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## Twelve Oaks holidays

Twelve Oaks Mall invites you to join in the festivities for the holidays in a series of special programs.

Visit the Ice Palace and Santa: Shoppers can experience an Arctic wonderland and the majesty of winter in the enchanted Ice Palace. A joy for all to experience, the free, multi-sensory exhibit features falling snow, interactive elements, breathtaking footage of Arctic animals and landscapes, fun facts and a beautiful Ice Princess.

The last stop on the magical adventure is a visit with Santa, who offers a small gift for each child who visits and the option for guests to have a commemorative photo taken to remember their Ice Palace adventure.

Santa will receive guests during all mall hours throughout the holiday season (with special hours on Christmas Eve). Santa's breaks are from 12:30-1 p.m. and 5:30-6:30 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 1-1:30 p.m. Sunday. For complete hours and photo pricing, please visit [www.shop12oaks.com/holidays](http://www.shop12oaks.com/holidays).

## Christmas classic

"It's A Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play" is presented at Andiamo Novi through Jan. 15.

Inspired by the classic American film, "It's a Wonderful Life" is being performed as a 1940s live radio play in front of a studio audience. Produced and directed by Aaron Moore, the production stars Katie Galaska, Joel Mitchell, Kirsten Knisely (Beehive!), Patrick O'Reilly (Five Course Love) and Kevin Young.

Showtimes are 8 p.m. Thursdays; 9 p.m. Fridays; 7 p.m. Saturdays; and 6 p.m. Sundays.

For reservations, call (248) 348-4448 or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).

## Novi adds two polling locations

City looks for new name for Landings Park

By Nathan Mueller  
Staff Writer

Select voters in Novi will be casting their ballots in new locations come August after the Novi City Council approved the addition of two new polling locations on Monday night.

Residents who vote at precinct 2 will be moving to Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church, while those who voted at precinct 16 will head to the Novi Public Library.

City Clerk Maryanne Cornelius said the additional locations were needed due to an increased city population and voters.

Meadowbrook Congregational Church will still welcome voters for precinct 1 and the Novi Civic Center will continue to host precincts 17 and 18.

"If you have ever been here on voting day on a presidential election or even with the August primary, you know it's busy," Cornelius said of the civic center.

Nothing will change for voters who plan on voting in the Feb. 28 presidential primary election, but those who will be changing should expect to receive a new voter ID card in the spring.

"If you get a new voter ID card next spring please don't throw it away and say I already have one



Cornelius

of these," Cornelius said.

There is no charge to the taxpayers for the additional polling locations, and there also will be no disruption to library services.

### 'Landing' a new name

Novi City Council member Andrew Mutch seemed to breathe a sigh of relief Monday night after fellow council member Wayne Wrobel pitched an idea to rename the Landings Park.

Mutch said while he realized renaming the park was not a top priority the last few years as the

city worked to designate it as park land, it was something that needed to get done.

"Having a city park named after a failed development has been one that has driven me crazy for the past several years," he said.

And it appears that it will change soon.

The park property on Old Novi Road and South Lake Drive was acquired by the city in the 1980s and last March designated as park. Wrobel said with phase one of the plans being implemented in the upcoming year, "it's time we give it a real name."

The first phase will feature improvements to the park infrastructure.

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JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Novi Middle School students Sruti Ganesh and Annie Fisher both had their jewelry designs created by Novi's Larson Jewelry Design. Their creations are being auctioned off by the Main Street jeweler until Christmas Eve, and the proceeds are being donated to the Novi Goodfellows.

## Student-designed jewelry used to raise money for Novi Goodfellows

Customers have until Christmas Eve to bid on necklaces

By Nathan Mueller  
Staff Writer

Brian Larson said he always enjoys seeing what the mind of a student can create.

And for more than 10 years, the Novi business owner has selected a few of their creations and made them into jewelry that is sold to raise money for the Novi Goodfellows during the holiday season.

"It is interesting to see how they think and what ideas they have," he said. "Some of the pictures are too bizarre to think about doing anything with, but there are always a handful that are very good and could become quality pieces of jewelry."

The two pieces he selected

this year belonged to Novi Middle School students Annie Fisher and Sruti Ganesh. Larson said he looks for something that is basic, but would be appealing as a finished piece of jewelry, and these two stood out.

Ganesh, who said she makes her own earrings, entered the contest because she thought it would be fun and was surprised when hers was chosen.

"It makes me feel good, especially to know the money is going to help people," she said.

Fisher said she was "shocked" her drawing was selected and didn't believe her friends when they told her the news.

"I was really happy because there were a lot of other good

entries," she said.

And like Ganesh, Fisher was glad to know that her work was going to benefit others.

As of Dec. 16, the auction price for the two pieces of jewelry were up to \$125 each. Those who wish to bid on the necklaces, which are in the showcase at Larson Jewelry Design, have until 3 p.m. on Dec. 24 to bid.

The money will then be given to the Novi Goodfellows to be used to help residents in the community.

Larson Jewelry Design is located at 43155 Main Street. For more information, call (248) 347-4653.

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## Ypsilanti family puts presents in wrong trunk

Incident took place at Twelve Oaks Mall on Dec. 15

Christmas got a little bleaker for Linda and Ron Gipson of Ypsilanti thanks to a car key they said opened the trunk of the wrong car.

Now the family is hoping the gifts that Linda Gipson accidentally placed in a stranger's vehicle will be returned.

The family discovered the mistake after they left Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi on Dec. 15. Linda Gipson had gone out about 3 or 4 p.m. and put bags containing roughly \$700 in gifts in the trunk of a car identical to her daughter's 2003 silver Ford Focus sedan. She then returned inside to finish shopping with the family.

Linda Gipson said she was surprised when they returned to the parking lot to find the vehicle gone and her daughter's car parked right across the aisle.

"The first thing I thought was, 'Please, don't tell me I put my things in the wrong car,'" she said. But that's exactly what she had done: "I just started crying."

To make matters worse, Linda Gipson was out of a job. She cares for patients in their homes, and her last patient died last Wednesday.

The family's gifts included a pair of knee-high boots and two sweaters for their daughters, ages 13 and 21, and perfume and two gifts Ron Gipson bought for his wife.

Ford officials said they were not

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## Team effort is needed to move school district forward

By Steve Matthews  
Guest Columnist

The holiday season is a wonderful time. There are so many great holiday traditions from cultures all over the world, and in Novi we are fortunate to have such a diverse city where we can experience a wide variety of holiday celebrations and customs. In my family, one of the highlights is the carols that are sung and played throughout the month of December. We have several CDs that we listen to only during the Christmas season. The Trans Sibirian Orchestra, James Taylor, Mary Chapin-Carpenter, and my personal favorite, John Denver and the Muppets provide the sound track to show, eat and sleep.

Carols, which I assume, are designed to foster that spirit of peace and goodwill have, on at least one occasion in my life, started a fight. When I was eight or nine, my sister and I were going Christmas shopping with my parents. I decided I should sing "Silent Night" as we drove to the store. As I started what I thought was the second verse, my sister, who is much more musical-ly inclined than I am, let



Super Talk  
Steve Matthews

me know that I was singing it wrong. I immediately defended myself by shouting at her that I was not singing it wrong.

For the next several minutes we had a very loud conversation over whether or not I was singing "Silent Night" correctly. Finally, my mother stepped in and suggested that perhaps we were missing the spirit of the song.

From my perspective the times that we live in are exceptionally interesting. Public schools face a variety of challenges. Funding, accountability and increased scrutiny are among the challenges that public schools face.

I am confident that the Novi Community Schools are well positioned to face the challenges of today and tomorrow. In this rapidly changing world that we live in, our school district has developed the capacity to excel. Our district has been creating the structure we need to thrive, and preparing for the future.

I believe we have the capacity in our district to

steer through these difficult times. The challenges we will face will create many options for us. My hope is that we will continue to find ways to work together to find solutions to the challenges that await us.

We could fight. We could get mad and refuse to communicate. But the employees, parents and community members have demonstrated to me, in the short time I have been here, that we believe in a different path. We believe we need to talk, listen to one another and find solutions that will continue to move us forward.

My sister and I needed to learn that lesson many years ago. My mom understood what my sisters and I did not. There is a spirit in everything that we do that will help move people and situations forward, and there is a spirit that can hinder and hold back progress. I am glad that I live in a community that understands and wants to move forward.

Steve Matthews is the superintendent of the Novi Community Schools District. He can be reached at smathews@novi.k12.mi.us; (248) 437-1204; www.twitter.com/docsmatthews, or www.novisuperintendent.blogspot.com.

## State finalists



The Novi Legobots were one of the few teams that made it to state competition on Nov. 19 in the FL Regional competition. The team consists of five sixth-graders, four seventh-graders, two coaches and two high school mentors. The team learned about basic programming skills, how to work with other people, and about this year's topic — food contamination. The Novi Legobots built their robot, visited different universities, and had lots of fun. The problem they had to solve: Find a solution that will prevent the norovirus contamination through lettuce. Their solution, according to member Sasha Tretayakova: "We plan to coat the inside of all lettuce bags with special gold nanomaterials in the shape of nanobeads. These nanobeads will be capable of detecting the capsid of the norovirus on the lettuce. Once the capsid has been detected, the coating will change to a bright orange (a property of the gold nanosensors) warning the store or consumer that the product has been contaminated."

## Novi prepared for bullying legislation

Victim encourages students to 'stay true to yourself'

By Nathan Mueller  
Staff Writer

Chloé Borai admits she was in her "awkward phase" when she attended Novi Middle School. But the now college sophomore at Madonna University said it doesn't excuse the fact she was often picked on and bullied by fellow classmates and even by a district bus driver.

So it's no surprise that Borai is a supporter of Michigan's first anti-bullying law that was recently signed by Gov. Rick Snyder. "I think it's great," she said. "Anything that can provide a safer environment for students is a good thing. School is supposed to be a learning center, not a place where your self-esteem gets torn apart."

Borai, who went to a private high school after middle school, also used her experience to create a short public service announcement called "Bullicide." The YouTube video features a lot of what she endured as a student, and is intended to bring awareness to

**BORAI'S PSA**  
Novi resident and Madonna University student Chloé Borai created this public service announcement to bring awareness to people about the impact bullying could have on others. [http://www.youtube.com/user/2briht00eyesbyAU/VDH\\_JXr33to](http://www.youtube.com/user/2briht00eyesbyAU/VDH_JXr33to)

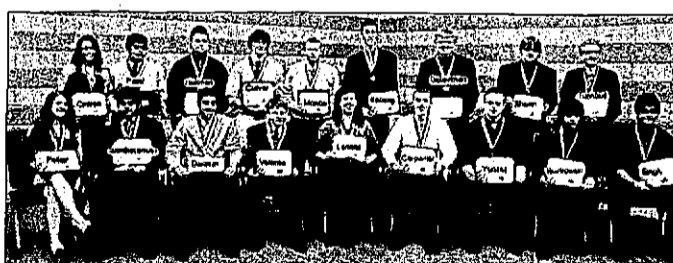
parents, teachers and students of what can often come from bullying. She said the video helped her get some of the issues she faced off her chest. "I never really coped with it," she said. "But it has made me stronger as a person."

The anti-bullying legislation in Michigan intends to force schools to implement policies against such actions and have specific procedures in place to handle incidents when they occur. Novi Community Schools district Superintendent Steve Matthews said the district already has a policy in place, and for the last two years,

has worked with the city on recognizing National Bullying Prevention Day. But while a policy is good, it doesn't mean anything unless action is taken, he said. "What's more important is creating a culture in the district that supports every student," he said. "I think we have created a culture that is on its way to making sure people understand we are not going to tolerate that in our district."

"Are we perfect and does it happen? It does, but our goal is to identify it and encourage students to work together." Borai said middle school and high school are often the toughest years for students, but she encourages them to "stay true to yourself." "Be confident in who you are," she said. "You only live one life so you should live it to your fullest potential. Don't take everything so literally and morph into this image that people think is the right light of beauty."

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The 2011 MVP All-County MVP Robotics Team pictured includes (from left, seated) Genna Peltier, Yogesh Seetharaman, Amith Diwakar, Carter Valente (Detroit Catholic Central), Carrie Landes, Daniel Carpenter, Joe Yudasz, Lucas Burkowski, and Jaipal Singh; (standing) Lillian Gintron, Tanay Patel, Justin Halonen, Brian Culver, Austin Montie, Nathan Koenig, Alex Determan, Ryan Sheen, Reid Turnbull. Not pictured is Alex Pacifici.

## Top Oakland County Robotics students celebrated

The Oakland County Competitive Robotics Association (OCCRA) held their 8th Annual Awards Banquet on Nov. 30 at Oakland Schools in Waterford. The 22 schools participating in the robotics league were all represented as OCCRA celebrated its 12th season. Approximately 575 students, mentors and families in attendance enjoyed

a buffet dinner, prepared by the culinary students at Oakland Schools Technical Campus Northeast. John Landis, Oakland Schools Education Foundation president, presented a tribute to the many sponsors of the league. He awarded the Corporate Sponsor of the Year Award to DTE Energy Foundation, whose generous

contributions with a host of companies and volunteers make this exciting competition possible. Students participating in the OCCRA competition this season had to put their science and technology skills to work. The 2011 All-County MVP Robotics Team was announced and includes Detroit Catholic Central's Carter Valente.

## Man runs from police

1 Novi police arrested a man on Dec. 17 on counts of resisting an officer, fleeing or eluding police, drunk driving and driving while license suspended second offense after he was initially observed making an illegal right turn at a red light at Grand River Avenue and Haggerty Road.

According to the police report, the officer pursued the vehicle at speeds averaging 80 miles per hour, trailing the driving as he ran a red light and eventually came to a stop in an apartment complex parking lot. The drive then got out of the car and ran toward an apartment building.

The officer chased him on foot, tackling him near his apartment door. The suspect continued to resist arrest until another officer arrived to assist. The man refused to submit to a preliminary breath test but later had his blood drawn. He was arraigned on the four counts and released with a court date after posting \$600 bond.

## Drunk hits porch with car

2 A woman was arrested on Dec. 16 for drunk driving after the car she was driving hit the front porch of a home on Thatcher.

According to the police report, witnesses heard a loud band and car horn going off outside before observing a Ford Fusion had hit the front porch of a home. The suspect told one of the witnesses she had to leave because the police were coming, but he took her keys and kept her on scene until police arrived.

The woman told police she was driving the car, but her boyfriend was. Neither witness saw another person exit the car and all indications pointed to her being the driver. "The suspect refused to take a PBT, but a blood

## Novi Police Briefs

draw was later taken. She was released after posting bond, and her court date is pending the blood test results.

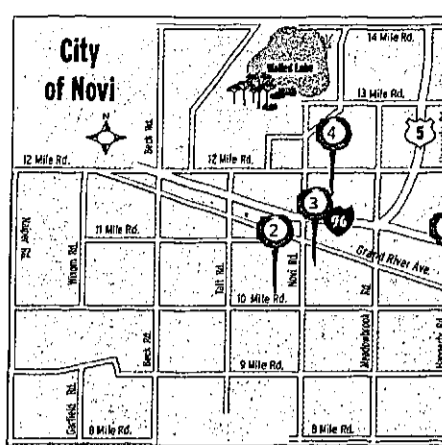
## Speeding driver caught with weed

3 Novi police arrested a driver for possession of marijuana on Dec. 17 after he was initially stopped for speeding on Main Street near Novi Road.

According to the police report, the vehicle was paced going 35 mph in a 25 mph zone before it was stopped by the officer. When the officer approached the car, he could smell marijuana coming from inside. The suspect said he didn't have any in the car and at first would not let the officer search the car. He found a bag of the drug as well as a bowl to smoke it.

## Police catch thief with knife

4 Novi police arrested a man for stealing and possession of a dangerous weapon after he was caught stealing from JC Penney on Dec. 17. According to the police report, the loss prevention officer at the store saw a man take two necklaces and a ring and put them in his pocket before exiting the store. When he was stopped, he became physically



combative and attempted to run before he was detained by the officers. During a search of the suspect police also found a four inch folding knife in his pocket.

The suspect was arrested and transported to the Novi Police Department where he was arraigned and released after posting bond.

— Compiled by Staff writer Nathan Mueller

## Police to target drunk drivers during holidays

Motorists who don't want to observe the holidays from inside a jail cell need to designate a sober driver during this festive time of year. Nearly 170 law enforcement agencies are putting extra officers out on the road to look for and arrest drunk drivers through Jan. 2.

Law enforcement officers in 26 counties, including Oakland and Livingston, will be conducting drunk driving enforcement paid for through federal traffic safety funds administered by the Office of Highway Safety Planning. During last year's Christmas and New Year holiday periods, 11 people died in traffic crashes. Four of those deaths were alcohol-related. In

2010, there were 283 alcohol-related traffic deaths, a decrease of 5 percent from 2009. However, alcohol-related fatalities still remain one-third of all traffic fatalities.

In Michigan, it is illegal to drive with a blood alcohol content of .08 or greater, although motorists can be arrested at any BAC level if an officer believes they are impaired. Motorists face enhanced penalties if arrested with a .17 BAC or higher. Michigan State Police plan increased enforcement along the area's expressways on Dec. 17, 23, 24 and 25 starting at 11 p.m. The Oakland County Sheriff's Office will increase enforcement throughout the county on Dec. 23.



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Thursday, January 26, 6 p.m.  
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Guest speaker Tallal Zeni, MD  
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Neurologist and Board Certified Sleep Specialist  
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Three (3) copies of the sealed bid (one original and two printed copies) should be submitted to Mr. Steve Barr, Assistant Superintendent of Business & Operations, 25345 Taft Road, Novi, MI 48374, by 2:00 p.m., Local Time, January 12, 2012. The bids will be publicly opened at this time and the proposals must contain the wording "Novi Community School District - Video Surveillance Expansion (Equipment & Services) RFP Response" on the envelope/packaging. For a copy of the Request for Proposal, please visit: <http://rfp.plantemora.com>. If you have not previously registered with this site, you will need to do so to access the files.  
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**Santa visits**



At Faith Community Preschool in Novi, while waiting for Christmas to arrive, the students enjoyed making cookie ornaments, crafts, friendship, and a visit with Santa this year.

**Local events**

**BLOOD DRIVES**

**Time/Date/Location:** Thursday, Dec. 22, Providence Park Hospital, 47601 Grand River, Novi, 7:30-7:15 p.m.; Monday, Dec. 26, Resurrection Church, 48755 Warren Road, Canton; Wednesday, Dec. 28, First United Methodist Church, Plymouth, 1-6:45 p.m.; Wednesday, Dec. 28, Risen Christ Lutheran Church, 46250 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, 1-6:45 p.m.; Thursday, Dec. 29, Plymouth Library, 223 S. Main Street, 10 a.m.-3:45 p.m.; Thursday, Dec. 29, First Baptist Church, 44500 Cherry Hill, Canton; Thursday, Dec. 29, Salem High School, 46181 River Road, Canton, noon-5:45 p.m.

**Contact:** Diane Risko for appointments; (313) 549-7052

**RELAX! STRESS AND RELAPSING MS**

**Time/Date:** noon Thursday, Dec. 22

**Location:** Carraba's Italian Grill, 43455 West Oaks Drive, Novi

**Details:** Learn what you can do to reduce your stress from a health care professional and others living with relapsing multiple sclerosis. There will be an interactive question-and-answer session. This program will also provide information about MS LifeLines support resources and information about a treatment option for relapsing MS. Featured speaker will be Mark B. Silverman, MD, Providence Hospital, Neurology. Free; lunch will be provided.

**Contact:** 1-877-969-1722 or visit <http://events.signup.com/2011mslifelinesprograms>

**NOVI STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS**

**Time/Date:** 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 19

**Location:** Baronette Renaissance Hotel, 27790 Novi Road

**Details:** The City of Novi in partnership with the Novi Chamber of Commerce invites you to join Mayor Bob Gatt and City Council members. Cost for luncheon is \$30 per person; seating is limited to the first 230 attendees. Send checks payable to City of Novi, City of Novi, attention Robin Working, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375.

**BEREAVEMENT MEETING**

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

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**More:** For a complete listing of local and regional events, see the Northville Calendar online at [www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com).

**NOVI SENIOR CENTER**

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

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

**Balance Training**

**Time/Date:** 3:15 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 11

**Details:** Class focusing on stability and balance is designed to build bone, strengthen core, pelvic and leg muscles while improving posture and balance.

**Stretch & Strength**

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. Monday, Jan. 9

**Details:** This class focuses on cardio, strength, and flexibility within a very individualized program.

**Business**

**NORTHVILLE-NOVI BUSINESS NETWORKING BREAKFAST**

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

**Location:** Kerby's Conroy Island, 21200 Haggerty Road

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

**Contact:** Fonda Milana 586-232-3009 or [fmilana@sunrisenetworking.com](mailto:fmilana@sunrisenetworking.com)

**METRO NOVI BNI**

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

**A bleak vista**



A late fall landscape greets a visitor to Novi's Lakeshore Park on Dec. 19. Winter officially arrived on Dec. 21 and the days will only get longer from there on out.

**Maple Road, Walled Lake**

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**Time/Date:** 5-8 p.m. first Mondays

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**Time/Date:** Noon every Thursday

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Age 80, of South Lyon, passed Dec. 17, 2011. Funeral mass was held Dec. 21, 2011 at St. Joseph Catholic Church. He was laid to rest at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Military honors were rendered. [www.casterfuneralhome.com](http://www.casterfuneralhome.com)

**HAYES, EVELYN CLAIRE**

Age 80, December 15, 2011. Funeral mass was held Dec. 19 at O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi. Donations can be made to St. John Hospice.

**STRICKER, MARGUERITE M.**

Age 87, Dec. 17, 2011. Beloved wife of Herbert Stricker. Funeral was Dec. 19 at Holy Family Church, Novi. Donations to Alzheimer's Association or Seasons Hospice. Condolences: [obrienfuneralhome.com](mailto:obrienfuneralhome.com)

**THEISEN, EDNA THERESA "E. T."**

Dec. 13, 2011, age 84. Funeral was Dec. 17 at Holy Family Church, Novi. Donations to Capuchins, 1620 Mt. Elliott Street, Detroit, MI 48207. Online Condolences: [obrienfuneralhome.com](http://obrienfuneralhome.com)

**WILSON, DOROTHY**

A life long resident of Milford Twp., passed away in the care of her family December 14, 2011. She was 94 years old. Survived by her brother Wesley James (Ruth) Wilson and their children Jim (Paty) Wilson, and Don Wilson, and her sister Florine Ruth "Rene" (and the late Jack) Pulliam and their children Tom (Pat) Pulliam, Tom (Janet) Pulliam, Chris (Debbie) Pulliam; also nine great nieces & nephews. Dorothy was preceded in death by her nephews Jerry Wilson and Rob Wilson. Funeral Service was held Saturday, December 17th, 10:00am at Bob Dryer officiated. Burial St. Mary's Cemetery, Milford, Michigan. Contributions encouraged to Alzheimer's Association and Odyssey Hospice. For further information, please phone Lynch & Sons, Milford at 248.684.6645 or visit [www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com](http://www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com)

**KOWALCHUK, STEVE**

Age 22, of Novi, passed away Dec. 15, 2011. Funeral Service Thursday, Dec. 22, 2011 at 11 a.m. at Eastlawn Funeral Home, Inc. of Northville. In lieu of flowers contributions to: [www.davidwallercenter.org](http://www.davidwallercenter.org)

**DILWORTH, MARY L.**

Age 80, December 15, 2011. Funeral is Dec. 22 at the O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi. Donations in Mary's memory can be made to Ft. Solanus Guild 1780 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207.

**EVELETH, PHILLIP E.**

December 16, 2011, age 72. Beloved husband of Marylou Eveleth for 50 years. Funeral was Dec. 20 at Our Lady of Victory. Donations to St. Vincent DePaul of Christ the King. Condolences: [obrienfuneralhome.com](mailto:obrienfuneralhome.com)

**MCCALL, MARY CATHERINE**

December 11, 2011, Age 79. Funeral was Dec. 14 at Christ the King Church, Detroit. Donations can be made to St. Vincent DePaul of Christ the King. Condolences: [obrienfuneralhome.com](mailto:obrienfuneralhome.com)

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 Holy Days: 9 a.m., 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.  
 Reconciliation: beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appointment  
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 Contact: (248) 669-9400, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or visit [www.crosspointemeadows.org](http://www.crosspointemeadows.org)  
 Sunday Worship: 11:15 a.m.  
 Bible study classes: 10 a.m. for all ages  
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 children programs available. Worship blends traditional and contemporary elements resulting in a multi-sensory worship experience.  
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 Location: Ridge Wood Elementary School, 49775 Six Mile Road, Northville  
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 Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.  
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 Location: 217 N. Wing  
 Contact: (248) 348-1020  
 Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m.  
 Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays  
 Men's Bible Study: 9 a.m. first Saturday of every month  
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 Location: 45301 W. 11 Mile Road  
 Contact: (248) 349-3647 or [firstbaptistchurchofnovi.org](http://firstbaptistchurchofnovi.org)  
 Family Bible Hour: 9:45 a.m.  
 Family Worship: 11 a.m.  
 Bible Study: 6 p.m.  
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 Location: 21260 Haggerty Road, north of Eight Mile Road  
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 Sunday Schedule: 9:15 a.m. Worship service with Praise Band, children's Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 10:15 a.m. Fellowship and refreshments; 11 a.m. Traditional worship service, Children's Church, Youth Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 6 p.m. Evening Service, Children's program, Youth Worship Service  
**Wednesday Schedule:** 5:30 p.m. Family Meal, \$4 per person, \$12 per family; 7 p.m. Children's Caravan, Club 56, Bible Study, Quilting, Adult Classes, Youth Blast  
**Thursday Schedule:** 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group  
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 Location: 200 E. Main St.  
 Contact: (248) 349-0911 or visit [firstpresville.org](http://firstpresville.org)  
 Sunday Worship  
 Time: 9:30, 11 a.m.  
 Please see CHURCH, A9

**Single Place**  
 Time/Date: 7 p.m. every Thursday  
 Details: Single Place is a social organization for singles 40 and up hosted by the First Presbyterian Church of Northville. Thursday meetings feature speakers, games, or entertainment followed with an ice cream social.  
 Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 29  
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 Contact: For a detailed schedule of all events (dining out, weekend activities, etc.) call (248) 349-0911 or visit [www.singleplace.org](http://www.singleplace.org)  
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 Coffee Hour: 9:30 a.m. Sunday (Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend); 10:15 a.m. Sundays (Sept.-May)  
 Healing Service: 4 p.m. first Monday of every month  
**Logo Youth Club:** 5 p.m. Wednesdays for fourth-12th graders (Sept.-April)  
**Men's Club:** 8 a.m. second Saturdays  
 Contact: Heather J. Wallas, communications director, (248) 345-1144, Ext. 26, or e-mail [hwallas@fumnorthville.org](mailto:hwallas@fumnorthville.org)  
**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
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**Sundays**  
 Time: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Study, 10 a.m. Worship  
**HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
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 Contact: (248) 427-1175 or [churchoftheholycross.org](http://churchoftheholycross.org)

**Sunday Worship:** 7:45 a.m., 10 a.m.  
**Sunday School and Nursery Care:** 10 a.m. Worship Service  
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 Time/Date: 10 a.m. second Saturday of month  
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**Sunday Worship:** 11 a.m., Bible School: Sunday 10 a.m.; Wednesday 7 p.m.  
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**Contact:** Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, Senior Minister (248) 348-7757; visit [mbccc.org](http://mbccc.org) or e-mail to [office@mbccc.org](mailto:office@mbccc.org)  
**Sunday Worship:** 10 a.m. Church School: 10-11 a.m. Fellowship Hour: 11 a.m. Merry Widows Luncheon Time/Date: 1:30 a.m. Fourth Thursday of each month/Pilgrim Fellowship Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sundays  
**NORTHVILLE CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY CHURCH**  
 Location: 41355 Six Mile Road  
 Contact: (248) 348-9030  
**Sundays 9-10 a.m.:** Sunday School for Adults / Youth / Children  
 9 a.m.: Contemporary service in multi-purpose gymnasium  
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**NOVI UNITED METHODIST**  
 Location: 41671 W. 10 Mile Road  
 Contact: (248) 349-2652 or visit [unmnci.com](http://unmnci.com)  
**Sunday Worship**  
 Time: 9:45 a.m.  
**Healing Service and Holy Communion**  
 Time/Date: 9:45 a.m. first Sunday of every month  
**Peace Vigil**  
 Time/Date: Noon, first Sunday of every month  
**Location:** In front of the church  
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## Gospel message the same Christmas story withstands test of time

Local churches are using the latest technology in new ways to help spread the Gospel message.

NorthRidge Church in Plymouth Township has a virtual campus people can attend online to worship with others around the world. Bell Creek Community Church in Livonia uses Twitter to remind people to stop what they were doing and pray during the week during a series on prayer. Grace Chapel in Farmington Hills has an e-vite component on its youth ministry Facebook page so kids can easily invite their friends to church events.

While the methods have changed, the message hasn't.

The story of God's love in sending his only son to earth to die on the cross and take the punishment for everyone's sins, as told in the Bible, is one that has withstood the test of time.

The Bible remains the best-selling book of all time.

This Christmas, more than 2,000 years after Jesus was born, believers around the world will still celebrate his birth.

Times have changed, but the story of the birth of a Savior in a stable on a starry night so many centuries ago is one that continues to touch hearts and change lives.

Merry Christmas!

## Give the 'perfect gift' as a blood donor

The American Red Cross is encouraging people to give the "perfect gift" this holiday season by donating blood.

One blood donation can give up to three families more time — hours, days, even years — and more memories. Yet it doesn't cost the donor a single penny — just an hour of his or her time.

According to a national survey by the American Red Cross, about one in five (19 percent) respondents plan on giving blood this holiday season.

Blood donations often decrease this time of year as weather woes increase and family schedules turn tumultuous. Yet, the need is constant. Every two seconds, someone in this country needs blood. On average, 44,000 blood donations are needed each day to help trauma victims, surgical patients, burn victims, patients with blood disorders and many others.

St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia is hosting a blood drive 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday. It's one of many being held this holiday season in the Metro Detroit area. Donors will receive a holiday cookie. Walk-ins are accepted, but appointments are preferred. Here are several other opportunities to donate blood locally:

- Thursday, Dec. 22, Providence Park Hospital, 47601 Grand River, Novi, 7:30 a.m. to 7:15 p.m.
- Monday, Dec. 26, Resurrection Church, 48755 Warren Road, Canton
- Wednesday, Dec. 28, First United Methodist Church, Plymouth, 1-6:45 p.m.
- Wednesday, Dec. 28, Risen Christ Lutheran Church, 46250 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, 1-6:45 p.m.
- Thursday, Dec. 29, Plymouth Library, 223 S. Main Street, 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.
- Thursday, Dec. 29, First Baptist Church, 44500 Cherry Hill, Canton
- Thursday, Dec. 29, Salem High School, 46181 Joy Road, Canton, noon to 5:45 p.m.

To schedule an appointment, contact Diane Risko at (313) 549-7052 or call (800) GIVE-LIFE. To find another blood drive near you, visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org).

### COMMUNITY VOICE

## What do you want for Christmas?



"A pair of real Ug boots."  
DeAnna Martynenko  
Novi



"I want eternal peace and everyone, especially all the unfortunate people, to be happy."  
Leah Wright  
Novi



"An iHome."  
Rachel Casaccia  
Novi



"I wanted the Need for Speed the Run video game."  
Willie Jackson II  
Novi

### LETTERS

#### Teen pregnancy not glamorous

The issue of teen pregnancy has been a problem in the United States for decades. In 2009, the show "Teen Mom" aired on MTV and highlighted the lives of four teen mothers. Many people think that this show is not appropriate for teenage girls to watch. They say that the show glamorizes teenage pregnancies and even promotes it. I completely disagree.

I have been watching the show from the very start and I've never seen anything "glamorous" about being a teen mom. I believe that the show actually does the opposite and shows the hardships that teen mothers face. Most of the teen moms on the show have to tackle the already difficult job of parenting without a partner. This is because most of the teen dads leave after the baby is born, because they don't want to take on the responsibility of caring for another life. The show really highlights the struggle of the young mothers to juggle school, work, having a baby to care for, and just being a teen.

I believe that the show is a great way to promote abstinence. I think young girls need to understand that when they choose to sacrifice their virginity, they are also sacrificing their teenage years. Teen pregnancy is 100-percent preventable, and by educating our youth we can make a difference in the lives of millions of teenage girls. Therefore, I feel that parents should actually be encouraging their teens to watch "Teen Mom" and ask questions about this important issue.

Megan Zydeck concerned teen

#### For Sammy

Just wanted to express our gratitude for the beautiful story written about the passing of Sammy, our beloved golden retriever, at Donna and Larry's Flowers. The continuing love and compassion from our customers, neighbors and friends has touched our hearts immensely, with many stories shared and many tears shed. Judging by the amount and depth of the sentiments written in his memory book, Sammy left a lasting impression on the many lives he touched with his love. A love that has now come full circle. Our hearts are forever grateful!

Donna and Larry Podpora  
Donna and Larry's Flowers  
Northville

#### Why teach?

As a retired teacher myself, looks like Peter and Emily Manshot pretty much did a good job in summing up the Teachers' Perspective (Letters to the Editor, 12/15/11). Teaching is one of the most unappreciated and disrespected professions. It can be a thankless job. I am wondering, who will be the teachers of the future? I can't imagine sending one of my children off to college for an expensive four

#### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

We welcome your letter to the Editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. Letters should be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content. Submit letters via the following formats:

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years to get a teaching degree, only to find out that the starting pay would be low and may go lower! None of my four children are teachers. I didn't recommend it to them. On the upside of teaching: As a teacher, you will never know how many lives that you may have touched, how many students that you may have guided and influenced. And 20 years from now, when those students are sitting around talking, one of them just might mention that YOU were their favorite teacher, or that they learned a lot in your class, or they may have a story to tell about your class!

My fellow classmates from Melvindale High School have a Facebook site and many teachers are included in our discussions. Even after 45 years, they still remember the teachers! I, too, am Facebook friends with some of my former students and I am glad that I played a small part in their lives!

Carol Maynard Northville

#### Questions bully bill

The Michigan Senate recently distinguished itself by passing sweeping Anti-Bullying legislation (SB 137). My first thought as I glanced through the recent news article was that it was about time that our elected officials formalized such a law. Any and all kids deserve the basic right to feel safe and unthreatened when they walk through their school doors every morning.

Reading further into the article, I was surprised to discover that SB 137 didn't pass through the state Senate unanimously, the bill was passed along party lines — 26 Republican state senators supported the bill and 11 Democratic senators opposed it. How could anyone oppose this common-sense legislation that would protect our kids from such a destructive act?

Upon further research, turns out Democrats aren't pro-bullying, they were opposed to a

Republican-supported section of the bill which states:

"This section does not prohibit a statement of a sincerely held religious belief or moral conviction of a school employee, school volunteer, pupil or a pupil and parent or guardian."

Apparently 26 of our Republican state senators (including my own representative) feel that bullying is OK (and legal) if the bully really, sincerely believes that his/her taunts and verbal humiliation are religiously or morally based. This anti-bullying bill certainly appears to allow any bully to excuse and legally defend their actions, rather than put an end to such unacceptable behavior.

Whose interests are being served when an anti-bullying law allows for bullying under specific religious and moral circumstances? I challenge any senator that voted in support of this bill to explain their position on this legislation.

Until we demand more of our elected officials, apparently this is the sort of government we should expect and deserve. I believe we all should expect and deserve better.

Marty Drury Highland

#### Buy local AND made in U.S.A.

Your editorial on Shop Local made good economic sense, so how about taking it a step or two further. As you shop small and local businesses check to see where what you look to buy is made. Buying made in U.S.A. means even more jobs and dollars in America.

The National Retail Federation estimates that the average American spends \$705 in holiday gifts. If \$64 was spent on products made in the U.S.A., it would create 200,000+ jobs in America.

We have a consumer economy, 70 percent of all economic activity is based on consumer demand. This means despite politicians saying the rich are the job creators it is you and I the consumers through our buying that create the most jobs. Witness how our state's economic recovery rating has gone up now that American cars are selling.

So if we do not look for and demand made in U.S.A. there are fewer jobs here in America. For me the choice is easy although sometimes harder to find. I prefer the quality of made in U.S.A. and if it sometimes cost a little more I feel I'm worth it. And those times when I cannot find made in U.S.A., I sometimes find I didn't need it anyway.

Also I have found many made in U.S.A. products available online. One that is local in West Bloomfield is [allusaclothing.com](http://allusaclothing.com). Another helpful site is [howtobuyamerican.com](http://howtobuyamerican.com) that list products made in U.S.A. and companies that make them.

Chuck Tindall Novi

## Novi urologists collaborate to improve patient care

### Partnership focuses on treating prostate cancer

By Nathan Mueller Staff Writer

Dr. Frank Burks is always looking for ways to improve patient care, especially as it pertains to finding better ways to treat prostate cancer.

But the urologist knows he cannot go it alone.

That is why Burks is partnering with Blue Cross Blue Shield and 21 doctor offices throughout the state to form the Michigan Urological Surgery Improvement Collaborative.

Known as MUSIC, the partnership will help the doctors develop better ways to treat patients while also avoiding additional health care costs.

"The idea is you would collect data from general practice urologists all over the state, and academic urologists out of the University of Michigan, and take that data and share it with the member practices to

get an idea of what the practice patterns are," Burks said.

Burks, who sees patients at Oakland County Urologists in Novi and Milford and at Comprehensive Medical Center in Royal Oak, said they have been working on this program for over a year, and believes it could produce positive results.

"The ultimate goal would be to have a collection of data to look at that is not from a sole institution, but would allow



Burks

us to figure out the practice patterns in each locality and share that data," he said.

He said he knows what he does to treat prostate cancer at his offices, but it also would be helpful to know what someone else in another part of the state does.

"Our initial efforts will focus on improving patterns of care in the staging of men with newly diagnosed prostate cancer,"

said Dr. James Montie, professor of urology at the University of Michigan Health Center, the initiatives coordinating center in a press release. "We will use clearly defined evidence to guide us in staging bone and CT scans."

Burks said quality improvement measures are coming down the line in terms of federal mandates, and the collaborative is getting ahead of it.

"The important thing is that this is physician-designed and physician-led," he said.

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## SOCIAL SECURITY

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

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

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

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

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

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## Elves dedicated to children's happiness

Novi News: Tell us about your business, including the types of services and/or products you feature?

Howard DeElif: Our business is making children happy, and what business could possibly be better? We do this in concert with Santa, matching toys, games, electronic devices, dolls and all other manner of enjoyment for children of all ages around the world with his famous "list." We do this only after, of course, he checks it twice for those who've been naughty or nice. (Quite frankly, though, he's pretty lenient).

Novi News: How did you first decide to get into the business?

Howard DeElif: Well, my brother Hermy actually got me interested in being one of Santa's elves. He was really dedicated to the craft, until his interest in dentistry was piqued. When he was promoted to Santa's dentist, some of the other elves approached me about following in his footsteps. I've always been good with my hands, and I thought making toys for the good little girls and boys around the world would be a way for me to give something back.

Novi News: Why did you choose Santa's Workshop at the North Pole?

Howard DeElif: Well, when you're an elf, and you want to make toys, where else are you going to go? Toys R Us? Santa's Workshop is the major league of the toy-making world. Every elf who starts off whittling wooden dolls in his garage dreams of one day making it to the Big Time. Novi News: What makes your business unique?

Howard DeElif: Well, first of all there aren't all that many businesses where your soul purpose is making children happy. That's unique in



### SANTA'S WORKSHOP

Business name: Santa's Workshop  
Business address: The North Pole  
Your name: Howard DeElif  
Number of employees: Seasonal  
Hours of operation: 24/7 (there's no other way to keep up with demand)  
Your business specialty: Making millions of toys for girls and boys.

itself. But the way it all comes together, from the way all the elves work

together to how Mrs. Claus fattens Santa up for the season to the reindeer using their annual reindeer games to train for that one big night, is really impressive, if I do say so myself. Of course, you get the occasional reindeer laughed at and called names, or the stray elf who gets ridiculed for his career choices, but all in all, we're a huge, cohesive team striving to make that one holiday a year the merriest of all.

Novi News: How has it changed since you opened?

Howard DeElif: The overall business hasn't changed in generations. It's still all about the kids. It's the kids who've changed. Where a child may have wanted a Chaty Cathy doll or a Matchbox car years ago, now they all want the high-tech stuff. Computers, radios, cameras, video games, "smart" phones... it seems like if there's an "it" in front of it, the kids want it these days. Steve Jobs really made this work a lot harder.

Novi News: How has the recent economy affected your business?

Howard DeElif: The economy hasn't affected the business from our end, we still get so much work we're never sure how we're going to get it all done, though in the

end we do. The economy has changed it for the people we serve, though, making it tougher for their parents to provide for them.

Novi News: Do you have an amusing anecdote to share?

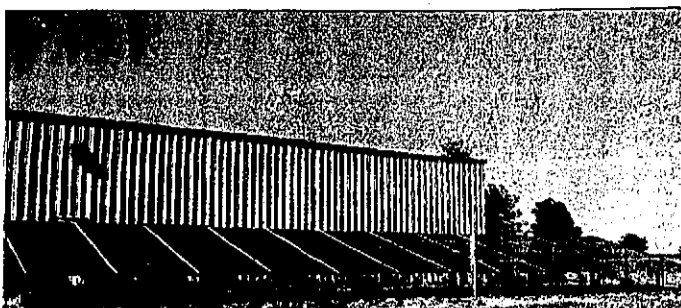
Howard DeElif: Well, there was the time I had an appointment with Hermy, and he gave me too much novocaine. When I went back to the line, my mouth was still numb, and the other elves had trouble understanding me. That was the year we had a whole shift's worth of Barbie dolls that ended up with Ken heads.

Novi News: Any advice for other business owners?

Howard DeElif: Be true to yourself, be true to your customers and learn as much about every aspect of the business as you can. And don't let them tell you you're too small, or too slow or your nose glows too brightly to do the job. And learn how to use social networking. You wouldn't believe how many letters to Santa he gets e-mailed now.

Novi News: What's in store for the future of your business?

Howard DeElif: We will continue to expand, we will adapt to the changes in the world and continue to make as many children as happy as possible.



Ground-mounted solar panels provide energy savings to the main Amma Center building in Ann Arbor.

## Srinerger helps Amma Center of Michigan embraces solar for energy savings

Srinerger, a Novi-based company, recently completed the installation of three solar photo-voltaic (PV) systems at Amma Center's headquarters on Ann Arbor-Saline Road, south of Interstate 94. "By installing solar energy systems at the Amma Center, we can lead by example and help to educate others," said Chad Kymal, founder of the Amma Center of Michigan and also Founder and Chief Technology Officer of Omnex, a leading provider of quality and process improvement systems to Fortune 500 companies.

Chad Kymal and his wife Ajitha donated nearly 11 acres of their land to help establish the Amma Center more than 12 years ago. From a small village in India, the teachings of an inspired woman, humanitarian and spiritual leader named Amma have encouraged people worldwide

to express love and service to others as well as help to preserve nature. Located in Ann Arbor, the Amma Center of Michigan is a non-sectarian organization that follows Amma's teachings by helping with a variety of community service projects.

A total of 112 U.S. manufacturer solar panels, including both roof and ground-mounted systems, were installed to provide energy savings for Amma Center's main building, a caretaker house and the Kymals' nearby residence.

Srinerger also installed meters that allow online monitoring of energy savings for each system from anywhere in the world. "It may seem ironic but now that we can actually see the energy savings we're getting, I'm even more conscientious about turning off lights and doing more to conserve energy," said Ajitha

Kymal. The combined energy savings over the next 25 years for the three installations is estimated to be equivalent to planting more than 53 acres of forest, powering nearly 30,000 homes for 24 hours and avoiding the production of 621 metric tons of carbon dioxide. Completion of the installation is timely. Amma is paying her twelfth annual visit to Michigan this week to conduct free programs open to the public and a pre-registered retreat at the Hyatt Regency in Dearborn.

"We don't know if Amma will have time during her visit to Michigan to tour the installation, but we can be assured that we'll continue to deliver her message about the need to preserve our resources," added Kymal. "We have used more than we need, and we need to give back."

### CHURCH

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#### OAK POINTE CHURCH

Location: 50200 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi  
Contact: (248) 912-0043 or visit oakpointe.org

Worship Services: 5:15 p.m. Saturday; 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. Sunday  
Renew Life Group Ministries  
Time/Date: 7:15-9 p.m. every Monday

Details: Ongoing Life Groups that support and facilitate personal growth, healing, learning, change from a Christian perspective.

Women's Life Groups Ministries  
Time/Date: 7 p.m. every Tuesday; 9:30 a.m. every Wednesday

Men's Life Groups Ministries  
Time/Date: 6 a.m. every Friday morning at various locations For both Women's and Men's Life Groups Ministries, please contact the church office.

ORCHARD HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH  
Location: 23455 Novi Road  
Contact: Pastor Jon Hix (248) 349-5665

Preschool/Kids Choir  
Time/Date: 7:15 p.m. every Wednesday

Details: For ages three to six; ongoing event; no need to pre-register, all are welcome.

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL CATHOLIC CHURCH  
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Contact: (734) 453-0326, Ext. 221

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Location: 770 Thayer, Northville  
Contact: (248) 349-2621 or olvnorthville.org

Saturday Worship  
Time: 5 p.m.  
Sunday Worship  
Time: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.

OUR SHEPHERD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
Location: 1200 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth

Contact: Pastor Bill Burke at (734) 927-0891

Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.  
Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. with fellowship and food after service

PENTECOSTALS OF NOVI  
Location: Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375

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Friday Night Men's Basketball: 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Novi Woods Elementary School gymnasium. All Novi residents ages 13 and over are welcome, and admission is free. For more information, contact Pastor Dave Gardner at (248) 697-8158. Please download and bring a permission slip if under the age of 18 at www.thepentecostalsofnovi.org.

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#### PRAYSE BAPTIST CHURCH

Location: 4500 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth

ST. JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH  
Location: 46325 10 Mile Road, Novi

Contact: (248) 347-7778

Mass Schedule  
Time/Date: 8, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday-Tuesday; 7 p.m. Wednesday; 5 p.m. Saturday

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ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Location: 201 Elm Street, Northville

Contact: (248) 349-3140

Farmington Hills

Contact: www.uufarmington.org

Youth Interfaith Journey  
Time/Date: 9:30 and 11 a.m. Sundays

Details: This religious education program is open to the public and currently enrolling new students. Classes are grouped into grades K-5, 6-8 and 9-12 with age specific education materials for all.

Contact: Jennifer Teed at 248/478-7272 or dre@uufarmington.org

Lifelong Learning Forum  
Time/Date: 7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursdays

Details: Six weeks exploring different topics like religion, philosophy, science, health, social and political issues. No advance registration necessary; a \$5 donation suggested. Drop in and pick the class that interests you most.

Contact: (248) 478-7272 or uufarmington.org/uucfrelifespanspan

Multi-Generational Services  
Time/Date: 6:45 p.m. Fridays

Details: Family members of all ages can gather for drumming, chanting, and meditation followed by a brief participatory worship service which could include stories, songs and sharing. A religious education activity will follow, such as an art project, music, dance, game or theater.

The evening will close with a light snack and a short time to socialize, ending at 8:30 p.m.

WARD EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
Location: 40000 Six Mile Road  
Contact: (248) 374-7400 or (248)

374-5978

Sunday Worship  
Time: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Traditional; 9:30 and 11 a.m. Contemporary; Nursery and Sunday School during the 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services.

Service Broadcast  
Details: 11 a.m. every Sunday on WRDZ-AM 560, The Wmuz Word Station.

Single Point Ministries (45 and older)  
Time/Date: 11 a.m. Sunday for fellowship and Bible study.

Single Point Ministries (35-50 years old)  
Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. Sunday to deepen your personal relationship with Christ.

Single Purpose Connexions (20-30 years old)  
Time/Date: 11 a.m. Sunday in the Chapel for singing, Bible study, and fellowship.

Details: For single adults. Active ministry offering various Bible study classes, volleyball, bicycling group, tennis group, support groups, support group for wid-over age 50, fellowship, friendships and more. Contact the number below for more information.

Contact: (248) 374-5920

Learnin's Bible Study  
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Mondays Room A101

Men's Bible Study  
Time/Date: 6:30 a.m. Wednesday

Single Adult Ministries office  
Single's Bible Study  
Time/Date: 7 p.m. second and fourth Mondays, Room C309

### NOVI BUSINESS BRIEFS

#### Hi-tech space leased in Novi

Signature Associates has negotiated the lease of 6,000 square feet of hi-tech space located at 46850 Magellan Drive, Novi.

Jim Montgomery of Signature Associates represented the tenant, EMCO. EMCO is a multi-national machine tool supplier for automotive, aerospace and other industrial companies throughout the United States.

#### Entergy to divest and merge into ITC Holdings

Entergy Corporation (NYSE: ETR) and Novi-based ITC Holdings Corp.

(NYSE: ITC) announced the Boards of Directors of both companies have approved a definitive agreement under which Entergy will divest and then merge its electric transmission business into ITC.

Entergy's electric transmission business consists of approximately 15,700 miles of interconnected transmission lines and associated substations across its utility service territory in the Mid-South. Following the completion of the transaction, ITC will become one of the largest electric transmission companies in the U.S., with over 30,000 miles of transmission lines, spanning from the Great Lakes to the Gulf Coast.

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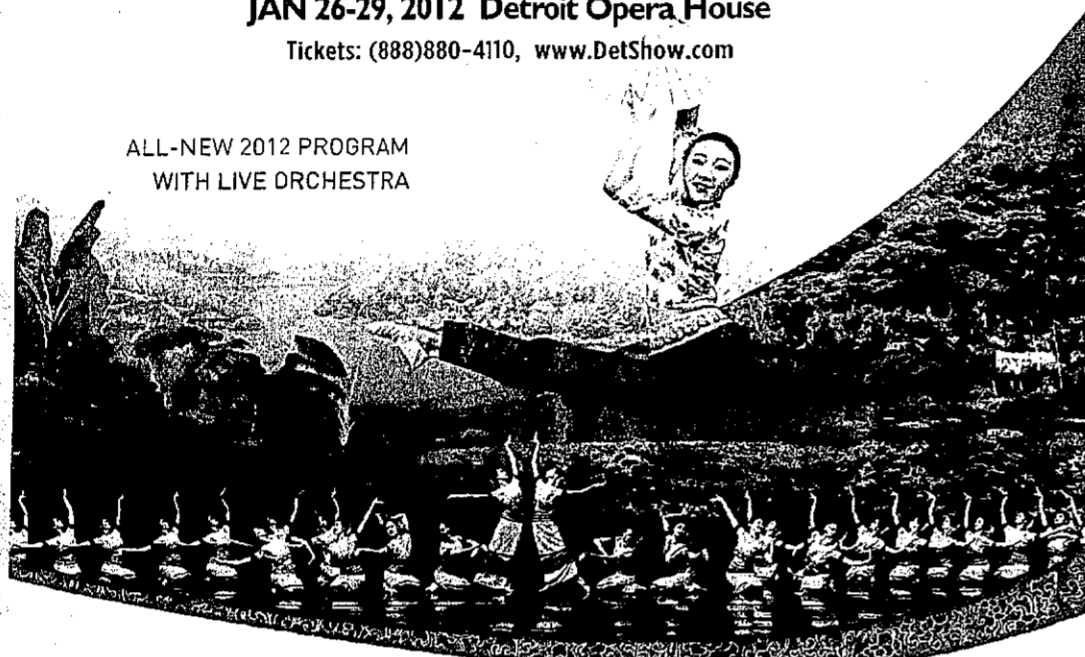
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**Shamrocks win 3rd-straight county title**

**Squad breaks several records along the way**

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

They say sports are all about the statistics and the cold-hard facts of what happened. After the Oakland County championships were said and done, the Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks had plenty of statistics to point to: Eight championships, 10 finalists, 375.5 team points and 124.5

points between them and their nearest competition.

Now that's how you win a title. The Shamrocks broke the Oakland County championship record by having 10 wrestlers in the finals — completely disassembling the previous mark of six finals — with eight of them walking away as title holders in their

weight classes.

Along the way, they went ahead and set tournament records for the most points as well as the largest differential between first and second place finishers as Catholic Central finished with 375.5 points and Oxford had 243.

"To win eight championships in this tournament is impressive and unprecedented," said Detroit Catholic Central assistant coach Anthony Biundo. "However, our staff believes that we were capable of winning a few more weight classes.

**ON TAP**

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks wrestling team will be back in action when they wrestle in the Medina Invitational in Ohio starting at 8 a.m. Dec. 28 and 29.

Overall, they wrestled extremely aggressive and represented themselves and CC well. Our schedule is going to pick up here, so we have to get back in the room and fix some of the mistakes from this weekend. It's going to be an exciting

road ahead."

Alec Mooradian made his mark on the tournament as well, becoming just the third wrestler in county history to win four titles. Tyrone Logan and Josh Houlihan were also named winners to accomplish the feat.

Also earning championships in their respective weight classes were Evan Toth, Malik Amine, Trevor Zdebaki, Myles Amine, Ken Bado, Logan Marwick and Drew Garcia. Toth and Malik Amine's Oakland championship victories were the

second of their careers.

Earning runner-up status were Riley Hanson and Kevin Beazley while Nick Mason finished third. TJ Fagan was fifth and Bob Coe was seventh. The Shamrocks also earned victories last week over Woodhaven, 62-6, and No. 6-ranked Southgate, 55-15.

The Shamrocks are now 8-0 on the season in dual meets.

**Glenn hands 'Cats first loss**

By Chris Jackett  
Correspondent

Westland John Glenn came to town with a style of play Novi's Wildcats had a tough time adjusting to.

The lady cagers (4-1) fell behind 14-8 after the first quarter last Friday due to untimely turnovers and wide open looks that wouldn't fall for points.

"I think the turnovers is the thing that still kills us. Every game we've had too many turnovers," Novi coach Bill Kelp said. "They're so athletic and strong, we were just trying to use our timeouts wisely to not let them go on a huge run. Our game plan was to just keep them in front of us and rebound."

The teams only scored four apiece in the second quarter, giving the Rockets (3-0) an 18-12 half-time lead. Novi sophomore Kerri McMahan (eight points, seven rebounds, three steals) and Glenn senior Joslyn Massey (game-highs of 15 points, 16 rebounds, four steals) combined for 19 of the 30 total first-half points.

"We need some scoring and Kerri can't score all of it," Kelp said. "It's a team game. We get peo-

**ON TAP**

Novi's girls basketball squad (4-1) is off until a pair of home contests Jan. 3 against Brighton (3-1) and Jan. 6 against South Lyon East (5-1). Both games tip off at 7 p.m.

ple open and people have to step up, especially with Ally (D'Annibale) being hurt again, she's our second scorer."

The Rockets came out firing on a 10-0 run to take a 28-12 lead, but the Wildcats ended the third quarter with a 10-2 run to make it a 30-22 deficit. Senior Abby Chaudier (seven points) sparked the turnaround with back-to-back three-pointers from the left side, followed by some solid defense by senior Abby Robinson (two points, three rebounds).

"That's what they've got to do," Kelp said of the two Abbys. "They're seniors, they have a lot of experience and it's their time. They've got to step up and that's what they did tonight at points tonight, they stepped up." Glenn capped the game with a 10-5 final quarter

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**Wildcats sign letters of intent**

Four Novi seniors signed letters of intent Dec. 15 to play collegiate sports next season. Logan Regnier (standing, left) signed on to play baseball at Central Michigan University, Phil Seong (standing right) signed to play soccer at Amherst College in Amherst, Mass. and both Katie Enright (seated, left) and Aly Ryan (seated, right) signed on to play collegiate volleyball. Enright is headed to Mississippi State and Ryan to Youngstown State.

**'Cats boys basketball drops first 5**

By Chris Jackett  
Correspondent

With a few weeks off, the Wildcats' boys basketball team will have to notch their first victory of the season during division play.

Novi (0-5) dropped a pair of contests last week against Lincoln Park (1-0) and Westland John Glenn (1-1) before heading into a three-week break.

"I like this team. They got a bad deal without much of a summer and very little varsity experience coming back, but they're not feeling sorry for themselves and working to improve," Novi coach Brian Tass said. "It's not easy going

from winning a ton to winning none, but adversity is part of life and we are going to learn from it. With the right attitude and effort, we'll turn this thing around."

The 'Cats lost 42-33 against visiting Lincoln Park on Dec. 13. Junior Tre Cadwell, senior Scott Kempa and sophomore Nelson Cagle each tallied eight points for Novi, while also combining for eight rebounds. Cadwell also had two blocks.

"Balanced scoring is good for us because we'll be tougher to defend later in the season. Cadwell, Kempa and Cagle hit some big shots that sparked our second-half run," Tass said. "We have struggled to score due

**ON TAP**

Novi's boys basketball squad (0-5) is off until 7 p.m. Jan. 6 when they visit South Lyon East (1-3).

to an extreme amount of turnovers. Many of those have been unforced. We need a lot of work on fundamentals."

Novi had 13 turnovers against the Raisin Splitters, but zero assists. The 'Cats out-rebounded Lincoln Park 28-23, but only four other players scored for Novi.

"We have added some things to our offense to get more post touches," Tass said. "Our posts need a lot of work and

are making some progress."

Despite zero points, senior Alex King had a team-high six rebounds. Adding to the final tally was junior Charles McKinney (three points, four rebounds) and two points apiece from senior Mike Jocz (four rebounds), junior Jionni Ivy and senior Ignas Bernotas.

"(McKinney's) making some progress, but has a lot of work and learning to do," Tass said. "I like Ivy's effort. He is learning new things and working hard to improve daily. I think he'll be a nice player for us eventually."

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

**Backcourt lifts Rockets past Novi, 56-29**

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

Westland John Glenn's backcourt of Nick Daniels and Marquise Graves can create havoc on both ends of the floor.

And Novi found that out up close and personal Friday night as the host Rockets rolled to a 56-29 boys basketball victory to even their record at 1-1.

Novi, the Kensington Conference champion from a year ago, slipped to 0-5 overall.

Daniels, a 6-foot-1 junior, led all scorers with a game-high 24 points, including four tri-plets.

Meanwhile, the 5-10 Graves scored only two points, but made his presence known on the defensive end as the Wildcats committed 16

first-half turnovers and shot only 1-for-12 from the field as Glenn raced out to a 26-10 halftime lead.

"Marquise Graves is a four-year varsity guy for me," Glenn coach Dan Young said. "He's a tremendous on-ball defender and he set the tone defensively with that. And the rest of our guys are trying to get better. I thought we guarded

pretty well."

Novi struggled just trying to get into any type of offense.

"Our guards really had a hard time bringing the ball up, getting into the offense, getting passes," first-year Novi coach Brian Tass said. "It was pretty much a turnover festival."

Daniels, a shifty left-tyler VanNorman and Joe Steele earned assists on the play.

**ON TAP**

The Detroit Catholic Central hockey team will be back in action when they visit U of D at City Arena at 6:30 p.m. January 4.

The score was increased to 2-0 with 8:31 off the clock in the second period as the Shamrocks took advantage of a power play opportunity.

Halash took assistance from VanNorman and Nolan Cluchowski to earn the goal.

The Cubs weren't about to be shutout, however, and slashed Catholic Central's lead to 2-1 as Sam Parise found the back of the net at the 12:27 mark in the second period. It would prove to be the last time the Cubs would score, however, and Catholic Central

tacked on an insurance goal with 1:36 off the clock in the final stanza as Halash and VanNorman teamed up to assist on the play.

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to lock up a 40-27 victory after hitting four of six free throws in the final two minutes.

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handed guard with deft ball-handling skills, made 9-of-17 shots from the floor.

there. We've got to move it from side to side. We're getting inside a lot, which is good.

hardly any turnovers," Young said of his junior standout. "He's a good scorer, a good shooter. He's a natural feel guy.

NOVI SPORTS ROUNDUP

By Chris Jackett

Bowlers go 1-2

Both the boys (2-3, 1-1) and girls (2-3, 0-2) bowling teams had three games in three days last week and finished 1-2.

(198) and Thorwall (210) against state-ranked Glenn.

Soccer girls honored

The Detroit Sports Commission announced its Top 10 Amateur Sports Moments of 2011 on Dec. 13 and the Novi girls soccer team being ranked No. 1 in the U.S. by ESPN was among those honored.

NOVI SPORTS BRIEFS

Play It Again teams with Jimmy's Kids

Though it has been over 20 years since the founding of "Jimmy's Kids" by Jim Tuman, he is as motivated as ever this holiday season.

Novi junior Jon Mencer (left) carries the puck up the ice during a 6-2 victory Dec. 7 at Novi Ice Arena as Plymouth senior Zach Gambrell pursues.

The 10 Metro Detroit Play It Again Sports location will act as host sites for drop-off boxes for toys, coats and other gifts for members of the community in need during the holiday season.

Novi senior Brandon Ramsay (center) breaks through a cluster of Plymouth players Dec. 7 at Novi Ice Arena during his team's 6-2 victory.

merchandise to shoppers who provide a donation, which can be made at all Play It Again Sports locations until Dec. 24.

'Cats head into break on high note

ON TAP

Novi's icers (6-4-1, 3-3-1 KLAAs Kensington) are off until their annual trip to the Upper Peninsula. On Dec. 11 Calumet (3-2-1), No. 55 Hancock (2-3-1) and No. 12 Marquette (6-1-0) Jan. 6-9.

By Chris Jackett

Three straight victories in a four-day span have Novi's icers back on the winning path heading into the New Year.

The No. 17 Wildcats (6-4-1, 3-3-1 KLAAs Kensington) merited No. 14 Livonia Franklin (1-4-1, 0-4-0 Kensington) on the road Dec. 14 before defeating both No. 72 Davison (5-3-0) and No. 47 Hartland (3-2-1) Dec. 16-17 at Clarkston's Christmas Tournament.

It took just two periods for the Wildcats to go up 6-0 on Franklin behind a hat trick from senior Ryan Kobylarek and shut-out performance in goal by sophomore Austin Petty, evening the team's record at 4-4-1.

In a late game Dec. 17, Novi outshot Davison 37-13 with senior Spencer Peterson guarding the net, leading to a 4-1 victory. Senior Travis Traitor notched two twos, while Kobylarek had two assists.

"They're probably the hardest working line," Krygier said. "They've been doing a nice job on full strength and penalty kill, but they need to step it up on the power play."



Novi junior Jon Mencer (left) carries the puck up the ice during a 6-2 victory Dec. 7 at Novi Ice Arena as Plymouth senior Zach Gambrell pursues.



Novi senior Brandon Ramsay (center) breaks through a cluster of Plymouth players Dec. 7 at Novi Ice Arena during his team's 6-2 victory.

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Steven Haydon's goal to make it a 3-1 final. As expected in a game between these two schools, the contest was rather chippy with both teams combining for 17 penalties. Catholic Cen-

tral was whistled for 10 of those fouls, including a 10-minute misconduct against Ryan Wandzel in the third period. U of D was also called for a 10-minute misconduct penalty in the first period against Bryan Masopust.

who stopped 6-of-7 shots on goal before being relieved by Ryan Mulka, who stopped 5-of-5. Alex VonMach took the loss, stopping 35-of-38 shots on goal.

City of Novi Public Hearing Notice

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Zoning Board of Appeals for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, January 10, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers Novi Civic Center 45175 W. Ten Mile Road to consider:

CASE NO. 11-044 1261 WEST LAKE DR The applicant is requesting variances of 5.66 ft. from the 30 ft. required front yard setback requirements and an additional 4.2% beyond the 25% maximum lot coverage provisions of Section 2400 of the Novi Zoning Ordinance for a proposed new single family home. The property is located east of West Lake Dr. and north of North Haven.

CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 2400 requires a minimum front yard setback of 30 ft. and maximum lot coverage of 25%.

CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 2400 requires a minimum side yard setback of 10 ft. and a total minimum aggregate side yard setbacks equal to 25 ft. Section 2502(4)a prohibits work to enlarge or alteration of a structure in a way that increases its nonconformity.

CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Signs: 28-8 Case No. 11-044 317 Duane The applicant is requesting variances from the required exterior side yard setback requirements and existing non-conforming building restrictions to allow the construction of a second floor addition of an existing (1) story residence. The property is located west of South Lake Dr. and west of Old Novi Rd.

CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Signs: 28-5 (2)(f), (g) and 28-5 (2)(f), (g) Case No. 11-044 318 Main St. Site 592, Mixx Sports Bar The applicant is requesting variances from 28-5 (2)(f), (g) and 28-5 (2)(f), (g) of the Novi Sign Ordinance to allow a 49 square ft. projecting wall sign located up to 17.5 ft. high and not in compliance with the requirement of the Sign Design Review Manual. The property is zoned TC-1 and is located north of Main St., east of Novi Rd.

CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Signs: 28-5 (2)(f), (g) and 28-5 (2)(f), (g) Case No. 11-044 4101A Scarborough The applicant is requesting a variance from the 35 ft. required rear yard setback requirements of Section 2400 of the Novi Zoning Ordinance for an existing single family home to allow the construction of a new rear (1) story enclosed sunroom with a setback of 24 ft. The property is located east of Meadowbrook Rd. and north of 10 Mile Rd.

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Realtors Gary Reggish (left) and Tony Schippa visit at the holiday party in Livonia.



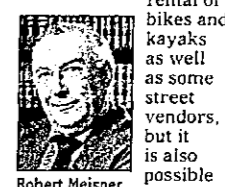
Party goes for a great time at the Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors holiday party in Livonia. Left to right are MaryAnn Palise, Meriem Kadi, Sharon McCann, Lisa Reggish, Pam King and Ilene Patterson.

## South side of Chicago: pluses

By Robert Meisner  
Guest Columnist

Q: I understand that Chicago now has a Riverfront on the south side of the river which then leads into the Lakefront. Are there any business opportunities that you are aware of in that area?

A: Indeed, Chicago does have a Riverfront area along the south side and in some areas along the north side of the river leading into the mouth of Lake Michigan. There are a number of restaurants present along with the rental of bikes and kayaks as well as some street vendors, but it is also possible to consider opening up some sort of business in that area should the opportunities avail themselves for walk-in traffic on a seasonal basis. Of course, you will need the proper permits from the city and you will have to do a cost business plan analysis in order to determine whether or not it is a feasible opportunity. There are a number of residences going up around this area which formerly was a railroad yard and now finds itself inundated with high rise condos and apartment buildings.



Robert Meisner

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

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## Yule party a festive time for Realtors, their industry friends

A good time was waiting Thursday, Dec. 1, at the American Legion Post 32 on Newburgh in Livonia. The Farmington-based Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors held its annual holiday party.

There was also a party Wednesday, Dec. 7, for east-siders at Club Venetian in Madison Heights. At the Livonia evening party, collections were taken for Arc of Northwest Wayne County and Warm Hearts, two charitable projects of the association, said Pauline Olszewski, administrator. The Livonia party had 189 people, Realtors and affiliate members such as inspectors and appraisers. "They had a great time," Olszewski said. "It's basically just networking for the members." The parties also serve as a thank you to the members from the association, she added.

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### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Sept. 12-16, 2011, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

1855 Tradition Dr GARDEN CITY 31624 Brown St 32951 Kathryn St 6326 Lathers St 33221 Roslyn Ave LIVONIA 38176 Ann Arbor Trl 32817 Barkley St 37317 Bennett St 14124 Benwick St 38240 Bloomfield Dr 41455 Copper Creek Dr 16294 Country Club Dr 15947 Deering Dr 1625 Crestview Dr 46851 Eastbourne Rd. 47193 Eastbourne Rd. 6667 Edgewood Rd 45914 Fountain View Dr 49499 Great Falls Rd 49068 Hawksbury Rd 1804 Hendrie 4145 Kimberley Dr 6856 New Providence Way 1240 Old Colony Ln 4733 Pond Run 49164 Poppleton Ct 2865 River Meadow Cir 7765 Haggerty Rd 45378 S Stonecroft Rd	\$425,000 \$56,000 \$50,000 \$40,000 \$73,000 \$25,000 \$158,000 \$138,000 \$110,000 \$155,000 \$90,000 \$165,000 \$57,000 \$24,000 \$136,000 \$240,000 \$50,000 \$123,000 \$129,000 \$135,000 \$160,000 \$210,000 \$196,000 \$185,000 \$100,000 \$115,000 \$165,000 \$99,000	29003 Rayburn St 17254 Rougeway St 14541 Stonehouse Ave 38471 Summen St 17493 Westbrook Dr 28947 Westfield St 31341 Westfield St 20335 Whitby Dr NORTHVILLE 16124 Brook Trout Ln 16392 Brook Trout Ln 16132 Crystal Downs E 39580 Dun Rowin Dr 39639 Dun Rowin Dr 48780 Freestone Dr 48941 Freestone Dr 16425 Mulberry Way 17226 Stonebrook Dr 46670 Stratford Dr 19187 Surrey Ln 16995 Sycamore Ct PLYMOUTH 42126 Brentwood Dr 11816 Brownlee Ave 735 Burroughs St 13659 Fairview Ln 10977 Hartough St 1799 Lexington St 9420 Mapletree Dr 49840 Pointe King 45633 Primrose Ct	\$90,000 \$55,000 \$123,000 \$123,000 \$206,000 \$52,000 \$110,000 \$210,000 \$128,000 \$130,000 \$425,000 \$245,000 \$188,000 \$98,000 \$103,000 \$25,000 \$500,000 \$420,000 \$50,000 \$321,000 \$104,000 \$187,000 \$196,000 \$1,225,000 \$1,105,000 \$200,000 \$339,000 \$160,000 \$260,000	47648 W Ann Arbor Trl REDFORD 12150 Centralia 9535 Hemingway 26720 Jay Rd 1720 Leinane 15573 Leona Dr 19985 Seminole 26716 Student 26310 W Seven Mile Rd WESTLAND 6948 Bison St 35695 Castlewood Ct 7412 Central St 36568 Deer Run Ct N 35451 Dove Trl 31633 Fairchild St 434 Filbert St 7719 Gary Ave 35910 Hazellwood St 30831 Lonnie Blvd 2256 N Hix Rd 6916 N Wildwood St 741 Patricia Place Dr 1455 Portland St 6223 Twin Oaks 1643 Westchester St 1253 Woodbourne St	\$410,000 \$25,000 \$60,000 \$13,000 \$47,000 \$50,000 \$34,000 \$47,000 \$25,000 \$89,000 \$53,000 \$15,000 \$85,000 \$65,000 \$90,000 \$61,000 \$50,000 \$52,000 \$86,000 \$30,000 \$50,000 \$160,000 \$63,000 \$83,000 \$80,000 \$24,000
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### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Sept. 6-9, 2011, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

1878 Maryland Blvd 1888 Pembroke Rd BLOOMFIELD HILLS 1986 Dell Rose Dr 1427 Kirkway Rd 2406 Rutherd Rd 1281 Water Cliff Dr 3709 Darlington Rd S 440 S Cranbrook Rd 1825 S Woodward Ave 434 Thetford Ln BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP 2412 Broadway Blvd 3835 Carriage Ln 2220 Devonshire Rd 6185 E Surrency Rd 412 N Gleggars Rd 4049 W Maple Rd 5726 Woodwind Dr 873 N Cranbrook Rd COMMERCETOWNSHIP 2221 Applebrook Dr 5403 Plantation Dr 3148 Royal Blvd	\$370,000 \$599,000 \$310,000 \$1,150,000 \$80,000 \$830,000 \$304,000 \$138,000 \$264,000 \$525,000 \$593,000 \$270,000 \$98,000 \$260,000 \$405,000 \$25,000 \$305,000 \$315,000 \$400,000 \$283,000 \$345,000 \$283,000 \$35,000	FARMINGTON 33810 Smithfield Rd 36228 Smithfield Rd Farmington Hills 35745 Castlemeadow Dr 37565 Cherry Hill 38938 Courtyard Cir 37530 Emerald Forest Dr 28716 Eton Glen 37595 Glenmeade Dr 32560 Hearthstone Rd 26811 La Mueria St 25645 Mayfield Dr 28401 New Castle Rd 28519 Newport Dr 29244 Oak Point Dr 28788 Piedmont Dr 25409 Ranchwood Dr FRANKLIN 29855 Forest Dr MILFORD 825 Abbey Ln 541 Cumberland Trl 1785 Melody Ln	\$219,000 \$157,000 \$195,000 \$385,000 \$50,000 \$226,000 \$225,000 \$270,000 \$132,000 \$215,000 \$228,000 \$130,000 \$175,000 \$180,000 \$300,000 \$270,000 \$180,000 \$830,000 \$146,000 \$325,000 \$243,000	NOVI 42945 Brookstone Dr 22427 Cranbrooke Dr 50297 Drakes Bay Dr 313 Elm Ct 24599 Enchanted Trl 24251 Lynwood Dr 195 Pleasant Cove Dr 41821 Quince Dr 1155 South Lake Dr 30193 Viewcrest Ct SOUTH LYON 1150 Fountain View Cir 27530 Millford Rd 39378 Pacers Path Southfield 19751 Filmore St 28540 Glasgow St 17337 Westover Rd WHITE LAKE 1934 Margie Dr 8956 Sandy Ridge Dr 9185 Sandy Ridge Dr	\$243,000 \$90,000 \$592,000 \$13,000 \$170,000 \$80,000 \$209,000 \$88,000 \$33,000 \$247,000 \$68,000 \$139,000 \$225,000 \$75,000 \$26,000 \$86,000 \$196,000 \$230,000 \$234,000
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