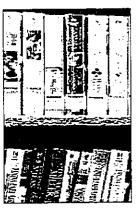


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Parking will be available in the Novi Public Library lot (45255 W. Ten Mile Road) during the 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. session. Parking for the 3-8 p.m. session will use the Novi High School parking lot, behind the library. Entrance to Novi High School is located off of Taft Road. For more information about this event, please contact Novi Public Library at (248) 349-0720 or visit their website at http://www.novilibrary.org/. You can also contact Varsity Lincoln at (248) 374-3412.

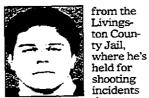
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Roadway shooting suspect faces 60 counts in Oakland County

By Aileen Wingblad Staff Writer

Multiple counts of assault with intent to murder are among the 60 felonies Raulie Casteel faces for the series of roadway shootings in Wixorn and Commerce Township, following his arraignment Nov. 9 in Novi's 52-1 District Court.

Not guilty pleas were entered on behalf of the 43-year-old Wixom resident, arraigned via video



there. District Judge Dennis Powers denied bond on the assault charges, punishable by up to life in prison. Bond was set at \$25,000 for several of the other crimes, including

discharging a weapon from a vehicle and other felony from the Livingsfirearms charges. ton Coun-

In his request for bond, attorney Charles Groh said Casteel's family supports him "100 percent," adding that he has no criminal history, is a college graduate and is a stay-at-home father to his 2-year-old child.

Oakland County Assistant Prosecutor Ken Frazee argued that a high bond or

calling the shootings "acts of terror.

Casteel was arrested Nov. 5 at his in-laws' home, where he had been living with his wife and daughter since moving from Kentucky five months ago. A task force comprised of more than 100 investigators linked Casteel to the shooting spree that began Oct. 16 in Wixom and Commerce, then spread to Livingston, Shiawassee and Ingham counties.

All but one of the 24 reported incidents involved motorists. One driver was

hit by the gunfire. Information provided by a Livingston County witness led investigators to Casteel. A 9mm handgun which has been forensically linked to at least nine of the shootings was confiscated from the home and a shell casing was recovered from the windshield wiper

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The Novi High School Orchestra making sweet music as students learn

Hard work, but students enjoy music program

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

Many of the musicians in the Novi High School Orchestra have been honing their skills daily since elementary school, but it goes beyond just learning an instrument. It's an vital outlet for their creativity.

"This is a great way for us to express ourselves,' said Novi junior Brooke Calhoun, who plays the viola. "I've been part of this for seven years, and I really enjoy the dynamic we have. It's really a different musical experience that can open doors."

Orchestra was first

CONCERT

The next concert will be at 7 p.m. Dec. 6 with both sections performing a holiday-theme at the high school.

introduced to these students in fifth grade. When all put together, the orchestra program is made up of a large instrumental ensemble that contains sections of string, brass, woodwind and percussion instruments. Students describe it as one of

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Novi High sophomore Sonja Large plays some John Williams' tunes during an Oct. 24 rehearsal of the school's Novi High Orchestra Band.

Novi development on tap near I-96, to replace Big Boy

The Big Boy at I-96 and Novi Road in Novi has closed, confirmed Ara Topouzian, city of Novi economic development director.

Kristen Kapelanski. a city planner, said the owner, Novi Land Company LLC, has already been before the Planning Commission.

"I think they're plan-

ning on two restaurants and then one or two retail spaces," she said Nov. 13.

After the Big Boy is demolished, the threeor four-tenant space will be built at some 10,000 square feet.

Building permits are in for review with the Building Division, she said, and will be looked at by city

officials for code compli-

ance. Kapelanski was unsure of the timeframe for building construction.

By Julie Brown

A staple of Novi's restaurant scene for decades, the Big Boy on the west side of Novi Road just south of 1-96 has closed.





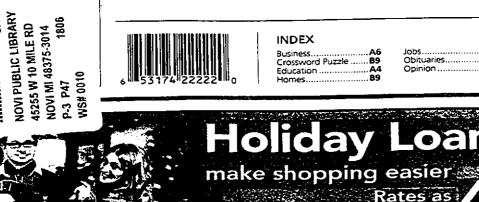
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Youth Assistance looks to community for help

NYA serving Novi families for over 50 years

A \$2,000 donation capped the Novi Youth Assistance's 55th annual breakfast meeting on Nov. 8, with a wide range of community supporters attend-

NYA has been strengthening families through community involvement for over half a century. It operates with the sponsorship of the Oakland County Circuit Court-Family Division, the Novi Community School District, the City of Novi, and with principal funding supplied through the Oakland County Board of Commissioners.

"Volunteers are our most impor tant resource," said NYA Chair John O'Brien, "and we have many sponsors to thank for making this a great communi-

NYA is connected with Oakland County Youth Assistance and is dedicated to the prevention of juvenile delinquency, child abuse and child neglect. Youth Assistance programs are community-based and developed by volunteers. According to caseworker Tom Swieboda, NYA has provided services to 571 families in the past year.

One support group is the Novi Youth Council. The 21-members are charged with making recommendations to the City Council concerning the needs of children, youth, and families in the city, and the appropriate means by which public and private agencies in cooperation with volunteer efforts may address such needs.

During the meeting, Rebecca Chen, Youth Council leader and Novi High School student, presented the NYA with a check for \$2,000 - money raised

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"It's really like no other class,"

said junior bassist Ashwin Johri.

"It's a lot of practicing, but it's

fun. And our new teacher is

hands-on, so that helps out as

Some new energy has been

as new director Jim Van Eizen-

ga is now leading the orchestra.

orchestra classes through a 54-

minute practice. Each class has

For him, it's not too difficult to

around 40 students.

Each school day he takes his two

brought to the orchestra this year

"Addicted to Movies, Not Drugs". This movie event has been going on for several years and is in partnership with the Novi Police Department and Emagine Entertainment. It features drug education materials and the opportunity for students to create public service announcements about drug education for broadcasting on local cable television.

For Chen and the rest of the youth council, NYA was the logical choice for the donation and they couldn't be happi-"It does a lot good for the community,"

Chen said of NYA. "We try to help out as much as we can."

The keynote speaker at the breakfast meeting was Bob Steeh, Novi Community Education director. He emphasized the cooperation among the various NYA



to the Novi Youth Assistance during the NYA's annual breakfast meeting. From left to right are NYA chairperson John O'Brien, NYC leader Rebecca Chen, NYA secretary Julie Abrams and Bob Steeh, Novi Commu-

a successful community service. "All work together," he said, "for the betterment of families and the community."

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SHOOTER

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of Casteel's 2009 Chevy Malibu, police said. Casteel is reportedly a former employee of the Department of Energy who has been out of work for the past two years. Clarence Goodlein, Wixom's public safe-

ry director, said the reason behind the shootings is a mystery to investigators. "It's unlikely (we'll learn why) unless he ells us or someone else knows and gives us

the information," he said. Goodlein said the investigation includes "looking into (Casteel's) background and history in Kentucky" but wouldn't comment further on findings at this time.

The size of the task force is what brought a successful conclusion to the shooting spree, Goodlein said.

"Any time you put that many people together, you can move an investigation quickly," he said.

Casteel was scheduled for a pre-exam conference yesterday, after press time, at the Novi court. It hasn't yet been determined if a competency evaluation will be ordered.

An exam conference in Howell's 53rd district court was set for later that day for six felony counts he faces in Livingston County. Charges are also pending in Shiawassee and

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Many in the community know about the high school marching band, but the orchestra, which is made up of the symphony and concert sections, may be relative



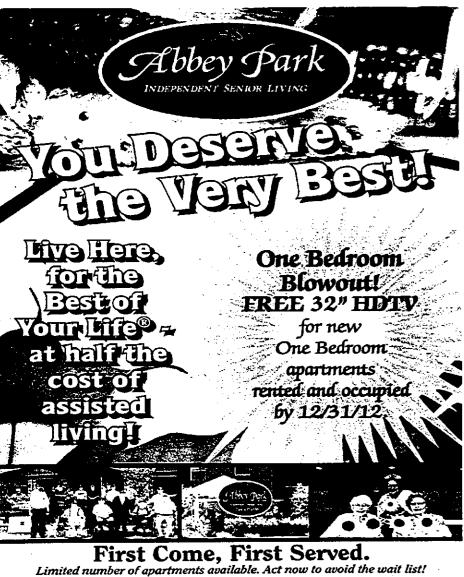
Novi High Orchestra Band conductor Jim Van-Eizenga works with the band's string section during an Oct. 24 rehearsal.

ly unknown outside of family circles. The students want to change this by getting the word out. "We want to get our name out there because many people don't know about us," said Calhoun. "There are a lot of talented peo-

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D.C. trip a reminder of country's sacrifices

By Steve Matthews

ast weekend, 322 eighth grade students and 28 chaperones loaded seven buses and headed out for Washington, D.C. We traveled through the night, stopping

Unloading and

322 students is

quite an experi-

Once in D.C.,

we had the

then loading



opportunity Steve Matthews to see history We visited the National Archives to see the Declaration of Independence. the Constitution, and the Bill

of Rights. We spent time at a

museum dedicated to freedom of the press - the Newseum. We toured the Capital Building and the Library of Congress.

The guides were impressed by the knowledge our students had about government and his tory. As they asked questions there were always several students who knew the answers. During our trip we also saw

the monuments and memorials dedicated to the great leaders and those who fought for America's freedom.

As we walked around the Arlington National Cemetery, World War II, Korean and Vietfaces of our eighth graders. They were awed by the magnificence of the monuments. But I wondered if they truly underwomen who fought in these wars really made for the rest

It is hard for me to comprehend the sacrifices that have been made so that I can live in this country. At Arlington National Cemetery there are rows and rows of headstones. each representing the life of country. At the Vietnam Memorial you see thousands of names etched into stone that represent lives given to this country.

munities have chosen not to do Our students are fortunate to that. But our community has, through its votes, demonstratlive in a community, a state and a country that affords them ed a commitment to our students that has allowed us to limitless possibilities. Our stubuild a quality school system dents have some of the best The visit to Washington, D.C. educational facilities in the state last week reminded me about and nation. They have opportuthe sacrifices people make to nities in the arts and athletics support causes bigger than that many students in other dis-

have many, many examples of Our students have these people who were willing to sacopportunities because they rifice. Last week in Washington live in a community that is with our eighth graders we all willing to sacrifice for them saw many examples of the sac-Our community has voted to fund improvements to schools rifices that people make.

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In the Novi Community School District we also have examples of sacrifice. We have a community that sacrifices time and money to create a school system that provides opportunities for our students so that they have the opportuni-

Steve Matthews is the superintendent of the Novi Community Schools district. He can be reached at smatthews@novi.k12.mi.us; (248) 449-1204; www.twitter.com/ docsmatthews; or www.novisuperintendent.blogspot.com.

Ex-Wildcat uses broadcast class experience to win first in film fest

Have you ever asked yourself: What impact do the classes I take in high school have on my future success? Why take electives? Can't the school day just be shortened to include only standard classes?

Electives can have a big impact on your future. Aside from the standard curriculum, you get to learn about a variety of different fields by taking elective classes. For many students, this helps them pick their major in college, and ultimately, helps them decide on a

High school is the time to explore and look at all kinds of different options. Novi High School offers a wide variety of classes to provide students the opportunity to explore. Graduation standards require students to take classes in the four core subjects as well as physical education, health, world language and visual performing or applied arts. This provides an opportunity for this exploration for every student.

Josh Buscher, a graduate of Novi High

School, class of 2009, has seen the benefits of this kind of exposure.

"My interest in film started in high school with my broadcast/television news classes," said Buscher, "Although I did not think that this would lead to a career, working on the daily Cats Eye News taught me to work together with a team of people to produce a daily show in a short period of time. Cats Eye also gave me the opportunity to get involved with production and eventually led me to select my major at Michigan State University. I was fortunate to be able to have the freedom to take classes that interested me."

Now Buscher can boast of winning first place in the East Lansing Film Festival, one of the largest and most diverse film festivals in Michigan.

"In the 48/5 contest we had only 48 hours to create a quality film working with a team of diverse people," said Buscher. "Each team was provided a genre, a line of dialogue and a prop to be included in the film. Because of my

experience, I had many roles in the production including executive producer, art director, props master and production assistant. It was a great experience that will help me in launching a career in film and the best part was taking first

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bringing quality foreign and independent files to Michigan. The festival is a cooperative effort with the City of East Lansing and Michigan State University. And electives do matter, said Buscher, adding that he would encourage students to think about taking a variety of

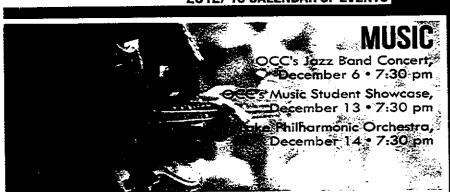
Created in 1997, ELFF is dedicated to

electives 'The only way you get a taste for different subjects is by exploring a variety of interests," he said. "The benefit to them is that they, too, might find their passion and begin to build a career

Submitted by Noah Buscher, younger brother of Josh Buscher, who can be reached at ncbuscher@gmail.com.



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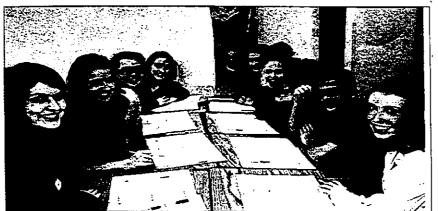


Fun Run Reagan Lentz, center,

and her Deerfield Elementary School ellow students race around the school's gym on Oct. 19 during its fall coincided with its Spirit Week activities, was coordinated by the national "Get Movin'" crew and doubled as a fitness and fundraiser effort for the Novi school.

JOHN HEIDER I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Mock Legislature



Approximately 50 high school students from FRCS are participated in a Mock Legislature program last week with Lansing-based Student Statesmanship Institute (SSI), under the leadership of James Muffett, running the SSI Onsite Program. The program is an educational course where high school students experience leadership at a high level while learning about civics. Shown (I to r) are several participating students: Kvia Robison (11th grade), Brecken Mumford (11th), Christina Montoro (10th), Kelsey Clay (10th), Jessica Brand (10th), Marissa Kjos (10th), Anthony Polk (10th) and Delaini Walrich (11th).

Time is flying, but you can still get a fresh turkey

Some like to buy down on the farm

If Thanksgiving crept up on you this year, there's no need to get in a flutter.

Local farms are still taking orders for fresh turkeys.

Customers can walk in and purchase ovenready birds as late as Wednesday, the day before Thanksgiving. as long as there are some left.

Fresh turkeys save time because they bake faster and don't take davs to defrost.

Christine Roperti owner of Roperti's Turkey Farm in Livonia, and Tom Toth, manager of Huron Turkey Farm in Romulus, said some customers were caught off-guard this year by how fast Thanksgiving Thanksgiving is the

earliest it can possibly Officially designated as the fourth Thursday of November since 1941, the national holiday can vary from Nov.

22 to Nov. 29. "I think a lot of people don't realize it's already here." Toth said. "We're just getting over Hal-

And the election. Roperti said personal orders were down 14 percent and business orders were down 28 percent before rebounding after the election.

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the United States at Thanksgiving — that's one-sixth of all turkeys sold in the U.S. each year, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture,

Turkeys rule the roost in the field at Roperti's Turkey Farm.

Roperti's sells about 4,000 turkeys each year, and Huron Turkey Farm sells about 2,200.

giving in 1621. Pilgrim Edward Winslow's writ-Both have been in business for decades. Yet today, more than Roperti's since 1948 and Huron Turkey since 45 million turkeys are cooked and eaten in

Fresh turkeys cost Roperti's charges \$3.39 a pound, Huron Turkey, \$3.18 a pound. "People don't mind spending that money

once a year," Toth said, when they can taste a difference Roperti said people want a moist and tasty turkey. She feeds her birds a mix of corn, oats

and wheat, which gives

them their flavor. "I'm a

acre farm on Five Mile Toth feeds his birds corn and water. "There's no preservatives, no chemicals, no medications. They're the cleanest purest organic tur-

he said. Turkeys at Roperti's and Huron Turkey Farm are processed the day before they're picked

small farmer," she said.

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them the very best. I

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The turkeys are free-

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People think they're getting a fresh turkey when they buy Amish birds. Toth said, but they're trucked in from get the bird in the oven. it's been on ice 10 days. Toth said. "I think the Amish (turkey) is noth-

Nancy Provan of Grosse Ile brags about Huron Turkey Farm and the turkeys she has been buying there for 40 years. "They're just delicious," she said, adding the breast meat is moist, never dry, and the birds cook faster

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being fresh. keys money can buy,' She said the customer service she gets at Huron Turkey Farm is great and "everything about the place is immaculate."

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Civic Center Campus will be brighter than ever at Light Up the

Night on Nov. 30 With the holiday season aglow with activity, the Civic Center Campus will reflect the cheer at the annual to Light up the Night event from 6:30-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30. The event, held indoors and out.

offers seasonal fun for everyone. Mayor Bob Gatt and a special visifestive tone by lighting the holiday tree at 6:45 p.m. Additional highlights include a craft show, Santa visits (professional photos are \$5 each), kids' activities, marshmallow roasting, hockey skills competition, live reindeer, miniature train rides and free food samples from several local restaurants.

Festive hay wagons will shuttle people to and from the Novi Public Library to enjoy face painting and Tom Plunkard the Magician perfor-

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will feature Musikgarten & Me, the Novi Chorlaires, and an interactive Nutcracker performance for all to enjoy! New for 2012 is a House Decorating Contest with the winner announced at Light Up the Night. To enter, send photos of outdoor

house decorations to Greg Morris. reation supervisor a cityofnovi.org by Nov. 26. Artists and crafters interested in participating in the Light Up the Night craft show may visit cityofnovi.org and complete the application by Wednesday, Nov. 14. Dona-

tions of gifts and money will be collected at the event to benefit HAVEN - a safe place for families of domestic abuse.

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watches and timepieces, and received his degree in horology at Houston Technical College before relocating to southeast Michigan.

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Miller has over 28 years experience with

"Another difficult request was hand-cutting a triangular crystal for a special-edition Masonic pocketwatch by Rolex," Miller continued. There's ood reason over 172 jewelers in the area rely on Triple Crown and Miller for those hard-to-fix assignments. "I enjoy the challenge of restoring unique timepieces to their original functioning state. It is as much an artform as it is pure mechanics, and it is extremely rewarding to see

these old pieces correctly keeping time again." Triple Crown is located at 1940 E. Maple Rd. (at John R.) in Troy. In addition to repairing watches, straps, batteries and winding boxes,

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Holiday shopping online saves time

By Jon Gunnelis

Black Friday deals aren't always the cheapest way to shop before the belief Consumers also don't have to wait until Cyber Monday (Monday after Thanksgiving) to get the best deals Below you will find several sites that will



er consumer goods between now and Jan-Slickdeals.net -This site is a catch all for the best-priced computers, parts, televisions, DVD players

and even other household items like bedding, towels, food and more. The items listed on this site are submitted by consumers and voted on by the community. The deals with the most votes get higher placement on the site - which is always changing, so make sure to check back often.

Newegg.com and Tigerdirect.com - If you want to save money on a laptop, camera, desktop or computer accessories you don't have to wait in line at the big box store with a yellow price tag. A 500gb external harddrive, for example, can currently be purchased for \$50 and that's before the holiday fire sales have started.

For those who don't want to buy big ticket items online, you can find similar deals on similar items at ABC

Daily Deal Sites - Searching for a night on the town, local activities or half-priced food? Try scoring a deal at any one of the popular daily deal sites. One such destination is deal-chicken.com. DealChicken has new deals each day that can save you up to 50 percent on food, tickets and

Woot.com — The most fun you can

have spending money is on woot. com. Each day Woot has a deeply discounted item or items that users can purchase (while supplies last). They also have discount wine at winewoot com, discount shirts at shirtwoot.

And when the holidays near, the site gets a little hectic as well with an event called a Woot Off. During a Woot Off, the site clears out the warehouse one item at a time, selling goods in their online firesale.

Once an item sells out, the next item enters the Woot off until all the items are sold. Additionally, woot. com has community-sourced deals that list the best sales at stores in

Cowboom.com — This Best Buyowned site sells new and refurbished items online at deep discounts. The inventory is similar to what you would find at a retail store, but doesn't have the hassle of long lines, parking lot congestion, cell phone salesmen and crazy people.

ebay.com - If you don't like bidding in auctions you can search for items with "Buy It Now" options. The majority of eBay items come with free shipping — especially those from professional sellers. eBay users are also given buyer protection to protect consumers from

Hometownlife.com — While you can't purchase gifts on the newspaper's homepage, you can access local advertisers, big box retailers and more. Hometownlife.com is also a portal to homefinder.com, just in case you feel like being a big spender this year.

Just remember, whenever or whatever you buy, do your research. Just because a Black Friday or Cyber Monday sale is hyped, doesn't mean it is the best deaaround.

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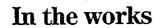
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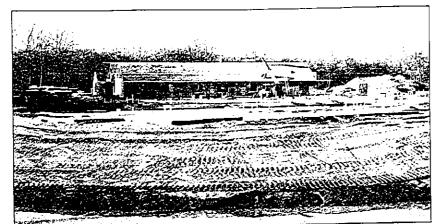
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Work continues on Novi's 100-bed, skilled nursing center MediLodge on 11 Mile Road. The facility is slated to open in the summer 2013 and is located between Wixom and Beck roads. Some of its beds will be transferred to Novi from Bloodfield Hills' MediLodge under an agreement with the Michigan Department of

NOVI BUSINESS BRIEFS

Cooper Standard reports third quarter results

company of Cooper Standard Automotive, a global supplier of systems and components for the automotive industry, announced financial results for the third quarter ended Sept. 30. The company also reaffirmed its previous sales

The company reported revenue of \$684 million for the third quarter of 2012, compared to \$708.5 million in the third quarter of 2011. Sales were positively impacted by increased volumes in North America, offset by unfavorable foreign exchange of \$42.5 million and decreased volumes in Europe. For the nine months ended Sept. 30, revenue was \$2.18 billion, compared to \$2.16 billion in the same period in 2011, an increase of \$26 million or 1.2 percent.

"Our global footprint has been invalu able in managing headwinds in chal-lenging markets," said Cooper Stan-dard Chief Executive Officer Jeffrey S. Edwards. "Cooper Standard has been able to deliver a relatively strong quarter despite lower volumes and ongoing weakness in Europe. As we support our customers, Cooper Standard will continue to win diverse global platform business, while focusing on meeting the demand for more fuel efficient technol-

Gross profit for the quarter was \$103.1 million or 15.1 percent of sales, compared to \$108.6 million or 15.3 per ent of sales in the third quarter of 2011. Gross profit was positively affected by olume and vehicle mix, raw material recovery and lean savings, offset by ties, footprint adjustments and increas-

The company reported net income of 11.6 million or \$0.44 per share on a ful-2012, compared to \$15.7 million or \$0.58 per share in 2011. Third quarter net

income reflected the same factors that primarily impacted gross profit as well as higher restructuring charges, offset by increased equity earnings from non-consolidated joint ventures and foreign exchange. Net income for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 was \$112.7 million, which included a \$48.3 million benefit related to the reversal of the valuation allowance on the company's deferred income tax assets in the United States recorded in the second quarter, as compared to net income of \$79.6 million in the same prior year

Medical community supports Big Family of Michigan

Big Family of Michigan is an organization in southeast Michigan helping to make life better for children waiting to be adopted, or in at-risk situations. One of their programs ensures that in-need children are given toys for the holidays. Over 6,000 toys will be given out this holiday season and, once again, Michigan Surgery Specialists (MSS) and Oakland Regional Hospital (ORH) have volunteered to help Big Family reach their

goal. Guests may visit Big www.FamilyofMichigan.org for more information on their many programs.

MSS office locations and ORH -Including 44000 West Twelve Mile Road, Suite 205, Novi (248-374-0077) - are hosting a toy drive from Nov. 16 through Dec. 5 that is open to the public and their employees. Individuals are asked to drop off new, unwrapped toys or gift

18 years of age. The medical group will also host an internal employee contest to raise funds to purchase toys; purchase holiday poinsettias with proceeds benefiting E Family; host a toy wrapping party; and

Novi-based Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. (OTCBB: COSH), the parent outlook for 2012 ...

costs related to vehicle launch activies in raw material prices. ly diluted basis in the third quarter of

employee volunteers will support Big Family initiatives over the holidays.

cards (Target or Walmart) for infants to

OAKLAND COUNTY BUSINESS WORKSHOPS

FUTURE WORKSHOPS

sion, Farmington Hills Library (p.m.)

Business owners and entrepreneurs who need assistance are invited to attend semoffered by the Oakland County Business Center. Business Basics workshops are now offered in the evenings

Unless otherwise noted, all programs take place at the Oakland County Executive Office Building Conference Center, 2100 Pontiac Lake Road, west of Telegraph, Waterford.

on alternating months.

CEED Microloan Orientation

Many small business owners face obstacles when trying to obtain a ognition of the serious need for working capital for existing businesses, start-up or expansion, equipment purchases, and job creation is not the priority it once was. If you

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of Writing a

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Dec. 5: Fundamentals of Marketing Your Business

Dec. 6: Business Research: Feasibility to Expan-

Dec. 6: Small Business Loan Workshop (a.m.)

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20th annual Gala raises nearly \$200,000 for St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia

Health care gets boost

St. Mary Mercy Hos-Gala "Return of Hollywood Nights" raised nearly \$200,000 to benefit the Generations Together Campaign, which is raising money for enhancing emergency care and inpatient services. The campaign has been a driving force behind addition at the hospital: a new 154,000-square-foot building that includes a state-of-theart emergency center and 80 private patient

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rooms.
Nearly 600 guests supported the black-tie event held Oct. 5 at the Laurel Manor Banquet and Conference Center in Livonia. The Gala celebrated the glitz and glamour of Hollywood Nights and featured a

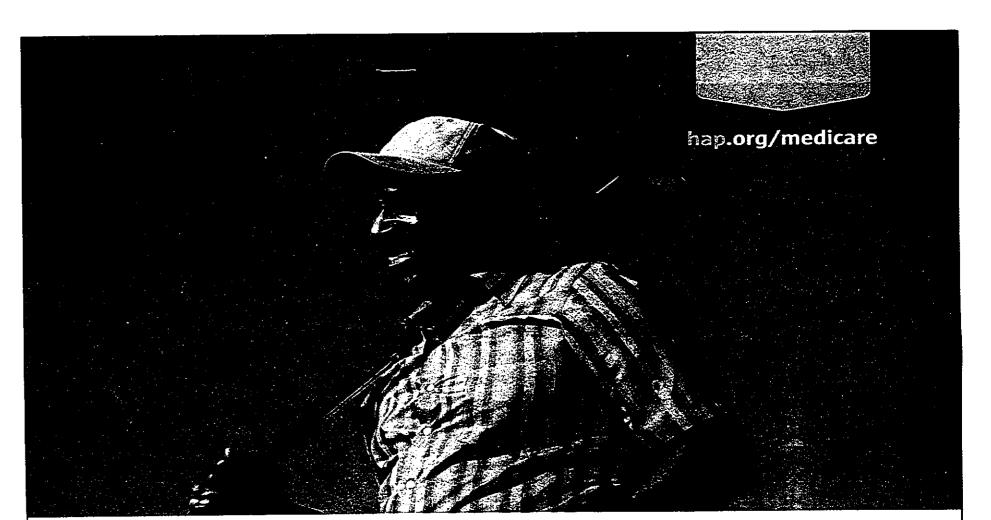
gourmet dinner, dancing, musical entertainment by the Robert Williamson Band. and special Hollywood entertainment.

"It was an enjoyable evening that supported a worthy cause," said Dave Spivey, president and CEO, St. Mary Mercy Hospital. "The growth and continud progress of St. Mary Mercy Hospital comes from the support of our community. The hospital is a

member of Novi-based Trinity Health, the nation's fourth largest Catholic health care organization. Saint Joseph Mercy Health System hospitals provides approximately \$100 million in commu nity benefit to the com-



the St. Mary Mercy Gala and CEO, St. Mary Mercy Carol Cassie Gala chair and founder and Sara director Mary Mercy



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Flu shots available

Oakland County Health Division (OCHD) is now of fering flu shots for \$16 at their Pontiac and Southfield offices. Flu clinic hours are noon-8 p.m. Monday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. Residents can pre-register online at oakgov.com/health.

"We encourage everyone to ge a flu shot and reduce their risk of getting the flu this season." said Kathy Forzley, manager/health officer of the Oakland County Health Division. "Each year nationwide, tens of thousands of people die from the flu. Receiving a flu shot helps lower the risk of

getting the flu and becoming ill.' The Health Division offices are located at the following addresses: North Oakland Health Center; 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Building 34 East, Pontiac

South Oakland Health Center; 27725 Greenfield Road, Southfield Online registration provides a consent form that must be taken to the clinic selected. Online payment options include Visa, MasterCard, Medicare and/or Medicaid, or residents may select to pay cash at the time of appointment. To register by phone, call (248) 858-7350 or (248) 424-7120. Flu shots are also available on a walk in basis. Walk-in payment options include Medicare, Medicaid and cash (no credit cards, checks or

money orders). For more information, visit the Oakland County Health Division website at oakgov.com/health or on Facebook at facebook.com/ nublichealthOC.

Two Ultimate Sport Shows com-

ing to Novi ShowSpan, Inc. announced 2013 dates for its Ultimate Sport Show tour, including two shows at the Suburban Collection Showplace

The Ultimate Fishing Show-Detroit, to be held Jan. 10-13, is the Midwest's biggest pure-fish ing show in America's largest freshwater market. More than 200 booths of new rods, reels, lures and other tackle, plus outfitters, lodges, guides and charter fishing destinations are in the show, along with 200 new fishing boats representing 40 brands. Led by Kevin Van Dam and Mark Zona, more than 75 free seminars are planned for novice to expert anglers.

For more information, visit www.UltimateFishingShow.com or call (800) 328-6550.

The 40th Annual Outdoorama, Feb. 21-24, is one of Michigan's most popular shows for hunters, anglers, campers, boaters, hikers, conservationists, canoeists and wildlife enthusiasts. More than 150 booths of new products and fishing boats, pontoons, canoes, kayaks, deck boats, runabouts and ski and wakeboard boats are in the show. Dozens of free hunting and fishing seminars by national experts are scheduled. The show is held in conjunction with the 6th annual Cottage and Lakefront Living Show - Detroit.

For more information, visit www.Outdoorama.com or call (800) 328-6550.

'The Adventures of Stuart Little' opens tomorrow

Performances are 7 p.m.

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Eight-year old Zach

Argonis, who plays lead

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regarding his first production with the Novi

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character, Stuart Lit-

Friday and Saturday and

Musician Bill Hart entertains an Oct. 25 gathering at the Novi Library with his "Big Band Memories". The former

University of Oakland math professor played a number of tunes from that era and some musical theatre stan-

dards and told of his experiences playing with Marvin Hamlisch, Tony Bennett and Chubby Checker.

for "The Adventures of by The Novi Civic Theatre's Little Peoples Players. The show opens Friday, Nov. 16, and tickets may be purchased online at cityofnovi.org or at the Novi Civic Center (45175 W. Ten Mile) from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday

"The Adventures of Stuart Little" is set in the fabulous 1940's in various parts of New York City and southern New England. The audience will be taken on an imaginative ride through the Little's New York City apartment, Central Park, and the New England countryside - with a few other stops along

Starring Novi residents Zach Argonis, Sarah Griffith and Sara Stanley, more than 30 young actors from Novi and the neighboring towns of



"The Adventures of Stuart Little" features (I to r) Sara Stanley, Jill Harrington, Clare Fitzpatrick, Nick Czarnota, Zach Argonis, Carmryn Tynan and Sarah Griffith.

Twelve Oaks opens ice palace

visitors to Twelve Oaks Mall are in store for some cool family fun when they step inside the center's spectacular holiday Ice Age Ice Palace where visitors can enjoy footage from the family holiday movie "Ice Age: Continental Drift", debuting on Blu-ray™ and DVD

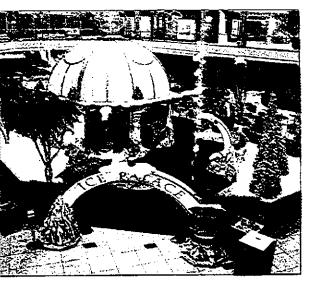
The Ice Age Ice Palace display at Twelve Oaks features a 30-foot ice dome with falling snow, his year, the prehistoric herd from "Ice Age: Continental Drift". Interactive globes will showcase Scrat on his endless mission to catch his precious acorn, while the whole "Ice Age" herd is adrift on an iceberg in can measure their prehistoric heights against

and track down Scrat's missing acorns through out the palace. The highseas adventure culminates with a visit to San ta and a special "Ice Age" gift, along with the exclusive option to pre-order the DVD. "The Ice Palace is the highlight of the holidays at our center, and there

to-paw with the herd

is hardly a more perfect film to showcase in an est 'Ice Age'," said Dan Jones, general manager. "We are thrilled to partner with Fox Home Entertainment to featur this popular family film. Twelve Oaks Mall **hou**rs

are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. Visit www.shoptwelveoaks.com for more



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Local Novi financial professional's achievements recognized at annual conference

Northwestern Mutual honored Anis Ahmed, a Trov-based financial representative, with membership into its 2012 Forum group, which recognizes an outstanding year of helping people achieve financial security. Only the top 5 percent of Northwestern Mutual's more than 6,000 financial representatives receive this annual honor.

Ahmed, affiliated with the Seitzinger Network Office in Troy, joins this distinguished group along with representatives from across the country who have qualified for this honor

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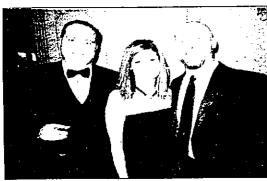
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sentatives like Anis to help them plan for the long-term," said Todd M. Schoon, executive vice president at Northwestern Mutual.

·Forum honorees were recognized at a conference held Nov. 11-14, in Scottsdale, Ariz. Honorees also learned new insights from prominent speakers and shared.

Leukemia Foundation

NEIGHBORS



JULIE YOLLES

The Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan (CLFM) largest fundraiser celebrated its fifth year at the Townsend Hotel as an annual Wine and Food Classic. Simultaneously, the CLFM was celebrating its 60th year of helping sick children and their families with leukemia, lymphoma or other blood diseases throughout the state. Another signature event for CLFM is the CLF Memorial Gold Classic that has been hosted by the Smith Family for the past 19 years. Because of their dedication and loyalty to CLF, the Smith Family received the 2012 CRUSH President's Leadership Award at the dinner. Approximately 400 guests attended CRUSH Birmingham, helping to raise \$200,000 this fiscal year. Pictured (I to r) are Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan Board member Brett Rendeiro of corporate sponsor Varnum LLP in Novi and Tracy and Bert Kelly of

10 for 10



It's Breast Cancer Awareness Month, with several fundraisers dedicated to just that — The Pink Fund Luncheon, Gilda's Club Walk and Saks Key to the Cure to benefit Henry Ford Health System's Josephine Ford Cancer Institute and the Francee and Benson Ford Jr. Breast Care and Wellness Center. The American Cancer Society's Cattle Baron Ball roped in \$1.2 million dollars this month. In the 10 years of the major Western-themed soiree, the event has brought in over \$10 million dollars. Held again this year at Joe Louis Arena, cowboys and cowgals enjoying a strolling dinner with the top area restaurants competing for special honors. Guests also enjoyed a special unplugged concert by country music star Toby Keith. Shown (I to r) are Michele Zubalik of Henry Ford Columbus Center in Novi, John Zubalik of Art Van Furniture in Novi, and Miss Michigan 2012, Angela

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☐ Greens Market Weekend ~ November 17 (10 a.m.-4 p.m.) & November 18 (11 a.m.-3 p.m.) ~ Town Square

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Company helps save 'SS United States'

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Everyone knows about But a Livonia business and a growing number of people interested in pre-

serving maritime history want Americans to know about "the greatest ship ever built" - the SS United States. The massive ocean lin-

er, which sailed from 1952 to 1969, still holds the trans-Atlantic speed record for a passenger It was 107.5 feet lon-

ger and more than 50 percent faster than the Titanic, and unlike the ill-fated luxury liner, it's still floating. "It's greater in many

ways than the Titanic,' said David Lawrence, chief administrative officer for AlphaUSA. Yet, because it didn't

tragically fail, it's not nearly as famous, he said. Lawrence is helping his company, AlphaU-SA, along with its president, Chuck Dardas, get the word out about the SS United States, a.k.a

help save and restore it. Moored in Philadel phia, it was rescued from being sold for scrap by a Philadelphia philanthro pist and is now owned by the nonprofit SS United States Conservancy.

America's flagship, to

Lawrence spoke RECENTLY to the Livonia AM Rotary Club, showing excerpts from an upcoming PBS documentary on the ship and telling about a website AlphaUSA designed where donors can "purchase" a square inch of the ship for \$1 (savetheunitedstates.

Waterfront attraction

Plans are to turn the ship into a permanent waterfront attraction with hotel rooms, restaurants and a museum. The cost for the initial restoration and museum alone is \$25 million, Lawrence said. More money is needed to develop it into a usable attraction. been raised so far. Lawrence said Dar-

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Lawrence also saw the SS United States as "a model of technology, innovation and American ingenuity," which "aligns with how Alpha approaches manufac-

on the advisory council for the conservancy. Only object called 'United States'

Liberty restoration. But as soon as Dardas heard of the need, he wanted to get involved in helping to save the ship, Lawrence said. Dardas has a personal connection: "He owned a model of the ship during his childhood," greatly subsidized with

Lawrence said. 🕟 -Lawrence himself had never heard of the ship until a year and a half ago, but he said he Noted for its safequickly realized "this was something incred-

"When you see her in person, she is a mammoth ship," he said, stretching as many feet in length as the Chrysler building does in height.

das heard about the

ship's plight from a

Philadelphia customer

with ties to the conser-

vancy. The customer

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Iacocca in the hopes

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had asked for contact

the retired auto execu-

tive-turned philanthro-

the needed revenue as

he had for the Statue of

turing," he said. Lawrence now serves

Funded under an act of Congress, the superliner was designed by famed naval architect William Francis Gibbs, constructed entirely in the United States and

taxpaver dollars. It is "the only manmade object called the United States," Lawrence said.

ty, speed and style, the ship was designed to serve as the world's finest passenger liner in peaceful times. But in case of war, it could be converted in just two days to a troop carrier, capable of trans-

anywhere in the world. On July 7, 1952, the SS United States completed the transatlantic passage in three days, 10 hours and 40 minutes, with an average.speed of 35.59 knots (more than 40 mph), shattering the

porting 15,000 troops to

Oueen Mary's standing record. The ship was so fast,

David Lawrence, chief administrative officer of Alpha USA, talks about efforts to restore the SS United States.

the water peeled the paint from its bow. Even when still, it looked like it was in motion with its slanted red, white and blue stacks and a sharp The "Big U" made her

final transatlantic voyage on Nov. 7, 1969, replaced by the muchfaster jet airplane. She was removed from ser-

vice on Nov. 11 of that The ship's restoration project is get-ting national publicity. Besides PBS, CBS Sunday morning is doing a program on it as is Time magazine, Law-

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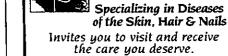
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Michigan State before enlisting

in the Navy for the duration of World War II. When the war was

trician, started his own steel slit-

Lvon Football Boosters Club and

vas a member of the South Lyon

community for 62 years. Richard was an avid SCUBA diver, wil-

turning to South Lyon for health reasons. Richard is survived by his wife Ila and four children:

Carol Fleischer and husband Mitchell, Robert McFadden and

wife Dolores, Loren McFadden. Janine McFadden. He is also sur

vived by three grandsons: Ethan Fleischer and wife Rachel: Dan-

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McFadden and wife whitney, and granddaughter Caroline McFadden. Richard has five Fleischer, Henry Zachary Fleischer and Asher McFadden. Please call the funeral home at 248-437-1616 for whitney and funeral lime.

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CARLTON WILLIAM E.

Age 90 passed away on November 10, 2012. Wil-liam was born on Decemher 24, 1921; son of the late Luby and Loretta Carlton. William proudly served in the United States Marines and was a Detroit Police Officer for 25 years prior to his retirement. He is survived by his loving wife Shirley Carlton and his children inda (Jim) Chain, Vicki Azzopardi, Lori (Martin) Petrill and William (Cathy) Carlton. He is also survived by 8 grandchildren and 7 grandchildren and was pres in death by his daughter, Chris-tine Ann in 1949 and his sisters and his brother-in-law. Visitation 12 from 11:00 a.m. until the time of the funeral service at 4:00 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon, Burial and military honors will take place on Thursday, November 15th at 11:15am at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, Michigan. Memorial contributions in loving memory of William are requested Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, 875 North Randolph

Street, Suite 225, Arlington, VA 22203, Online guestbook at: www.phillipsfuneral.com CODY, JULIE VENITA 87, of 438 Co. Rd. MU, Suomi Location, died at 12:50 p.m. on Marquette General Hospital, Ju-lie was born September 23, 1925 in Daniel Boon, KY to Walter and Clara (Franklin) Butler, She graduated from Plymouth High School in Plymouth, MI, and was employed in Northville, MI as a payroll clerk at a State of Michigan Hospital. Following retirement, she and her husband moved back to the Negaunee area in 1986. Mrs. Cody was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Marquette. In her younger years, she was a mem-ber of the Red Hats. In her free time, Julie enjoyed going to Curves and Tops. Surviving are her husband of 63 years, Wilfred F. 'Bill'Cody of Suomi Location, 2 sons: William (Dianna) Cody and David Cody, both of Texas, 2 grandchildren: Adam and Jus-tin Cody, 4 great grandchildren: Anthony, Alex, Christian and



McKenzie Cody, a sister, Loretta Olson of Plymouth, MI. Julie

rents, 2 sons: Randy and Steve

Cody, and a brother, Alfred But-ler. No services are scheduled at this time. Condolences may be

expressed online at:

ige 46, passed away suddenly n November 10, 2012, Resident of Novi since 2007, formerly of Findlay, Ohio and Farmington Hills. Beloved husband of Julie (Green) Deneweth. In addition to his wife, Rob is survived by his loving children Christopher, Alexander and Natalie, Born 984 and was a graduate of the University of Michigan School of Engineering. He went on to earn a Master's degree in Engi-neering Management from Master's degree in Engineering Management from The Universi-ty of Michigan Dearborn. He enjoyed a long career at Ford Mo-tor Company. Rob's most recent role was with Ford Racing, as the powertrain development engineer for the twin-turbo Mus-tang Cobra Jet which was recentunveiled at the Specialty ment Market Association Along with racing his Mustang and working on engines in his spare time, Rob lived life large and enjoyed a distinguished record in the BMX racing world. He shared his racing expertise as a driving instructor at Waterford Hills Road Race Track. Additional hobbies included spending outdoor time with his family boating, skiing, water sports, mountain biking, and racing slot cars as well as participating in scouting activities with his sons. He was an avid University of Michigan football fan. Along with his wife and children. Rob is survived by his mother, Louise Kay Auriemma of Florida, father Robert Joseph Deneweth and step-mother Dian Wilkins of Birmingham, MI, sister Amy (Her-schel) Abrams, step-siblings An-dy Wilkins and Sharon (Terry) Konja, and father-in-law and mother-in-law James and Jere Ann Green of Birmingham, Ml. Rob is loved by many sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, nephews, nieces, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. His family will gather with friends Thursday for visitation from 2-8 pm at Casterline Funeral Home, 122 West Dunlap St., Northville. The funeral will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday

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Age 63, passed away November 4, 2012. He was born on April 27, 1949 in Wyandotte, son of the late Stanley and Veronica Dreffs. He was an elementary teacher with the South Lyon School District for 35 years. He enjoyed duck hunting with his son Brandon and equally enjoyed golfing with his son Neil. He was an avid craftsman of duck decoys. He is survived by his be-loved wife, Mary Jo. his sons: Neil (Bethany) Dreffs and Brandon (Cassandra) Dreffs, his grandchildren: Cooper and Avery. He is also survived by his sisters: Patricia (Raymond) Zawacki, Agatha (Bill) Graney and his nieces, nephews and many loving friends. Visitation was held on Friday, November 9th at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. Funeral Mass was celebrated on Saturday. November don (Cassandra) Dreffs, his

brated on Saturday, November 10 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 830 S. Lafayette, South Lyon. Memorial contributions may be made to Huron Valley Ducks Unlimited, Active Faith Community Services, 401 S. Washington, P.O. Box 188, South Lyon, MI 48178 or Special NW, Washington, DC 20036. Online Guestbook at:

KNEALE, BEVERLY Age 83, passed away Nov. 8, 2012. A private family service was held. Arrangements by Phil-lips Funeral Home, South Lyon.



RUSSELL A. J. 11-11-1925 11-10-2012

Passed away November 10, 2012. Age 86, a South Lyon resident. Be-loved and cherished hus-band of 64 years to Marian R. band of 64 years to Marian K.
LaLonde, He is also survived by
his loving children Marie Sheppard (Paul), Suzanne Tooman
(Daniel), Barbara Tremitiere
(Robert) Russell LaLonde (Penny) and precious and adored
grandchildren Nichole, Amanda,
Kally, Barbaria, Bryne Benjamin, Brynne, Joshua, Abby, Jacob and Stacey, Joshua, Abby, Jacob and greatly loved great grandchildren Nicholas, Luey, Aubry, Emily, Landon and Lauren, Russell served his country proudly in the U.S. Coast Guard in Alaska and Minnesota. He went to the University of Detroit Business School and became a business owner servicing petroleum equipment to the commercial market. He was active with the market. He was active with the Livonia Exchange Club fostering the Detroit Metro area. Russell loved spending time at his cottage in Northern Michigan with his wife and family snowmobiling, hunting, fishing and playing cards. He loved sports, particularly golf and hockey. Russell was the most loving, kind and gentle man who loved the Lord and cherished time reading his Bible. A memo-rial was held at Solid Rock Bible



BEVERLY L. Age 96 of Northville, loving daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, died peacefully November 9, 2012. Born Sep-November 9, 2012. Born September 18, 1916, in Cleveland, OH. Beverly attended Hiram College where she met her husband, J. William (Bill) Zabor, who areaded her in death in who preceded her in death in 1994. She and Bill lived in eight states during their 54-year mar-riage. Their longest residencies were in Mt. Lebanon, PA: Grosse Ile, MI; Barrington, IL; and Northville, MI. For many years Beverly was deeply in-volved in Christian education programs of the churches she belonged to. Beverly loved golf, bridge, travel, and reading. She is survived by her three children, Barbara (Albert) Glover of Cruig) of Hiram, OH, and Doug-las (Magda Schijff) Zabor of Chapel Hill, NC; seven grandat Oak Pointe Church, 50200 West 10 Mile Road, Novi. In lieu children, Scott (Charlotte) Bassin, Valerie (Chris) Haslett, Ben, Emily, Luke, Rien, and Drew Zabor, and five great-

grandchildren. Family and friends will miss her lively wit

and loving spirit. A memorial service will be held in Ohio in

FRANKLIN HALLEN, JR.

Memorial Service will be held at Lynch & Sons, Milford, on Saturday, May 11th, at 1PM. Me-

RODNEY S. age of 87, surrounded by his family on Tuesday, November 13, 2012. Richard After graduating from Wyan-dotte High School, where he held track records that stood for over 20 years, he played football fo over he returned to Michigan and

married Ila Schwochow, High School sweetheart. then became a journeyman elecing business, began a family, bought an eighty acre farm in South Lyon and raised registered black angus beef cattle. Richard is a life member of the Wayne Masonic Lodge, member of the South Lyon Methodist Church and former Sunday school teach South Lyon Methodist Churen and former Sunday school teacher, former member of the South Lyon State Savings Bank board of directors, and former member of the South Lyon Kiwanis. He helped established the South Lyon Ecottal Boosters Club and demess explorer, hunter and fisherman. He was a commer-cial lobsterman in the Florida Keys for five years before re-

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MIELKĖ. DAVID R. Age 74, passed away November 4, 2012. He was born on Octo-ber 24, 1938, in Detroit, to the late Otto and Blanche (Roush) Mielke. He retired as a Supervi-sor from Ford Motor Company after many years of service. He was a Master Mason of the Livo-nia Lodge and enjoyed watching Western movies. He was an avid hunter and outdoorsman. David hunter and outdoorsman. is survived by his children: Da-Candy Werner; grandchildren: Joey & Crystal Turbett; siblings: Louise Churchill, Thomas; Jonathan, and Robert. He was pro ceded in death by his beloved wife Carol on Oct. 15, 2012. Visitation was held on Nov. 8 Thursday, from 3:00 - 9:00 p.m A funeral service was held of Nov. 9, Friday, at 11:00 a.m. a Phillips Funeral Home. South



MARTIN CHARLES "BUD" April 3,1935 -November 17, 2003 /e thank God for every precimoment we spent with you. You are in our thoughts even sson, every warm hug and every encouraging word. We love you! We miss you!

In Memoriam



What you need to know to make the right food choices for your pets

Pet owners want the very best for their animals, but it can be hard to choose the right food. With hundreds of pet food products available, how do you decide what's best for your pet? It's smart to start with be confusing if you don't know what to look for. Here's what you need to

Pet Food Names

So what's in a product name? More than you might think. According to the manual produced by The Association of American Feed Control Officials (AAFCO), if a pet food name says:

•Chicken, beef, seafood. lamb - it must contain 95 percent of that ingredient. A combination of ingredients (Chicken and Liver) — the two named ingredients together must make up 95 percent of the total weight. The first ingredient should be the predominant one. This only applies to animal-based ingredi-

 Dinner, entrée, platter, formula, etc. (Beef Dinner; Seafood Platter) - it must contain 25 percent of the listed ingredient. If more than one ingredient is included in the name, the combination of ingredients must total 25 percent of the product.

•With (Lamb with Rice) - it must contain 3 percent of the primary ingre-

•Flavor (Chicken Flavored) — no minimum should be able to detect the

Ingredient List

The primary goal of pet food is to deliver key nutrients to your pet. The high-er the ingredient quality is, the easier it is for your pet to absorb and use the nutri ents they contain. Here's a closer look at pet food ingredients, the primary nutrients they deliver and the health benefits they offer to pets.

 Fresh meat, chicken, poultry by-product meal, meat by-products, soybean meal and egg - High quality protein for muscle tone and development and healthy skin.

 Animal fat, fish oil and vegetable oil - Fats and essential fatty acids for energy, improved taste and healthy skin and coat Corn. rice, barley, sor-

ghum — Carbohydrates for energy and other nutri-•Cellulose, soybean mill run and beet pulp - Fiber

sources that promote intestinal tract health; some are helpful in weight control. Chemical names in the ingredient list are most often vitamins or minerals added for complete nutri-

What about by-products? A by-product is a secondary food item that is made from a primary ingredient production stream. A byproduct like "chicken byproduct meal" can contain organ meat that has a high nutritional value. In fact, it's a more concentrated protein source than raw chicken alone and contains high quality, highly digestible protein.

Not all by products are

Pet owners want the best for their animals. The Association of American Food Control Officals offers guidelines in understanding pet food labels.

Pet food labels are confusing if you don't know what to look for. The guidelines here can help pet owners understand what "natural" means.

created equal. For example, a high-quality pet food often recommended by veterinarians, such as Hill's (makers of Science Diet and Prescription Diet), only accept high quality by-product ingredients. However. bargain brands may use inferior ingredients that include feathers or other lower-nutritional parts of the animal.

Guaranteed Analyses

By law, pet food packaging must show the minimum percentages of crude protein and fat, as well as the maximum percentages of crude fiber and moisture in the product. This is not an indication of the actual nutrient content or a guarantee of nutritional

guarantee snows the low est amount of nutrient in the food. For example, a product may have a minimum fat guarantee of 8 percent, but actually contain 15 percent of fat. •The maximum amount

guarantee may be 5 per-

cent fiber, but the prod-

uct may only have 1 percent fiber. Remember, if the actual nutritional content is not clear on the packaging. you can always contact the manufacturer directly via their product information toll-free number

on the package. **Nutritional** Adequacy Statement

The Association of American Feed Control Officials (AAFCO) sets the nutritional guidelines for pet foods sold in the United States. The nutritional adequacy is determined by one of two methods - formulation and feeding trials.

 Feeding trial method — This requires the manufacturer to utilize an AAF-CO-protocol feeding trial using the food as the sole source of nutrition. The pets' performance is docu mented when fed the food. A sample label statement might read, "Animal feeding tests using AAFCO procedures indicate this food provides complete and balnance of adult dogs."

 Formulation method — This requires the manufact turer to formulate the food to meet AAFCO nutrient profiles for dogs and cats Because it is a calculation of nutrient levels, and AAFCO feeding trials with pets are not required, this is a faster, less-expensive method. A statement on a product using this method might read, "Formulated

Ages and Stages

to meet the nutritional lev

els established by AAFCO

Cat Food Profiles for main

The AAFCO guidelines only govern food for three pet life stages: growth nance, and all life stages. Foods formulated for all life stages must meet the most nutritionally demand ing life stage — growth and reproduction. So while getting an all life stages food to feed several pets of different ages might sound good, in reality, this food is designed for pets under a year old, or for nursing animals — and may not be a good choice for the nutritional needs of pets in other life stages. More information about

pet food labels can be found online at www.fda. gov/animalveterinary under "Resources for You," and you can learn more about pet nutrition and choosing the perfect food for your pet at www. feedingisbelieving.com.

Family features

WHAT DOES 'NATURAL' MEAN?

AAFCO has developed some guidelines for natural claims for pet foods. In general, the term "natural" is applied to products that are free of artificial flavors, artificial colors

and artificial preservatives. While preservatives are needed to prevent food from going rancid, natural products use natural source preservatives instead of artificial

"Holistic" has no legal definition and can be used however the manufacturer chooses.

The word "organic" refers to how the source plants were grown or animals were raised. Currently, USDA and state regulators allow the usage of "organic" on pet food labels if human guidelines are met.

November most likely time for car-deer accidents

to look for deer. And in Michigan, the odds of a car-deer accident are on

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the rise. Using information from the Federal Highway Administration, State Farm Insurance calculates the chances of a Michigan motorist striking a deer during the next 12 months at 1 in 72, compared with 1 in 83 the year before.

The findings come after a recent report from the Michigan Deer Crash gandeercrash.org) show-

ing deer crashes in the Great Lakes state actually declined in 2011 from 2010 by about four percent. However, officials note that many crashes also go unreported, so actual crash numbers are

much higher. The coalition reports the five counties with the most reported crashes were: Kent (1,750), Oakland (1,736), Jackson (1.536), Calhoun (1.429) and Montcalm (1,340).

November is the month during which deer-vehicle encounters are most likely. More than 18 per-

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cent of all such mishaps take place during the 30 days of November.

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Here are tips from the Insurance Information Institute on how to

October is the second and a vehicle. December

ty damage cost of these incidents during the final half of 2011 and the first half of 2012 was \$3,305, up 4.4 percent from the vear before.

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A protracted economic downturn, massive loss of jobs and a slow recovery has increased the number of families living in poverty. For these some families the happiness of Christmas is provided through the generosity of strangers. They are the people who buy Goodfellows newspapers, drop money into Salvation Army Red Kettles or unwrapped toys in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves Toys for Tot boxes.

For decades these nonprofits have been helping those in need. They rely on our support both financially and in donations of food, clothing and toys to help the less fortunate. And now is the time for us to open our hearts and our wallets to help them help the needy.

If there's no room under the Christmas tree for that present, think about giving it to the Goodfellows or the Salvation Army. Instead of dropping \$10-\$20 on a quick dinner out, drop it in a Red Kettle or send it to the Goodfellows. Use a good deal on food at the grocery store to buy a few extra cans and donate them.

And consider volunteering - and while at it, have children do their part. Let them drop money in the Red Kettle. Let them select toys to drop in the Toys for Tot boxes and help pack boxes for delivery by the Goodfellows. It's an important lesson that they will keep for life. The gift is the generosity, a life skill that needs to be learned as a child. It is taught through example and expe-

With the need for assistance remaining high, we need to take that extra step and help. So be sure to make an extra purchase for those less fortunate. It isn't shiny and bright, but that generosity is a gift that's well worth giving.

Deer hunting opener tradition like no other

For many people in the state of Michigan, today is an annual holiday like no other. It's not an official holiday, of course, but don't tell that to the people across the state who look just as much forward to the Nov. 15 traditional opener for firearms deer hunting season as children do to Christmas morning.

Beginning this morning at the crack of dawn and over the course of the next couple weeks, more than a half million hunters will be hunkered down in the forests, swamps and farmlands across the state, with dreams of bagging a big buck. But that is not the only reason hunters from all walks of life look forward to deer hunting. Survey after survey have shown that hunters enjoy spending time with friends and family during their hunting trips, not to mention just getting outdoors and enjoying the

state's natural beauty. Deer hunting is particularly important to the rural areas of the state. In fact in many communities, schools are closed down for the day, and many businesses display "gone hunting" signs on their front doors as the proprietors

have headed to "camp." It is also big business. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources estimates the more than 750,000 licensed hunters (including all hunters) ranks third in the nation. And they have a tremendous impact, adding \$1.3 billion annually to the state's economy. Of course hunters purchase hunting gear, but they also stay in motels, shop at stores and eat at restaurants while on their hunting trips. That especially means a great deal to small towns in rural Michigan.

Because of the mild winters we have experienced in recent years, wildlife biologists say deer numbers are up around the state. Hopefully that means many of our hunters will have a successful hunting trip.

We wish you all good luck, and hope you remember safety is the first priority out in the field. Happy hunting.



Community Editor Susan Rosiek, Executive Editor

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LETTERS

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Novi Road in a way they would like

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Aaron Pringle Novi High School sophomore

Academic Advisory

changes needed The schedule for late start days at Novi High School needs to be changed. In their second year of use, late start days replaced Novi's professional staff development days. It has come to my attention

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that the late start days are unproductive. Something must be done to make these days more useful. Having only three classes on late

start days is extremely limiting. In my own experiences, teachers are often forced to use late start days for review, to not move ahead of the other classes they teach. This review time is helpful in the three classes students do attend. However, the schedule deprives students of review time in the three classes they do not attend. This leaves some classes at an unfair disadvantage for upcoming quizzes, tests, exams, etc.

Starting late start days with Academic Advisory causes another problem: Many students either skip Academic Advisory or the entire late start day. For students without homework to do, Academic Advisory can seem unnecessary and skipping it has no downside. Skipping an entire late start day leads to minimal makeup work and students rarely find themselves behind the next day. While I do not condone skipping Academic Advisory or late start days, the current schedule makes it appealing to

some students.

I encourage school officials to review Novi High School's late start schedule and make necessary changes. I propose that periods are shortened so that all classes are included in the schedule. Teachers can then decide to use the time for review or to teach a new lesson. I would also propose placing Academic Advisory in the middle of the schedule or simply eliminating it from late start days. Both changes would aim to encourage attendance and improve the overall productiveness of late start days.

Novi High School student

School lunches lacking

As a student at Novi High School, I have to admit that the lunch program is outright atrocious. Not only are there very few options, but many of the items on the menu are never available. To make matters worse, there is a severe lack of seating to the point where students either sit in rings of chairs outside a

table or sit alone on benches Sitting alone on a bench is

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especially unpleasant when your meal consists of bland, watery milk, crusty fish, pasty chicken tenders and stale pizza rolls. Not only is the quality of the food low, but so is the nutritional value. There are a plethora of cookies, ice cream and snack foods. Nachos are considered an entree. With the current emphasis on healthy eating habits, I find the actual food options to be very counterintuitive. Just a few years ago, soda was removed from the vending machines and replaced with water — but the food we eat daily is still this unhealthy?!

Right now, the \$4 lunch includes milk, juice, a fruit/vegetable (of which there are very few options) and an entree. I would be willing to pay a few extra dollars for a quality lunch with more healthy options. I would also like to see larger tables to address the seating issue. The lunch program is the one aspect that Novi Schools is severely lacking in and must be brought up to the standards of the rest of the district. I will be perfectly content with bringing my own lunch until this issue is addressed.

Robbie Darrow Novi High School student

Bus safety's an issue

There have been many issues regarding Novi Community Schools' Transportation Department so far this school year. One problem in particular that I feel is extremely important to address is the issue of safety on our school buses. Buses are extremely overcrowded this year, more than ever before. I understand that this is a result of the district making efforts to cut down on costs by consolidating routes; however, while the district may be saving money, it is doing it at the cost of students' safety.

There are some school buses currently that continue on their routes with three to four people per seat, children sitting in the aisles, even with children being forced to stand in the stairwell, in extreme cases. Most school buses are manufactured to hold 64 passengers, or two people per seat --- not three to four.

When a bus is overcrowded, the safety of students is jeopardized greatly. People are squished very close together and it is very uncomfortable, as well as unsafe. If a bus were to crash, there would be a much higher probability of injury because not all students would be properly protected.

I feel that the safety of our young children is vital to our growth as a community. Safety needs to be put first, before things like money-saying ideas. In my opinion, to ensure safety, any bus containing more than its capacity limit should not be allowed to run. Even after alerting several administrators of the situation, overcrowded buses are still an issue and there has been little to no improvement. This problem needs to be fixed and, until it is fixed, kids' safety, as well as their lives, will continue to be put in danger

> Jennifer Hepp Novi High School student

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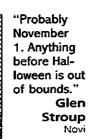
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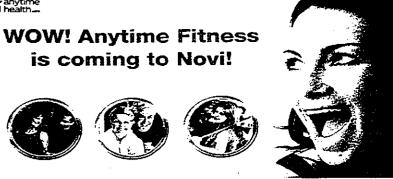


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Contact: (248) 347-0414;

theglin@cityofnovi.org

Library Lines

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Time/Date: 6 10 p.m. Satur day, Dec. 1 Location: 10 North, 24555 Novi Road, Novi Details: Novi High class mates, friends and family are

invited to celebrate Andy Hyde's memory. Special quest will be Dave Rozema of the 1984 World Scries Champion Detroit Tigers There will also be a silent auction and donations at the door to benefit Andy's family and Gift of Life Michigan Organ & Tissue Donation Program, You can also donate to the Andy Hyde Memorial Fund at this web link: http://fnd.us/c/aNR57 Contact: Cathy Reilly, (248)

MICHIGAN MADE ARTS CRAFTS JEWELRY SHOW Time/Date: noon-8 p.m. first Fridays through December Location: Atrium Of Novi, 43155 Main Street

FUN FIRST FRIDAYS Time/Date: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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Tuesdays

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Location: Novi Civic Center

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NOVI COMMUNITY CALENDAR

programs at the library or on submissions via e-mail the library website. to cstone@gannett.com Contact: (248) 349-0720 by fax to (248) 685-2892; Web: www.novilibrarv.org or by mail to Novi News, Story Times: Please see the 101 N. Lafayette, South Library website or story time Lvon, MI 48178, Items brochure for details. must be received by Library will be closed noon on Monday to be Nov. 16, 21(at 5 p.m.) and included in Thursday's

> See novilibrary.org for a complete listing of all Adult, Entrepreneurship Time/Date: 7-8 p.m. Thurs-

Description: This live training webinar will introduce users to the content of the Entrepreneur database which includes annual reports, articles, blogs, business cases, company profiles, market research collections, and much more. Please register. Making Sense of Sensory

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 15 Description: This parent workshop, presented by Early On Oakland, teaches how children use taste, touch, smell, and more to learn and how to recognize signs of sensory difficulties. Please register.

Fantastic Fall Book Sale at the Book Nook Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17 Description: A great selection of gently loved books will be on sale, just in time for your book shelf or for holiday giving.

Mandarin Language Con-

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 19 Description: Adults & Teens nterested in practicing the Mandarin Chinese language are invited to meet-up once a month at the Novi Public Library. Registration

required. Transferring VHS to DVD Time/Date: 7-8 p.m. Tues-Hours: 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Mon

Description: Learn how to transfer your VHS tapes onto a DVD using the Library's

Creation Station. Registra tion required. Super Saturday Story

Time/Date: 1-1:45 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 24 **Description:** Preschoolers, join us for some favorite stories and a craft to take

An e-Reader Sampler Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 26 Description: Test popula e-Readers and tablets before you begin your holiday shopping. Also, learn more

about downloading library eBooks and audiobooks free with OverDrive. Registration required. German Language Con Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 26 Description: Sprechen Sie deutsch? Beginners to advanced speakers are welcome to join! Registration Novi Public Library - Regu

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 28 Description: The Library Board Meeting will be held at the Novi Civic Center Council Chambers. The Library Board meets to dis cuss planning for the future, making policy decisions, de

Friday Nov. 30

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operational oversight of the Library. Light Up the Night at the Library **Time/Date:** 6:30-9 p.m.

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annual budget, and broad

Details: Celebrate the night with us as we are entertained by the unbelievable Magic of Tom Plunkard @ 7:30. We will also be featuring a face painting station as well as a craft station to compliment the night, before and after the magic show. Hope you'll join us. This program s generously funded by the Berenguer Family

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JOHN HEIDER I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHE Work continues on Nov. 9 at Novi's Brookfarm Park off Willowbrook. The City of Novi is enhancing the small neighborhood park, its landscaping and shoring up the small stream that runs through it. Work should be complete before winter.

Horsin' around



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Shey Wilson, 12, of Milford, leads her Lilly to the show area at the Novi Equestrian Expo at the Suburban Collection Showplace on Nov. 9. The three-day event featured all shapes and sizes of horses, ponies and all the riding tack and feed a horse lover could use.

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online at hometownlife.com

Time/Day: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday-Friday; 7 p.m. Monday-Wednesday; 4:30 p.m. Saturday Holy Days: 9 a.m., 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.

9 a.m. Saturdays or by ap-Priests: Rev. Bob LaCroix, pastor, and Rev. Michael Zuelch, associate pastor CROSSPOINTE

MEADOWS CHURCH Location: 29000 Meadow brook Road, south of 13

Bible study classes: 10 experience.

LUTHERAN CHURCH Location: 34567 7 Mile Road, Livonia Contact: (248) 442-8822 **FAITH COMMUNITY**

CHURCH Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile Road Contact: (248) 349-2345 or visit www.faithcommunity novi.org

p.m.; fourth Sunday of every month **Book of Revelation FIRST CHURCH**

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Contact: (248) 669-9400, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or visit www. crosspointemeadows.org. Sunday Worship: 11:15

a.m. for all ages Details: Nursery and older children programs available. Worship blends traditional and contemporary elements resulting in a multi-sensory worship

Destiny Worship Center Location: Ridge Wood Elementary School, 49775 6 Mile Road, Northville Contact: DestinyW3C@ Gmail.com or visit www **EMMANUEL**

PRESBYTERIAN

Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

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Submit: Send calendar submissions via e-mail to cstone@gannett.com; by fax to (248) 685-2892; or by mail to Church Events Northville-Novi, 101 N. Lafavette, South Lyon, MI 48178. Items must be received by noon or Monday to be included in Thursday's newspaper.

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m Tuesdays and 9:30 a.m. Wednesdays Details: Come and learn what John is writing about, what the symbolism means and how this book still speaks to us today. Faith Journeys Date: Third Sundays **Details:** Following worship and fellowship, someone

will share how they have

experienced God in their

life and the difference that has made. FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NORTH-VILLE

Location: 217 N. Wing Contact: (248) 348-1020 Sunday Worship: 10:45 Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays Men's Bible Study: 9 a.m. first Saturday of every

FIRST BAPTIST **CHURCH OF NOVI-FAMILY INTEGRATED** CHURCH Location: 45301 W. 11

Mile Road Contact: (248) 349-3647 or firstbaptistchurchofnovi. Family Bible Hour: 9:45

Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m. Family Meal, \$5 per person, Family Worship: 11 a.m. \$15 per family; Bible Study: 6 p.m. **Currently on Wednesday** Family Movie Night: 5:30 nights: 6:30 p.m. Children's VBS/Caravan, Club 56, Bible Study, Quilting, Adult Classes, Youth Group

Location: 21260 Haggerty Road, north of 8 Mile Road

Contact: (248) 348-7600 or

visit dfcnazarene.org

Sunday Schedule: 9:30

a.m. Worship service with

Fellowship; 10:30 a.m. Fel-

lowship and refreshments

11 a.m. Traditional worship

service, Children's Church,

Youth Sunday School and

Children's program, Youth

Adult Bible Fellowship;

6 p.m. Evening Service,

Worship Service

Thursday Schedule: 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCH OF NORTH-VILLE Praise Band, Children's Sun-Location: 200 E. Main day School and Adult Bible Street

Northville VFW Post Commander Dennis Strikulis, right, and District Commander Jerry

Montgomery, left, pay respects to fellow veterans on Nov. 9 at the Novi Senior Center.

a kamikaze attack on the aircraft carrier USS Bunker Hill during World War II.

Contact: (248) 349-0911 or visit www. fpcnorthville Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN**

CHURCH Location: 205 East Lake reet (corner of Wells and 10 Mile Road), South Lyon Contact: (248) 437-2875 FIRST UNITED METH-**ODIST CHURCH OF** NORTHVILLE

Location: 777 West 8 Mile

Road, Northville

Contact: (248) 349-1144 or

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Sunday Worship: Meditative - Held in the Chapel - 8 a.m. Contemporary - Held in the Sanctuary - 9:15 a.m. Traditional - Held in the Sanctuary - 11 a.m. Sunday School:

Nursery - 12th grade - 9:15 Nursery - 6th grade/Special Needs - 11 a.m.

GOOD SHEPHERD LU-THERAN CHURCH Location: 41415 9 Mile Road, corner of Meadowbrook Road, Novi Contact: (248) 349-0565 Sundays: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Study; 10

HOLY CROSS EPISCO-PAL CHURCH Location: 40700 W. 10

Contact: (248) 427-1175 or holycrossnovi@gmail.com, visit holyCROSSnovi.org Sunday Worship: 7:45

Sunday School and Nurs ery Care: 10 a.m. Worship Service

Aizheimer's Support Group: 10 a.m. second Saturday of month. HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH Location: 39200 West 12 Wile Road (east of Haggert) Road), Farmington Hills

LAKES BAPTIST CHURCH Location: 309 Decker

Road, Walled Lake LIVONIA CHURCH OF CHRIST

Location: 15431 Merrimar Road, Livonia Contact: 734-427-8743 or visit www.livoniachurch

Sunday Worship: 11 a.m. Bible School: Sunday 10 a.m.: Wednesday 7 p.m.

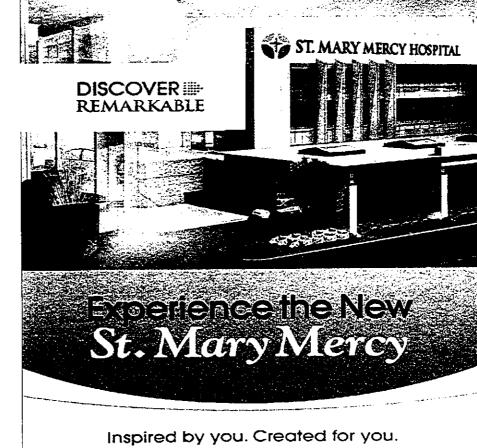
MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

The center honored veterans that day including Richard O'Donhue, seated, who survived Location: 21355 Meadowbrook Road, between 8 and 9 Mile roads Contact: Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, Senior Minister (248) 348-7757, visit mbccc.org or e-mail to office@mbccc

> Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Church School: 10-11 a.m. Fellowship Hour: 11 a.m. Merry Widows Luncheon: 11:30 a.m. fourth Thursday of each month Pilgrim Fellowship: 6 p.m. Sundays **NORTHVILLE CHRIS-**TIAN ASSEMBLY

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Catholic Central continues to roll

Squad defeats Plymouth convincingly

Talk about a prestigious group of high school football teams in the Division

I final four. Detroit Catholic Central will play Rockford at 1 p.m. Saturday in Battle Creek and Detroit Cass Tech will play Lake Orion at the same time but at Troy Athens. All four teams have won the Division I state title in the past four years. Rockford claimed the crown in 2008, while Catholic Central captured it in 2009, Lake Orion in 2010 and Cass Tech last year. But prestige doesn't and done. Just ask the Plymouth Wildcats, who came into last week's game with a 9-2 record

Shamrocks. When the

smoke cleared, it was

senior campaign this year.

ALL-AREA BOYS TENNIS

By Chris Jackett

Discussions of the best high school

tennis player in Michigan rarely got

far in the past few years without mention of Northville's Tyler Gardin-

er. The defending one singles state

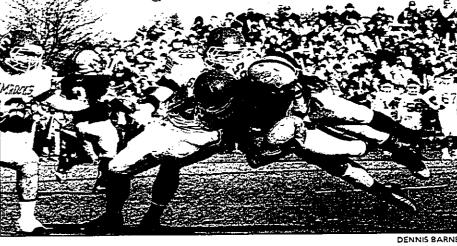
champion in Division I, Gardiner went 30-1 in his senior campaign this

year, falling to Utica Eisenhower's Ed Covalschi during the state final

"Tyler is an incredible talent,"

Northville coach Matt Stetson said.

attempt at a repeat.



Dan Bowen (55) and Dylan Roney (89) line up Plymouth runs

a 28-7 victory to earn the regional title and a chance to take on Rockford, "Football's real-

ly not much more than blocking and tackling and who does it the best at certain times," Catholic Central coach Tom Mach

said to the Detroit Free Press. "You can spread the field or keep them blocks and tackles the

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks are slated to be back in action when they travel to Battle Creek Saturday to play at 1 p.m. against Rockford. The Rams are currently 10-2 on the year and the Shamrocks hold an 8-4 record. The winner of the game will play the winner of the Detroit Cass Tech (10-2) and Lake Orion (11-1) game that will be played Saturday at 1 p.m. at Troy Athens.

est is going to win. Catholic Central climbed out to a 14-0 lead on two long runs before Plymouth was even able Anthony Darkangelo, who raced 137 yards on 14 carries, scored on a 70yard scamper to open the Moores added a score on a 55-vard run. He carried

the ball 100 yards on seven attempts. "He really made some things happen with his running ability, as opposed to throwing the ball," said assistant coach Michael Mach. "Regardless of how he does it, make plays and get the

When the Wildcats did respond, it was in the third quarter and 80 yards. The culmination came in the form of Plymouth quarterback Jamarl Eiland hauling the ball over the goal line or

a nine-yard run. Catholic Central didn' even flinch as they scored on their next possession, which last ed more than six minutes and found David Houle-who rushed near ly 100 yards in the gamepounding his way into the

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Northville's Tyler Gardiner earned Player of the Year honors by going 30-1 in his

Gardiner swings way to area's

best with 30-match streak

es that matched up to their swimmer teammates. Now, as seniors, Rachel Aepelbacher, Jillian Odom, Lauren Harrington and Lina

Davis have become some of the most consistent point earners in Novi's lineup. Driven by the common

Wildcat divers jump into final contest From gymnastics to diving, Novi quartet take on new sport, succeed, set records

Three years ago, a group of freshmen gymnasts decid-ed to join Novi's diving team, which wasn't known for consistent high performanc-

By Chris Jackett

interest in being a Wildcat student-athlete, the girls decided to join the diving team after the Novi-Northville Wild-stangs unified gymnastics team folded when the girls were in eighth "Me and Jillian did gym-

nastics together when we were 8 years old," Aepelbacher said. "Freshmen year we came into diving and fell in love with it." Odom's older sister, Jocelyn, a 2008 Novi graduate,

also helped peak the girls'

interest as she went on to a career with Oakland University's diving team before graduating this past spring. 'I loved going to her meet: to watch and I would come into some practices and play on the boards," Odom said. "I was originally going to do the HS gymnastics team but the

program was cut. I still want-

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Novi's Jillian Odom: "I was originally going to do the H5 gymnastics team but the program was cut. I still wanted to be involved in Novi athletics and the school. I didn't

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Novi's dive team was at Ann Arbor Huron Tuesday for Regionals, hoping to join several of their swimmer teammates Friday and Saturday in Holland for the Division 1

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NOVI SPORTS ROUND-UP

By Chris Jackett

Coach Smith inducted into Hall of Fame following 30th season at helm

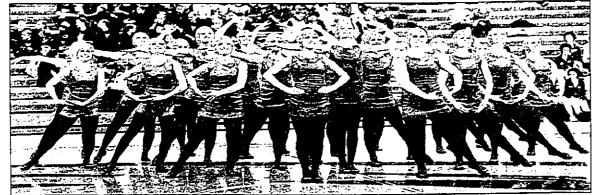
Novi boys cross country coach Robert Smith was inducted into the Michigan Interscholastic Track Coaches Association Hall of Fame Nov. 9 during a ceremony in Mount Pleasant. Smith just completed his 30th season leading the Wildcats' program, which has found success over the years with a format that has often included one frontrunner trailed by a pack of 'Cats running close together.

VanderMey commits verbally to Western Kentucky

Novi senior swimmer Andrea VanderMey was recently offered a scholarship and has verbally committed to become a Hilltopper as a collegiate swimmer at Western Kentucky University (Bowling Green, Ky.). VanderMey had won the Division I state title in the 100-yard backstroke as a freshman in 2009 and is returning to form just in time for this weekend's state meet after a major injury started off her season. Her 2009 state championship can be seen online at www. youtube.com/watch?v=FFmX6rz-z88.

Chris Jackett is a freelance writer and former staff writer for

Second place



The Novi High School varsity pompon team earned second place in their division at the 22nd Annual Hip Hop & High Kick Championship on Nov. 4 at Saginaw Valley State University. The competition was presented by Mid American Pompon. The team placed second in the Large Varsity High Kick category. Their routine theme was synchronized swimming. The 23-member team is coached by Maria Hernandez and comprised of the following girls: Captains Kailey Oppat and Delaney Ulle; and Mackenzie Betts, Yianna Bordeau, Bailey Borycki, Michela Brant, Amy Cao, Madison Cojei, Karla DeLaCruz, Lauren DiPaola, Kelly Dubay, Olivia Ghannam, Lexa Giragosian, Mia Gurizzian, Bailee Kiel, Kaitlyn Kotcher, Angela Lazzara, Jessica Leone, Amy Liang, Chandler Link, Morgan Shepherd, Emma

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The showcase gets underway at 4 p.m. Friday when Livonia Stevenson (KLAA) takes on FH North/Harrison (OAA). Next up, is Plymouth (KLAA) vs. Farmington (OAA) at 5 p.m. Those are followed with games between Novi (KLAA) vs. Lake Orion (OAA) at 6 p.m., South Lyon High School (KLAA) vs. Clarkston (OAA) at 7:30 p.m. and ending with Northville (KLAA) taking on Rochester United (OAA) at 8:30 p.m.

The action continues on Saturday at 11:30 a.m. when Plymouth (KLAA) plays Lake Orion (OAA). At 1:30 p.m., South Lyon (KLAA) meets the FH North/Harrison team (OAA); and Livonia Stevenson (KLAA) takes on Farmington (OAA) at 4 p.m. The last two games of the showcase pit Northville (KLAA) against Clarkston (OAA) at 6 p.m. and wrap up with Novi (KLAA) vs. Rochester United (OAA) at 8:30 p.m.

At the conclusion of the Metro High School Invitational games an All Metro Team composed of three forwards, two defensemen and one goalie will be announced to highlight the exceptional performance of the weekend's best players. The All Metro Team honorees will receive gift cards from HockeyDeals.com. All play ers will receive Metro Invitational T-shirts supplied by Contemporary Industries and will be fed throughout the weekend by Mr. Pita. In case of injury, stand-by athletic trainers will be on-hand from Plymouth Physical Therapy.

Metro passes are on sale at Novi Ice Arena for \$12 for adults and \$9 for kids (5-18 year olds) and seniors. Those who purchase Metro passes will have access to all 10 showcase games. One-day tickets will be sold at the door for \$7 for adults, \$5 for kids between 5-18 years old and senior citizens. Kids ages five and under will be admitted free. Call (248) 347-1010.





French exchange student enjoying life in Novi

Novi's field hockey team poses with their Division II championship

trophy earned during a program-record 15-1-1 season. The Wild-

cats advanced to the state semifinals before losing 1-0 following

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As if high school wasn't already loaded with social challenges requiring growth and maturity, imagine doing so more than 4,000 miles from home in a language you first got a grasp on less than

one month prior. That's what Novi's Albane Blanchet, 16, has done this fall while helping the Wildcats' field hockey team (15-1-1) to its most successful season ever. The midfielder also had offensive support from Argentinean foreign exchange student Sofi Mosso, who did not return sever al messages as of press time.

A native of Lille, France - which is about 150 miles north of Paris, France -Blanchet played field hockcoming to the U.S. over the summer. After spending three weeks in St. Louis to learn English, she has been staying with the Masserant family in Novi since Aug. 15.

"My experience here has been really good," Blanchet said. "I did a lot of things with my family and with the school. I try to see everything I can see, to discover everything I can discover. I take all the opportunities to do something I don't know. I have really improved my English and I hope to improve it more during the year. I am really happy about my life in Novi so far. I am really glad to be

As expected with life in different countries, the cultures are different. But it's some things that may be considered commonplace for local residents that stand out most to Blanchet. "The life here is really dif-

ferent," Blanchet said. "But, really closer with us than French teachers. People I think it is awesome to disat school are outgoing and cover the American way of life. In America, everything curious. My school in France is really different; we don't is bigger; roads, schools, have spirit at school such as stores, cities, I used to live homecoming, spirit week, in a little country compare sports, clubs or any other with America, and in a city after school activities. We go where everything is closer than here. I noticed in to school just to learn.

"We have no team sports and our system is really different. Each class is composed only by people in the same grade. We have two breaks per day and one hour and half to have lunch. And we have school later than 7:15 a.m., but we finish later, too. We don't have the same classes every day, and our schedule depends (on) your options you choose. Overall 's like a college schedule. In France, in high school, said the overall student body we don't have 'fun classes' anymore, so doing art has been a good surprise and

> in France seems so boring compared to here. She said joining Novi's field hockey team helped her in adjusting, as the team

like it. I really like high

school here. My high school

quickly adopted her as one

"I decided to play field hockey in America because I didn't want to stop it, and I really like this sport." Blan chet said. "Also, I thought playing field hockey will make easier the integration. And it did.

"The season was awesome We had an excellent team with a really good spirit. We worked hard during each practice and each game. We had a lot of fun togeth er. I think it was a really good experience to play with another team with a different language and a different point of view. I think it was a new experience for the team, too, to have foreign players in their team. I learn

a lot about this." Although she's played field hockey half of her life, Blan-Novi's grass field was one of the biggest hurdles compared to her turf field in

"In France, I used to play on a real turf, like the kind of turf that college teams use to play field hockey on and didn't play with goggles. But the game still remains the same," Blanchet said. "But I have to admit, the first time I played on grass I did not understand why it was so slow, but that makes you more precise and more attentive at the game."

Blanchet said she would return to Lille around June 15, 2013; about one month before she turns 17. In the meantime, she plans to continue soaking up the American way of life and having fun along the way.

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Continued from page B1 "That's what CC does, pounds the ball," said Darkangelo. "Our offensive line stepped up big for us, and our quarterback made some big runs. We knew our offense would score points, but we needed the defense to step up and keep them

SHAMROCKS

off the board." The Shamrocks pounded the final nail in the Wildcats coffin on a 20-yard jaunt by Zach Bock in the fourth quarter. Moores hit all four extra point attempts in the game.

"We're very proud of our kids and the effort they gave on Saturday," said Michael Mach, "They came out focused and played a tough football game, competing hard for the full 48 minutes. This group has done a great job of continuing to work and improve week after week. While a lot of outsiders were down on them because of their record, our kids didn't get hung up on those numbers. Instead, they embraced the opportunity that a playoff birth presented and set their hearts and minds towards making the most of the opportunity."

Defensively, the Shamrocks focused on stopping Plymouth's quarterback, who will be playing collegiate football in Buffalo. Stepping up to fill that role was senior defensive tackle Dan Bowen, who had nine tackles on the night, while sophomore linebacker David Widzinski had seven tackles. The player who had the most time getting to know the quarterback was senior linebacker Brandon Malinowski.

who had two quarterback sacks." The Shamrocks will now face Rockford, a team the coaching staff is very familiar with.

"We're really looking forward to the challenge of playing Rockford," said Michael Mach. "There have been some tremendous games between the two teams-the '98 state championship game and then last year's state semifinal OT game-and we're preparing for this year's game to be along those same lines. They have an outstanding program with a winning pedigree. We are going to have to match their level of preparation and focus and come to compete at an extremely high level."

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



Making a difference



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I think our success.

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with one another and have

a mutual respect for what

Aepelbacher said that

camaraderie has helped

"We've always been

swimmers," Aepelbach-

er said. "They push us and

we push them. Some swim

and dive teams separate

them from each other."

Once Aepelbacher,

Odom, Harrington and

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Davis graduate, the div-

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Alyssa Stark, who are

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Mason and the seniors on

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The Novi High School girls swim and dive team recently raised almost \$1,500 for two causes that affected their teammates. The girls donated proceeds from their Chuck a Duck 50/50 meet fundraiser to show their support. At their KLAA Division meet, the team raised \$412 for Mothers Against Drunk Driving. Two of their swimmers were hit by a drunken driver whose blood alcohol content registered .32 at 3 p.m. on a Thursday. One of the girls is still suffering from back problems that impact he swimming. On Novi's Senior Night, the team raised \$1,067 for the American Brain Tumor Association. They chose this charity in honor of a senior swimmer's sister who has battled a brain tumor since January 2011.

DIVING

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ed to be involved in Novi athletics and the school. I didn't want to be a cheerleader, so I thought diving was a good alternative. "It came easy to me with all my gymnastics

experience. Freshman year, I did diving and club gymnastics, but it was too hard on my body. So, after 12 years of gymnastics. I stopped and switched my focus to diving. I like to say I retired; it sounds better then quitting. Since leaving gymnas-

tics behind, both girls have excelled in diving despite injuries over the years that have ranged from a banged up hand to ribs that have popped out of place.

Another obstacle, which ended up being a mixed blessing, was that the Novi divers have had four different coaches each of the past four years. However, both Aepelbacher and Odom said current coach Don Mason. who was introduced to the team sophomore year by then-coach Ingrid Mayer,

has helped them the most. "Don is basically the perfect coach," Aepelbacher said. "He is the All-American chair for the National Diving Association. He's a Big Ten judge. He's like our div-

Mayer, who is in her second year with OU's program, introduced the Wildcats to Mason two vears ago and helped some of them transition onto the University of Michigan club team in the

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"I think the turning point was when our soph omore dive coach Ingrid Mayer introduced us to Don Mason and some of us started training with him," Odom said. "We were finally getting the ed to succeed. Don knows diving better than anyone

right coaching we needand we could tell as soon as we started training with him there were huge improvements. "Having a different coach every year was a good thing and a bad thing. It gave us new ways to look at diving and

how we approached the sport. At the same time, every person was at a different level of coaching and we never got the consistent training we needed. I think, if we had one consistent coach all four years, we would be at an even higher level of diving. But I am grateful for the coaches I had as each one brought new experiences and memories."

Along with the diving teams' new heights came new school records by Aepelbacher this season in both the six-dive and 11-dive variations of the 1-meter dive.

"My favorite part I think is coming to practice every day and getting to see my best friends and seeing everyone improving along the way," Aepelbacher said. "All of us really want to dive in col-

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Ödom echoed Aenel-

"This diving team, the seniors I have been with

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state tournament for the Mustangs, who

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FIRST TEAM

Connor Johnston (Northville Fr. 25) With Tyler Gardiner's high school reign over, Northville freshman Connor Johnston is primed and ready to lead the Mustangs for the next three years. Johnston went 32-3 and won the state title at two singles in his first season of varsity competition, winning the KLAA title along the way and avenging all three of his regular season losses; two in the state semifinals and finals.

"What makes Connor so special on the court is his ability to adapt and to keep fighting," Northville coach Matt Stetson said. "There were several matches throughout the year, especially at the state tournament, where Connor found himself down in a set or in a match, and he would change his style of play to combat the opponent's strategy and, as his record shows, this would work. He had to fight back in the quarters and the semis at States to pull off an amazing state title run. Quite an accomplishment for anyone, but especially for a freshman."

Tim Wang (Novi So. 15)
As a sophomore, Novi's Tim Wang led the Wildcats into battle at one singles throughout the season, facing the top players in the state and helping his team to a No. 1 ranking in Division I and runners-up team finish at States. Wang went 28-5 on the season, with three of the losses coming to Tyler Gardiner, including the KLAA and regional championships, to earn the No. 3 seed at the state tourna-

"Tim Wang recorded many big wins for Novi during his sophomore year," Novi coach Jim Hanson said. "Tim utilized his strong forehand, serve, foot speed and competitive desire to beat some of the best players in the state. His ability to change speeds, control the net and play the big points in close matches paid dividends for the Wildcats."

Although his baseline rival put a stop to several title hopes, Wang won five invitational tournaments throughout the season Michael Dubé (CC Jr. 15)

Detroit Catholic Central junior Michael Dubé was the Shamrocks' leader throughout the season, powering his way to a 25-5 record and No. 5 seed at the Division I state meet.

"Michael has been a dominant No. 1 singles player for us, since taking over for his brother two seasons ago," CC coach Joe Safford said. "Michael had two great wins over this years' Mr. Tennis. Brett Forman. Michael always shows great poise and self-control on and off the

Forman was the No. 6 seed at the Division I state meet after recovering from hip surgery last winter, but fell to eventual state champion Ed Covalschi of Utica Eisenhower in the semifinals.

Koushik Kondapi (Novi Fr. 35) Another impressive freshman cam-paign for local players came from Novi's Koushik Kondapi, who went 34-1 at three singles. His only loss was the state championship match to Ann Arbor Huron's Colin Williams, who he had previously

defeated in a dual meet match-up. "Freshman Koushik Kondapi utilized his consistent groundstrokes to give the Wildcats added depth to their singles lineup," Novi coach Jim Hanson said. "Koushik's ability to draw opponents in and then pass or lob them proved to be a winning formula.

Kondapi was the No. 1 seed at the state neet after winning five invitationals, the Chris Jackett is a freelance KLAA and regional titles. writer and former staff writer

Pavan Rao (Novi Sr. 45) With the surge of young, talented Wildcats at Novi, senior Pavan Rao moved from one singles in 2011 to four singles this fall. That depth that helped lead the Wildcats to No. 1 Division ranking and a runners-up finish at the state meet put Rao in the position to go 34-1 and win the state title at four singles, with his only loss coming to Detroit Country Day's Max

"Pavan Rao added an attacking net game to his already steady backcourt game and the combination of the two propelled him to a MHSAA state championship at No. 4 singles," Novi coach Jim Hanson said. "His ability to use underspin groundstrokes along with an offensive lob kept his opponents off balance and resulted in many big wins for the Wildcats this

Rao gained the No. 1 seed at the state meet after winning five invitationals, the KLAA and regional crowns. Jason Carless & Andrew Ying (Novi Sr/

A 29-2 campaign led Novi senior Jason Carless and junior Andrew Ying to a runners-up finish at the Division I state meet. With Carless fielding his third different doubles partner in three years at one doubles and Ying moving into the flight after winning the four singles state title in 2011, the duo found success early on and rolled late into the season.

"Jason Carless and Andrew Ying used their penetrating ground strokes to become a very good and consistent dou-bles team for Novi this year," Novi coach Jim Hanson said. "Their ability play defense, return service and hit midrange overheads produced many important

wins for the Wildcats." Although the duo fell to Ann Arbor Huron in the state final, they had defeated the River Rats earlier in the season. Their only other loss came to Detroit Coun-

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Tyler Gardiner (Northville, Sr. 15) FIRST TEAM

Connor Johnston (Northville Fr. 2S) Tim Wang (Novi So. 15) Michael Dubé (CC Jr. 15) Koushik Kondapi (Novi Fr. 35) Pavan Rao (Novi Sr. 4S) Jason Carless & Andrew Ying (Novi 5r/Jr.

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HONORABLE MENTION Novi – Achuta Doddipatla & Harrison Halley (Novi Srs. 5D)

ty Day, as they rolled to five invitational titles, as well as the KLAA and region-

Alexander Kim (Lakeland Jr. 15) An All-State selection from White Lake Lakeland, junior Alexander Kim was a standout for the Eagles in an otherwise very competitive tennis hotbed within the state. Kim went 25-3 on the season while maintaining a 3.0 grade point average.

"Alex is an extraordinarily talented tennis player, likely the best that Lakeland has ever seen, yet he is a gracious, humble competitor," Lakeland coach Sean Beacome said. "He is a highly ranked USTA player for his age group, yet you would never hear him talk about this ınless you asked him about it." Nishant Kakar & Michael Chang (Novi

Sr/Jr. 2D) Two specific strengths on the court paired up to create a formidable two douoles team for Novi. Senior Nishant Kakar and junior Michael Chang went 32-2 en route to a runners-up finish in their flight at the state meet after Ann Arbor Huron

avenged a loss earlier in the season. "Michael Chang's powerful groundstrokes complimented Nishant Kakar's strong net game to form a rock solid doubles team for Novi," Novi coach Jim Hanson said. "Both players utilized good serves and returns to produce a winning doubles combination for the Wildcats."

The duo's only other loss came to Bloomfield Hills Brother Rice as they cruised to five invitational titles, a KLAA and regional title.

SECOND TEAM Matt Evasic & Brian Manney (Northville

Sr. 1D) Seniors Matt Evasic and Brian Manney racked up a 22-9 record at one doubles for Northville en route to a quarterfinal exit at the state tournament. The duo also finished as runners-up at both the KLAA and regional levels to Novi's top doubles duo.
Jon Thompson & Maxx Anderson (Novi Sr/Fr. 3D)

With mix of experience and youth, Novi senior Jon Thompson and freshman Maxx Anderson advanced to the state semifinals at three doubles behind a 30-4 record together. They won KLAA, region al and five invitational tournaments together, earning the No. 3 seed at the state meet in the process.

Andre Liu (Novi So. 25) Novi sophomore Andre Liu rolled up a 23-7 record at two singles for the Wildcats while winning four invitational titles. He also took second at the KLAA meet and was a regional semifinalist, earning a No. 5 seed at the state meet

Nate Albanelli (Northville Sr. 3S) Behind a 26-7 record, Northville senior Nate Albanelli grinded his way to the three singles quarterfinals at the state meet after finishing second in the KLAA to his Novi opposition

Brendan Slovisky & Andrew Schafer (Northville Sr/So. 2D) Senior Brendan Slovisky and sopho-

more Andrew Schafer finished second in the KLAA behind Novi after the Northville duo amassed a 21-10 record at two loubles, gelling throughout the season. Shashank Chitta & Kevin Xu (Novi Jrs.

Behind a 31-2 record, Novi juniors Shashank Chitta and Kevin Xu cruised to a state seminfinal finish and 31-2 record this fall, winning KLAA and regional titles along the way, plus five invitational titles, to earn the No. 2 seed at the state meet. Veer Shah & Ben Crabill (Northville Jr/

Northville junior Veer Shah and senior Ben Crabill used an aggressive style of play to amass a 17-8 record and runnersup KLAA finish at three doubles. Oliver Daniel & Jason Wang (Northville Fr/So. 4D)

Giving local patrons something to look forward to in future years, Northville freshman Oliver Daniel and sophomore Jason Wang racked up a 23-9 record at four doubles, advancing to the state quarterfinals after finishing second in the KLAA to Novi.

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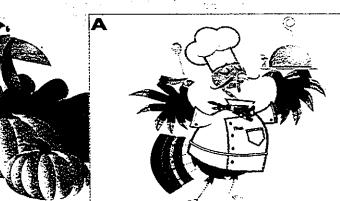
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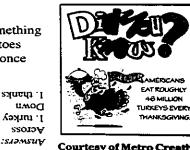
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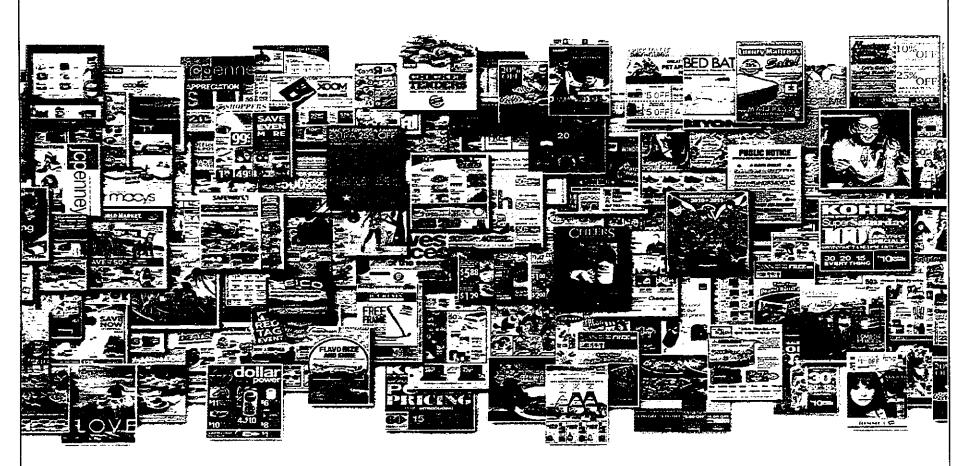
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A fond farewell

Mary Jane Ossola steps down from coaching after nine seasons

Mary Jane Ossola is Not the kind that she's been participating in since 2005, where she's instructing, coaching and watching her Northville Mustangs girl's golf team Ossola is ready to swing some clubs herself.

To that end, after nine seasons at the helm of the Northville varsity program and two as the **head junior var**sity coach, Ossola recently announced that she'll be handing the reins over to

"It is time for me to play more golf myself, and I have a grandchild coming

said Ossola, "I have loved these kids and it has been a very enjoyable 11 sea-

It definitely has been one heck of a ride. Ossola coached the girl's team to eight outright division titles and one shared title, making her teams the top each season she coached them. They earned the conference title in the spring of 2007 and in the fall of 2008 and 2009. The team was co-conference title holders in 2006 and the fall of 2007.

During her nine sea sons as head coach, Ossola made the trip with her team eight times-every season except 2011 when Camilla Zhao qualified as an individual but the team regional tournament. The team's best finish during that time was third place. and that came twice with one in the fall of 2007 and

the other in 2008.

Ossola has seen some changes in the high school game. Most notably was the switch in seasons when the Michigan High School Athletics Association realigned several sports when volleyball was moved to the fall and girl's basketball to the winter. The girl's golf teams played in the spring then, and switched with the boy's teams to play in

the fall instead in 2007. Her entire time with the Northville program has been filled with great

always remained constant-her assistant coach Jeff Balagna, who is a likely candidate for the head coaching position.

"Jeff has been my assistant the entire time," said Ossola. "I think we made a good team-a good mix of old and young." Ossola will continue her

day job as an English-Language Paraprofessional for the Novi School District. She works at Village Oaks Elementary with first- and second-grade students who are struggling readers.

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

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Builders, remodelers see cause for 'cautious optimism'

A statewide survey of homebuilders and remodelers showed significant improve ment in the building industry's outlook as the Michigan Housing Index (MHI) reached its highest level in the 2 and a half year history of the index. The MHI, covering the third quarter of 2012, showed a sharp increase from the second quarter index, and was significantly higher than the same period one year ago. The latest Michigan Housing Index covers the time period of July through Septem-

"The trend lines have been positive, so it is encouraging to see that the outlook for building continues to improve," said Robert Filka, CEO of the Home Builders Association of Michigan (HBAM), which conducts the monthly survey. "We've got a long way to go before we see anything near normal historica production, but things are definitely headed in the right direc-

The Michigan Housing Index (MHI) is a quarterly summary of building and remodeling

DETAILS

Following is a year-to-year comparison of the MHI Index:

Builders Index Remodelers Index

activity compiled by HBAM. recovery of our housing indus-The survey asks builders about the number of homes currently under construction and in the planning stages. Builders are also asked to evaluate their prospects for future customers. Totals are calculated in an index that is reported quarterly to provide a tracking mechanism for the industry's process. The survey breaks down builder/remodeler sentiment into

three categories: Less than 45 (pessimistic) 45-55 (cautious optimism)

Michigan homebuilders and remodelers are cautiously optimistic about the next few months, our overall economy must see more rapid and sustained growth for a complete

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> try," said Filka. Filka also noted there remains much concern within the homebuilding industry over the possibility that Congress and the president could begin overhauling the federal tax code in 2013, which could threaten some of the most important tools that encourage home ownership, including the ability for consumers to deduct mortgage

'We must protect the mortgage interest deduction," said Filka. "We shouldn't change the rules on the one tax break that has been most important in creating a stable middle class in America. A strong housing man ket is not only important to help more Michigan citizens realize the dream of homeowner-

talizing Michigan's economy ing homes that means jobs and investment which provide a better quality of life and support for Michigan schools and

The Michigan Housing Index combines results of a monthly survey of Michigan builders and remodelers along with a series of economic statistics including single family home permits, crude oil prices, automobile production and unemployment. The HBAM Michigan Housing Index is intended to provide an accurate projection of the future direction of the building and remodeling housing market in Michigan.

The Home Builders Association of Michigan is a profession al trade association comprised of 27 local homebuilder associations around the state and their builder, subcontractor and supplier members. HBAM works to positively promote the building industry and impact legislative, regulatory and legal issues

Businessman in '40 Under 40' class

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) announced that Ben Templeton of Templeton Building named to Professional Remodeler magazine's 40 Under 40 Class of 2012. Templeton serves on BIA's Board of Directors and on the association's NAHBR Professional Remodelers Council where he will be chairman

Templeton, 31, is vice president of his home building and remodeling company. He earned a bachelor of science degree in technical communi cation from Lawrence Technological University before beginning his career. A firm believer in the benefits of education he not only holds a Residential Builders License from the state of Michigan, but has enhanced his business acumen by earning industry-specific designations from the National Association of Home builders including Certified Graduate Build-Remodeler (CGR) and Certified Green Professional (CGP.) Classes for these designations

"Ben is not only an up and coming professional in the eyes of Professional Remod-Stoskopf, CEO of BIA, "he is one of the bright stars in our membership. Ben is always ready to contribute new ideas to the association and the remodelers council and to volunteer the time and energy it takes to implement these ideas. We are lucky to have him in our ranks.

Templeton feels that one of his most significant achievements to date is implementing a successful marketing program for his company that includes a mix of traditional strategies along with social media outreach. Additionally, he has opened Templeton Commercial Division to expand the company beyond its already wide scope that includes residential remodeling, new home

custom cabinetry and furniture division.

While these significant accomplishments continue to positively impact the success of Templeton Building, Templeton knows that another important tool to help his business grow is ongoing and impactful networking, "Staying in touch with other business people in the area. learning what they do and sharing what I do is one of the best ways I know of to keep my business on a growth path." he said. "To make this happen in the area where I live and work, I launched the Business Profes sionals of Birmingham Bloomfield Hills. It continues to be one of the most valuable ways I

gain new business. Ben is married to Kate Sielski Templeton. In February of this year they became proud par-ents to their first child, Zachary Benjamin Templeton.

Headquartered in West try Association of SE Michigan (BIA) and Apartment Asso ciation of Michigan (AAM) are



Ben Templeton

trade associations representing nearly 500 builders, remodelers, multi-family property owners, developers and suppliers to the single family and multi-family residential construction industry. BIA is affiliated with the Michigan Association of Home Builders in Lansing and the National Association of Home Builders in Wash-

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3754 Hearthstone Dr	\$237,000
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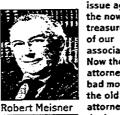
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"My friends and I have been asked several times what we would do if we got pregnant. Our answer: 'I can't have children. I'm infertile.' It always sets the interviewer on his (never asked this by a woman) heels. We decided that in the event that we did get the job and did get pregnant, we would cast it as a 'miracle' — and just be joyous with everyone about the heavenly news!" — Rebecca Raibley, Massachusetts.

"I am a proud American but have a slight accent. When they ask me where I was born and I tell them, they say, 'Oops, we just remembered we have no openings currently.' So I've concluded that answering their illegal question will never get me a job, but if I refuse to answer it or tell them it's illegal, that will not get me the job either. Quite a conundrum." — Mo Abraham, St. Louis

"I was asked, 'Isn't [my past boss] a jerk?' Obviously, I wanted to take the high road, and I wasn't sure why the interviewer asked that question. So I responded, 'He certainly makes an impression,' and changed the subject. Since no further questions were asked along those lines, I think it was a test - maybe of quick thinking under pressure, maybe to see if I would dish dirt. Either way, never say anything negative about a past employer." — Marilyn Santiesteban, Boston

"An interviewer once asked me to which charities I donated. I was uncomfortable with this question, as it seems quite personal. Donations are often based on personal criteria: health experience, politics, religion and other individual ideologies. I don't believe people should be 'qualified' by the groups of their choice." — Lisa Hanock-Jasie, New York City.

"I was asked in an interview once, 'How do you get along with your mother?' I responded, 'If you're trying to find out whether I can work well for a female boss, you can just ask me that. If you were my friend, I wouldn't mind answering, But since this is an interview, I find that question inappropriate." Dez Stephens, Nashville,

Reacting

Coming up with a response isn't always easy when the voice inside you is screaming, "Why the heck is he asking me that?" While panic, anger and confusion are typical responses to uncomfortable questions, checking emotions is crucial to getting the interview back on track. The interviewer may be trying to judge your confidence level and how you handle pres-

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ton, D.C., advises his clients to answer inappropriate interview questions by politely saying, "That question makes me feel a bit uncomfortable. Would you mind if we talked about how specifically I might be able to work with department X of com-

Candidates who have experienced uncomfortable interview questions on a certain topic may wish to practice suit able responses ahead of time For instance, if a gap in employment seems to be an issue, be ready to talk about the skills you acquired or the contributions you made as a voluntee: during that time.

Unfortunately, some interviewers persist in areas they

"Obvious off-limit topics are family situation, age, religion, ethnicity, disability, sexual preference, race or any questions that lead to more knowledge about the candidate through related questions such as, 'Will you need to make any special arrangements for family members should you be hired?' or, 'Have you ever missed work for illness or injury?" says Terry Henley, director of compensation services at Employers Resource Association, a nonprofit serving small and medium-sized businesses in Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana.

In this situation, Henley recommends that candidates say that they aren't comfortable discussing the topic and

then think about whether they

wish to continue the interview. "If the applicant is certain that the question is illegal, he can tell the interviewer, understanding that it will probably mean that the interview will end soon and not end up in employment." Filing charges with a state or federal agency is an option if a well-qualified candidate feels certain that the only reason he was denied the position was because of being a member of a protected class, but Henley cautions that "the likelihood for

success in filing such a claim in

these circumstances is low.

While candidates have little to no control over what guestions an interviewer chooses to ask, they do have power over something important: their own response. So set the tone that you've come to discuss why you're the best person for the

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Lincoln's Less-Is-More Strategy Is About To End



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While waiting for the revival of the Lincoln brand and product line, Ford CMO Jim Farlev is starting to talk about Lincoln's bare cupboard as an advantage. At the recent opening of the first fully dedicated

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Lincoln Design Studio in 40 years, Farley acknowledged the long quiescence of Lincoln in the U.S. market, which is set to begin to end with the launch of the redesigned 2013 MKZ sedan when it reaches Lincoln dealerships in November.

As it steps up on the design front, the Lincoln brand also is seeing big changes on the marketing front. Ford just reassigned Lincoln's previous CMO, C.J. O'Donnell, to another challenge: overseeing marketing, branding and positioning of Ford's growing stable of electric vehicles.

To guide Lincoln now, Ford just announced a new global management team starring Farley himself. He will add the new job of global leader of Lincoln, Reporting to him will be Matt Van Dyke, who will become head of global marketing, sales and service. He has been director of U.S. marketing communications for the Ford and Lincoln brands.

Lincoln also said that Andrew Frick will become Lincoln group marketing manager on January 1. His current title is general manager of Caribbean and Central America and Asia Pacific export operations and growth.

Farley hadn't been the official head of Lincoln until now, though he had been the guiding force behind the brand's reinvention since Ford killed the Mercury brand at the beginning of 2011. Drawing on his experience developing the Lexus brand during his years at Toyota, Farley has been a prime designer of Lincoln's plan to reinvent itself by offering a new style of customer care based on the service offered at boutique luxury hotels.

And meanwhile, Farley has maintained that Lincoln relative lack of product relevance over the last few years actually has set Lincoln up for a stirring revival, in at least two ways.

First, Farley said, the U.S. "large-sedan market has literally dropped in half in just a few years. In that way, Lincoln is fortunate -- maybe even lucky," he told attendees upon the center's unveiling. What Farley meant is that in its product and brand revival, Lincoln will be able to avoid much concern about big sedans, traditionally a major segment, and focus instead where the luxury brand is vibrant in these days, in smaller and fuel-efficient yet still well-appointed new models.

Indeed, the new MKZ, with radically new styling including a "spread-eagle" grille style, is intended to kick off a Lincoln renaissance that will include four brand-

Along with products that hit the new expectations in the premium segment, Farley said, Lincoln will bring an enhanced experience in its dealerships -- something that most other luxury marques already are moving toward. "It's not about being a big-box retailer with a cappucino machine and 100 people waiting in the lounge, but to be more personal," Farley said. "Think of your neighborhood tailor."

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The new 2013 Lincoln MKZ will launch the brand's new-product parade. from-the bottom in Consumer Reports magazine's new listing of predicted reliability - just ahead of Ford, which similarly is struggling with MyFord Touch.

> The magazine scored Ford and Lincoln for continuing to struggle to overhaul what are essentially second-generation versions of Sync. The company keeps adding MyLincoln Touch and MyFord Touch to more new vehicles even though its new-car buyers have indicated tremendous confusion and frustration with the

> The second reason that Farley likes the timing for gearing up the "new" Lincoln is that Ford has said it plans to introduce

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