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New fitness classes start in January

Have you committed to a healthy, active 2013? The City of Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department is excited to offer 18 fitness opportunities beginning in January with classes for the novice to guru.

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New classes for the younger crowd include Parent & Baby Yoga, Babies on the Move, Wee Fit, Ohm'azing Teens Yoga, and Teen Extreme Training. With the exception of Teen Extreme Training, the classes are offered in partnership with One Training, located on Grand River in Novi. Teen Extreme Training is offered in conjunction with Mike Rice, a Certified Personal Trainer, who will push the students to new limits.

Classes begin the week of Jan. 15 and registration is going on now via cityofnovi.org. For more information, see the January-April edition of Engage! (available at cityofnovi.org or coming soon to Novi mailboxes). For questions, please call the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department at (248) 347-0400.

Novi's property tax value seeing a recovery

2011-12 may have been the bottom

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Staff Writer

The projections for Novi's property tax base are looking better in the upcoming year and an economic recovery may be under way, according to city of

Novi Assessor Glenn Lemmon. "Novi is well-positioned and already showing signs of recovery," Lemmon told city council Dec. 17 of the prospect that reality of a recovery is stronger than one of a recession. He gave a presentation to

council on the 2013 Property Tax Base projections. From his standpoint, things are looking up overall, and it appears values may have bottomed out this past year. Residential values are appreciating and are expected to increase from last year by 6 percent. Lemmon said the true indicator that residential values are looking up is the analysis used

for the projection study. He said there are two studies to gauge residential sales.

In periods of declining values, the 12-month study is preferred because it is a snapshot of the current market and favors the taxpayer, he said. With appreciating values, the 24-month study is preferred because it considers

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That perfect gift



Kim Dennison helps Parkview Elementary School student Eugene Chung in picking out some Christmas presents at the school's recent PTO holiday shop.

Children benefit from generosity of O&E readers

Families throughout the Observer & Eccentric area donated hundreds of toys to help brighten Christmas for area youngsters.

The second annual O&E Media Toy Drive was a success and "a gift of love from the community," said Choya Jordan, marketing manager of O&E Media

and coordinator of the toy drive.

Youngsters at the Methodist Children's Home Society in Redford Township and Orchards Children's Services received the toys earlier this month.

"The holiday season is a special time of year for children. For the children

we serve, Christmas can be a sad depressing experience. We thank you for bringing hope to vulnerable children that otherwise fall through the cracks. Your generosity is greatly appreciated," said Shai A. James-Boyd, director of develop-

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Funding awarded for pathway

Tri-Party money will help connect to ITC Park

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Staff Writer

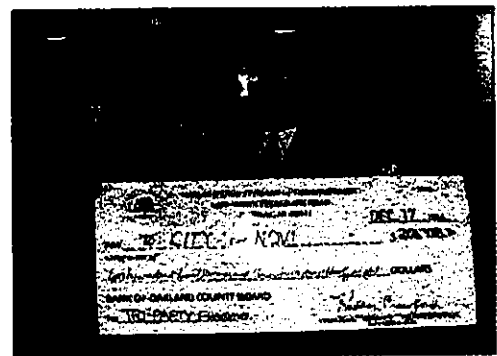
The city of Novi's upcoming Eight Mile Road resurfacing project got a boost after Oakland County Commissioner Kathy Crawford presented city council with a check for more than \$200,000.

Crawford, along with Oakland County Road Commissioners Eric Wilson and Greg Jamian, went before council Dec. 17 to update members on Tri-Party funding the county had available for local projects.

"As long as they had a shovel-ready project, preferably that could be completed in '13-14," Crawford said of the basis for awarding Novi the \$205,438.

The program has been helping fund projects like this since the 1970s and had an additional \$3 million to go toward qualifying road

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Oakland County Road Commissioners Eric Wilson and Greg Jamian along with Oakland County Commissioner Kathy Crawford present Novi Mayor Bob Gatt with the Tri-Party money that will help with the putting in of a pedestrian pathway along Eight Mile Road.

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Make New Year's resolutions you can keep

Local experts say resolutions are doable

By Kate Phillips
Contributor

This is the time of year when folks reassess tight waistbands and houses full of clutter. Some make a New Year's resolution to change things.

"I make New Year's resolutions but I don't stick with them," admitted Carol Glenn, director of Michigan Rehabilitation Specialists in South Lyon. "It is very hard to make changes in our lives."

Local experts said that it is possible to make resolutions that will last long past Jan. 1. Here's how:

Fit it in

Those who like to spend evenings in front of the TV aren't going to turn into marathon runners overnight. "Choose things that

already fit into your lifestyle," said Glenn. "Find ways to do things that will improve your life without taking up a lot of time."

Those who want to begin an exercise program could start by parking at the far end of the parking lot, lifting hand weights during favorite TV programs and working on balance exercises while brushing teeth. "Even small changes will add up to a healthier lifestyle," said Glenn.

Write it down

Putting goals in writing will help internalize them and provide a reference for checking progress later.

"The brain processes things differently when we are writing stuff down," said Noelle Corter, MSW, who is a therapist in Highland Township.

After goals are in writing, record the daily behaviors that are being worked on — such as work-outs, smoking or type of food consumed.

"Make three columns and write down what you are doing, how you are feeling and the time of day," said Corter. "That way you can pick up on your patterns and make improvements. There are always multiple reasons why we do things."

Corter suggests finishing the day with a gratitude journal. That's an opportunity to record positive thoughts and make new plans for the following day. "Your mind is more powerful than people give it credit for," said Corter.

Work with others

When classes meet at Divine Yoga Company in South Lyon, the students exchange stories like old friends. It helps to find a place where others are working on making similar improvements.

"It's really nice to walk into the room and be surrounded by friends," said yoga instructor Cheryl Wickham. "There's people there to support you, hold you accountable and help guide you along your journey."

"We all need that human connection. We need to know that others will be there every week, waiting for us."

Aside from exercise classes, support groups are available through local hospitals, churches and non-profit organizations.

Corter suggests that some people would benefit from a life coach or therapist to use for support in combating negative behaviors. Both may be available at little or no cost through employee assistance programs that are offered with health benefit packages.

Start gradually

Every January, trainers see gym members sweat-



Erin Geis of Highland works with personal trainer Lisa Ryan at the Carls Family YMCA. Trainers at the YMCA suggest starting gradually to make New Year's Resolutions stick.



Lauren Gasparotto practices yoga with classmates Stephanie Rife (left) and Melissa Bryant at Divine Yoga Company in South Lyon. Experts suggest finding a support person or group for better success in keeping New Year's Resolutions.

ing away at daily work-outs. But after a week or two of the grueling routine, they don't step foot in the gym again. Some are slowed down by injuries and others are overburdened by the strict schedule.

"If you haven't worked out daily in the past then you are probably not going to do it this time," said Josh Clines, wellness director at the Carls Family YMCA in Milford. "We try to slow people down a bit so they are not worrying about trying to work out every single day."

Clines suggests setting up an exercise routine for two or three times a week. It is a schedule that will last over the long haul. "You definitely will see results," said Clines. "Once you start to see results you will want to make more healthy changes in your lifestyle."

Improve your health

Some people are trying to quit smoking or drinking. Others are just trying to repair relationships or keep the house neater. But each personal improvement is a little bit easier under the umbrella of a healthy lifestyle.

"We may have specific goals, but it all adds

up to seeking a healthier lifestyle in general," explained Clines.

Health Emporium owner Doug Moore suggests reducing stress and improving overall health as the first step to feeling better — mentally and physically.

"Try to eat more raw foods and choose fresh foods instead of canned," said Moore, who spends his days consulting with customers at the South Lyon store.

He recommends that everyone use a quality vitamin and mineral supplement to bring the body closer to good health and reduce negative cravings. "Most cravings are related to mineral deficiencies," he said.

Keep trying

While some people have given up on making resolutions, as many as 45 percent of Americans still make New Year's resolutions, reports the University of Scranton Journal of Clinical Psychology.

While there are no quick fixes, those who continue to revisit the same goals will eventually see results they can live with. "Meet that challenge and stay with it," said Wickham. "You need to keep trying to find out what works for you."

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ity. But there are ways people can work through this.

She said planning ahead as to where and how you will spend your time during the holidays is important. In addition, if need be don't worry about letting yourself scale back on activities or parties if

you want. But if you feel like making plans, get help from supportive family or friends.

"Creating a memory is a great way to make the holidays new again," Christensen said. "And it can be done through a way to remember that loved one."

Corter said making an ornament with a photo of that person on it or making their favorite food dish are two ways to

remember and honor.

New Hope Director Cathy Clough said if a person is grieving then he or she doesn't have to ignore those feelings. The same goes for those around that person. She said many times those who have lost a loved one want to remember or speak about them, so it's alright to tell stories and memories.

"Plan ahead, be around supporters and find a

way to remember," she said of working through holiday grief.

To find out more about these local support resources go to New Hope's web site at <http://www.newhopecenter.net> or call Compassionate Care at (734) 983-9050. Both have support groups and resources to address any situation.

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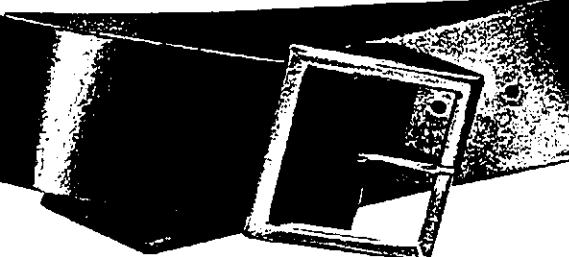
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Specialty courts create local solutions to local problems

By Cal Stone
Staff Writer



Parker Lowe

Physically, your local court is housed in one building, but inside there are probably a wide variety of specialty courts operating with jurisdiction over one specific area of criminal activity. Michael Bryce, director of University of Detroit Mercy Law Clinic, says the movement is about 10 years old, and Michigan has been involved in it at least eight years if not more. These courts include Drug Court, Juvenile Court, Elder Court, Domestic Court, Tribal Court, Homeless Court, Gun Court, Teen Court and others. "The specialty court movement, to some degree, was the Renaissance Lawyers Society trying to figure out ways to resolve problems and issues that weren't necessarily litigation-based," said Bryce, director of University of Detroit Mercy Law Clinic. "It was a different approach than the standard 'I'm against you—and you're against me' approach. That movement grew and is

but rather trying to work out a particular result." Ingham County's was formed in February 2010, according to Tammy Kudialis, director of Project Salute and the Veterans Appellate Clinic at UDMercy. "Instead of punishment, you get treatment," she said. "The veterans get a mentor and access to Veterans Administration programs to help them deal with issues. They also get oversight, which means they come before to court at regular intervals to meet with the judge and make sure they're on the right track. They also get connected to pension and disability benefits through Project Salute which provides outreach and assistance for veterans and trains attorneys to handle benefit claims pro bono. Now in its fifth year, Kudialis says Project Salute has helped more than 4,000 veterans, trained some 1,200 attorneys, and currently has 120 cases placed throughout the country.

Localized "The concept behind specialty courts is that local courts should try and come up with local solutions to local problems," said Judge Ronald Lowe, who has served the 35th District Court for seven years. "What you've seen with Sobriety Court is a variety of things—some use it primarily for alcohol, some use it for some type of drug." He said the drug and alcohol courts are doing "remarkable things" and even noted a Meth Court to deal specifically with that drug. The 47th District Court in Farmington operates a Sobriety Court, and Judge Marla Parker calls it one of the most rewarding aspects of her job. "People's lives change right in front of you," she said. Parker noted that at a recent Sobriety Court graduation ceremony, the guest speaker was a graduate in 2007. "He's still sober," she said. "He talked about how much his life has changed, and it was pretty amazing." But not every court can afford to offer a wide variety

of specialty courts and may just have one or two, according to Judge Brian MacKenzie, of the 52-1 District Court. "Novi has a lot," he said. "The breadth of our programs is pretty unique. 52-1 District Court serves the communities of Novi, South Lyon, Wixom, Walled Lake, Milford, Highland, Commerce Township, Lyon Township, and Wolverine Lake. Lowe noted that some judges have agreed on a system of "sharing" their specialty courts, sending offenders to a specialty court they might not operate and in return taking offenders from other courts to go through their specialty court. "That is in infant stages and having a lot of growth problems," said Lowe. "If I send them to jail, who is paying? There are a lot of logistical problems. But it's demonstrative that District Courts are trying to find solutions." "But," he added, "there is a story in each one of them."



Probation officer Michael McGlown speaks at the Veterans Court graduation held in November 2011 at the Novi Civic Center. The court aims to keep veterans out of jail for nonviolent offenses through a supervised counseling and mentor program. Also pictured (from right) are Judge Dennis Powers, 52-1 District Court; Will A. Gunn, General Counsel Department of Veterans Affairs-Washington, D.C.; Patricia Crane, retired director of Probation; Judge Brian MacKenzie, 52-1; and Robert McDivitt, director Veterans Affairs Health Care System-Ann Arbor.

Veterans Treatment Court helps those who have served our country

By Cal Stone
Staff Writer



Probation officer Mike McGlown (left) shakes hands with Vietnam veteran Kurt Mosher at the Veterans Court graduation ceremony in November 2011 at the Novi Civic Center.

The 17th District Court in Redford operates a variation on Sobriety Court with its Veterans Treatment Court, offering veterans who are involved in the criminal justice system a coordinated response to the unique problems they are facing. Military personnel often face intense and traumatic war experiences while they fight for our country. Sadly, the trauma continues even after they return home as they relive the warzone—fear, horror and feelings of helplessness persist. Anxiety, irritability and emotional numbing are often experienced by veterans. As a result, problems with alcohol and drug use are common as a way of coping. Dedicated in November 2011 by Judge Karen Khalil, it became the fourth Veterans Court in the state and the first in Wayne County's suburbs. Khalil works closely with the VA and local veterans groups, prosecutors, veterans' defense counsel as well as probation staff and mentors to provide veterans with the tools they need to lead produc-

tive and law abiding lives. Judge Brian MacKenzie, of the 52-1 District Court in Novi, says unlike Sobriety Court, Veterans Court is "not pure addiction; it's a hybrid of addiction and mental health." He said most of the participants have suffered PTSD, brain injuries, or are paranoid schizophrenics. "One guy got a virus in Iraq and it ate his brain," said MacKenzie. "He was on meds and reacted to

alcohol and got arrested. He's a really great guy, and we got him all balanced out now." Every participant in Novi's program has to get a physical, which MacKenzie says has resulted in three lives being saved. The Veterans Administration is a big player in the program, and a VA rep is at every meeting in Novi with a secure

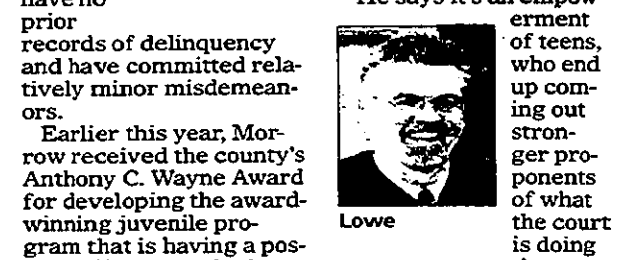
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Teen Court lets offenders hear it from peers

By Cal Stone
Staff Writer

Northville's Brian Morrow, deputy chief of the juvenile division in the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office, has seen first-hand the positive effects of handling cases in different specialty court formats like Teen Court. Teen Court is a juvenile diversion program that allows high school-age jurors sentence real delinquency cases that have been screened by the Prosecutors Office specifically for this program. "The advantage is simple—it's a positive use of peer pressure," said Lowe. "I tell them straight up that hearing it from their friends is far better than hearing from an old fart in a black robe." He says it's an empowerment of teens, who end up coming out stronger proponents of what the court is doing than someone who hasn't been through it. Lowe, who is the president-elect to the Michigan District Judges Association, said that when he first took the bench, district courts didn't handle juvenile cases. Rather, they were assigned to probate judges on a juvenile docket. But there has been much growth, especially in western Wayne County. At John Glenn High School in Westland, a classroom has been transformed into a courtroom—including a judge's bench, jury box and witness stand—and 18th District Court (jurisdiction is Westland) judges go there to listen to selected cases in Teen Court. Paul Motz, director of Westland Youth Assistance, finds actual misdemeanor court cases—everything from shoplifting to assault—that are

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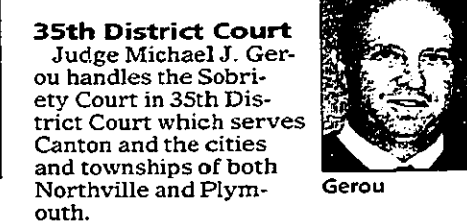
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Sobriety Courts lead the movement

By Cal Stone
Staff Writer

One of the most successful types of specialty courts is the Sobriety Court, and the 52-1 in Novi has one of the oldest in the country. When it was created in 2001, it was only the 18th in the U.S.; now there are 16 in Michigan alone. Harvey Hoffman in Eaton County is the longest serving Sobriety Court judge in Michigan, and the 52-1's Judge Brian MacKenzie is second. MacKenzie calls his Sobriety Court a "straight-up addiction program" for offenders with high blood alcohol content arrests and/or second-time offenders. And, simply put, the Sobriety Court's role is to make the community safe.

"Out here," explained MacKenzie, "drunk drivers are the most dangerous people in terms of who is most likely to kill your family." Offenders can receive a regular sentence or volunteer to participate in the 18-month program and sign an agreement and waiver of rights. Although the second nine months are more normal, those first nine months are an intense phase, said MacKenzie. Participants are tested for alcohol every day; they attend a 12-step counseling program twice a week; and they meet with their probation officer once a month in a group setting. "It's a challenge for them to get tested by 8 a.m.," said MacKenzie. "Those who fail to are 'sanctioned,' which usually means jail time—'and we will go through your house (to check for alcohol)," said MacKenzie. "It hasn't been done a lot, but it's been done." Those who succeed are given positive reinforcement—maybe tickets to a sporting event or movie passes. "It may not be much, but it's something," said MacKenzie. "Some of these people have never succeeded at anything."



MacKenzie Gerou

The 52-1 District Sobriety Court operates under a "team" concept—the Sobriety Court Advisory Board—consisting of the judge, prosecutor, probation officers, defense attorney, coordinators, law enforcement officer, treatment counselors and a victim/community advocate. "This team communicates and tries to reach a consensus on the offenders. The judge leads the discussion and, if need be, is the deciding vote. "It's easy unless they're (participants) not doing well," said MacKenzie. "Our team is good, and there's always consensus."

Sobriety Court participants who successfully complete the program are recognized at an annual graduation ceremony. Judge Michael J. Gerou handles Sobriety Court in 35th District Court which serves Canton and the cities and townships of both Northville and Plymouth. While the Sobriety Court staff in the 52-1 court is partially funded by grants, the 35th receives no grant funding. "And quite frankly, we don't want any," said Gerou. "We didn't want to set up a program that's dependent on grant money. We've prioritized cases we think need more attention."

More resources are dedicated to repeat offenders, and there is an intensive probation fee. The 35th Sobriety Court, unlike the 52-1's, does not do home checks for alcohol either. Again, participants volunteer for the Sobriety Court, and begin with suspended jail time. There are four stages, and as each is completed, the daily requirements and testing decrease. "In the first stages, they get a grip on sobriety and testing," said Gerou, "and the latter parts they have to complete community service." Likewise, participants see the judge in the first two stages and then the court's probation officer, Jim Hand, in stages three and four. "Our program was designed to take 15 at a time, but that has tripled and quadrupled in its nine years," said Gerou. One of the reasons is that legislation that went into effect last year allows offenders to get a restricted driver's license. "Before, we didn't have as many (participants) because it's a lot of work," said Gerou.

MADCP

Karen MacKenzie, wife of 52-1 District Court Judge Brian MacKenzie, is the executive director of the Michigan Association of Drug Court Professionals. At the MADCP's website (http://madcp.dreamhosters.com) you can find an interactive map of all the Michigan Drug Courts.

Like the 52-1, the 35th district court program utilizes the team concept and behavioral modification system. "You control the keys to the jail-house," said Gerou. "If you have a good report, you earn credit off your jail time. You come back and see me monthly and sign an agreement of what you'll do the following month. Then it's reviewed the following month with the probation officer." Gerou said consequences for failure typically are predictable at first—jail for a few days and longer if it happens

again. The third failure usually results in the participant being discharged from the Sobriety Court program and serving whatever time is remaining on their initial sentence. Gerou said the program is going "very well," especially considering the high-risk population it deals with. At last check, the success rate was over 70 percent. Compare that to a 55-percent success rate for all the offenders the 35th puts on probation. "We have had some great success stories," said Gerou. And those are noted at a monthly day-long event with a certificate, congratulations, sharing of stories, and passing of wisdom along to those entering the program and those who have slipped up and went to jail. 47th District Court Farmington Judge Marla Parker's Sobriety Court has been operating

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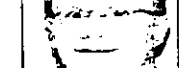
New directors, physicians at St. Mary's Mercy

St. Mary's Mercy Hospital welcomed four new directors of various programs and departments.

Misha Strauss Moore, Ph.D. has been named director, Program Development for Ambulatory Services for St. Mary's Mercy Hospital. Strauss Moore will manage two new St. Mary's Mercy services, the Senior Assessment and Resource Institute, and the Center for Integrative Health.

Greg Sears has been named as executive director, Ambulatory Services for St. Mary's Mercy Hospital. In this role, Sears will develop and implement alignment and growth strategies with physician networks and integrate primary care and multi-specialty physicians within a unified health network that serve Western Wayne County. Sears joined St. Mary's Mercy Hospital in 2005 as the administrator for Surgical Service.

Mark Steffanina has been named as director, Strategic Performance Improvement. Steffanina joined St. Mary's Mercy in 2010 as a Performance Improvement Leader before assuming the role of director. He has also served



Strauss Moore

as a leader in initiatives through the Behavioral Medicine, Maternal/Child, and Surgery Performance Improvement committees. Carol Crowley, Ph.D. has been named as director, Spiritual Care. Crowley has more than 25 years experience as a hospital chaplain, most recently working at Providence Hospital, Southfield. She is a National Association of Catholic Chaplains (NACC) certified chaplain and clinical psychologist in private practice at the Northwest Counseling & Psychotherapy Center in Farmington Hills.

John J. O'Brien, MD, has been named physician director, Graduate Medical Education and Designated Institutional Official. O'Brien will manage the Graduate Medical Education programs as well as continue to practice gastroenterology at St. Mary's Mercy Hospital.

Daniel R. Harber, D.O., Cardiology, recently joined St. Mary's Mercy Hospital's medical staff. He received his degree at Michigan State University in Lansing.

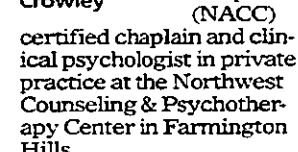
Harber. He completed his residencies at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills and University of Michigan Medical Center in Ann Arbor.



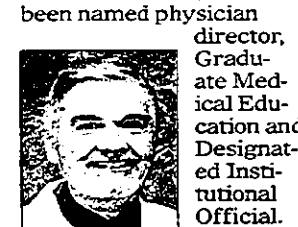
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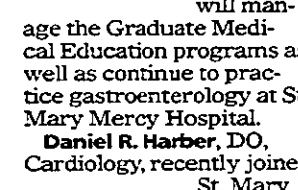
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since 2005 and has graduated 56 participants in twice-a-year ceremonies.

"The difference in ours is we have a two-year probation," said Parker. "I think every court is a little different. Some of it is the court's culture; some is how the program was initially designed and structured."

The key similarity in all three of the court's programs, however, is accountability and the goal of giving more applause than sanctions to the participants.

For a long time, the 47th District Court boasted of no-recidivism among participants, but that ended a month or so ago.

VETERANS

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laptop containing the offender's records.

Farmington Judge Marla Parker said the 47th District Court has an interest in the Veterans Court area but not enough volume to run a full program. They're keeping statistics on their veteran offenders, working with the VA, and will refer individuals to a Veterans Court if necessary.

Like the Sobriety Court in Novi, Veterans Court operates on a team concept in the 52-1 and is also 18 months long. The probation officer is different, however. He's Mike McGlown, a former lieutenant in the Army.

The fees attached to all drunk driving cases in the 52-1 help cover the staffing of both its Sobriety Court and Veterans Court. Any additional costs in either specialty court, such as the \$15 tests taking at facilities like Jail Alternatives for Michigan Services (JAMS), are up to the offender to cover.

Participants have interlocks in their cars which forces them to breathe into a camera-equipped machine that registers alcohol. There's a home version, too, as well as tethers that test for alcohol and

"Still, it's much better when you look at the rate for people who don't go through a program. It's 60 to 80 percent (recidivism). It's really high," said Parker.

Like the 52-1 and 35th Sobriety Courts, participants in the 47th District Court have to volunteer. "You do have to agree to be part of it," said Parker, "but the other options aren't so hot!"

She said her Sobriety Court has very specific eligibility requirements. At the time of arrest, the offender's blood alcohol content must register .15 percent or greater. They must also have a prior record of alcohol related offense(s).

A key requirement is that the drunk drivers must be residents of Farmington or Farmington Hills. Parker said that's because many offenders don't have licenses, and it's not realistic for people to commute long distances to appear in her court.

"And we want to serve citizens of our community first," she said.

TEEN

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appropriate for Teen Court. The majority of the offenders, called respondents, are middle schoolers and there are some high schoolers.

Students in the high school's business and personal law class serve as the jury, questioning the defendant and witnesses and then coming up with a sentence after defendants admit their guilt to juvenile authorities.

As part of the sentence handed down by the Teen Court jurors, the respondent is placed on diversion. If he or she complies with the terms of the diversion, the case is dismissed and doesn't appear on the respondent's juvenile record.

"This is a great partnership certainly between the court and the school district," said Greg Baracy, Wayne-Westland schools superintendent. "I'm impressed by the students' questions and their maturity level. This is a great learning opportunity."

Staff writer Sue Mason contributed to this story.

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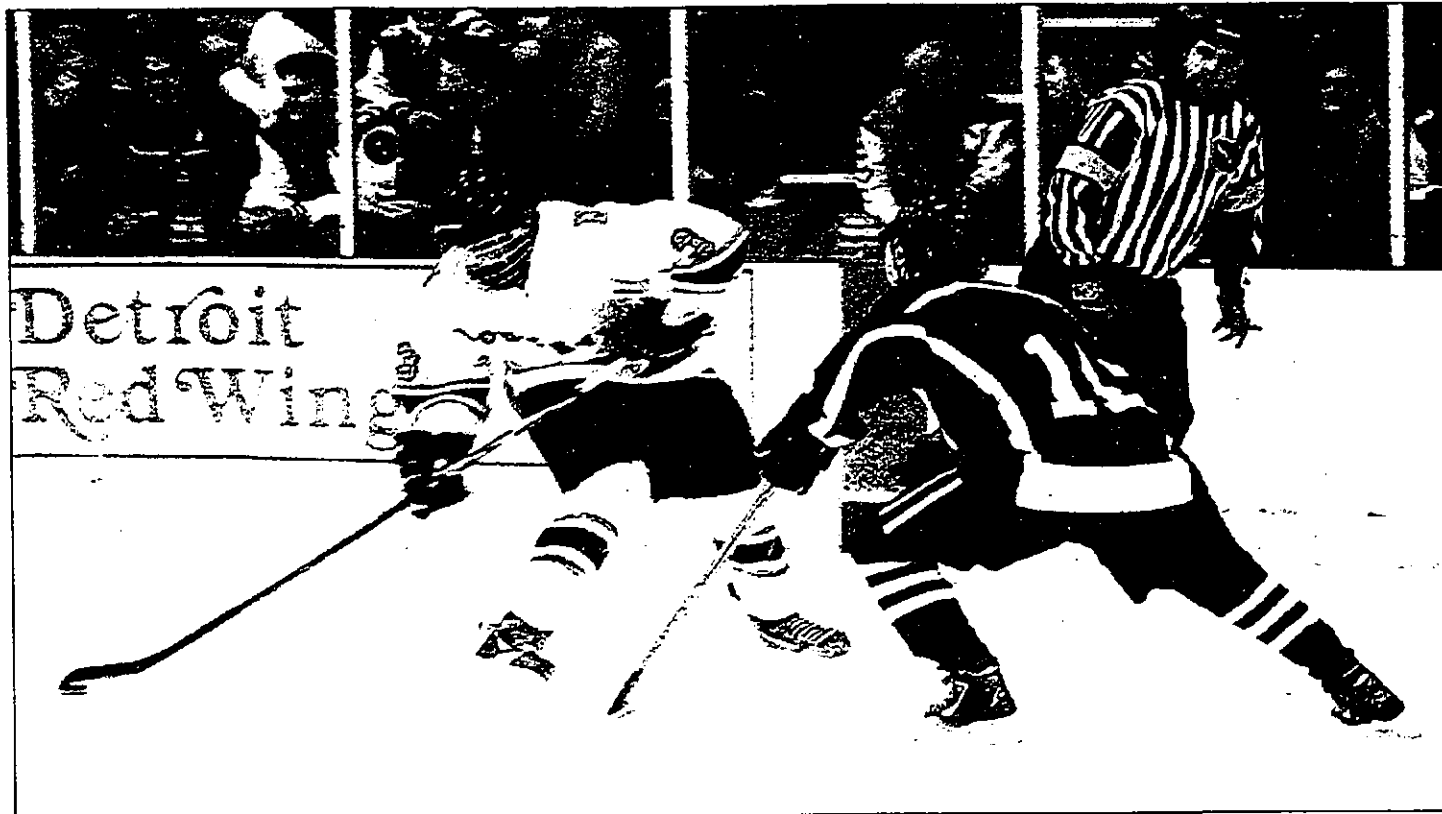
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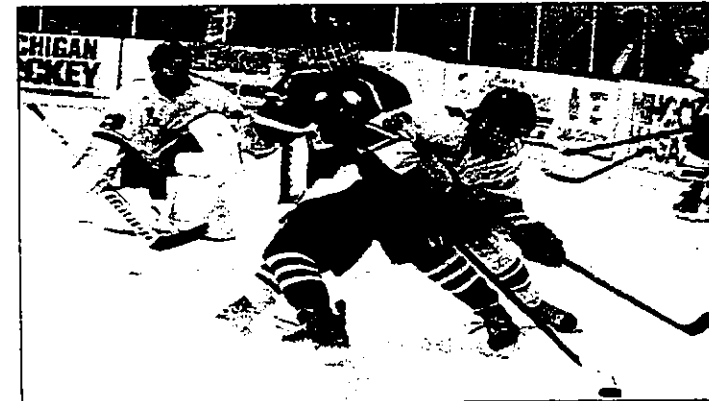
Northville junior Ryan Bloom (left) pulls back for a shot around Novi junior Josh Ward Dec. 17 during the Mustangs' 3-1 victory. Bloom had a hat trick in the rivalry contest.

Bloom goes the dynamite

Junior Mustang leads Northville hockey team past Novi

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

The hockey rivalry between the two teams that call Novi Ice Arena home was in full bloom Dec. 17. An empty net goal with 16.6 seconds put the cap on an exciting game where Northville junior Ryan Bloom scored a hat trick to lead the host Mustangs (5-3-1, 2-2-1 KLAAs Kensington) to a come-from-behind 3-1 victory over Novi (4-6-1, 2-3-1 Kensington). "It's a rivalry game and Novi's had our number, we have it written down as 1,466 days since we beat them," Northville coach Clint Robert said. "(Novi coach Todd) Krygier is a hell of a coach and he's got his team always prepared and we knew it would be a battle. I think in the last seven years that Todd and I have been involved here, this is the most even these two teams has showed up here. It's a great rivalry." A high-paced first period went nearly four minutes before the first stoppage in play. The baseline rivals were also aggressive along the boards, which led to Novi senior Carl Faraon being carried off the ice by his teammates 6:30 into the game after a nudge into the back that sent him into the boards in front of the Mustang fan section.



Novi sophomore Bryan Fegert (center) tries to shield the puck from Northville netminder Jake Pawloski (left). Northville came from behind to win 3-1.

CC wins Tim Horn Memorial Tournament

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

There was no doubt in the minds of wrestling fans and pundits alike that the line-up at the 42nd Annual Tim Horn's Windmill City Wrestling Classic in Holland was going to be one of the best gatherings of talent in the state during the regular season. Out of the talented teams that participated, the Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks, the No. 1 ranked Division I team in the state, proved to be the most talented. The Shamrocks finished 4-0 on the day, defeating St. Johns

ON TAP

The Shamrocks wrestling team is scheduled to be back on the mat when they compete tomorrow and Saturday in the Medina Invitational Tournament in Ohio.

The Shamrocks found themselves trailing against the talented Red Wings, 22-6, but the team stepped back into the lead over the final seven matches and held on for the win thanks to a gutsy performance by Catholic Central's Myles Amine. The Shamrocks won five of the remaining matches, including three by pin, and the team went up with a win by Evan Toth in the 125-pound division to give his squad a 33-28 advantage heading into the final match. Amine, wrestling one of the top wrestlers in the state in Zac Hall, took a loss but gave up just three points

in the process to help secure the victory by avoiding a pin. The Shamrocks also defeated East Kentwood, 74-6, Allegan, 54-16, and Hartland, 55-15. Hartland is the No. 4 ranked team in Division I, a ranking also held by Allegan in Division II. The Shamrocks also competed in the Oakland County championship wrestling tournament last weekend, after the sports section's early holiday deadline. Results will be in next week's edition. The Shamrocks are currently ranked No. 1 in Division I in Michigan and ranked 12th in the nation.

Girls cagers suffer first season loss

Potential to beat Canton there, Northville just doesn't capitalize

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

Prior to their match-up last Tuesday, the last time the Mustangs girls basketball team squared off against the Canton Chiefs ended with a good memory and a district championship. Unfortunately, memories don't help get baskets, and the Northville Mustangs found themselves on the wrong side of a 45-36 contest with the Canton cagers. "This was a disappointing game because we have the talent to match up and beat them," said Northville coach Todd Gudith. "Offensively, even though we missed some opportunities, 36 points against Canton is enough if we defend better. We played well in spurts but never sustained it. We weren't very good defending in the post early on and they took advantage of that."

Northville trailed just 13-11 after the first quarter, despite falling behind 8-0 in the second game, and maintained that distance through the second stanza thanks to an 11-5 run in the final four minutes to trail by just two, 19-17, heading into the locker room. The Mustangs came out in the second half looking to get back into the game and take the lead, opening up the third quarter with three-point field goals by Brittany Berehulka and Kendra Brenner to take a three-point lead, 26-23. Unfortunately for Northville, they weren't able to keep the pace and the Chiefs rallied back, taking advantage of two crucial Mustangs' turnovers.

"I thought we did a little better job in the second half," said Gudith. "Too many times we would stop them only to get out rebounded." By the end of the third, Northville and Canton were tied, 31-31, but the Chiefs regained the lead and didn't look back as they outscored the Mustangs, 14-5, in the final stanza. The Mustangs completed more field goals on the day than Canton, 14 and 12, respectively, but Canton hit 20-of-28 from the free-throw line whereas Northville shot just 3-for-7 from the charity stripe. "Anytime you let a team get to the foul line that much it just makes you have to work that much harder on the other end to score," Gudith said. "That's what Canton does a good job of from an offensive standpoint, getting to the rim and the foul line. We didn't shut that down enough." The Mustangs were led by Brenner, who put up 12 points, and Berehulka, who chipped in 11 in the losing effort. Northville is now 3-1 on the season.

ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs girls basketball team will be back on the hardwood when they host Harper Woods tomorrow at 5 p.m. in their annual holiday tournament. The consolation game is 1 p.m. Saturday with the championship game being played at 5 p.m. The other two teams in the tournament are Dexter and Ferndale.

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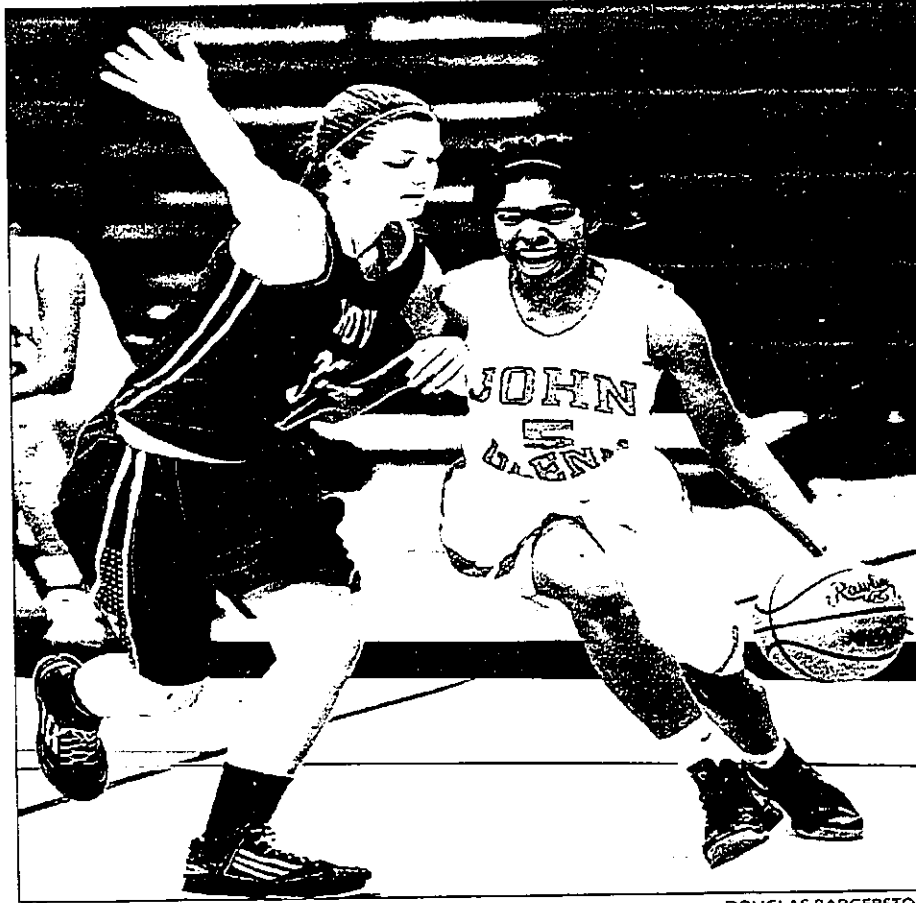
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Glenn girls beat Novi at the buzzer

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Christmas came a week early for Westland John Glenn senior guard ShaKeya Graves.



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Glenn senior guard ShaKeya Graves (right), who made the game-winning shot at the buzzer, makes the drive on Novi defender Alex Felice during Tuesday's game.

"My mindset was to get to the basket original-ly," said Graves, a DePaul University signee.

Graves decided to put 1.14 seconds back on the clock. "The explanation was that when (the official) blew the whistle, she looked at the clock and there was an extra second on there," Novi coach Bill Kelp said.

Senior guard Raven Bankston, who added 16 points, broke a 54-54 tie with only 16.82 seconds left by free throws.

Kelp then used the Glenn timeout to set up a last-ditch shot. "The defensive set-up was to pick them up and not let anybody get behind us," the Novi coach said.

Novi, however, turned the ball over 19 times, including six in the decisive fourth quarter. "I think our pick-and-roll defense is what hurt us in the first half," said Kelp, whose team was tied 28-28 and up 42-38 after three quarters.

Despite the loss, Kelp said the one-point setback can only be a benefit. "We told them that this game, this loss, is only going to make us better," he said.

ShaKeya look for your shot, kick it if you see an open girl," Kovatch said. "But I have the confidence she's going to make the right decision. She's going DePaul, a Division I player, one of the best in the state."

The Wildcats (2-3) have been trying out a few different things against teams with a variety of styles, most recently running into Westland John Glenn (3-1) Dec. 18. The host Wildcats fell behind 30-23 by halftime and 41-28 after three quarters, but were nearly able to make a game of it late.

"We basically just kept 'Get the ball to ShaKeya and stay wide, and

and we kept trying to get him the ball. He played a very nice second half on offense," Tass said. "McKinney was aggressive with the ball and the basket, so he picked up some free throw situations."

The Wildcats shot 15-for-29 (51.7 percent) from the field, which no match for a dominant shooting performance from the Rockets.

Junior Nelson Cagle led the way with a game-high 22 points of 7-for-14 shooting.

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Rockets shoot 96 percent in victory over Wildcats

Cagle drops in 22 on late comeback attempt

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

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HOCKEY

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The puck took a hop off the Northville defense and went into the back of the net for a 1-0 lead with 5:20 remaining in the second stanza.

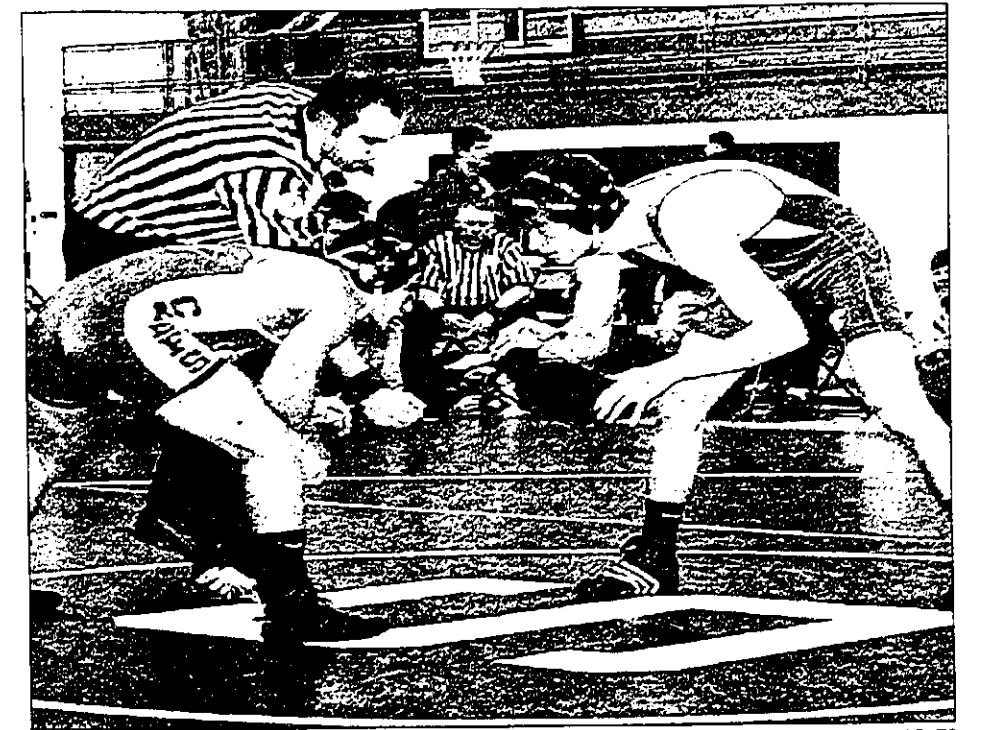
After the offensive drought was broken, the Mustangs responded. A holding penalty 43 seconds later allowed Bloom to notch his first goal 31 seconds into the power play, knocking one into the Novi goal from the right circle with 4:06 to go.

"I thought both goaltenders played a great game," Krygier said. "It's a 2-1 game and I thought we had plenty of chances to score, and so did they."

Each netminder had to deal with a third-period scramble in front of their goal that could have easily gone in, but in the tie wasn't broken until there was 6:32 left in the game and Bloom struck for his second goal of the night, also from the right side, off a pass from Gardiner, to take a 2-1 lead.

The 1-1 tie held until the second intermission as Northville senior Jake Pawloski (33 saves) and junior Austin Petty (24 saves) each made stop after stop on goals.

"Ryan Bloom has been one of those guys this year that he doesn't take shifts off," Robert said. "He plays all three zones. He's got an unbelievable shot. We expect it to go



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Novi junior Ben Wright (right) prepares to lock up with a 145-pound opponent from Canton during a Dec. 19 loss.

Plymouth, Canton get best of Novi

Roush picks up pair of victories against highly touted squads

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

Novi's grapplers got a reality check last week against some tough competition, giving them an idea of what they'll have to overcome to become an elite team this season.

The Wildcat wrestlers (4-2) headed to Plymouth Salem for a quad meet Dec. 19, taking on powerhouses Canton and Plymouth, who each have four wrestlers ranked within their weight classes top 10 in the state.

The night started with a battle of the Wildcats, as Novi got a quick 15-0 lead with three quick victories from sophomore Jared Engertson (185 pounds), senior Zach Roush (215) and

ON TAP

Novi's wrestlers (4-2) were set to head to the Oakland County Championships last Friday at Southfield and Saturday at Southfield-Lathrup before competing in this Saturday's 10 a.m. Plymouth Salem Invitational 9:30 a.m. Jan. 5 at Brighton.

Dominguez (171) pinned his opponent to give Novi a few more points and stop the bleeding during the final match.

sophomore Dorian Haney (heavyweight), the first two by pinfall.

However, Plymouth took the next two matches to cut the lead to 15-7 before a major victory by the senior Andrew Park (119) gave Novi a 19-7 lead.

will be received until 1:30 P.M. Local time on Wednesday, January 23, 2013 at the Novi Community Schools' Educational Services Building located at: 25245 Taft Road, Novi, MI 48374

Bids received after this time and date will not be considered or accepted and will be returned to the bidder unopened.

Sealed proposals will not be accepted.

This Bid Package will consist of a separate sealed bid for the following Bid Divisions:

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113: Hollow Metal, Wood Doors, Finish Hardware	142: HVAC
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Bidding documents prepared by Fanning/Hovey Associates, Inc. will be available for public inspection at the main office of the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith, Inc., 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI 48335; the FW Dodge Plan Room, Southfield; the Construction Association of Michigan Plan Room, Bloomfield Hills; and the Daily Construction Reports Plan Room, Detroit.

Bidders may obtain one (1) set of bidding documents, beginning Thursday, December 27, 2012, by contacting the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith, Inc., at (248) 427-8400. Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope supplied by the Construction Manager. The bid division(s) being bid is/are to be identified on the outside of the envelope.

There will be a Pre-Bid Meeting held on Tuesday, January 8, 2013 at 1:30 p.m. at the Novi Community Schools' Educational Services Building, located at 25245 Taft Road, Novi, MI 48374. The meeting will be held in the Board of Education Meeting Room. The meeting is not mandatory, but is highly recommended. Attendees desiring to visit the buildings, will have the opportunity to do so after the meeting.

A sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship existing between the bidder and any member of the school board, school superintendent, or district executive must accompany each bid. The Board of Education will not accept a bid that does not include this statement. This statement is provided on the Proposal Execution Form, Section 004200, of the Bidding Requirements and General Conditions Manual for the project.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a Bid Security in the amount of five (5) percent of the amount of the bid, payable to Novi Community Schools, as a guarantee that if the proposal is accepted, the bidder will execute the contract and file the required bonds within ten (10) days after notice of award of contract.

If awarded a contract, the successful bidder may be required to furnish a Performance Bond and Labor and Material Payment Bond in the amount of 100% of the contract price.

Novi Community Schools reserves the right to reject any or all bids received, to waive any informalities and irregularities in the bidding, and to accept a bid other than the lowest bid.

Mustangs survive low-scoring slugfest

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

Call it what you will — a defensive-minded game, a slugfest, a low-scoring affair. The Northville Mustangs boys basketball team is going to call it a win.

The squad, coached by Todd Sander, edged a tough Canton Chiefs squad this past week, 38-35.

ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs boys basketball team will be back on the court when they play tomorrow and Saturday at home in their annual holiday tournament.

to an 8-0 lead to start the contest. The Mustangs came back, however, scoring eight of their own to make it a 12-8 game heading into the second quarter.

That was when the Mustangs found themselves trailing 17-10 before they managed to make an 11-2 run, capped by two from the corner by the consistent shooting of Joe Hewlett to make it a 21-19 advantage in favor of Northville to end the first half.

The third and fourth quarters mirrored the first half as the two teams exchanged leads time and time again with neither squad able

to pull away in order to secure victory. "We did a nice job on defense of challenging all of their shots," said Sander. "We mixed in a few different defenses to try and give them different looks and kept them off the glass."

Dan Sims and Jake Hansen were key on the defensive front, keeping the Chiefs' ball handlers off balance, while Malik Bazzi came off the bench to help spark the offense, even picking up three assists in the first quarter to give the Mustangs some momentum when they were struggling. Bazzi also rebounded nicely — including an offensive board with 1:30 left in the game and Northville leading by one point — and added a three-point field goal to help spur Northville's offensive run.

Andrew Meacham led the squad with 21 points, while Stuart Henzi added seven points.

Northville tankers earn win over Churchill

Swim team has little trouble with young Chargers

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

Heading into the dual meet against the Livonia Churchill Chargers, the Northville Mustangs boys swimming and diving team knew they were going up against a very young team. To make the most of the competition, the Mustangs swam many of their younger tankers.

The result was still impressive, as the young Northville swimmers earned a 125-60 victory over the Chargers. "Churchill has a very young team who is still learning so we took the opportunity to give our young guys a chance to swim for some varsity points," said Northville coach Rich Bennetts.

"We had some good performances from those to get one in the win column." Northville had several tankers step up and showcase their leadership capabilities in the pool. Bennetts said that is key for the team to continue finding success this year.

ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs boys swimming and diving team is slated to be back in the pool Jan. 5 at noon when they swim in the Salem Invitational against some of the region's best teams.

Northville collected a first-place finish to start the day as the 200 relay relay team of Fred Schulz, Chris Geng, Justin Lee and Yash Bajaj took the top place. Taking second was the team of Ryan Moore, Sho Kikumura, Nishik Sharma and Patrick Dunn.

In the 200 freestyle swim, Northville's Troy Stacer took second while Moore took third, Jack Brouch took fourth and Spiro Morris took fifth. The 200 individual medley, while Dunn, Vargo, Ariswala and Lepish repeated the four-place sweep in the 100 breaststroke, respectively. Northville finished the night with a second- and third-place finish in the 400 free relay. The team of Brown, Kevin Yang, Moore and Schulz took second while Mike Grimes, Shane Boran, Vargo and Scarantino took third.

John Monterosso was the top Mustangs finisher in the 100 freestyle as he finished second, followed by Brouch in third and Joslin in fourth, while teammate Austin Hunt took first in the 500 free, followed by Mathew Schafer, Daniel Brown and Fred Schulz in second, third and fourth, respectively.

In the 200 free relay, the team of Connor Lepish, Tripoli, Ryan Smelt and Morris took second, followed by Shane Boran, Greg Vargo, Mike Grimes and Michael Scarantino in third. Northville took the top four spots in the 100 backstroke with Monterosso, Moore, Schulz and Justin Lee going first, second, third and fourth, respectively.

Bennetts said that while he is happy with the win, there is still a lot of work to be done by his squad. "This team has a very long way to go, but the effort was better tonight," he said.

Mustangs cheerleaders start season off strong

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

The season is just getting underway for the Northville Mustangs competitive cheerleading team, but their potential is already starting to shine through.

The squad, coached by Mindy Gentz, has two competitions under their belt so far this season and both times they have posted strong scores and a quality record.

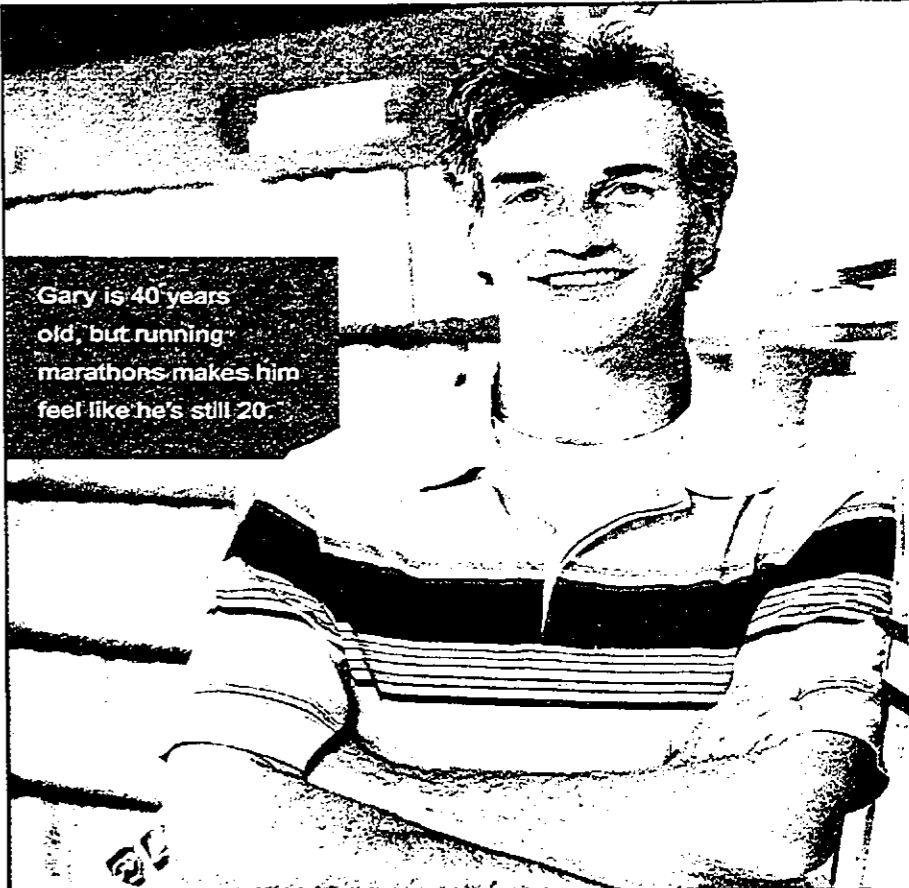
In the Kensington Lakes Athletic Association pre-season cross-over event, which was held at Brighton High School, the Mustangs turned in a 2-1 record on

ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs competitive cheerleading squad will be back on the floor when they host South Lyon at 6 p.m. Jan. 9.

and were in second overall heading into the third round," said Gentz. The teams that were able to move ahead of us in round three put complete rounds on the floor. We have not finished our choreography yet."

And while the season is still very young for the Mustangs, there have been some impressive growth spurts for the team. The Mustangs are already showcasing back tucks in their round two performance and they have a staggering 16 cheerleaders competing in both round one and round two — a first-ever for the Northville program.



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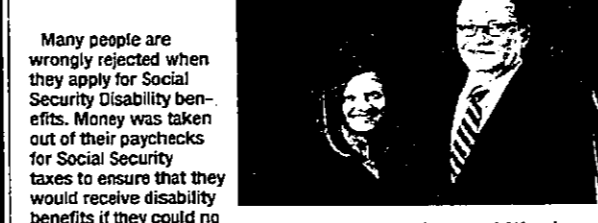
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subject and has been interviewed on various television programs. Both attorney Bleske and Alfonsi have also been interviewed on radio programs and have given speeches to many groups.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF HIGHLAND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

January 16, 2013 - 7:30 P.M.
Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on January 16, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. at the Highland Township Auditorium, 205 N. John St., Highland, MI 48357.

PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF LYON OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING AN AMENDMENT TO A PLANNED DEVELOPMENT
Pursuant to Michigan Public Act 110 of 2006, as amended (the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act), notice is hereby given that the Lyon Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 14, 2013, for the purposes of considering a proposed amendment to the Orchards of Lyon Phase II Planned Development.

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CITY OF NORTHVILLE NORTHVILLE HOUSING COMMISSION REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL ALLEN TERRACE FLAT ROOF REPLACEMENT

The City of Northville, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, requests sealed requests for proposals to replace the flat roof system above the entrance of City of Northville Housing Commission - Allen Terrace Apartment Building, located at 401 High Street. All interested bidders should see the application to submit a proposal.

An original proposal and two (2) copies must be submitted by Thursday, January 17, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. at which time they will be opened and read to: Dianne Massa, City Clerk, 215 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan 48167.

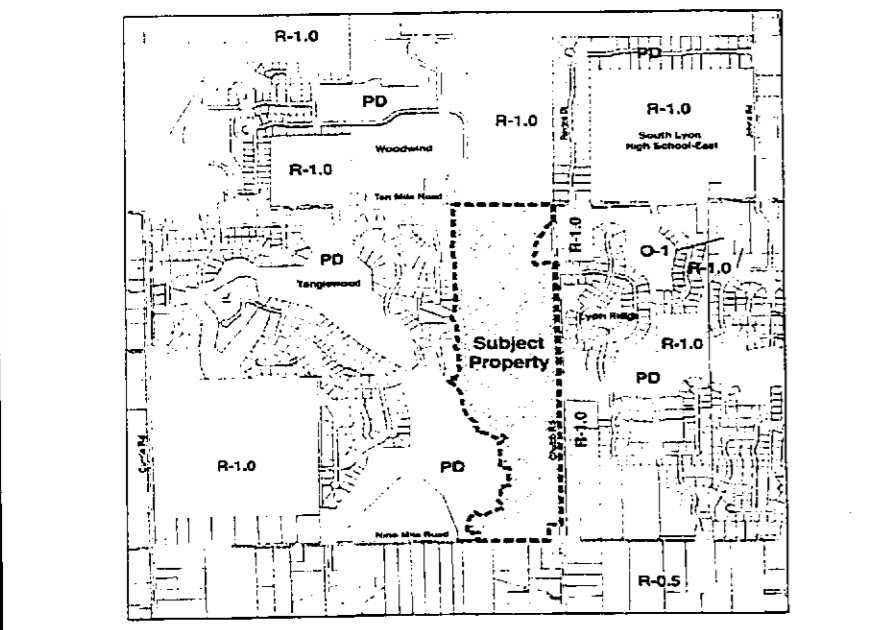
Northville City Hall Chamber is handicap accessible. Arrangements to reasonably accommodate special needs including handicap accessibility or interpreter are requested to contact the housing director at the above number at least 72 hours prior to the start of the meeting.

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The Contractor and Subcontractors on this project must comply with HUD contract provisions 24CFR part 85.36(f), the Davis Bacon Act, Nondiscrimination, Equal Employment Opportunity, Affirmative Action, Section 3 requirements, Anti-Kickback Act, Federal Occupational Safety and Health Act and Department of Labor Standards and Regulations as set forth in the Contract Bid Documents.

SHERRY NECELIS, HOUSING DIRECTOR
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The public hearing has been scheduled to consider a proposal to develop the remaining undeveloped land within Tanglewood, on the west side of Chubb Road, between Nine and Ten Mile Roads. The plan calls for 108 dwelling units, consisting of 100 single family and 8 attached units. The plans also call for modification to the golf course, but the course would remain a regulation course.

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AMENDMENT TO THE ORCHARDS OF LYON PLANNED DEVELOPMENT
Case No. AP-12-06
Michele Cash, Township Clerk
Sean O'Neil, Planning Commission Chairman

Burnside named Novi football coach

By Chris Jackett Correspondent

For the fourth time in the history of Novi's 46-year football program, there is a new varsity head coach. Berkley head coach Jeff Burnside was named the new Novi coach Dec. 19 following the resignation of Todd Pennykuff a few weeks earlier upon the completion of his third season at the Wildcats' helm.



Burnside

1999. He also coached in the MHSFCA All-Star Game. "It feels good to be back in Novi," Burnside said. "I am honored and humbled to be coaching back in my home of Novi."

Burnside takes over a team that went 1-8 in the fall, but will return most of its lineup after a multitude of key student-athletes graduated with the class of 2011. However, between the large core of returning leaders and a junior varsity squad that went 8-2, the program is poised for improvement in 2013. "Our expectation is for the football program to bring continued pride to our school, our district and our community," Burnside said. Novi went 10-17 under Pennykuff, failing to

make the playoffs all three years. The team has not made the playoffs since 2008, having made them 10 of 13 years prior to the current four-year struggle. "In his interview, Mr. Burnside showed a passion for his students and for the game of football," said Dr. Steve Matthews, superintendent of Novi Community Schools. "I have been in his classroom. I know he will build positive relationships, challenge and help develop the young men who play football for Novi High School. I look forward to seeing him on the football field."

With Burnside as the defensive coordinator from 2007-10, the Wildcats went 24-15, making the playoffs twice and improving progressively fewer points for each of the four seasons, dropping the average from 16.8 points per game allowed in 2007 to 14.0 points per game in 2010.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Cool holiday events at Novi Ice Arena

The Novi Ice Arena (2400 Nick Lidstrom Drive) will be hosting a Try Skating for Free clinic from 4:30-5:20 p.m. Friday, Dec. 28. Trained Learn to Skate instructors will be out on the ice giving lessons to boys and girls of all ages. Pre-registration is required by visiting www.noviicearena.com or calling the rink at (248) 347-1010. Suburban Hockey School will also be hosting Holiday Clinics for youth hockey players ages 6-14 Dec. 26-28 and Jan. 2-4. Interested family members can visit www.suburbanhockey.com for more information or call our Suburban Hockey offices at (248) 478-1600.

Holiday Hoops Camp

Boys in grades third through eighth are invited to attend a Holiday Hoops Camp from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 27 at Novi High School. This camp will feature a morning session of individual offensive and defensive skill improvement and contests along with an afternoon session of action-packed games. In addition to Coach Tass and the Novi High School staff, campers will learn from current Novi Varsity players. Attendees should bring gym shorts, T-shirt, a bag lunch, basketball shoes, enthusiasm and an eagerness to learn. Cost is \$25; register online prior to the event at https://www.totalgatesolutions.com/SelectEvent?Ticket.aspx?eventid=31474. For further information, contact Brian Tass, Novi boys varsity coach, at (248) 408-2463 or btass@novi.

WINTER SPORTS SCHEDULES

Novi: WRESTLING 12/29 10 a.m. @ Plymouth Salem Invitational; GIRLS BASKETBALL 12/28-12/29 Northville Invitational TBA. Cath. Cent.: BASKETBALL 1/2 Guido Tournament @ Dearborn 5 p.m.; WRESTLING 12/28-12/29 Medina, Ohio Invitational @ Medina 9 a.m.

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CITY OF SOUTH LYON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the City of South Lyon will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall located at 335 South Warren St., South Lyon, Michigan on Thursday, January 10, 2013 to consider a request to rezone 40.13 acres of land, more or less in part of the North 1/2 of Section 20, Township 1 North, Range 7 East, City of South Lyon, Oakland County, Michigan located east of Huron Valley Trail, north of Keatral Ridge Drive, south of Knollwood Drive, and west of Eagle Heights Drive (known as "the Oakland 40") from R-2 Single Family Residential to R-3 Single Family Residential, more particularly described as follows: A parcel of land in part of the North 11/2 of Section 20, Township 1 North, Range 7 East, City of South Lyon, Oakland County, Michigan, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the North 1/4 corner of said Section, thence S 00°56'00" W, 33.00 feet; thence along the Southerly Right-of-Way of 11 Mile Road (66 feet wide) N 89°31'13" W, 481.73 feet (previously described as N 89°36'38" W, 479.81 feet); to a point on the Easterly Right-of-Way of the Grand Trunk Western Railroad (50 feet wide); thence Southwesterly 700.83 feet on the arc of a curve left, having a radius of 2839.93 feet, a central angle of 15°21'00", and long chord bearing S 22°06'20" W, 758.56 feet (previously described as having an arc length of 756.18 feet, a radius of 2938.22 feet, a central angle of 17°15'25", and a long chord bearing S 23°10'18" W, 753.95 feet); thence S 15°24'51" W, 197.07 feet (previously described as S 15°32'21" W, 202.12 feet); to the Point of Beginning; thence S 89°12'14" E, 1053.13 feet (previously described as 1050.00 feet); thence S 00°49'40" W, 1212.36 feet; thence N 89°12'14" W, 884.54 feet; thence S 00°49'40" W, 511.28 feet (previously described as 509.83 feet); to the East and West 1/4 line of said Section 20; thence along said Section line N 89°10'31" W, (previously described as N 89°12'14" W), 600.00 feet; to the Easterly Right-of-Way of the Grand Trunk Western Railroad; thence along said Right-of-Way Northwesterly 251.44 feet on the arc of a curve right having a radius of 1885.08 feet, a central angle of 07°38'32", and long chord bearing N 11°30'34" E, 251.25 feet (previously described as having an arc length of 255.67 feet, a radius of 1884.04 feet, a central angle of 07°36'19", and long chord bearing N 11°39'13" E, 255.47 feet); thence N 16°24'51" E, 1525.93 feet (previously described as N 16°32'21" E, 1521.38 feet); to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Containing 40.13 acres of land, more or less, subject to and including the use of Mill Street (66 feet wide); also subject to any other easements or restrictions of record. Tax ID 21-20-101-004.

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15 at this price, 580 available

24 month lease
Security deposit waived, plus tax and license, includes acquisition fee and lease renewal.

\$1000 DOWN **SIGN AND DRIVE**
\$240* **\$297***
\$1344 due at signing. \$0 due at signing.

NEW 2013 Ford Escape SE
EPA with 1.6 L estimated 22 city / 33 hwy mpg



Buy for \$20,468+
MSRP \$25,885
Featuring: SYNC with My Ford, Sirius Satellite Radio, Power Windows, Locks, Tilt Wheel and Cruise Control
10 at this price, 388 available

24 month lease
Security deposit waived, plus tax and license, includes acquisition fee and lease renewal.

\$1000 DOWN **SIGN AND DRIVE**
\$190* **\$246***
\$1352 due at signing. \$0 due at signing.

NEW 2013 Ford Explorer XLT
EPA with 3.5 L estimated 17 city / 24 hwy mpg

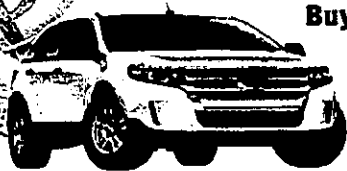


Buy for \$30,589+
MSRP \$38,905
Featuring: Leather, SYNC with My Ford Touch, Power Liftgate, Prem. Audio, Rearview Camera
3 at this price, 109 available

24 month lease
Security deposit waived, plus tax and license, includes acquisition fee and lease renewal.

\$1000 DOWN **SIGN AND DRIVE**
\$252* **\$312***
\$1447 due at signing. \$0 due at signing.

NEW 2013 Ford Edge SEL
EPA with 3.5 L estimated 19 city / 27 hwy mpg



Buy for \$25,989+
MSRP \$35,885
Featuring: Leather, Power Liftgate, SYNC with My Ford
3 at this price, 184 available

24 month lease
Security deposit waived, plus tax and license, includes acquisition fee and lease renewal.

\$1000 DOWN **SIGN AND DRIVE**
\$252* **\$312***
\$1447 due at signing. \$0 due at signing.

NEW 2013 Ford Focus SE
EPA with 2.0 L estimated 27 city / 38 hwy mpg

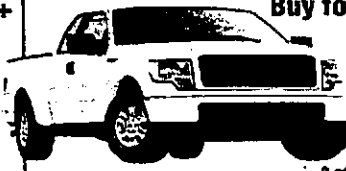


Buy for \$15,220+
MSRP \$20,585
Featuring: SYNC with My Ford, Power Windows, Automatic, All Weather Floor Mats, Heated Seats
3 at this price, 173 available

24 month lease
Security deposit waived, plus tax and license, includes acquisition fee and lease renewal.

\$1000 DOWN **SIGN AND DRIVE**
\$155* **\$208***
\$1293 due at signing. \$0 due at signing.

NEW 2013 Ford F150 Supercab 4X4 STX
EPA with 5.0 L V8 estimated 14 city / 19 hwy mpg



Buy for \$25,853+
MSRP \$41,515
Featuring: 5.0 V8, Power Windows, Locks, Cruise Control
3 at this price, 164 available

24 month lease
Security deposit waived, plus tax and license, includes acquisition fee and lease renewal.

\$1000 DOWN **SIGN AND DRIVE**
\$266* **\$324***
\$1402 due at signing. \$0 due at signing.

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