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Fire burns landmark



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Investigators from the Novi Fire Department and the Oakland County Sheriff's Department look at the remains of the former Whitehall Home for the Aged on Tuesday.

By Chris Jackett
STAFF WRITER

The former Whitehall Home for the Aged burnt to the ground Tuesday morning.

The centennial-style building was built on the south side of Grand River Avenue, east of Meadowbrook Road, in 1867 as a farmhouse before turning into a senior housing unit in the late 1950s. It has stood vacant for the past decade.

"It's kind of sad," said incoming city councilwoman Kathy Crawford, who grew up in the farmhouse just west of the burnt property and operated the farm behind it. "You look at it and think 'there goes another landmark.' It was an old farmhouse that they just kept adding onto."

"It's had a lot of lives that have passed through its doors."

The Novi Fire Department was called at 4:10 a.m. Tuesday when the fire began at the back of the building, said Fire Chief Frank Smith.

"The fire got going pretty good with the age of the home," he said. "It's being investigated for the cause of the damage. At this point,

they really don't know." Smith did note all glass windows were removed as part of the demolition process, and that most of the doors were removed or left in an open position, which aided in the hasty spread of flames.

The fire department had the fire under control by 5:17 a.m.

No one was injured in the blaze, and the officers pulled down the chimney to avoid further hazard following the fire damage.

The grass surrounding the property was charred black and the leaves on nearby trees were singed off.

Kathy Mutch, chair of the Novi Historical Commission, said all valuables were previously removed.

"Someone called (last Thursday or Friday), who might've been a real estate broker. He was in the area from Indiana and was looking for a location for a potential car dealership," she said.

Mutch said the person inquired about potential historical significance and status of the abandoned structure along with other area properties.

Kelly Murad contributed to this article.



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Hot Shots!

Village Oaks students Chris Fadanelli and Marissa Huth are two of the photographers participating in the school's "Hot Shots" club. Here Fadanelli, whose images were all taken on the grounds of Village Oaks, points to one of his favorites.

New requirement for voters



Novi City Clerk's office employee Natalie Laitinen gets in some practice filling out a voter's form with the proper photo ID.

Photo ID needed for election

By Kelly Murad
STAFF WRITER

A July Michigan Supreme Court ruling will require voters to present picture identification or sign an affidavit before voting Nov. 6.

Novi City Clerk Maryanne Cornelius said although voters must be registered, they are not required to bring their voter registration card to the polls.

To receive a ballot in the Tuesday general election, voters must present one of the following forms of valid photo identification:

- A Michigan driver's license or personal identification card
- Driver's license or personal identification card issued by another state
- Federal or state government-issued photo identification
- U.S. passport
- Military identification card with photo
- Student ID with photo - from a high school or an accredited institution of higher education
- Tribal identification card with photo

If a voter does not have a proper form of photo identification they will be asked to complete an affidavit, which will be provided at the polls.

"They are taking an oath saying they are not in possession of any personal (picture) identification," Cornelius said.

However, if a voter refuses to provide the poll workers with their photo identification, they will not be issued a ballot.

Cornelius does not foresee additional complications for electors or election officials.

The new provision of the Michigan election law does not affect more than 3,000 absentee ballots previously issued to voters.

"We've already issued almost 10 percent of our registered voters with absentee ballots," Cornelius said. "This just happens to be a high number of absentees for a local election. We're happy to see that because that means people are interested in local elections."

Election coverage continues on 5A.

NOVI WEEKEND PLANNER



FRIDAY

Eighteen years of stand-up comedy should produce an audience full of laughter. Head to Wise Guys Comedy Club, 40380 Grand River Ave., to hear Billy Ray Bauer spin tales and tell jokes about raising four sons and his life growing up in Detroit in the 1960s. Dave Bell will open for Bauer, who will also be performing Thursday and Saturday. Admission costs \$10 Friday and Saturday, \$8 on Thursday. Call Wise Guys Comedy Club at (248) 919-3216 for show times and reservations. Visit www.wiseguyscomedyclub.net for more information.

SATURDAY

Prepare your immune system for winter with flu and pneumonia vaccines from 1-3 p.m. at Art Van Furniture, 27775 Novi Road. Stop in for \$25-33 flu vaccines and \$35-84 pneumonia vaccines. Members of Medicare Part B insurance can receive the flu vaccine at no cost. Call (800) 296-8660 for more information.

SUNDAY

If snowmobiles aren't a sign of winter, then what is? From 10 a.m.-4 p.m., stop into Rock Financial Showplace, 46100 Grand River Ave., for a display of the latest snowmobiles and equipment from Snowmobile

USA. Admission is \$10 for anyone older than 12 and parking costs \$5. The show will also take place 5-10 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday. Call (800) 746-8963 or visit www.snowmobileusa.com for more information.

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MY FAITH & RELIGION

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PEACE Vigil Sunday, congregation unites

By Chris Jackett
STAFF WRITER

World peace is a prayer with a cause at Novi United Methodist Church the first Sunday of each month.

Sunday from noon-1 p.m. on 10 Mile Road, community members from all sides of the church walls will band together to hold a monthly PEACE Vigil. This follows the 9:45 a.m. worship mass. "We have signs, but it's not like a march with chanting or anything like that," said George Jonte, office manager and minister of music at Novi United Methodist. "We sing and pray. The signs are pretty generic and say things like 'pray for peace.' People drive by and look or give us the peace sign."

This weekend's event will be the third consecutive vigil since parishioner Howard Kahn, 58, of White Lake suggested the idea months ago.

"Jesus said that the entire law could be boiled down to two essential concepts, loving God with all your heart and loving your neighbor as yourself," Kahn said. "He said to love your enemies and do good to them that hate you. He said blessed are the peacemakers."

Kahn, who has attended Novi United Methodist for eight years and serves as the church's Webmaster, decided to form his own PEACE Vigil after attending two others — one that degenerated into taunting passersby; choosing sides and calling for a presidential impeachment; and another organized by the Quakers that maintained the same position Kahn is

aiming for at Novi United Methodist.

"Peacemaking is very important to me as a value and way of life. It does not relate only to lack of conflict between nations or people, but also to peace within ourselves and to loving relationships on all levels," Kahn said. "Peacemakers seek to humbly acknowledge the sacredness of all life, to be non-violent, to seek true justice and to be merciful. Peacemakers actively promote peace, using only peaceful methods."

Jonte expects the growth seen between the first two vigils to expand at the third outing. "Howard Kahn was the inspiration behind it. He and his wife, Heather, would, periodically in church, offer up prayers for world leaders and prayers of peace," Jonte said. "As the Iraq war is escalating instead of ending, we (decided to) support efforts for peace and justice in the world. The focus may be on the Iraq war, but also on peace at home as well."

The vigils do not focus on being against any one event, idea or subject, but rather on spending time promoting a quick, positive and peaceful resolution to the world's problems. "It truly is a vigil, not a demonstration. We're banding together as a community to pray for peace, not to fight," Jonte said. "We support diversity in every form. Open hearts, open minds, open doors" is the United Methodist message. (The goal is) just to get the word out to the community at large through a very peaceful

method).

"Maybe people who support that as well and are looking for a new spiritual home may start attending here."

Kahn said the PEACE Vigils are open to anyone with an open mind and peaceful intent. "We invite the public to join us as long as they do so in our totally positive and inclusive manner of expression of peace for everyone," he said. "We hope that through prayer and by publicly expressing our commitment and desire for peace, others will feel similarly moved and that peace will spread from person to person and throughout the world."

Novi United Methodist is located at 41671 W. 10 Mile Road, west of Meadowbrook Road.

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Members of Novi United Methodist Church showed passersby on 10 Mile Road the church stands for peace during their monthly Peace Vigil held Sunday, Oct. 9.

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The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, October 22, 2007 and the provisions of the ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its adoption. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., pre-voiding local time.

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A decade of uniting families

By Chris Jackett
STAFF WRITER

Carla Dorsey and her husband Brian had always considered adoption, but it wasn't until they connected with Forever Families that they were completely comfortable with the process.

"We always planned on adopting. We always wanted to help a child have a better life. We also found out we weren't able to have children," said Carla Dorsey, 38, of Novi. "It was two years before we actually adopted."

Carla said they started researching adoption a year before she found out it was their only option for having a child. "We did explore other alternatives. We investigated in vitro," she said.

In December 2005, the Dorseys adopted a newborn boy they named Brayton.

After 12 years of marriage and with Brayton now 22 months old, the Dorseys are happy and even considering adopting a second child, a process Carla said would be handled through Forever Families in Novi if they chose to do so.

With the help of the local adoption agency, the Dorseys were able to secure temporary guardianship the day Brayton was born and take him home three days later.

"We didn't have any hiccups at all. It went very fast," Carla said.

"We looked at a number of different agencies. We chose them because of the level of care and professionalism they demonstrated, (dealing with concerns from both the adoptive and birth parents)."

Families forever

Jean Stenzel and Denise Weiss began operations for Forever Families 10 years ago today with the motto "giving children families forever."

Since the business opened its

doors, it has provided about 450 children with adoptive homes, Stenzel said.

"It just seemed to go by so fast, and I'm looking for at least 10 more before I'm old enough to retire," joked Stenzel, chief administrator and president of Forever Families. "This business is driven on reputation. We have a reputation for getting access to doing things for adoption."

Stenzel said the business venture came to be before she and Weiss, the current executive director, met. When talking about starting her own business, a colleague at the Michigan Adoption Resource Exchange suggested Stenzel talk with Weiss, who worked elsewhere and had also been talking about starting her own business.

"I came from a family of self-employed people. I went to grad school and wanted to work for myself. I went to grad school to get into the administrative end of social work," Stenzel said. "I talked with Denise on how we thought adoption should be handled. We had a lot in common. It was weird and scary. I spoke with my family about starting my own business and my father said 'we'll help any way we can and what took you so long.'"

In the beginning

When Forever Families first opened, it was on the second floor of the building where The Second City is now located.

After the first three years, Forever Families had outgrown its office and moved to its current, but nearby, location at 42400 Grand River Ave.

"We didn't want to be a big place and lose our hands on content with the public. We've chosen to stay smaller to provide quality services. When you're bigger, you lose day-to-day service," Stenzel said.

She said Forever Families does a lot of community service, educational and outreach work to dispel myths and misconcep-

Forever families

Interested in contacting Forever Families to adopt or wish them a happy anniversary?

Call (248) 344-9606 or stop in at 42400 W. Grand River, Ste. 101.

Owners Jean Stenzel and Denise Weiss began operations for Forever Families 10 years ago today with the motto "giving children families forever."

tions about adoption when they're not busy processing adoptions of their own, or helping the state government or agencies from Pennsylvania, Texas and California process larger international cases.

"We've placed children from Romania, India, Philippines," Stenzel said.

She also noted Russia, Guatemala, China and Poland are other countries seeing a good amount of international adoption.

"Adoption is all about choice. Our job is to provide you with reputable options and choices," she said. "With domestic adoption, you're willing to be selected by the birth parents. International and state (adoptions) are waiting for a match. You're dealing with human beings — there's no schedule."

Stenzel said families looking to adopt should throw an automatic red flag toward agencies promising a child within a certain time frame.

She said Weiss has an adage that "there's sharks in the water and as long as they continue to get fed, they'll be there."

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Forever Families' Denise Weiss, left, and Jean Stenzel take a look at some of the kids their Novi adoption agency has placed with families over the last 10 years.



Brian and Carla Dorsey of Novi lovingly hold their adopted son Brayton.

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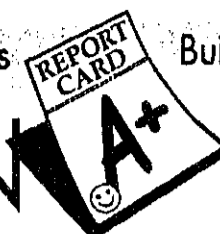
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MY EDUCATION



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Deerfield celebrates fourth annual Multicultural Festival



Students from Deerfield Elementary celebrate the school's Multicultural Festival. The annual event was held last month and the theme was famous people. Students and families were able to learn about famous people from other lands and how their contributions have helped shape the world.



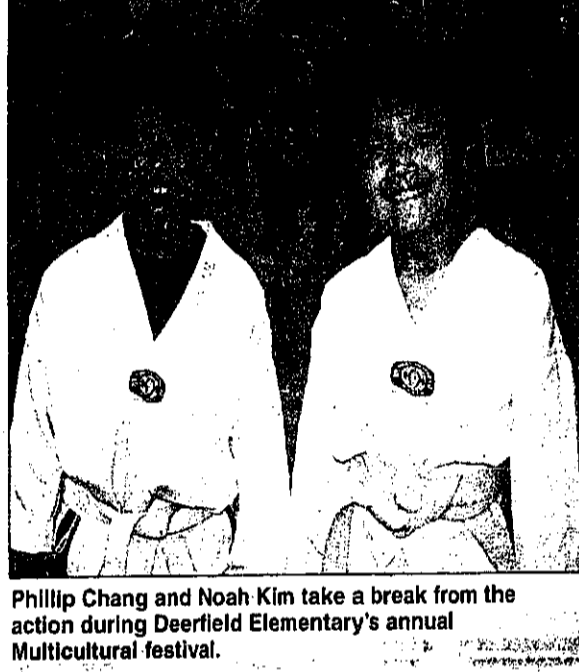
Celine and Karena Roest represent the Netherlands at the Deerfield Elementary School annual Multicultural night-time event. The night helped increase the students' understanding of the cultures of the world, as well as allowing them to taste some special delicacies.



Reba Abraham and Aneesa Mantripragada represent India at Deerfield Elementary's Multicultural festival.



Lucia Do, Eloise Wilber and Ian Do pose for a photo at Deerfield Elementary School's Multicultural event.



Phillip Chang and Noah Kim take a break from the action during Deerfield Elementary's annual Multicultural festival.

Novi High School marching band events online

The Novi High School band is wrapping up its marching season. The schedule is as follows:

• Saturday, Nov. 3: MCBA State Championships at Ford Field.
The Novi Wildcat band's Web site also provides information for upcoming events. Everything from dates, maps, event schedules, etc. is available. Access to this information may be found by visiting www.nowi.k12.mi.us/parentscomm/WeblPages/HSHand/HSBand.aspx.

NHS marching band qualifies for championships

This Saturday (10:20 a.m.) will mark the final performance of "Immortal Beloved" at Ford Field. The awards ceremony for Flight 1 begins at 12:20 p.m. Tickets are available at the door: \$16 for adults, \$12 for students and seniors. Parking is \$6.

Walled Lake schools offers Chinese

For the first time, Commerce and Oakley Park elementary schools as well as Walled Lake Central, Northern and Western high schools are offering Chinese programs and classes.

At Commerce Elementary a group of third graders are being introduced to the culture and lan-

CLASS NOTES

Fall concert

Novi Meadows vocal music students are preparing for their fall concert 7 p.m. Nov. 14 at Novi High School. Titled, "It Starts in the Heart," the theme is based on the New York Times' Best Seller "How Full Is Your Bucket?" by Tom Rath and Donald Clifton, Ph.D., as well as Carol McCloud's children's version "Have You Filled A Bucket Today?"

During this school year the entire Meadows student body, in conjunction with the counseling department and Meadows' Parenting Respect Committee, have been working to build their own self-esteem and the esteem of those around them through "bucket filling."

Parents of vocal students are reminded of important rehearsals: Thursday, Nov. 1, 3-4:30 p.m. Speakers and Ensembles in first half; Wednesday, Nov. 7, 3-4:30 p.m. Speakers and Ensembles in second half; Thursday, Nov. 8, 3-4:30 p.m. Everyone.

Walled Lake High School Announces Fall Performances

Walled Lake Consolidated Schools' performing arts departments announce their upcoming fall performances.

Walled Lake Central High School, 1600 Oakley Park Road, presents "West Side Story" at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 29, Friday, Nov. 30 and Saturday, Dec. 1 and 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1 and Sunday, Dec. 2. Admission is \$14 for adults and \$12 for senior citizens and students. All seats are reserved. Tickets can be ordered online at www.wlperformingarts.org or by calling (248) 360-8156.

Walled Lake Northern High School, 6000 Maple Lake Road, presents "David and Lisa" at 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 1-3. For ticket prices or more information contact Joseph Lannen at (248) 956-5300.

Walled Lake Western High School, 600 Book Road, presents "The King and I" at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Nov. 9-10 and 16-17, and at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 11 and 18. Admission is \$15 for adults and \$12 for senior citizens and students. Tickets can be ordered online at www.whwtickets.com or by calling (248) 956-4578.

Walled Lake Math Essentials Selected Michigan's Best

Walled Lake Consolidated Schools' Math Essentials program was selected as a recipient of the 2007 Michigan's Best Award.

Walled Lake Schools will accept the award on Nov. 3 in Grand Rapids at an awards ceremony co-sponsored by MASA and SET SEG School Insurance Specialists, exclusive sponsor of the recognition program.

Walled Lake's winning program earned the honor in the Improving Student Achievement in Mathematics and Science category for its innovativeness and impact on student achievement.

Teachers, administrators and school board members will be on hand to celebrate the prestigious award.

Walled Lake Bands Step up to Excellence

The Walled Lake Central marching band, under the direction of Dave Rogers, has completed in Michigan Competing Band Association Competitions this fall. So far the band has competed at the Novi, Livonia, Franklin, Plymouth, West Bloomfield and Clarkston Invitational coming in first place at all five competitions. The band also won Best Music and General Effect at all five competitions and Best Marching in four of the five competitions. The band still has the State Championships at Ford Field on Nov. 3.

The Northern marching band, under the direction of Christopher Blackmer, completed another successful marching season recently with their third appearance at the Alma College/Hohner Institute of Percussion Marching Band Competition.

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TO THE RESIDENTS OF NOVI COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT: PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to the Consolidated Election Law enacted in December, 2003, being Act 236 of the Public Acts of 2003 (MCL 168.641), the Novi Community School District will hold a public hearing on the option of a new regular election date pursuant to law. The hearing will be held on Thursday, November 1, 2007, commencing at 7:00 p.m. at a Special Meeting of the Novi Board of Education at the Educational Services Building, 25345 Taft Road, Novi, MI 48374. The dates authorized by law for school regular elections are:

1. May every year;
2. The general election date in November in even years;
3. The general election date in November in odd years;
4. The general election date in November every year.

The Novi Community School District Board of Education currently has the May election date every year as the regular election date on an annual basis.

Following the public hearing, the Board of Education will discuss at the regular meeting on November 1, 2007 setting the regular election date.

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SPOTLIGHT ON ALLERGY & ASTHMA
Presented by Michael S. Rowe, M.D., F.A.C.P., C.P.I.
WOMEN MORE LIKELY THAN MEN TO HAVE DRUG REACTIONS
Men and women with allergies seem to have similar reactions when they encounter allergy triggers such as sneezing, congestion, and itchy eyes. However, in recent years, researchers have noticed a difference between the way men and women react to some common allergy medications. For instance, more women than men are likely to experience irregular heartbeat as a result of taking certain antihistamines. Fortunately, there are newer antihistamines on the market that do not cause that worrisome side effect. Some are only available by prescription, and some can be purchased over the counter. Researchers continue to look at the different ways that women's bodies react to various medications. Ask your doctor if a prescribed medicine has been tested with women.
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MY SENIOR LIFE



A shiny 'BrightStar' comes to Novi

By Tracy Mishler
SPECIAL WRITER

The City of Novi recently welcomed a newcomer to its community of health care networks that could be the key to what area seniors are looking for an independent lifestyle.

BrightStar health care, a full-service health care and staffing agency, recently opened its first Michigan location on Grand River Avenue. The opening stems from a national growth plan calling for 400 new franchise BrightStars and 40 corporate locations to open by the end of 2010 across the country.

BrightStar health care was founded in 2002 by husband and wife team JD and Shelly Sun, who were having a difficult time finding quality health care professionals to care for JD's mother dealing with cancer.

The creation of BrightStar and its franchised locations stems from a promise made to JD's mother that she would create a company providing loved ones and their families the highest level of home health care, dignity and attention as possible.

The Novi location is owned and operated by Keith and Cathy Angelucci, of Novi, who are the newest BrightStar franchise owners. Their plan is to bring both medical and non-medical care to the city and its residents.

"Our goal is to provide a quality level of service that people need in taking care of their family members," Keith Angelucci said. "As the population ages, being a quality provider and providing a much needed service in our com-

munity is key." BrightStar health care offers two sides to its name, a side that provides staffing to doctor offices, nursing homes and assisted living facilities, and a side that provides caregivers on different levels of staffing mostly for seniors.

Angelucci said BrightStar offers both medical and non-medical services, including companion sitters, meal preparers, light housekeeping, grooming, bathing and transportation. Also, wound care, medication administration, blood draws, IV injections and diabetic care.

"We go to great lengths to provide high quality and individual care to the family," he said. "We make sure all our staff has drug screens and background tests. They have years worth of experience and we've taken the care to go out and find the best we can because we want the best care for the people we serve."

Angelucci said services provided can be paid through other forms of insurance payment but not through Medicare, as BrightStar is not a recovery aid, but more a long-term health care service.

"I'm an owner, and I'm engaged in what I do," he said. "Our clients can call us for anything and we'll help them out."

"If they need a ramp in their house, assistant bath or anything of the sort, I'll go find someone qualified to do that. We provide 24-hour care and live in care and will do whatever it takes to ensure our clients independent living."

BrightStar health care in Novi is currently recruiting certified nursing assistants, as well as Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs) and Registered Nurses (RNs).

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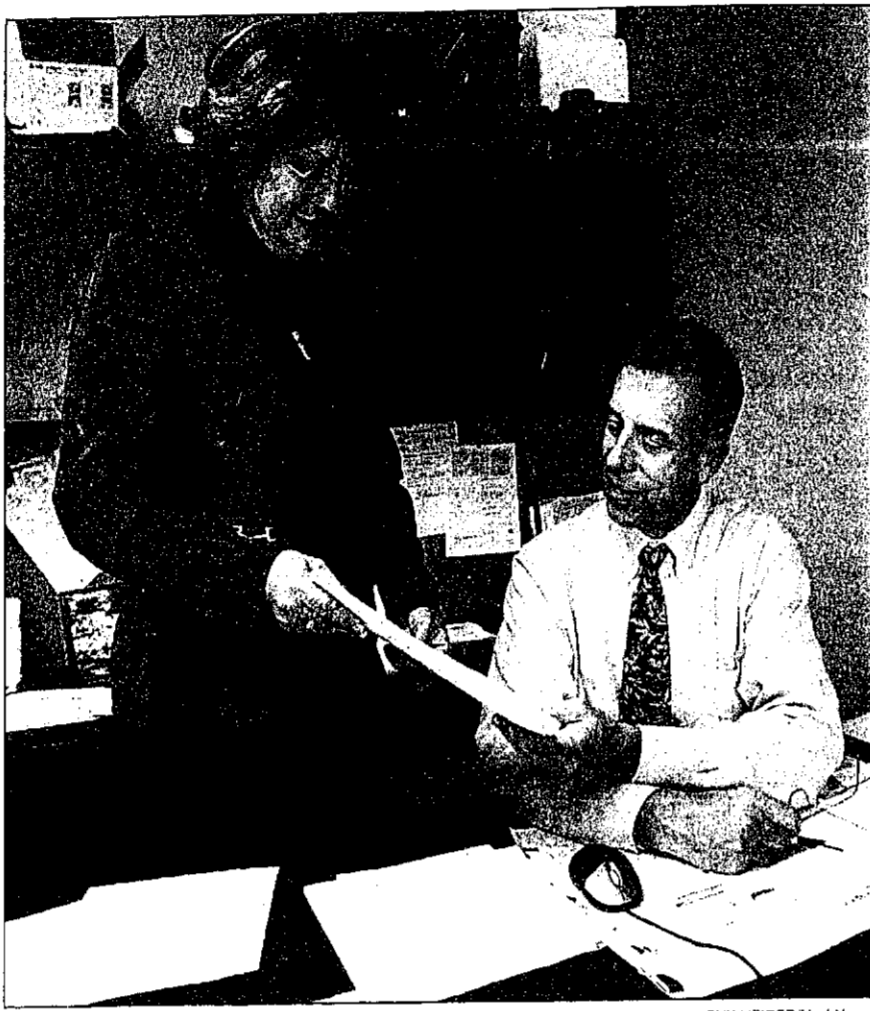
training into the needs of the senior population and how to best serve them.

"It's helping me to develop a network of referral services for senior needs," he said. "If I hear a need, I'm confident I can provide a resource for them." BrightStar welcomes anyone interested in their services to contact them, particularly seniors. The company, however, does not accept Medicare insurance. Angelucci said services provided can be paid through other forms of insurance payment but not through Medicare, as BrightStar is not a recovery aid, but more a long-term health care service.

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Keith Angelucci and Kim Ray look at some information in the Novi office of their home healthcare business BrightStar. Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

many years of success serving the community." Angelucci said. "I expect to have

Novi resident celebrates 101 years of life

By Chris Jackett
STAFF WRITER

As she sat in the lobby at Whitehall Convalescent Homes of Novi before her 101st birthday party on Monday, Ester Auger began to sneeze. She was due for some rest. She had seen a lot in her lifetime.

"I'm 18," she joked. "I'll be 20 on my next birthday." Born Oct. 29, 1906, about two months before the first radio broadcast was made and the first feature film was released, Auger had grown up before a lot of today's technology was even a concept. In an age of iPods and 30-screen movie theaters where all races and genders are guaranteed equality in the workplace by law, Auger has been around to see it all develop from virtually nothing.

"Their first car was a Model T," said Kathy Hartley, Auger's daughter. "She didn't learn to drive until after my father passed away." Growing up in Bay City, Ester's father passed away when she was 10, leaving her mother, a homemaker, to raise her. Ester met Arthur Auger, who she married in 1935. They had one daughter, Kathy, in 1949.

Auger now has four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren who range in age from 3-14. "The things that were really important to her was her family and husband," Hartley said. "When her husband passed away in 1954, Auger started working as a bookkeeper, doing accounting for George F. Dent & Company heating and cooling in Bay City. Her lack of a college degree and the era she lived in forced her to raise her then five-year-old daughter on less money than a man would have made working the same job.

"She was doing an accountant's work, but didn't have a degree or was a man raising a family," Hartley said.

Auger got through by getting involved with her church. She taught Sunday school kindergartners for more than 20 years at Bethel Lutheran Church while working as a bookkeeper. Upon retiring at age 65, Auger stopped teaching Sunday school at Bethel and started doing volunteer arts and crafts work with the elderly. "She liked to sew and crochet, read," Hartley said. "My dad was a hunter and fisherman, so I'm sure she did that (when she was younger). She traveled some, but enjoyed just being able to be at

home. She came from a generation where the women stayed at home." Auger traveled to Germany, Oregon and spent time at her cottage in Cheboygan County. She traveled some with friends and family, such as her older brother, Ernest Raub, and her three younger siblings, who have all since passed away over the last 25 years.

She also said she enjoyed dancing, specifically the waltz, as well as cooking and helping children. She wished she were in a play where someone learned how to be rich.

Auger moved in with Hartley and her husband in 1998, where she lived in Ann Arbor for seven years until she moved to an assisted living facility near Jackson. "We had to move her when her mind got to the point where she didn't know who we were and her needs went beyond my ability," Hartley said. When the Jackson center closed last year, Auger moved to Whitehall of Novi, where she celebrated her 101st birthday Monday with a special party in the dining hall.

"We are so happy to have Ester as a part of the family here at Whitehall of Novi," said Jeff Cohen, Whitehall administrator. "She is loved by the residents and staff alike and she is an inspiration to all of us."

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In 1906:

- Actors William Bendix (Jan. 14) and Lou Costello (March 6) were born.
- The Ottawa Senators won their fourth Stanley Cup, defeating Smith Falls, Ontario 5-3 and 8-2 in a two-game total goals series (March 6-8).
- Rolls-Royce Ltd. was registered (March 15).
- San Francisco earthquake with an estimated magnitude of 7.8 killed at least 3,000 people, causing \$250 million in damage and leaving more than 225,000 people homeless (April 18).
- Mesa Verde, Colo. was declared a national park (June 29).
- American cosmetics entrepreneur Estee Lauder was born (July 1).
- The Second Geneva Convention took place (July 6).
- Bradford Robinson threw the first legal forward pass in an American football game (Sept. 5).
- Typhoon in Hong Kong killed 10,000 people (Sept. 18).
- The "Wildcat Wonder" Chicago White Sox won the league's third ever World Series by defeating the Chicago Cubs 4-2 in the best of seven series (Oct. 9-14).
- S.O.S. became an international distress signal (Oct. 9).
- Pres. Theodore Roosevelt left for a trip to inspect the construction of the Panama Canal, the first trip by a sitting president to leave the U.S. (Nov. 9).
- Pres. Theodore Roosevelt won the Nobel Peace Prize's peace award (Dec. 10).
- Rogulind Fessenden made the first ever radio broadcast (Dec. 24).
- The world's first feature film, "Kitty and the Gang," was released (Dec. 28).

Source: World Wide Web

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Social Security: Making sure your benefits add up

Dear Savvy Senior,

When my 62-year-old brother applied for his retirement benefits early this year, he found that Social Security had made several mistakes on his earnings record in past years. The result was his monthly benefit check was much lower than it should have been. It took him months to straighten it out. How can I prevent this from happening to me?

Dear Insecurity,
The best way to keep an eye on your personal Social Security records is to carefully review your yearly Social Security statement, and don't be surprised if you

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• If corrections aren't made on the next statement you receive, start an appeals process (see www.ssa.gov/pubs/10041.html). Note: SSA statements are mailed annually (about three months before your birthday) to everyone age 25 and over who is not already receiving Social Security benefits. If you're not receiving yours, see www.ssa.gov/mystatement.
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Two other factors that can cause mistakes are if you changed your name following a marriage or divorce, or if your date of birth in SSA records isn't the same as it appears in IRS files.
Double check your SSA statement for these possible mishaps and make sure your earnings data matches the amounts on your W-2 forms.
And whenever you change your name, or if you notice a birth date error call the SSA (800-772-1213) and ask for Form SS-5, "Application for a Social Security Card," and submit it with the correct information. The form can also be downloaded at www.ssa.gov/online/ss-5.html.
Calculation Errors
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MY HEALTHY LIVING

Taking a 'shot' at flu prevention

By Tracy Mishler
SPECIAL WRITER

The flu is once again looming in the distance waiting to strike as the season of sickness quickly approaches.
Since the beginning of October, the release of this year's flu vaccine, people across the country have been lining up for their annual flu shot in order to prevent the chills, aches and other unwanted symptoms that come along with the virus.
Kay Renny, registered nurse and community programs manager for the Visiting Nurses Association of Southeast Michigan (VNA), said they have more than 100 sites for people to receive their flu shots this year, including locations in Novi and Northville.
"It's important for everyone to receive a flu shot," Renny said. "There's ample amounts of the vaccine this year, and the (Center for Disease Control and Prevention) promotes the vaccine as the number one in preventing the flu."
Renny said many people mistake the influenza virus with the gastroenteritis virus, or stomach flu.
She said the flu vaccine only protects against the influenza

virus, which affects the nose, throat and lungs.
"People also often say, 'well I got the shot, but I still got the flu,'" Renny said. "The flu shot is made up of killed viruses. The flu shot cannot cause the flu."
"Someone can transmit it 24 to 48 hours before they have any symptoms. If you were to get sick, it's not from the shot."

Get In Line

Many people have already received their flu shots, including more than 100 residents, staff and community members from Walledonia at Twelve Oaks in Novi.
The Visiting Nurses Association of Southeast Michigan visited Walledonia Oct. 4 and members of the community were anticipating their arrival.
"Our residents are pretty well educated about the importance of the flu shot," said Barbara Buck, independent living activities director. "We usually schedule our flu shot appointments six months in advance. If we don't start talking about it, (the residents) start asking what's going on."
The Visiting Nurses Association will also be administering flu shots at Art Van Furniture, in Novi, from 1-3 p.m. this Saturday and at the Northville Senior Community Center, in Northville, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Nov. 14.

Those unable to receive a shot at one of the Visiting Nurses Association locations can visit their family doctor or local pharmacy, including Kroger, Walgreen's and CVS.
Dr. Michael Somand, of Oakland Family Medicine, in Southfield, an affiliate of St. John Providence Hospital, in Novi, said now is the time to get vaccinated, before flu season is at its peak.

He said doctors are seeing more colds and allergies right now, but come January, the flu virus will be here.
"I encourage all my patients to get the flu shot," Somand said. "It's recommended that children, anyone with lung diseases like asthma and bronchitis, heart problems, pregnant women and adults 50 and older receive the flu shot."
Prevention is key
Renny said the influenza vaccine is 70 to 90 percent effective in preventing the flu.
"It's more effective in preventing hospitalization in flu complications," she said. "If you get the flu shot, not only will it help you to not get the flu, but it helps you to stay out of the hospital and help you stay alive."
She said it is rare to get the flu after having received the shot, but if you do get it, it's a much milder case.
Somand said the best ways to stay healthy are keeping away from people who are coughing or sneezing, washing your hands regularly and using an antibacterial hand sanitizer.
"The main way to spread colds

through the entire season, now through spring.
"People really need to get the shot," she said. "It's easy to prevent the flu. All people of all ages should consider getting it."

Where to find a flu shot

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Price: \$25 or covered by Medicare and select other insurance providers
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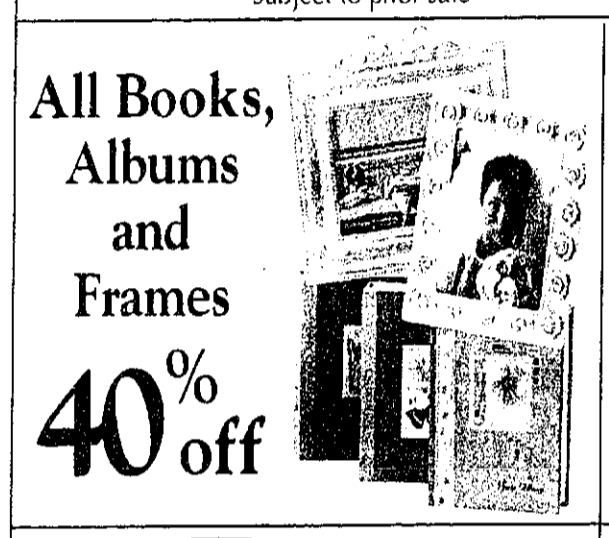
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Sherrus to offer Tiny Treasures II

By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER

Tara Hackett is a chip off the old block. The daughter of Northville resident Dan Hackett, she, too, is an artist, and examples of both of their works will be featured in tomorrow's First Friday Art & Fashion Walk in downtown Northville.

The event takes place from 6-9 p.m., with many stores remaining open past normal closing hours to accommodate visitors to the event.

Starring, The Gallery, located at 118 W. Main Street in Northville, will kick off the November First Friday Art Walk with the Hacketts' display. Dan Hackett left an award-winning career as executive creative director for Donor Advertising to pursue work as a national television commercial director and is responsible for many well-known advertising spots.

His artistic abilities extend to his acrylic paintings, which use light, shadow and color to provide a new perspective on familiar scenes. Tara Hackett grew up in Northville and has likewise pursued the creative life. Her mixed-media, illustration-based paintings capture the spirit of innocence and urban culture. Using found objects, vintage sewing patterns and materials that represent different generations, she creates playful works that bring a smile to the face.

Her work has appeared in Hour Magazine, The Big Idea, Motor City, STRUT and the cover of Real Detroit.

Starring, The Gallery, will host an opening and reception for the artists from 6-9 p.m. Friday during the Northville First Friday Art & Fashion Walk.

Sherrus Gallery event

Sherrus Gallery of Fine Art, at its new location at 133 W. Main Street, will feature the exhibit "Tiny Treasures II" during the art walk.

The exhibit will include a collection of small works of art by acrylic, oil, watercolor, pastel, glass and metal artists from around the world, including d. Kessler, Joan Nentoi, Jesse Reese, Jon Tannian and Boris Kramer.

Featured artists in the exhibit include widely-collected Michigan acrylic artist Jeri Felbeck; popular local watercolor/pastel artist and art instructor Jim Riopelle; and clay sculptor Jyoti Thakore along with small works from other world-class artists.

A complimentary Wine & Cheese Reception will take place at the gallery from 6-9 p.m. The exhibit and sale will run through the end of the month. Gallery guests attending the opening reception can meet the artists and view the tiny treasures, many of which were created specifically for this exhibit.

"Because of the success of last year's holiday exhibit, we moved the event from December to November to allow more time for gift-seeking shoppers and lovers to select the perfect item," said Sherrus Gallery owner Sherri Mewha.

"These pieces make perfect holiday presents in size and affordability, ranging in price from \$100-600. Art is a wonderful, timeless gift; it makes a statement about the giver and offers the recipient many years of enjoyment."

"The 'fashion' aspect of the walk includes the many clothing stores in the downtown area that will be open during the three-hour walk."

Staff writer Pam Fleming can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105, or pfleming@gannett.com.



This work is by artist Tara Hackett, a participant of the First Friday Art and Fashion Walk. Creations by Hackett and her father, Dan Hackett of Northville, will be on display from 6-9 p.m. tomorrow at Starring, The Gallery, at 118 W. Main Street in downtown Northville.

Foundation plans Holiday Home Tour

By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER

OK, so you're not Martha Stewart. Not to worry. There's still hope! Area residents who need some fresh and innovative ideas for holiday decorating this year can get an up-close-and-personal look at some of Northville's most beautifully decked-out homes this month.

Foundation's 10th Holiday Home Tour will take place from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 16, and Saturday, Nov. 17.

"Decorators are busy preparing five gorgeous homes for the tour," said Shari Peters, foundation director. "These already outstanding homes have been selected to be made even more breathtaking by the talents of some local decorators."

The tour will feature four houses and one condominium. Addresses are withheld until the days of the tour, so that the exact locations will be a surprise to participants.

Reservations are preferred as seating is limited. Please call Specialty Medicine Compounding Pharmacy at 248-446-2643 or visit www.specialtymedicine.com to register.

Specialty Medicine Compounding Pharmacy
116 N. Lafayette, Suite B, South Lyon, MI 48178
248-446-2643

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Monday, October 29 and Saturday, November 3

Presented by Dr. Bridgette Murphy, DDS

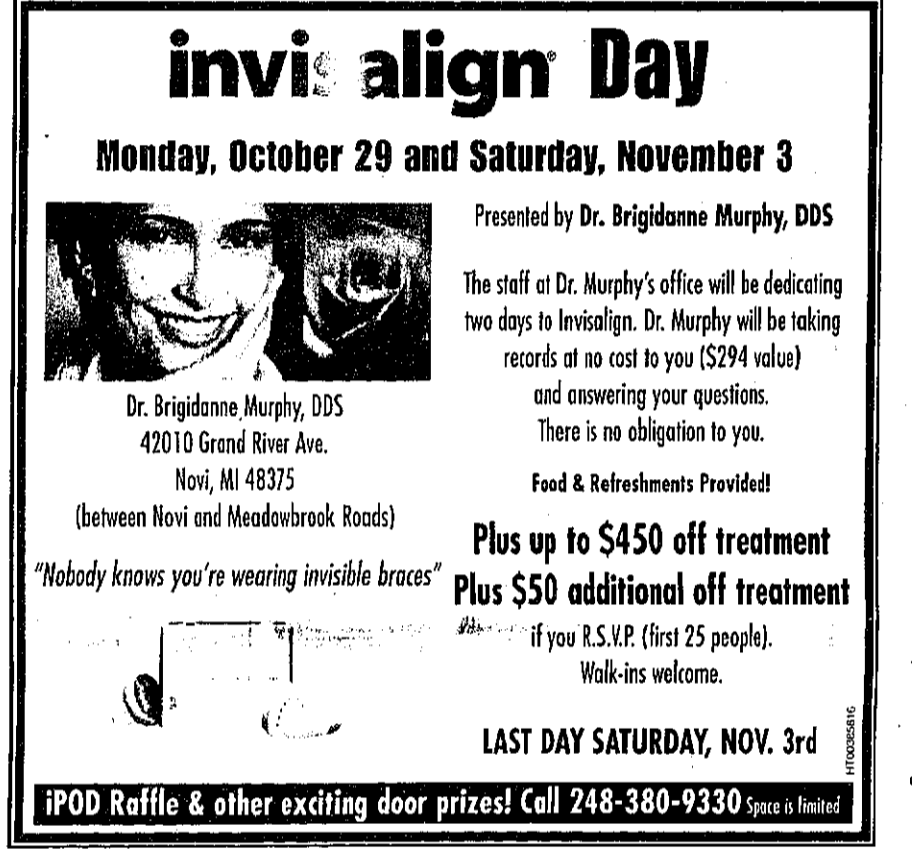
The staff at Dr. Murphy's office will be dedicating two days to Invisalign. Dr. Murphy will be taking records at no cost to you (\$294 value) and answering your questions. There is no obligation to you.

Food & Refreshments Provided!

Plus up to \$450 off treatment Plus \$50 additional off treatment if you R.S.V.P. (first 25 people). Walk-ins welcome.

LAST DAY SATURDAY, NOV. 3rd

iPOD Raffle & other exciting door prizes! Call 248-380-9330 (space is limited)



Specialty Medicine Compounding Pharmacy presents:
Dr. Jerrold Weinberg


Bio-Identical Hormone Replacement in the 21st Century

Where: Specialty Medicine
When: Tuesday, November 13
What time: 7:00pm-8:00pm
How Much: FREE to all who pre-register

Healthy snacks and refreshments provided

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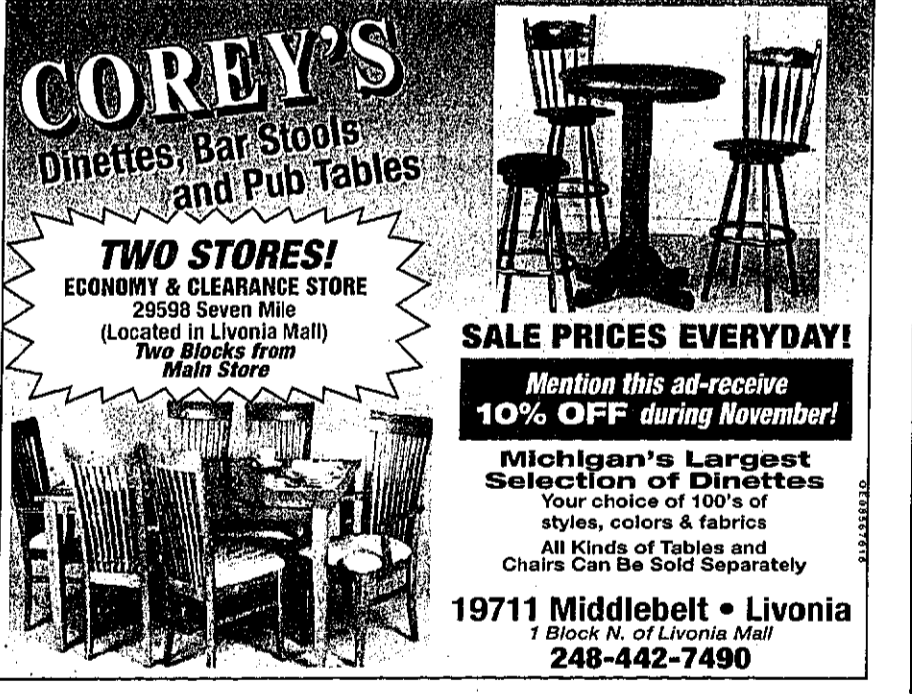
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2 mi. north of I-96 / Exit 145 (at Hubert St. / across from Rollerama)

For Information; (866) GIVE-TOO (448-3866)

Current location (6456 E. Grand River) will remain open through Fri., Nov. 9
Store Hours: 9-8 Mon through Sat • Open Sunday (donations only) 11-5
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All Shows 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Sunday, November 4, 2007
Holiday Show

Special November Show Events
Live Holiday Music 11am-3pm

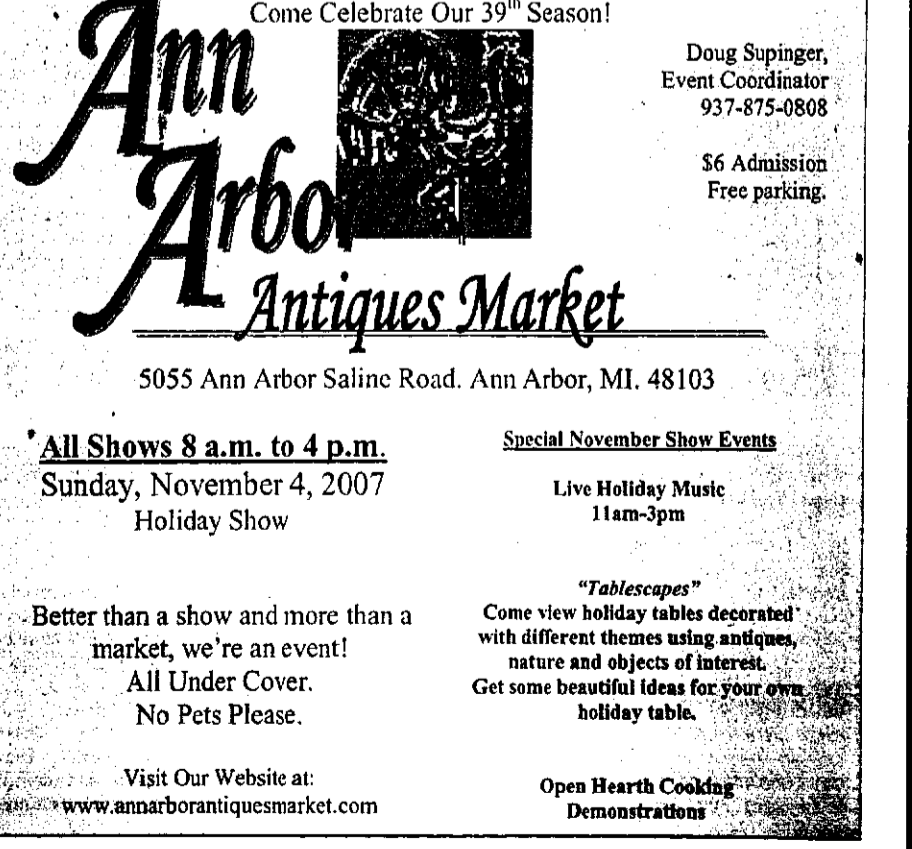
"Tablescapes"
Come view holiday tables decorated with different themes using antiques, nature and objects of interest. Get some beautiful ideas for your own holiday table.

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\$6 Admission
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Open Hearth Cooking Demonstrations



HOT TICKET: Check out the Novi Concert Band's melodies at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Civic Center

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EVENTS

Wise Guys Comedy Club
LOCATION: 40380 Grand River Ave., Novi
DATE: Nov. 1-3, Billy Ray Bauer, 10 p.m. stand-up comic with several descriptions of giving up in Detroit in the sixties. For more details of raising four boys.

DATE: Nov. 8-10, Jim Hamm, a highly animated, fast paced comic using music, facial dexterity and voice inflections.
DATE: Nov. 22-24, Rich Guzzi, hypnosis show; tickets now on sale.

CONTACT: Call for show times (248) 919-3216 or visit www.wiseguyscomedy.net

Art Van Furniture Events
Art Van Furniture Store, 27775 Novi Road, Novi, (248) 346-8922

Flu Vaccines
TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3

DETAILS: Flu vaccine offered for \$25-33; members of Medicare Part B insurance plan may show their card to receive the vaccine at no cost. Pneumonia vaccines will be available for \$35-84. Call (800) 236-8650 with questions.

Children's Holiday Activity Sheets
DATE: Saturday, Nov. 10
DETAILS: Holiday activity sheets promoting Art Van's parade float given to children visiting the store.

Holiday Readings for Children
TIME/DATE: Noon, Saturday, Nov. 17
DETAILS: Book read will be "Has Anyone Seen Christmas?" in Kid's Castles play area.

"Hats Off Detroit" Hit Drive
DATE: Friday, Nov. 16 - Sunday, Nov. 18

DETAILS: In partnership with the Thanksgiving Parade Company, Art Van will be collecting winter hats for local non-profit agencies; drop off clean, new or gently used winter hats at an Art Van location.

"The Adventures of Tom Sawyer"
TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 2 and Saturday, Nov. 3

LOCATION: The Novi Theaters, 10 Mile Road, Novi
DETAILS: Two casts of young actors from Novi, Walled Lake, Wixom, Redford, Northville, Commerce and Farmington Hills will present this classic story; tickets are \$12 (\$5 for school performances when purchased as a group); all seats are reserved; purchase tickets at the Novi Civic Center Parks Office.
CONTACT: For information, call (248) 347-0400

Catholic Central High School Mother's Clubs Holiday Craft Show
TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3

DETAILS: Vendors and crafters wanted; Holiday Craft Show is open to all artists, crafters or business people selling items suitable for holiday gift giving; contact (810) 231-3235 or (248) 705-9519.

Novi Concert Band Fall Pops
TIME/DATE: 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 4

LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road
DETAILS: Scott Cramer directs. Admission is free. Refreshments to be served at intermission.

Novi Parks Foundation Gala and Awards Presentation
DATE: Friday, Nov. 9

LOCATION: Rock Financial Showplace, Novi
DETAILS: The first annual Gala and Awards Presentation will be a black-tie affair with a "Diamonds are Forever" theme; hors d'oeuvres, strolling dinner, dessert buffet, refreshments, live entertainment, casino gaming and silent auction; proceeds support the City's park and recreational facilities; tickets are \$200 per couple or \$125 for single; purchase tickets by calling (248) 255-2608.

CONTACT: www.noviparks.org

Michigan Filmmaker's Marketing and Distribution Seminar

TIME/DATE: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10

LOCATION: Lawrence Technological University, 21000 W. 10 Mile Road (west of Northwestern Hwy.), Room S321, Blue & Lot D

DETAILS: One day seminar to help sell your movie; speaker is Michigan's premier independent producer Bob Brown discussing his attitudes, philosophies, lessons and opinions on marketing and distributing your film; fee of \$65 (\$35 for Michigan Production Alliance members or students with I.D.) includes seven hour seminar, lunch and beverages; register online at www.mpami.org, e-mail info@mpami.org or call (248) 349-2666

Novi Rotary Club

TIME/DATE: Noon every Thursday

LOCATION: Novi Methodist Church, 41671 W. 10 Mile Road

DETAILS: Lunch is \$10 at meeting; visitors welcome; check website for speaker information; www.novirota.org

Annual Holiday Raffle Dinner

TIME/DATE: Friday, Dec. 14

LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road

DETAILS: Enjoy an evening of "dancing with the stars"; help support our various community efforts with the purchase of a raffle ticket; tickets are \$125 but only 125 will be sold; Grand Prize is \$5,000 but other prizes also awarded.

CONTACT: Ginger Barrons at (248) 348-0551 or email ginger@novirota.org

Presidential Council Gardeners of Novi and Northville

Monarch Migration

TIME/DATE: 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 15

LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road

DETAILS: Guest speaker will be Brenda Drazetic, president of the Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association. Admission is free. Visit www.gardenersofnorthville-novi.org

CONTACT: (248) 349-2352

Healthy Girls Night Out

Presented by Henry Ford

TIME/DATE: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 15

LOCATION: Hotel Baronette, 27790 Novi Road

DETAILS: Henry Ford Health System's Heart & Vascular Institute invites the public to attend a complimentary, gourmet, heart-healthy meal prepared by renowned Matt Prentice

Restaurants Group. Healthcare providers will discuss the latest advances in women's heart health and answer questions. At no cost, this is part of the Hot Topics Women's Health series. Seating is limited; registration required.

CONTACT: To reserve a spot call (800) 436-7936 or visit www.henryford.com/hottopics

CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE

Greater Novi Chamber of Commerce

We're about business. We're about networking. We're about creating excitement in business and networking! Everyone is welcome to attend any of our events. For more information call Whitney, executive director at (248) 347-4622 or wmgccc@yahoo.com. Also visit www.greater-novichamber.com.

Sales Leads Group 1

TIME/DATE: 8:30-9:30 a.m., second and fourth Thursday of the month

LOCATION: Hooter's of Novi
DETAILS: Serious networking, no fee.

CONTACT: Michelle Winn at (248) 835-3754

Arts Round Table

TIME/DATE: 5:30 p.m. first Tuesday of every month

LOCATION: MIXX Lounge, Main Street

DETAILS: Discussing art and culture in our area; all welcome;

free.

Business Accelerator Luncheon

TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 7

LOCATION: Wyndham Garden Hotel, 42100 Crescent Blvd.

DETAILS: Speaker will be Rob Cassalou, president of St. John Providence Park; \$25 for members; \$30 if you are not a member yet.

Novi Chamber of Commerce

The chamber is celebrating 40 years of business, representing over 500 members. Our mission is to be a responsible, proactive advocate of business interests in the greater Novi area. We are business and professional people working together to enhance the life of our community and the businesses in it. For more information, visit www.novichamber.com or contact the chamber office at (248) 349-3743

Chamber Membership Luncheon

TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 8

LOCATION: Carrabba's Italian Grill, 43455 West Oaks Dr.

DETAILS: Guest speaker is Rob Cassalou, President, St. John Providence Hospital; cost is \$20.

Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce

Since 1965, the Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce has proudly served as West Oakland's Regional Chamber, servicing the communities of Commerce Township, Union Lake, Walled Lake, Waterford, Wixom, Wolverine Lake and White Lake. Our purpose is to improve the quality of life for businesses and residents in the Lakes area. We act as a unified voice on behalf of the business community, provide a forum to discuss and review topics of interest, serve as a source of information and develop programs that are responsive to the needs of the communities we serve. For more information visit www.lakesareachamber.com or (248) 624-2826.

National College Fair

TIME/DATE: 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 6

LOCATION: Oakland Community College Auburn Hills campus, 2900 Featherstone Rd., buildings H and J, one mile east of the Silverdome

DETAILS: Fair includes representatives from 70 institutions plus information on financial aid, scholarships and more. For more information, contact (248) 232-4408.

Spotlight Lunch

TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 7

LOCATION: The Grand Court, 45182 West Park Dr. (off Pontiac Trail), Novi

DETAILS: Members invited to a free lunch sponsored by The Grand Court.

Morning Connection

TIME/DATE: 8:30-9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 14

LOCATION: T & C Federal Credit Union, 160 Wixom Rd. (near Pontiac Trail), Wixom

DETAILS: Join us for coffee and networking.

Home-based Business Roundtable Discussion

TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 20

LOCATION: Chamber Board Room

DETAILS: Discussion topic is marketing your business via marketing/advertising, promotional items, collections and pricing; cost is \$10 and includes lunch; registration required.

Females in the Family Business Affinity Group

TIME/DATE: 8-9:30 a.m. Third Thursday of every month

LOCATION: Walsh College Troy Campus

DETAILS: Walsh Business Leadership Institute invites women who own, are partners in, or work for family businesses. Items discussed will be common issues, and women can share solutions in a nonthreatening, noncompeti-

ve, non-sales roundtable. Registration is required.

CONTACT: Jan Hubbard, jhubbard@walshcollege.edu

Providence Center for the Healing Arts

LOCATION: Assarian Cancer Center, 47601 Grand River Ave., Novi

CONTACT: (248) 465-5455

Wanted: One-Time Art Workshop Instructors

DETAILS: We are looking for people who have an art or craft that they would like to share in our series of one-time workshops; call (248) 465-5455 if interested.

Colored Pencil Workshop

TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m., second Tuesday of every month

DETAILS: Beginners welcome.

Express Yourself with Art and Color

DETAILS: \$5 materials fee; call for times and registration.

Ceramics Class

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday; Friday by appointment

DETAILS: \$10 materials fee. Knitlin' Yarns

TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m. Wednesday

DETAILS: Join others and create hats and shawls for those in need.

Creative Moments with Scrapbooking

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-noon Tuesday

DETAILS: \$3 materials fee.

Meditation

TIME/DATE: 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m., Thursday

DETAILS: Learn proper breathing techniques that can be used at home or on the job to help reduce stress; class held in reflection space, Cancer Center.

Yoga Classes

TIME/DATE: 12:30-1:30 p.m. Monday (for backs); 5:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesday (for backs); 12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m. Wednesday (for backs); 5-6 p.m. Thursday (pre-natal); 6:05-7:05 p.m. Thursday (for backs) and 12:30-1:30 p.m. Friday (for backs)

DETAILS: \$10/walk-in; \$80/10-class card; \$45/5-class card; Lunch and Learn Yoga 7-week session is \$80; registration required.

Art with Jane Alkon

TIME/DATE: 1-2:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10

DETAILS: Grade 5 and up can make a cool wall hanging for a material fee of \$5.

Snackalates

TIME/DATE: 7-7:45 p.m. Monday, Nov. 12

DETAILS: Children K-fourth grade listen to a story then make a story-related snack; please register.

Charlotte's Web

Book and Movie Event

TIME/DATE: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 13

DETAILS: Read E. B. White's book as a family, then come to the library to discuss it as a group and watch the movie together. Registration is required. The first 10 families to sign up receive a free copy of the "Charlotte's Web" book. The DVD will be raffled off at the end of the evening.

PageTurners

TIME/DATE: 5-5:45 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 14

DETAILS: Join in a discussion of "Donuthead" by Sue Staufferhager, enjoy a snack and play a game.

AARP Driver Safety Program

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 14 and 15

DETAILS: AARP Driver Safety Program is an 8-hour classroom refresher that can help you learn the effects of aging on driving and how to adjust. Sessions are 4 hours; cost is \$10 (must be pre-paid). Register by phone or in person.

Wood Smoke and Elbow Grease: Michigan's Culinary Heritage

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 15

DETAILS: Author and culinary historian Priscilla Massie and her husband, author Larry Massie, present a cooking demonstration and discuss the folklore and food of our state; registration required.

Novi Senior Activities Center

LOCATION: Located in the Meadowbrook Commons Senior Complex, 25075 Meadowbrook Road.

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classes
LOCATION: 28588 Northwestern Hwy., Suite 475, Southfield
DETAILS: Caring and compassionate individuals needed to register for Heartland Hospice Volunteer Training. We serve individuals and their families during their end of life journey in the Tri-County area. Office support is also needed.
CONTACT: Mary at (800) 770-9859

Novi Toastmasters
TIME/DATE: 7-8:45 p.m. first and third Tuesday of each month
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center Activities Room, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road
DETAILS: Toastmasters will help you improve your communication skills, voice your opinion, polish your presentations and practice leadership.
CONTACT: Army (248) 752-2800

Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) Chapter
TIME/DATE: 11 a.m. weigh-in and 11:30 a.m. meeting every Wednesday
LOCATION: Meadowbrook Commons, 25075 Meadowbrook Road, Novi
DETAILS: \$24 per annual membership, includes handbook, \$1 per meeting. New members welcome.
CONTACT: Rebecca Boyke (248) 305-8646

FAITH

Meadowbrook Congregational
LOCATION: 21355 Meadowbrook Road
CONTACT: Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, Senior Minister (248) 348-7757 or visit www.mbccc.org or gmccc@arounddetroit.biz
Sunday Worship
TIME: 10 a.m.

First Baptist Church of Novi
LOCATION: 45301 W. 11 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 349-3647 or www.firstbaptistchurchofnovi.org
Sunday Schedule
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.

Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross
LOCATION: 40700 W. 10 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 427-1175 or www.churchoftheholycross.com
Sunday Worship
TIME: 7:45, 10 a.m.
Sunday School
TIME: 9 a.m. Adult Bible Study: 10 a.m. Worship Center for ages 3-7; 10 a.m. All ages
Youth Worship
TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. second and fourth Sunday of every month
DETAILS: All youth welcome.

Alzheimer's Support Group
TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. second Saturday of month
DETAILS: Offering support and open discussion for all those dealing with Alzheimer's disease and related dementia.

Church of the Holy Family
LOCATION: 24505 Meadowbrook Road
CONTACT: (248) 349-8847 or visit www.holyfamilynovi.org
Mass Schedule
TIME/DAY: 7:30, 8:45, 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Sunday; 7 p.m. Tuesday; 9 a.m. Wednesday-Friday; 5 p.m. Saturday
Adoptive Parent Networking Meeting
TIME/DATE: 10-11 a.m. last Wednesday of each month
DETAILS: This free informational meeting is open to all adoptive families in Oakland County. Child care is available. Registration is required.
CONTACT: Lisa Molloy (248) 334-3595

Catholic Update
TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 19
DETAILS: To be held in the Family Center; guest speaker, Sister Mary Louis Patrow from Sacred Heart Seminary on "The Sacraments. What Makes Us Catholic."
CONTACT: Lisa Molloy (248) 334-3595

Ward Evangelical Church
LOCATION: 40000 Six Mile Road, Northville
CONTACT: Call Maria at (248) 349-8847 or sprifwalk@01@aol.com

Oak Pointe Church
LOCATION: 50200 W. 10 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 912-0043 or visit www.oakpointe.org
Sunday Worship
TIME: 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.

St. James Catholic
LOCATION: 46325 10 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 347-7778
Mass Schedule
TIME/DAY: 8, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday-Tuesday; 7 p.m. Wednesday; 5 p.m. Saturday

Novi United Methodist
LOCATION: 41671 W. 10 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 349-2652 or visit www.umcnovi.com
Sunday Worship
TIME: 9:45 a.m.
Peace Vigil
TIME/DATE: Noon, first Sunday of every month
LOCATION: In front of the church

13th Annual Auction and Fund-raiser
TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3
LOCATION: Novi United Methodist Church, 41671 W. 10 Mile Road
DETAILS: A buffet dinner provided by Bistro 127 of South Lyon is included in this evening of entertainment as well as silent and live auctions. The event is open to the community. Tickets are \$25 and must be purchased in advance.

Artists and Crafters Wanted
DETAILS: The church is hosting an arts and craft show Saturday, June 21, 2008. Vendor space will be available indoors and out; contact Pam Davis, ediec@yaho.com

Book Study
TIME/DATE: 7-8:15 p.m. every Wednesday through Dec. 12
LOCATION: Room C309 by Priscilla Shirer
MOPS
TIME/DATE: 9:15-11:15 a.m. and 7-9 p.m. the first and third Thursday of each month
LOCATION: Room C307-309
DETAILS: Support and encouragement for mothers of young children
CONTACT: Day MOPS, Jan Janke (734) 367-9171; for evening MOPS, Keli Plansinis (248) 561-8019

Single Point Ministries
For single adults 40 years and older
CONTACT: (248) 374-5920
Grief and the Holidays
TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m.
Monday, Nov. 12
LOCATION: Room A-105
DETAILS: Cathy Clough presents this free workshop for those who have experienced the loss of a loved one and are grieving; no registration required.
CONTACT: Barb at (248) 374-5966

St. Paul Lutheran
LOCATION: 201 Elm St., Northville
CONTACT: (248) 349-3140
Sunday Worship
TIME: 8:30, 11 and 11:30 a.m.

The Baha'i Faith
TIME/DATE: 11 a.m. last Saturday of every month
LOCATION: 23803 Ripple Creek St., Novi
DETAILS: This Devotional Gathering is focused on prayers for peace. People of all faiths welcome.
CONTACT: (248) 473-0355 or visit www.us.bahai.org

First Presbyterian Church of Northville
LOCATION: 200 E. Main St.
CONTACT: (248) 349-0911
Sunday Worship
TIME: 9:30 and 11 a.m.
Single Place Ministries
DETAILS: Thursday evenings; 7:30 p.m. social time; 7:45 p.m. opening; 8-9 p.m. program; \$5
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Divorce Recovery
DATE: Through Dec. 6
DETAILS: Register online
www.orchardhillsnovi.com
CONTACT: Stephen E. Monette (248) 982-4558 or info@orchardhillsnovi.com

Walking Group
TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m. every Saturday
LOCATION: First, second and

fourth Saturday, Big Apple Bagel Shop, 2334 Farmington Road, Farmington; Third Saturday, Panera Bread Co., 34635 Grand River Ave., Farmington
DETAILS: This is a walking/social group. Everyone is invited.
Four Mondays in the Fall
TIME/DATE: 7:30-9 p.m. Monday, Nov. 5 and 12
DETAILS: Julieen Sparks presents the Celebration of Discipline in four parts: Nov. 5 Corporate Disciplines; and Nov. 12 Grace, Forgiveness and Mercy. Book available for purchase in church office.

St. John Lutheran
LOCATION: 23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills
CONTACT: (248) 474-0584 or visit www.stjohn-lutheran.com
Saturday Worship
TIME: 5:30 p.m.
Sunday School
TIME: 9, 11, 15 a.m.

Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington
LOCATION: 25301 Halsted Road, Farmington Hills
CONTACT: (248) 318-8044 or www.uufarmington.org

Faith Community Presbyterian
LOCATION: 44400 W. 10 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 349-2345 or visit www.faithcommunity-novi.org
Sunday Worship
TIME: 9, 10:30 a.m.
New Member Class
TIME/DATE: Noon, Sunday, Nov. 11
Bullying Seminar
TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 12
Night Out for Parents of Young Children
TIME/DATE: 5:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 16
Thanksgiving Potluck
TIME/DATE: 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 18

GracePointe Presbyterian
CONTACT: Rev. Brian C. Steeth, Pastor (248) 497-3178; www.gracepointepca.org; e-mail gracepointe@mac.com
TIME/DATE: 8 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 18; Dec. 23, Special Christmas Service
LOCATION: Crown Plaza Hotel, Novi

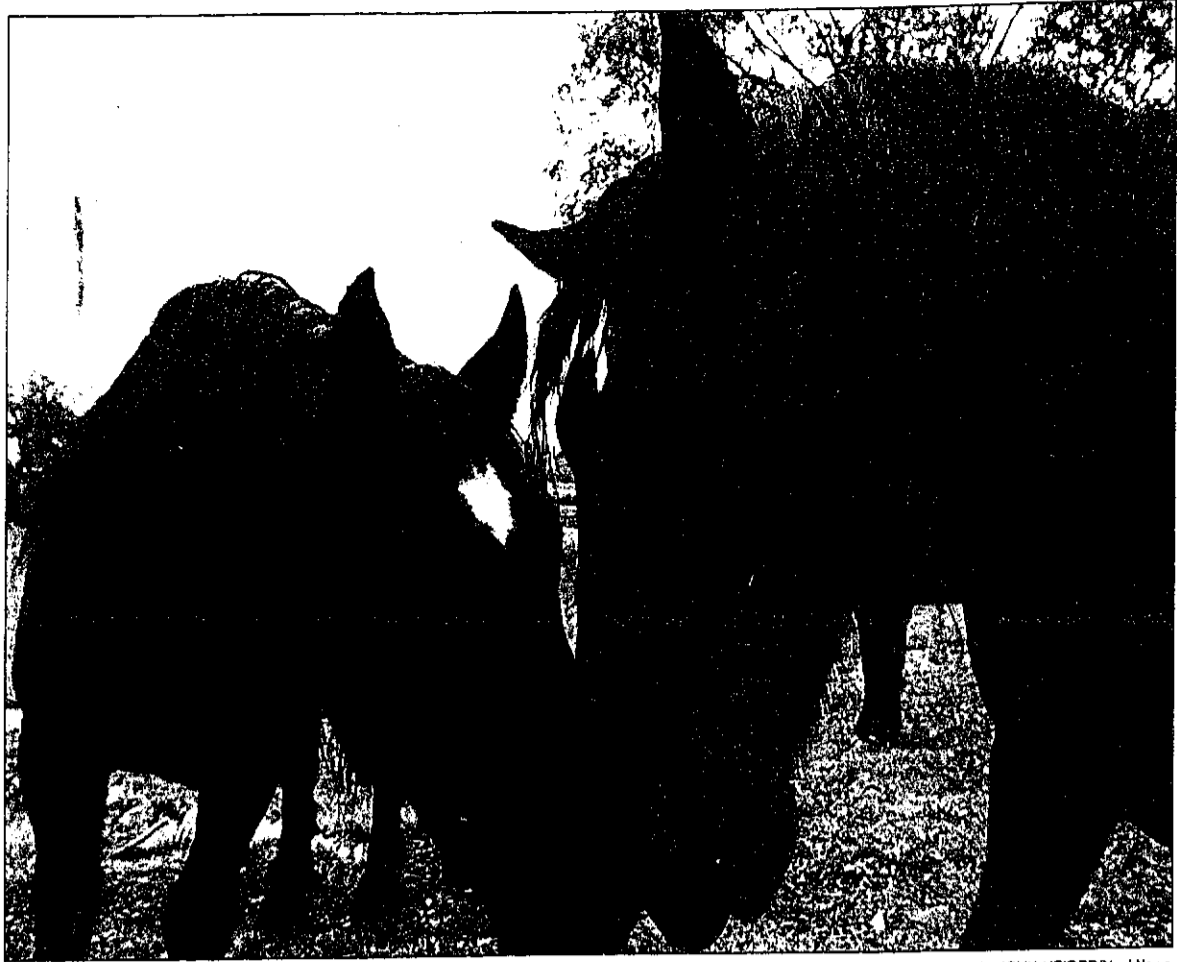


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Horsing Around!

A pair of percheron plow horses pause from snacking on grass at Novi's Tollgate Farms on a recent rainy Tuesday afternoon. Tollgate Farms, an MSU education center located at 12 Mile and Meadowbrook roads, is open every day for visitors to check out its fields of farm animals and crops.

CONTACT: (248) 374-5978
Sunday AM Women's Bible Study
TIME/DATE: 10:20-11:15 a.m. every Sunday through Dec. 30
LOCATION: Room A101-103
DETAILS: Karen Nottenkamper covers "The Life You've Always Wanted," a study by John Ortberg.

WOW Bible Studies
TIME/DATE: 9:30-11:30 a.m. every Tuesday through Dec. 12
LOCATION: Chapel (NE corner of church)
DETAILS: Theme "In Your Wildest Dreams;" 7 small group classes.

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St. John's Episcopal Church
LOCATION: 574 S. Sheldon Rd., Plymouth
CONTACT: (734) 453-0190
Reinventing Your Life-God is Calling You to a Song
TIME/DATE: 7:30-9 p.m. Wednesday evenings
DETAILS: Minimum of 10 people required to attend every session.
CONTACT: Elizabeth Wilhelm (734) 953-0190 ext. 10
Red Cross Blood Drive
TIME/DATE: 2-8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 12
DETAILS: Call Carolyn Liebau (734) 455-5395 to make an appointment or drop in.

SWOCC Studio Tours
LOCATION: 33300 Nine Mile Road, Farmington
DETAILS: Come in for an up-close look at the Southwest Oakland Cables Commission Studios local community television studio.
CONTACT: Melissa Cohn (248) 473-2840

Gardeners of Northville and Novi
TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. second Monday of month, Sept.-May
LOCATION: Rotates between Novi Civic Center and the Northville Library.
DETAILS: Visitors welcome...
CONTACT: (248) 231-2334 or visit www.gardenersnorthville-novi.org

Oakland Physical Therapy
LOCATION: 47601 Grand River Ave., Suite B124, Providence Park Medical Center
CONTACT: 248-390-3550
Introduction to Pilates
TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 8
DETAILS: Basic Pilates philosophy and principles.
Your Career as a Physical Therapist
TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 29
DETAILS: For high school and college students and parents to learn about a career as a physical therapist.
Get Conditioned for Skiing
TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 6
DETAILS: Emphasis on stretching and strengthening exercises.

DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital
LOCATION: 1 William Carls Dr., Commerce
CONTACT: (248) 937-3314
Breast Cancer Support Group
TIME/DATE: 10-11:30 a.m. second and fourth Thursday of every month
LOCATION: Sinai Center for Women, next to hospital's South Garden entrance
DETAILS: This support group is for any woman with a breast cancer diagnosis
CONTACT: (248) 937-5163
Journeys Cancer Support Group
TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. first and third Monday of every month
LOCATION: Lobby of the Charach Cancer Treatment Center
DETAILS: Support group for those with cancer or who are related to or know someone living with cancer.
CONTACT: (248) 937-5163
Breastfeeding Classes for Mother and Baby
TIME/DATE: 10:30 a.m.-noon Nov. 6, 13
LOCATION: Room GF-C
DETAILS: Information is tar-

Orchard Hills Baptist Church
LOCATION: 23455 Novi Road
CONTACT: Pastor Jon Hix (248) 349-5855
Preschool/Kids Choir
TIME/DATE: 7-8:15 p.m. every Wednesday
DETAILS: For ages three to six; ongoing event, no need to pre-register; all are welcome.
Practical Spiritual Divorce Care Workshop
TIME/DATE: 6:30-8:30 p.m. every Monday through Nov. 5
DETAILS: Register online
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Michigan Christmas Show and Marketplace
TIME/DATE: Nov. 29-Dec. 2
DETAILS: 2nd annual show to feature designer Christmas Tree Lane, unique holiday gifts, arts and crafts, gourmet foods, stocking stuffers, festive holiday entertainment on Holiday Lights Stage; tickets \$10 each.
Antique Arms Show
TIME/DATE: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 25
DETAILS: Cost is \$6, free up to age 12. Parking is \$5.

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Second Tuesday: 10 a.m. Senior Commission
Second Thursday: 11:30 a.m. Bingo
Fourth Thursday: 10-11:30 a.m. Blood Pressure
Community Mitten & Hat Drive
TIME/DATE: 6-8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9 and 2-7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10
LOCATION: Music Advantage LLC, 1044 E. West Maple, Walled Lake
DETAILS: Ongoing music recitals in honor of the 2007 Open House, all welcome, no charge.
CONTACT: (248) 960-4088

Novi Youth Philharmonic of Michigan
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Pontiac Trail, Wixom, (246) 624-2850
Senior Ongoing Programs
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My Home-My Future Seminars
TIME/DATE: 6:30-8:45 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2008
LOCATION: Baldwin Public Library, 300 W. Merrill, Birmingham
DETAILS: The Oakland County Board of Commissioners is hosting a series of free seminars to help residents save homes from foreclosure; information presented by housing industry professionals and agencies; contact Oakland County Housing Counseling at (888) 350-0900, ext. 85402.

Ladies CCW Gun Safety Class
TIME/DATE: 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3; Co-ed class Nov. 5
LOCATION: First half of day at Sheriff's Training Center, 9555 Haggerty Rd., Belleville; second

half day at Sheriff's indoor pistol range, 3100 Henry Ruff, Westland.
DETAILS: Cost is \$125 with money order payable to Wayne County Sheriff's Office. Equipment required includes shooting eyeglasses, headset ear protection, cleaning kit for 9mm and .38 caliber firearms, warm, loose clothing. Guns and ammunition will be provided.
CONTACT: (734) 699-6007

Schoolcraft College
LOCATION: Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road
CONTACT: For more information and to register call (734) 462-4438.
Divorce Support Group
TIME/DATE: 7-9 p.m. second and fourth Tuesday of month
LOCATION: Women's Resource Center, Room 225 McDowell Center
DETAILS: Open to anyone contemplating, in the process of or having difficulty adjusting to divorce; first meeting is group discussion, next meeting features speaker Cynthia Koplin, MA, LPC, LLP; no fee or registration required.
Women's Resource Center Fall Luncheon Series
TIME/DATE: 11:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 14
LOCATION: Schoolcraft College, VistaTech Center
DETAILS: On Friday Bill Peterson will present "Dancing with the Stars," dancing for fun and exercise, bring your dancing shoes; Oct. 26 Professor Michael Swope presents "The History of Television;" Dec. 14, Professor Rodney Johnson presents "The Art of Wedding," insights about wedding as an art form; \$15 per luncheon; prepaid registration required, no tickets issued; limited seating.
Ask An Attorney
DATE: Second and third Monday of each month
DETAILS: Ask an attorney about divorce and family law; Sept.-May; walk-in, no fee; Call (734) 462-4443.
Money Matters in Divorce
DATE: Monday
DETAILS: Opportunity to ask a

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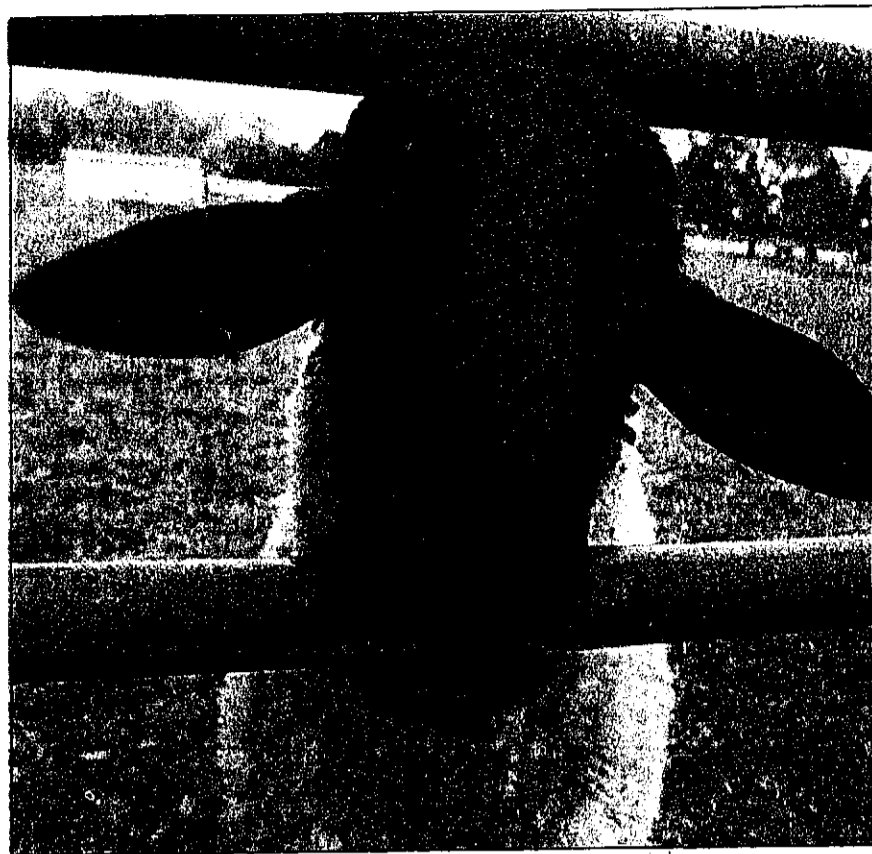


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Peek-a-Boo!

A sheep pokes its head through a gate at Novi's Tollgate Farms. Tollgate, an MSU education center, features horses, cattle and sheep. The center, which is open to the public, is located at Meadowbrook and 12 Mile roads.

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For Jeffrey and LeeAnn Adam, owners of The Flower Alley in Novi, every day is a holiday. And they are happy to share every cherished holiday with their customers. In fact, they have named their newly remodeled 800 square foot showroom the 'Everyday's A Holiday' room to celebrate the very special days on everyone's calendar each year.

Customers will find unique holiday gifts of all kinds including one-of-a-kind wreaths and arrangements. "Our gift décor is very custom and not found in any big box stores or malls," said LeeAnn. The stylish gifts come from the creative mind of The Flower Alley's award winning designer, one of only six people in Michigan who is certified by the American Institute of Floral Design. With such outstanding credentials, one would expect to pay top dollar for the creations but as Jeffrey said, "our products are value based — not pricey."



Plush animals and decorative arrangements are just two of the many holiday gift ideas that await shoppers in the 'Everyday's A Holiday' room at The Flower Alley.

And it isn't just the selection and care that goes into each holiday gift or floral arrangement that Jeffrey and LeeAnn sell, it is the 'emotion' of the holiday season that each gift carries, which is evident throughout the cheerfully decorated store. Visitors to The Flower Alley will 'feel' the Christmas season as soon as they drive up to the florist, conveniently located at 25914 Novi Road just a few blocks south of Grand River. As they approach the building customers will be greeted with holiday music and beautifully decorated trees, trim, and wreaths. The smell of Christmas will stir their senses as customers browse through the large selection of scented Cracking Wick candles and Claire Burke potpourri in the special holiday show-room.

Jeffrey likes to recreate his youth as a child growing up in Detroit, where Christmas took on a special meaning and he hopes his customers can share that same warmth as they stroll down the holiday memory lane inside The Flower Alley. "I remember the good old days of Christmas in Detroit," he said. "We want to uphold those traditions from this area."

Customers who want to share the Adam's passion for the holidays should plan to visit their Christmas Open House on November 9-11 and witness the 'sensation' of the holiday season.

But holidays are not the only reason to visit The Flower Alley. Happy occasions such as weddings, christenings, and birthdays can be made special with a gift from The Flower Alley. Remembrance and religious gifts in times of grief are also a special item created with care.

Whatever the occasion, there are many popular brand name gifts to choose from. "We have the absolute best selection of plush teddy bears and animals from such famous brands like Gund, Ty, Shining Stars, Russ, and Ganz," said LeeAnn. "The list also includes one of Novi's biggest selection of Webkinz and Webkinz accessories."

Customers looking for Thanksgiving table centerpieces will also find a large selection to choose from and can have the centerpieces shipped locally or across the U.S. For businesses looking to give special corporate gift or fruit baskets, The Flower Alley can create just the right gift to say 'thank you' to an employee or customer. As Jeffrey and LeeAnn approach their first Christmas season in their eight-month-old business, they wish to thank the Novi community for its "unbelievable" support, making this a "fabulous beginning to our exciting store."

"We opened on Valentine's Day and we haven't stopped reinventing the store," said Jeffrey. "Stop in and visit with us over tea or cider. You will find out they we are not just a flower store."

For more information about The Flower Alley including extended holiday store hours —including Sundays — call (248)-305-9190 or visit www.thefloweralley.com.

By John R. Hall



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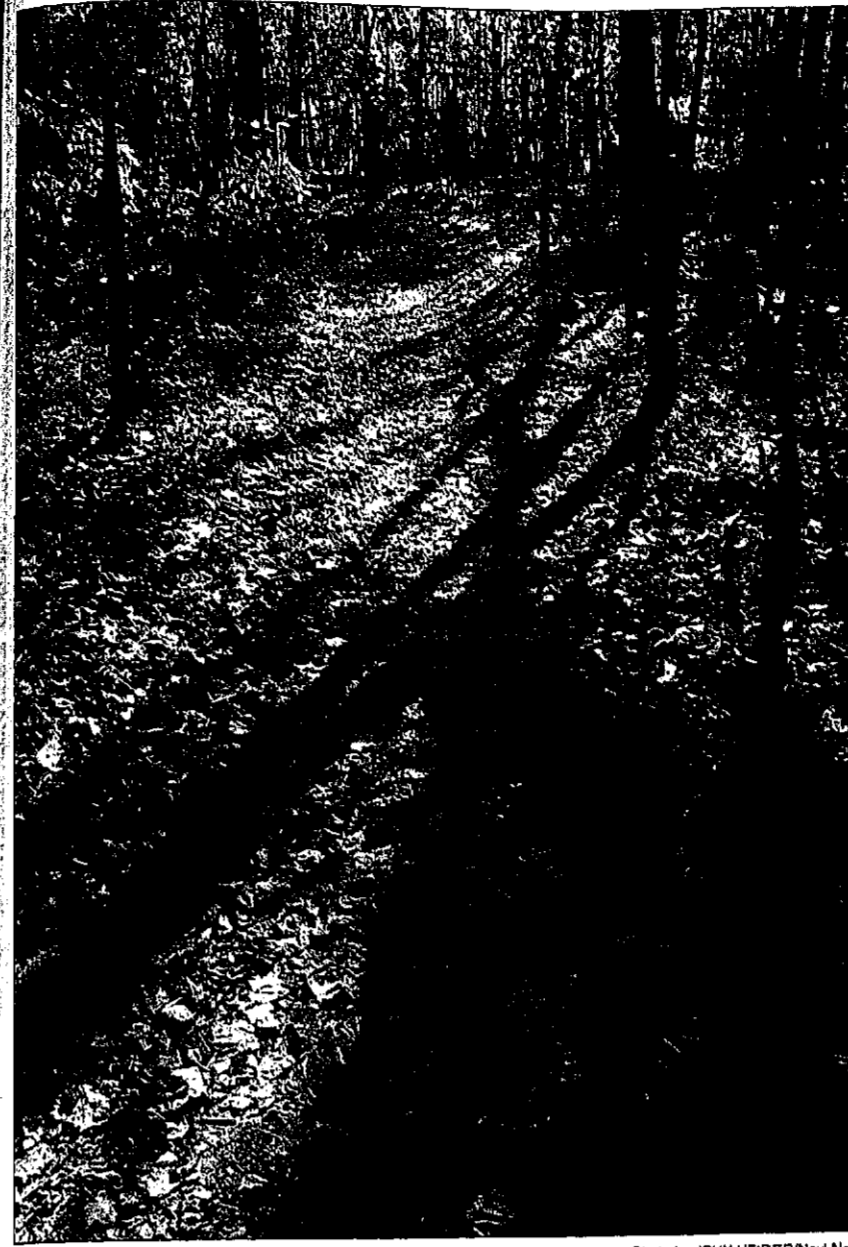


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Fall Colors

A lot of leaves have fallen on the trails of North Lakeshore Park and the lengthening afternoon shadows foretell a beginning of less daylight as winter approaches.

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REAd Carpet Annual Dinner Auction
TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 2
LOCATION: Livonia Marriott, Laurel Park Place
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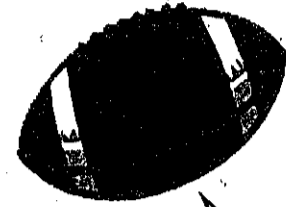
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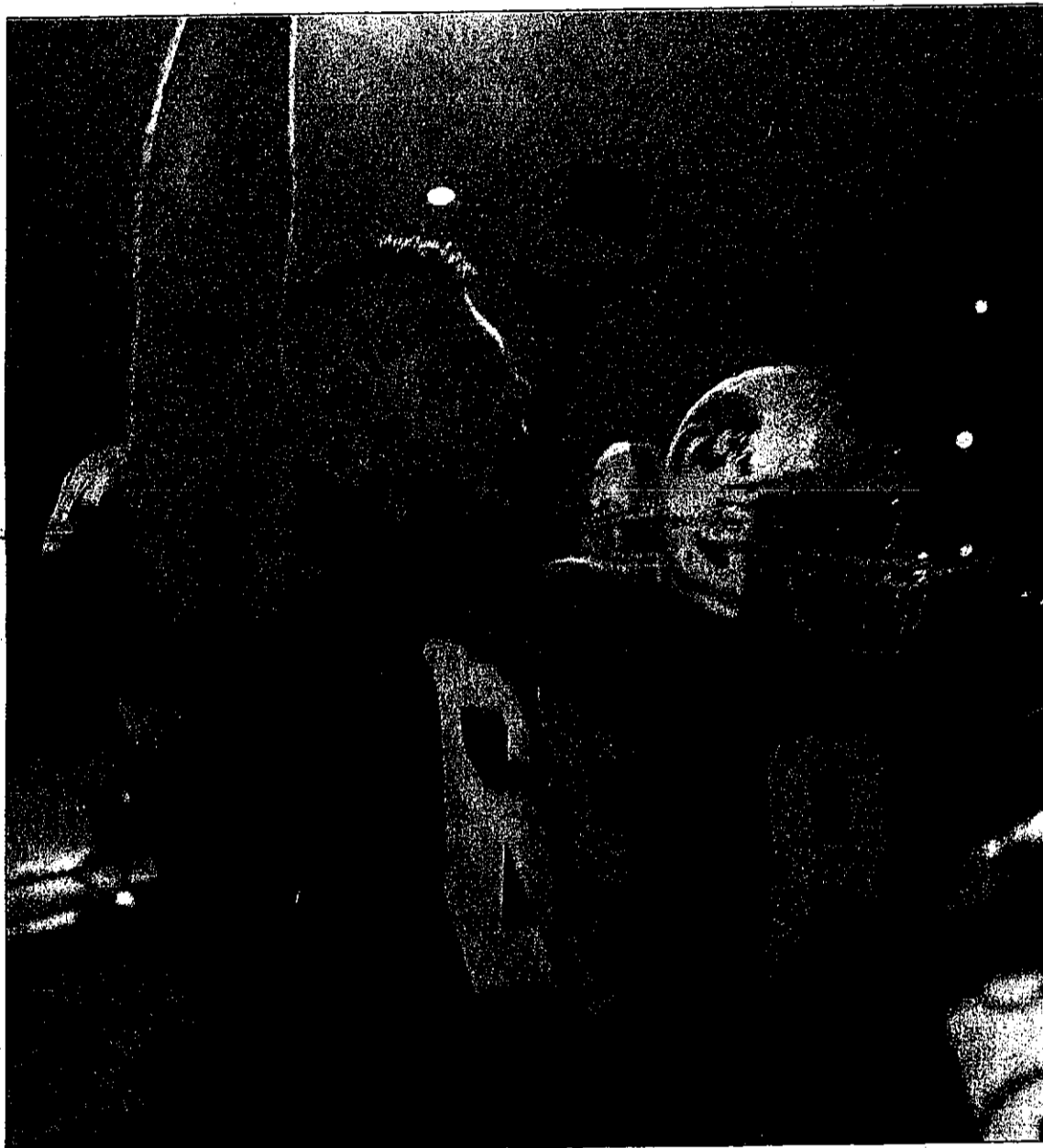


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Lineman Tyler Mouch celebrates Novi's playoff victory against Livonia Churchill last Friday night.

Novi uses pair of defensive stands in 13-9 win

By Jeff Theisen
SPORTS WRITER

Novi's defense came up with a pair of goalline stands in a 13-9 home district playoff victory against Livonia Churchill on Friday.

The second stand came in the fourth quarter with the Wildcats (9-1) protecting a four-point lead.

Facing fourth down on the Novi 2-yard line, Churchill (7-3) wide receiver Daran Carey came in motion and took the handoff in full stride from quarterback Grant Morgan.

Carey got outside the right tackle and appeared as though he was going to score the go-ahead touchdown when outside line-backer Paul Favorite slammed into him just

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Wildcats Aaron Croad, left, and Joshua Lumley are headed to the cross country state finals Saturday.

Top 10 state streak ends

Novi finishes 4th at regional; Croad, Lumley advance to state

By Jeff Theisen
SPORTS WRITER

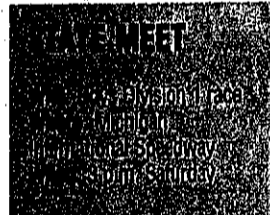
An incredible run of nine straight top-10 finishes at state has come to an end for the Novi boys cross country team. They finished fourth at the regional, one spot out of an automatic state qualifier.

"We sure gave it our best shot," Novi head coach Robert Smith said. "We knew when we ran with Northville in August we had four teams fighting for three spots. A lot of streaks are broken. That really pains us.

"It's unfortunate, but I'm extremely proud of my guys. They didn't slack off at all this season. They knew they had a battle on their hands, and they put up a great fight."

Pinckney won the meet with 66 points. Catholic Central tied with Northville with 96 points, but the Shamrocks took second place with a better finish by its sixth runner. Novi finished with 115 points.

The top three teams advance to Saturday's state meet at Michigan International Speedway.



On the bright side, the Wildcats will still be represented at the final meet of the year.

Two 'Cats state bound

Josh Lumley and Aaron Croad both finished in the top 20 to move on.

Lumley led the Novi runners with an eighth-place finish (16:15).

"He ran with the front pack right away, but he ran with composure," Smith said. "He wanted to guarantee himself a spot in the top 15. He ran a really nice first mile, but yet he was really aware of his race.

"In the middle of the race, he was still racing, where a lot of

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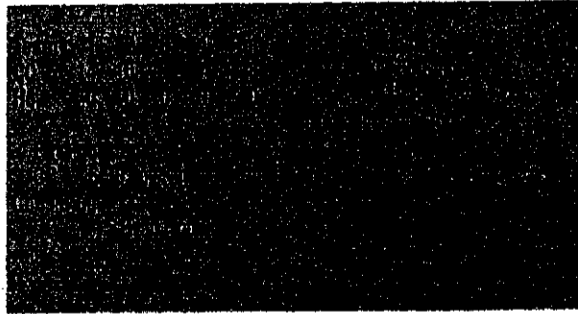
Catholic Central flattens Howell

Shamrock defense allows just 63 yards in 38-0 shutout

By Jeff Theisen
SPORTS WRITER

Any questions about how Catholic Central would respond to being back in the playoffs after a one-year hiatus were quickly answered.

The Shamrocks (8-2) scored early and often in a 38-0 whipping at Howell (8-2) on Friday.



"Last year we didn't get into the playoffs ... and do as much as we can to win a championship," Shamrock head coach Tom Mach said. "One outstanding quality of this team is they have come to

play every single week."

Catholic Central dominated on both sides of the ball, picking up 324 yards of offense while only allowing 49 to Howell.

Joe Kinville started the scoring

with a 1-yard run with 6:30 left in the first. Ryan Houska capped the first-quarter scoring with a 19-yard run with 15 seconds left.

Chris Singer booted a 28-yard field goal in the second, and Kinville scored on an 11-yard pass from Houska with just 13 seconds left in the half for a 24-0 lead.

Cory Amble scored the lone touchdown of the third on a 5-yard run, and Kinville completed the hat trick with a 1-yard scoring run with 9:25 left to play.

"We played a very good game," Mach said. "When we got the ball

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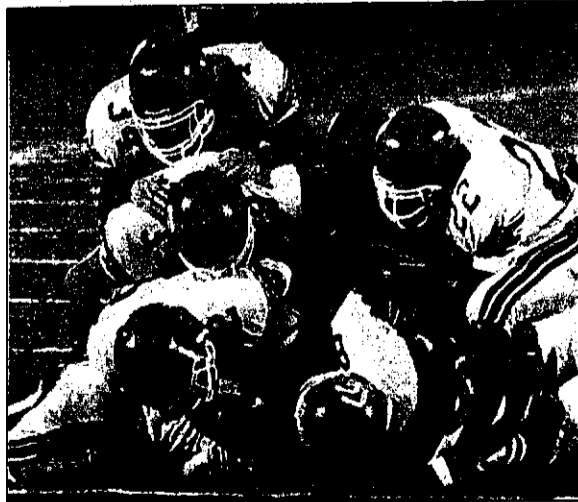


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The Catholic Central kickoff team converges on a Howell returner.

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Novi just misses state cut

Robinson, McMahan will run at state finals Saturday

By Jeff Theisen
SPORTS WRITER



Brooke McMahan, left, and Elle Robinson are headed off to the state finals for cross country.

The Novi girls cross country team missed going to states by less than a second.

The Wildcats finished in fifth place Walled Lake (95) and one point behind Northville (96), Brighton (96) and Pinckney (99) finished 1-2.

The good news is two Wildcat runners will be moving on to state.

Elle Robinson ran her best race as a Wildcat and finished third overall in 19:05.1.

"She was fantastic," Novi head coach Marsha Reid said. "She was used at herself for not breaking 19. She looked great the entire race."

Brooke McMahan, a freshman, also ran a top-notch race and finished 11th (19:26.9), making the cut of the top 15 to advance to state.

"Her PR time before Saturday was 20:03, and she ran 19:26," Reid said. "She qualified for state as a freshman, which is super hard to do."

"Her job was to go out and stay with Elle as long as she could. Probably for the first mile, she was right up there. She cut back a little bit, but placed 11th for us."

State finals

Robinson and McMahan will compete at Saturday's state finals at Michigan International

Speedway in Jackson. Division 1 is the final race, with the girls taking off at 2 p.m.

Reid hopes both girls come away with something special from this year's race.

"Elle, I think has a strong

STATE MEET

Who: Girls Division 1 race
Where: Michigan International Speedway
When: 2 p.m. Saturday

chance of being in the top of the pack. Being up there to put herself in contention to be an All-State or an All-State Honorable Mention," Reid said. "Brooke's goal is to go and get the experience, see how it is and what it's all about. What she does is all gravy from here."

"You couldn't ask for two nicer kids going. Both are returning next year."

The heartbreak

One second or one position is all that separated Novi from going as a team, something that Reid knew the team was capable of.

Unfortunately for Novi, it wasn't in the cards this year.

Rounding out the top five finishes for the Wildcats were Alyssa Murray in 20th (20:06.7), Taylor Hoover in 24th (20:20.7) and Lainey Skutowski in 39th (20:57.9).

"All my athletes ran personal record times," Reid said. "You couldn't tell by the race itself (who advanced)."

"I was proud of how they ran. They gave it 110 percent. It was bitter-sweet as a coach. I was so super disappointed but so proud of them at the same time."

Health

What you need to know about MRSA

The recent reports of methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA), phonetically "morse" in schools, some as no surprise to the medical community. National media outlets are all over this and seem to suggest this to be an outbreak of an ominous-sounding new disease that is approaching public menace status not seen since the shark attacks of several years ago. MRSA has actually been around since the 60's and has been present in the general public since the early 90's.



Sean Bak

In fact, there is a high likelihood this organism has been present for several years in our schools. MRSA was recognized as a problem in locker rooms by the NCAA and NFL in 2003 and undoubtedly had been present for some time before this. In the spirit of the old "If a tree falls in the forest" adage, the identification of MRSA in schools does not necessarily mean it only recently appeared, rather that only recently was it tested for.

Many people don't realize that our skin is literally teeming with bacteria. Bacteria are more ubiquitous than dust. Just as your dresser accumulates a thin film of dust within days of dusting, your hands accumulate an invisible film of bacteria within minutes of your latest handwashing. Thirty percent of the time, staph is one of the many types of bacteria present on the hand. In the vast majority of cases nothing serious ever results from this layer of staph. When a serious infection does occur, it typically is treated successfully with standard antibiotics. The primary difference between "routine" staph and MRSA is that MRSA doesn't respond to standard antibiotics used for staph — but we do have antibiotics to treat it.

The word "superbug" has sometimes been used when referring to MRSA and is somewhat misleading. While a MRSA infection may be more difficult to treat than a standard staph infection (although it is definitely treatable), it is not necessarily a more severe or aggressive infection. It is true that severe, life-threatening infections can occur from MRSA, but this is just as true for the staph that your hands just left on the newspaper you are reading right now. Staph is usually spread through skin to skin contact and MRSA skin infections have actually become quite prevalent in recent years. Usually these only need drainage and simple wound care and very often antibiotics are not even necessary. In fact, there is a reasonable chance the pimple your teenage son, daughter or neighbor recently popped was a MRSA infection and, although it may need to be popped another time or two, it will probably go away just fine with no antibiotics necessary.

Nonetheless, the significance of this problem should not be downplayed. While this is not a sweep-

ing epidemic, it is a serious ongoing public health issue. Of course both MRSA and routine staph can cause serious, even life-threatening infections but this is exceedingly rare in otherwise healthy individuals. Staph infections are most common in settings where there is skin to skin contact and sweaty people congregating in smaller spaces, hence the concern with team locker rooms and health clubs. Football and wrestling are the typical sports where MRSA has been seen, but really any sport with a fair amount of skin contact (soccer, basketball) is at risk.

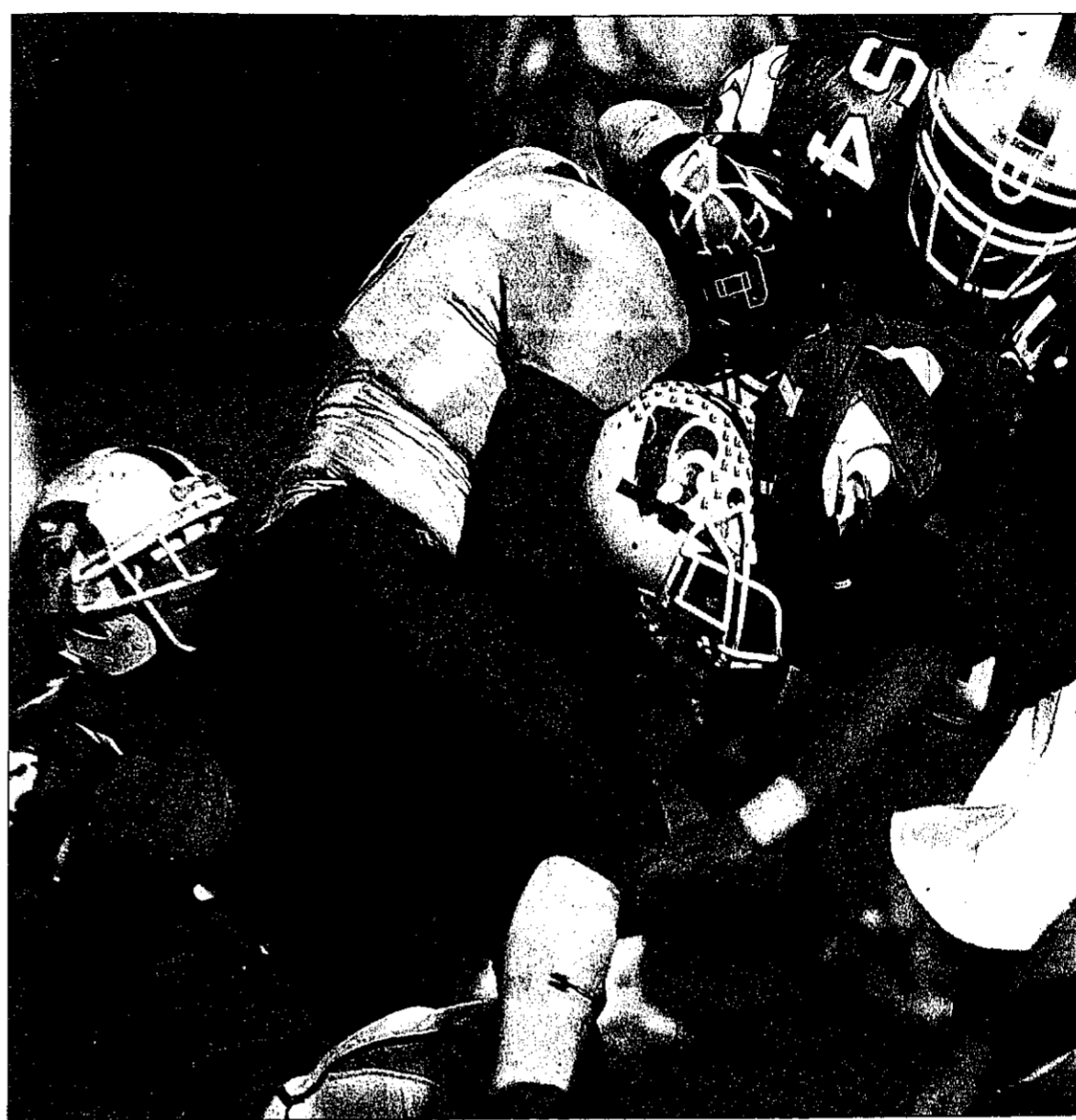
What can we do?

In Novi, we are fortunate to have a proactive school system that has already initiated all the appropriate measures even though we have had no documented cases of MRSA. In general we need to be more vigilant about hygiene, particularly in public areas such as the gym, locker rooms and spas. Use fresh towels, wipe off benches and equipment before and after use and save the 5-second rule for home. If you have a sore on your skin bigger than your typical pimple, have a doctor look at it, sooner rather than later, as it may need to be drained (professionally, not safety-pin style). When your family practitioner tells you to finish your entire prescribed course of antibiotics or to take them four times a day, do it. When your internist does not prescribe antibiotics for a routine viral infection (cold, flu) it's with good reason. Antibiotics have absolutely no effect on common viruses, but could lead to development of resistant bacteria. Unfortunately, MRSA is here to stay and its rise is a direct result, in part, of inappropriate use of antibiotics. If we can be more judicious with our use of antibiotics in the future, we may be able to prevent the development of the next "superbug."

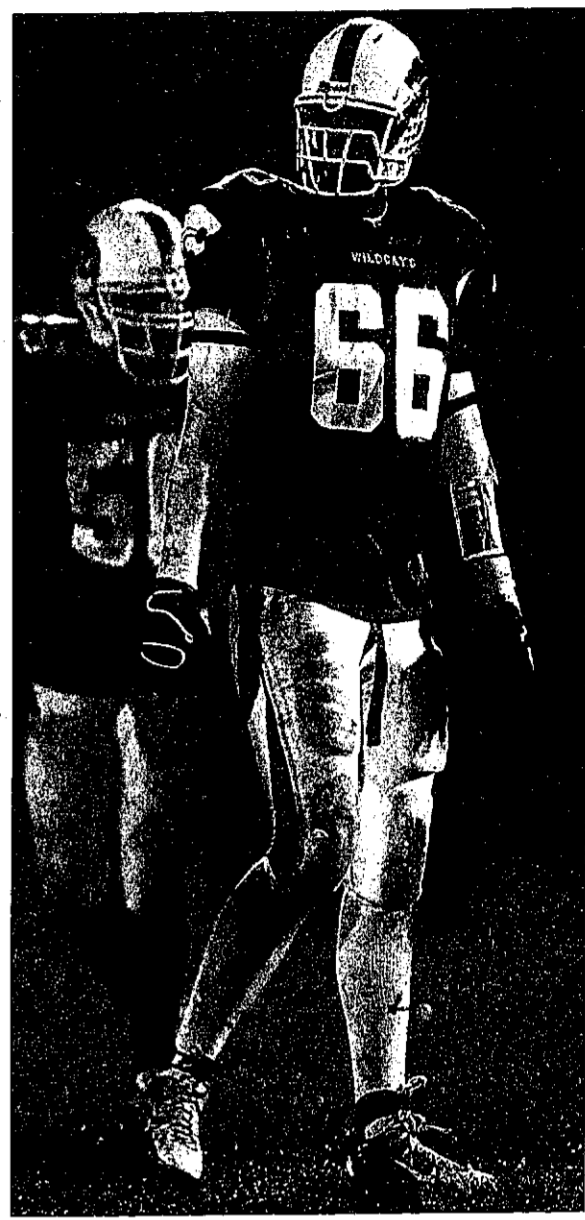
Guidelines for minimizing staph infections in athletes:

- Keep your hands clean by washing thoroughly with soap and water.
- Encourage good hygiene, including showering and washing with soap after all practices and competitions.
- Ensure availability of adequate soap and hot water, pump soap dispensers with antibacterial soap; no bar soap.
- Liberal use and availability of hand sanitizer.
- Discourage sharing of towels and personal items clothing or equipment.
- Establish routine cleaning schedules for shared equipment.
- Keep cuts and abrasions clean and covered with a proper dressing until healed.
- Avoid contact with other people's wounds or material contaminated from wounds.
- Cover all wounds.
- Encourage athletes to report skin lesions to sports medicine staff.
- Encourage coaches and staff to assess regularly for skin lesions.

FRIDAY NIGHT SIGHTS



Wildcat Joe Pritchard, left, Pat Schlenke and another teammate make a stop against Livonia Churchill.



The rain at times Friday night was a downpour during Novi's home playoff game against Livonia.

STREAK: Two Wildcats qualify for state finals

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runner fall asleep. He picked off a lot of runners. He ran a very, very smart, tactical race."

Croad just beat the state cut, finishing in 14th (16:27). Any runner in the top 15 whose team did not finish in the top three still advances to state.

"Aaron has a slightly different strategy in his racing," Smith said. "He took off a little bit slower, not meaning that he is a slower runner. He just didn't want to get in trouble early with oxygen or debt problems."

"Aaron is a very powerful runner. He has a lot of strength, and he uses that to his advantage. Through mile two, he was gaining on the whole field, including Josh."

Croad was still outside of the top 15 with about a half mile to go, but he worked and willed his way into the 14th spot.

Division 1 runners will be the last race of the day, with the gun sounding at 3 p.m. Awards will begin at 3:45 p.m. Two Novi girls will also be at state. Their race begins at 2 p.m.

"We're not there for the honor," Smith said. "We're there to make a splash, and I sure hope they do that."

All-State Streak

One streak can still be saved. The Wildcats have had an All-State runner for the past 10 years. Smith hopes Lumley and/or Croad can add their names to the Novi run-



Novi Wildcats run together in an earlier-season race against Brighton.

Regional times

Lumley and Croad led the

ners' list of accomplishments.

"Josh, seems to think that being All-State is within his grasp," Smith said. "He's going to have to race a little bit differently, and it's kind of a gamble."

"You don't want to have any regrets by running too conservative. It's better to crash and burn and at least take the chance than run conservative and just miss by a few seconds."

"We made huge, huge improvements to get where we were on Saturday," Smith said. "This team really had no business running as fast as they did at the end of the year."

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Sports Shorts

Crusader varsity rolls to 3rd straight trip to Ford Field

The St. William Crusaders Varsity football team, with an 8-1 record, completed their season by defeating St. Francis Cabrini 22-0 in a game at Ford Field. The Crusaders qualified to participate in the Annual Prep Bowl by finishing second in their division. Their only loss was to first place Our Lady of Refuge. The St. William team is made up of players from Novi, South Lyon and Walled Lake, representing the catholic parishes of Holy Family, St. James, St. Joseph and St. William. Varsity players from Novi include: Jake Batters, Chris Deacono, Josh Feight, Brad Harris, Zach Johnson, Justin Michael, Nathan Peters, Derek Poppenger, offensive MVP Alex Kozlowski and defensive MVP Derek Cingel.

The Crusader JV team finished second in the Division at 6-2. Novi players include Isaac Burgess, Keaton Figurski, Bobby Ference, William Hartnagel, Dakota Lowrey, Shane McClure, Scott McClure, Nick Morgan, Eric Plante, Joshua Schieler and Matthew Sabo.

The Freshman were 7-1, their only loss was to the JV team from Novi included: Noah Buscher, Steve Davis, Troy Erickson, Stefano Folino, Nicholas Sabo and Matthew Wingfield.

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Falcons' big plays end varsity Bobcats' season, 20-0

Submitted to the Novi News

The Novi Bobcats Varsity squad ended their season with a 20-0 loss to the Walled Lake Falcons in the post season championship bracket playoff game at Walled Lake Western high school against the regular season winners, Walled Lake Falcons.

The Bobcats won the toss and kicked off to start the game. The Falcons received the ball and ran 78 yards up the home side line to put the Falcons on the board 6-0. The Falcons followed up with the conversion, and with less than a minute off the clock, the Bobcats found themselves down 7-0.

The Bobcats started clawing back with a drive of their own from their own 35-yard line with runs by Cormac Littleton and Grant Wheeler. A roughing the punter call improved the Bobcats field position and a 20-yard line to Littleton pass took the Bobcats deep into Gator territory. But the Gators ended the drive on the next play with an interception at the Gator's 5-yard line.

The normally good defensive field position at the 5 was turned upside down on the first Gator play from scrimmage as a 95-yard sprint up the visitor side line put the Gators up 13-0. The extra point was stuffed, keeping the score 13-0 with 6:29 remaining in the first quarter.

The Bobcats, now anxious to match a point, recovered a Gator on-side kick at midfield and, aided by a Gator personal foul, were within striking distance. Hard runs by Bell (51 yards on 8

carries) and Haynes (28 yards on 6 carries) set the Bobcats up on the 7-yard line. A contested run by Haynes landed him in the end zone but the ball was marked on the 6-inch line. An impressive defensive stand by the Gators kept the Bobcats out of the endzone for four plays.

The Gators then displayed their league winning form as they proceeded to march the ball 95 yards for the score and conversion making it 20-0 with 7:44 remaining in the first half.

An exchange of possessions finished the first half at 20-0. The Bobcats started the second half receiving the kickoff but turned it over with an interception before Mario Ferrini recovered a Gator fumble to give the Bobcats another chance. Between the gains and penalties, the Bobcats put together their best drive of the second half of 55 yards but running out of gas and had to turn over the ball on downs.

On the following play, Lucas Buck recovered another fumble for the Bobcats, but they were unable to sustain the drive and had to turn the ball back over.

The Gators were kept scoreless in the second half with defensive plays by Alex King (8 tackles); Wheeler, Littleton, Ince and Mastrangelo (3 tackles each) and tackles by Ferrini, Matt Mizierowski, Buck, Rabul Kodali, Haynes, Scott Schramm, Bell, Carrton Cook and Steven Dickman.

The Bobcats end their season at 5-2 for the regular season, finishing fourth in the nine-team con-



ference play.

JV Bobcats topple Falcons

On a dreary, rainy afternoon the Novi Bobcats JV Football team brightened the mood of their fans with a crushing playoff performance against a tough opponent. The Bobcats faced the Livonia Falcons on their home turf at Bentley Field on Saturday, having earned a third-seed playoff spot with a 6-2 regular season record.

Livonia must have realized they were in for a fight, as a ferocious Bobcat defense held the 2nd-seeded Falcons to no yards on their first possession. Novi's MLB Kyle Mate made his presence felt by making scintillating tackles all over the field. Rarely did Livonia possess the ball inside the Bobcat half of the field.

With three minutes remaining in the tension-filled game, Novi's Phil Ritchie (23 rush, 108 yards) put paid to the Falcon's chances with a shifty 15-yard touchdown run.

The game's defensive leader was Kyle Mate with 12 tackles, five for a loss and an interception return for the winning TD. Ethan Roy and Jared Engestrom combined with fumble recoveries and Austin Racicot intercepted a pass in the fourth quarter. The entire Novi defense played outstanding football and the Bobcats' win 16-0, averaging their worst loss of the season to move forward into the WLJFL championship game on Nov. 4 against the unbeaten Livonia Eagles.

The Bobcats stopped the Falcons' first two drives of the second half and scored on their second possession setup with a 19-yard run by Neisius, and a 23-yard touchdown by Andrew Schroeder. Andy Mizierowski scored the PAT and the Bobcats took the lead for good, 14-12.

It was up to the Bobcats' defense to hold the lead, which they did with Paul O'Connor recovering a fumble, and interceptions by Christian Durham, and Joey Shurmur.

Andrew Schroeder led all tacklers with 10, followed by Andy Mizierowski with eight, Christian Durham with seven, Joey Shurmur and Colton Neisius both had six.

On offense, Colton Neisius lead all rushers with 10 carries for 60 yards, Andy Mizierowski carried eight times for 33 yards, scored a touchdown and PAT. Andrew Schroeder ran nine times for 32 yards and a touchdown, while Ryan Moore carried 9 times for 20 yards and scored a PAT. On Sunday, the Bobcats face the undefeated Northville Colts who will be trying to win their third straight Super Bowl.

The Falcons ran back the kick-

off 40 yards to the Bobcats' 23-yard line, but on second down fumbled and Colton Neisius recovered. Unable to move the football the Bobcats turned the ball over, and the Falcons scored on another reverse, this time for 30 yards to take a six point lead. The Bobcats were not able to capitalize on a blocked punt by Paul O'Connor so the first half ended with the score 12-7 Falcons.

The Bobcats stopped the Falcons' first two drives of the second half and scored on their second possession setup with a 19-yard run by Neisius, and a 23-yard touchdown by Andrew Schroeder. Andy Mizierowski scored the PAT and the Bobcats took the lead for good, 14-12.

It was up to the Bobcats' defense to hold the lead, which they did with Paul O'Connor recovering a fumble, and interceptions by Christian Durham, and Joey Shurmur.

Andrew Schroeder led all tacklers with 10, followed by Andy Mizierowski with eight, Christian Durham with seven, Joey Shurmur and Colton Neisius both had six.

On offense, Colton Neisius lead all rushers with 10 carries for 60 yards, Andy Mizierowski carried eight times for 33 yards, scored a touchdown and PAT. Andrew Schroeder ran nine times for 32 yards and a touchdown, while Ryan Moore carried 9 times for 20 yards and scored a PAT. On Sunday, the Bobcats face the undefeated Northville Colts who will be trying to win their third straight Super Bowl.

The Falcons ran back the kick-



Top Cats!

The Novi High School freshman volleyball team topped off a school record-setting season by earning a third tournament victory Saturday, Oct. 20, in Hartland. Novi captured the title in the Hartland Invitational, defeating Milford High School in the championship match of the Gold Division.

In tournament play, the freshman Wildcats also earned titles in the Ann Arbor Pioneer Invitational on Sept. 20 and the Walled Lake Central Freshman Invitational on Oct. 13. In regular season play, the freshman team also leads the Kensington Valley Conference with a record of 39 wins and 9 losses and an overall season record of 81-16. Members of the Freshman Wildcats team are Jenna Borthwick, Devin Meadors, Maddi Phinister, Savannah Green, Kaley Bowles, Alyssa Arniak, Maddy Sinkovich, Marissa Nussio, Sarah Watdrop, Jenna Snyder, Erin Hoomalan, Rachel Staudt, Michelle Rich, Alyssa Votolina and Annisa McElhenney. The team is coached by Angie Southworth.

Novi starts districts Friday at Northville

The Novi volleyball team begins district play Friday night. Northville district play begins 7 p.m. tonight with Canton facing Plymouth.

The Wildcats face Salem at 4 p.m. Friday. If Novi wins, it will face the winner of Northville and the Canton/Plymouth winner at 7 p.m.



Wildcat senior Stephanie Cribbs leaps high above the net to make a kill during Novi's game against Brighton.

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Mango Peanut Crisp

MANGO TANGO

Don't judge a mango by its color — that's not the best indicator of ripeness. To select a mango, squeeze it gently to determine ripeness. A ripe mango will give slightly, but not be too soft. Ripe mangos will often have a fruity aroma at their stem ends.

Firm mangos will ripen over several days, becoming sweeter and softer. Once ripe, mangos can be kept in the refrigerator for up to five days.

Learn more about mangos at www.mango.org.

PEANUT POWER

Scientific evidence suggests, but does not prove, that eating 1.5 ounces per day of most nuts, including peanuts, as a part of a diet low in saturated fat and cholesterol may reduce the risk of heart disease.

Peanuts can be enjoyed for breakfast, lunch, dinner and any time in between.

For more recipes and other information on USA-grown peanuts, check out www.nationalpeanutboard.org.

IRRESISTIBLE Autumn Desserts

With peanuts and mangos, guilt is not an option.

FAMILY FRIENDLY

With cooler weather and families gathering indoors, fall is a perfect time to pull out the measuring cups and baking pans and start baking. Fill the house with tantalizing aromas by choosing ingredients that add full-on flavor and great taste, such as peanuts and mangos. Best of all, your freshly baked treats can be good for you and your family. USA-grown peanuts, peanut butter and other peanut products have zero trans fats, are cholesterol-free and have 30 essential nutrients, including vitamin E. Mangos, a tropical treat available year round, are an excellent source of vitamins C and A, both important antioxidant nutrients, and a good source of fiber.

Branded Mango Bread Pudding

Prep time: 20 minutes
Stand time: 30 minutes
Cook time: 40 minutes

- Nonslick cooking spray
- 6 cups 1-inch cubes King's Hawaiian Sweet Bread
- 2 ripe mangos, pitted and diced
- 1 1/2 cups fat-free half and half
- 3/4 cup egg substitute
- 2/3 cup granulated sugar
- 1/4 cup brandy
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/2 teaspoon each: ground cinnamon, allspice and nutmeg
- 3 tablespoons butter, melted
- Powdered sugar (optional)

Preheat oven to 350°F. Lightly spray 9-inch baking dish with nonslick cooking spray. Place bread cubes and mangos in baking dish. In medium bowl, whisk together half and half, egg substitute, sugar, brandy, vanilla and spices. Whisk in melted butter, then pour over bread and mangos, stirring lightly to coat bread with egg mixture. Let stand 30 minutes, or until liquid is absorbed. Bake 40 minutes, or until toothpick inserted into center comes out clean. Serve warm dusted with powdered sugar, if desired. Makes 8 servings.

Nutritional analysis per serving: Calories: 230, Fat: 2g, Saturated Fat: 0.5g, Trans Fat: 0g, Cholesterol: 15mg, Sodium: 210mg, Carbohydrates: 37g, Fiber: 2g, Sugar: 23g, Protein: 7g, Vitamin A: 15%, Vitamin C: 25%, Calcium: 10%, Iron: 8%

Sweet Peanut Egg Rolls

Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 10 to 12 minutes

- Butter-flavor nonslick cooking spray
- 1 cup chopped dry-roasted, unsalted peanuts
- 6 tablespoons low-fat or fat-free caramel sauce
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon, divided
- 2 tablespoons butter, melted
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 8 sheets phyllo dough

Preheat oven to 400°F. Line baking sheet with foil and spray with nonslick cooking spray; set aside. Stir together peanuts, caramel sauce and 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon in small bowl. Stir together butter, honey and remaining cinnamon in small bowl. Lay 1 sheet phyllo on a board (keep remaining dough covered with damp cloth). Spray phyllo with cooking spray and fold in half. Repeat steps for remaining phyllo. Brush phyllo very lightly with butter mixture, then spoon 2 tablespoons peanut mixture along one long edge of dough, leaving about 1/2 inch empty on both sides. Fold in 2 sides, then roll up tightly and place on prepared baking sheet. Repeat with remaining phyllo and butter and peanut mixtures. Brush rolls on all sides with any remaining butter mixture. Bake 10 to 12 minutes, or until golden brown. Serve with additional warmed caramel sauce for dipping, if desired. Makes 8 egg rolls.

Nutritional analysis per egg roll: Calories: 210, Fat: 11g, Saturated Fat: 3g, Trans Fat: 0g, Cholesterol: 10mg, Sodium: 130mg, Carbohydrates: 25g, Fiber: 2g, Sugar: 9g, Protein: 5g, Vitamin A: 2%, Vitamin C: 0%, Calcium: 2%, Iron: 6%

Mango Peanut Crisp

Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: 20 minutes

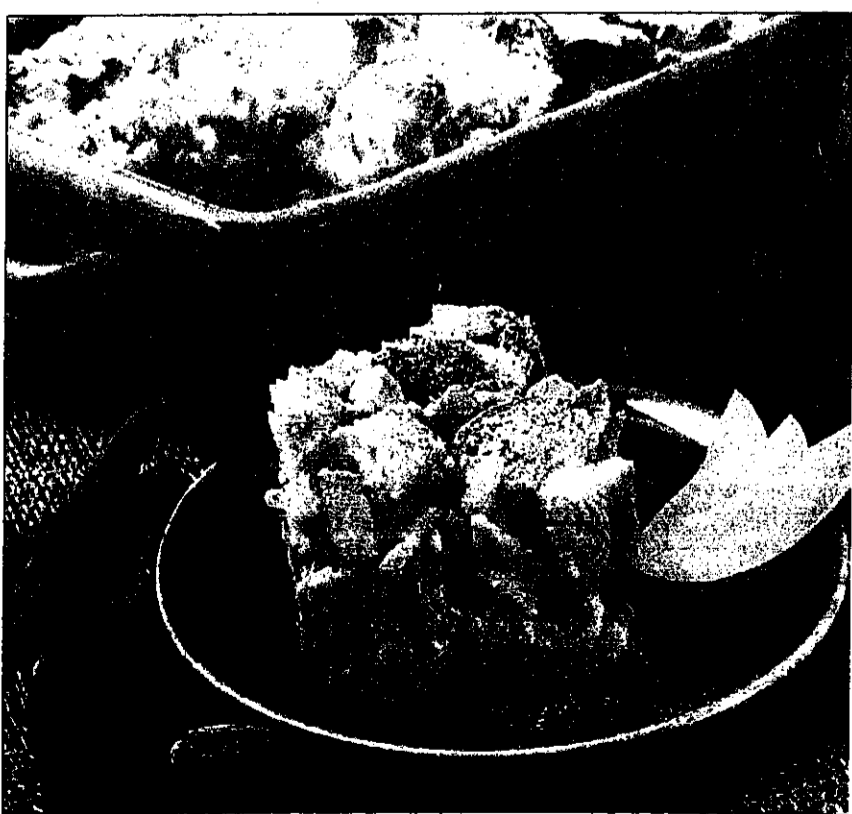
- Nonslick cooking spray
- 6 tablespoons rolled oats
- 1/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 1/2 tablespoon flour
- 2 tablespoons butter, softened
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 cup chopped honey-roasted peanuts

Preheat oven to 350°F. Spray four 2-cup baking dishes with nonslick cooking spray. Stir together all topping ingredients except flour and peanuts in small bowl with fork until they become coarse crumbs; set aside. Stir together all filling ingredients in medium bowl and spoon into prepared dishes. Spoon topping over filling and sprinkle with peanuts. Bake 20 minutes, or until filling is hot and bubbly and topping is golden brown. Makes 4 servings.

Nutritional analysis per serving: Calories: 310, Fat: 10g, Saturated Fat: 4g, Trans Fat: 0g, Cholesterol: 15mg, Sodium: 75mg, Carbohydrates: 56g, Fiber: 3g, Sugar: 25g, Protein: 3g, Vitamin A: 60%, Vitamin C: 25%, Calcium: 2%, Iron: 4%



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Home Owners Do You Know... How to Detect Sick House Syndrome?



WHAT CAUSES SICK HOUSE SYNDROME?

Sick House Syndrome occurs when a house can't "breathe". A home needs to breathe in order to rid itself of indoor pollutants. These pollutants result in poor indoor air quality — a "sick house." Inadequate ventilation allows pollutants to build up, causing potential health risks to the home's occupants. Young children, the elderly, and some chronically ill persons are most susceptible to the effects of Sick House Syndrome.

Common sources of indoor pollution include tobacco smoke, certain carpeting materials, furnaces which are operating with a dirty burn cycle, using fireplaces which are not properly vented, candles, pressed wood cabinets and household cleaning products. Moisture build-up, although not a pollutant itself, can also be harmful in a house as it can cause mildew and/or mold growth inside walls, crawlspaces, and other areas. The spores from the mold will be circulated through the air in the home by operating the furnace, air conditioner and ceiling fans.

HOW CAN INDOOR POLLUTION BE REDUCED?

Source control is usually the most effective way to improve indoor air quality. In some cases, eliminating the specific sources of indoor pollution — for example, removing older carpets, and repairing or maintaining furnaces — may be all that is necessary.

For offending substances such as tobacco smoke, cleaning products, and moisture build-up, improving ventilation is a key means of decreasing indoor pollution. Many newer homes are so well insulated and sealed that only a very limited amount of fresh air can get in. Recommended and effective ventilation requires the home should have a complete air change every three hours. In this situation, using attic or window fans and opening windows (when weather permits) are easy and inexpensive ways to improve and increase ventilation.

More hazardous materials such as asbestos and lead do not normally cause problems if they are undisturbed, but these and other dangerous substances should be analyzed by having Samples of the materials collected by a qualified technician, and have analysis by a Certified Lab to identify the type of material if unknown or to verify any health concerns. This will also help to identify if any action is required such as encapsulation, abatement or removal is warranted.

There is no doubt that over the last 167 years the store has changed, but the name will always remain the same.

"With the name comes its history," Steve said. "You just can't mess with history."

Within the walls of the Dixboro General Store is a rich and interesting story that spans generations. The upstairs traditionally housed the merchant's family. Around 1915 the upstairs of the store was transformed into a Saturday night dance hall and continued on as such for years.

Today as you shop, you are walking on the same hardwood dance floor installed in the 1920s, the same decade that The General Store added a gas pump to fuel the Model T's traveling Plymouth Road. The gas pump has since gone but the memories always linger.

Customers visit often with their children and grandchildren sharing with them old-fashioned candy and toys that they themselves used to enjoy. The Dixboro General Store stocks all the favorites, like yo-yo's, wooden tops and Jacob's ladders crafted with the finest materials available and made in the USA.

Not only does the store offer a unique shopping experience, but during special events throughout the year, customers can enjoy carriage rides, outdoor bands, signings by nationally known artists and authors, and a twice-yearly barn and tent sale.

Other specialty gifts for holidays include several popular lines of candles, pottery, and hand-painted decor. The General Store offers an eclectic mix of merchandise that you may never see anywhere else.

As you browse the store the fascinating decor helps to create a warm, charming feeling similar to a day in the country. It may also lead to wonderful interior design inspiration for your own home.

Certainly customers love the Dixboro jellies, candies and fudge, but they are no doubt drawn in by the selection of furniture, home accessories, and always changing seasonal decor.

This explains their recent designation as Metro Detroit's best gift shop. The Dixboro General Store was named the Best Gift Shop in Metro Detroit in an online poll hosted by WDIV, channel 4.

Thousands of people visit the general store each year, and it has nearly 40,000 people on its modern day mailing list.

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Submitted Photos

Decorated for the holidays, the living room at The Dixboro General Store is so cozy and inviting that customers are often surprised to discover that everything in the room is for sale, from the furniture to the Christmas decorations.

This general store is anything but general

By Kristina Drake
SPECIAL WRITER

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Basma Shamoun and Kathryn Bailey are always happy to welcome clients into their 'second home, Bailey & Shamoun Interiors, which is located on Doheny street, just past the railroad underpass off of South Main Street in Northville.

Bailey & Shamoun turns houses into homes

By John R. Hall
SPECIAL WRITER

For the past five years, Kathryn Bailey and Basma Shamoun have welcomed the Northville community into their second home — a special place where people gather to visit, share ideas, and lovingly plan the environment that they call home.

Both women are not just your friends or neighbors, they are experienced interior designers whose growing business — Bailey & Shamoun Interiors — has made a major impact on interior designs throughout Northville, metro Detroit and various parts of the country.

"We are a part of this community," Kathryn said. "We live here, our kids are in school here, people see us out and about. Part of our mission is to give back to the community that has supported us while we have grown the business."

An example is the recently completed Tipping Point Theatre in Northville. Bailey & Shamoun worked with the theater directors and builder to create a unique interior experience that is uniquely Northville.

"We set out to give Tipping Point a look and feel that people will remember," Basma said. "The finished result has been something all of us in Northville can be proud of."

Giving is one thing that both women have done so well — giving visions of what professionally designed space can look like. They accomplish this with their unique home accessory store and interior design studio on Doheny Drive in Northville.

"The design studio allows us to transport people to a certain environment highlighted with colors and fabrics," Kathryn said. "In these environments we provide solutions to what people could do within their own homes."

Basma added, "We want people to come and let us inspire their imaginations."

REMODEL SERVICES

With their team of experienced, bonded, and licensed contractors, the women can handle all of the design and remodeling needs, from floor to ceiling, including plumbing, tiling, painting, and carpentry.

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Basma said that she and Kathryn are the architects of many beautifully designed homes. "We can remodel, design-build, or take the whole home apart," she said.

"Our understanding of spatial planning strikes a fine balance between functionality and esthetics. The result is a stunning interior that excels in livability — an elegant showcase tailored around the client's exact needs and unique lifestyle."

One added bonus of working with Kathryn and Basma is very obvious: clients get the value of two experienced interior designers for the price of one. Each woman is uniquely qualified to work as a team to give their clients the greatest design experience. And each goes about their work with a high degree of integrity.

"Clients know they can trust us," Kathryn added. "They can trust the quality of the furniture and accessory lines we carry, too." Bailey & Shamoun offers several furniture lines including Century, Jonathon Charles, Taylor King, Vanguard, Hekman, Hooker, Sherill, Bernhardt and more.

In addition, several unique home accessory lines are available to add special touches to your home.

"If we don't have what you need, we can find it via our connection to the Michigan Design Center and other sources across the globe," Kathryn said.

ACCESSORY SHOPPING

Besides being home to one of the more exciting interior design firms in metro Detroit, Bailey & Shamoun Interiors is also a retail store with many unique ideas for gifts and last minute shoppers. With the holiday season fast approaching, the business has a large selection of special hostess gifts and unique holiday items.



Teamed up to design a complete home interior — from the floor to ceiling — are, left, Basma Shamoun and Kathryn Bailey.

Store hours are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Design services are by appointment, but both women encourage everyone to stop in for a visit.

"There is something that people will miss if they don't come in for a visit," Basma said. "We are set up to create an amazing shopping experience — with unique home accents added on a weekly basis."

Kathryn and Basma realize that their clients have busy lifestyles and that their job is to make the interior design experience as easy as possible. That's why they

believe that meeting clients and getting comfortable with them is so important — an atmosphere of trust and sharing (sprinkled in with some good old fun) puts people at ease and makes everyone's job easier.

"We love our jobs," Kathryn said. "We love coming to work in our home away from home — and inviting people in."

For interior design and gift ideas, visit Bailey & Shamoun Interiors at 767 Doheny, just past the railroad underpass off of South Main Street, or call (248) 390-7898.

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