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Council approves first two phases of Landings Park

Improvements could start as early as August

By Nathan Mueller
Staff Writer

Landings Park is poised for takeoff this summer after the Novi City Council approved a plan Monday night to move forward with the first two phases of the development.

By doing the two phases together, the city expects to save a considerable amount of money while also having more features available for residents sooner.

Several council members did express initial concerns about parking, but hope to have those issues resolved before work begins.

"I'm very excited it's finally coming to fruition," Mayor Bob Gatt said. "For someone who has been driving up and down Old Novi Road for a long, long, long time looking at the empty piece of property, it's going to be a very, very advantageous plus for our community — for both the north and south ends of the city — to have that developed."

The park, located at 13 Mile and Old Novi roads with frontage on Walled Lake, was designated as parkland in March 2010, and the city later received a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund development grant to the tune of $437,500 to aid in its development.

The first phase, which is estimated to cost $625,124, will include improvements to the park's infrastructure, shoreline stabilization, landscaping and more. The second phase, estimated at $287,964, includes a pier, trails and walkways and additional landscaping, among other improvements.

"All in all, it almost looks

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Fundraiser for public safety association Saturday

The Novi Police and Fire Benevolent Association will host a fundraising event Saturday, Jan. 28 at the California Pizza Kitchen (CPK), in the Nordstrom Wing at Twelve Oaks Mall, 27500 Novi Road, in Novi.

The Benevolent Association was created to benefit public safety personnel in times of need. These police and fire leaders are dedicated to ensuring the health, safety, and welfare of the Novi community 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. The fundraiser at CPK provides a great opportunity to come together as a community and ensure if ever the need arises we are ready to assist them and their families.

Everyone is invited and encouraged to come out and dine at CPK, with 20 percent of your purchase donated to the Novi Police and Fire Benevolent Association. Those wishing to participate must present a flyer (available at NoviPFBA.org) when ordering, for redemption credit to the NPFBA.

Novi Police and Fire Department staff will be on hand all day, from 11 a.m.-10 p.m., at CPK to greet, serve, and share with all patrons.

"Many thanks to our friends and community partners at the California Pizza Kitchen for their support and the opportunity to raise awareness and funds for the Novi Police and Fire Benevolent Association," said David E. Molloy, president, Novi Police and Fire Benevolent Association and Novi's director of public safety and chief of police. "The event will not only raise funds, but create friendships between the men and women of the Novi Police and Fire departments and the community. I encourage everyone to come out, have some great food, and meet their public safety team, all while supporting a good cause."

For more information about the Novi Police and Fire Benevolent Association, visit NoviPFBA.org.

STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

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Novi Mayor Bob Gatt delivers his first State of the City Address Jan. 19.

Future looks bright in Novi

Mayor says city is 'healthy'

By Nathan Mueller
Staff Writer

A video montage of Mayor Bob Gatt driving through Novi to his first State of the City Address set the tone for his speech last Thursday.

Throughout the video, Gatt showcased some of his humor while also waxing poetically about all the city has to offer. And when he arrived at the podium at the Baronette Renaissance, he told the gathered crowd of about 200 people that "the city of Novi is in one word — healthy."

"You live and do business in one of the safest cities in Michigan," he said. "You benefit from the city's commitment to quality parks, infrastructure, communications and schools. You work in a city growing in industries which will continue to provide a diverse tax base for the future. You have benefitted from the strong

"(I)t's the feeling of belonging to one's community that keeps people here, the friendships and strong business relationships that help us feel we are a real part of the community."

BOB GATT
Novi mayor

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A Color Guard, composed of members of Novi's police and fire departments, presents the flags of the City of Novi, the State of Michigan, and America at the State of the City address.

Development on the rise in Novi in 2011

By Nathan Mueller
Staff Writer

A busy year for Novi's Community Development Department paid dividends for the city as officials believe confidence is returning for business owners and developers.

Charles Boulard, community development director, said the city was "fortunate" to see increased activity in 2011 as it bodes well for property values and the future success of the city.

Boulard

Commercial activity was down in 2011 in terms of the number of permits issued (141 issued in 2011 compared to 170 in 2010), but the value was much higher ($69,439,230 in 2011 compared to $31,268,095 in 2010).

"I think the market and economy have certainly improved year to year," Boulard said. "I cannot speak about what that means for the year ahead, but I'm hopeful because it is good for the residents."

Single-family residential permits jumped 30 permits in 2011 to 189 issued, resulting in an increased value of nearly $6 million (to $31 million) in 2011. Multiple-residential units also increased from nine permits issued in 2010 to 86 in 2011.

The total income for fiscal year 2011-12 also

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increased by 45 percent to $922,721.57.

"The developers are building again because the city is attractive to families to move in," Boulard said. "And in terms of businesses, they have some confidence and are willing to spend some dollars ... hopefully that means jobs, too."

Some of the bigger business projects include Walmart and Tognum, while residential complexes like Lenox Park and Liberty Park are coming back in the market.

The city also is continuing to provide inspection and review work for the city of South Lyon, resulting in revenue of nearly $1,900.

Boulard said his staff, which is down roughly 10 full-time employees from four years ago, deserves a lot of credit for all the work they put in as well.

"They work hard and have done a real good job," he said. "It's a challenge at times, but I certainly love to see the work and the people investing in the community."

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The head table at the State of the City comprising current and former mayors of Novi.

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fiscal management that has made Novi the envy of others."

Throughout his speech, Gatt touched on several positives from 2011 and looked forward to the future.

He cited new unemployment rates that showed the city of Novi is at 5.1 percent, while the county is at 8 percent and the state just over 10 percent; that nearly 400 jobs were added last year; that the city was ranked No. 6 by *Family Circle* magazine on its Top 10 Best Towns for Families; that the library was named Michigan's Library of the Year; and that the completion of the Novi Road Link project made traveling city roads safer among numerous other accomplishments.

In terms of the near future, Gatt telling the crowd about the resurfacing of Grand River Avenue drew the biggest cheers.

"Think about the health improvements this will bring to one of our main thoroughfares," he said. "This project is long overdue."

He also talked about developing the Landings Park, the opening of Walmart and the continued addition of businesses to diversify the tax base.

Gatt said residents and business owners can do their part in making sure Novi stays healthy by keeping connected and being active and involved in city organizations and the schools.

"We are committed to continuing to create a community that attracts individuals and businesses," he said. "However, it's the feeling of belonging to one's community that keeps people here, the friendships and strong business relationships that help us feel we are a real part of the community."

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Novi Mayor Bob Gatt addresses an audience Jan. 19 on the State of the City.

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like the Fuerst property in terms of the way we laid this out and have the crossing pathways," said Dave Staudt, mayor pro tem. "It's an exciting thing for the community to have. And one thing we cannot have at Fuerst or anywhere else is Walled Lake."

Council member Andrew Mutch was in favor of the plans, but had issues with accessibility.

"One of the key things we have to keep in mind is to ensure access to this park is available for people of all ages and all levels of ability," he said.

He said looking at the path layout, there wasn't an easy way to get from the smaller parking lot to the main picnic plaza, and there needs to be something designed to handle the senior van transit dropoff.

Council member Justin Fischer echoed those comments and added that with the small amount of parking being put in, "the last thing we want to do for residents in that area is having people parking on their lawns and in the street causing a safety issue."

Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Director Jason Mangum said overflow parking will be made available at Lakeshore Park, which Fischer suggested should be connected to the new park through walkways.

Mutch also added that the city needs to provide residents an opportunity to donate to the park in a variety of ways, such as naming rights on a park bench.

"It's going to be a location where residents are going to want to take advantage of opportunities like that," he said.

Additional phases of the development will include a park pavilion, play equipment, restrooms, lighting and more.

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NAME IT!

The city of Novi is taking Landings Park naming submissions up until Feb. 17. The names will be narrowed down by a committee of residents and the final name will be chosen by city council in March.

Some guidelines for naming include: neighborhood or geographical identification, natural or geological feature and historical or cultural significance. The city would like to avoid a name that is similar to another in the city, and it cannot be named in honor of a person due to grant requirements.

People can pick up forms at the city or e-mail their suggestion and why they chose the name to parknaming@cityofnovi.org.

For more information about the park, visit www.cityofnovi.org.

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The city of Novi is asking its residents for help to rename the Landings Park.

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Vacuum store expanding in Novi

Northville resident shows commitment to community

By Nathan Mueller
Staff Writer

Ken Bank is living his dream.

As the owner of Bank's Vacuum, the Northville resident always wanted to provide "the same personable customer service experience in multiple locations" that started when the company was founded in 1956 by his grandfather Herman Bank.

Not only is he doing that with 11 locations across southeast Michigan, but he is even expanding operations in Novi, a city one of his stores has called home since 1992.

"It's very exciting," he said of his growth in Novi. "I want to show my customers that I am making a commitment to the community to be in the area."

Bank's Vacuum has been in two locations in Novi, first on Grand River Avenue between Novi Road and Main Street and currently is in the Novi Town Center. The new location will also be on Grand River, between the fire station and party store near Main Street.

Bank bought the 3,650-square-foot building, which is nearly triple the size of the existing store, to better serve his customers with a larger showroom floor and additional parking.

He said the store will not only have all the brands the big box stores carry, but also the "higher quality brands that choose not to distribute at the big boxes."

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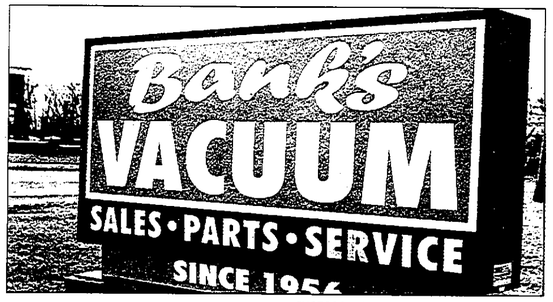
GRAND OPENING

Bank's Vacuum is having a grand opening ceremony today through Sunday offering several discounts, demonstrations and refreshments. The store is located at 43015 Grand River Avenue.

Ken Bank has found a new home for Bank's Vacuum in Novi at 430175 Grand River in a shop he's refurbishing for his vacuum cleaner sales and service center. Bank's will carry lines of both commercial and home vacuums and carpet cleaners.



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Novi Woods students fill hats for firefighters

Fundraiser collected $624.81 for Novi Fire Department

By Nathan Mueller
Staff Writer

Carter Cojei, a Novi Woods fourth grader, looked out the window of his Novi home on Jan. 10 and was shocked when he saw smoke filling the sky.

Carter eventually learned from watching the news with his parents that it was coming from a house fire on Wintergreen Circle and that the entire house was destroyed.

Novi firefighters were able to rescue the lone man inside before the home collapsed, but the family lost everything as a result of the blaze. The 56-year-old man, who was in critical condition when he was first transported to the hospital, remained hospitalized as of Friday but his condition has improved slightly.

"I saw the house burning on the news and I felt bad for the people living in it," Carter said.

So in an effort to help the family, Carter met with David Ascher, Novi Woods principal, to pitch a fund-raising idea to help them through their tough time. After contacting the family and finding out they were not in need of assistance, Carter did not want to give up on his idea. He instead changed the plan to help the firefighters that rescued the victim and put out the fire.

Dubbed "Helping Hats for Firefighters," Carter asked all of his classmates at the elementary school to bring in at least $1 for the Novi Fire Department and in return they could wear a hat for the day.

Novi Woods fourth-grader Krista Malecki helps to count the money she and her fellow classmates raised by wearing hats to school that day — in a fundraiser for the Novi Fire Department.

Michelle Donberger, Carter's teacher at Novi Woods, said the idea was all his, and that he didn't even mention it to his parents before talking to Ascher.

Carter and classmates Avery Fenchel and Priya Desai gave up their recess one day to make flyers to hang around the school and created a note that would be e-mailed to every parent.

Helping Hats for Firefighters took place on Friday and $624.81 was collected — in fire hats, of course — for the fire department.

"It's kind of cool that one idea can make a big difference," he said. "It makes me feel good and I feel like I did something good for the community."

Carter said he doesn't plan on stopping his community service there, either.

"Hopefully, when I get to fifth grade I can help out that school too," he said.

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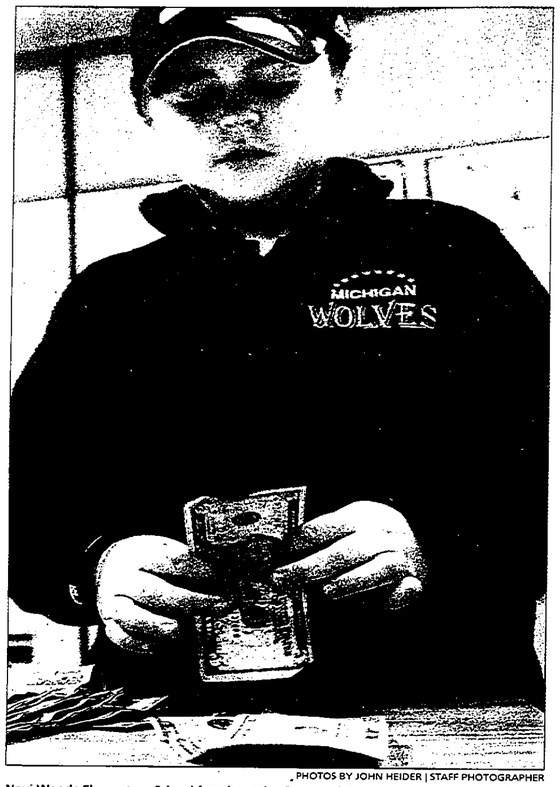

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Novi Woods Elementary School fourth-grader Carter Cojei counts up cash raised by he and his fellow school students on Jan. 20. Carter organized a fundraiser for the Novi Fire Dept. personnel after hearing about the devastating fire in the city the week before. The kids raised about $680 for the fire department that day by contributing to the fundraiser if they wore hats to school.

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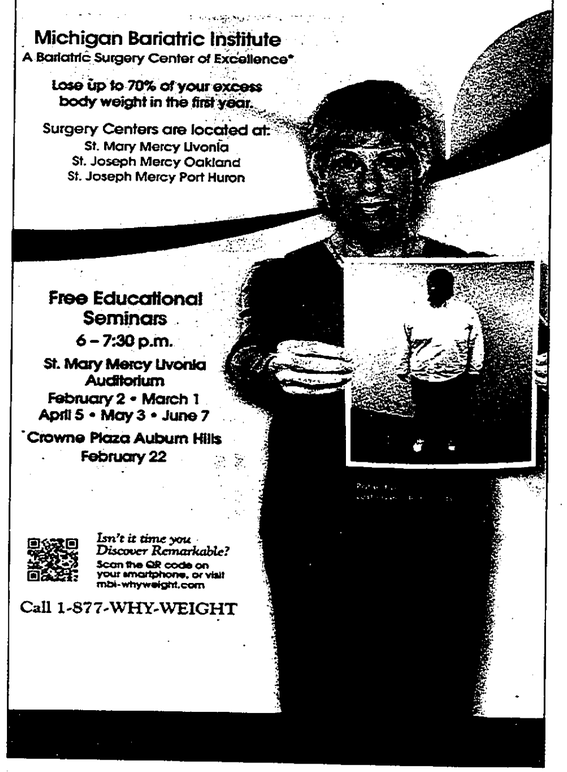

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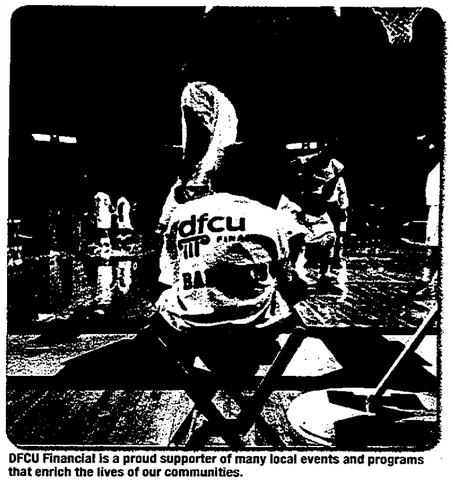

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The credit union's newest branch, DFCU Novi, is now open. It's located at 39570 10 Mile Road near Haggerty Road. As part of the Grand Opening, community members are invited to join the credit union for Family Fun Day on Saturday, February 11, from 9:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Bring the whole family to enjoy games, activities, prizes, refreshments and a few surprises, too.

While you are enjoying Family Fun Day, you are invited to help DFCU Financial support the Novi schools. Open and account or close a loan at the new Novi branch and DFCU Financial will donate $25 to the Novi Education Foundation through the Schools and You (SAY) program. Please visit dfcufinancial.com for details.

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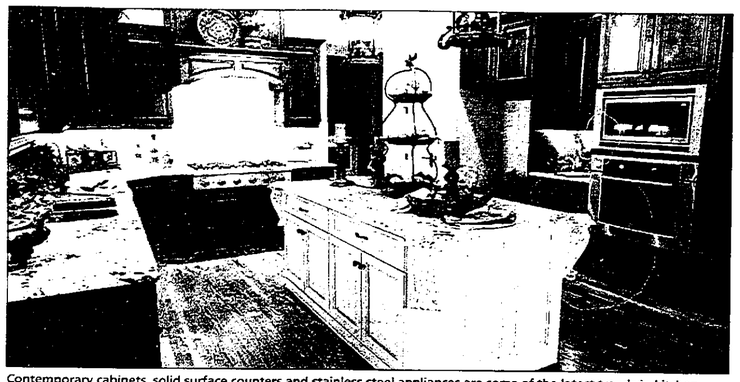
Home Improvement Show coming to Showplace this weekend



Contemporary cabinets, solid surface counters and stainless steel appliances are some of the latest trends in kitchen design and products that will be showcased at the Novi Home Improvement Show. More than 50 kitchen and bath exhibitors will offer consumers the newest products and services in home remodeling and improvement.

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) is sponsoring the Novi Home Improvement Show featuring the Michigan Kitchen and Bath show, Jan. 27-29 at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi. The show is part of the National Home & Garden Series presented by Dish.

Anything and everything you need to remodel and design your home can be found under one roof. Browse exhibits in kitchen and bath interiors, windows, doors, flooring, furniture, cabinetry and more.

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

• $10,000 worth of windows from Wallside Windows.

• Catnapper recliner, Spring Air queen size bed mattresses and Ashley furniture living room set from ABC Warehouse — one prize per day.

• "Treasure Chest" giveaways. Enter to win prizes by filling out a special coupon and dropping in boxes throughout the show.

Featured "Michigan Kitchen and Bath" exhibitors will showcase the latest trends. The Michigan chapter of the National Kitchen and Bath Association (NKBA) will be available to answer questions and help you design your kitchen or bath.

DETAILS

Event: Novi Home Improvement Show
Location: Suburban Collection Showplace, Grand River, between Novi and Beck roads
Dates: Jan. 27-29
Hours: Friday 2-9 p.m., Saturday 11 a.m.-9 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m.-6 p.m.
Admission: Adults (ages 13 and up) is $8; seniors (ages 55 and over) is $7; and children ages 12 and under are admitted free. Purchase advance tickets online at novihomeshow.com and receive a one-year subscription to Better Homes & Gardens, or buy tickets at Metro Detroit Home Depot stores for $6 (a $2 discount). A $1 off admission coupon is available at novihomeshow.com, metro Detroit Hungry Howie's Pizza locations, in the January issue of Indoor/Outdoor magazine, and area newspapers.

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Wax leaders

Fourth-graders at Novi Woods had a Wax Museum of Leaders on Jan. 18-19, dressing as leaders throughout history and giving oral presentations based on their leader. Shown, Steve Jobs (Caleb Wood), Gandhi (Aaryan Morasa), Nicklas Lidstrom (Zach Hollman) and Daniel Boone (Michael Beaudoin) are ready to present.

Fancy Friday

Mrs. Lyon's kindergarten class at Deerfield celebrated the third annual Fancy Friday on Jan. 20 in honor of the letter 'F' and in conjunction with a study of author Jane O'Connor's 'Fancy Nancy' books. The children dress up in their fanciest apparel for the day, snacked on some fancy food and had a fabulous fancy parade throughout the school.

St. Catherine's collection

This past Christmas the students at St. Catherine of Siena Academy spent their Advent collecting goodies for others. From the beginning of Advent through Dec. 19, students were coming to school with bags of soup, mac 'n' cheese, tissues, shampoo, canned vegetables, coffee, hot chocolate — anything and everything that the local Catholic Charities food bank would need to help families in the surrounding area have a brighter Christmas. Each homeroom took a patron saint and a particular category of items to collect. St. Ann had canned goods, St. Patrick non-perishable items, Queen Esther paper goods, and Mother Teresa personal care items. The four homerooms kept up a friendly competition of which group could bring in the most items throughout the drive. Throughout the month, the lead would shift day-to-day. There were weekly winners, but the final tally on the last day was a come-from-behind win by St. Patrick's homeroom, with Queen Esther just two items behind. The students in St. Patrick's homeroom earned themselves a dress down day — perhaps in St. Patrick's honor they'll be wearing green that day (instead of purple!).

NOVI ON CAMPUS

Mississippi College

Novi's Elizabeth Irene Miller graduated with bachelor of science degree during commencement exercises held Dec. 16.

Western Michigan University

The fall 2011 Dean's List (students must have earned at least a 3.5 grade point average in at least 12 hours of graded class work) includes the following Novi students: Kelsey Baskins, Alea Brown, Michael Carnarvon, Devan Clements, Allison Cunningham, Thomas Dale, Hanna Downs, Stephanie Graf, Kirsten Henry, Cortnei Hicks, Kellee Hicks, Mary Howell, Carol Howell, Jason Hughes, Lauren Kinnamon, Touline Kourdie, Devin Meadors, Alyssa Muller, Amber Parker, Nicole Powell, Kevin Powell, Alana Raubacher, Hannah Rolfe, Ashley Schoonover, Laura Sheeran, Alison Szczypka, Meredith Tarrant, Matthew VanZoest, Eric Winkler, Karin Yamaguchi, Rebekkah Zanotti and Erin Zuchniewicz.

University of Kentucky

Kaley Bowles made the Dean's List (3.73 GPA) in her first semester as a freshman.

Ohio Northern University

Matthew A. Sims was named to the Dean's List for the fall semester 2011-12. He is a junior majoring in pharmaceutical business. The deans' list includes students who attain a grade point average of 3.5 or better on a 4.0 grading system.

NOVI IN THE SERVICE

David C. Beckwith

Air Force Airman 1st Class David C. Beckwith graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Beckwith is the son of Gary and Tina Beckwith, of Novi. He is a 2011 graduate of Grand Haven Central High School.

SCHOOLCRAFT HAPPENINGS

Culinary classes served up

Have you always dreamed of taking cooking lessons at an internationally renowned culinary school? Well, now is the time. This winter, Schoolcraft College is offering dozens of culinary classes, all held in the college's famous state-of-the-art kitchens, taught by the college's award-winning Executive and Master Chef-certified faculty. Many of the classes are brand new and many are only one or two sessions in length. Most of these recreational cooking classes are hands-on, allowing students to truly learn and understand classical cooking techniques.

In the Mastering the Gourmet Pizza class students will learn the use of a variety of dough, sauces and fresh toppings using both grill and pizza stone cooking techniques. The two-day Practical Preparation of Mushrooms class will immerse students in wild and cultivated mushrooms and how to create enticing yet simple dishes from appetizers to a delicious main course. Regional American Food will explore the Pacific Coast, the Midwest, New England and Southern cooking.

To entice the bakers, the Bar & Sheet Cookies class will offer up some secret tricks on how to make sure they come out perfect every time. Student cooks will be able to take samples home to share with friends and family. Passion for Chocolate Desserts will give students a taste of the 'food of the gods.' Techniques for melting chocolate while discovering its use in tortes and warm as well as cold plated desserts will be shared.

Other new classes offered by our culinary instructors include: Cookie Decorating with Royal Icing, Greek Coffee, Cookies & Tales, Modern Cuisine Techniques: Break through the Boundaries, and International Buffet for Young Chefs.

To see all of Schoolcraft's recreational culinary classes, visit www.schoolcraft.edu/cepd. Registration is underway and classes are scheduled in February, March and April. Class sizes are limited.

Reduce stress in new year

Schoolcraft College will be offering mediation classes this winter semester to help individuals who are looking for help and guidance in achieving a sense of calm and control. Present Moment Meditation will give students a light-hearted, practical approach that makes meditation inviting and beneficial for everyone. There are two four-week long sessions being offered. The first session starts Monday, Jan. 30 (CES0966/ Sec. 917001) and the second class section starts Monday, March 19 (CES0966/ Sec. 917002). Class sessions will be held from 6-7:30 p.m. on the college's main campus in Livonia, Haggerty Road between 6 and 7 Mile roads.

Each meeting includes two meditations, a short presentation on topics relating to meditation and stress reduction, discussion and question-and-answer time. Registration is currently underway.

For more information on the mediation classes or Schoolcraft's Continuing Education and Professional Development program, visit www.schoolcraft.edu/cepd or call 734-462-4448.

Allied Health and Nursing Job Fair is Feb. 2

Schoolcraft College will host the annual Allied Health and Nursing Job Fair from 1-3 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 2 in the DiPonio Room of the VisTaTech Center on the college's main campus in Livonia. More than 30 health care facilities will be on hand to share information about jobs currently available in this growing job sector. Positions that need to be filled regionally include RNs, LPNs, nursing assistants, home health aides, health information technicians, coding specialists, medical receptionists, medical assistants, medical billers, medical transcriptionists and massage therapists. Resumes will be accepted by participating health care facilities.

The Allied Health and Nursing Job Fair is free and open to the public. Call (734) 462-4421 for more information.

Schoolcraft College is a public two-year college, offering classes at the Livonia campus, Haggerty Road between Six and Seven Mile Roads, at the Radcliff Center in Garden City and online at schoolcraft.edu.

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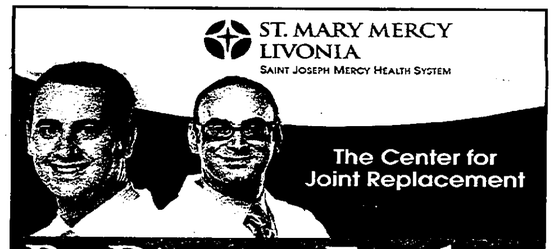

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Unity in community

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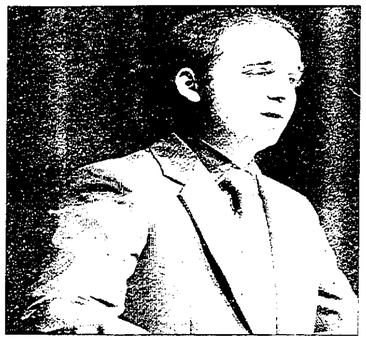
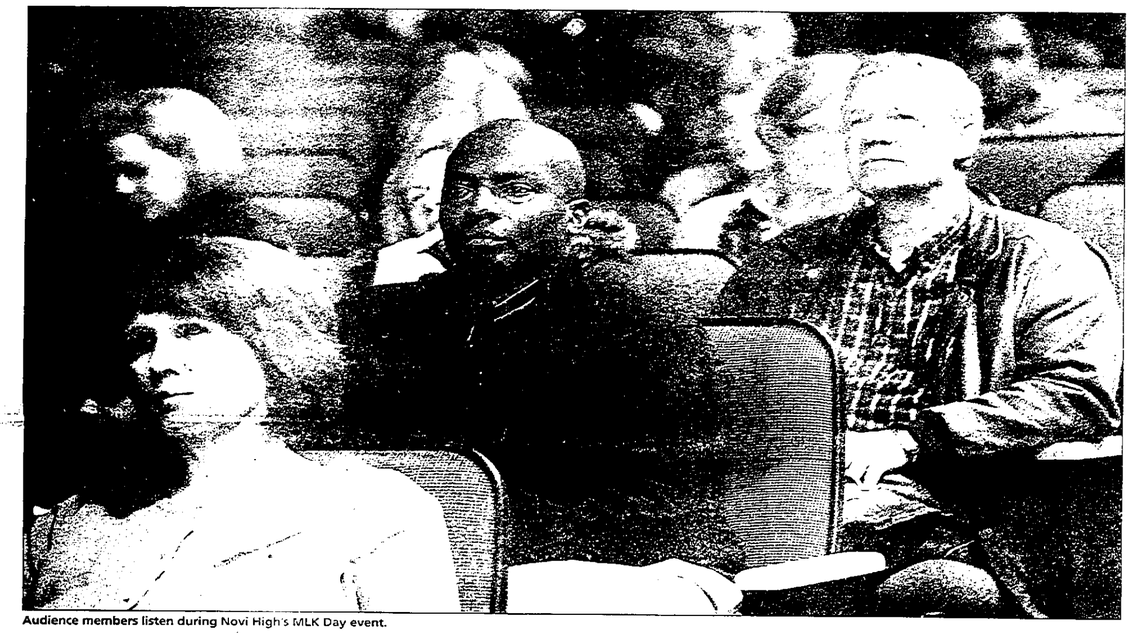
Novi High School student Jordan Blanchard sings Bob Dylan's "The Times They Are A-Changin'" at the Jan. 16 Unity in the Community, MLK Day event at the school's auditorium. Students speakers, Novi Mayor Bob Gatt and members of the school's Students Promoting Unity and Diversity addressed the gathering that night to share what Dr. King's vision meant to them.



Novi High School student Narsh Ragunathan speaks to the Unity in the Community assembly on Jan. 16.



Audience members listen during Novi High's MLK Day event.

Novi High School student Jamie Park sings the national anthem during the Unity in the Community event.

A Novi Cub Scout salutes the American flag during the Unity in the Community event on Jan. 16.

Members of Novi High's SPUD address the Unity in the Community event on Jan. 16.

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Novi events

FAITH COMMUNITY PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, Jan. 28

Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile, Novi (in the Faith Community Church)

Details: Meet teachers, explore classrooms and learn more about the high-quality, nurturing preschool programs. Applications for fall enrollment are now being accepted.

Contact: Kim Richmond at (248) 349-7911 or visit www.faithcommunity-novi.org.

BLOOD DRIVES

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-2:45 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28

Location: Amerman Elementary, 847 N. Center, Northville

Time/Date: 8 a.m.-2:45 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 29

Location: Our Lady of Victory Church, 133 Orchard Street, Northville

Time/Date: 2-1:45 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 31

Location: Deerfield Elementary, 26500 Wixom Road, Novi

Time/Date: 2-7:45 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 31

Location: Novi Sports Club, 42500 Arena Drive, Novi

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-2:45 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 2

Location: Henry Ford Medical Center, 39450 W. 12 Mile, Novi

Time/Date: 7:30 a.m.-1:15 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 5

Location: First United Methodist Church, 777 W. 8 Mile, Northville

Time/Date: 12:30-6:15 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8

Location: Novi Library, 45255 W. 10 Mile Road

Time/Date: 2-7:45 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22

Location: Hillside Middle School,l 775 N. Center, Northville

Contact: To sign up at any of these drives-please contact Diane at (313) 549-7052 or riskod@usa.redcross.org.

NORTHVILLE AND NOVI GARDEN CLUB MEETING

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 13

Location: Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady Street

Details: "Painted Clay Pots". Please bring a clay pot to paint. The speaker is Judy Vershave.

Contact: Fran Gunderson, (248) 349-6457

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Union protest

Union members picket outside the Novi Town Center's under-construction Walmart on Jan. 24. Union members say that Walmart is using almost half its union laborers from out of state — when there are many of them out of work in this area. Members representing the Electrical Workers Local 58, Bricklayers Local 7, and Local 80 Sheetmetal were in attendance.

CONVERSATIONS IN HEALTH

Location: Providence Park Hospital (southwest corner of Beck Road and Grand River Avenue, Novi) in conference rooms A, B and C (Enter the campus off of Beck Road and continue straight to the building's Heart Institute entrance. The conference rooms are located immediately to the left.)

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays

Thursday, Feb. 23: Controlling Hypertension

Tuesday, March 27: Colorectal Cancer

Thursday, April 12: Health Literacy

Tuesday, May 22: Stroke

Tuesday, June 19: Intelligent Exercise

Details: Sandwiches, salads and refreshments will be available at no charge to all registered attendees. There is no charge to attend.

Contact: To register please call 866-501-DOCS (3627) so they can anticipate the number of attendees. Registration is free and includes only your name and the contact information that you would like to supply.

NOVI CO-OP PRESCHOOL OPENHOUSE

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-noon, Saturday Jan. 28

Location: 41671 West Ten Mile Road (in the Novi Methodist Church) Novi

Details: A play-based kindergarten readiness program for 2 to 5 year olds. Bring your family and meet teachers, talk to some of the parents and explore the classroom.

Contact: For more information, visit www.novipreschool.com or call (248) 349-3223.

NORTHVILLE & NOVI GARDEN CLUB MEETING

Location: Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady Street

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 13

Details: Judy Vershave speaking on "Painted Clay Pots." Bring your own clay pot to paint.

Contact: Fran Gunderson at (248) 349-6457 or visit http://gardenersnorthville-novi.org

BEREAVEMENT MEETINGS

Time/Date: 7:30-9 p.m. third Tuesdays

Location: Novi Civic Center (10 Mile between Taft and Novi roads)

Details: Led by Michael M. Meyer, D. Min. -- goal is to give each participant an opportunity to share their story. Handouts describing the phases of grief and the tasks of grief are available.

NOVI SENIOR CENTER

Location: 25075 Meadowbrook Road

Contact: (248) 347-0414; theglin@cityofnovi.org

"Investment Fraud - Buyer Beware!"

Time/Date: 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 26

Details: Senior Brigade presentation with information on the realities of the "Free Lunch" seminars, tips on how to recognize fraudulent investments, and tools to help check both the seller and the product before investing your money.

AARP Income Tax Preparation

Times/Dates: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Thursdays, Feb. 2, 9 and 23; March 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29; and April 5 and 12

Details: Tax counselors from AARP are coming to the Novi Senior Center to provide free tax preparation by appointment to older adults 55 years and older. The counselors do not prepare taxes for small businesses or rental properties.

Contact: Novi Senior Center (248) 347-0414 for an appointment.

Business

NOVI OAKS CHARTER CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN BUSINESS WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

"Negotiation: Getting What You're Worth"

Location: DoubleTree Hotel, Novi

Time/Date: 6:15 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8

Details: By Mary Shindell, services manager at Merit Network. Learn crucial negotiation skills that will aid you in your quest for better compensation during this interactive and informative program. Networking begins at 6:15 with dinner and presentation following.

"Marketing on a Dime"

Time/Date: 6:15 p.m. Wednesday, March 14

Details: By Kym Johnson, owner of KSJ Marketing Communications. Explore inexpensive and free marketing techniques to promote your business, both online and offline. Networking begins at 6:15 with dinner and presentation following.

Contact: see www.abwanovi.org for registration and payment information.

NORTHVILLE-NOVI BUSINESS NETWORKING BREAKFAST

Time/Date: 7:30-9 a.m. first and third Tuesdays (except Nov. and Dec., which are just the first Tuesdays)

Location: Kerby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty Road

Details: Business networking focused on building relationships. The Sunrise Networking Group, LLC (www.sunriseNETWORKINGgroup.com), or SNG for short, is a group of about 250 business leaders who help each other to build more business by referring people to each other. Cost of breakfast is $10.

Contact: Fonda Milana 586-232-3009 or fmilana@sunrisefinancialgroupllc.com

METRO NOVI BNI

Time/Date: 7-8 a.m. every Wednesday

Location: On the Border Restaurant, 21091 Haggerty Road (north of Eight Mile), Novi

Details: BNI is a structured networking environment for professionals. The Metro Novi BNI team members are committed to providing bona fide referrals to each other. Members learn how to create and refine an "elevator speech," develop a broad network of other business professionals in the community and receive training/education on networking more efficiently. Guests are invited to attend free of charge. Continental breakfast provided.

Contact: For more information, contact Julie Paquette at (248) 797-1665 or juliepaquette67@gmail.com; www.metronovibni.com.

NOVI TOASTMASTERS CLUB

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., every first and third Tuesday

Location: Novi Civic Center, Activities Room, 45175 West 10 Mile Road, Novi

Details: Novi Toastmasters is a community-based club which is part of Toastmasters International. Our diverse group provides a mutually supportive atmosphere in which all can develop and refine their public speaking and leadership skills. Our members also have fun while building confidence in day-to-day communications and mentoring toward professional and personal excellence. Guests are welcome -- and bring a friend. Visit www.novi.freetoasthost.us.

Contact: Linda Kreuter at PR@novi.freetoasthost.us

NOVI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Contact: www.novichamber.com or call (248) 349-3743

"Toast of the Town" Awards Gala and Cocktail Party

Time/Date: 7-11 p.m. Friday, Jan. 27

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These services will not be available on unidirectional retail devices as of the date(s) noted above. If you want to subscribe to these services, you will need a digital settop box or tuning adapter from Bright House Networks. Customers may continue to use their unidirectional retail device and CableCARD to receive video programming other than the programming delivered on the SDV system. Customers who also utilize a digital settop box or tuning adapter will also be able to receive video programming delivered on the SDV system.

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Myers leaves lasting mark on Novi

By Nathan Mueller
Staff Writer

The Japanese community in Novi and the city as a whole suffered a loss on Jan. 17 when Steve Myers, a longtime resident and passionate supporter of blending Japanese and American cultures, died at Providence Park Hospital.

Myers, 70, is the founder of the Japanese communications company Suzuki, Myers and Associates that he ran with his wife Izumi Suzuki. He also was heavily involved in numerous community organizations including the Novi Rotary Club, the greater Detroit/Windsor Japan-America Society, the White Pine Glee Club (where he sang bass) and the Board of Hinoki International School in Livonia.

Myers

"Steve was one of those always pro-Novi, energetic, right-intentioned people that makes Novi special," said Novi City Manager Clay Pearson. "To me, he was one of the first to identify Novi's unique place as welcoming to people of all backgrounds, where people could all become neighbors, friends and colleagues."

Novi Mayor Bob Gatt asked for a moment of silence at his State of the City Address at the Baronette Renaissance last Thursday. "Steve helped open the doors to cultural diversity in Novi and everyone will miss him."

Gatt said he was always fascinated to hear Myers' stories about Japan and credited him for helping him learn about the Japanese people and their culture.

"It was a terrible shock and a great loss to our community," Gatt said of his death.

Ken Myers, Steve's son, said it is "gratifying" to see how many lives his father touched over the years and that he "meant so much to everyone."

Ken said his dad was always looking to connect people and never did so out of personal interest.

"He had nothing to gain from it, just the pleasure of creating a connection between people was what sustained him and what drove him," he said.

Hiromi Fujii, who worked with Myers for nearly nine years at Suzuki, Myers and Associates, said he was an outgoing person who wanted to bridge the gap between the Japanese and American cultures, and taught her to always be ready for change.

"I will definitely miss his humor and encouragement," she said.

In addition to founding the communications company, Myers formerly worked as a teacher at the American School in Japan High School in Tokyo, as the deputy executive director of American Chamber of Commerce in Japan, as an attorney/manager of International Public Affairs for Amway Corporation and as the chief executive officer of

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CAMPBELL, AUDREY H.

Age 85, longtime resident of South Lyon, passed away January 3, 2012 in Ann Arbor, Michigan. She was born April 17, 1926 in Wimbledon, England to Arthur and Mabel Daisy (nee Revell) Latchford. Audrey was united in marriage to George W. Campbell on July 23, 1943, and they spent 57 loving years together until his death in 2000. Audrey, a homemaker, also worked at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Northville as the church secretary. She was a member of Cross of Christ Lutheran Church and Daughter's of the British Empire. Her love of teaching children made her a wonderful church preschool and kindergarten teacher. She was an avid reader, who also enjoyed knitting and making decorative eggs with her friends. Audrey is survived by her loving daughter, Wendy Butler; her granddaughter, Rachel (John) Gray; her great grandchildren, John and Madelyn; and her brother, Kenneth Latchford, PhD. She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, and her brothers Maurice Latchford, Ronald Latchford, and Dennis Latchford. A memorial service will be held Saturday, February 4, 2012 at 3 p.m. at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, 24155 Griswold, South Lyon. Pastor Terry Nelson will officiate the service. Mrs. Campbell will be laid to rest at South Lyon Cemetery. The family would appreciate memorial contributions to Michigan Humane Society, 30300 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 220, Bingham Farms, MI 48025. Arrangements entrusted to Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. of South Lyon.

DOYLE, DIANE MARIE

Age 60, November 4, 1951-January 22, 2012.
Online condolences:
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GALL, DONNA J.

67, of Pinecrest Circle, Everett, died at 12:58 AM, Monday, January 23rd, 2012 at her home. Mrs. Gall was born in St. Michael, PA on Monday, October 23, 1944, the daughter of the late Junior and Theda (Steele) Allmond. On June 25, 1966, she married Gene E. Gall. In addition to her husband she is survived by Son- Gene A. Gall, Ypsilanti, MI; Son- Ryan D. husband of Lori (Richmond) Gall, Plymouth, MI; Son- Jason S. Gall, Chicago, IL; Sister- Bonnie Pozega, Westland, MI; Brother- David Allmond, Maybee, MI; Brother- Bruce Allmond, Phoenix, AZ. She is also survived by one granddaughter, Autumn. Donna was a member of the Bedford Church of the Brethren. She was a homemaker who loved to read, enjoyed traveling and spending the winters in Florida. A funeral service will be held at Louis Geisel Funeral Home, Bedford at 5:00 PM on Wednesday, January 25th, 2012 with Pastor Marilyn Lerch officiating. Friends are invited to call on Wednesday from 3:00 - 5:00 PM at the funeral home. Online condolences may be expressed at:
www.geiselfuneral.com

KEY, PHYLLIS M.

Age 84, of Northville, passed away January 17, 2012. Loving mother, grandmother, and friend. www.casterlinefuneralhome.com

LANNING, LOUIS W.

Age 86, passed away January 21, 2012, surrounded by his loving family. He was born on May 1, 1925, son of the late Louis and Dora Lanning. He was a proud Army veteran serving in the Pacific theater on Okinawa during WWII. He was a past commander and life member of the Northville VFW Post 4012. He is survived by his beloved wife Margaret; his loving children: Chuck Lanning, Vicki (George) Daubresse, Bob Lanning, Kay (Mike) Cichon, Peggy (Marvin) Van Gorden, George Williams, Judy (Ken) Sweat, Mike (Dawn) Williams, Chris (JoAnn) Williams, Becky (John) Hall and Shawn (Suzette) Williams. He is also survived by his only surviving sibling, his sister, Ginny Lach and many loving grandchildren and great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his brother Don and his four sisters: Hazel, Loretta, Dorothy and Pauline. Visitation was held on Tuesday, January 24 from 3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. A Funeral service was held on Wednesday, January 25 at 11:00 a.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. He was laid to rest in Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville where military honors were rendered. Memorial contributions may be made to South Lyon Special Stars, P.O. Box 804, South Lyon. Online Guestbook at www.phillipsfuneral.com

LLEWELLYN, EMMA (LEE)

Emma Lenore Llewellyn, 91, passed away January 16, 2012, at Providence Park Hospital, Novi. She was born on August 19, 1920, in Detroit, to the late Fred and Emma (Olson) Stephan. Emma was the beloved mother of Thomas B. Llewellyn (Deborah) of Milford and Lenore E. Baumann (John) of Liberty Township, Ohio. In addition, she will be missed by her four grandchildren (Rebecca (Jeff) Hartman, John (Debi) Baumann, Jennifer (Chris) Suykerbuyk and Thomas H Llewellyn II) and four great-grandchildren (Jake, Josh and Emma Hartman and Aidan Baumann). You may have met Emma participating in Eastern Star gatherings, Quester events or helping with Meals-on-Wheels. She was also an avid bridge player, regularly participating in tournaments with area bridge clubs; until her health started to limit her mobility, Emma was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Thomas H. Llewellyn and son Timothy O. Llewellyn. She was married 64 years to Tom, a WWII Navy veteran and retired Ford Motor Company executive. Over the years, Emma and Tom travelled extensively throughout America and the globe, living briefly in South Africa, Brazil and Puerto Rico on business assignments with Ford Motor. Emma and Tom lived in Milford most of the last forty years. They were truly loved and will be greatly missed by all who knew them, shared their varied interests or just enjoyed their friendly company. Offerings in remembrance of Emma may be made to the Myasthenia Gravis Association, 17117 West Nine Mile Rd. Ste.1409, Southfield, MI 48075. A memorial will be held on Friday, February 10, 2012, at noon at Milford United Methodist Church (1200 Atlantic St; Milford; MI / 248-684-2898).

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LYKE, VIRENA F.

Age 98, of South Lyon, passed away January 20, 2012. A funeral service was held Jan. 24 at Casterline Funeral Home.

MESSNER, EDITH L.

Age 95, passed away January 17, 2012. She was born on May 29, 1916, in Detroit, to the late Henry and Gertrude (Wesselhof) Cziske. Edith is survived by her sons: Jon (Judy) Messner, Ronald (Sue) Messner; 2 grandchildren: Kathryn Messner and Mike (Kristen) Messner; 2 great grandchildren: Ryan Messner and Melana Messner. Visitation will be held on February 8, Wednesday, from 3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. A funeral service will be held on February 9, Thursday, at 11:00 a.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 West Lake Street(Ten Mile), South Lyon. Online Guestbook at www.phillipsfuneral.com

MYERS, LINDA J.

Memorial Service January 28, 2012 11am at Commerce United Methodist Church www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

MYERS, STEVEN D.

Age 70, January 17, 2012, passed away from an aneurysm. Beloved husband of Izumi Suzuki Myers. Proud father of Ken (Ting) Myers and Jun Myers. Brother of Duncan and Andrew Myers, and Elizabeth Charron. A visitation with friends and family took place at O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home on Saturday, January 21, 2012. Mr. Myers was a graduate of Grand Haven High School ('59), Lawrence University B.A. - Physics ('63) and Wayne State Law School (J.D. '70). He was an active and happily contributing member of many organizations, including the Novi Rotary Club, the Greater Detroit/Windsor Japan-America Society, the White Pine Glee Club (where he sang bass) and the Board of Hinoki International School in Livonia, MI. Mr. Myers had varied and interesting occupations over his life, including as a teacher at the American School in Japan (ASIJ) High School in Tokyo, as the Deputy Executive Director of American Chamber of Commerce in Japan (ACCJ), as an Attorney/Manager of International Public Affairs for Amway Corporation, as the Chief Executive Officer of Amway (Japan) Ltd. and as the founder and principal associate of Suzuki, Myers and Associates, Ltd.
Online condolences at:
obriensullivanfuneralhome.com, or send an email to the family at:
rememberingsteve2012@gmail.com

NAZIMEK, PAULINE M.

Age 89, passed away January 23, 2012. Beloved wife of the late Walter; cherished mother of Gloria Nazimek and Sharon (Leonard) Brannun; dearest grandmother of: Scott (Melissa) Nazimek, Amanda (Jason) Bobrovetski and Erica (Roger) Minton; loving great-grandmother of Houdini, Phoenix, Addison and Braden; also by her sister-in-law Bertha Luszczakoski; loving sister of the late Frank Luszczakoski and Genevive Butler. Pauline will also be forever remembered by her nieces, nephews, extended family and dear friends. Visitation will be held on January 26, Thursday, from 3:00 – 9:00 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 West Lake Street (Ten Mile), South Lyon. A funeral mass will be held on Friday, January 27, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 830 S. Lafayette, South Lyon. Online guestbook
www.phillipsfuneral.com

PAULEN, MARELYN P.

Age 84, September 17, 1927-January 19, 2012.
Online condolences:
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RENGA, MILDA

A long time resident of Roselle, New Jersey, and a resident of Milford, Michigan for the past eleven years, died on January 19, 2012, at the age of 100. She was preceded in death by her husband, Arturs Renga in 1965, and is survived by her son, Ivy (Pamela) Renga of Milford; grandchildren, Brian (Cindy Gray) Renga, Suzanne (Gordon) Cloudman and great grandchildren, Baylee and Thomas. During WWII, Milda and her family emigrated from Latvia to the United States, living first in Ohio, and later New Jersey where she made her home for many years. In 2000 she moved to Milford Park Place in Milford, Michigan to be near her son. She was ever independent, self-sufficient, and would tell you that her love of walking kept her healthy and happy. Services will be held privately with interment in Rahway Cemetery in Rahway, New Jersey. Memorials may be made in her name to the Make-a-Wish Foundation. For further information please phone Lynch & Sons Funeral Directors, Milford, 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

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SPERANDEO, UMBERTO "ROBERT"

Of Pony Montana died in Bozeman, Montana on December 22nd, 2011. Robert was born in San Sabino, Italy in 1935, the eldest son of Generoso and Elvira Sperandeo. Robert is survived by his loving wife Nina; daughter Jennifer, her husband Gerald and their son Vincent of Venice CA; son Joseph of Santa Monica CA; son Justin, his wife Diana and their son Christian of Sewickley PA; brother Guiseppe, his wife Emanuela and their children Valeria and Riccardo of Rome, Italy; brother Domenic, his wife Adrianna and their children Federica and Francesca of Rome Italy, along with cousins, godchildren and hunting buddies across the country. Robert came to the United States in 1952 and lived with his dear Uncle Fred Federici in Detroit, Michigan. Bob spent his working years in machinery moving and rigging, rising through the union ranks with the help of his beloved Uncle Walter Yest, achieving the rank of Master Rigger and subsequently running 2 rigging companies of his own. Bob retired to farm life in 1984, raising Morgan Horses in South Lyon, Michigan. An avid, life-long outdoorsman, Robert's love of the mountains brought him to the Gallatin Valley in 1993 and he settled in Pony, Montana in 1997. Services will be held April 21st at 11AM at Holy Family Parish Catholic Church in Three Forks MT with internment in the Pony Cemetery in Pony, Montana.

SULLIVAN, DONALD D.

41, of South Lyon, Michigan, passed away unexpectedly on Friday, December 30, 2011, from injuries sustained as a result of a snowmobile accident on Clear Lake. Donald was a graduate of the University of Michigan School of Engineering and a graduate of the University of Detroit School of Law. He practiced law in New Mexico and in Michigan where, most recently, he was employed at Skupin & Lucas Law Firm, Detroit. He was an outdoor enthusiast who enjoyed golfing, hunting, boating, and snowmobiling. More than anything, he loved his two daughters. Donald is survived by his daughters, Mariah Destiny Sullivan and Makayla Christina Sullivan, both of South Lyon; the mother of his daughters, Crystal Shuttleworth, of South Lyon; and his parents, Donald and Shirley Sullivan of West Branch. Also surviving are his sisters, Corinne (Nelson) Williams of Saline, Cathy (Tom) Wierzbicki of Redmond, WA and Tina Kitts-Broderick of Detroit, and his brothers, James (Sandra) Kitts of Flushing, and Jon Paul (Sally) Kitts of Norfolk, VA. He was preceded in death by his aunt, Dr. Donita B. Sullivan. Visitation was at the Steuernol & McLaren Funeral Home in West Branch January 4, 2012. The Celebration of Life Mass was held on Thursday, January 5th at St. Joseph Catholic Church in West Branch. Burial took place at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery, West Branch. Memorial Contributions may be made to the family for the benefit of his children.

VALLETTE, EVA A.

Age 77 of St. Helen passed away Monday, January 16, 2012 at West Branch Regional Medical Center. Eva was born in Milford on September 1, 1934 and had lived in St. Helen since 2002, formerly of Reed City. She enjoyed spending time with her family. Eva is survived by her husband Charles Vallette of St. Helen, her children, Paul (Janice) Vallette of Highland, Tim (Kerry) Vallette of Milford and Mark Vallette (Sandra McLennan) of Sylvan Lake. Also surviving are her grandchildren, Jacob, Lisa and Wesley, great-grandchildren, Calvin, Sidney, Clair and Callub and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Susan Vallette. A memorial service was held on Wednesday, January 25th at the Elton Black & Sons Funeral Home.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Location: 24505 Meadowbrook Road

Contact: (248) 349-8847 or visit holyfamilynovi.org

Mass Schedule

Time/Day: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday-Friday; 7 p.m. Monday-Wednesday.

Holy Days: 9 a.m., 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.

Reconciliation: beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appointment

Priests: Father Bob LaCroix, pastor and Father Michael Zuelch, associate pastor

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Sunday Worship: 11:15 a.m.

Bible study classes: 10 a.m. for all ages

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Location: Ridge Wood Elementary School, 49775 Six Mile Road, Northville

Contact: DestinyW3C@Gmail.com or visit www.DW3C.org.

Children and Youth Event

Date: Jan. 27

Details: Children from preschool to fourth grade are invited to a fun-filled movie night from 6-9 p.m. Snacks, games and great movies will be provided for free. Youth from fifth to 12th grade are invited to a night of fun, service, Laser Tag and movies from 6 p.m.-midnight Jan. 27. While the children are doing their movie night, the older group will be getting their snacks ready and then heading to Paradise Park for Laser Tag (cost for Laser Tag is the responsibility of each individual attending). Later the group will have a movie and lots of free pizza at Crosspointe.

Contact: Renee Langley at (248) 669-9400

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Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

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Location: 217 N. Wing

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Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

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Men's Bible Study: 9 a.m. first Saturday of every month

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NOVI-FAMILY INTEGRATED CHURCH

Location: 45301 W. 11 Mile Road

Contact: (248) 349-3647 or firstbaptistchurchofnovi.org

Family Bible Hour: 9:45 a.m.

Family Worship: 11 a.m.

Bible Study: 6 p.m.

Family Movie Night: 5:30 p.m.; fourth Sunday of every month

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Location: 21260 Haggerty Road, north of Eight Mile Road

Contact: (248) 348-7600 or visit dfcnazarene.org

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Wednesday Schedule: 5:30 p.m. Family Meal, $4 per person, $12 per family; 7 p.m. Children's Caravan, Club 56, Bible Study, Quilting, Adult Classes, Youth Blast

Thursday Schedule: 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group

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REMEMBERING STEVE

Myers is survived by his wife Izumi, children Ken and Jun Myers, brothers Duncan and Andrew Myers and sister Elizabeth Charron.

A visitation took place on Saturday at O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, and it was there that Ken announced his father's plan for a celebration on the one-year anniversary of his death.

Ken said he found a memo that his father set up a trust to fund the event, with four of his friends serving as trustees, and said Steve hopes people will "be able to take a moment out of their busy lives to reflect upon (and enjoy again) the many good things they have done and have had done to them in their own lives."

The family is still working on party plans, but asks those that knew Steve to share their stories and photos with them by e-mailing the family at rememberingsteve2012@gmail.com.

OPINION

Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the hometowns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

OUR VIEWS

Church and state

Presentation was a violation, and it shouldn't happen again

Northville Parent Teacher Associations have a variety of school improvement goals, including positive behavior support. To that end, students at Meads Mill Middle School and Northville High School hosted motivational speaker Joel Penton for an assembly Jan. 10. Students had to either attend in the auditorium or watch it on classroom televisions.

As indicated in his promotional materials, which the district received prior, the presentation did not contain any profanity or religious content as he basically tried to get students to commit to avoid dangerous behaviors.

Near the end, Penton invited students to attend a free concert after school back in the auditorium and even gave them tickets as reminders. According to administration, feedback from the assembly was positive, and the concert was to be a continuation of Penton's theme.

We've been scratching our heads here wondering if anyone from the PTA or the district administration bothered to do any research on Penton and his agenda. A quick visit to his website fully explains his mission to bring the Gospel into public schools. Allowing it is ignoring the separation of church and state.

That seemed fine, but that's not what happened.

The concert started with music performed by Ryan Holliday, but then turned, literally, into a religious sermon by Penton.

It was, as NHS student Erin Dunn stated in her letter to the editor in the *Northville Record* last week, a classic case of "bait-and-switch."

Afterward, those who attended were offered a free copy of Penton's book *Seven Lies Almost Every Teen Believes*, in which he promotes Christianity as the only religion whose followers are truly alive. That's an affront to many — including true Christians who would not approve of Penton's tactics.

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There are students of all faiths in our local schools. While there were only about three dozen students at the concert, what about the impact on those who aren't Christian — those who just thought they were simply attending a concert?

Yes, the ball was dropped on this one. Simply stated, Penton should not have been allowed to present his religious views in a school environment.

To its credit, however, the district reacted quickly with measures to prevent something like this from happening again. According to a letter from Supt. Mary Kay Gallagher, distributed via ListServ last Friday:

"School level procedures are being reviewed in an effort to ensure that any speakers brought forward for consideration for a school activity of any kind are thoroughly researched, including a review of the content of such presentations.

"Additionally, school personnel observing any inappropriate content have been directed to intervene in the event and to promptly bring it to the attention of both school and district administration so that proactive steps can be taken to communicate with students as well as parents.

"In addition, Mr. Penton is being contacted to register a complaint regarding this matter."

One would have thought those first two items would have already been in place. The third is a must, too — and it wouldn't hurt for the Northville district to give a heads-up to other districts about Penton's presentation.

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"I like to have snowball fights because they can only be done in the winter."
Shusei Yokota
Novi

"My favorite thing to do is building snowmen, especially when it's wet snow and you can make big snowballs."
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"I like to go snowboarding and sledding. It's fun to do in the winter and it gets you a lot of exercise."
Matthew Burg
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"I like to make snowmen."
Julia Mena
Novi

LETTERS

Thanks from New Hope

As a nonprofit bereavement outreach center, New Hope Center for Grief Support relies on the support of many friends in the community. On Dec. 2, our holiday fundraiser was a great success as more than 180 people enjoyed food, fun and festivities.

Of course, this event could not be possible without the generosity of so many friends in our community. The event was held at Toll Brothers' beautiful Harding Country Manor in Steeplechase of Northville. Thank you to Toll Brothers for allowing us to use one of your beautifully decorated models for the second year.

We would also like to thank the wonderful restaurants that catered the affair for us. Twenty restaurants generously responded to our requests, and we feel strongly that they need to be recognized: Aubree's Pizzeria & Tavern; Cassel's Catering; Los Amigos; Biggby Coffee; Deadwood Bar & Grill; Main Street Catering; Border Cantina; Diamond Jim Brady's; Med Fresh; Brann's Steakhouse; Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall; Macaroni Grill; Bravo Cuccina Italiana; George's Senate Restaurant; Rusty Bucket; California Pizza Kitchen; Le George; and Table 5.

We are grateful for the support of businesses like Toll Brothers and the above mentioned restaurants, as we continue to support those who have lost a loved one. Thank you.

Elaine Dzwonkowski, KIDZ group coordinator
And the staff at New Hope Center for Grief Support

Be fair in evaluations

I would only ask fairness and not favoritism in any profession when judging a person's work performance. Nepotism is prevalent in education as well as in the corporate sector. The purpose of the teachers union is only to assure fairness and due process. All human beings deserve this.

Carol Maynard
Northville

Music Boosters raffle success

The Northville High School Music Boosters recently wrapped up the 2012 Raffle to benefit the high school music program. I would like to thank all the parents who volunteered and the families who participated as well as others who deserve our public appreciation, including Ms. Kelli Knotts at the high school, Broughton Music for their charge card assistance, and Mr. Bill Felosek, CPA/Correll Associates for certifying the raffle.

Many local businesses also supported the raffle: Aubree's Pizza, Cherry Blossom Japanese Restaurant, George's Senate Coney Island, Nassau Grill, Pastry House Hippo, Piepers, Poole's Tavern, Baby Baby Plus More, Center Stage Dance Studio, Goldsmith Galleries, Good Time Party Store/Custard Time, Northville Watch and Clock, Piazza Dance Company, Re-Purpose, Scores Haircuts for Men, Seaway Painting, Tier One Marketing, Novi Bowl, The Knickerbocker Group of Raymond James & Assoc., Dr. Richard F. Ambrose DPM, Dr. Brian Andress DDS, Drs. Bookwalter, Fee & Wright, Dr. Jeffrey Burstien DDS, Northville Physical Rehabilitation, Old Orchard Pediatric Dentistry, Tyler Dumas Reyes Orthodontics, Spillane & Reynolds Orthodontics, Wen-Chi Takada DDS, Laurie Jayne Toomajanian DDS, DR. Michelle Calder Cardwell OD at Urban Optics, Bikram Yoga, Hantz Group, Northville Sports Den, Total Vending, Bricks Restaurant, Lender Solutions, and Temple Training.

Please patronize these businesses and thank them when you do. We so appreciate their support of the award-winning NHS Band and Choir.

Kathryn Peltier
raffle chairperson 2012

Giving library kudos

Many thanks to Dan and Kathy Comaianni of The Next Chapter Bookstore and Bistro, who sponsored a book drive for The Giving Library at C.S. Mott Children's Hospital, as well as to the customers who opened their hearts and their wallets to donate books.

The Giving Library is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide books for Mott patients and their siblings in order to provide diversion and relief from the stress of hospitalization. As a volunteer with The Giving Library, I can assure your support and donations will bring smiles to these kids and their families. Thank you again for your generosity. It is most appreciated.

Terry Gruley
Northville

Don't blame Obama for gas prices

The recent news that the largest U.S. export, measured in dollars, is fuel (i.e. gasoline, diesel and jet fuel) belies the misconception and accusation that high gasoline prices are the result of President Obama's obstruction of oil drilling exploration.

It's obvious that the oil companies prefer higher profits by selling U.S. oil products abroad rather than driving down U.S. gasoline price by increasing the domestic supply. Oil depletion allowances should be incentive to produce oil for U.S. consumption, not to increase profits of the oil interests.

Foisting the onus of high gas prices on Obama is but one more salvo of barbs by Republicans and their major contributor, the oil industry, meant to disparage and politically cripple the president.

Expanding our exports, of course, is economically beneficial, but to portray any negative consequence as an Obama flaw is standard Republican mud-slinging propaganda learned so well in the Nixon era and finely tuned in the ensuing years.

Patrick Downey
Novi

Bigoted bill

The Republican-run Legislature has passed a bill that will eliminate domestic partnership benefits for public employees. This bill removes health care benefits for the gay partners of public employees throughout the state. This cruel and bigoted piece of legislation was supported by our own Sen. Patrick Colbeck.

Domestic partnership rules would not be needed if gays were allowed to be married in Michigan. But the people of Michigan have spoken and hate has triumphed over tolerance and inclusion. So, led by lawmakers like Mr. Colbeck, the anti-gay agenda continues unabated.

Thaddeus J. Hejka
Canton

Michigan doesn't need primary

In 2004 when President Bush was running for re-election, both parties in the Michigan Legislature agreed to cancel the primary in order to save the state money. Currently, a number of states are not holding primaries, saving their states money and sparing their citizens acerbic debates.

Mark Brewer, chair of the Michigan Democratic Party, asked Gov. Snyder not to hold a primary this year. It will cost Michigan $10 million, which would be better spent to save 200 jobs for teachers, police officers, firefighters and emergency responders instead of an unnecessary primary election.

Canceling the primary would spare Michigan families from annoying robo calls, and blaring TV ads with contentious innuendos. The final Republican candidate will be selected at the National Republican Convention. A prudent Michigan governor and Legislature would invest the $10 million in education resources and service-oriented professions that would benefit our citizens and provide for our children's future to compete in a global economy. Do we really need a Michigan primary?

Delphine Palkowski
South Lyon

'Facts are stubborn things'

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Traditional - Held in the Sanctuary – 11 a.m.
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Sunday Worship: 7:45 a.m., 10 a.m.
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MYERS

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Joe Carrier, who knew Myers for more than 15 years as a friend and colleague, said Myers was "always interested in making things happen."

Carrier, who is an attorney, said there was one time he was working with a client in Japan and because of the language and cultural differences didn't know if his client was satisfied. Myers read the correspondence and assured him everything was OK, but to ensure it was, he made an a unannounced visit to the client in Japan on Carrier's behalf and won him over.

The client referred to Myers as "Sensei," meaning teacher, Carrier said.

"That is just the kind of guy Steve was," he said. "His philosophy of life was to do the right thing and don't get too excited about the wrong things.

"He was always very positive and big on getting people together that could help each other."

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Participants must be at least 21 years old and do not have to be a Novi resident to attend. Registration forms are also available at the Novi Police Department, or online at cityofnovi.org. The $200 course fee may be paid by cash or money order.

Class size is limited, and all participants are subject to a criminal background check.

The course fulfills both the classroom and shooting requirements to obtain a Michigan Concealed Pistol License (CPL). Students must bring their own equipment, including a personal handgun, 100 rounds of ammunition, safety glasses, and shooter's earmuffs or ear plugs.

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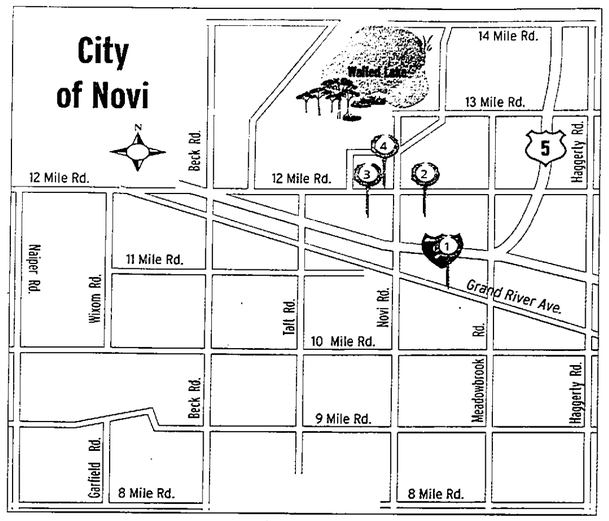

Wallet stolen from van

1 Novi police are searching for a suspect who is believed to have stolen a wallet on Jan. 21 from a Honda Odyssey that was parked at Total Sports.

According to the report, the man said he returned to his van and it was still locked but the wallet was gone. He later found out the cards had been used at two locations in Novi, one for $800 at Macy's in Twelve Oaks Mall and another for $105 at Rite Aid.

The cashier said he would be able to identify the suspect if he saw him again, and police were reviewing surveillance video from the store.

Drunk driver flees accident scene

2 Novi police arrested a man for drunk driving and fleeing the scene of an accident after the van he was driving damaged loading dock doors at Twelve Oaks Mall on Jan. 21.

According to the police report, the frame between the doors was pushed in and there was damage to the bumper of the van.

The driver was later caught and a blood test was taken to determine his blood alcohol content. The case is still open pending blood test results.

Suspect steals in smash-and-dash

3 A manager at ABC Warehouse had his Ford Escape broken into on Jan. 20 and his wallet and other items were stolen from it while it was parked in the parking lot.

According to the police report, the victim said the front passenger side window was broken and the suspect took his wallet, camera valued at $500, gift cards valued at $200 and his checkbook.

Police have no suspects at this time.

SUV broken into at gym

4 A woman had her Ford Escape broken into on Jan. 20 while she was working out at Powerhouse Gym.

According to the report, the rear passenger side window was broken and the suspect took the woman's purse containing her wallet, driver's license, camera and iPod Touch.

There were no cameras in the area and police have no suspects.

— Compiled by staff writer Nathan Mueller

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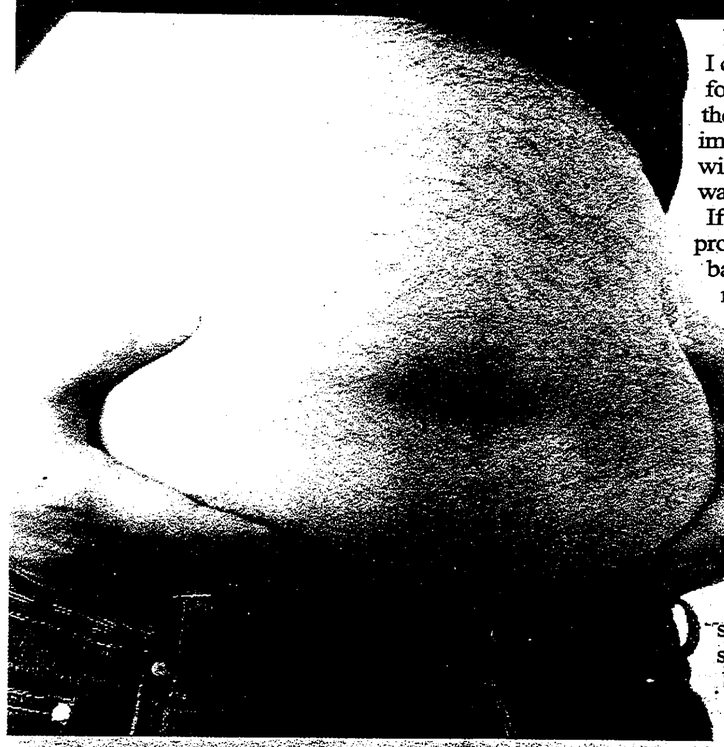

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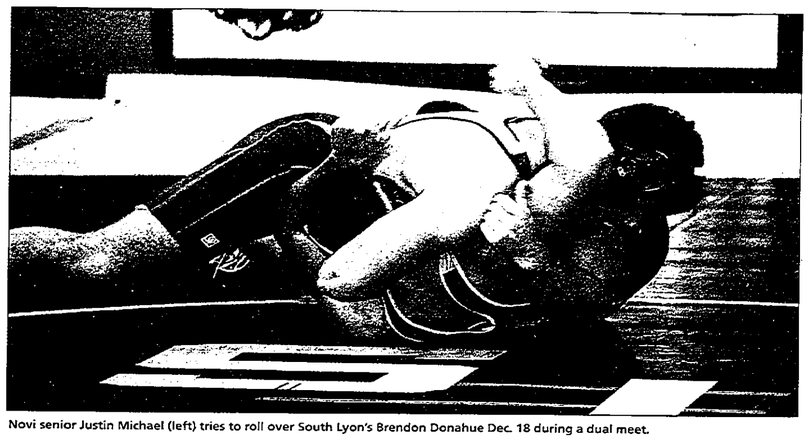

Novi senior Justin Michael (left) tries to roll over South Lyon's Brendon Donahue Dec. 18 during a dual meet.

Mustangs wrestle hold on division title away from Wildcats

Novi wrestlers fall 37-32 after defeating South Lyon 50-27

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

The road to the KLAA Central Division title took a bump last week for Novi's grapplers after splitting matches with rivals Northville and South Lyon.

ON TAP
Novi's grapplers (14-9, 3-1 KLAA Central) were scheduled to visit Livonia Stevenson (9-6, 3-1 Central) last night before Saturday's 9 a.m. Observerland Invite. The 'Cats will then have a week off until the Feb. 4 KLAA Championships.

The 'Cats (14-9, 3-1 Central) kept on the undefeated path within the division early on by defeating the Lions 50-27 Jan. 18. Junior Andrew Park (112 pounds) kicked things off with a victory, but the Lions pulled ahead by winning the next two matchups. Seniors Alejandro Albuerne (130), Giddiani Albuerne (135) and freshmen Kyle Benkarski (140)

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Novi Senior Jake Dobras (right) locks up with Cincinnati Princeton's (Ohio) Chamberlin Dec. 21 at the Holt Invitational.

Shamrocks split week with Culver

Squad takes loss in first game, wins in second

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

Culver Academy doesn't field a hockey team that can be described as anything but competitive—which is exactly why the Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks insist on playing them each year.

This season, in their goal to improve throughout the regular schedule before entering the playoffs, the Shamrocks found themselves splitting their weekend with the Culver squad. Catholic Central lost the first game, 4-3, before bouncing back to beat their foes the very next day, 3-2.

ON TAP
The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks hockey team will be back on the ice when they play Livonia Stevenson Saturday in Livonia with a 7 p.m. start before visiting Trenton Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

In the first contest, the Shamrocks were the first team to find the back of the net, scoring on a power play by Matt Sorisho that was assisted by Charlie Green and Nolan Gluchowski with just 4:35 off the clock. Culver came back with a vengeance though, scoring two to end the period with a 2-1 lead.

The Shamrocks came back in the second, tying it, 2-2, to make the game interesting. Sorisho was once again the goal scorer, this time taking assistance from Green and Nick Daigneau for the score.

In the third period, the Shamrocks went up, 3-2, when Gluchowski took a pass from Green on a power play and fired it home. Unfortunately, Culver saved the best for last, scoring two goals just a minute apart to end the game win the win.

Ryan Mulka took the loss for the Shamrocks, stopping 23-of-27 shots on goal.

The following day, the Shamrocks enacted their revenge, scoring two goals in the first period and another in the second to hold on for the 3-2 victory.

In the first period, the Shamrocks

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Novi bounces back from Salem loss to defeat Stevenson

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

Novi's boys basketball team is learning the route to defending their KLAA Central Division crown is going to be a tough one.

The Wildcats (3-7, 3-2 Central) split a pair of contests last week against Plymouth Salem (10-1, 4-1 Central) and Livonia Stevenson (6-3, 2-3 Central) and will need some help to knock Salem off the fast track to the title.

The Rocks blew though Novi 61-42 Jan. 17 in Plymouth, capitalizing on hot shooting (24-for-48 inside the arch), Novi's poor shooting (10-for-30 from two, 14-for-48 total) and 16 Novi turnovers to take the top spot in the division.

Sophomore Nelson Cagle (four rebounds) led the Wildcats with 10 points on 4-for-10 shooting, while senior Alex King added seven points and five rebounds.

Despite winning the rebound battle 24-21, collecting nine steals and recording four blocks, the Wildcats' 29.2 percent shooting couldn't combat with the fiery Salem squad.

ON TAP
Novi's boys basketball squad (3-7, 3-2 KLAA Central) is scheduled to host South Lyon East (1-8, 0-5 Central) before visiting South Lyon (6-4, 3-2 Central) Tuesday. Both games tip off at 7 p.m.

Seniors Kyle Clemmons (five points, four steals), Mike Jocz (five points, six rebounds) and junior Charles McKinney (four points, two steals) tried to give Novi an additional push, as junior Tre Cadwell (three points), senior Gannon Mathis (three points), senior Scott Kempa (two points), junior Jionni Ivy (two points), junior Brad Kozinski (one point) and junior Blake Brown (three blocks) chipped in.

The 'Cats rebounded from the loss by defeating Livonia Stevenson 45-38 Jan. 20. Novi improved on their overall shooting (16-for-32) while going 7-for-11 on three-pointers and outrebounding the Spartans 24-20.

Cagle led the 'Cats again with 12 points, while Kempa (10 points) and Ivy (nine points, seven rebounds) provided an offensive spark.

Despite not taking a shot, Jocz pulled down eight rebounds in a defensive stand, while Novi got six-point contributions each from Clemmons and McKinney. King added two points.

The 3-30 combined assist-turnover ratio over the course of the two games continues to be a concern for the Wildcats. McKinney had two assists and Kempa one assist, but combined for nine turnovers, as well.

The 'Cats hope to improve on that for the Feb. 7 rematch with Salem. Stevenson had defeated Salem 67-57 Jan. 13 for the Rocks' only division loss.

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

Lack of snow delays start of Novi ski season

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

The start to Novi's ski season was delayed by the unusually warm winter and lack of snow, but the team took to Alpine Valley Jan. 18 to split a pair of dual meets.

The Wildcat boys (1-1) defeated West Bloomfield and lost to Orchard Lake St. Mary's, while the girls (1-1) lost to West Bloomfield and defeated Livonia Ladywood.

The Lakers provided the closest competition for both genders, as Novi won 16-20 for the guys and lost 15-23 for the girls.

Alex Arne (45.37 seconds) and Harrison Halley (46.04) led Novi's boys team by taking first and second overall, while Zach Johnson landed fifth in 50.91 seconds and Jean Hadrich was eighth in 66.66 seconds. West Bloomfield took the other four spots in the top eight, so the final score came down to what order everyone landed in.

Novi also took first overall on the girls side, thanks to a 53.88-second performance by Calla Spillane. However, the Lakers took second, third, fourth and sixth to clinch the meet, as well as eighth and ninth to push Novi's fourth scorer further back.

ON TAP
Novi's ski squad (1-1 boys, 1-1 girls) return to Alpine Valley in White Lake tonight to take on White Lake Lakeland and Walled Lake Western before facing Bloomfield Hills Brother Rice and Marian Feb. 2 at the same location.

Also scoring for Novi were Ashley Sawaya (fifth in 57.47 seconds), Lucia Li (seventh in 60.06) and Nina Li (10th in 64.66).

The Wildcats' second meet of the night was a flipped result. St. Mary's took four of the top five places in the boys side for a dominant 13-27 win. Halley led Novi by finishing second in 47.05 seconds, 2.02 seconds back from first-place Matt Recker.

Also landing in Novi's top four were Tim Lu (sixth in 57.76), Hadrich (ninth in 67.05) and Yudai Kamiya (10th in 67.49).

Meanwhile, the Wildcat girls got their first victory of the

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season. Although it'll go down in the record books as a forfeit by the four-member Ladywood squad, the 'Cats were set to win big after taking four of the top five spots.

Spillane took first overall in 53.7 seconds, followed by Lucia Li (second in 54.78), Paige Morris (third in 57.27) and Miranda Hanby (fifth in 65.12).

Ladywood's top skier, Kristin Cushman, finished fourth in 60.47 seconds, while her teammates landed sixth and eighth. Their fourth skier did not finish the race, resulting in the forfeit as there were not four scores to combine for the Blazers' team score. However, even if she had taken first place, Novi would have won by no closer than a 15-19 tally, but by as much as 11-28.

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jumped out to a 2-0 lead, scoring with just 2:32 off the clock and again 10 seconds later. Nick Michels scored the first goal, assisted by Joe Steele, before Tyler VanNorman added the second, assisted by Steven Jarzynski and Max Wanko.

Culver came back six minutes later, scoring on a power play to cut the lead in half, 2-1.

But the Shamrocks bided their time, scoring in the second on a power play of their own as Gluchowski took a pass from Pete Halash and Daigneau and scored for the 3-1 advantage.

Culver had their hands full for the rest of the night, scoring with 13:34 off the clock in the third but not able to finish the game off as the Shamrocks secured the win.

Derek Moore earned the win for the Shamrocks, who played an outstanding defensive game to keep the Culver players from getting a clear shot on goal for most of the game.

Catholic Central is currently 13-3 on the season and ranked first in the state of Michigan.

Sam Eggleston is a freelance writer and former staff sports writer for the Northville Record and Novi News.

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Novi bowling squads taking momentum in opposite directions

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

It was a jam-packed week of bowling for Novi's squads, who had three dual meets in three days before competing at the Oakland County Championships.

Both the boys (3-8, 2-5 KLAA Central) and girls (5-6, 3-4 Central) teams both went 1-2 in the dual meets before taking quick exits at the county meet.

ON TAP

Novi's bowling squads (3-8 boys, 5-6 girls) were scheduled to face Livonia Clarenceville yesterday before a rematch with Canton (5-2 boys, 1-6 girls) Monday at Super Bowl in Canton and Plymouth (2-6 boys, 2-4 girls) Wednesday at Westland Bowl. All three matches are at 3:30 p.m.

THE GUYS

Novi's boys team started the week off on a high note Jan. 17 with a 28-2 stomping of baseline rival Northville (0-9, 0-7 Central) in what Novi coach Jon Osborne called his team's "best showing of the year."

The 'Cats won all 10 baker points and both games by scored of 1,002-756 and 935-853. Andrew Thorwall had a personal best for the year with two points off games of 242 and 224, while Kam Mitchell made his first varsity appearance of the season with games of 201 and 182.

The guys couldn't keep the ball rolling the next day against state-ranked Westland John Glenn (10-0, 7-0 Central), falling in a tough 19-11 contest. The Wildcats won six baker points, but lost both games 1,033-905 and 994-813.

Thorwall scored two points for Novi with games of 234 and 192, as did Chad Smith with games of 171 and 194.

Things got worse Jan. 19 against Canton (5-2, 4-1 Central), who beat Novi 21-9. The Chiefs won all 10 baker points and split the two games with Novi. Canton won the first 992-946, but Novi won the second 1,021-1,013.

Mat Kotowicz led the way with games of 198 and 227, while Morgan Wiley threw 201 and 191, and Thorwall had a 203 and 206.

After two days off, the 'Cats headed to Thunderbird Lanes in Troy for the Oakland County Championships. However, despite a strong first game of 970, Novi failed to qualify for the next round.

Mitchell led the way with a game of 229, followed by Thorwall's 224 and Charlie Woods' 200.

THE GALS

For Novi's girls team, the momentum went in the opposite direction, building throughout the week.

The week began with a 22.5-7.5 loss to Northville (6-3, 5-2 Central) after winning the first baker game 181-173. The Mustangs won both regular games 716-650 and 776-690 despite a strong effort of 171 and 172 games from Novi's Sara Schulz.

Winning all 10 baker points against Glenn (7-3, 6-1 Central) with games of 177-159 and 158-145, Novi had the advantage, but only scored three more points as the Rockets came back with regular games of 848-756 and 795-760. The 'Cats were led by Megan Engels (174), Shelby Limpert (165) and Evie Plaetinck (140), who each scored single points for Novi.

Continuing the build-up throughout the week, Novi cruised past Canton 26-4 Jan. 19. The girls won all 10 baker points 141-132 and 161-138, and then won both games 858-643 and 761-676 to defeat the Chiefs (1-6, 1-4 Central). Callie Wright shot a personal best game of 235 and 182, while Jessie Snider helped lead the way with games of 205 and 166.

The girls then had their shot at the Oakland County Championships Jan 21. At Fairlane Bowl in Madison Heights. Over three games, a four-baker score of 2,928 qualified the 'Cats as the 14th seed for the two-baker roll-off. However, that matchup ended in a 352-287 loss to Oxford. Schulz (591) and Snider (502) had the top three-game series for Novi.

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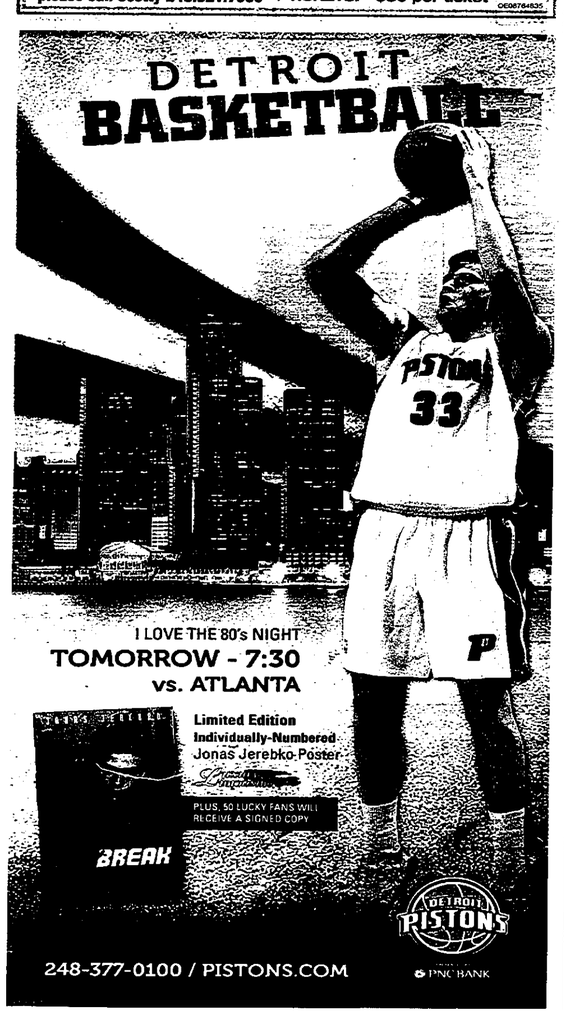

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Novi lady cagers fall to Spartans in nailbiter

Pavlika sisters add spark to Wildcat lineup

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

With three games in four days, Novi's girls basketball team had their work cut out for them to close out the first half of KLAA Central Division play.

The Wildcats (8-3, 3-2 Central) split in a pair of division contests had a dominant victory over non-league foe Hamtramck in between.

Plymouth Salem (2-8, 2-3 Central) came to town Jan. 17 and the Wildcats gradually pulled away. Up 20-16 at halftime, Novi used a 9-2 third-quarter run to take a 29-18 lead, but the Rocks battled back. The 'Cats held on for a 38-30 victory despite Salem's Bri Berberet dropping in a game-high 18 points.

Sophomore Kerri McMahan led Novi with 12 points and two steals, while senior Ally D'Annibale added seven points and four rebounds. Senior Abby Chandler (six points) and sophomore Taylor Pavlika (five points) also contributed while senior Sam Pavlika (three points, three rebounds), junior Jade Antolec (two points, nine rebounds, three assists, four steals), senior Anna Lausch (two points) and junior Leena Burgess (one point) each chipped in offensively.

Novi coach Bill Kelp said the Pavlika sisters have been adjusting nicely since joining the lineup for this week's three games after sitting our to abide by MHSAA transfer regulations.

ON TAP

Novi's girls basketball squad (8-3, 3-2 KLAA Central) was scheduled to visit South Lyon East (6-5, 1-4 Central) tomorrow before hosting South Lyon (5-6, 2-3 Central) Tuesday and Northville (7-4, 3-2 Central) Feb. 3. All three games tip off at 7 p.m. The 'Cats defeated both South Lyon schools the first time around, but lost a tough one on the road at Northville.

"Sam has started the three games and Taylor comes off the bench. They are solid at both ends," Kelp said. "I think both of them are feeling their way around. They have 40 practices under their belt, but no game action. It will take some time before they will feel completely comfortable."

Eleven different Wildcats scored Jan. 19 when Novi hosted Hamtramck (1-3). Leading 24-0 after one quarter and 42-3 at halftime, Novi eventually won 55-15 behind 15 points from sophomore Kristen Schubring and seven points from D'Annibale.

"It was a game that we had to add in October," Kelp said. "There are not to many teams that need a game so close to the season but our schedule was not complete."

McMahan, Lausch, Burgess and junior Kasey Lowney (five rebounds) each had six points, while Taylor Pavlika added five points and six rebounds. Senior Katie Seelenbinder and sophomore Rachel Whitens chipped in with four points each while Antolec added three points and Sam Pavlika two points.

"I thought it was good for our younger girls to get some decent minutes," Kelp said. "I thought Kristen Schubring, Rachel Whitens, Lena Burgess and Kasey Lowney showed the potential that we believe they have to eventually be more prominent players. I thought Kristen really showed some solid fundamentals with her rebounding and scoring."

Ten different players recorded a steal toward Novi's total of 21, compared to just one turnover. The Wildcats shot 25-for-49 (51 percent), while Hamtramck shot 2-for-13 (15.4 percent) and was outrebounded 22-8.

The dominant 40-point victory led into a much closer contest the following night at Livonia Stevenson (8-2, 4-1 Central) where neither team broke the 40-point barrier.

After falling behind 19-13 at halftime, the Wildcats went on a 14-6 third-quarter run to take a 27-25 lead into the final quarter.

Led by McMahan's game-high 11 points and four assists, the 'Cats were up late before Stevenson's Molly Knoph nailed a layup with 9.5 seconds left to secure a 33-32 victory for the Spartans.

"It was a combination of two things – their player making a great basketball play and shot and us playing too much in a hurry offensively," Kelp said. "There is a difference in playing fast and playing in a hurry. We still need to play fast, but must learn how to relax when we have the ball."

For the second division contest that week, the Wildcats had a hot third quarter and outshot their opponent by at least 15 attempts over the course of the game, but the contest still ended in a single-digit margin. However, unlike the Salem victory, the Spartans got the best of Novi last Friday.

"We need to start games better," Kelp said. "Part of playing in a hurry is that we shoot in a hurry."

The 'Cats shot 13-for-51 (25.5 percent) against Stevenson's 12-for-36 (33.3 percent) while winning the rebounding battle 29-22 with 17 offensive boards. It was similar to the 13-for-41 (31.7 percent) they shot against Salem's 10-for-24 (41.7 percent) earlier in the week when they had a 23-17 rebound advantage, but the end result wasn't the same. The Stevenson victory put the Spartans on top of the division.

"I think we are slowly getting better defensively, but our helpside is still a work in progress," Kelp said. "It seems when we do have a breakdown the other team always scores."

Other scorers for Novi against the Spartans were Antolec (eight points, 10 rebounds), Sam Pavlika (seven points, four rebounds, three assists, three steals), Lausch (three points, five rebounds), Taylor Pavlika (two points) and D'Annibale (one point, four rebounds).

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WRESTLE

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picked up victories to put Novi ahead 23-9. It was Benkarski's first victory since joining the varsity squad.

South Lyon wouldn't go away, however; winning matches in the 145- and 152-pound weight class to narrow the deficit to 23-21. Senior Jake Dobras (171) used a 9-2 decision to put the 'Cats up 29-21, but another victory by the Lions in at the 189-pound weight class cut it to 29-27.

Victories by senior Justin Michael (215), senior Jimi Keller (heavyweight) and junior Dan DeNova (203) sealed the victory at 50-27.

The 'Cats carried the momentum into a contest with Northville. With both teams 3-0 in the division, a lot was riding on the match.

Northville's Ijji Lerner (119) started off by pinning Levy, but Novi's Evan Davis (125) and Alejandro Albuerne followed with wins over Jason Lerner (125) and Sean Wagner (130). The back and forth would continue when Northville's Travis Compo (135) earned a technical fall over Benkarski and Giddiani Albuerne took a major decision from Northville's Alec Clevenger (140).

With a slim 11-10 lead, the Mustangs went on a 14-point tear with victories in the 145, 152 and 160 weight classes to go up 25-10.

A pinfall victory by Dobras over Northville's John Lippert (171) made it a 25-16 deficit, but a Trevor Maresh (189) pin of Novi's Zach Roush and an Andrew Boyd (215) pin of Michael was the nail in the coffin, putting the Mustangs up 37-16.

The 'Cats closed out with victories by Keller, DeNova and Park to set the final score as a 37-32 loss.

"The loss to Northville was a tough because we were missing our 140- and 145-pound starters due to illness and injury and those are two weights we are confident we would have won," Novi coach Brad Huss said. "We wrestled well but we couldn't overcome the points we lost at those weights. Sometimes these types of things occur and it is frustrating for everyone on the team."

After the division meet, the Wildcats headed up 1-96 to the Holt Invitational Jan. 21 where five of 14 wrestlers made it the podium among a pool of 12 other teams.

"Holt is a very tough tournament and our guys wrestled some of the best in the state," Huss said.

The highest placement for Novi at the tournament was Giddiani Albuerne, who went 4-1 and took third after defeating Davison's Carter Stoddard 7-4 in the consolation finals.

Taking fourth after winning their pools were Alejandro Albuerne, who lost to Oxford's Mike Willits in the consolation final; Dobras, who lost to East Kentwood's Ernie Morton; and Keller, who lost to Howell's Cam Englund. Michael added a sixth-place finish for the Wildcats.

"We wrestled well and are starting to make significant improvements at each weight class," Huss said. "We gained valuable experience from the level of competition and our guys are realizing that they are capable of competing at this level. This is the reason that we choose to attend the Holt Tournament each year. This tournament helps us as a team."

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

Shamrocks split week with ranked teams

Wrestling squad beats Moeller, falls to Lowell

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

When you want to be the best, you have to wrestle the best--that's the way Detroit Catholic Central has approached the season for as long as anyone can remember.

And that's exactly why the Shamrocks played host to Cincinnati Moeller, ranked 16th in the country, and Lowell, ranked 29th in the country, last week.

The end result wasn't the best for the Shamrocks' record, but immeasurable in value when it came to helping the squad prepare for the upcoming post-season.

ON TAP

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks wrestling team will be back on the mat when they take on three Ohio teams Saturday. They will face off against St. Edward, St. Vincent and St. Mary high schools. The team will then compete in the MHSAA team districts February 9.

The Shamrocks found themselves on the wrong end of a loss to Lowell, falling 27-24, with each team splitting seven matches and the deciding factor coming down to bonus points. Senior captain Kevin Beazley earned a win over Gabe Dean while Malike Amine and Zack Colone also picked up huge wins with Colone coming from behind to win in overtime.

Showcasing their tenacity, the Shamrocks came back to defeat Cincinnati Moeller in the next match, 34-19. The squad earned wins in 9 of the 14 matches, earning bonus points from Logan Marcicki, Beazley, Myles Amine and Ken Bade. Alec Mooradian and Drew Garcia both earned wins as well.

Sam Eggleston is a freelance writer and former staff sports writer for the Northville Record and Novi News.

NOVI SPORTS ROUNDUP

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

O'Leary earns soccer Coach of the Year honor

The NFHS Coaches Association recently named Novi girls soccer coach Brian O'Leary as the 2011 Coach of the Year for girls soccer at the state level. O'Leary has led the Wildcats to five state titles in 2005-07 and 2010-11, as well as two ESPN national titles in 2006 and 2011. The team finished 22-0-2 last spring. He is also the boys soccer coach, which he coached to a 1998 state title.

Volleyball

Wildcat teammates Victoria Rose and Molly Marzonie were recently named to MIVCA 2011 Academic All-State team for the fall season, meaning the two seniors maintained a 3.7 GPA during their athletic season.

Both Rose and Marzonie are three-year varsity players who helped lead the Wildcats to a 30-0 KLAA Central Division record, three division titles, two district titles and one Kensington Conference title over the three-season span from 2009-11 while also helping capture back-to-back KLAA titles the past two seasons.

Rose was a middle hitter who earned All-Conference and All-Area second team honors as a senior while placing 15th in Division A in both blocks and kills per game for her position, according to MaxPreps.com.

Marzonie was a libero and team captain who received KLAA and All-Area honorable mention honors in the fall while landing ninth in Division A in digs per game within her position.

Hockey Alumni

Novi 2011 graduate Nolan Valleau, who was a two-time All-State defender that helped the Wildcats capture a state title last spring, was recently named HockeyShot.com's National Defensive Player of the Week for the period ending Jan. 15.

Valleau recorded one goal and four assists with a plus-7 rating over three games in helping the North American Hockey League's Port Huron Fighting Falcons to a 2-0-1 week. The team is now 28-11-3 and leading the North Division by nine points.

After playing 11 games with New Mexico (13-25-2) to start the season, Valleau has tallied five goals and 17 assists in 34 games with Port Huron, tying for 10th in the league among the league's defensemen.

"He is our best offensive defenseman and is able to do things that leave my head shaking," Port Huron coach Bill Warren said. "I look forward to watching him continue to grow throughout the season. I have to think he will be in the USHL next season, he is that good of a player."

Valleau was a 2011 fourth-round draft pick by the USHL's Sioux Falls Stampede.

AAU Girls Basketball

Tryouts for AAU girls basketball that were scheduled to take place tonight at Orchard Hills Elementary have been moved to Deerfield Elementary, 26500 Wixom Road in Novi, to accommodate an increased interest.

Fifth and sixth graders will try out from 6:30-8 p.m., while seventh and eighth graders will hit the court from 8-9:30 p.m.

Cost to try out is $20 and players should be ready to play with shorts, shoes and a shirt when it is time to begin. Parents and guardian will need to fill out forms.

For more information, contact Bill Kelp at bkelp@novi.k12.mi.us.

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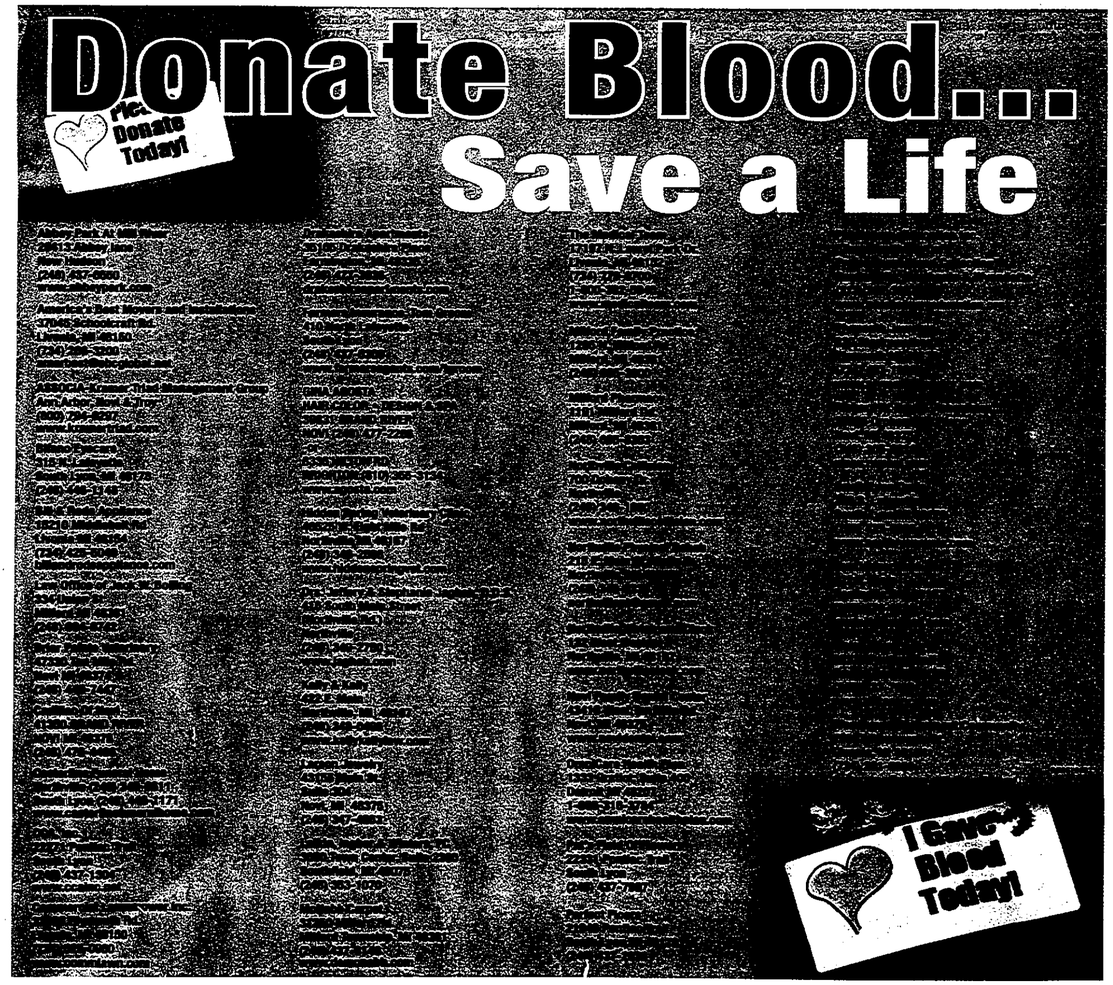

South Lyon's Harding makes immediate impact

By Jeff Theisen
Sports writer

South Lyon has been a staple at the State Finals the last few years, and freshman Caroline Harding was a major reason why this year.

Despite being a newcomer to varsity golf, she showed the form of a veteran all season.

Harding led the Lions with a 44.1 average for nine holes. She finished third individually at the KLAA Conference meet and fourth at regionals. Harding didn't have her best tournament at the State Finals, but she will have three years to improve on that.

Harding also shot one of her best rounds of the year against Central champion Northville with an even-par 36 at Tanglewood.

"She was our best player all season," said coach Dan Skatzka. "Caroline is one of the hardest workers and one of the most dedicated golfers I have seen in all the years I have coached. She often stays after practice and after home meets for extra practice. She is a very good team member and very well liked and respected by all."

SUBMITTED BY TAMMIE SKATZKA

South Lyon freshman Caroline Harding is the All-Area Golfer of the Year.

FIRST TEAM

Camilla Zhao, Northville

Northville let it be known who was the class of the Central Division this year, going a perfect 10-0. The Mustangs also went on to place third at the KLAA Conference meet and sixth at regionals.

The key to such a good run was the play of Camilla Zhao.

The junior golfer averaged 43 for nine holes with a low of 40 and 85.5 for 18 holes. She was medalist five teams with highlights of an 81 at the Grosse Ile tourney, an 80 at the Pioneer tourney at U-M and 84 at the conference meet for sixth overall. She went on to shoot an 82 at regionals to advance to state where she finished tied for 18th overall.

"Definitely our top golfer — very consistent, focused and even-tempered golfer," said coach Mary Jane Ossola. "She had a good - not great year. With a little more dedication, she will be able to compete in the top groups next year. She needs to work on her short game as she is not extremely long."

Lindsey Matych, Northville

The Mustang junior played the perfect compliment to Zhao. She led the team four times and averaged 41.6 for nine holes, including rounds of 34, 37, 38 and 39.

She didn't do as well in 18-hole matches, averaging 89.4. She did have an 84 at the Grosse Ile tourney.

Matych finished eighth at the KLAA Conference meet with an 86 and 19th at regionals with a 90.

"Had some wonderful 9-hole rounds," said Ossola. "Could never put together two nines in her tourneys. Can hit the ball a mile - but is hurt by her short game. The key for her will be to develop some consistency."

Katelyn Sakkinen, Milford

Maverick senior Sakkinen put together a strong year for the 7-3 Milford squad which also finished third at the conference tourney.

She averaged 84.3 for 18 and placed in the top 10 five times. She was voted team MVP and earned First Team All-KLAA honors.

Elena Moore, South Lyon East

The Cougar junior averaged 45.0 for nine holes and qualified for the State Finals. She earned All-Conference honors and was medalist four times throughout the year. She helped East win the Oakland County Division 2 title.

Lizzie Higgins, South Lyon

Higgins co-captained and finished as the second leading scorer for the Lions. She finished seventh at the conference tourney to earn All-Conference honors.

"Lizzie has played in virtually every varsity meet for the last three years," said Skatzka. "She has helped us get to the state finals for the last three years. As a junior captain she gave us a lot of leadership."

SECOND TEAM

Taylor Jones, South Lyon East

The senior Cougar earned medalist twice and earned All-Conference Honorable Mention honors. She averaged 48 for nine holes.

Lauren Cojei, Novi

The sophomore averaged 86.6 for 18 with a low of 80. She finished tied for fifth at the Oakland County meet and was team medalist 12 times.

Alex Fischer, South Lyon

The junior averaged 47.5 for nine holes during her third year with the varsity squad. She earned All-Conference honors with a sixth-place finish and has been to the State Finals the last two years.

Allison Ranusch, South Lyon

The Lion sophomore stepped up her game in her second year with the team, averaging 48.2 for nine. She earned All-Conference honors with a ninth-place finish. She shot an 85 at the Oakland County meet to finish 12th.

Sarah Thompson, South Lyon

The senior Lion earned her fourth letter with the team. She averaged 48.2 for nine and was played at the State Finals the last two years.

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ALL-AREA GOLF

Golfer of the Year
Caroline Harding, South Lyon
First Team
Camilla Zhao, Northville
Lindsey Matych, Northville
Katelyn Sakkinen, Milford
Lizzie Higgins, South Lyon
Elena Moore, South Lyon East
Second Team
Alex Fischer, South Lyon
Allison Ranusch, South Lyon
Sarah Thompson, South Lyon
Lauren Cojei, Novi
Taylor Jones, South Lyon East
Honorable Mention
Brenna Bush, South Lyon East
Maria Brooks, Lakeland

CITY OF NOVI VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO SERVE ON CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Notice is given that the Novi City Council will be interviewing applicants for appointment to the Beautification Commission, Building Authority, Construction Board of Appeals, Housing & Community Development Advisory Committee and Library Board.

If you are a registered voter and interested in volunteering to serve on a City Board or Commission, information about the various Boards and Commissions is available at www.cityofnovi.org or at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375, (248) 347-0456.

The deadline for filing an application (available on the website or at the City Clerk's office) is Wednesday, February 1, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. All applicants will be required to be present at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 6, 2012 in the Council Chambers to be interviewed by City Council. All City Council meetings are televised.

Maryanne Cornelius, City Clerk

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NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGISTRATION
For the PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION
to be held on
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2012
CITY OF NOVI

To the Qualified Electors of the City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan.

Notice is hereby given that the Novi City Clerk's office, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 will be open:

MONDAY, January 30, 2012
from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
LAST DAY TO REGISTER

FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING APPLICATIONS FOR THE REGISTRATION OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS IN THE CITY OF NOVI NOT ALREADY REGISTERED.

If you are not currently registered to vote in the City of Novi at your present address, you may do so in any of the following ways:

In Person:
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- At any of the Secretary of State Branch Offices located throughout the State during normal business hours.

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By Mail:
- By obtaining and completing a Mail-in Voter Registration Application and forwarding to the Novi City Clerk's office by the close of registration **deadline, JANUARY 30, 2012** or contacting: Novi City Clerk's Office, 248-347-0456 or by email to: mcornelius@cityofnovi.org

THE FEBRUARY 28, 2012 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION WILL BE CONDUCTED IN ALL VOTING PRECINCTS OF THE CITY OF NOVI FOR THE PURPOSE OF NOMINATING CANDIDATES FOR THE FOLLOWING OFFICE:

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

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Herman Cain	Uncommitted
Newt Gingrich	
Jon Huntsman	
Gary Johnson	
Fred Karger	
Ron Paul	
Rick Perry	
Buddy Roemer	
Mitt Romney	
Rick Santorum	
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CITY OF NOVI
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Zoning Board of Appeals for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, February 14, 2012** at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers Novi Civic Center 45175 W. Ten Mile Road to consider:

CASE NO. 12-001 50630 AMESBURG DR
The applicant is requesting a variance from the Similar/Dissimilar provisions of Section 303 of the Novi Zoning Ordinance to allow construction of two (2) homes with similar facades within less than the required minimum separation distance. The property is located in the Island Lake Development north of Ten Mile and west of Wixom Rd in the RA Zoning District.
CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 303.2.b requires that no dwelling structural form shall be located on the same side of the street as a substantially similar structural form without there being at least two (2) dwellings with different structural form between the two (2) substantially similar structural forms. For purposes of this provision, dwellings within the same quadrant of intersecting streets shall be treated as being on the same side of a common street.

CASE NO. 12-002 22126 BECK RD
The applicant is requesting a variance from Section 2515.1 of the Novi Zoning Ordinance to allow construction of a fence in the front yard of an existing home. The property is located south of Nine Mile and east of Beck Rd in the R-1 Zoning District.
CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 2515.1 Fences (residential) on all lots of record are limited to 6 feet in height and shall not extend toward the front of the lot nearer than the minimum front yard setback distance unless the existing house already extends into the front yard, in which case the fence may extend to the front of the house.

CASE NO. 12-003 46290 TEN MILE
The applicant is requesting a variance from Section 2515.1 of the Novi Zoning Ordinance to allow construction of a fence in the front yard of an existing home. The property is located north of Ten Mile Rd and east of Beck Rd in the R-4 Zoning District.
CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 2515.1 Fences (residential) on all lots of record are limited to 6 feet in height and shall not extend toward the front of the lot nearer than the minimum front yard setback distance unless the existing house already extends into the front yard, in which case the fence may extend to the front of the house.

CASE NO. 12-004 PARCEL NUMBER 5022-09-451-028 – NOVI CORPORATE PARK
The applicant is requesting a renewal for the continued placement of a temporary construction/sales trailer located at parcel 5022-09-451-028 for Novi Corporate Park beginning November 2011. The applicant was granted approval for continued placement from November 10, 2009 through November 10, 2011 from the ZBA in December 2009 (case 09-043). Applicant also received Temporary Use Permits TUP05-030, TUP06-020 and was granted continued approval under ZBA07-065. The property is zoned I-1 and located east of West Park Dr and north of Twelve Mile.
CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 3004 2., "Temporary Use Permits" states: "The Building Official shall have the power to grant permits authorizing temporary special land uses for...temporary buildings...not to exceed two (2) years on undeveloped parcels within the City.

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Getting to know your cell phone plan

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Tech Savvy

Jon Gunnells

You can't surf the web, watch the news, or refresh your Twitter stream without hearing talk about the next round of superphones.

The Apple iPhone4s, Motorola Droid Bionic and even some new Blackberry units have been making headlines recently for their 8-megapixel cameras, 1GHZ processors and 64gb on board storage.

You can read up on the newest phones and their specifications down to the screen size, phone and phone weight through a Google search.

What isn't easy is figuring out changes to your phone plan that could be necessary if you upgrade a to a smartphone from a basic cell phone device.

Over the past few years, carriers have made it a requirement for smartphone users to pay for data plans or unlimited texting plans. So whether you are buying a discounted Windows phone or a Blackberry in conjunction with your two-year service agreement, your smartphone may lead to additional costs.

If you surf the web with your mobile device a lot, you will need a larger data allowance than the 200mb bottom-tier plan many carriers offer.

New customers can get a 2 gigaybte (GB) plan from AT&T for $25 per month, or Verizon for $30 per month. AT&T also offers a 4GB plan for $45 and Verizon for $50.

But what most people don't know is data overage charges aren't unreasonable — only $10 per GB at both AT&T and Verizon. So don't pay up for a plan, simply eat the overage charge if you use your phone too much in a given month.

Better yet, when you access the web through wi-fi, say from your wireless router at home, you won't be charged data usage. Phone companies only charge when you use data directly from their mobile network.

If you are still worried about expensive data usage, Sprint offers unlimited everything plans starting at $79.99 per month. But don't be fooled by the small print — there's a $10 per month surcharge for certain smartphones, like the iPhone4s. Add in phone insurance, regulatory fees and tax and you could be paying closer to $100 — but in fairness, that's likely much cheaper than whatever Verizon is gouging these days.

If you think gouging is an unfair term to describe phone companies, consider this: In the past few years, AT&T and Verizon have removed unlimited data plan options for new customers because they say data is too expensive.

Google, Amazon, DropBox and YouSendit.com, meanwhile, offer multiple GBs of free storage on the web for literally any non-paying web customer.

Data isn't even the worst marked-up service on your phone bill. Depending on the carrier, your text messaging plan could be marked up near 4,000 percent.

Research has shown that text messages can cost phone companies as little as one-third of a cent, yet they charge around $20 a month for unlimited texting plans, $30 for unlimited family texting.

Customers can go without texting plans (if the company lets you), but then they will be charged about 10 cents per text — about double what phone companies previously charged.

Why the increase? Companies are trying to get their cash before texting goes down the path of the typewriter and becomes obsolete.

Free messaging apps like BlackBerry Messenger have been around for more than five years, but they required confusing PINs and a separate interface to contact other BlackBerry owners for free.

The new iPhone4s, however, has built-in technology that sends text messages between iPhones through a program called iMessage — and it's completely free. iMessage will cut down on cell phone bills — maybe even yours. iMessage may even mean you can cut down your individual or family texting plan.

Or you could just visit the phone store and flex your cell phone plan knowledge until the service rep budges and gets you an unadvertised plan like 1,000 text messages for $10. A $10 plan would still be a ripoff, but less than you are likely paying now. With any luck, texting will become much cheaper when it's time to extend or change your contract again.

Note: Did you know most cell phone providers offer deep corporate discounts on monthly reoccurring charges such as minutes and data? Check to see if your company offers a discount and have the discount applied to your next bill.

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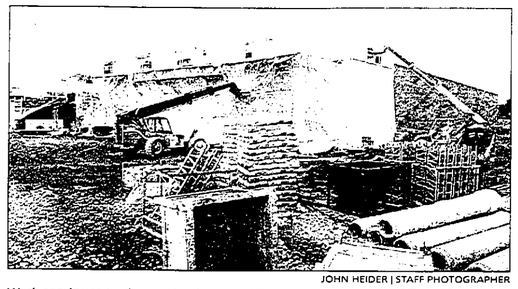

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Work continues on the construction of a Walmart store at the Novi Town Center on Jan. 6. The 150,000 square foot shopping center is slated to open in September, 2012. As reported in the Novi News' Jan. 5 edition, six new shops have recently opened in the Town Center — anticipating its new look and direction.

OAKLAND COUNTY BUSINESS WORKSHOPS

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

Legal & Financial Basics for Small Business

This workshop covers many of the key legal and financial issues faced by both new and existing small businesses in Michigan. The program initially focuses on the many management and liability concerns faced by entrepreneurs, as well as today's tax consequences. The program also provides solutions and techniques for business concession and individual investment and retirement planning. Presented by Carter & Affiliates, P.C.

Tuesday, Jan. 31, from 9 a.m.-noon

This workshop is free, but pre-registration is required.

FastTrac NewVenture

This is an intensive, 10-week program that helps you evaluate business opportunities and develop an action plan for owning your own business. Written by entrepreneurs for aspiring entrepreneurs, FastTrac NewVenture offers essential business information to help you develop your entrepreneurial skills and build your business on a strong foundation. FastTrac NewVenture provides the opportunity to objectively evaluate your concept and plans for moving forward, begin building an infrastructure for your business operations and processes, understand how to access the human, financial and business resources, and build an actionable business plan.

The class is from Tuesday, Jan. 31 through April 3 (10 consecutive sessions) from 6-9 p.m.

The fee is $140. No refunds.

SOCIAL SECURITY

Many people are wrongly rejected when they apply for Social Security Disability benefits. Money was taken out of their paychecks for Social Security taxes to ensure that they would receive disability benefits if they could no longer work full-time. Sadly, the government denies approximately 60% of those who apply for disability benefits.

Attorneys J.B. Bieske and Jennifer Alfonsi have 42 years combined experience representing only Social Security disability clients. And they personally meet with all clients and appear personally at all court hearings. Many large firms assign inexpen-enced attorneys to your case. And some of these firms are located thousands of miles away and only fly the attorney in the day of the court hearing. Attorneys Bieske and Alfonsi have vast experience before local Michigan judges.

Attorneys Bieske and Alfonsi can often make a winning difference at the application stage. And, if an appeal is necessary they have won several hundred cases before a court date is even set.

Those denied can appeal on their own but statistics for many years reveal that those represented by attorneys win a much higher percentage of appeals. And attorneys who specialize in Social Security Disability cases win a much higher percentage yet.

In addition to practicing only Social Security disability law attorney Bieske has written a book for attorneys about the subject and has been interviewed on various television programs. Both attorney Bieske and Alfonsi have also been interviewed on radio programs and have given speeches to many groups.

Attorneys Bieske and Alfonsi offer free phone or office consultation. If they represent you, there will **be no fee charged until after the case is won.** The fee is a percentage of retroactive benefits.

Bieske and Alfonsi represent clients from all over the state of Michigan. Their Livonia office is on Six Mile Road just west of I-275. Their Novi office is located on Haggerty Road just north of 12 Mile Road. Call them at 1-800-331-3530 for a free consultation if you have been denied, or if you are thinking of possibly applying for Social Security benefits.

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NOVI BUSINESS BRIEFS

Novi Businesswomen fund scholarship, grant for students in Michigan

The mission of the American Business Women's Association (ABWA), a national non-profit organization, is in part to provide opportunities for women to help themselves grow personally and professionally through education. As a testament to their collective mission, the Novi Oaks Charter Chapter of the ABWA (based in Novi) has announced it will offer a grant this year for the education of local students – the Novi Oaks' Outright Grant.

Novi Oaks Charter Chapter will fund a $2,000 scholarship through the national ABWA's Stephen Bufton Memorial Education Fund (SBMEF). Eligible applicants must (1) be a female U.S. citizen; (2) have completed 45 credit hours or more when applying for funds. Funds may be used when the applicant has completed 60 credit hours; (3) have achieved a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or better on a 4.0 scale; (4) be seeking a baccalaureate degree or higher; (5) be attending a Michigan institution authorized to confer degrees at the baccalaureate level or higher in the United States; (6) be sponsored by an eligible ABWA chapter/network.

To apply, interested parties should send name, e-mail address and phone number to Education Chair Sandy Schrah at sgsabwa@comcast.net, with the subject line "Outright Grant" no later than Feb. 1.

The winner will be notified before July 2012. Each one-time grant is not renewable. A check will be issued jointly to the educational institution and the recipient. Funds are limited to tuition, books and fees. SBMEF offers National Scholarships for women specific to nursing, business and information technology. For more information on these scholarship opportunities visit www.sbmef.org.

Founded in 1949, ABWA is a 15,000 member strong association with chapters and Express Networks nationwide, providing business skills training and networking opportunities for women of diverse occupations to enhance career advancement and personal development. Novi Oaks Charter Chapter is a part of this national network, and although it funds and sets eligibility requirements for its grants and scholarships, recipients are determined by a selection board comprised of trustees of the SBMEF.

For more info about the SBMEF, visit www.sbmef.org and for more information about ABWA and Novi Oaks Charter Chapter, visit www.abwa-novi.org.

Schoolcraft hosting mother/daughter Micro-Lending workshop

Schoolcraft College (18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia) will host Micro-lending 101 from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11. Discover the ways that small loans make a big difference to entrepreneurs all over the world. Explore their unique businesses, and learn how Zonta International clubs support them.

Become an investor without spending any money of your own. Each participating mother/daughter team will choose a small business in a developing country to support with a small loan, and will learn about:

- strategies to make investment decisions,
- cultures around the globe and
- the economic impacts of micro-lending.

Register online at http://zontanorthwestwayne.eventbrite.com

"We have had the honor of Christy Hicks, our nominee and winner of the District 15 and International Jane Klausman Business scholarship, offer our club the opportunity to host the Mother/Daughter Micro-Lending Workshop," said Sally Randall, Zonta Club of NW Wayne County member. "It is free and is open to middle school and if room, high school girls, but spaces are limited.

"Micro lending is nothing new to Zonta," added Randall. "We have helped thousands of women worldwide to establish a business and in time, set up others with their profits. We feel this is a great way girls can learn to think of others less fortunate than they are and find the joy they receive in helping others.

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Local Realtors optimistic for 2012

By Julie Brown
O&E Staff Writer

Realtor Bob Bake's been in the business for 45 years, so he has a good sense of how things are going.

Bake, with Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel of Plymouth, agreed the market's looking up.

"Very definitely, we are," he said, adding he speaks for Northville, Plymouth and Canton. "There's a significant uptick in activity, especially for homes that are in move-in conditions in appealing areas."

Fixer-upper homes are less appealing, Bake said, but the supply of homes is more limited.

"There's a definite scarcity factor," he said. "We're very, very busy."

Bake agreed buying a home remains a good investment despite market upheaval of recent years. "In my judgment it is (a good investment), especially if you're going to be living in your home five years or more. It's a great time to buy."

Interest rates for mortgages are low, he added.

Realtor Bart Patterson, a 15-year industry veteran, also sees signs for optimism.

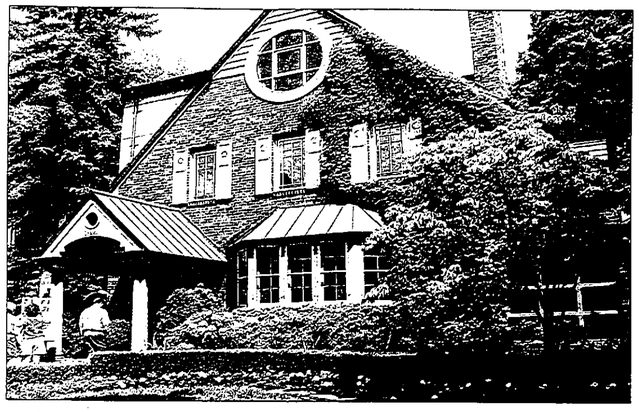
"Always. There's plenty of buyers out there," said Patterson, vice president and general manager for RE/MAX Classic, with offices in Canton, Farmington Hills corporate headquarters, Novi and Milford. "It's a pretty competitive market still. If it's a nice house and is priced competitively, it's selling pretty well. Buyers are doing well.

"Mortgage rates are historic lows. You can't beat that," Patterson added.

Patterson acknowledged the housing market has struggled in recent years.

"It has been struggle." Some buyers were forced to sell for financial reasons.

Others can move because of their circumstances, Patterson said.



Local Realtors are pleased to see an uptick in business in early 2012.

"We saw a little bit of an increase in the (average) sale price last year." If that continues, "that would be good for the economy. We've got to get to that leveling out place."

Patterson agreed the jobs element is a key piece, and that some renters could buy for the first time.

"Everybody stayed focused," he said of those in his field, adding some homes are still being sold as short sales.

Existing-home sales rose again in November and remain above a year ago, according to the National Association of Realtors. Also released recently were periodic benchmark revisions with downward adjustments to sales and inventory data since 2007, led by a decline in for-sale-by-owners.

Although rebenchmarking resulted in lower adjustments to several years of home sales data, the month-to-month characterization of market conditions did not change. There are no changes to home prices or month's supply.

The latest monthly data shows total existing-home sales, which are completed transactions that include single-family, townhomes, condominiums and co-ops, increased 4.0 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 4.42 million in November from 4.25 million in October, and are 12.2 percent above the 3.94 million-unit pace in November 2010.

Lawrence Yun, NAR chief economist, said more people are taking advantage of the buyer's market. "Sales reached the highest mark in 10 months and are 34 percent above the cyclical low point in mid-2010 — a genuine sustained sales recovery appears to be developing," he said. "We've seen healthy gains in contract activity, so it looks like more people are realizing the great opportunity that exists in today's market for buyers with long-term plans."

According to Freddie Mac, the national average commitment rate for a 30-year, conventional, fixed-rate mortgage fell to a record low 3.99 percent in November from 4.07 percent in October; the rate was 4.30 percent in November 2010; records date back to 1971.

NAR President Moe Veissi, broker-owner of Veissi & Associates Inc., in Miami, said housing affordability conditions have set a new record high. "With record low mortgage interest rates and bargain home prices, NAR's housing affordability index shows that a median-income family can easily afford a median-priced home," he said.

The NAR website contributed to this report.

Weigh animal issue with care

Q: We have a community that is trapping cats and turning them over to the Humane Society which is putting them up for adoption or euthanizing them. We now have an animal rights activist owner who has gotten every single animal rights group and a local paper involved with this issue and is trying to get the board to change their position on this issue. It is the animal rights position that you need to trap the cats, neuter them and then release them since this will prevent reproduction and will allegedly lead to the extinction of that colony of cats within the association. What do we do?

Robert Meisner

A: I know of one association that was actually sued by an animal rights activist to prevent it from capturing the feral cats and turning them over to the shelter where they were either adopted or euthanized. The plaintiff in that case sought a permanent injunction requiring what was referred to as TNR (Trap, Neuter, Release). There are, however, organizations that will either neuter the cats or keep them or put them up for adoption and the TNR advocates are familiar with these organizations. In that particular matter the case was settled by the Association agreeing not to trap the cats for 30 days to allow the Plaintiff to arrange to trap them and then ship them off to a facility for TNR and housing, and then to resume trapping placement in the shelter after 30 days. Obviously, you can offer to have the cats turned over to the various animal rights groups that are complaining so long as they do not end up back at the Association. This is a delicate legal question and/or political issue that requires much consideration by the board and counsel.

Q: I am a board member, and am concerned about the fact that our collection lawyer for our condominium seems to have every collection account on a computer with access to the management company and, perhaps, others. Isn't that an invasion of privacy?

A: It is hard to determine exactly what type of system your collection attorney has established, but the attorney/client privilege could be waived or otherwise jeopardized if proprietary information in the hands of the attorney is disclosed to third parties who are not protected by the attorney client privilege, namely are not the client or authorized representatives of the client to receive this information within the protections of the attorney/privilege. The technological age may prove to some to be beneficial in terms of record keeping and the like but it also opens up additional pitfalls to the long established legal principals embodied in the attorney/client privilege which could well undermine the association's operations, and impede, indeed, the collection process. You are best advised to have a second opinion provided to you concerning the propriety of the computer access information procedures that you have outlined.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition. It is available for $9.95 plus $1 shipping and handling. He also wrote Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium, available for $24.95 plus $5 shipping and handling. Call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-associates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Oct. 11-14, 2011, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON
50492 Amberley Blvd $540,000
41345 Ford Rd $375,000
2236 Hendrie $250,000
7247 Kingsbridge Ct $150,000
4063 Pond Run $160,000
44575 Savery Dr $46,000
41850 Woodbridge Dr $137,000
GARDEN CITY
32248 Florence St $36,000
31927 Hennepin St $52,000
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32219 Rosslyn Ave $80,000
30036 Rush St $77,000
LIVONIA
36262 Barkley St $150,000
9586 Deering St $92,000
11840 Farmington Rd $78,000
38517 Mason St $130,000
9970 Oporto St $95,000
30064 Richland St $75,000
14599 Ronnie Ln $123,000
29056 Roycroft St $61,000
14139 Susanna St $129,000
NORTHVILLE
20268 Longwood Ct $110,000
16001 Morningside $117,000
46423 Pinehurst Cir $640,000
725 Randolph St $58,000
317 Yerkes St $170,000
PLYMOUTH
39519 Birchwood Dr $159,000
262 N Holbrook St $119,000
624 S Harvey St $110,000
REDFORD
19653 Brady $54,000
18679 Delaware Ave $32,000
9159 Dixie $50,000
18690 Gaylord $39,000
9655 Hemingway $35,000
24904 N Sylbert Dr $69,000
WESTLAND
33731 Blackfoot St $49,000
31628 Conway Dr $85,000
38592 Florence St $55,000
7780 Louise Ct $38,000
36449 Newberry Estates Dr $172,000
36515 Newberry Estates Dr $160,000
35588 Pheasant Ln $75,000
39227 Randolph Ct $85,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Oct. 3-7, 2011, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS
16910 Lauderdale Ave $148,000
30354 Lincolnshire E $340,000
31054 Pickwick Ln $215,000
BIRMINGHAM
1540 Bowers St $124,000
1192 Cole St $430,000
1809 Holland St $149,000
369 Kimberly St $392,000
1021 Smith Ave $129,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS
617 Wilshire Dr $195,000
4725 Dover Rd $268,000
718 E Long Lake Rd $260,000
1377 Pembroke Dr $900,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP
3425 Berkshire Dr $396,000
1054 Clear Point Ct $290,000
6522 Donegan Ct $250,000
5373 Echo Rd $235,000
474 Fox Hills Dr N $25,000
1180 Hill Line Tri $420,000
6465 Maple Hills Dr $135,000
945 Satterlee Rd $460,000
3647 Shallow Brook Dr $235,000
4147 Stoneleigh Rd $420,000
1101 Timberlake Dr $530,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP
1760 Birchton St $45,000
4735 White Tail Ct $179,000
FARMINGTON HILLS
22743 Clear Lake Dr $175,000
31711 Dohany Dr $100,000
35575 Forestville St $180,000
29261 Glen Oaks Blvd E $89,000
36650 Howard Rd $170,000
29508 Juneau Ln $115,000
29308 Regents Pointe $132,000
28895 Rockledge Dr $190,000
FRANKLIN
26651 Captains Ln $678,000
25075 Franklin Park Dr $367,000
MILFORD
3045 Hillside Dr $151,000
983 Manderly Dr $217,000
852 Manor Dr $68,000
NOVI
22120 Brockshire St $420,000
47334 Butler Ln $242,000
28314 Carlton Way Dr $132,000
39510 Country Ln $89,000
40698 Lenox Park Dr $235,000
24777 Reeds Pointe Dr $400,000
41451 Reindeer Dr $230,000
SOUTH LYON
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25607 Buckingham Ct $230,000
698 Center Rdg $119,000
57538 Hidden Timbers Dr $245,000
1053 Saddle Dr $223,000
SOUTHFIELD
19481 Cherry Hill St $124,000
23408 Grayson Dr $30,000
20200 Lacrosse Ave $95,000
25131 Ridge Cliff Dr $143,000
30230 Woodgate Dr $135,000
WHITE LAKE
8520 Jamestown Dr $25,000
979 Round Lake Rd $85,000
8990 Twin Lakes Dr $190,000

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Contest finalist

Jewish Family Service's Project Build! program, based in West Bloomfield has been selected as a finalist for Aprons in Action, The Home Depot Foundation's Facebook voting program, and now has the opportunity to win a $25,000 gift card from The Home Depot. Voting began Jan. 2 and runs through Jan. 31 at www.facebook.com/homedepotfoundation. The organization with the most votes will win the $25,000 prize, and be in the running for the grand prize of $250,000 at the end of the yearlong program. The runner-up organizations from each month will receive $5,000 in The Home Depot gift cards.

During the Aprons in Action Contest, which began in April 2011, 11 monthly winners will be selected. In March 2012, Facebook fans will have the chance to help one of those 11 winners win the $250,000 grand prize. The organization that receives the second and third most votes will receive $150,000 and $100,000 from The Home Depot, respectively.

In the January round of the competition, Jewish Family Service is competing against three other nonprofit organizations from across the country including Oregon Paralyzed Veterans of America, Pilot Club of Denham Springs, and VFW Post 4127.

"Being selected for the Aprons in Action Program is an honor, and we are so thankful for the recognition," said Perry Ohren, CEO of Jewish Family Service. "If we win the $25,000 Home Depot gift card, we will be able to provide home repairs and modifications for many low-income and physically challenged individuals in our community over the next year."

Working together, Jewish Family Service's Project Build!, The Home Depot Foundation and the local The Home Depot Commerce Township store recently teamed up to complete an extensive home repair. It took seven days over a period of three weeks to replace rotted flooring, paint all of the walls, replace the lighting and oven, and repair the gutters outside. In the end, JFS's Project Build! and The Home Depot turned the client's house into a home.

Aprons in Action is on Facebook at www.facebook.com/homedepot or www.facebook.com/homedepotfoundation.

The final percentages of votes for each nonprofit will be posted on The Home Depot and The Home Depot Foundation's Facebook pages on Feb. 1 at 9 a.m. ET. For more information and to view the program rules, visit The Home Depot on Facebook or go to www.homedepotfoundation.org.

Seminar on Tuesdays

A free Reverse Mortgage Seminar is 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday at Colonial Mortgage Corp., 33919 Plymouth Road, Livonia. No obligation.

Learn about reverse mortgages. RSVP with Larry Brady at (800) 260-5484, Ext. 33.

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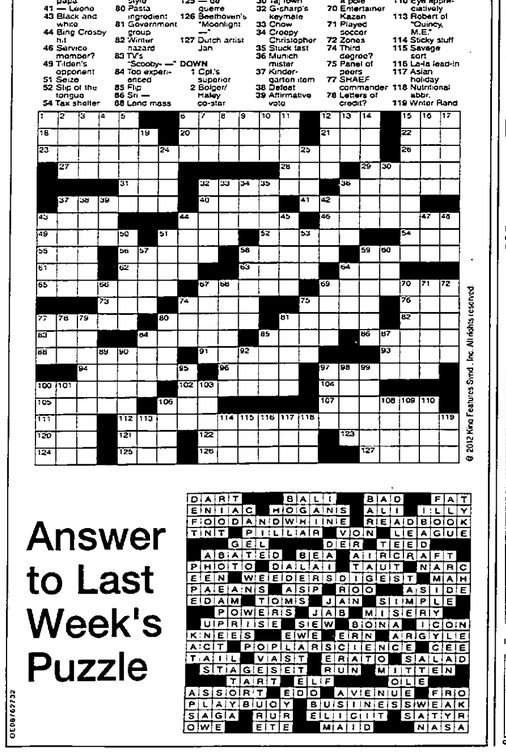
6 Litigates
12 Director Peckinpah
15 Bull's base
18 Florida eleven
20 40th president
21 Baudelaire's buddy
22 Nabokov novel
23 Mitch Miller hit
26 "Agnus ___" (Verdi)
27 Throw a line to
28 She's a sheep date
29 Bakery display
31 ___ Jaw
32 Blazing
36 Most mammoth
37 Elegant
40 Pebbles' papa
41 ___ Leone
43 Black and white
44 Bing Crosby hit
46 Service member?
49 Tilden's opponent
51 Sense
52 Slip of the tongue
54 Tax shelter
55 Animated Olive
56 Proofreader's mark
58 Wife with tea or pepper
59 Get more megazines
61 Jack of "Flower Drum Song"
62 Bo ___ until onesself
63 Tear to bits
64 Marry
65 Patti Page hit
66 "Agnus ___" (Britten)
67 Solid
69 Andrews Sisters hit
73 Tenor Swozak
74 Corporate VIP
75 Burlap fabric
76 Word on a pump
77 Supped in style
80 Pasta ingredient
81 Government group
82 Winter hazard
83 TV's "Scooby ___"
84 Too experienced
85 Flip
86 Sn ___
88 Lone mass
91 Wilbert Harrison hit
93 Doesn't come clean
94 Daze
96 ___ Haven, CT
97 Exhausted
100 Enigmatic sort
102 Lost
104 Essen exclamation
105 Couldn't stand
106 First zoo?
107 Concerto ___
111 Bachelor's last words
112 Gladys Knight hit
120 New Deal agcy.
121 ___ later, date
122 Used a bwee
123 Through the nose
124 Cambridge cry
125 ___ do
126 Beethoven's "Moonlight ___"
127 Dutch artist Jan

DOWN
1 Cpl.'s superior
2 Bolger/Haley co-star
3 To ___ (perfectly)
4 Petal pooches
5 Budge
6 Pied player
7 Actor Ayres
8 Musical sensitivity
9 Past
10 Wagner's "___ Rheingold"
11 Look like Hook?
12 Cash stash
13 Oh!
14 Diena
15 Mamas & Papas hit
16 "Golden Boy" dramatist
17 Dress part
19 Turns about
24 Portrait painter Peter
25 Is in debt
30 Taj town
32 Grahamgs keymate
33 Chew
34 Crosby
35 Christopher
37 Stuck last
38 Munich master
39 Kinder-garten item
40 Defeat
39 Affirmative vote
42 Sacred image
43 That's the spirit
44 Make tea
45 Ibsus
46 Prior to, to poet
47 Prior to
48 Dump and chilly
50 Cleaned a carp
51 Schwarzenegger's birthplace
53 Cabernet color
57 Voice type
58 It's run of the mill
59 Nutlity
60 Tokyo, once
64 Power unit
66 Wayfarer's whole
67 Wetter
68 Stream
69 Earphones
69 Rope on a pole
70 Entertainer Kazan
71 Prayer
72 Soccer
73 Christopher
74 Thin
75 Pahel of pepers
77 SHAEF commander
78 Letters of credit
79 Johnny Horton hit
80 WWII unit
81 Dock of the bay
84 Put the whammy on
85 Gallery bimplace
87 Heck's hangout
89 Racer Luyendyk
90 Nocturnal visitor
92 Subway unit
95 Morf
97 It's a long story
98 Caustic
99 Conversation pieces?
100 Gleam
101 Clerical title
103 Excludes
105 Smith or Sandler
108 ER exclamation
109 Pen-tagon
110 Eye approval
113 Cardialy
113 Robert of "Quincy, M.E."
114 Sticky stuff
115 Savage son
116 Lava lead-in
117 Aslan
118 Holiday
118 Nutritional abbr.
119 Winter Rand



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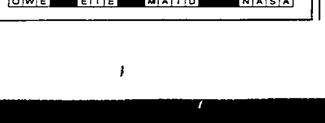

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