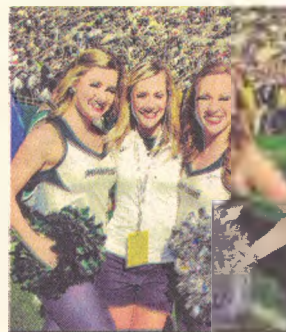


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State of the City Address

The city of Novi, in partnership with the Novi Chamber of Commerce, invites you to join Mayor Bob Gatt and city council members for the State of the City Address and Breakfast at 7:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 16, at the Suburban Collection Showplace (46100 Grand River Avenue).

Cost is \$23 per person (online registration) or \$20 (by check). Seating is limited to the first 280. Reservations can be made online at www.cityofnovi.org or by sending a check made payable to city of Novi to City of Novi, Attention Sue Fodor; 45175 10 Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375.



Nick Ziobron puts a snowblower through the paces Monday afternoon at his 10 Mile Road home in Novi. LONNIE HUHMANN

SUB-ZERO TEMPS, SNOW SLAM NOVI

By Cal Stone
Staff Writer

Schools in Novi were closed Monday and Tuesday as a polar vortex, an air mass from the Arctic, brought record-breaking lows around minus-10 degrees to the area Tuesday, with wind chills minus-15 to minus-20. Students were warming up to the idea of staying home Wednesday as well.

"We are not sure," Steve Matthews, superintendent of Novi Community Schools, said Tuesday afternoon. "We will make a final determination tonight. We are making sure that we have our parking lots and sidewalks

in shape. We also are checking roads in all the neighborhoods."

School officials were meeting with weather consultants Tuesday night to verify Wednesday's weather.

The weather has also contributed to at least three deaths by heart attacks while shoveling snow in Oakland County. In addition to the sub-zero temperatures, Sunday's snowfall of 10.2 inches broke the previous record of 4.6 inches, set in 2005. For the first five days of the year, the average snowfall is about 2 inches, said Matt Mosteiko, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in White Lake Township. Since Jan. 1, accumu-

lation at Detroit Metro Airport is 21 inches.

The snowfall puts the area on course to become the snowiest January on record.

The city of Novi's Civic Center opened as usual at 8 a.m. Monday, but the Novi Public Library was closed and adult transportation services, programs and Meals on Wheels were all canceled, according to the city's Facebook page.

On Tuesday, the Civic Center and Meadowbrook Activity Center were designated as warming stations until 5 p.m. and the library was until 9 p.m., with transportation available to all three for those in need.

"Novi's major roads have been cleared as much as possible given the extremely low temperatures we're experiencing," Novi Director of Public Services/City Engineer Rob Hayes said Monday. Crews then began working in subdivisions to get neighborhood streets open to traffic.

Because salt loses its effectiveness below 20 degrees, Hayes said he doesn't anticipate seeing bare pavement until temperatures rise later this week, when clearing from curb-to-curb should be feasible.

The city's Snow and Ice Re-

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Novi students create habitats for Detroit Zoo

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

Project-based learning is working in Novi schools and a good example of this was a recent student presentation at Village Oaks Elementary.

Over a two-day period late last month, fourth-graders at the school gave wrap-up public speaking presentations in front of an online camera for a project they had been working on in conjunction with the Detroit Zoo.

"I thought it was pretty cool," fourth-grader Mayerlyn Duenas said of the project that had students getting into teams to explore animal habitat design for the Detroit Zoo, which gave assistance in teaching students of the possibilities and needs.

Each group learned about a specific habitat and the animals that could live in them. They worked together to design habitat models, which as far as they were concerned had a real possibility of being taken seriously by zoo planners.

"This was awesome to see," Zoo Education Specialist Adam Dewey said. "I'm impressed with what they've done."

The project had students learning to use a variety of



Students at Village Oaks learned about, planned and designed model habitats for the Detroit Zoo as part of a project-based learning assignment. LONNIE HUHMANN

methods to successfully complete the design. From writing out a plan, to learning about animals and forming an actual physical model of a habitat, it had them covering all of the bases.

Some of the challenges were figuring out how to work as a team.

For Sreenidhi Saripalli, this was difficult at first because she was in a group of three boys.

"At first it was hard working with three boys because we all wanted to do it our own way, but eventually we got along and came together as a team," she said after her presentation.

Through this type of learning, students go through an extended process of inquiry in response to a complex question, problem or challenge,

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Funds needed for crucial piece of gear

Novi firefighters looking for grant help to buy cameras

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

Novi firefighters are hoping a recent grant application will help enhance their options in potentially saving lives.

The thermal imaging camera plays a big part in a variety of emergency situations for the Novi Fire Department. From finding a missing person to spotting the source of smoke, the camera is an essential piece of equipment taken to an emergency scene.

"Thermal imaging cameras are used by firefighters to detect areas of heat through thick smoke conditions," said Novi Fire Capt. Phil Duczymski. "The cameras greatly increase the likelihood of locating fire victims, missing firefighters and

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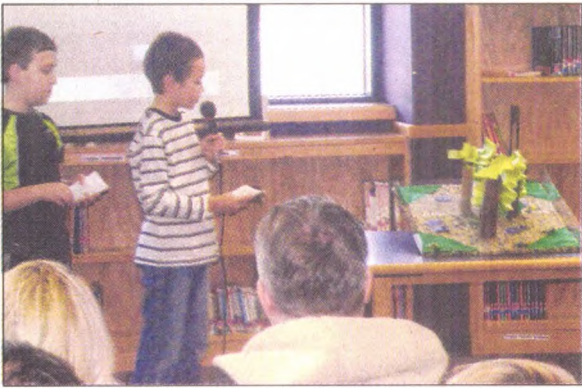


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Village Oaks fourth-graders Eric Houth (left) and Nick Sanders talk about the habitat they helped design as part of the project that had help from the Detroit Zoo.

LONNIE HUHMANN

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which in this case was how to design a proper habitat at the zoo.

According to Novi's PBL coordinator Myla Lee, the goal is to allow for some degree of student "voice and choice." Projects are carefully planned, managed and assessed to help students learn key academic content, practice 21st century skills (such as collaboration, communication and critical thinking) and create high-quality, authentic products and

presentations.

PBL is a newer initiative over the last couple of years that has helped Novi students engage their learning environment in a well-rounded way.

Fourth-grade teacher Mandy Pas said it's working.

"They have really taken to learning through challenging projects. It offers a purposeful, real-world experience that has them learning as individuals and team members," she said.

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SNOW

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removal Team began moving into neighborhoods Tuesday morning, encouraging residents to remove vehicles from roadways to make way for snowplows.

"While clearing streets, plows will create deep windrows at the end of driveways," the city's Facebook page read. "This is not intentional, rather a result of clearing heavy snow (up to 10 inches in some areas of Novi). The Snow and Ice Removal Team will work continuously to have neighborhoods navigable by (Wednesday) morning with initial clearing. Additional clean-up work will continue throughout the week."

Novi's Fire Department also asked residents and businesses to avoid piling snow on or around fire hydrants.



Snowplows cleared the parking lot, but the Novi Public Library was closed Tuesday. LONNIE HUHMANN

"If possible, take a few extra minutes to 'adopt' your nearest fire hydrant by clearing the snow around it," a Facebook post read. "This improves a firefighter's ability to quickly locate and access the hydrant in an emergency. An accessible and properly functioning fire hydrant is a vital part of

any firefighting operation."

Monday's Novi City Council meeting was rescheduled to 8 a.m. Saturday at the Civic Center.

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hidden fires. It helps with a quicker rescue effort."

The department wants to replace four thermal imaging cameras and add another four to its inventory. Each be placed in a front line emergency vehicle.

According to Novi Fire Director Jeff Johnson, two of the current cameras are 12 years old and have exceeded their serviceable life and have had to have extensive repairs.

Novi has submitted an application to the Assistance to Firefighters Grant program, which since 2001 with the help of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Emergency Management Agency has helped firefighters and other first responders to obtain critically needed equipment, protective gear, emergency vehicles, training and other resources needed to protect the public and emergency personnel from fire and related hazards.

Duczynski said these units are frequently out for repairs. Throughout the year, the



Lt. Remo Oliverio of the Novi Fire Department holds one of the thermal imaging cameras. The department is hoping to get newer cameras with better technology with a grant it has applied for. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

department has had to have the remaining units serviced. He said often times these units are out of service for weeks at a time, resulting in the department only having access to two units instead of four.

Novi Lt. Remo Oliverio said the camera is the first thing behind a water nozzle to go into a smoking building. He said it helps firefighters detect hot spots and maneuver through an un-

known building that may be so smoky that they can't see their hand right in front of their face.

The total cost of the eight cameras is \$72,000. Novi's grant match (10 percent) would be \$7,200. With recent big purchases, like a new \$500,000 fire truck, the department is looking for help in bolstering its equipment in a way that is affordable.

"The newer thermal imaging cameras provide

fire crews an important tool for almost every facet of the fire ground - search and rescue, fire attack, search, ventilation, rapid intervention team, hazmat, fire ground overhaul and more," Duczynski said.

The department will find out in the coming months if it's granted the funding help.

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Library celebrating MLK Day

Join the Novi Public Library on Monday, Jan. 20 and honor the spirit and legacy of Martin Luther King Jr., a national icon, activist and leader.

The library will begin this educational day at 1 p.m. when children are welcome to join in and listen to a special story time, followed by a craft and activities hour beginning at 1:30 p.m.. The day will conclude with a very special author event at 7 p.m. featuring professional writer Jean Alicia Elster as she shares her current book, *The Colored Car*.

Just awarded as a Michigan Notable book of 2014, *The Colored Car* describes the personal impact of segregation and discrimination, while focusing on everyday life in Detroit during the 1930's. This program is perfect for families and readers interested in our country's history and those who have a passion for writing and journalism. A portion of this emotional and compelling story will be read by the author, followed by a Q & A and book signing.

For more information, visit novilibrary.org or call 248-349-0720.

Tech Talk classes

City of Novi Older Adult Services is offering Tech Talk classes for adults 50 years and older who would like to become more tech-savvy by learning how to use tablets, smart phones and applications.

One-day classes are held 6:15-8:15 p.m. each Tuesday at the Novi Civic Center (45175 10 Mile). Each class is \$15 per resident and \$18 per non-resident. Registration is required and available at cityofnovi.org or in person at the Older Adult Services office located inside the civic center.

Upcoming topics in-

clude: iPads and iPhones – Tuesday, Jan. 21, Feb. 11 and March 11

What Do I Do with This Smart phone? – Tuesday, Jan. 28, and March 18

All about Apps (Applications) and Tablets – Tuesday, Feb. 4, and March 25

E-book Readers: concept, comparison and how to operate – Tuesday, Feb. 18, and April 1

For those who already understand the basics of technology and are look-

ing for new uses and helpful hints, the Bits and Bytes Café offers the opportunity to gain valuable information, free of charge. Once a month, on Thursdays, the café is open to adults 50 and older to play games, investigate new websites and learn from others. Refreshments are provided. The Bits and Bytes Café is located at the Meadowbrook Activity Center, 25075 Meadowbrook Road. The café will be open 10-11:30 a.m. Jan. 16, Feb. 20 and

March 20.

For more information regarding Tech Talk classes or the Bits and Bytes Café, contact Older Adult Services 248-347-0414. To learn more about other classes for adults 50 and older, visit cityofnovi.org.

Group travel fair

Winter has arrived in full force, bringing cold temperatures and snow along with it. For those interested in getting away, discovering new and exciting locales and making new friends, the city of Novi Older Adult Services Division will host a group travel fair at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 23, at the Novi Civic Center (45175 10 Mile Road).

At the fair, a number of travel agencies will showcase their opportunities and answer questions. The fair will also include an interactive presentation about upcoming adventures. The

fair is free of charge and includes refreshments and door prizes.

For more information about the Older Adult Services Travel Program and other upcoming events and programs, please visit cityofnovi.org, call 248-347-0414, or like city of Novi Boomers and Beyond on Facebook.

Civilian pistol safety class

The Novi Police Department will be offering a civilian pistol safety class from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8, at the Novi Police Department Training Center (45125 10 Mile). The course fulfills both the classroom and shooting requirements to obtain a Michigan Concealed Pistol License.

Registration forms are available online at cityofnovi.org and at the Novi Police Department. Completed registration

forms and the \$200 course fee (cash or money order), may be returned to the police department. Class size is limited and all participants are subject to a criminal background check.

After lunch, participants will move to the Novi Firearms Training Center to complete the course. Students must bring their own equipment, including a personal handgun, 100 rounds of ammunition, safety glasses, shooter's earmuffs or ear plugs, a pen or pencil, a baseball cap and wear loose comfortable clothing to participate in the course. Participants must be 21 years old, but do not have to be a Novi resident to attend.

For more information, visit cityofnovi.org or contact Sgt. Michael Warren at mwarren@cityofnovi.org or 248-921-9843.

Reindeer Games



As a librarian wears a pair of antlers for a target, Billy Rozelle, 4, aims a ring at the points during the Dec. 27 Reindeer Games at the Novi Library. As a post-Christmas treat, kids got to engage in a variety of games, wearing antlers on their heads (with or without the Rudolph nose) attached with a bit of jelly. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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Novi student wins auto show poster contest

By Lonnie Huhman
 Staff Writer

Hard work paid off for the Novi High School art program as one of its own has been honored in a select group to have their poster design used at this year's North American International Auto Show.

Junior Tiffany Teng won one of the 16 awards for the Auto Show Poster Design contest. Only 16 posters are selected out of 1,000 entries from all over metro Detroit. She won the Best Theme Award.

"I was pleasantly surprised, because it was a little last minute," she said of the honor and her poster design. "My dad is really excited because he works in the auto industry, so he's proud of me."

Teng's teacher Melissa Edmunds is, too. She said this is the second year NHS has participated in this competition.

"The students and I have been working hard to have a shot at being one of the 16 winners out of an estimate of 1,000 individual entries," Edmunds said. "So to hear that we had a Novi winner brought the feeling of 'hard work does pay off.'"

Teng said her design is a transitional piece with the car going from a sketch to a finished piece. It's a digital painting made with Adobe Photoshop. The car is sort of a mix of a few into one of her own creation.

"I wanted to show it coming to life," Teng said.

Many NHS graphic art students participated. Edmunds said they had great ideas and worked very hard, some putting in more than 20 hours inside the classroom, after school and at home to complete a good design piece. She felt they all deserved the



Novi High student Tiffany Teng and her winning poster design. LONNIE HUHMEN

"I was pleasantly surprised, because it was a little last minute. My dad is really excited because he works in the auto industry, so he's proud of me."

TIFFANY TENG
 student auto show poster contest winner

honor.

Students learn art and design skills and take those skills while developing skills in the Adobe Suites programs. Edmunds said it's very important for the students to learn how to create an eye-catching

composition through the use of hierarchy, balance, depth, eye movement, etc.

As part of the classes, Edmunds incorporates a good number of competitions. This gives students an opportunity to be involved in an authentic learning environment, while challenging them to create an idea and turn it into a good design piece a client is looking for.

"My goal is to have my students ready for any design classes they will take in college and to stand out from the rest of their class with success," she said.

Teng is good example that it's working.

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WALLED LAKE SCHOOL BRIEFS

Day of Strings Concert

The Walled Lake district will host the annual Walled Lake Day of Strings at 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 11, at Walled Lake Western High School. The community is invited to attend the final concert, which highlights what the students have learned throughout the day.

String students from across the district will attend rehearsals, clinics and participate in sectionals with their fellow musicians.

Students will have an opportunity to work with the top string players and teachers from around the state.

The activities begin at 9 a.m. and will conclude at the end of the community concert around 4:30 p.m.

Six selected for state event

Six Walled Lake Consolidated School District band and orchestra students have been selected to perform in the 2014 Michigan Schools Band & Orchestra Association all-state ensembles: Ryan Servis, trumpet, Sarah Banks Middle School; Lauren Glomb, oboe, Northern High School; Alex Alcorn, clarinet, Northern High School; Perry Lee, trumpet, Western High School; Sho Dembinski, trumpet, Western High School; and Ryan Malburg, euphonium, Western High School.

The MSBOA all-state ensembles will perform Saturday, Jan. 18, at the Michigan Music Conference in Grand Rapids.

"Both the left and right sides of the brain are engaged when learning and practicing instruments and through music education. These six Walled Lake Schools students are prime examples for those extolling the benefits of music education. I applaud the level of excellence they have achieved and wish them well in the MSBOA performance in January," said Kenneth Guttman, superintendent.

District hosts King Day celebration

The Walled Lake Consolidated School District invites the community to the 15th annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration at 5 p.m. Monday, Jan. 20, at Walled Lake Northern High School (6000 Bogie Lake Road, Commerce).

The evening's events will include a multi-cultural dinner 5-6 p.m. with ethnic food from around the world prepared by 12 different local restaurants and an exhibition of student work 5-6:30 p.m.

The program will feature keynote speaker Steve Spreitzer, interim CEO of the Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion, who will speak on "Dr. King's Dream 50 Years Later: Continuing the Journey Together." The program will begin at 6:30 p.m. and will also include performances by student choirs from around the district.

This event is free and open to the entire community; however, donations of canned and/or boxed foods will be accepted for the Focus: HOPE food pantry in Detroit.

ON CAMPUS

Michigan Tech University

Michigan Technological University's Leading Scholar Award is a competitive scholarship that is offered to incoming resident and non-resident students with exemplary leadership attributes and outstanding scholarly achievement. This year, there were 43 finalists for the on-campus

program held Dec. 8-9. All are high school seniors. Among the finalists invited to campus was Meenakshi Sundararaju of Novi High School.

Robert Morris University

Erica Robb of Novi was named to the fall 2013 Dean's List. She is majoring in early childhood and special education.

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Reasons for canceling school in Novi worthwhile

When I grew up in Albuquerque, N.M., snow was a big deal. While Albuquerque is a mile high – we always considered Albuquerque, not Denver, the Mile High City – winters were typically cold, but dry. The Sandia Mountains, which frame the city on its eastern side, always had snow in the winter, but it was rare in the city itself.

Growing up, I can recall only a handful of days when school was canceled because of the snow. Most Michiganders would chuckle at the decision-making process that was used. If Albuquerque had more than an inch of snow, school was usually postponed or canceled.

Why? Albuquerque had no snow removal equipment or system. Well, that is not com-



Steve Matthews
SUPER TALK

pletely accurate. There was a system. It was called the “waiting for it to warm up” system. If there was snow, the city’s process for removal was to wait for it to warm up. Here in Michigan – and in Novi, specifically – we have to deal with snow on a regular basis. Canceling a day of school is a decision that is not made lightly. What is considered when we cancel because of the weather?

First, and most important, we consider the safety of our students. Will our students be safe as they wait for buses, ride to school with their parents or walk to

school?

Cold weather is a factor, but this is Michigan. It is going to get cold. If the temperature or wind chills are below minus-20 degrees, we will consider closing school. We have a wind chill temperature index from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration that we rely on to help us calculate how cold the air feels on human skin.

This chart includes a frostbite indicator, showing the points where temperature, wind speed and exposure will produce frostbite on humans. This chart gives us an estimate of the time it would take for a person who is outside to be in danger of getting frostbite.

We know that many of our students have to walk to bus stops or walk to school. We consult this

wind chill chart to make sure those students who are outside waiting or walking will not be placed in a dangerous situation.

We also consider the safety of our students as they wait for buses to arrive. Are the roads that our students wait on safe? This week, with the ice and cold temperatures, many of our roads will be dangerous. Having students stand by the side of a road that is ice-covered may expose them to danger.

After the safety of our students, we consider the safety of our staff. We want our staff to be safe as they drive to and from work.

It is also important to note that our staff cannot be late. Staff must be able to get to school in a timely manner because they must be there when

students arrive.

After the safety of our students and staff, we consider the delay that snow will cause. Our buses can maneuver in almost anything. They will rarely get stuck. But the snow causes delays. This impacts when buses will arrive at stops and when buses will arrive at schools.

Snow has become more of a problem in the past couple of years as cities and counties try to cut costs by reducing when and how much they plow. I can sympathize with the cities, townships and counties as they work to manage their budgets. What it means for us is that roads are often not ready first thing in the morning like they used to be. The city of Novi does a tremendous job removing snow, but it is a challenge.

It is important to note that we have someone who drives the roads in the morning. We are not just guessing that the roads are bad or that the snow is deep. We know the conditions because someone has been on the road.

Getting students and staff to school safely and in a timely manner is important. We are cautious. When you receive that early morning wake-up call that lets you know that school is canceled or delayed, I apologize for the inconvenience that it causes. However, the decision was not made lightly and it was done for what I consider to be good reasons.

Steve Matthews is superintendent of Novi Community Schools. He can be reached at 248-449-1204 or smatthews@novi.k12.mi.us.

Law creates OK-2-SAY confidential student hotline

Students will have a 24-hour, 365-days-per-year confidential tip line to help prevent school tragedies after Gov. Rick Snyder recently signed a law creating the OK-2-SAY hotline.

“The OK-2-SAY hotline will give students the confidence to do the right thing without the fear of intimidation or retribution,” Snyder said. “We want a bright future for our kids and this program will help stop violent acts before they turn into tragedies.”

Senate Bill 374, sponsored by state Sen. Judy Emmons, R-Sheridan, creates the Michigan Student Safety Act. The Department of Attorney General, in consultation with the Michigan State Police, the Michigan Department of Education, and the Michigan Department of Community Health, will cooperate to establish the program.

“The OK-2-SAY student safety program will help students break the culture of

silence by providing them with a confidential resource to stop tragedy and violence before it occurs,” Attorney General Bill Schuette said. “We cannot sit and wait for the next Columbine or Sandy Hook. I would like to thank Gov. Snyder for his support for this important initiative to keep schools safe.”

The program includes a hotline that will:

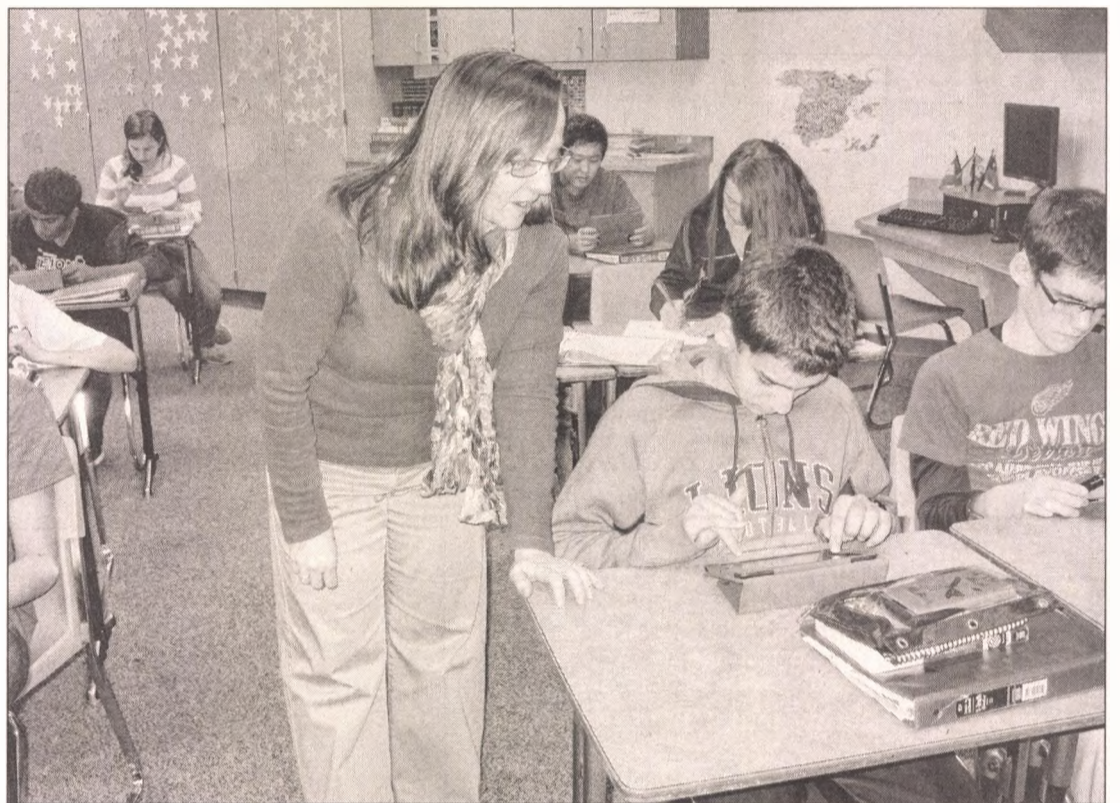
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- » Protect the confidentiality of the caller’s identity

The program is modeled after a similar one in Colorado that was created after the Columbine High School shootings.

“Having an easy way for students to report trouble is important,” said Vickie Markavitch, Oakland Schools superintendent.

SB 374 is now Public Act 183 of 2013.

Teacher in action



Spanish teacher Melissa Henderson uses the app Quizlet with her Novi Middle School students to practice Spanish vocabulary through games and other interactive activities.

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Cellphone stolen

A man's Samsung Galaxy cellphone was stolen Christmas Day after he left it behind on the counter of the Speedway gas station in Novi on Haggerty. The victim said he went back for it after realizing what happened, but it was gone. There was video of the theft that will be reviewed by Novi police.

Vehicle thefts

A 2005 Ford Explorer was stolen Jan. 3 from the parking lot off of West Oaks Drive. The owner said he locked the vehicle and had the only set of keys with him, but had the window cracked a bit. At this time, there are no leads.

Another theft happened on Rotunda Court during the same time period and involved a rental car. The GPS on the Ford Fusion did show that it was at a location in Detroit, but it was not found during a

follow-up.

Drunken driving

A man was arrested Jan. 4 for driving with a blood-alcohol content of 0.188 percent when Novi police stopped him at Haggerty and Eight Mile after spotting his vehicle swerving in the road. He told police he had two beers and a shot earlier in the night. He had trouble maintaining his balance during field sobriety tests.

Embezzlement on gift cards

An employee of Macy's was arrested for embezzlement after she was caught using fraudulent gift cards to buy clothing, according to police. Three times between Dec. 23-31, the employee conducted illegal transactions, which totaled \$350, police report. Surveillance video was used to catch the suspect.

- By Lonnie Huhman

Games, not drugs



Kids enjoy a buffet of pizza, chicken fingers and hot dogs during the Jan. 3 Addicted to Games, Not Drugs event at Novi's Lucky Strike Lanes. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Travis Preston, 6, enjoys a drumming video game Jan. 3 at Novi's Lucky Strike Lanes during its annual Addicted to Games, Not Drugs event. The morning-long get together, funded and staffed by the Novi Police and Fire departments and the Novi Youth Council, featured lots of video and skill games, bowling and snacks for hundreds of Novi kids and their parents. The event usually occurs over the school district's winter break in February, but took place Jan. 3 as Novi kids had an extended break.

Novi resident reaches plea deal in assault

A Novi man has reached a plea deal in his criminal case that means he could avoid additional jail time.

Frede Petrus was charged with multiple counts of criminal sexual assault in two cases stemming from incidents Feb. 15 and March 12, 2013.

However, those charges were dismissed and he pleaded no contest to added counts of assault with intent to commit second-degree criminal sexual conduct and misdemeanor assault and battery, according to Livingston County Circuit Court records.

Under the plea deal, Petrus would receive no additional jail time and five years of probation. He can withdraw his plea, however, if the sentencing judge does not go along with the plea deal.

A no-contest plea is not an admission of guilt, but is treated as such at sentencing, which is set for Jan. 30.

Authorities alleged Petrus got two girls alone and sexually assaulted them in separate incidents. However, the defense earlier contended in one case that the 16-year-old complainant took his client to a detached garage and got into in bed with him.

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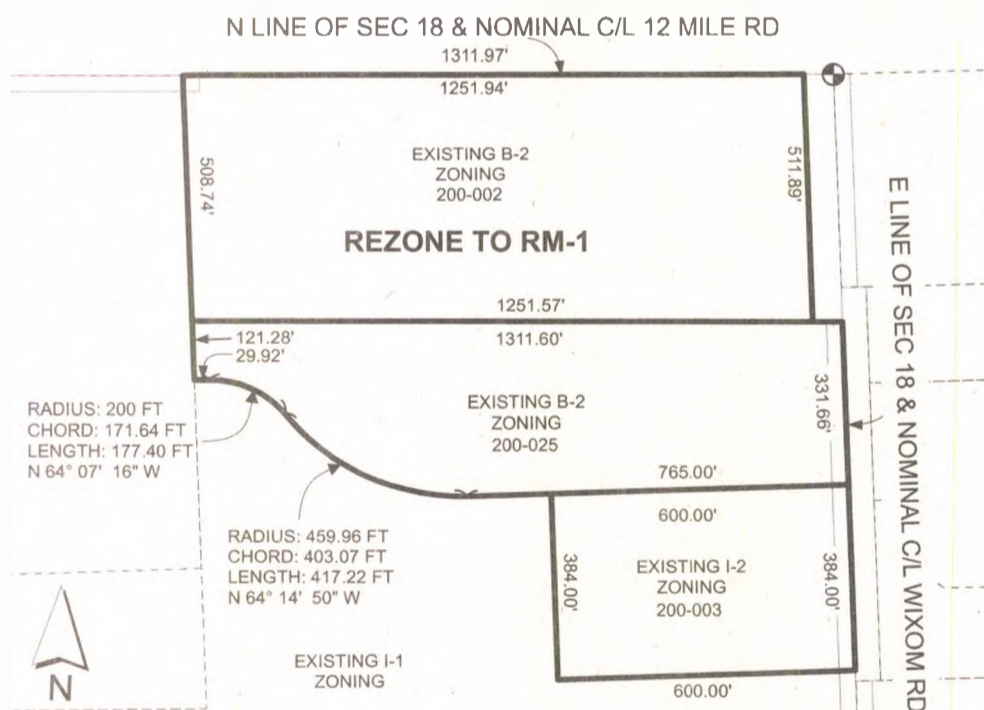
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CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ENACTMENT - ZONING MAP AMENDMENT 18.704

THE CITY OF NOVI ORDAINS:
Part I. That Ordinance No. 97-18, known as the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Novi is hereby amended as indicated on ZONING MAP NO. 18.704 attached hereto and made a part of this Ordinance.
Part II. CONFLICTING PROVISIONS REPEALED. Any Ordinance or parts of any Ordinance in conflict with any of the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.
Part III. WHEN EFFECTIVE. The provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety and is hereby ordered to take effect fifteen (15) days after final enactment. The effective date of this Ordinance is **December 25, 2013**.
MADE AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Novi, Michigan the **28th day of October, 2013**. Copies of the Ordinance Amendment may be purchased or inspected at the Office of the City Clerk, Novi, Michigan, weekdays between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM, local time.



To rezone a part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 20, T.1N., R.8E., City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan being parcel 22-18-200-002 more particularly described as follows:

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Retooled festival is now 'all about the ice'

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

In a year when the Plymouth Ice Festival is going back to basics, organizers of the 2014 festival know exactly who the star is going to be.

The ice. Festival organizer James Gietzen, who replaced Sam Walton as the producer of the festival, admitted his first year running the event would be "something of a rebuilding year," but says visitors – and there are expected to be thousands every day – will like what they see.

The Plymouth Ice Festival, the city's 32nd such festival, kicks off Friday and runs through Sunday, Jan. 12.

"We've adopted the saying, 'It's all about the ice,'" Gietzen said. "We're trying to do big-

ICE TIME

What: 32nd Plymouth Ice Festival
Where: Downtown Plymouth, Kellogg Park, The Gathering
When: Friday through Sunday, Jan. 10-12
Times: Official hours of operation are 3-9 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 12
Also: Sculptures are available for viewing 24 hours a day and will remain standing after the event, weather permitting

ger ice sculptures, because the people like to see that. Hopefully, we'll have some bigger ice and some better ice."

While visitors will have 24/7 access to the sculptures that dot downtown Plymouth and Kellogg Park, they'll also get



Crowds are always large for the Plymouth Ice Festival. The 32nd annual festival begins Friday. FILE PHOTO

the chance to see some of the favorite attractions of the festival.

College competition

Three colleges – Henry Ford Community College, Oakland County Community College and Macomb Community College – will compete in individual (Saturday) and team (Sunday) carving competitions. The fire-and-ice towers, sponsored by the restaurant E.G. Nick's, will be back,

as will the ice throne.

Elegant Ice Creations in Ohio will offer interactive picture taking, while Plymouth's Sun & Snow sports gear shop will bring back its increasingly popular cross country ski trail.

Forest Avenue between Ann Arbor Trail and Wing will have an abundance of sculptures, including three 10-block sculptures sponsored by E.G. Nick's and some of its drink makers: Svedka,

Labatt, Jagermeister, Black Velvet and Red Bull.

"It's the most ice that Forest Avenue's ever had," said Frank Agostini, one of the owners of E.G. Nick's.

The restaurant will also have an outdoor Ice Lounge (with portable heaters), with a bar made from blocks of ice, opening at 11 a.m. Friday and Saturday and noon Sunday, Jan. 12, and will reprise its Party Lot outdoor festivities. The Party Lot tent will open at 7 p.m. both Friday and Saturday and Big Ray and the Motor City Kings will perform in the tent from 8 p.m. to midnight both nights. The Party Lot is not an official Ice Festival event, but has caught on big since E.G. Nick's launched it in 2010.

"It's our fifth year doing the party lot and

it's become quite a hit," Agostini said.

Focus on carving

Other festival attractions tried recently – the snowboarding hill, the skating rink and the dueling chainsaws, for instance – won't return, either because sponsorships couldn't be found or the liability was too great.

"People come to Plymouth to see the ice carving. ... That's where we have to put the money," Gietzen said. "Otherwise, people are going to be upset."

"This is a rebuilding year for the event," he added. "It's going to be more about coming down and looking at the ice than it is about having a lot of great events."

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LOOKING BACK

A pictorial view of the the events and stories that made news in the year 2013



Nearly 4½ years after disappearing from Novi days after his wife and two children were found dead in their Novi apartment, triple-murder suspect Lakshminivasa Rao Nerusu returns May 25, 2013, from India in FBI and Novi Police Department custody at Detroit Metro Airport. Nerusu, in handcuffs, is guided by Novi Police Officer Steve Balog (right). Detective Todd Anger (rear) was also part of the contingent at the airport, as was Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police David Molloy and Assistant Police Chief Jerrod Hart.



A line snakes about 200 feet down the sidewalk Aug. 13, 2013, at Novi's Twelve Oaks Mall for the grand opening of its Cheesecake Factory restaurant. The restaurant chain, of which Novi is its first Michigan location, got its start in the late 1940s from the family of Evelyn Overton of Detroit, who created a popular cheesecake recipe.



A backhoe from Testa Demolition continues work March 15, 2013, on tearing apart the Ford Wixom plant. The plant was about 50 percent demolished at that time, as work continued through the winter on taking down the 4.7 million-square-foot plant. Trident Barrow Management purchased the rights to develop three-quarters of the property in the future.



Dilip Kachipudi looks May 30, 2013, at the hand-carved entrance doors of the Sri Venkateswara Temple on Taft Road. The door is adorned with the 10 forms of the God Vishnu and is the main entrance to the second floor of the temple.



Edward Pobur, general manager of Cadillac of Novi, is proud that his dealership repeated as the nation's No. 1 seller in 2012.

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Novi Mayor Bob Gatt (center) and a host of helpers cut the ribbon – appropriately, a line between two fishing poles with a catch of fish – Aug. 24, 2013, as they open the city's Pavilion Shore Park.



Northville resident Carol Parker (right) hugs friend LaJean Nagrant in Novi as she began her 60-mile Walk for the Cure journey Aug. 16, 2013.



Jacqui Kozlowski (left) hustles after a ball during Novi's June 12, 2013, game in Holt.



Vietnam veteran Don Allee hands out American flags to a group of Boy Scouts after the parade Nov. 11, 2013, in Novi.



Parkview Elementary School kids got together Nov. 22, 2013, to raise funds for the Red Cross to benefit the Philippine cyclone victims. For a minimum \$1 donation, students could wear whatever hat or cap they wanted. They raised more than \$750. Starting at the three o'clock position and proceeding counter-clockwise are: Rachel Karr, Jannhvi Mate, Druthi Donthy, Ron Le, Abraham Lee, Hariharan Liango, Akash Rai, Fuka Atsumi, Anthony DeFeo, Ashley Cherniawski, Brianna Dotson and Isabelle Jedmers.

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Kensington Farm Center welcomes winter visitors

By Laura Colvin
Staff Writer

Maggie and Christopher Rometty flew in from Texas to visit family in Milford over the holiday season.

The day after Christmas, the couple, along with their four children — Leo, Hugh, Simone and Vania — visited with the animals and took a hayride at Kensington Metropark's Farm Center.

"We loved it," Maggie Rometty said after climbing down from the horse-drawn hayride. "The kids buried themselves in the hay to stay warm. It was fun."

Family member Sandy Schimel of Milford also came along and said she and her husband frequent the park year-round.

"We had a great driver, she was very informative," Schimel said of the hayride. "We learned about the horses and the gardens and other places we passed along the way. The kids were very interested. They asked a lot of questions."

FARM CENTER HOURS

The Farm Center is open every day from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. A metroparks vehicle entry pass is required to visit the farm. Hayrides are available from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for seniors and children age 3-12. Kids under 2 years and younger ride free. The farm's 2014 brochure, available in the Farm Center office, includes a coupon for a buy one get one free hayride. For more information, call the Farm Center at 248-684-8632.

Horse-drawn hayrides — or sleigh rides, if there's enough snow on the ground — are available on weekends at the Farm Center during the winter.

"It can be fun for a family to take a blanket and go on a ride," horse

driver Matt Blakeley said, noting the horses wear special winter shoes this time of year to help them get through the snow.

Riders, he added, sometimes see deer or other animals in the woods during the ride, or swans in the open part of the river.

Winter at the farm

While the Farm Center doesn't see the high volume of visitors during the winter months as it does during warmer weather, the animals are active and the farm remains in full swing all year long.

"A lot of people are surprised to find out we're open year-round and ask, 'What do you do with the animals?'" Farm Interpreter and Animal Care Specialist Chris Williams said. "We make sure they have a roof over their heads, or a wind break, but the animals actually deal with winter a lot better than most humans."

The farm is home to quite a few permanent

residents, including four draft horses, three cows, seven pigs, 14 sheep, eight goats, two donkeys, two rabbits and several dozen chickens, ducks and geese. Visitors will notice a number of different body shapes, patterns and colors, since the farm boasts a variety of different breeds, as well.

For grazing animals, diets change from pasture and hay in the warmer months to primarily hay in winter. It's also important for farmers, Williams said, to make sure the heated water tanks are functioning so the animals stay hydrated.

Some of the older animals, like Rose, a Nubian goat, are put into the heated barn when it gets too cold outside.

"She's pretty arthritic, but she still wants to be outside," said Williams, who's been working at the Farm Center some 25 years. "So sometimes you have to be the voice of reason for her."

In winter, he said, the heated barn is more en-

joyable for the public, too, so visitors can stay warm and get a closer look at the animals.

New arrivals

Mother animals with babies also stay in the barn during winter; pigs and cows, Williams said, deliver all year long.

Cookie, an 800-pound sow, is currently raising a litter of six piglets born

Nov. 30. The little squealers weighed in at birth around 1.5-2 pounds each. Now, just over a month later, they're up to about 25 pounds.

"Cookie's a real good mom," Williams said. "She's very protective."

In about two weeks, two additional litters of piglets are expected and visitors, as always, will be welcome.

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Huron Meadows caters to cross country skiers

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Staff Writer

The high point of the winter season at Huron Meadows Metropark and for the collaborative effort to bring cross country skiing to southeast Michigan is the Frosty Freestyle/Krazy Klassic on Jan. 10-12.

There are various places to cross country ski in the Detroit area, but Huron Meadows has become a unique destination for local cross country skiers through its capability to have a snow-covered trail even when real snow is lacking, while also being a setting that is ... well, pure Michigan.

For the experienced and first-timer, it's a go-to, if not the go-to

FROSTY FREESTYLE/KRAZY KLASSIC

When: Jan. 10-12
Where: Huron Meadows Metropark, 8765 Hammel Road, Brighton
What: Cross country skiing competition, with all proceeds supporting the cross country skiing at Huron Meadows
More info: Visit nordicskiracer.com/frosty

destination. Because of this, different parties, including REI of Northville, have come together to make the park and race event the best they can be.

"Huron Meadows Metropark is unique in that it really goes out of its way to cater to cross country skiers, from families to recreational skiers to racers," race director Mike Muha said. "Because of that, skiers travel from Lan-

sing, Toledo and Clarkston, past other, closer ski trails so they can take advantage of Huron Meadows' excellent trail grooming."

"It's a great place because they really work to make it that way and they listen really to what the skiers want," Milford resident and ski fan Dan Yankus said.

Northville resident Ken Roth is another fan and on a weekly basis tries to get out to the



The trails at Huron Meadows are well-groomed.

most downhill ski slopes, which make their own snow. The difference at Huron Meadows is the snow is made into one big pile and then spread over a one-mile trail with a material spreader. A base of at least six inches of snow is typical.

The upcoming race has turned into the fundraiser to help with the park's ski program.

According to Muha, all proceeds from the race go to the park to support cross country skiing. In the past four years, the races have raised more than \$12,000 for the park, with up to 220 skiers participating. The races are part of the Michigan Cup Series of races, but the shorter distances are designed for new ski racers.

For more information on the race event, visit nordicskiracer.com; for more information on the park and its different activities, visit metroparks.com.

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park for skate skiing, which is a style of cross country. For him, what makes it stand out is the partnership that has made the skiing program top-notch.

"Before this program began, you had to drive three hours to get decent Nordic skiing," Roth said. "Now, thanks to the hard work of a handful of people and the commitment of the metroparks, excellent skiing is available to millions of people in southeast Michigan. Ski racers, families, recreational skiers, all have access to

the same facility and the snow conditions are immaculately maintained."

Park Supervisor Adam Haberkorn is the brain behind the man-made snow process at the park, which extends and expands the season. Before a skier had to wait for snow, but now it's just a matter of temperature. However, last year the park did have skiers using its trails even with 50 degree-plus temperatures and no snow.

The process is a lot like what takes place at



Huron Meadows Metropark has become the home for many cross country skiers in southeast Michigan. PHOTOS BY LONNIE HUHMEN



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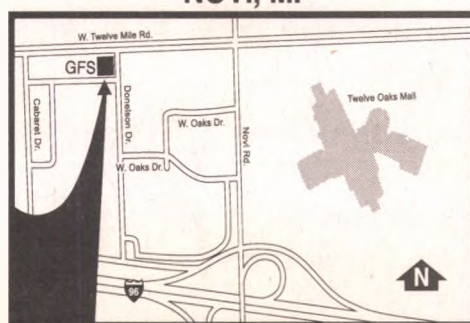


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Northville's Symone tops All-Area volleyball team

Senior set numerous school records for 'Stangs

By Jeff Theisen
Sports Writer

Teams going up against Northville tried everything possible to stop senior Symone Abbott from taking over matches. Few were successful. Abbott earned first team all-state honors as an outside hitter after posting 745 kills and a team-high 80 aces thanks to a powerful jump serve. She helped Northville win district and regional titles and make a trip to the final four. Abbott is the 2013 All-Area

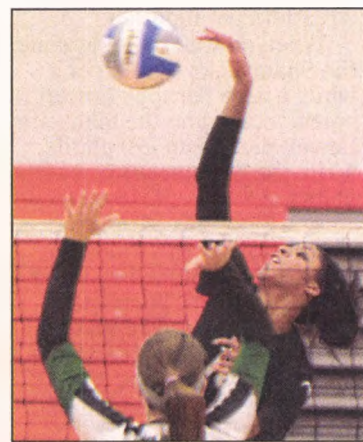
Player of the Year. "She is signed to play at Northwestern and is probably the most explosive attacker Northville will ever have," coach Amanda Yaklin said. "Her stats have exponentially improved over her four years of volleyball. "It will be exciting to see how long the kill record she set will be intact, perhaps indefinitely. She set the bar high, that's for sure."

**First team
Cassidy Minghine
Northville**

While Abbot was a standout on offense, Minghine was the rock on defense. The senior

libero recorded 578 digs (a new school record), 294 perfect receive passes, 76 aces, 41 assists and 111 kills. "Cassidy has an outstanding ability to read the actions of the opponent, leading to many opportunities for the team to be in an offensive mode," Yaklin said. **Isabelle Glancy
Novi** The senior outside hitter finished a four-year varsity career with division, conference and KLAA association titles. She was all-region and all-conference in 2011-13. She hammered 444 kills with 525 digs. Glancy will continue her career at Valparaiso.

"Belle is a six rotation outside hitter that did it all for us," coach Jen Cottrill said. "She is the definition of a consistent player, as we could always rely on her to make good plays. She is an outstanding player who knows the game very well. She is a four-year varsity player and we relied on her experience this year to guide our younger players in key roles for us." **Emily Robb
Novi** The senior setter played three years on varsity, earning all-region and all-conference honors the past two years. She



Northville's Symone Abbott is the 2013 All-Area Volleyball Player of the Year. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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The Michigan State dance team, coached by Novi High graduate Nicole Blaszczyk, poses Jan. 1 on the Rose Bowl field in Pasadena.

BLEEDING GREEN AND WHITE

Novi alums share in Rose Bowl joy as player, coach

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

Michigan State University's Rose Bowl victory Jan. 1 was a special moment for Spartans faithful throughout the community, state and world.

But among more than 95,000 in attendance at the Pasadena, Calif., stadium, there were a handful of Novi natives, including a pair of Novi High alums who were each on the turf for the historic 100th Rose Bowl.

MSU senior defensive tackle Tyler Hoover, 23, is a 2008 Novi graduate who recorded one solo tackle in the Spartans' 24-20 win over Stanford. It capped a 93-tackle career from 2008-13 that included redshirted seasons in 2008 and 2011 due to injuries.

Nicole Blaszczyk, 26, is a 2005 Novi graduate who was on the sidelines as a

first-year assistant dance team coach and choreographer. A former Miss Michigan (2009), she used her locally honed dance skills to win the talent portion of the Miss America 2010 competition.

Two very different skill sets, but two Wildcats alumni were able to have an on-field experience that would make many jealous.

"The atmosphere after the game was magical," Blaszczyk said. "This type of win carries a different type of emotional journey for every Spartan fan. What it meant to me was completely different from what it meant to those in the stands, on the field or watching at home. Knowing it brought so much pride to Michigan State University, the alumni, fans and the Big Ten made it so much more rewarding."

While in California a few days early, both Hoover and Blaszczyk had a



Novi High graduate Nicole Blaszczyk (center) poses with MSU dance team members Emma Snyder (left) and Laura Howe on the Rose Bowl field in Pasadena.

packed schedule. In addition to practices, there were alumni association events, the parents reception, kickoff luncheon, pep rally, the 125th Rose Parade and more.

"Every moment of their time was filled with opportunities to represent MSU and they were all great ambassadors of their school," Blaszczyk said. "Everywhere we traveled, it was so exciting to see thousands of Spartan fans lining the streets and attending the different events around town. Of course, the game was the most exciting part of the trip. The magnitude of fans in California it made it feel like we were playing at home in Spartan Stadium."

Blaszczyk said the East Lansing atmosphere was very evident during the Rose Parade the morning of the game.

"During the 5.5-mile parade, we were greeted with an overwhelming

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Wildcats slash through Gladiators

Novi blanks Fowlerville 19-0 in first quarter

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

Starting the new year where they left the last one, Novi's girls basketball had nearly as many first-quarter points as its opponent had the entire game.

The Wildcats (5-1) defeated Fowlerville (0-5), 52-21, Saturday at home. Novi led 19-0 after the first quarter, 31-4 at half and 48-11 through three quarters before the reserves wrapped it up.

As a team, the 'Cats shot 23-for-52 (44.2 percent) from the field, while the Gladiators shot 7-for-26 (25.9 percent). Novi had active hands on defense, grabbing 24 steals and making 24 deflections, compared to Fowlerville's combined number of seven. The Gladiators did pose a threat on the boards, losing the rebounding battle just 22-21.

Novi was led by seniors Kerri McMahon (20 points on 9-for-13 shooting) and Taylor Pavlika (17 points on 7-for-10 shooting). McMahon also has seven assists, seven steals and five deflections, while Pavlika added three rebounds, three steals, four deflections and one block.

The powerful duo also got some help from junior Alex Felice (six points, three assists, four steals), while others chipped in, including two points apiece from senior Mallory Daschke, juniors Jenna Lowney, Megha Ramappan and sophomore Allie Lipson and one point from senior Allie Iacobelli. Despite not taking a single shot, senior Kristen Schubring had five rebounds, four steals and three deflections, while senior Nicole Solakian added four deflections.

Chris Jackett is a freelance writer covering Novi High School sports for the Novi News.

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Novi (5-1) was scheduled to host South Lyon East (4-2) earlier this week before visiting South Lyon (2-4) at 7 p.m. Friday and Northville (6-0) at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday.

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9 pointers for networking rehabilitation

Kim Monaghan
Career Columnist

Unfortunately the word "networking" makes many people cringe. Somewhere along the line, this vital process in career advancement garnered a tainted reputation, a few battle scars and an unjustifiably abused moniker.

Perhaps, it stems from those who have misused networking to gain unfair advantages in their quest of climbing the corporate ladder.

Or maybe networking's a victim of word association, as it's often paired with strong arm sales techniques. It could also be that networking is simply misunderstood as just a process of walking up to complete strangers and attempting to carry on an interesting conversation about "whatever." Regardless of why networking is licking its wounds, it's still the front-runner for career advancement.

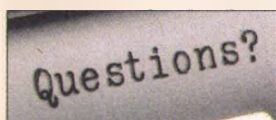
The best way to move past networking's tarnished past is

to help it heal. This begins with re-associating the word with its true meaning: connecting. People love connecting, and thanks to the Internet, reaching out to random strangers has become an everyday habit. The key, however, to making networking healthy again is to approach the process respectfully. In other words, adopt a networking approach that's authentic by graciously spending time with others, getting to know them, learning from them, asking for advice and always offering the same in return.

Shown here are nine tips to get the most out of your networking experience, while contributing to its rehabilitation.

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1.



Ask questions. Help guide the process by coming prepared with targeted questions that keep you both on track and on time.

2.



Be a good listener. People love sharing their story, and it's a great way to learn from others' experience and expertise.

3.



Shoot for face-to-face. An in-person meeting is more personal and expressive and demonstrates respect for another's position.

4.



Be your best. Show your strengths, but not in a domineering way. People enjoy connecting with others who are "going places" with purpose and pride.

5.



Be at your best. Dress for success, be kind and gracious and treat the other person as if she has the authority to hire or promote. She just might.

6.



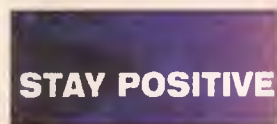
Respect each other's time. Be on time, leave on time and don't abuse someone's generosity by scheduling too many meetings, unless it's a mutually agreed upon goal.

7.



Ask for referrals. Networking is about connecting and sharing connections. If your contact was gracious enough to share referrals, following through on contacting them shows respect.

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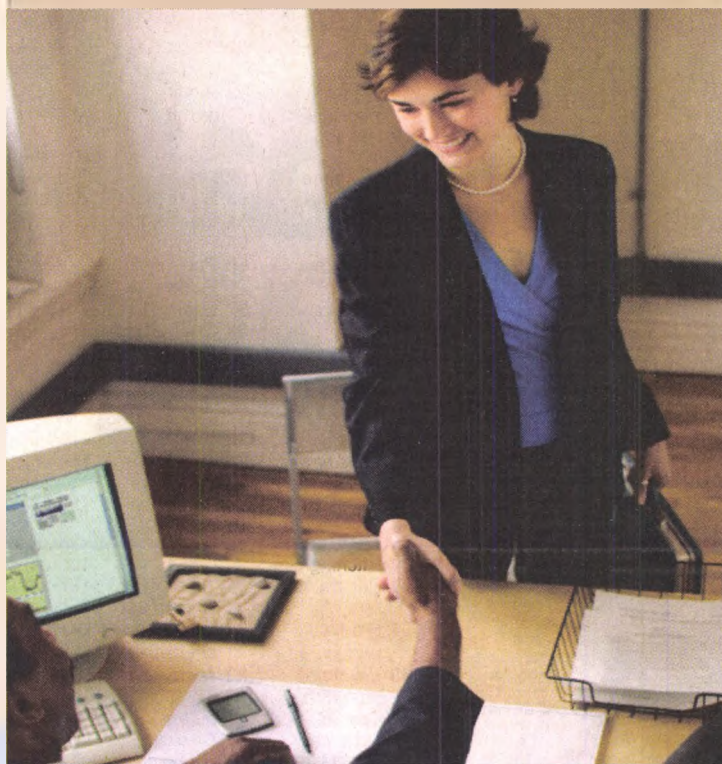


Stay positive. Even if you've been fired or are facing a work challenge, this is not the time for dumping your woes on others. Focus on the positive and you will leave a positive impression.

9.



Say "thanks" and "thanks" again. Thank them for their time, and send them a handwritten thank-you note after your meeting.



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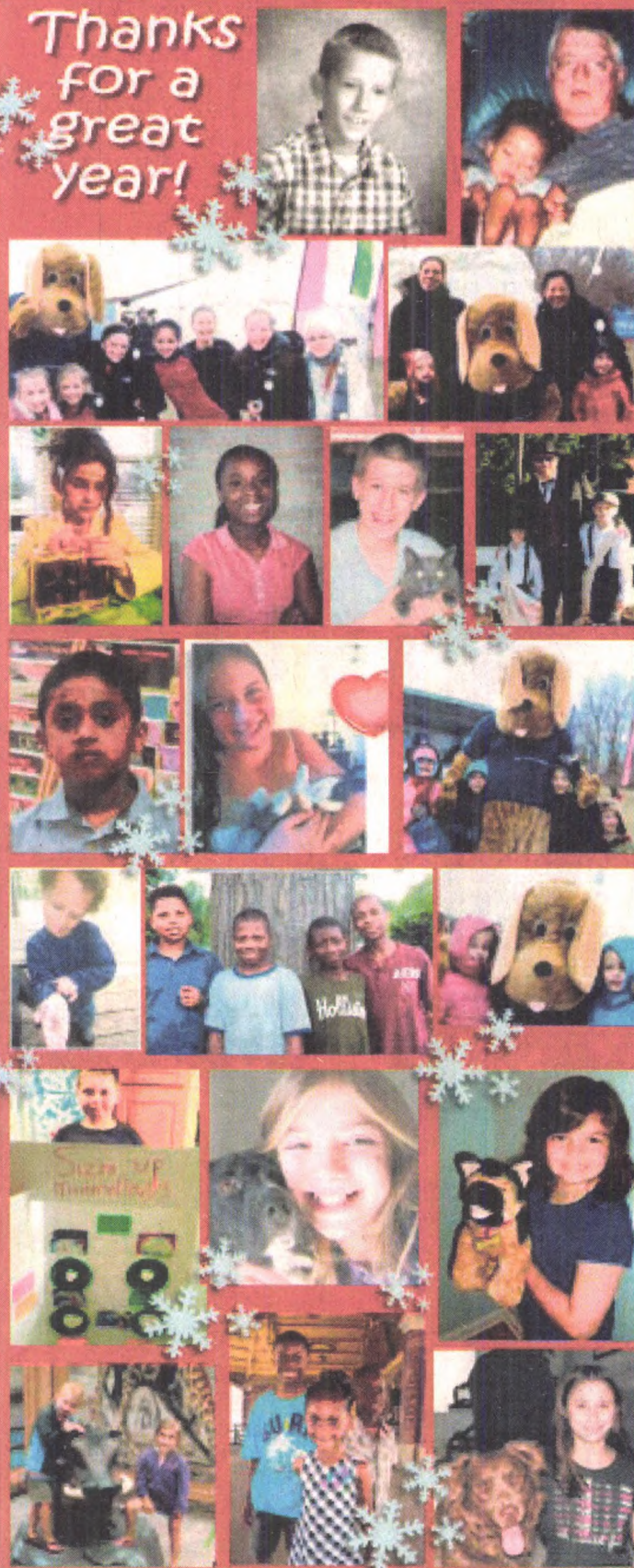
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Fill out the form and have your parents fill in their name and signature. Clip and mail, it's that easy!

* Required for Birthday Club

YEAR IN REVIEW

Thanks for a great year!



When I Grow Up



Trent Griffith

6th Grade at Adams Upper Elementary School in Westland

When I grow up, I want to become a chemist. In case you don't know what a chemist is, I'll explain it. A chemist can be someone who develops a synthetic fiber that can stop a bullet, find out how to make hair-gel work better, discover new medicines that cease pain or even cure diseases, or create new processes that solved then world's energy crisis.

As you can see, a chemist can do many things, which is why this career interests me. I enjoy having a choice in what I do. If I become a chemist, preferably, I'd like to work for the CDC (Center of Disease Control) and figure out a cure for the flu or another dreaded disease. Germs seem like an interesting thing to learn about because I think it is fascinating to know how much life is everywhere, yet you can't see it. Also, I would like to hear what others think of diseases and how to make treatments for them. That is why a chemist would be a great job to have when I grow up.

SHARE YOUR TALENT

Do you write, draw, make crafts, take photographs, or do something else that you would like others to know about?



We may share your extraordinary talent in an upcoming Scoop's Hound Dog Highlights

When I Grow Up



Brooklynn Crews

6th Grade at Adams Upper Elementary School in Westland

After sleepless nights of studying at the last minute before a test and years of nearly dozing off on the school desk, my desired occupation is to become an athletic trainer. I realized that continuing a life surrounded by education is not exactly on my favorites list. I've had past dreams of becoming a veterinarian to aid pets but with my hobbies and talents of running and hockey I do day-to-day, I've changed ambitions.

I believe that running and hockey have had the most impact on my change of paths. I can't go through more than 24-hours without putting one foot in front of the other or shooting a puck. How do you expect a young girl who has worked so hard on developing her future dream, to just leave everything behind and do a job that in the end might not work out as planned?

One of my strengths is my agility. I can outrun most girls and boys my age. Also, I'm smaller than other people which gives me an advantage to run faster than they can. With my unflinching determination, I believe I'll have the courage to achieve my future dream.

New Year's Word Find

Just in time for New Year's Day, find the hidden words in the puzzle.

BALL BALLONS CELEBRATE CHAMPAGNE	CONFETTI DANCING JANUARY MIDNIGHT	NEW PARTY RESOLUTIONS YEAR									
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BIRTHDAY WISHES

David	Koff	Novi	1	1
Madelynn	Richard	Garden City	1	7
Abigail	Brunwell	Northville	1	11
Bradley	White	Canton	1	12
Hope	Drogmiller	Novi	1	13
Preston	Bognear	Wayne	1	21
Brandon	Lewandowski	Garden City	1	23
Janay	McCall	Redford	1	26

Mail contest entries, birthday forms and talent submissions to:

Scoop the Newshound, Observer & Eccentric Media, 615 W. Lafayette, Detroit MI 48226 or email your submission to cbjordan@hometownlife.com by **January 28th**

Winning submissions will be announced in a future Scoop's Hound Dog Highlights.