missed.

STANEK, JOSEPH Age 80, passed away Jan. 28, 2012. A memorial service will be held Wednesday, Feb. 8 at 11 a.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. www.phillipsfuneral.com

THARALDSON, MAXINE Age 87, of White Lake, passed away Jan. 29, 2012. A private family service was held. Arrangements by Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

HOOG, JOYCE EVELYN Age 88, of Salem Township, Michigan, died January 25, 2012. Born January 29, 1923 in Friedenstahl, Ste Croix, Virginia islands to the Reverend William Allen and Joyce Oehler Allen. She was preceded in death by her parents, her sister Marie Lancaster and brothers Theodore Allen and Reginald Allen. She is survived by her husband of 69 years, William Finlay Hoog Sr. and her four children, Joyce Diane (James) Grace, William Finlay (Nancy) Hoog Jr., John Earle Hoog and David Richard (Judy) Hoog. She is also survived by her nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Evelyn was a devoted wife and mother who loved antique, sewing, gardening and her three cats. She will be remembered for her years as a Sunday school teacher of four year olds at Calvary Baptist Church of Canton, MI, where she also enjoyed her fellowship with her Jet Set senior group. Services were held Monday at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.

WURSTER, STEPHEN D. Age 54, passed Jan. 23, 2012. Memorial service will be held at a later date. PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

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# Goin' to the DOGS



"Sugarlands Expression of Beauty" — a Pomeranian — looks at a camera lens.



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Cindy Gates, left, and Cynthia Darling relax with their snoozing miniature dachshunds "Andy" and "Wynnstone" during the Jan. 19 Michigan Winter Dog Classic show at Novi's Suburban Collection Showplace.



A small collection of young golden retrievers waits judging at the Michigan Winter Dog Classic. That day's event was sponsored by the Livonia Kennel Club.

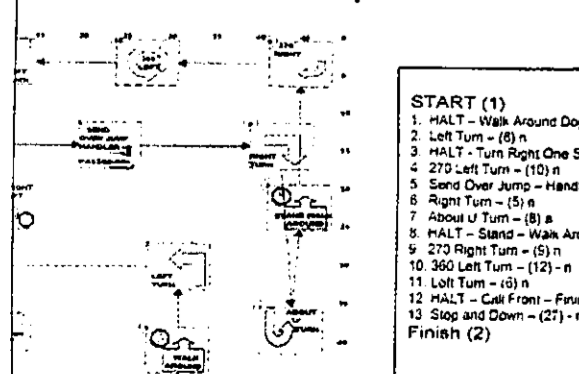


A pair of golden retrievers jog around the judging ring with their handlers.



Owing to her dog's height, and her comparable small stature, Shayna Garrison jumps up on a grooming table as she preps "Gus," a Leonberger.

### Advanced Map and Notes



A shi-tzu awaits its closeup.

A form posted near a judging ring at the Michigan Winter Dog Classic shows the complicated maneuvers a dog handler and their charge has to complete during the show.

### Saturdays are Super at the Novi Senior Center

The City of Novi Senior Center is planning a series of Saturday events that will have attendees moving, grooving, celebrating, and competing. "This is the sixth year we have offered the Super Saturday Series, and each year everyone has a fantastic time," said Rachel Zagaroli, Senior Services manager. I am excited for 2012 themes. I know everyone will enjoy themselves and the events will bring back wonderful memories of bygone eras."

Each Super Saturday event includes a meal and live entertainment. All events are from 4-6 p.m. at the Novi Senior Center.

Feb. 25 - Nifty Fifties - "Let's rock around the clock!"  
March 24 - South of the Border - "It's fiesta time!"

May 5 - Derby Day - "Race Day - Novi Senior Center-style"  
Tickets for each event are \$7 for Novi residents and \$8.50 for non-residents. Tickets must

be purchased in advanced and are available at the Novi Senior Center, 25075 Meadowbrook Road or the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road.

To learn about upcoming events, fitness classes, educational programs, or support services, call the Novi Senior Center at (248) 347-0414 or visit [cityofnovi.org](http://cityofnovi.org).

### City approves Fox Run's liquor license

The Novi City Council approved Fox Run retirement community's request for a liquor license, which means residents of Fox Run will now be able to enjoy spirits in their campus dining area.

Fox Run was granted a continuing care retirement center license, which is a new type of license created for residential communities that provide full-time residential housing mainly for individuals older than 62.

Fox Run, which has nearly 1,000 residents, sits on 108 acres at 41000 13 Mile Road in Novi.

### Deeds Express

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For more information on how to enter and for official rules, visit <http://artinstitutes.edu/photocompetition> or contact Jeanita Bright, [jbright@ai.edu](mailto:jbright@ai.edu) or (248) 675-3860, at The Art Institute of Michigan, located in Novi.

## Camper & RV Show hits the Showplace Feb. 8-12

The Michigan Association of Recreation Vehicles and Campgrounds (MAR-VAC) is sponsoring the 46th Annual Detroit Camper & RV Show, Feb. 8-12, Novi at the Suburban Collection Showplace (located on Grand River, between Taft and Beck roads).

Over 250 new recreation vehicles will be on display including folding campers, motorhomes, travel trailers, truck campers, toy haulers and fifth wheel travel trailers.

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### DETAILS

Event: 46th annual Detroit Camper & RV Show  
Location: Suburban Collection Showplace  
Hours: 2-9 p.m. Wednesday-Friday 2-9 p.m.; 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday; and 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday  
Admission: \$9 for ages 13 and up; \$8 for seniors; free for children ages 12 and under  
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# SPORTS

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## Novi offense declaws Cougars

### Wildcat girls outshoot East

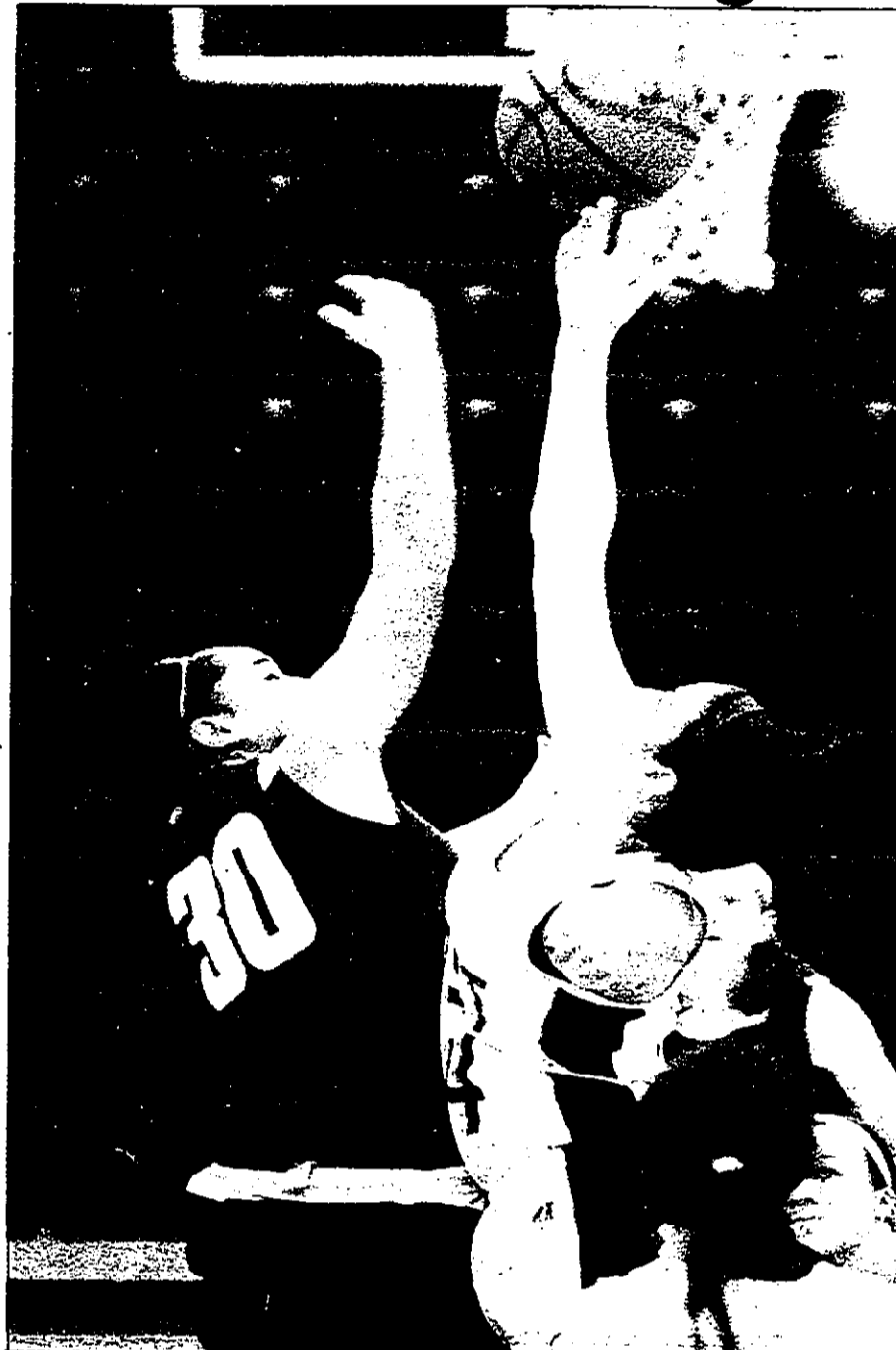
By Chris Jackett Correspondent

When you make twice as many shots as your opponent, you're bound to win. Just ask Novi's girls basketball team (9-3, 4-2 KLA Central). They made 16 shots compared to South Lyon East's eight during a 49-29 victory over the Cougars (6-6, 1-5 Central) last Friday.

With 16 of their 41 shots falling accurately (39 percent) and another 15-for-19 (78.9 percent) hitting the mark from the free throw line, the Wildcats rolled over the Cougars, who shot 8-for-32 (25 percent) overall. With nine players scoring, senior forward Ally D'Annibale led the way with nine points, including 5-for-5 from the charity stripe. She was followed closely by senior Anna Lausch (eight points, two blocks) and sophomore Kerri McMahan (seven points, six assists, four rebounds).

"It was nice to see them finish around the basket," Novi coach Bill Keip said. "It was our best conversion offensive game. We finally passed the ball up the floor." McMahan's six assists, along with four more from sophomore Taylor Pavlika (six points, eight rebounds, 6-for-6 free throws),

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Wildcat Jade Antolec goes up for the opening tip-off against South Lyon East on Jan. 27.

## Wildcats claw up Cougars

### Novi cagers double up on division cellar dwellers

By Chris Jackett Correspondent

It didn't matter where Novi's boys basketball team shot the ball from last Friday. It just kept going in. The Wildcats (4-7, 4-2 KLA Central) lit up visiting South Lyon East (1-9, 0-6 Central) in a 61-30 contest while shooting 47 percent or better for two, for three and from the free throw line.

"I think we are passing the ball better and taking smarter shots," Novi coach Brian Tass said. "We do well when we execute offensively." The reserves got plenty of playing time and the offense was well distributed, as 11 players scored. The 'Cats were led by hot-shooting senior guard Scott Kempa, who went 4-for-6 from distance on his way to a team-high 14 points.

### ON TAP

Novi's boys basketball squad (4-7, 4-2 KLA Central) was scheduled to visit South Lyon (6-5, 3-3, Central) two nights ago before heading to Northville (6-5, 4-3 Central) tomorrow and hosting Plymouth Salem (10-2, 4-2 Central) Tuesday. Both games tip off at 7 p.m.

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## Novi icers avenge early season losses

### Carney debuts in net with 1-0 shutout of No. 7 Brighton

By Chris Jackett Correspondent

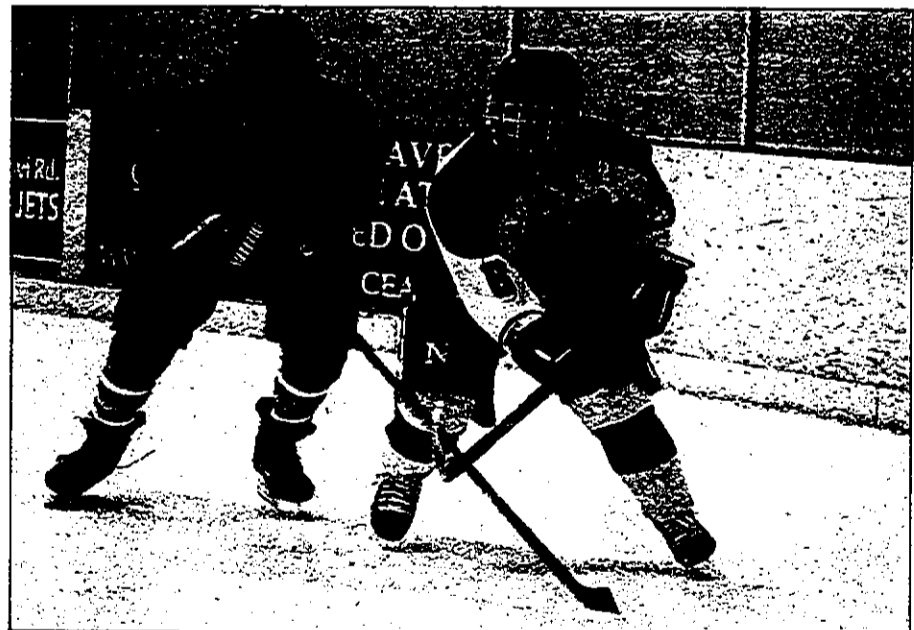
The question of who was the team's starting goalkeeper changed daily for Novi's hockey team this season, but it could gain some consistency if Monday's performance were any indication.

Making his first varsity start for No. 13 Novi (12-6-1, 6-3-1 Kensington), junior Patrick Carney didn't let a single puck into the net against No. 7 Brighton (12-3-2, 7-2-1 Kensington) despite several wide-open shots and rebound opportunities. His team wasn't able to provide much offense, but it was enough for a 1-0 victory in Carney's debut.

"I thought he played fantastic," Novi coach Todd Krygier said. "To shut out Brighton, which is ranked sixth or seventh in the state, he played a great game."

Novi had lost 5-3 at the Kensington Valley Ice House Dec. 10 with senior Spencer Peterson in net. Peterson and sophomore Austin Petty have traded off each game throughout the season.

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Novi junior Wes Guenther (right) lifts the puck out of Novi's zone during the second period as Brighton sophomore Troy Marrett pressures him. The No. 13 Wildcats got the best of the No. 7 Bulldogs 1-0 Jan. 30.

## Shamrocks fall to No. 2 team in country

### Squad's B-team takes third in Observerland

By Sam Eggleston Correspondent

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks intense January schedule was so chock full of amazing talent that it was hard to believe they would escape barely scathed. But, as the month came to an end, their biggest opponent so far, the No. 2-ranked team in the country in St. Ed's, managed to get the best of them. The Shamrocks traveled to Cleveland to take on St. Ed's as well as St. Vincent St. Mary's.

Detroit Catholic Central took a dual meet loss, 41-12, though it isn't without the knowledge that pundits across

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**Varsity**



# Wildcat grapplers earn share of second-straight division title

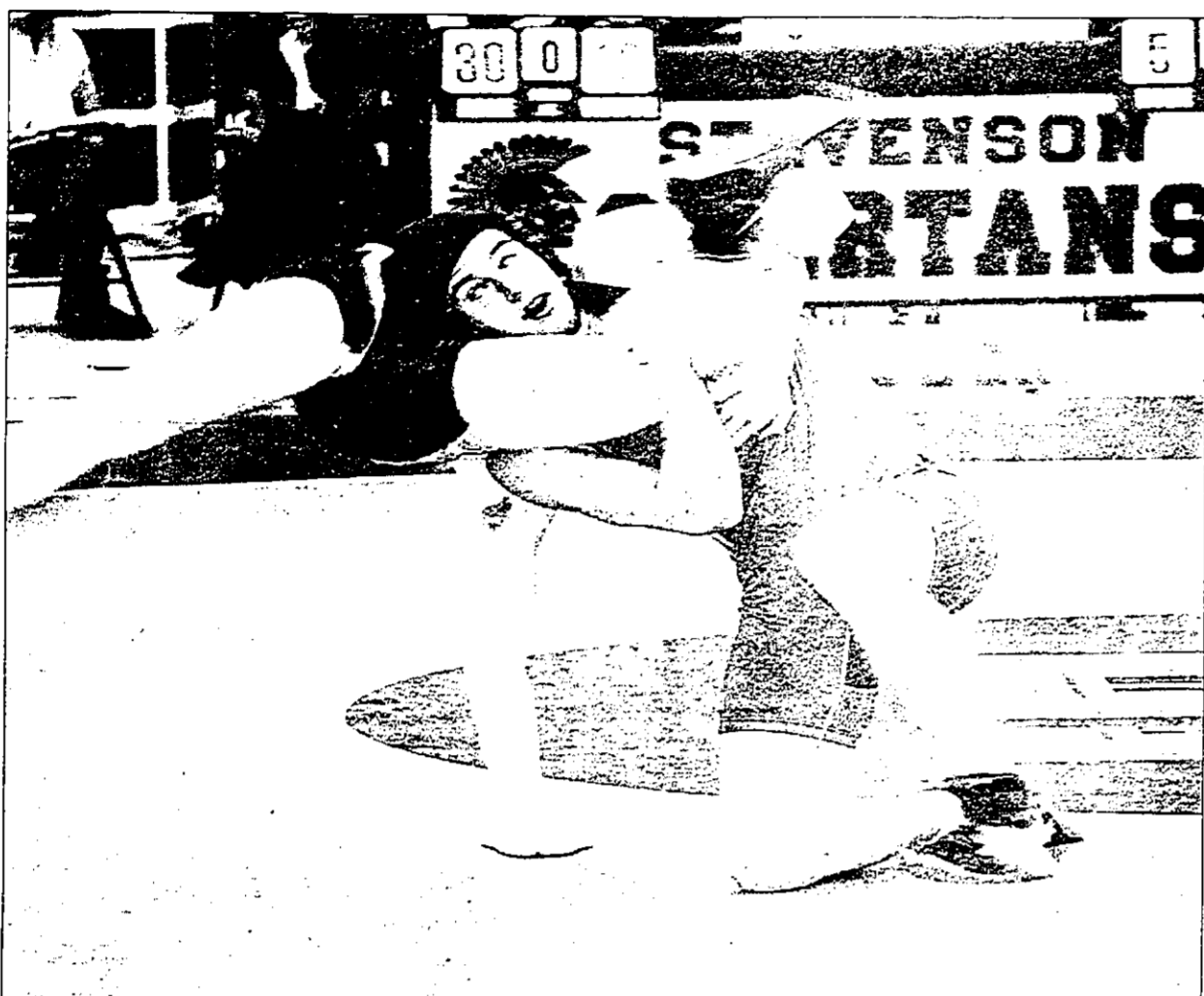
## Novi over Stevenson, Salem win over Northville ties baseline rivals

By Chris Jackett  
Correspondent

They get by with a little help from their friends. Novi's wrestling team (15-9, 4-1 KLA A Central) was in jeopardy of not defending their Central Division crown after losing 37-32 to Northville Jan. 18, but the Mustangs (16-6, 4-1 Central) lost to Plymouth Salem (6-6, 3-2 Central) 38-31 Jan. 25. Meanwhile, the Wildcats closed out the season with a 45-16 win over Livonia Stevenson (9-7, 3-2 Central) the same day, leaving the baseline rivals as co-division champions with 4-1 records.

For four of Novi's wrestlers, the meet also meant they finished 5-0 in the Central Division. Among the individual division champions were DeNova, Park, Alejandro Albuerne and Dobras, who was also 5-0 last season.

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



Novi's Zach Roush (right) flips Livonia Stevenson's Brad Scott during his victory in the 189-pound weight class Jan. 25.



Novi senior Farahman Kian (right) attempts to roll over Livonia Stevenson's Connor Vaughan during his victory in the 152-pound weight class Jan. 25.

### CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, February 22, 2012 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider the 2012 - 2018 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM.

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, February 22, 2012.

Novi Planning Commission  
David Greco, Secretary

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### CITY OF NOVI WOODHAM ROAD WATER MAIN EXTENSION SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 176 PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Date: FEBRUARY 21, 2012  
Time: 7:00 p.m.  
In the Council Chambers at the Novi City Hall 45175 West Ten Mile Road Novi, Michigan

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Novi City Council is considering the public improvement described below, to be financed by the establishment of a special assessment district. Subject to receiving comments and objections at public hearing, the Council has determined to proceed with the improvement. On February 21, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Novi City Hall, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan, the City Council shall meet for the purpose of hearing comments and objections from interested persons regarding the proposed special assessment district known as Woodham Road Water Main Extension, Special Assessment District No. 176, including comments and objections to the proposed project and to the proposed special assessment district consisting of the properties anticipated to be specially benefited by, and assessed for, the improvement.

The proposed improvement ("The Project") is:  
The construction of approximately 525 feet of 8-inch WATER MAIN and related facilities and improvements in Section 29 which will provide a direct benefit to nine parcels along a portion of Woodham Road.

The estimated cost for the Project is \$119,956.00.

A copy of the Petition, and the plans and cost estimate for the proposed Project are on file at the City Clerk's Office, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan, for public examination during normal business hours.

Accompanying this Notice is a form for you to complete and return to the City Clerk's office, indicating whether you as a property owner within the proposed special assessment district support or disapprove of the proposed public improvement and special assessment district.

Appearance and protest at the hearing is required in order to appeal the matters to be considered at the hearing to the State Tax Tribunal. An owner or party in interest, or his or her agent, may appear in person at the hearing to protest the special assessment, or shall be permitted to file his or her appearance or protest by letter at or before the hearing and his or her personal appearance in such case shall not be required.

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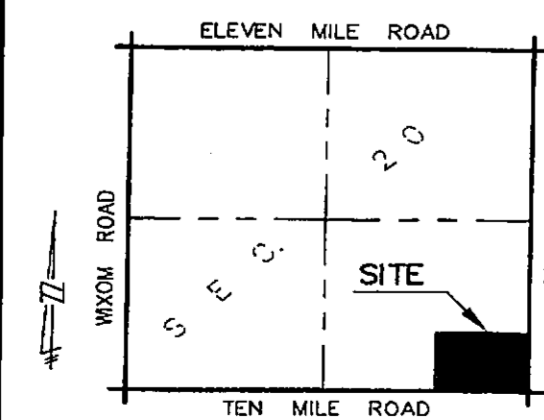
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#### LOCATION MAP

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All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, February 22, 2012.

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#### ON TAP

Novi's grapplers (15-9, 4-1 KLA A Central) were scheduled to head to White Lake Lakeland last night for the Kensing-ton Conference crossover against South Division three-way co-champion Livonia Franklin (14-3, 4-1 South). The 'Cats will follow up with the KLA A Championships Saturday at Howell.

### NOVI SPORTS ROUNDUP

By Chris Jackett  
Correspondent

#### Pompon squads all heading to state meet

The varsity, junior varsity and middle school pompon teams all recently qualified at the Ann Arbor Skyline-hosted Regionals and earned a trip to the Feb. 12 state meet at Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti.

The varsity squad is hoping to three-peat at state champs behind a routine head coach Erin Bartos, with assistance from sister and junior varsity coach Elyse Bartos, directed for the girls to the tune of Burn Halo's "I Won't Back Down."

The squad had previously used Burn Halo's "Our House" in one of their recent state title-winning routines.



Novi's varsity pompon squad recently qualified for a trip to the state meet during Regionals. The Wildcats are two-time defending state champions on the prowl for a threeppeat.



The Novi Middle School eighth-grade White boys basketball team finished their season 9-0. With four players' family members already having ties to Novi varsity sports, these young Wildcats could break onto the scene in the next few years.

The JV squad, led by captains Annie Segal and Laura Baumgarten, hope to also make waves to the tune of "Attitude" by Metallica. The middle school squad will dance to "The Last Fight."

**Boys Basketball**  
Novi Middle School's eighth-grade White boys basketball team finished their season 9-0. The team (as pictured)

includes (front row, left to right) Matthew Wasserman, Dominic Colaluca, (middle row) Connor Ince, Kenta Akazawa, Marcellous Williams, Connell O'Leary, coach Brad Miller, Ryan Rabinowitz, Sean Garcia, Mitchell McSweeney, Jaret Robson, (back row) Joost Plaetnick,

Koushik Kondapi, Emanuel Spiller-Jackson, Najib Ozer, Nick Sabo and Bobby Fox.

**Football Alumni**  
Novi 2007 graduate Patrick Sijan 2007 signed on to be a kicker for the Ultimate Indoor Football League's Saginaw Sting

Jan. 24. The newest member of the arena football league kicked for Northwood University after high school, where he graduated in 2011 with the school's longest field record of 52 yards.

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### BOYS

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"Kempa can get hot and I guess that's what happened on Friday," Tass said.

Also strong for the Wildcats were junior Jionni Ivy - who had 11 points and 10 rebounds while going 5-for-5 from the charity stripe - and senior Michael Jocz, who had eight points and five rebounds on 4-for-6 shooting.

"Ivy's been a great spartan for us lately coming off the bench," Tass said. "He really plays aggressive on the offensive end and is getting better and better. I've just been asking more and more of him in practice."

"Jocz's consistency comes from his consistent effort and focus on improvement. He's come a long way and he is a great leader for us."

Also chipping in for Novi was junior Charles McKinney (seven points), sophomore Nelson Cagle (five points), junior Brad Kozinski (five points), junior Brandon Macklin (four points), senior Kyle Clemmons (three points) and two points apiece from seniors Alex King (seven rebounds), Gannon Mathis and Ignas Bernotas.

As a whole Novi shot 21-for-42 (50 percent) from the field, including 8-for-17 (47.1 percent) from distance and also 13-for-18 (72.2 percent) from the charity stripe.

However, despite winning the rebound battle 28-13, the 'Cats had 11 turnovers and 20 fouls, which were not offset much by their three steals and three assists.

"I thought we did some things well on Friday, yet we need to do things better defensively to beat anyone left on our schedule," Tass said.

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