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Super Saturdays beat winter blues

Super Saturdays, presented by City of Novi Older Adult Services, fills the prescription of much needed fun with themed activities taking place on Saturdays between 4-6 p.m.

Dinner, entertainment and friendship are on the menu at the Meadowbrook Activity Center (Novi Senior Center), 25075 Meadowbrook Road. Participants must be 55 or older and the cost is \$7.50 per resident or \$9 per non-resident, per event. Tickets may be purchased at the Older Adult Services office located inside the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road.

Saturday, Jan. 26, Nifty Fifties - The 1950s were all about cool leather jackets, slick hair, snug jeans and shiny cars. The legend of the 50s still lives on at the Meadowbrook Activity Center. Tune into the music of the era and recall the adventurous times while enjoying those classic box meals. Ticket deadline is January 23.

Saturday, Feb. 23, Oscar Celebration - Join the excitement of the 85th Academy Awards. Cast your vote for the greatest movies and performances while celebrating in Novi style. Ticket deadline is Feb. 20.

Saturday, March 23, Disney Celebration - "M.I.C.K.E.Y. M.O.U.S.E." and "It's a Small World After All" are two of many songs that bring smiles and special memories of one's childhood. Come reminisce and share fun stories. Ticket deadline is March 20.

Saturday, May 5, Kentucky Derby - Hear the roar of the crowd and the high energy announcers at Churchill Downs during the most exciting two minutes in sports! Have fun watching the race and "horsing around" doing Derby Day activities. Ticket deadline is May 1.

Tickets are limited and must be purchased in advance. Registration deadline is the Wednesday prior to the Saturday event or until sold out. Transportation to the events is available for \$1 each way. Please call to reserve a ride by calling (248) 735-5617.

For more information about Older Adult Services in Novi including upcoming events and classes, visit cityofnovi.org or call Novi Older Adult Services at (248) 347-0414.

Flu's a formidable foe in Novi

By Cal Stone
Staff Writer

GET A FLU SHOT

With influenza claiming the lives of four children in Michigan and 338 confirmed cases so far, this flu season is forcing everyone to pay attention and decide whether or not to get the vaccination.

The Oakland County Health Division is urging residents to be proactive.

"Everyone should take the proper precautions such as getting a flu shot, washing their hands often with soap and water, staying hydrated by drinking water, and getting enough sleep," said Kathy Forzley, manager/health officer of

Flu shots are \$16 at Oakland County Health Division offices at 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Building 34 East, Pontiac, and 27725 Greenfield Road, Southfield. Hours are noon to 8 p.m. Monday and 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday.

Residents may pre-register for a flu shot at an OCHD office by calling (248) 858-7350 (Pontiac) or (248) 424-7120 (Southfield). Walk-in appointments are welcome. Walk-in payment options include Medicare, Medicaid and cash (no credit cards, checks or money orders).

For more information, call OCHD's Flu Hotline at (800) 434-3358 or Nurse on Call at (800) 848-5533. You can also find more information by visiting oakgov.com/health or facebook.com/publichealthOC.

OCHD. "If you do get sick, residents are advised to call their medical doctor or urgent care immediately. Avoid visiting the

emergency room unless you are extremely ill or advised to go by your physician."

While the flu has caused at

least 20 child deaths nationwide, it's hit locally, too. Dave Staudt, managing partner at Impact Media Professionals in Novi, said the business has felt the impact.

"Half my office is out sick this week with the flu," said Staudt. "I am getting my shot tomorrow."

It's also reached the Novi school district, but so far "we are managing through it," said Steve Matthews, superintendent. "We have seen both staff and students out but overall we have not had significant numbers missing school."

Mark Hicks, a Novi-based

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Unity in the Community

Novi students honor Dr. King

By Cal Stone
Staff Writer



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Six Novi High School students have been selected to read their essays at tonight's Unity in the Community event in Fuerst Auditorium: (l to r) Daniel Dixon, Moynawk Gangopadhyay, Jakiyah Bradley, Arshpreet Saran, Brooke Calhoun and Andrew Fokken.

that we honor the life and legacy of Dr. King in our daily lives," said Nuckolls. "The Dr. King National Holiday is a 'day on,' not a 'day off.' Dr. King challenged each of us to fight for social justice and an equality of opportunities for all people."

SPUD was proposed 13 years ago by Nicole

Carter, assistant principal at Novi High, and former Novi teacher/Assistant Principal Jamii Hitchcock. It took a number of years for the student group to gain official club status, but Nuckolls said that SPUD is committed to using this annual event as

"If I can help someone as I pass along, if I can cheer somebody with a word or a song, if I can show somebody he is traveling wrong, then my living will not be in vain."



DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

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Two perish in Novi home fire

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

Two Novi residents were pronounced dead after being found unconscious in their residence by firefighters responding to a structure fire last Thursday.

At 8:30 a.m. Jan. 10, the Novi Fire Department responded to a 9-1-1 call regarding a fire in the Novi Meadows mobile home community, located near

the intersection of Napier Road and Grand River Avenue. It occurred in the 26000 block of Indiana Avenue.

Novi Public Safety Director David Molloy said the fire department arrived on the scene to a "very active fire."

He said firefighters were met with a lot of smoke as they entered the home. The couple was found in a rear bedroom.



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Two Novi residents lost their lives in an early-morning blaze on Jan. 10.




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professional photographer and owner of WestSide Photographic, said all three of his children got the vaccination Saturday morning. They went to Providence Hospital, where Dr. Robert Zaid, a family medicine physician with Providence and Primecare of Novi, said two of his patients wound up. One was a 4-year-old and the other had a heart condition worsened by the flu. Both recovered, said Zaid.

"Usually, if you go to hospital with the flu, you've gotten dehydrated," he said. "And the flu makes other issues in your body more apparent, and you need to take care of them."

Zaid said this flu season has been much worse than the past couple. He's seen a lot of people with the flu and many requesting the vaccination. His small family practice's first order was 500 shots, and he's had to reorder twice.

"The flu lasts about two weeks,"

he said, adding that usually one won't have it full blown for that length of time. He believes the vaccine prevents the flu, and he recommends it for everybody.

"But I don't try to talk everyone into getting it," he said.

In the past, his stock of vaccine was reserved for his own patients. But his office staff at 10 Mile and Haggerty has enough staff that they're usually able to accommodate walk-ins.

"If you can't get it, and you're new to our office, we'll definitely try to help," said Zaid.

Elderly and infants are at the greatest risk of contracting the illness. The OCHD recommends individuals 6 months and older get vaccinated against seasonal flu every year.

"Compared to recent years, we are seeing early flu activity, although it is still within normal range," said Forzley. "We have seen peaks as early as October and as late as March in the past. It's best to get your flu shot as soon as possible as it takes two weeks after the vaccination for the body to develop protection."

KING

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Calls to several local pharmacies were directed to corporate headquarters for official comments. One local employee did say that demand for the vaccine is high, and when they do get a shipment in, it's gone in hours.

Flu can be spread to others up to about six feet away, mainly by droplets made when people with flu cough, sneeze or talk. A person might also get flu by touching a surface or object that has flu virus on it and then touching their own eyes, nose or mouth.

The OCHD recommends washing your hands often with soap and water or using an alcohol-based hand rub.

The flu usually comes on suddenly and can cause mild to severe illness, and at times lead to death. People who have the flu often feel some or all of these symptoms: fever or chills; cough; sore throat; runny or stuffy nose; muscle or body aches; headaches; fatigue; and sometimes vomiting and diarrhea.

About MLK Day

Also called MLK Day, the federal holiday marking the Rev. King's birthday falls on the third Monday in January, even though he was born Jan. 15. King was assassinated in 1968, and President Ronald Reagan signed the holiday into law in 1983. It wasn't observed until 1986, and it wasn't officially observed by all 50 states until 2000. The National Martin Luther King Day of Service challenges citizens to turn the holiday into a day of volunteer service in honor of King.

"We've come a mighty long way down through the years, but the struggle for core democratic value application must continue," said Nuckolls. "As Gandhi once stated — 'We must be the change we hope to see in the world.'" Nuckolls, a history teacher, also noted another "incredibly profound" event that will take place on Jan. 21 as an African American president will be inaugurated in the same National Mall Dr. King spoke from 50 years ago. This year also marks the 150th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation.

Nuckolls will be attending the inauguration, and called it a "sacred opportunity." He said it's only possible due to the tireless efforts of people like Dr. King; his parents (Gene and Shirley Nuckolls); and other relatives, like his grandfather (Charles B. Nuckolls) who was the principal of segregated Booker T. Washington High School in Ashland, Ky.; and countless others.

"I am riding on the wings, faith and actions of my ancestors," said Nuckolls. "Prayerfully, we'll be able to take Novi High School students to the inauguration next time around. History needs to be experienced firsthand. Learning must go beyond the four walls of a classroom. All things are possible!"

Panera Bread planning drive-through

Final approval from city still to come

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Customers of the Novi Panera Bread will soon have a quicker option for picking up their purchases once construction of a drive-through window is completed.

According to Novi City Manager Clay Pearson, Panera is proposing to demolish the existing parking area on the south end of City Center Plaza, adjacent to Flint Street, in order to construct a drive-through lane adjacent to the existing Panera Bread restaurant.

Panera still needs to get final approval, which should happen in the coming months. Meanwhile, the city sees this as a positive development.

Novi's Panera Bread restaurant hopes to have a drive-through window up an running by this summer on the Novi Rd. shop's south side.

Novi has a great diverse base of retail services, and Panera has been one of those for a long time," Pearson said. "It is great to see them so successful at the Novi Road and Grand River Avenue location and that they will stay and grow right there as an important anchor to that local retail center."

The City Council passed by a 7-0 vote on Jan. 7 the request of the Novi Panera Bread, located on the west side of Novi Road just south

of Grand River Avenue. Novi changed its Zoning Ordinance recently to allow drive-through uses as a special land use in the TC-1 District provided certain conditions were met. One is that fast food drive-through restaurants are only permitted on a parcel with frontage on both a non-residential collector and an arterial road, and Panera has that. City staff has reviewed all of its plans up to this point. The decision was split

into three approvals. "Under Special Land Use Permit, Panera's plan will not cause any detrimental impact on existing through-traffic and will not cause any detrimental impact on the capabilities of public services and facilities."

"The Preliminary Site Plan must demonstrate the modification will not impair the health, safety, or general welfare of the city as related to

the use of the premises or adjacent premises and that would result in a more desirable relationship between a proposed building and an existing building."

"The Stormwater Management Plan is still under review and will be fully complete when it becomes time for the final approval. However, city officials said so far it is in compliance."

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The Botsford Center for Health Improvement attracted middle-aged and senior adult customers.

Botsford will close doors on health and fitness center

By Joanne Maliszewski
Staff Writer

A gap between membership revenues and expenses will close the Botsford Center for Health Improvement on Grand River Avenue in Novi at the end of January.

The 26,000-square-foot facility on the north side of Grand River, west of Haggerty, has primarily attracted the middle-aged customers and senior adults who joined the center for exercise and for continuing rehabilitation following medical rehabilitation.

"The cost of the facility has outstripped the membership revenues," said Mango Gorchow, Botsford Hospital vice president of communications. "We clearly had a mission and a goal for the center. The irony or the misfortune is that we never accomplished our financial goals with it."

the health improvement and fitness center will not be relocated or reopen in the future. There no plans to move it to the Farmington Hills hospital campus. "We are pretty landlocked there," Gorchow said. "The center's closing also means employees will lose their jobs. Some staff members are contract employees. As Botsford struggled with the center's expenses, staff reductions were gradually taking place, Gorchow said.

When the center opened in 2006, Botsford's mission was to provide a medical model for a fitness facility. The center offers a lap swimming pool, a warm water pool, cardiovascular and strength equipment, massage facilities, free weights, a cushioned track, group exercise rooms and executive-style locker rooms, as well as a juice bar. It also offered a variety of classes, including tai chi, yoga and others.

Graduate Portfolio show lets students show off talents

Around 800 students attend the Institute.

The graduate event featured the best of the best. It acts as a bridge between the student and employer. A diverse student body from the greater Detroit area, state and country attend the school.

Lease rates Gorchow said Botsford officials had been trying to negotiate new rent rates with the building's owner. "We just wanted to get the rent to current market levels," she said.

Ara Topouzian, Novi economic development director, said he was aware Botsford was seeking a lower rent rate. "I wouldn't say that area is any higher or lower due to that portion of Grand River. Rents can vary due to different variables such as type of building and other amenities."

Topouzian said he is unaware of other tenants interested in the building.

Botsford's Total Rehabilitation and Athletic Conditioning Center, which opened before the fitness facility, and is literally across the sidewalk from the fitness center, will relocate because of the rent on that building. TRACC will remain open because customer health insurance payments play a role in its finances, Gorchow said.

Unfortunately, die-hard, loyal fitness members will be disappointed because

Some of tomorrow's upcoming fashion designers, photographers and graphic designers gathered in Novi recently to give attendees of the Art Institute of Michigan's Graduate Portfolio show a look into what they've learned at the education center and will bring to their new careers.

"This is the final piece of the puzzle they have been putting together over the last three or four years," said Shannon Delecki, associate director of Career Services at the Art Institute.

Earlier last month, 27 students participated in the Portfolio event at the Art Institute, which is located on Cabot Drive. It was their last assignment after successfully completing a degree in their respective programs.

Best in Show winner for the event was Kayla Genaw, a fashion marketing and management student from Algonac. She said her

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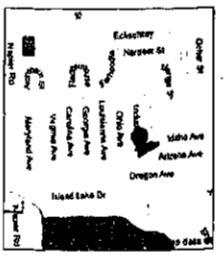
FIRE

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Upon entry into the home, officers located 79-year-old Lewis Hampton and his 73-year-old wife Jeannette, both of whom were unconscious and unresponsive, according to Molloy. The victims were transported to Providence Park Hospital in Novi where they were pronounced deceased. No other injuries were reported.

Novi received assistance from the Lyon Township Fire Department.

Molloy said they were at the scene working to figure out the cause and origin of the fire, but department officials do not believe it to be criminal. An autopsy was



scheduled for last week, and according to the Oakland County Medical Examiner the couple died from accidental smoke and soot inhalation.

The fire is under investigation by the Novi Police and Fire Departments, in partnership with the Oakland County Sheriff's Office.

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County teachers to receive active shooter training Novi hasn't decided yet if it will participate

By Cal Stone
Staff Writer

DETAILS

Following the Newtown, Conn., mass shooting in December, teachers and staff at schools throughout Oakland County are being provided training should they ever encounter an active shooter.

Experts from Oakland County Homeland Security Division and the Sheriff's Office will conduct five training sessions for school personnel on how to react in an active shooter situation in January and February.

Steve Matthews, superintendent of Novi Community Schools, said the district found about the classes late last week, and officials haven't decided yet if they're going to send people at this time.

"We have had trainings like that in our district in the past," said Matthews. "We understand its importance, but because it is during the day and we were not really consulted on the timing of it, we need to take some time to figure out if we can schedule people without causing disruption in the district."

Training will take place on the following dates:

Thursday, Jan. 24

One session: 1-3:30 p.m.
Oakland County Executive Office Building Conference Center
2100 Pontiac Lake Road, Waterford
(Limit 85 attendees)

Monday, Feb. 11

Two sessions: 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-3:30 p.m.
Oakland Schools Building
2111 Pontiac Lake Road,

After a shooter killed 20 students, six adults, his mother and himself in Newtown, Homeland Security Division Manager Ted Quisenberry contacted Oakland Schools about collaborating on large-scale active-shooter training sessions for school personnel in Oakland County.

"The extreme rarity of an event, such as what happened in Connecticut, must be balanced with the available resources and time we educators currently have at our disposal," said Brenner.

"I have to admit, in the days following the Newtown tragedy I did sit at my desk during my planning period and envision the worst-case scenario. I inventoried the

Waterford (Limit 60 attendees each session)

Tuesday, Feb. 19

Two sessions: 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-3:30 p.m.
Oakland Schools Building
2111 Pontiac Lake Road, Waterford
(Limit 120 attendees each session)

Teachers and school staff who want to attend a training session should register with Oakland Schools

he feels teachers ought to receive some basic training dealing with a range of possible incidents that could occur.

"Like many bad things in life, tragedy will strike again somewhere, whether on purpose or by accident," said Brenner, adding that he tries to live by the motto: Be prepared for the worst, but expect the best.

"We are fortunate to have the resources of Oakland County Homeland Security available to the local schools," said Dr. Vickie Markavitch, Oakland Schools superintendent, said we are fortunate to have the resources of Oakland County Homeland Security available to the local schools.

Event Management one day prior to the training session by calling (248) 209-2500

or via email at EMRegistration@oakland.k12.mi.us

Oakland County Homeland Security Division recommends that all participants complete a 45-minute online training program prior to the workshop. Event Management will send the link to registered participants.

items in my room that could be used to defend myself and my students and placed them within close proximity of the most common locations I might find myself. I also considered how the furniture in the room could be rearranged so as to provide some sort of barricade in the doorway."

Brenner said his school was reminded of its lockdown procedures and policies, and he's "highly confident" in the protection the local police provide and the security measures the Novi dis-

trict has in place. David Molloy, Novi's director of Public Safety/Chief of Police, said he's not familiar with the county training or its contents and that he first learned of it last weekend.

"The ongoing collaborations between Oakland

Oakland Schools

Schools, local school districts and Oakland County government make it possible for us to work together to keep our schools and our communities safe," she said.

Earlier in 2012, Homeland Security Division and the Sheriff's Office trained hundreds of county employees as well as hospitals and long-term care facilities on what to do in an active shooter situation.

"Active shooter situations are unpredictable and evolve quickly, which requires people on the scene to be prepared both mentally and physically while waiting for law enforcement to arrive," said Bouchard, who also has had numerous inquiries of late and recently gave a school an active shooter presentation.

"The ongoing collaborations between Oakland

Counties, local school districts and Oakland County government make it possible for us to work together to keep our schools and our communities safe," she said.

Kicking up their heels



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Members of the varsity pompon team take to the gym floor for their routine at halftime of the Jan. 11 basketball game.

I believe in music



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Brad Malarkey, center, and the band Go Home, Freshmen entertain at the Jan. 11 Rock the Box night at Novi High. The school hosts an occasional Friday night of high school bands at the school's drama department's black box theater.

SCHOOL BRIEFS

Board members sworn in

Tracy Cadwell and Dennis O'Connor were sworn in as newly-elected trustees

on the Novi Board of Education at the Organizational Meeting of Jan. 10. Both trustees were elected last November. They will serve

six-year terms until Dec. 31, 2018.

Cadwell is a new member. She is a Michigan State University graduate with a bachelor's degree in business administration and is a recent graduate from Siena Heights University with a master's degree in school counseling. She is the mother of two sons: Tre, a Novi High School senior, and Stephen, a Novi Middle School

seventh grader.

O'Connor is serving his second term on the Board of Education. He was first elected in Nov. 2008. He has a master's degree in business administration in marketing/management from Wayne State University, and a bachelor's degree and secondary teaching certification in journalism and mathematics from the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor.

Western Michigan University

The following students from Novi made the Dean's List by completing at least 12 semester hours of work during the fall semester and have a grade point average of at least 3.5 for the semester: Kelsey Baskins, Alea Brown, Michael Carnar-

von, Christopher Diacomo, Hanna Downs, Mary Favorite, Sara Haller, Kirsten Henry, Mary Howell, Carol Howell, Jason Hughes, Lauren Kinnaman, Toulina Kourdie, Joya Little, Jasmine Loney, Devin Meadors, Sara Michal, Alyssa Muller, Natalie Murphy, Alyssa Murray, Nicole Powell, Alex Racon, Elissa Racon, Hannah Rolfe, Laura Sheeran, Meredith Tarrant, Alex Thurman, Kelsey Turnquist, Felicia Werbylo, Eric Winkler, Karim Yamaguchi, Rebekkah Zanotti and Elizabeth Ziellesch

Mississippi College

Veronica E. Salens, of Novi, was named to the President's List. A student must maintain a 4.0 grade point average and must take a full course load of at least 12 semester hours of undergraduate credit with all academic courses impacting their grade point average.

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Shaping up

Chiropractor recommends eating fruits, veggies, as well as exercising

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Novi resident Tom Sladic, a Walled Lake chiropractor, got a wake-up call when he had a heart attack at age 38. Sladic wasn't overweight. "I was not the typical heart attack patient," said Sladic, who'd exercised regularly before the heart attack. "That was the catalyst, I guess you could say, that led me on this mission." That increased his interest in nutrition and overall health. Sladic recently got good news; he's now a Certified Nutrition Specialist through the American

College of Nutrition, as well as a member of the Institute for Functional Medicine. "It's very important," the chiropractor said of nutrition. Many have sensitivities, such as to gluten or to proteins like whey.

Sladic, who earned his doctor of chiropractic degree from Life University in Georgia, has been practicing 15 years. He noted a poor diet can lead to autoimmune diseases. "You have to find something you're going to make a lifestyle," Sladic said. He recommends the "Paleolithic" diet, which is heavily plant-based

with lots of fruits and vegetables. "It's a very popular diet these days," he said. "You can get creative with the recipes," especially if tests determine you have food sensitivities. "I eat a Paleo diet," said Sladic, whose family includes children ages 12 and 14. "Kids are always a challenge. I'm not going to lie to you," but said his do well on diet. The chiropractor recommends avoiding processed foods as much as possible. "You're much further ahead," he said, adding, "You can get all the foods you need from Kroger."

His office is at 1881 Pontiac Trail, Suite B, between Dexter and Welch roads in Walled Lake, the phone (248) 926-0455. His website is www.DrSladic.com. Sladic, 45, often presents nutrition seminars, and is eager to share information. The intent of eating food is to supply our bodies with nutrients to grow, repair and be healthy, Sladic said. The selection of foods becomes the cornerstone of health, becoming healthy or unhealthy. Diets loaded with sugar and toxins lead to obesity, insulin resist-



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Walled Lake chiropractor Tom Sladic was recently granted the title of a Certified Nutrition Specialist by the American College of Nutrition. The Novi resident's office is off of Pontiac Trail in Walled Lake.

weeks for new habits to form and become second nature, he said. In summary, Sladic said, if you feed your body improperly it becomes toxic and sick and you will eventually feel it. Stop engaging in physical activity and your muscles and frame become weak and frail, he said. Change is difficult and it takes about two

NOVI NEWS BRIEFS

"Be Fit for Life" at Ladies Night Out Ladies' Night Out, a community event hosted by St. Mary Mercy Hospital, will feature a presentation focusing on women's cardiovascular health, on Thursday, Feb. 21, in the St. Mary Mercy Hospital South Auditorium. Know Your Numbers screenings

• blood pressure, cholesterol and body mass index - as well as massages will be offered from 4-6:45 p.m., and the lecture will be from 7-8:30 p.m. St. Mary Mercy physician Delair Gardi, MD, medical director, Endovascular Services and interventional cardiologist, will be the guest speaker.

Learn everything you need to know about women's cardiovascular health, with an emphasis on:

- Reducing your risk for heart disease
- Heart conditions including coronary artery disease, abnormal heart rhythm (arrhythmia), aortic valve disease, cardiomyopathy, aortic aneurysm, stroke and heart attack

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munity vendors will be provided. Registration for this event is required. There is no charge, but a \$5 goodwill donation is requested to benefit Marian Women's Center Programs. Please contact the Marian Women's Center at (734) 655-1182 to register, or register online at stmarymercy.org and click on "classes and events."

Flu shots available

Oakland County Health Division (OCHD) is offering flu shots for \$16 at their Pontiac and Southfield offices. Flu clinic hours are noon to 8 p.m. Monday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday. Residents can pre-register online at oakgov.com/health.

The Health Division offices are located at the following addresses:

* North Oakland Health Center; 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Building 34 East, Pontiac

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For more information, visit the Oakland County Health Division website at oakgov.com/health or on Facebook at facebook.com/publichealthOC.



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Home Improvement Show coming to the Suburban Collection Showplace

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Anything and everything you need to improve your home can be found under one roof. Browse exhibits in kitchen and bath interiors, windows and doors, flooring products, cabinetry and much more. Talk to local home improvement specialists and designers.

Featured kitchen and bath exhibitors will showcase the latest trends. The Michigan chapter of the National Kitchen and Bath Association will be available to answer design questions. The American Society of Interior Designers will offer free consultations. During the show, get special deals on flat screen TVs, mattresses and furniture from ABC Warehouse. Special appearance by "America's Master Handyman" Glenn Haeg of WIR, Joe Gagnon "The Appliance Doctor" of WAAM-AM, and the Inside Outside Guys of WXYT-AM.

Stop by to see Dr. Lori, celebrity antique appraiser, featured on Discovery Channel's "Auction Kings." She will

be on hand to offer a free appraisal for show attendees. Also visit the Shipshewana On The Road vendors for your home needs. Unbelievable appliance deals from Big George's and Witbeck Home Appliance Mart.

At the show, enter to win valuable giveaways, including:

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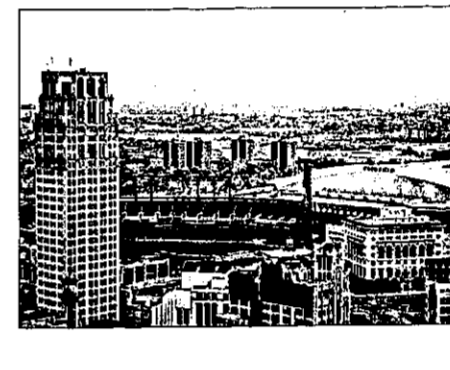


The World Qualifying dancers from the O'Hare School of Irish Dance will hold a fundraiser at Genitti's Italian restaurant (108 E. Main, Northville) at 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 25 to help raise money to travel to Boston to compete in the World Championships. With your ticket purchase (\$40, cash bar), you will receive an Italian dinner followed by the dance show, Celtic Rhythm, performed by the dancers from the O'Hare School. Make checks payable to: Irish Dance Worlds Fund and send to P.O. Box 307 Chelsea, MI 48118. Please include address and phone number for delivery. For more information, call Tina Doyle at (734) 904-2841 or e-mail irishdanceworldsfund@gmail.com.

GAME ON BY LYNETTE CURTIS

Atrium Gallery exhibit

The City of Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department is hosting the work of Lynette Curtis and Kim Kozlowski, local photographers, in the Civic Center Atrium Gallery through March 1. Kozlowski's collection focuses on natural landforms while Curtis' collection focuses on manmade structures and buildings. To purchase any of the artwork, contact the Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services office at (248) 347-0400. Upcoming exhibits in the Novi Civic Center Atrium Gallery include Made in Michigan, a Cassell and Associates collective in March 2013, and the Novi High School Select Art Show in May. The full schedule and more information can be found online at www.cityofnovi.org.



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 I lost a total of 70lbs, my blood sugar improved so much that my doctor took me off my medication. - Barb M., Commerce
 I came to you because I felt horrible and could never lose any weight. We discovered that I had an autoimmune thyroid problem. I finally started losing weight and feel the best I've ever felt. - Jennifer C., Milford

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Local dealers like the buzz about Cadillac ATS, Ram 1500

By David Veselenak and Nathan Mueller
Staff Writers

Edward Pobur is looking forward to a good year of sales.

With the Cadillac ATS being named North American Car of the Year earlier this week, the sales manager at Cadillac of Novi is hoping the award will prop up the vehicle line and attract interest that might not have been there before.

"It gives you a leg up on the competition," he said. "It has a long shelf life."

Pobur said he still has customers come in looking for the Cadillac CTS, which was a finalist for North American Car of the Year in 2008, showing the power of winning the prestigious award.

Also named North American Truck/Utility of the Year was the Ram 1500. Paul Schmidt, salesman at Snehkamp Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram in Redford Township, said the selection is a great one, since it's garnered so much interest with buyers. "Everybody is wanting to come in and get information on them," the Farmington Hills resident said. "We cannot keep the brochures on the shelves."



Dennis Locklear polishes up the Ram 1500 before the North American Car and Truck of the Year awards were announced Monday. The vehicle won top honors for truck/utility.

The top honors, awarded after a jury vote from several dozen journalists in North America, returned to domestic automakers after going to two international makers last year.

The car award is the first for Cadillac and the fifth for General Motors. The win is Chrysler's third for trucks.

This was the first year with a change in the title for the awards. With an emergence of utility vehicles coming into the marketplace, those were also considered for the North

American Truck/Utility of the Year.

Other finalists for North American Car of the Year included the Ford Fusion and Honda Accord. Finalists for North American Truck/Utility of the Year were Ford C-Max and Mazda CX-5.

Several factors led to the ATS winning the award, Pobur said. He believed an aggressive marketing campaign by Cadillac is helping the consumer buzz, showcasing the wide range of options and branding of the ATS as a car

different than its competitors.

"It rivals any of the small, sedan segments of the marketplace. We can stack that car up against any of those cars and win the battle," Pobur said. "We haven't been able to say that in years past." Bob Pollock, general manager at Don Massey Cadillac in Plymouth, said ATS sales in January have surpassed all of December before the announcement. He expects them to get even better after the award.



The Cadillac ATS was named North American Car of the Year earlier this week.

"Anybody looking at a car in that segment owes it to themselves to drive the car," he said. "It truly competes and performs and handles better than the BMW and Audi offerings in its class."

Cadillac's chief engineer, David Leone, said the idea with the ATS was to lighten the vehicle, something that consumers will begin to see more as the company releases more vehicles.

"The performance's laser-light focus was on being nimble, quick and fun to drive," he said. "To do so, we wanted to be the lightest in the segment, and we accomplished just that. It took a new way of thinking, and a new way of engineering to get that done. This is the first of many new vehicles where you're going to see that

fresh new approach." The Ram 1500 returned to the podium after nearly 20 years. It won North American Truck of the Year while still under the Dodge name in 1994.

Fred Diaz, president and CEO Ram Truck Brand and Chrysler de Mexico, called the honor a "surreal moment" considering "the hell" the company went through three years ago.

"This means so much," Diaz said. "It's the proudest moment ever for the Ram Truck Brand to be able to accept this award." That multi-purpose function is appealing to customers stopping in at Snehkamp. "The pickup truck isn't what it used to be any more," Schmidt said. "It gets great fuel economy and people are using it for practical purposes."

ZF Group continues to grow in Northville

By Nathan Mueller
Staff Writer

There is a positive vibe emanating through the North American headquarters of ZF Group in Northville Township these days.

The German company had a record setting 2012 — which included a total sales volume of \$23 billion, increasing the number of employees to 75,000 worldwide and investing \$1.7 billion in research and development — that is expected to continue into this year.

According to the company's website, ZF Group develops and produces transmissions, steering systems, axles and chassis components, as well as complete systems for passenger cars, commercial vehicles and off-road machinery.

"We believe in the future and we believe we can continue our story of successful growth of new innovation of new technologies in the future," ZF Group CEO Stefan Sommer said at the first press conference Tuesday at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit.

The company's success is showing in Northville Township, as construction is nearly complete on an expansion to the facility.

The building, which also serves as a technical center, was built in 1999, with a major expansion done in 2004. This final project was done to aid an expanding steering group within the company.

Bryan Johnson, a Canton resident and manager of marketing and communications for the ZF Group, said it is nearing 500 employees as the company's presence in North America increases.

"We have key products and technologies that are being adapted more and more to the American market," he said. Improving fuel efficiency has been a



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major area of focus for the ZF Group, and a new nine-speed automatic transmission is expected to help in that regard, Sommer said it will offer fuel savings from 10 percent up to 16 percent.

"We have the right products for the right market and we really meet the general trend of the world, especially in automotive," he said.

As the company continues to grow worldwide, the Northville Township headquarters is focusing on attracting talent locally.

Alexandra Iordache, a Shelby Township resident and member of the marketing and communications department for ZF Group, said Jan. 25 the company will be hosting a "college

day" to help students learn about the many opportunities within ZF Group. Johnson said the goal is to build relationships and find new talent.

The current employees also are reaching out to do more community service, something Johnson said cannot be a one-time thing.

Several employees donated their time to tear down a house in Redford with Blight Busters and also volunteered at a soup kitchen last year.

"It gives you a sense of ownership and it has to be part of our culture," he said. "It's something we are growing into."

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Marketing to younger, tech-savvy buyers

Northville resident Mike Murphy knows Ford is going to need young buyers to ensure his company will succeed.

Those 18- to 34-year-olds are a market looking to combine technology, affordability and sustainability into their vehicles, a set of criteria Ford is taking very seriously.

"They are critical and at the forefront of our products," said Murphy, Ford's Global C-Car marketing manager.

Murphy is one of many area residents working at this year's auto show, and has worked specifically in trying to market smaller vehicles to buyers in the beginning stages of their car-buying lives.

Murphy said the car seeing the

most movement with younger buyers, including those in the Detroit area, is the Fiesta, a compact car introduced in recent years and geared toward younger drivers.

"The hope, Murphy said, is that those driving Fiestas or other smaller cars, such as the Focus, will be happy with their experience and stay loyal to the Ford brand. The cars other younger drivers have flocked to include the Mustang, Escape and Focus.

"Fiesta is clearly our gateway for younger customers," he said. "Many of the vehicles aimed toward those new drivers employ technology they've used with other devices, Murphy said. Included are Bluetooth and MyFord Touch, an entertainment and communications system located

inside the car with a touch screen. And it isn't just the cars themselves that Murphy touts as being catered to younger drivers. With more people without well-paying jobs and some who can't afford a car, Ford financial staffers have stepped in and offered financing rates sometimes lower than what banks and lenders are able to match.

With more young people with bad credit or no credit being able to buy with a low APR, the likelihood of those drivers coming to Ford has increased, Murphy said.

"The ability to finance that product over a reasonable amount of time, that's definitely brought us a higher conquest rate," he said. "It's our highest amount of new customers coming into the Ford portfolio."

AUTO SHOW BRIEFS

Interactive displays

Looking for something to do at the North American International Auto Show besides see the cars? Many displays give patrons the opportunity to experience the cars. Here are just a few of the interactive exhibits:

- To satisfy the video gamers at the show, a simulation booth with the game Gran Turismo is offered at the Chevrolet display. Two people at a time can hop into the vehicles and test-drive the cars in a simulator. If you're fast, you'll have another honor coming your way: your name on the chalk leaderboard at the Chevy display.

- Drive Land, a simulator powered by the Microsoft Kinect set, is available at the Toyota display. Drivers can sit in a real Prius seat, and simulate driving on the screen by just using their hands to maneuver the vehicle.

- A different type of simulation is offered at the Michelin display. Have you ever wondered what the road would feel like from a tire's perspective? Michelin gives patrons that exact opportunity. Two users at a time step onto the simulator, placing their hands and feet on designated areas. Hit start and the hand and foot areas begin to vibrate and simulation what a tire would feel on the road.

- One of the more intricate simulators resides in the Ford display. The ST Simulator places riders into a pod complete with hydraulics and allows riders to simulate the ride in a Ford vehicle. The simulator requires a waiver, and riders must be at least 5-foot-2. Children under 18 must have a parent or guardian present who can be present for the ride and sign the liability waiver.

Show opens

The auto show opens to the public at 9 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 19, and continues through Sunday, Jan. 27.

Show hours are 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. (no admittance after 9 p.m.) Jan. 19-26. The show ends Jan. 27 and hours that day are 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. (no admittance after 6 p.m.). Tickets are \$12 per person and \$6 for seniors (65 and older) and children (7-12 years old). Children ages 6 and under are free with parent or guardian.

Going to Friday gala?

If you are going to Friday's Auto Show Charity Preview we want to hear from you.

Julie Yolles of Birmingham, O&E Media's Social Scene columnist, and Bill Bresler, O&E Media photographer, will cover the event — one of the hottest parties of the year.

"I would love to hear from local residents in advance so I can meet them at Cobo Center the night of the preview or at one of the local insider auto parties," said Yolles, who will also be at the autoglow party at Ford Field after the charity preview Friday.

Contact Yolles at jyolles@comcast.net or call her at (248) 642-9465. Contact Bresler by leaving a Facebook message or text (734) 788-8099.

Fresh approach to spiritual development

New First Presbyterian minister eager to reach out to area youth

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

The Rev. Emma Lee Ouellette of Northville is only 26 years old, but don't expect her to shy away from tough questions on faith.

"It's a hard question and the youth have been asking that a lot," she said of young people at her new church, First Presbyterian of Northville. Some ask about the Newton, Conn., school massacre. Some teens from the congregation know the young man from Detroit Catholic Central High School who recently died.

"We don't know God's plan and that's not for us to know," said Ouellette, who came to First Presbyterian in October as assistant pastor for family ministries. "I believe in a God who shares our tears when we cry and never abandons us."

When the Newtown shooting happened, she thought of young children in Northville at church she saw rehearsing for their Christmas play, and teens talking about their dates. Faith helps people

cope with tragedies, she said. "It's really a chance for us to connect with God. But it's hard and it's hard for us to understand," she said.

Local roots

She grew up in Allen Park and graduated from Melvindale High School in 2004. Ouellette, who is single, headed to Alma College for a bachelor of arts degree in interpersonal communication and sociology, which she completed in 2008, and her master of divinity degree from Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Ga., in 2011.

She took a year off after grad school, working at her home church, Allen Park Presbyterian.

"They were in transition and I was in transition so it was a perfect time," she said.

The Northville congregation of around 1,100 people has an interim senior pastor now and 10 a.m. worship on Sunday. Ouellette works a lot with children and youth.

"You're ministering to everyone," she said. "My

focus is with the youth and the children."

The church next to Starbucks in downtown Northville has a long and proud history, and church leaders seek growth and spiritual development.

One of the things they would like to work on is "becoming more active" in community outreach, Ouellette said.

"We're really trying to focus on getting the kids and the youth active. I want it to be more. It's really great for the community to know we're here. We have some really great things in the works for us," she said.

Presbyterian churches have a lengthy process in inviting new clergy, and a lot of individual say among lay leaders.

"I really liked the urgency of the congregation for wanting to grow and become more family-friendly," Ouellette said.

In the hiring, church leaders were open about the past and what they wanted for the future. She recalled her first interview by phone, due to her strep throat at the time, followed by a second



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First Presbyterian Church of Northville assistant pastor the Rev. Emma Lee Ouellette returned to Michigan after beginning her religious training in Georgia and South Carolina.

interview with a portion of the committee face to face. Her third interview was with those representing many segments of the church. She explained her philosophy of ministry and ideas.

"They did a really good job of getting a diverse group together. It kept me on my toes," she said.

'Felt called'

Being a minister was Ouellette's mind for some several years before actually going down that road. "I really felt called to

the ministry when I was a teen. The church has always been a part of my life," she said.

Women have been ordained in her denomination since the 1950s, and many women have held leadership roles in her congregation. Ouellette was more concerned about being young, however, though that hasn't proven a hindrance.

"I think people really wanted a fresh, young face. That's the impression I've gotten. I have not felt anything but welcomed and supported,

she said. Ouellette, who preaches about once a month, lives in Northville with new dog Ziggy, a Christmas present.

"We're getting used to each other," she said, adding Ziggy tends to chew the remote.

She loves life in Northville.

"I love it. I just got back from Rebecca's and I'm loving their chicken salad. I love the little shops, I love walking downtown. I'm really enjoying it."

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OUR VIEWS

State must invest in early learning to compete globally

Far too often state legislators and educators get sidetracked trying to win a seemingly endless argument rather than doing what is best for children.

Much of the recent discussion about reforming education has been about providing more options to families. Gov. Rick Snyder is promoting an "any time, any place, any way, any pace" system that would ostensibly lead to more charter schools and give parents more say in where and how their children learn.

Educators loathe change more than most so position statements and talking points are issued to legions of followers and the battle is on. This pattern is all too familiar to the families of Michigan and the bickering does little to help.

One common-sense solution to improving educational outcomes for families is simply getting more children into quality educational programs at a younger age. Sadly, Michigan's track record of funding preschool is lousy despite the fact that most experts agree that an additional year or two in school is beneficial to young learners.

The Michigan State Board of Education began a strong push for universal preschool for 3- and 4-year olds in 2011 but Gov. Snyder took the business approach to the problem by consolidating the state's early childhood programs and resources into the Michigan Office of Great Start. The mission of the office is to coordinate 84 separate funding sources for early childhood programs.

Michigan lags behind 23 states in providing access to education for 4-year-olds according to a 2011 study by The National Institute for Early Education Research, a unit of Rutgers.

While Oklahoma offers universal access to state-funded preschool and 75 percent of eligible children are enrolled, just 18 percent of 4-year-olds are in state-funded preschool in Michigan. Nation-wide, 28 percent of 4-year-olds were enrolled in a state-funded preschool program in the 2010-2011 school year so Michigan not only fails in comparison to the leading states, but also trails the national average by 10 percent. It isn't that Michigan is cutting funding because that isn't true. Other states have simply found ways to increase funding at a greater pace because they have made early learning a priority.

Michigan does almost nothing to fund preschool for 3-year-olds but Illinois, the same state many of our college graduates are flocking to for jobs, leads the nation in providing access to education for 3-year-olds.

While some states have focused on broadened opportunities for all families, Michigan focuses only on poor or other at-risk youth.

And even the population the state is trying to help isn't being adequately served. Susan Broman, head of Michigan's Office of Great Start, concedes that many of Michigan's 4-year-olds now eligible for state-funded preschool are not enrolled due to lack of funding.

This lack of commitment to funding preschool is not only counter to Gov. Snyder's goal of having students reading proficiently at the end of third grade, it is counter to the greater goal of making our state competitive in the global marketplace.

We aren't advocating free day care for all Michigan families either. We are talking about the need for increased funding for quality educational programs for young learners.

Recent research shows that even gains made through Head Start fade if the commitment to quality education isn't consistent throughout the learning experience so just throwing money at the problem isn't the answer.

What Michigan needs is bold commitment to early education that includes not only lofty goals and a system to make sure they are achieved but also actual money in the budget to make it happen.

COMMUNITY VOICE

Mayor Bob Gatt is giving his State of the City address on Jan. 17. How would you summarize the current state of Novi?



"I'm really impressed with it. It's an excellent place to live."
Gloria Russell
Novi



"It's pretty good. There have been a lot of new things happening with the schools and businesses and places built, like the library."
Latah Ramasami
Novi



"I love it here. I moved here four months ago and I have no issues. It's quiet and there is low crime. Overall, it's a beautiful and welcoming place to live."
Tori Beavers
Novi



"Fine. I was glad to see the new Walmart come here, so it's good to see new things helping out."
Mary Hoffman
Novi

LETTERS

Guns map ridiculous

Happen to catch the story about an article ran by a newspaper in the Hudson Valley north of New York City? The Journal News published a map containing the names and addresses of every registered gun owner in the three-county area covered by the paper. The editors claim that a large number of their readers wanted to know which of their neighbors happened to be gun owners, and so they decided to address their concerns by publishing the information. Call me a skeptic, but I doubt that was the real reason behind it. I'd sooner believe it was another attempt by the liberals to try to embarrass the rednecks living among them who had the audacity to purchase and register a firearm. The Second Amendment be damned!

Makes you wonder if they gave any thought to the fact that by simple deduction they had also listed the name and address of every household in the area that doesn't own a weapon. I'm sure that a certain segment of the residents were pleased to get that info. They probably have it taped to the front of their fridge. No sense taking any unnecessary risks, you know. The simplemindedness and just plain stupidity of the left wing media in this country never ceases to amaze me.

David Shingler
Novi

Athletics clarification

After reading some erroneous information in a Letter to the Editor entitled "Why sports fees?" in the Jan. 10 edition of the Novi News, I realized that this presented an opportunity to clarify to the community about what our organization does.

The Novi Athletic Boosters is a nonprofit, volunteer-based organization with a sole purpose of supporting our high school and middle school student athletes and teams. This support comes in the form of gifts we fund including training aids and personnel, uniforms, equipment, facilities upgrades and college scholarships. Membership is open to all parents and individuals interested in the development of Novi's athletic program.

While we do rely on adult volunteers from all teams for concessions and events, we do not charge a fee for membership or for any of the services we provide. We DO make our gifts available for ALL of Novi's high school and middle school sports teams, both school-funded and non-school-funded. Last year we provided more than \$130,000 in gifts, and we are on track to exceed that total this year. Over \$1 million has been gifted in the past 12 years to Novi athletics.

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heading the Democratic ticket and winning (53.56 to 46.44 percent), 2,375 million voter chose Democrats for their state representatives. They cast 53.56 percent of all votes for both major party candidates. Strangely, the Republican candidates prevailed with 59 seats, the Democrats — 51. With only 46.4 percent of the votes, the Republicans secured 53.6 percent of the 110 seats in the state Legislature.

The most flagrant abuse of our legislative apportionment? In 2012, Democrats, with 2,323,844 votes (50.9 percent), were able to elect only five U.S. Congressmen. Yet, the Republican minority, with 2,082,547 votes (45.6 percent) sent nine Congressmen to D.C. It's called gerrymandering, and it partially explains why the Republican juggernaut has been able to override the will of the majority of Michigan voters. Since our Democratic votes weigh less, we need more of them. Every election matters. Every vote almost counts.

Patrick M. Downey
Novi

Kudos from NYA

Novi Youth Assistance would like to thank the following individuals and businesses who participated in our Holiday Adopt a Family program in providing a wonderful Christmas for families in need:

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Barbara O'Neill
Novi Youth Assistance

Expand mutual aid

When there is an emergency on the border of Novi and neighboring cities, you would want the fastest arrival time possible. Recently, Novi and Wixom entered into a mutual aid agreement, which means whichever community can respond quicker to the emergency will do so.

Wixom currently does this with other communities as well. They have been able to save on their budget and increase their response time to better serve the community. When cities enter into a mutual aid agreement, equipment and other resources are shared when emergencies occur. We need to follow this example of Wixom, for the safety of everyone in Novi.

Please take the time to contact the City of Novi to support the mutual aid agreement, with the rest of our bordering cities such as South Lyon, Northville, Farmington, Walled Lake and Livonia. This would give citizens a peace of mind knowing that wherever they're located in Novi, they're just a phone call away from assistance.

Brett DuBois
Novi High School sophomore

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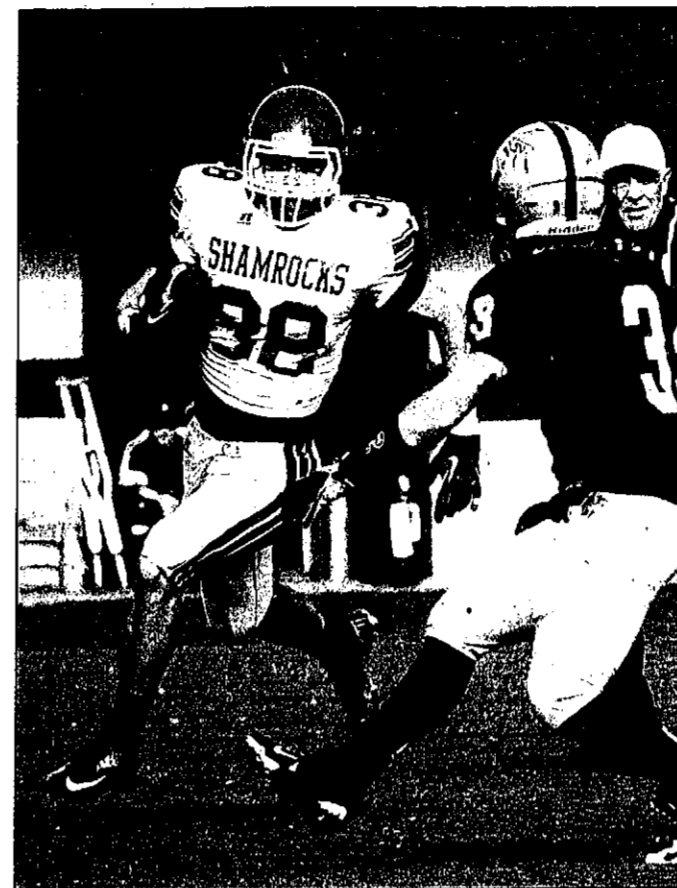
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Catholic Central senior Anthony Darkangelo accumulated more than 800 yards rushing and nearly 300 receiving to earn Player of the Year honors.

CC's Darkangelo rushes to the top

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

It's not very often that we enter into the All-Area selection process with one team that stands head and shoulders above the rest, but Detroit Catholic Central managed to do just that this year. Of course, it helps when you have back-to-back state runner-up finishes in Division I football.

So when it came to selecting our Player of the Year, it came as no surprise when all signs pointed to a Shamrock senior by the name of Anthony Darkangelo.

Darkangelo, a senior for Tom Mach's football team, is a three-year starter on the varsity squad and an All-Catholic

High School League and All-State selection. This season, tallying results over just 10 games to keep comparisons fair with the other players being selected to the 2013 All-Area team, Darkangelo have over 800 yards rushing, and nearly 300 yards receiving for the Shamrocks. He ventured into the end zone 13 times this year.

"Anthony is not just our best player, but also our most consistent and reliable," said Michael Mach, assistant coach for the Shamrocks. "He matches his talents with a tremendous work ethic. Darko is a kid you can always count on—he will make a big run, a great catch or a clutch tackle at the game's biggest

Please see FOOTBALL, B3

Novi cagers knock off Northville

Wildcats shoot 20-for-24 from line in 58-49 victory

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

The crowd's energy carried onto the court Friday night in a high-octane battle between baseline rivals Novi and Northville.

The two boys basketball teams traded the lead throughout the game, but one big shot after another kept things close until the final two minutes when the Wildcats (4-4, 2-1 KLA Central) sealed the game with a 10-4 run in the final 1:52, including 3-for-5 free throw shooting, after the Mustangs (4-5, 2-2 Central) had cut the deficit to 48-45 with 2:06 remaining. In the end, host Novi came out ahead 58-49 on Jan. 11.

"I would rank that one up there as one of the greatest I've been involved in," Novi coach Brian Tass said. "It was high energy, it was back and forth. Our kids played hard all night long."



Wildcat Tre Cadwell, left, and Mustang Jake Hansen both leap in the air for a rebound on Jan. 11.

ON TAP

Novi's boys basketball team (4-4, 2-1 KLA Central) was set to host Plymouth Salem (7-2, 3-0 Central) two nights ago before visiting Livonia Stevenson (3-4, 0-3 Central) tomorrow, Saine (5-3, 3-2 Southeastern Red) Tuesday and South Lyon East (0-7, 0-3 Central) Jan. 25, all at 7 p.m.

McKinney (22 points), junior Nelson Cagle (14 points) and Northville junior Andrew Meacham (22 points). Novi senior Tre Cadwell (eight points) and Northville junior Andrew Stevens (nine points) also contributed some solid perimeter work as Novi sophomore Max Yanke quietly dropped in 10 points.

"It's no secret that

he's our go-to guy. (Meacham) played his heart out and I'm proud of his effort. It was awesome," Sander said. "Cagle is a spectacular player, as well. He can shoot it and score it from anywhere."

The Wildcats went into the third quarter ahead 35-29 and the Mustangs wouldn't draw even

Please see BOYS, B2

Novi skiers start season off with split results

Boys go 2-0 while girls fall to 0-2

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

A new season on the slopes at Alpine Valley began for Novi's ski team just before a small heat wave hit the area.

But things started hot for one half of the Wildcat ski program as the boys raced to a 2-0 start on the young season Jan. 10.

In the first of two races last Thursday, the guys swept the top four spots in a 10-26 victory over Hartland. Bastien Dupessey led the way with a two-run time of 38.74 seconds, well ahead of teammate Harrison Halley, who took second in 42.61 seconds. Zach John-

ON TAP

Novi's skiers (2-0 boys, 0-2 girls) are set to hit the Alpine Valley slopes in White Lake 4 p.m. today against both Livonia Ladywood and West Bloomfield before taking on both Lakeland — whose boys are the defending KLA champs — and Walled Lake Western 4 p.m. Jan. 24.

son and Max Schlaw took third and fourth for Novi in 42.84 and 47.25, respectively, as Hartland's top four finished fifth

Please see SKIERS, B2

Wildcat girls top Mustangs

Novi lady cagers on top of division after 35-28 victory

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

In a high-paced battle of division leaders and baseline rivals, host Novi came away with the victory in the season's first meeting with Northville.

The Wildcats (8-1, 3-0 KLA Central) and Mustangs (7-2, 2-1 Central) started off struggling to score last Friday, with Novi up 3-4 after the first quarter, but things opened up over the next two quarters.



Wildcat Jade Antolec vies to gather in a rebound in front of a Mustang during the teams' Jan. 11 meeting.

ON TAP

Novi's girls basketball team (8-1, 3-0 KLA Central) was set to visit Plymouth Salem (2-6, 2-1 Central) two nights ago before hosting Livonia Stevenson (3-5, 0-3 Central) tomorrow and South Lyon East (5-4, 0-3 Central) Jan. 25, all at 7 p.m.

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Mustangs nip Wildcat tankers

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

League competition got off to a splash Jan. 10 with a big baseline rivalry match-up between Novi and Northville at the Wildcats' pool.

Although Novi (1-2, 0-1 KLA Central) won six of 11 swimming events - diving results had not been submitted by press deadline - the Mustangs (4-1, 1-0 Central) came away as 102-84 victors due to their team's depth. Northville's Andrew Westphal and Novi's Tanner Vincent were the stars of the Jan. 10 meet as each won three events, including participating in one victorious relay apiece.

Westphal won the 50 free (22.63 seconds), 100 free (48.56) and teamed with Sam Boyea, James Xue and Austin Hunt to win the 400 free relay in 3:20.35.

Vincent won the 200 individual medley (2:03.63), 500 free (4:56.03) and teamed with Gordy Williams, Nathan Louie and Viny Rosanali to win the 200 medley relay in 1:44.02.

The Wildcats had three other multi-event winners. In addition to Rosanali helping the 200 free relay team of Gucci Onimura, Arthur Shi and Andrew Ao to victory in 1:31.06, Onimura won the 100 backstroke in 56.44 seconds and Ao won the 200 free in 1:47.60.

The final two swimming events were taken by Northville, as Frank Zhang won the 100 butterfly in 56.71 seconds and Alan Ruan won the 100 breaststroke in 1:03.90.

Vincent, Ao, Onimura and each the 200 free relay and 400 free relay teams' times qualified them for the state meet.

Novi rebounded quite nicely two days later as they headed to West Bloomfield Saturday for the Laker Invitational and won the six-team gathering in convincing fashion. The multi-heat format showed much more depth for the Wildcats than the dual meet against Northville, as Novi amassed 268.5 points through 11 events (diving scored not reported). Host West Bloomfield was second with 197.5 points, as North Farmington, Rochester, Farmington Hills Harrison and Walled Lake Northern also competed.

Novi placed first in seven of nine relay heats and in 18 of 32 individual heats. Among top-heat victors for the Wildcats was Vincent in the 100 fly (54.38), Onimura in the 100 breast (56.73), Kim in the 100 breast (1:04.69) and both the 200 free relay team in 1:32.79 and 400 free relay team in 3:24.53. The 200 free relay team consisted of Ao, Onimura, Rosanali and Vincent, while the 400 free relay team was Ao, Maehata, Vincent and Kim.

Ao's 200 free and Vincent's 100 fly were both state qualifying times. Additionally, the Wildcats swept all four heats in each the 100 fly and 100 breast, while the 100 back won the top three heats, helping to secure the Laker Invitational title.

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er got to that. Sometimes we shoot too quickly and sometimes when we get the ball inside, we missed lay-ups."

Although Bremer did most of the damage for Northville, sophomore Emily Maresch (eight points) chipped in as junior Gabby Mancotti (two points) was held without a field goal on 0-for-9 shooting despite her otherwise solid effort.

"Maresch is just a sophomore and definitely had her best game of the year. I wish our kids looked at her a little bit more because she was I think feeling it and we had a mismatch," Northville coach Todd Gudith said. "I thought they had a small kid on her for quite a while and we could've went to her a little bit more. She was the only one doing anything offensively for us, at least decent looks at the rim."

"Mencotti does well. Just a junior guard, she's very active all over the place. She had a lot of looks for us in the first half. She does that runner in the lane. Sometimes it goes and it looks really good and she can pour some points in for us. And a night like tonight she was just missing everything at the rim."

The Mustangs shot 12-for-34 (35.3 percent) from the field, which was actually better than Novi's 10-for-34 (29.4 percent), but free throws sealed the deal.

Novi cheer starts year off with two league wins

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

The first few showings by Novi's competitive cheer squad have headed positive results.

Since the season-opening finish at their own Dec. 1 Winter Fire Up Invitational, the Cats have won both a Dec. 21 quad invite at How-

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through eighth, all with times less than 51 seconds.

Things were a little tighter in the second match-up against Milford, but Novi came out on top 16-20. Dupessey, Halley, Johnson and Schlax were the Wildcats' top four racers again, with Dupessey winning his second meet of the day in a time of 37.87 seconds. Milford's Cory Brush was second in 39.86, but the teams alternated finished in Novi's favor, as the Wildcats took the top four odd-numbered positions and Milford took the top four even-numbered positions. For Novi, Halley took third in 41.63, Johnson was fifth in 42.98 and Schlax seventh in 46.76.

The girls had a tougher time as depth from sea-

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again after last holding the lead at 27-26 with 3:06 to go in the third quarter.

"I thought we grew up as a team tonight," Tass said. "We eliminated a lot of mistakes we've been making and we played pretty tough against a team that just likes to bang and be physical."

"It was our best game so far in terms of sharing the ball, keeping our heads up and finding the open man. I think it was a great team effort overall. I think our guys took another step."

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moment. Anthony is a young man of great character whom any coach would love to build his team around."

Darkangelo's talents don't stop on the offensive side of the ball, either. He led the Shamrocks in tackles this year and had 96 through 10 games as well as an interception to his name. He is being recruited by several colleges and has not made his final decision.

First Team Offense

Cam Thomas, quarterback, South Lyon East senior
When Western Michigan University started looking for a quarterback, they didn't have to look past South Lyon East when they saw the arm and the accuracy that Thomas possesses. This year's top quarterback selection in the area completed nearly 60-percent of his passes while picking up 1,778 yards through the air. If that weren't enough, he averaged just under 200 yards per game throwing the football in a league where the rushing attack has long been the standard for successful football.

Thomas, who has committed himself to playing for Western, picked up 13 touchdowns this season, including a season-long 73-yard scoring play.

Jeff Baker, running back, Novi junior
Watching Baker run the football is a lot like taking a step back in time when the Novi Wildcats consistently made a run at the Kensington Valley Conference title against the likes of Brighton and Howell. As soon as he takes the handoff, Baker becomes a machine. He's capable of working his way around defenders or simply through them, making his mark on each and every game he played this season.

Baker led the Wildcats with 899 total yards of offense this year and found the end zone six times throughout the 2012 campaign.

"We are looking forward to Jeff returning for us in the backfield," said former Novi head coach Todd Pennycuif.

David Houle, fullback, Detroit Catholic Central senior
When it comes to making way for running backs, no one in the area does it better than Houle, who reveled in the role of being the lead player in Catholic Central's smash-mouth football.

"Dave is a classic CC fullback—an extremely tough and physical player who thrives on the inside run," said Mach. "He embraces the physical aspect of football wholeheartedly. Dave is a humble kid who leads by example."

The two-year starter picked up 362 yards of his own as a thundering runner while crossing the goal line eight times this year.

Wade Morris, receiver, South Lyon East junior
Need to get the ball downfield in a hurry? Just throw it to Morris, who always seems to be in the right place at the right time and capable of picking up several yards after initial contact. This season, Morris picked up 680 yards receiving, even scampering for a long of 75 yards this season and scoring seven times. What is most impressive is that Morris caught the ball 46 times, giving him an average of 14.78 yards per catch in his junior season.

Jon Malone, receiver, Detroit Catholic Central senior
When it comes down to moments where you have to put the ball in the hands of a player that has a driving desire to win, the first one likely to raise his hand is going to be Malone. The Shamrocks' receiver picked up three touchdowns through the air on a team that throws as little as they can get away with, while snagging nearly 400 yards in the process. What's more is that he picked up an additional 300 yards on special teams and another score—the biggest plays typically coming when the Shamrocks needed them the most.

"We have been able to count on Jon for two years now as a receiver and a return man," said Mach. "Jon is an extremely hard worker and his efforts have paid off, for both him as an individual and for us as a team."

Dylan Roney, tight end, Detroit Catholic Central junior
The key to being a great tight end isn't in the number of receptions or the touchdowns, but rather in the ability to block, make big plays and be reliable on each and every play. Matching that description is none other than Roney, who proved each and every down that the player across from him wasn't going to be able to outwork him or outplay him.

"Dylan is tough as nails," as they say," said Mach. "He is a relentless competitor who gives maximum effort in everything we ask him to do. He plays the game the right way and is a very humble individual, even as his individual accolades accumulate and college interest increases. Dylan is one of our hardest workers who brings a 'lunch pail' mentality with him to practice daily. His great attitude truly reflects how much he loves the game of football."

Roney had two touchdowns over 10 games and 123 yards receiving, all while laying the groundwork for Catholic Central's dominating ground game.

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"Derek is the cornerstone of our offensive line this year," said Mach. "He is a very tough player who has battled through two years of various injuries. You can count on Derek in any key situation. If you need a first down, run behind Derek—he will get the job done for you."

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Are you the kind of fan who likes to see some bulk on your offensive line? Well, you won't be disappointed because Milford's top lineman, Newman, fits the bill. The dominating lineman for Pat Fox's squad weighs in at 300 pounds and stands 6-5, making him quite the force to be reckoned with.

"(Derrick) is a strong blocker and a two-year starter," noted Fox. Newman's ability to aggressiveness on the offensive line made him a no-brainer to run behind, and his skill and dedication to the game will be hard to replace for Milford next season.

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"Brandon is our most vocal leader and has been a great role model for our younger players," said Mach of the CC captain. "He fulfills his leadership role to the fullest, both on and off the field. Brandon is a very versatile player. He has played middle linebacker, outside linebacker and defensive end this year, as well as starting two games at fullback. That all said, his best quality has to be his work ethic. Brandon has had to work for and earn everything he's gotten to, and can be very proud of that."

Malinowski was also key on special teams this year, blocking one field goal and three extra points for the Shamrocks.

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v. JOSEPH BOALS
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(31001)

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Connor McReil, linebacker, South Lyon senior
With 87 tackles and two sacks to his name this year, McReil made it very clear that it was unwise to try and run the ball in his direction. As a team captain, a first-team K.I.A. selection and the team's top linebacker, he made it clear that he was a great example to follow for all of South Lyon's squad.
"Connor would do whatever was asked to do for the team," said Thomas.
Brendan Donahue, linebacker, South Lyon senior
It's hard to believe that the South Lyon Lions had so much talent in their defensive backfield this year, but it was very true. You weren't likely going to beat them by trying to run at their linebacker corps. Donahue, who was also in the running as an All-Area tight end this year, picked up 61 tackles and had a whopping five sacks this season. He was named one of the team's best defensive players.
"Brendan was instrumental in our defensive scheme," noted Thomas.
If that weren't good enough, Donahue was also the team's leading receiver in 2012.
Brandon Patrone, linebacker, Northville senior
A three-year member of the varsity squad a Northville, Patrone's name has become one that is synonymous with hard work and a dedication to the game of football.
"Replacing Brandon is going to be difficult," Ladaich said of the experience and ability the senior linebacker brings to the defensive side of the ball. "He is a quiet leader that has always led by example."
Lucas Buck, linebacker, Novi senior
What can be said about a player who has made the varsity roster at Novi for all four seasons and has made a name for himself as a stingy mid-

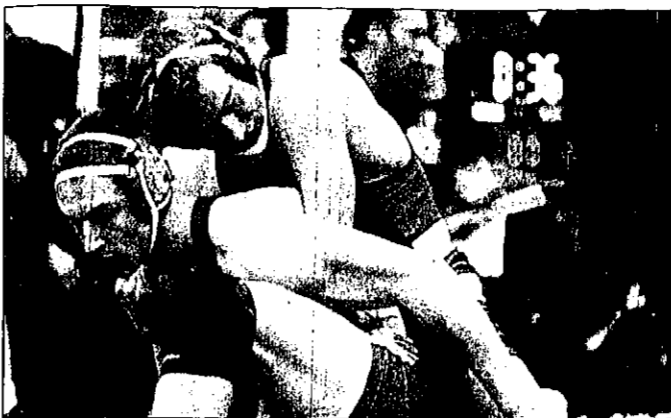
die linebacker who made a career out of big hits? Nothing that he hasn't already said with his shoulder pads.
"Lucas has a great nose for the football and is very physical," said Penney. "Lucas was a coach on the field."
The senior linebacker will be very difficult to replace, as will his 32 solo tackles this past season.
Danny Wallace, linebacker, Milford junior
What is most exciting about a player like Wallace? Well, if you're a fan of the Milford Mavericks or on the coaching staff there, it's the fact that he is only a junior and is going to be a key part of the game next year.
"Danny is a great defensive player, and is also a huge contributor on offense," noted Fox.
His numbers speak for himself. This year Wallace picked up 70 tackles, out of which he put down running backs eight times behind the line of scrimmage.
Dan Bowen, defensive line, Detroit Catholic Central senior
It's hard to say goodbye to a player like Bowen, who will graduate from Catholic Central having left behind an amazing example of how intangibles can make all the difference in the trenches at the line of scrimmage.
"Dan might be, pound-for-pound, the toughest player on our team," said Mach of the 5-11, 220-pound lineman. "Due to his diminutive nature, other teams probably single him out on film to attack. It doesn't take them long to realize their mistake. Dan is a kid who loves to battle in the trenches and brings an extremely physical style of play."
Bowen picked up 44 tackles and five sacks this season over 10 games.
Grant Widger, defensive line, South Lyon senior
As Widger to play any position on the field and he's likely to go out and give his best effort and

turn in a pretty darn good performance, which is why we were so thrilled to have him as a unanimous selection to the All-Area team.
Widger picked up 68 tackles and five sacks this year and took down eight running backs for losses in 2012.
"Grant had a motor that wouldn't quit," said Thomas. "He played every play as if it was his last."
Jon Wines, defensive line, Northville senior
We couldn't have said it any better than Wines' coach said it, so we're just going to leave it to Ladaich.
"It seems like Jon Wines has been our nose tackle forever," said Ladaich. "He is a three-year starter that quietly did his job and did it well. He always demanded a double team, and he almost always destroyed them, too. Replacing Jon might be our toughest task this off season."
First Team Special Teams
Garrett Moores, kicker, Detroit Catholic Central senior
So what do you do with a quarterback who has over 1,000 yards in total offense (926 passing and 133 rushing) that led his team to the state championship game? Apparently, you make him the All-Area kicker.
Moores won't mind though. He's the type of player that loves a challenge and never gives up. He's also a very competent kicker as showcased by his 36-for-38 performance on extra points and several field goals, including a 44-yarder to tie the game against DeLaSalle and force overtime in the Boys Bowl.
"He has tremendous physical gifts and has an extremely competitive nature that allows him to excel at the high level at which he does," said Mach. "As a team, we wouldn't be where we are without the big plays

Garrett has made for us all year."
Tyler Marcus, punter, South Lyon senior
When it comes to punting a football, Marcus knows the ins and outs of the strategies involved, which is exactly why he was a no-brainer for the All-Area position this year.
Marcus averaged 38.9 yards punting this year and had a season-long boot of 54 yards. He was also South Lyon's kicker, hitting 12-of-13 extra points and going 2-for-3 for field goals over 40 yards.
Zack Beck, utility, Detroit Catholic Central junior
What positions could Beck have been potential? By named to the All-Area squad? Let's see—running back (198 yards and two touchdowns), receiver (140 yards and a touchdown), punter (40.6 yard average on 27 kicks), kicker (50 kickoffs, averaging 58.5 yards), kick returner (nine for 153 yards) and defensive back (49 tackles, one interception and one fumble recovery).
The real question is, what couldn't he have been nominated for?
"Zack has great natural abilities that allow him to do a lot of things for our football team," said Mach. "Offensively, he's a very explosive player who plays running back and receiver and he also returns punts and kicks. He is a threat to score anytime he touches the ball."
"Zack has also been a tremendous weapon for us all season long as a kickoff man, regularly recording touchdowns. On top of that, he is the guy we count on to lock down the other team's best receiver. Zack loves to be challenged and it shows in everything that he does."
Second Team Offense
Joey Hewlett, quarterback, Northville junior
Northville's lone two-

way starter this year. Hewlett had 1,095 yards passing and 11 touchdowns and ran for 579 yards and five scores over seven games. He was injured for the final two games of the season.
Alex Larson, quarterback, Milford senior
Larson threw for 1,200 yards this season while picking up 800 yards on the ground. The senior proved himself to be one of the most versatile offensive threats in the area this year. Over two years, he's accounted for almost 4,000 yards of total offense.
Alex Spratke, running back, South Lyon East senior
Spratke rushed for 575 yards on 122 carries in 2012, giving him a 4.71 average. He found the end zone five times, including one on a scamper, of 60 yards. He also picked up 344 yards receiving, scoring twice.
Dalton Christie, running back, Lakeland junior
Christie stepped into the running back role for the Eagles after the team's starter went out with an injury and he made the most of his opportunity. He picked up 897 yards in the ground with 14 touchdowns while snagging 98 yards receiving for another score.
Sean Conway, receiver, Northville junior
The favorite target of Northville's quarterback, Conway snagged 22 receptions for 317 yards and four touchdowns in 2012. He was injured for the final two games of the season.
Jon Swartz, receiver, Milford senior
Swartz was the team's leading receiver this year that was also key in returning kicks for the Mavericks. He snagged 37 catches in 2012 and had four touchdowns on plays over 60 yards.
David Moorman, offensive line, Northville sophomore
A young but versatile player, Moorman brings an aggressive nature to the football field that helped the Mustangs develop yet another strong ground game in 2012. He is expected to be a key part of the team's schemes over the next two years.
Chase Spieser, offensive line, Detroit Catholic Central senior
Change didn't seem to upset Spieser too much as he was asked to play guard for the first time in his career in 2012 after being a fullback and linebacker previously. He did so and earned a starting spot in every game in 2012. He helped his team established nearly 200 yards on the ground every game.
Jarred Jackson, offensive line, Milford senior
Jackson is a dominant force on the offensive line that truly made his mark his senior year. The Mavericks were often found running the ball behind him as he paved the way for their ground game.

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Anthony Dawson, defensive back, Milford senior
Dawson was difficult to get past if you were a receiver looking to make a big play in 2012, making teams have to find a way to beat Milford other than simply passing the football. His presence on the field consistently made the Mavericks a better defensive team.
Darrian Spencer, defensive back, Milford senior
Spencer was never afraid to come up and made a hit, nor was he the type of defensive back that sputtered at his duties of covering opposing team's receivers. Seemingly everywhere on the field at once, Spencer was a key part of Milford's defensive strategy this season.
Zach Tofilski, linebacker, Northville junior
A strong addition to Northville's defensive corps this year, Tofilski made huge strides playing the position for the first time in his career. His strong tackling and field awareness not only made him a tough player in 2012, but promises to be beneficial to Northville in his senior year as well.
Mark Ryan, linebacker, Novi junior
Ryan is the kind of player a defensive scheme can be built around, and his junior year he proved that he was willing to step into the role as a bruising linebacker as he picked up 51 tackles. He showcased his speed and an ability to make plays no matter how far he had to travel on the gridiron in order to do so.
Matt Burczyk, linebacker, South Lyon East senior
With 47 solo tackles and 25 assists this year, Burczyk made it clear he was a player to attempt to avoid when playing the Cougars. His leadership on the defensive side of the ball will be difficult for the South Lyon East squad to replace in 2013.
Cam Bell, linebacker, Milford junior
This Milford linebacker has coaches thrilled that he'll be back for another season after making himself known as a stout defender who wasn't afraid to take on anyone this season. The junior Maverick was usually the first player to meet opposing running backs in the hole and was often on the winning side of the collision.
R.J. Holloway, defensive line, Northville senior
Holloway is one of the few players that a coach can sit back and truly say he reached his full potential as a senior. He was always in the right place at the right time, making sure no one was able to outwork him or outpace him while maximizing his production day in and day out.
Lucas Marconcin, defensive line, South Lyon East junior
From his defensive end position, Marconcin picked up 34 solo tackles and 29 assists while showcasing good speed and top-notch field awareness. At 6-3 and 190 pounds, he has some room to add bulk, which will likely make him a true game changer in 2013.
Andrew Laverenz, defensive line, Lakeland senior
You don't always have to have the highest tackle numbers to be an effective defensive lineman. Laverenz picked up just 12 solo tackles and 18 assists this year, but he made quarterbacks nervous with his 6-5, 215-pound frame and the ability to get inside the pocket in a hurry. He had five sacks in 2-12.
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Catholic Central Shamrock Michael Babicz, right, takes on an opponent from Temperance Bedford during CC's Jan. 12 six-school meet at their Novi campus.

Shamrocks have strong showing at Super Duals

By Sam Eggleston

Correspondent

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks wrestling team will be back on the mat when they wrestle at 4 p.m. tomorrow at St. John's before visiting Lowell Monday at 4 p.m.

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Against Montini Catholic, the Shamrocks fell behind, 19-0, to begin the match but came back with wins from Myles Amine and Ken Bado, but their chance at victory slipped away with four consecutive wins by Montini in the later rounds, making it 33-9 after the 160-pound division. The Shamrocks did, however, earn another win with Andrew Garcia picking up a decision in 171 pounds as well as wins from Jay Peterson and Bob Cox.

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CC splits week on ice

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There are folks out there called numerologists who believe that every person has particular numbers that are significant in their life. Last week, for the Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks hockey team, those numbers were 5 and 1.

The squad, coached by Todd Johnson, collected a 5-1 loss against Cranbrook just days after defeating Port Huron by a score of -- you guessed it -- 5-1.

Against Cranbrook, the Shamrocks just couldn't get the game flowing in the direction they wanted to as they watched their rivals skate off with the win. The team's lone

ON TAP

The Detroit Catholic Central hockey team will be back in the rink when they play at 8 p.m. tomorrow and 1 p.m. Saturday at Culver Academy.

score came off the stick of defenseman Carter Corretani, who notched the goal unassisted. Derek Moore took the loss in the game in net and was replaced in the first period by Ryan Mulka.

The game against Port Huron went in a favorable direction for the Shamrocks from the start. They outscored their foes, 2-1, in the first period and didn't look back as they shut them out in the final two peri-

ods of play.
Senior Charlie Green got a hat trick with three goals on the night. Assistance on the first goal came from Nick Daigneau and Carson Gatt while Gatt combined with Mike Babcock to assist on the second score. The third goal by Green, which was the final score of the night, was assisted by Babcock and Matthew Sorlisho.
Catholic Central also has scoring from Connor Gaffney, who was assisted by Bobbie Carey and Wade Orlovski, and Babcock, who was assisted by Green and Sorlisho.
Moore earned the win between the posts for the Shamrocks, who are now 10-2 overall and 8-2 in the MIHL conference.

Shamrocks drop two games

By Sam Eggleston

Correspondent

If you asked coach Bill Dyer what kind of week he would like to see his boys' basketball team avoid from here on out, he would likely bring up back-to-back losses against league rivals.

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks were on the wrong end of two Catholic High School League losses last week, falling to Brother Rice, 58-38, and to DeLaSalle, 57-29.

Against Brother Rice, the Shamrocks scored their first goal in the third quarter after coming out with a strong first half. The team trailed 13-10 after the first period, but came back to tie the game against a tough Warriors squad, 27-27, as they headed into the locker room at the half. But that would be the

ON TAP

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks basketball team will be back on the hardwood when they play at 7:30 p.m. at home tomorrow against University of Detroit Jesuit High School. They will then play Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at Orchard Lake St. Mary's.

last time the Shamrocks would even be in the conversation about possibly winning the game as Brother Rice went on a 19-9 run in the third quarter and each team finished with 12 in the final stanza to close out the CCHS Central contest.

Andrew Toth led the Warriors with 11 points while Catholic Central failed to have a single player score in double digits.

The victory by Brother Rice was the first time the Warriors have defeated the Shamrocks since 2010, marking their first win in eight games between the two teams. The Shamrocks fared no better against DeLaSalle as they fell, 57-29, in the Central Division contest. DeLaSalle leapt out to a 13-6 lead in the first quarter and built on that advantage to hold a commanding 25-11 lead at the half. The Shamrocks still failed to find any pep in their step in the third quarter as DeLaSalle outscored them 19-7 to put the game out of reach. The final stanza found the Shamrocks scoring 11 while DeLaSalle tallied on 13 more.

Charlie Ryan scored 10 points to lead the Shamrocks and no other player had more than four points. The struggling Shamrocks are now 3-5 on the season.

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