

Novi Police Department offers pistol training course

The Novi Police Department will offer a pistol safety training course from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 26, at the Novi Police Department Training Center located at 45125 10 Mile Road. The course fulfills both the classroom and shooting requirements to obtain a Michigan Concealed Pistol License.

Registration forms are available online at cityofnovi.org and at the Novi Police Department. Completed registration forms and the \$150 course fee (cash or money order), may be returned to the Novi Police Department. If you are registering two or more people, the fee is \$125 per person. Class size is limited and all participants are subject to a criminal background check.

After lunch, participants will move to the Novi Firearms Training Center to complete the course. Students must bring their own equipment, including a personal handgun, 100 rounds of ammunition,



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safety glasses, shooter's earmuffs or ear plugs, a pen or pencil, a baseball cap and wear loose comfortable clothing to participate in the course. Participants must be at least 21 years old and do

not have to be a Novi resident to attend.

For more information, go to cityofnovi.org or contact Sgt. Michael Warren at mwarren@cityofnovi.org or 248-347-0572.

Suspect who dragged Novi police officer arrested in Georgia

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Novi Police said the suspect who dragged a Novi police officer for a short distance before fleeing the scene of a traffic stop March 7 was arrested Friday by the U.S. Marshals Service in Georgia.

The Novi Police Department had been looking for 26-year-old Chantell Lashay Sturdivant ever since the traffic stop on Haggerty Road, near Eight Mile Road.

Novi Assistant Chief of Police Erick Zinser said Sturdivant was stopped for disobeying a traffic signal. She had multiple warrants out for her arrest, plus she was driving on a suspended license. There were two kids who appeared younger than 10 in the car with her. After Sturdivant was told she

would be arrested, she said she wanted to get her cellphone from her car to make arrangements for the kids. Then, Zinser said, she refused to get back out of the car and started to drive away. The officer grabbed her arm and ran with the vehicle before letting go.

The officer suffered minor injuries when he hit the ground.

According to a release, Novi Police worked with the U.S. Marshals and Detroit Fugitive Apprehension Team to locate Sturdivant. The Oakland County Prosecutor's office also obtained several felony warrants for her arrest.

While investigating the case, police said they learned that the Detroit woman was avoiding apprehension and would possibly flee Michigan to avoid prosecution.

She was found at about 1 a.m. inside a hotel room in Cobb County that she rented using an alias. Cobb County is northwest of Atlanta, Ga. Po-

lice said Friday she was in the Cobb County Jail awaiting an extradition hearing. The Oakland County Prosecutor's office had already issued an expedited extradition warrant in the event Sturdivant was located out of state.

"This is a prime example of how collaboration between prosecutors with federal and local law enforcement agencies resulted in the apprehension of person who shows little regard for the safety of others," Novi Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police David E. Molloy stated in a release. "We are very thankful for our partners in the United States Marshals and Detroit Fugitive Apprehension Team for their assistance and relentless pursuit of this wanted felon."

Anyone with information is asked to contact Detective Sgt. Scott Baetens at 248-348-7100 or remain anonymous by calling Crime Stoppers at 800-SPEAKUP.

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BURKMAN

CONRAD JOHN Age 81, a lifelong resident of Northville, Michigan, passed away on March 14, 2016. He was born February 28, 1935 in Northville, Michigan; son of John and Ruth (nee Yerkes) Burkman. Conrad graduated from Northville High School; Class of 1952. He furthered his education with a Bachelor Degree from Cleary College. Conrad was united in marriage to Nina E. Freytag on August 4, 1956; they spent 59 loving years together. Conrad owned a credit bureau and published the National Billiard News; he also worked as a referee for professional pool players. He enjoyed drag racing his hot rod car. Conrad was a cinema buff; he loved watching classic movies and listening to the organ at the Redford Theater. He was passionate about photography; he often took pictures of scenery during his travels. Conrad is survived by his wife Nina E. Burkman; his nephews, Bret Oldford and Steward Oldford; and his niece Amy Oldford. He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister Carolyn Oldford. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Mr. Burkman will be laid to rest at Yerkes Cemetery in Northville.

DEALEXANDRIS

ROBERT ANTHONY January 16, 1941 - March 4, 2016 It is with great sadness that the DeAlexandris Family announces Bob's passing on March 4th, 2016 at the age of 75. A long time Northville resident, Bob had a successful banking career spending many Michigan evenings on the Meadowbrook golf course with his family. Bob was an active participant in the Northville community for 28 years. He was truly an avid outdoorsman who had the pleasure of spending his retirement years in a glass tree house in South Carolina near his and Sharon's family. Although Bob had a life filled with joy spent at Brays Island over the past 18 years, he didn't miss an opportunity to take an adventure. He and Sharon travelled to many countries but home was his beloved Brays - "Heaven on Earth" as he described it. He loved his time with his and Sharon's children and grandchildren enjoying the amenities at Brays. He delighted in the opportunity to share his love of the outdoors introducing them to hunting, fishing, horseback riding and golf. He loved the laughter of the kids as he towed them on the tube out on the water with the occasional dolphin sighting and loved to top off holiday celebrations with a kickball game, a bonfire or the firework shows. Bob had a life well lived full of family and friends. He left a legacy for that will impact generations to come. Although many will miss him, the family has decided to do a private family celebration of the life of their husband, dad, grandfather and brother in the coming months. Sharon and their three children would like to thank you all for your continued prayers and support over the last few months as Bob fought a difficult battle with cancer. Your love and encouragement have meant the world to the entire DeAlexandris Family. They ask that you please continue to keep them in your thoughts and prayers. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz Family Funeral Home, Jacksonville Beach, FL.

FREYDL

JERRY L. 81 of Petoskey and formerly of Northville, Michigan, died February 11, 2016. Jerry was born on January 23, 1935 in Northville, MI, the son of Frank and Elsie (Hughs) Freydl, graduating from the Northville High School with the class of 1952. Following high school, Jerry enlisted in the US Navy and proudly served his country until he received his honorable discharge and then attended Michigan State University where he graduated with honors in 1958 with a Bachelors Degree in Business Administration. He then went to work for Cadillac Motor Car Division and retired after 32 years of Dedicated service as the Director of Sales and Distribution. On July 6, 1957, Jerry married the love of his life, Jacqueline Keys and together they raised their three children, Carrie (John) Krausman of Grosse Pointe, MI, Jill (Jack) McCrossin of Mt. Laurel, NJ, and Brian (Kathleen) Freydl of Northville. He was blessed by 8 grandchildren, Jacqueline, Caroline, Meaghan, Kelly, Jack, Theresa, Christian, and William. A private family memorial service will be held at a later date in Northville, MI. Arrangements are in the care of the Stone Funeral Home of Petoskey.

GURNEY

CHRISTINE ANN age 66, passed away March 11, 2016. Christine is survived by her children: Lisa Ann LaPree (Robert) and Jason James Gurney; sister Kathleen Ann Phifer (Robert) and brother Curtis Milton Johnson (Renee); granddaughter Jamie Gurney and nieces and nephews: Robert and Colleen Phifer and family and Heidi Phifer and family and Nicole Johnson. A memorial service will be held at the Upper Peninsula Club on Saturday, March 19, 2:00 p.m.

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MORSE

LILLIAN J. January 22, 1930 - March 5, 2016 www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

MULARONI

E. CLARENCE October 25, 1929 - March 6, 2016 www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

TORRANCE

HELEN LENORE (KEISER) 81, of South Lyon, Michigan, passed away on March 10, 2016. Funeral services were held at St. Joseph Church in South Lyon, Michigan. Helen was born in Pontiac, Michigan on February 23, 1935. She graduated from Milford High School and continued on to receive a Nursing Degree from Mount Carmel College of Nursing. Helen was married to David Torrance on June 29, 1957; they were married 58 years. Helen worked at Pontiac General Hospital for many years. She enjoyed family, vacationing, playing cards with her friends and golf. Helen is survived by her children Mike Torrance, Nancy (Torrance) Walsh and Carol (Torrance) Mehlberg, four grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and two brothers. Helen is preceded in death by her husband, mother, father and sisters. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be given to the American Lung Association at: www.lung.org Or by phone: 1-800-LUNGUSA Or by mail: Send a check to: American Lung Association, Donation Processing Center, PO Box 700, Albert Lea, MN 56007-8001

WILDER



DAVID A. March 5, 2016. Age 67 of Northville. Beloved husband of Dianne. Dear father of Dana (Donald) Wilder and David. Grandfather of Jack Manuel and Van Wilder. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be mailed to VA Ann Arbor, Voluntary Service, 2215 Fuller Rd., Ann Arbor, 48105. The family has entrusted care and services to the L. J. Griffin Funeral Home-Northrop Sassaman Chapel. Share a "Memorial Tribute" with the family at

www.griffinfuneralhome.com

Aunt threatens pregnant niece, uses cane on windshield

An irate, drunken aunt allegedly threatened to beat her pregnant niece and then used her cane to crack her windshield, police said.

Officers were called to an apartment on Wellington Drive at 5:04 p.m. March 4 on the report of family trouble, where the complainant reported her aunt had been drinking and began arguing with her about money.

She told police she agreed to give her aunt money, but her aunt continued to argue. The niece prepared to leave and, as she was putting her shoes on, her aunt pushed her foot down. She told her aunt not to touch her because she is pregnant. Her aunt allegedly responded by picking up her cane and telling the complainant she would "beat her pregnant a-."

A witness apparently then stepped in and held the aunt back, asking her not to touch the pregnant woman and the aunt reportedly began to shout she would kill her. The niece left and got in her vehicle to call police.

While waiting for police, her aunt came out and struck her windshield with her cane, cracking it and telling her she would kill her and blow up her car. The aunt then left the scene in her vehicle.

A short time later, police saw the suspect return to the complex, backing into a covered parking spot. As officers approached her on foot, she began pulling out of the spot. Officers ordered her to stop and she did. She stated she was in a verbal argument with her niece regarding money, but denied hitting her niece's car with a cane.

The officer smelled alcohol coming from the vehicle and, when asked if she had anything to drink, the suspect did not reply. Asked again, she said she had three or four beers. She became upset when asked to do field sobriety tests. She initially refused a preliminary breathalyzer test.

She was arrested for operating while intoxicated and her vehicle was impounded. At the station, she took a chemical test, with the initial test showing a blood-alcohol content of 0.12 percent. A BAC of 0.08 percent is considered legally drunk. The case has been forwarded to the prosecutor's office for charges pending damage estimates to the windshield.

Counterfeit

Novi police officers confiscated \$1,050 in counterfeit bills allegedly used to purchase three pairs of tennis shoes.

The fraud was discovered March 5 when a man tried to get dinner at Zoup! in Twelve Oaks mall and was told the \$50 bill he was paying with was not real. The man told police he had just sold three pairs of Jordan shoes in the parking lot. He purchases Jordan shoes, advertises on Craigslist and then sells them.

In this case, he had just sold the shoes to a man in the northwest parking lot of the mall for \$1,050. He counted the money and left, then parked, took out \$100 and went into the mall to return a pair of shoes. He tried to return another, but didn't have the proper receipt.

He told the officer there was \$950 remaining of the money in the center console. The officer found it in a Flagstar Bank envelope and it was all counterfeit as well. The shoes "sold" were a pair of Jordan Retro 10, Jordan Retro 6, and Jordan Retro 4, sizes 10 and 10.5. He paid approximately \$700 for all three pairs.

The officer contacted the U.S. Secret Service and turned the counterfeit bills over to them. The man was released and advised to contact police with any further information about the subject who purchased the shoes and gave the counterfeit money.

Concerned father

A father concerned about his daughter being possibly offered date rape drugs flew from Germany to Novi to be at her side at a home on Little Rapids Court.

The father reported to police March 7 that his daughter is here on a visa as a student at Schoolcraft College and he got on a flight after learning she was offered Xanax/Ambien by a friend of a friend a few days prior. Her friend is also on a student visa from Germany and the two grew up together. The two involved subjects were persistent in offering her the pills to calm her after they learned she broke up with her boyfriend.

The father is worried there may have been intentions since he learned that the combination of Xanax and Ambien can act as a date rape drug. He said his daughter

refused the pills and the two eventually left without incident.

The daughter said she never felt threatened and did not need police assistance.

Job fraud

A woman trying to work to earn money was instead the victim of fraud, reportedly losing almost \$3,000 in the proposition.

The victim filed a report with police March 2, stating that Feb. 25, she was contacted about an administrative assistant/data entry job through upwork.com. The person claimed to be the HR manager at Zeiss Technology and she was told she would receive a check from the company before she started work to set up her "mini office" by purchasing office equipment and accounting software.

She said she received a check via FedEx and deposited it into her credit union around 3 p.m., with funds unavailable until March 11. She offered to order the equipment with her own money to expedite the process and she was given info to the "vendor's" Bank of America account, withdrew \$2,967 from her own Chase account and deposited it into the "vendor's" account.

She was then notified the original check she deposited in her account had bounced. She received no response when she tried to notify the person who originally contacted her.

ID fraud results in jewelry haul

An Ohio man reported he was the victim of identity fraud that resulted in a suspect applying for credit and making a purchase in his name for \$7,981.25 worth of merchandise at J.D. Robinson Jewelers in Novi.

The reported theft occurred at 5:14 p.m. Feb. 29. There is surveillance video of the suspect and Novi police are working with the Oregon, Ohio, Police Department.

Rocks, not gunshots

A woman was sitting in her chair in her North Rockledge residence watching television at about 8:18 p.m. March 8, when she heard a loud bang that she thought was a gunshot and jumped to the floor. The sound turned out to have been two landscaping rocks someone threw at her windows, breaking them.

—By Susan Bromley

