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Walmart preps for yuletide shoppers

By Cal Stone Staff Writer

Because Walmart is ready for shoppers 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, being open Thanksgiving normally wouldn't be notable.

But the Novi Walmart is taking a historic step to ensure wish-list items are available for customers during a special one-hour event Thanksgiving.

"This year, we bought enough merchandise to guarantee one of these three items --- iPad2, 32inch TV, LG Blue-Ray player -- from 10 to 11 p.m.," said Aaron Quimby, store manager. 'We'll have enough to take care or every customer. If we run out that evening, customers will be able to get them before Christmas.

As the world's largest retailer prepared for one of the most popular shopping days of the vear. Walmart last week



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Novi Walmart assistant manager Norman Mize tidies up a display of Furbys on Nov. 19. Walmart - which expects to sell quite a few of the popular animated animals - will be open Thanksgiving day and will have specials at 8 and 10 p.m. and on Black Friday at 5

offered an early glimpse of the work under way at its Novi Town Center

Quimby said Walmart is preparing to unveil its best Black Friday assortment ever, available during three events starting at 8 p.m. Nov. 22. The retailer plans to showcase hundreds of brand-name electronics, toys, apparel, sporting goods and items for the home.

Quimby has been with the chain 12 years,

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TREE LIGHTING AND SANTA **CLAUS AT NOVI TOWN CENTER**

Novi Town Center will celebrate the holidays beginning with a Tree Lighting 6-7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 24. The a capella group Metro Jazz Voices will be singing holiday songs at the outdoor event at the fountain near Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro.

Anyone bringing a toy to the Tree Lighting to give to Toys for Tots will receive a \$5 discount coupon at a Novi Town Center restaurant (while supplies last). Santa Claus will be visiting Novi Town Center from 10 a.m. to noon and 1-3 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, Dec. 1-2, 8-9 and 15-16. Santa will be greeting children at his special Santa Shop located between the Golfsmith and TJ Maxx stores in the Center.

For more information, visit www.novitowncenter.com or

call (248) 347-3830.

HOLIDAYS EVENTS AT TWELVE OAKS

Santa photos: Santa will be available for photos at ... the Ice Palace in Twelve Oaks Mall the day after Thanksgiving (Nov. 23) from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. with breaks from 12:30-1 p.m. and 5:30-6 p.m. Santa hours through Dec. 23 are during all mall hours with breaks from 12:30-1 p.m. and 5:30-6 p.m. Mondays-Saturdays and 1-1:30 p.m. Sundays. On Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, Santa will be available 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. with a break from noon-12:30 p.m. Guests must be in line with a ticket by 3 p.m. to see Santa before he leaves for the North

Santa Paws: All creatures great and small are invited to have their photo taken with Santa from 9 a.m.-10:45 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 2 in Center Court. Space is limited and reservations are a must. Call (248) 348-9438 to reserve a spot. Parking is available in the Green Lot (between Sears and Macy's). All dogs and cats must be on a leash or in a carrier and up-to-date on all shots.

Black Friday Fun: Kick off your Black Friday shopping experience with Jay Towers in the Morning from WNIC 100.3 FM who will be broadcasting live from the Lord & Taylor Court from 6-10 a.m.

ice Palace and Santa: This holiday season, visitors to Twelve Oaks Mail are in store for some cool family fun when they step inside the spectacular holiday Ice Palace. The display features a 30-foot ice dome with falling snow, a light show and, new this year, the beloved prehistoric herd from the family film "Ice Age: Continental Drift."



IOHN HEIDER I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Moe Leon, owner of the Novi restaurant Moe's on Ten, stops by to greet regular customer Karen Shinney on Nov. 19.

Moe Leon serving up a Thanksgiving tradition again

By Cal Stone Staff Write

For more than two decades, Moe Leon has been serving up a traditional Thanksgiving dinner to those in Novi who can't afford it or don't have family and friends to share the holiday with - and he's doing it again 4-7 p.m. today.

The meal — at Moe's on Ten (south side of 10 Mile Road, west

of Haggerty Road) - includes turkev. sturring. etables, chicken noodle soup and

pumpkin pie. "Between me and my brothers. Sam and Wally, we've been doing this for 23 years," said Leon, who is expecting between 300 and 500 people at his Novi restaurant.

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Novi invests nearly \$7 million in infrastructure

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

Novi pumped nearly \$7 million into infrastructure improvements this vear, which is up from a

low of \$4 million in 2008. "We got a lot done this year," said Rob Hayes, the city's director of pub-lic services. "The city council wants to contin-

ue to invest with infra-

structure and that helps make Novi a great place to live.'

With winter around the corner, there are still some project loose ends Novi needs to tie

up before spring's warm weather brings new projects. Hayes's department is working to finish up projects at Brookfarm Park, resurfacing some parking lots and rehabilitating parts of the sani-

tary sewer system. "We have some open projects, but the plan is to have these done before

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Holocaust Memorial Center dedicates new gallery

Farmington Hills is home to a piece of history representing one of the darkest periods in humanity: the Holocaust An authentic World War

II-era boxcar that was used to transport millions of European Jews and other victims to concentration camps and their deaths during the Holocaust is the centerpiece of a new gallery at the Holocaust Memorial Center Zekelman Family Campus.

The new gallery, dedicated Nov. 20, was made possible by a donation from Bloomfield Hills residents Henrietta and Alvin Weisberg, and

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stands in memory of Henrietta's family murdered in the Holocaust: her par ents, Sara and Israel Gastfrajnd, and brothers, Rubin and Hershel Gastfraind.

Now 83, Henrietta Weisberg was just a child when the horrors of the Holocaust touched her family and she is hopeful the exhibit will serve as a powerful reminder of the

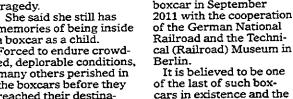
memories of being inside a boxcar as a child. Forced to endure crowded, deplorable conditions, many others perished in the boxcars before they reached their destina-

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only one exported to the United States from Germany. "We are very grateful to the Weisberg's for this generous donation," said Stephen M. Goldman, executive director of the Holocaust Memori-

Weisberg said. "While

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al Center. Opened in 1984, the Holocaust Memorial Center is the state's only Holocaust museum and is visited by more than

85,000 people annually.

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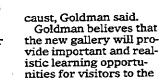


Alvin and Henrietta

caust survivors with community support, the center's mission is to teach about the senseless murder of millions, and why everyone must respect and stand up for the rights of others if the world is to prevent future discrimination hate crime and genocide Goldman said.

He added that the center's exhibits create a call to action, teaching visitors through the examples of those who risked their lives to save others, and asking its guests to react to contemporary challenges such as racism, intolerance, bullying and prejudice.

"This gallery allows us to display an object of great significance that will not only educate our visitors, but stand as a



"Objects of an era, especially objects that carry an emotional content, are important in getting a message across: that it can never happen again," he said.

The new gallery will also play a role in conveying another important lesson and message of faith, he said, adding that

the message is especially important for young

"The other message is that if people suffered as these people did, and overcame the adversity as they did and lived to prosper, then no matter how bad your situation is: whether you are homeless, or a victim of racism or anti-Semitism, you too, can overcome,'

"There is hope. There is always hope," he added.

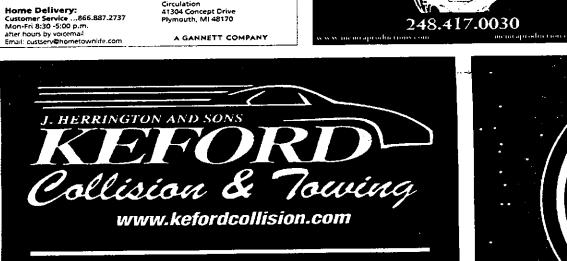


Workers at the Holocaust Memorial Center unload an authentic World War II-era boxcar, the centerpiece of a new exhibit gallery at the museum.

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U.K. native, Novi man serves Starr Commonwealth in leadership role They're near Walled Lake and By Julie Brown the pennant-clinching Detroit like their new home. "That's quite

affairs manager, grew up in north-

John Hollingsworth took a long route to get to his new position as director of communications for Albion-based Starr Common

"It is quite a long drive," said Hollingsworth, who lives with wife, Melissa, in Novi. He's 31 and arrived here from Scotland in August to work at Start Commonwealth, which helps troubled

He hopes to spend time at Starr Commonwealth sites in and around Detroit, "It's rewarding once I arrive," he said of his drive, less than an hour and a half.

Melissa is from Ludington Mich., and spent 12 years in Scotland where the couple met around seven years ago. She's a landscape architect involved with the Detroit Works Project.

Tigers and, back in the U.K., Newcastle United for football/soccer. a nice place to be," he said, "We

walk around the lake and really enjoy that area. Hopefully we'll be He said he's been to Michigan many times, mostly in the Ludington and other west Michigan areas. "I've come to know Michigan reasonably well."

He liked the end of this summer Before The Royal Bank of Scotand is enjoying fall. "I'm kind of looking forward in a way to seeing the snow," other than commuting. He has been here for snowy Christmases. Hollingsworth, who previous y worked at The Royal Bank of Scotland Group as community

east England. There's a similar situation to Detroit, he said, with a decline in manufacturing jobs. "Tve really enjoyed getting into some of the sports here." He likes

"I've spent most of my adult life in Scotland," said Hollingsworth, who graduated with a bachelor's degree in journalism from Napier University in Edinburgh, Scot land. He holds a master's degree in business administration from Aston University in Birmingham England

land, he was the senior communications manager for NHS Scotnization. He's also served as corporate communications manager for the National Trust of Scotland that's country's largest nonprofit

charity organization. Hollingsworth noted Starr Commonwealth is 99 years old and will have much to celebrate at 100. "This is just a fantastic organiza tion that does some really great

work with young people," he said. His work will be getting the message out on the child and family services organization. "We just want to make sure we're engaging as much as possible with local communities.

Starr has begun international work, much online but also some training of professionals in person, he said. "It has been very successful already in terms of reaching many professionals around the world.' Social media will play a role in

nerships with others. "We want to become actively engaged with people in the communities we're serving," Hollingsworth said. It's been interesting for him to observe U.S. media outlets during the buildup to the presiden-

his work, but the focus is part-

range of media. "There are some similarities" to the U.K., he said. "The people at Starr Commonwealth are really incredible," Hol-lingsworth added. "I'm really fortunate to be able to work with

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them. He will lead communica tion efforts by increasing Starr's brand awareness, directing inter-



John Hollingsworth of Novi is director of communications for Starr Commonwealth, an Albionbased agency for troubled youth.

nal and external communications, managing crisis situations, serving as a spokesman, and furthering objectives outlined in the stra-

"John brings a great deal of experience to Starr Commonwealth, and we're excited to have him on board," said Martin L. Mitchell, president and CEO, in a

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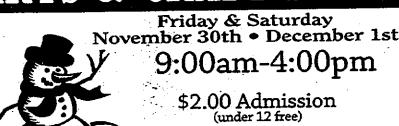
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A school district you can be thankful for

SUPER TALK

By Steve Matthews

Thanksgiving is a holiday that you can miss. Halloween, just a month before

Thanksgiving, has grown into an excessive celebration. Over \$8 billion are spent on Halloween expenses, covering everything from costumes to candy. Not only are there costumes

for adults and children. ve can now buy our pets And preparations for the events of Christmas. Hanukkah and New Year's now begin

in November. Stores begin to play holiday music and put up holiday displays well before Thanksgiving Day.
But Thanksgiving is a day that should

not be forgotten. Thanksgiving reminds us that there are things in our life that we should not take for granted. While it is easy to get wrapped up in the busy-ness of our world, we need to take time to say thanks for the things that we have. Here in our school district we have

much for which to be thankful. First, we have wonderful students. Every day there are over 6,300 students who find their way to our front doors. They come with various levels of enthusiasm about learning. Sometimes they are eager to learn. Other days they seem not to care. Sometimes they chal-lenge us to make what we are trying to teach relevant and interesting to a generation that has grown up with electronic tools that a generation ago we did not

have to worry about.

I am thankful for our students. They bring with them thoughts and ideas, questions about their role in the world. Being a part of their lives gives me hope that our future will be brighter than our

past.
We also have a wonderful staff. From

The focus for our staff is our students. Our staff understands that every one of our jobs should focus on making sure that we create the best possible environment for learning.

bus drivers to teachers to food service workers to our technology crew to our administrative staff to the maintenance team, we have men and women who care about their jobs. Every one of our staff members understands that our core purpose is to create a place where students can learn every day. Whether i is making sure that classrooms are not too hot or that the food is healthy or that the computers work like they should, our staff works hard to create a place where students learn.

The focus for our staff is our students. Our staff understands that every one of our jobs should focus on making sure that we create the best possible environment for learning. Every day I am thankful for the commitment and the skill of our staff.

Finally, I am thankful for our com-munity. Our community has supported our requests for improved facilities and technology. The parents in our commu nity understand the importance of education and prepare their children to be successful in our schools. Our community creates an environment where our schools can be successful.

Thanksgiving should not be forgotten Each of us has much for which we can and should be thankful. I am thankful that our students, staff and community work together to create a place where

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/docsmat-

Shamrocks care



Detroit Catholic Central senior Jack Malinowski is in charge of the school's annual food drive to benefit "Loaves and Fishes" of southwest Detroit. Students gathered food throughout the week of Nov. 5 and Catholic Central drove the food to the charity on Nov. 9.

Shaping up



Orchard Hills student Marcell Jones, center, runs passed some other Orchard Hills kids during the school's Nov. 8 Wildcat Walk. The walk was a fundraiser to bring in pledges for the school's PTO programs, books and transportation costs.



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Orchard Hills first grader Robert Flores dashes around the school's track on Nov. 8 during its Wildcat Walk fundraiser. The school, looking to bring in pledges of about \$9,000 for its programs, utilized the event to promote healthy eating and

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CASE NO. PZ12-0053 40623 NINE MILE RD

The applicant is requesting a variance from the CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Signs, Section 28-5(2)d.3 to placement of a subdivision entrance sign within the public right of way. The proposed sign would be located south of 9 Mile Rd. and west of Haggerty Rd., in

CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Signs, Section 28-5(2)d.3 ground signs be located

not less than 10 feet from the right-of-way.

CASE NO. PZ12-0049 40399 GRAND RIVER The applicant is requesting a variance from the CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 2400 to allow location of an accessory structure (pavilion) 17.66 ft within the required minimum 100' rear yard setback. The property is located west of Haggerty Road and south of Canad Bines August in the L.I. reprine district.

of Grand River Avenue in the I-1 zoning district.
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Fitness challenge aims to bring holiday cheer to homeless families

CoreFit Fitness owner and personal trainer Rod Dowdell (Trainer Rod) is going to attempt a staggering endurance-fundraising Extreme Train-A-Thon Fitness Challenge at his studio in Novi to benefit homeless families at the Wayne County Family Center

Beginning at 6 a.m. Dec. 9, Trainer Rod will endure the seven days of training, with the last 48 hours to be continuous without rest, training between 90-100 clients nonstop. All proceeds from the sessions will go directly towards buying gifts and fulfilling the wish list for homeless children at the Wayne County Family Center. and Trainer Rod plans to hand deliver gifts to as

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on Christmas day. The Wayne County Family Center program matches needy families with "services, providing transitional shelter for homeless families." They welcome two-parent fam-

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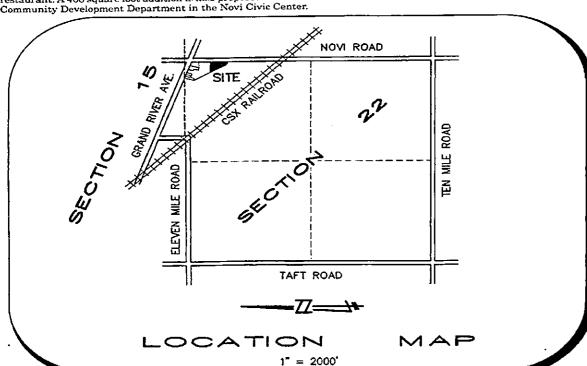
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Santa Claus greets Emily, 2, and Patrick McGlinnen, 4, at Novi's Twelve Oaks Mall on Nov. 19. Santa has set up

court on the lower level of the mall and will be greeting kids throughout the holiday season.



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winter settles in," he said. At Brookfarm, the city has stabilized the banks of the stream that runs through the park near Village Oak Elementary School. The connector path is also expected to

The parking lots at Power Park and Novi Ice Arena have been resurfaced and one of the police departments lots is being touched up.

The sanitary sewer system project involves areas of concern throughout the system. Hayes said Novi has a younger system that is not connected with the storm water pipes, which makes it an ideal system overall. However, he said there are sections that have groundwater seeping in through cracks.

be isolated and tightened

up," he said. His department will locate the exact spots of concern and then do the necessary repairs, like inserting a sleeve, to stop the groundwater.

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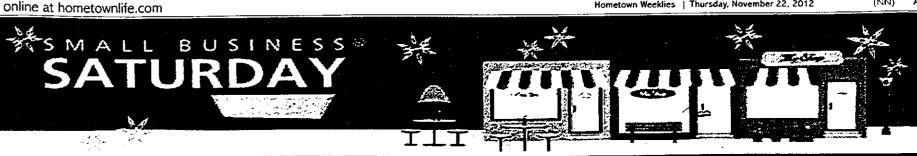
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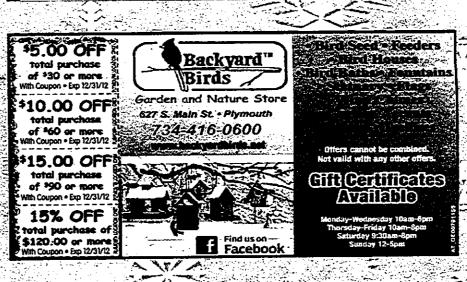
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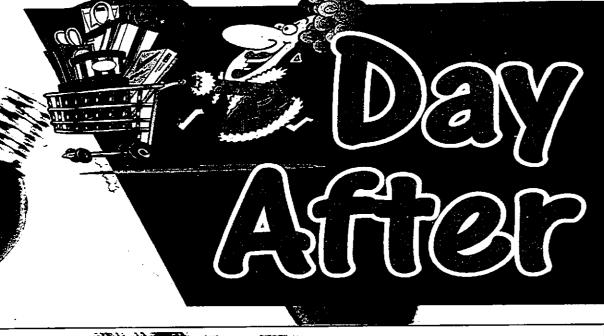


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Big Frog is Novi's new one-stop shop for all custom apparel needs, but owners Doug and Robin ossman say they are not like other T-shirt shops. They offer an all-in-one low price, and all items are created in-house with a unique process.

"We specialize in fullcolor, printed custom apparel, using non-fading. high-resolution garment printers," Robin said of he Novi Town Center shop. "I think what makes us stand out is our customer service. It's really our main priority - we go the extra mile." The Rossmans had dis-

cussed opening a business of their own for many years, and it was a month ago this became a reality. Doug spent 30plus years in the corporate world, while Robin was a teacher. They said the Big Frog opportunity "jumped up" and found them at the right time. As small business owners, they are dedicated to excellent customer service and top-quality prod-

Their goal is to serve the communities of Novi Farmington, Farmington Hills, Livonia, Wixom, Walled Lake, Northville, Southfield and most of Metro Detroit.

"This is a fun business," Doug said. "We're hoping to become the destination for those in the community needing our service. The Town Center is a great location for us, and we think Big Frog



PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Doug Rossman takes a look at some of his design samples at his Novi Town Center shop, Big Frog.

DETAILS

Big Frog's address is 26036 Ingersol Drive and they can be reached at (248) 347-3764. The store will be open 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday-Friday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday; and noon-5 p.m. Sunday. For more information about the store, special sales or to shop online, visit www.biafrog.com/novi.

ers to this area."

Center filling up The Town Center is seeing more businesses come in and see Big Frog as a cool opportunity to

expand its offerings. "The opening of Big Frog offers Novi Town Center shoppers the ability to create their own one-of-a-kind printed other apparel," said NTC

Clear. "Big Frog is a fun and affordable store that complements the other new stores recently opened in the Center.

Other stores recently opened include Dressbarn, Clothes Mentor. maurices, Dots, rue21. ULTA Beauty, Plato's Closet and Torrid.

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WOOD, CAROL M.

Clara Bauer. Carol was a t South Lyon area for many year

Prior to her retirement, she was a professional and accomplished singer. She enjoyed painting and was viewed as a very talented ar-

tist. Carol worked at Dupont for

many years in Troy and South-field. She was also a member of the Farmington Musical. Carol was known for being very dedi-

was known for being very dedi-cated to helping cancer survi-vors; providing support and en-couragement to many people. She is survived by her loving husband of 41 years, Wilbur (Woody) Wood; her sister Au-drey (Joe) Schutz; her step-children: Phillip (Marianne) Wood of Colorado, and Mark (Barbary) Wood of Lakeland; her

(Barbara) Wood of Lakeland; her grandchildren, great-grand-children and her nieces and

Sunday, from 2:00-8:00 p.m. with a Rosary prayed at 7:00 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home South Lyon. A Funeral Mass was held on Nov. 19, Monday, at

10:00 a.m. at Saint Joseph Cath-olic Church, South Lyon. Memo-rial contributions in loving mem-ory of Carol are requested to Ac-

On-line guestbook at: www.phillipsfuneral.com

1-800-579-7355 • fax 313-496-4968 • htwobits@hometownlife.com Deadline: Tuesday 9:45 a.m. for Thursday

BRAUN, NEIL RAYMOND

Age 76, of Linden, died Mond November 12, 2012. A memot service will be held 11 AM Mon-lay, November 19, 2012 at St. lude Episcopal Church, 106 E. Elizabeth St., Fenton with Rev Joshua Hoover officiating. The family will receive friends from service at the church. Men Jude Episcopal Church.

Arrangements by Sharp Funeral
Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com

GARDINER, ANN Age 92, passed away Nov. 13, 2012. A private family service was held. Online guestbook

ODOR, BERNICE VANTIEM, Of Milford, formerly of Grosse Pointe died November 14, 2012. LynchFuneralDirectors.com

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MARILYN MARGARET April 3, 1933 - November 13, 2012. Marilyn Kaestner, beloved wife, mother, teacher, and friend, passed away peacefully from a long battle with Lewy Body De-

long battle with Lewy Body Dementia. Marilyn was born in Detroit to the late Lloyd and Peg (Freer) Nelson. Marilyn is survived by her husband of 53 years, Kenneth Kaestner, and her children: Susan Walsh, Jane Funfgeld-Crowley (Dan), Julie Tuck, and Robert Holterman (Tari), and her sister, Virginia Nelson. In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her sister Elaine Wright. Marilyn (Tari), and her sister, Virginia Nelson. In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her sister Elaine Wright. Marilyn has nine grandchildren: Kenneth. Dylan, and Anneliese Walsh; Lindsey Funfgeld; Gracie and Kaylyn Tuck; Leigh Ann and Nicholas Holterman; and Kaity Mullahey. Marilyn was a beloved elementary school educator for 32 years, 20 of which were spent at Amerman Elementary School in Northville. She leaves a timeless legacy of influence and memories with all of her students and family. Marilyn loved children, travel, the arts, and life. The funeral service was held Friday, November 16, 2012. Mrs. Kaestner was laid to rest at Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville. Those wishing to make a memorial contribution may donate to the Lewy Body Dementia Association, www.lbda.org

a memory, please visit

RAJDA, LOUISE

Age 93, passed away Nov. 12, 2012. Funeral Nov. 16, at 10:30

a.m. St. Joseph Catholic Church, South Lyon. phillipsfuneral.com

May peace be

with you in this

time of sorrow.

la Memoriam



DAVIS, BEN R. Gone yet not forgotten Although we are apart, Your spirit lives within us Forever in our hearts

Author adds twist to Girls Night Out book signing

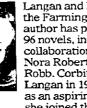
habit of using her annual book signing as an excuse for a Girls' Night Out with friends. But this year, the Novi author has added a twist to her 5th annual Girls' Night Out Book Signing by inviting New York Times best-selling romance author Ruth Ryan Langan to be her special guest.

"I thought it would be fun to shake things up this year by including my friend, Ruth, in the festivities. Corbit said of the event Nov. 27, at Biggby Coffee, 43346 Grand River Avenue. "I am a big fan of Ruth's



books, and this is a great way for me to introduce have loved reading.' Langan has provid-

ers to some of the stories I ed plenty of those stories. Writing under pseudonyms Ruth Langan, Ruth Ryan



America, a trade associamy other friends and read-

96 novels, including collaborations with Nora Roberts and J.D. Robb. Corbit first met Langan in 1996 when, as an aspiring author, she joined the Greater Detroit chapter of

"I'm just one of the authors Ruth has mentored over the years. She gave me great advice and introduced me to New York editors and even the wom-

Romance Writers of

Langan and R.C. Ryan, the Farmington Hills agent," said Corbit, who is herself the award-winning author of 15 books in the inspirational romance mar ket. "Sharing this year's event with her is a small way for me to say thank you for her kindness." During the book signing, Corbit will promote her 2012 releases, "A Hick-

> Central Publishing; and "J.D. Robb's The Unquiet," from Berkley.

"Christmas in the Air."

ory Ridge Christmas" and both from Harlequin Love Inspired. Langan will sign

Of course, the Girls'

es, "Quinn," from Grand

been about more than just books. Corbit, known locally by her married name Dana Nussio, originally suggested the event in 2008 as a night out with her girlfriends. The event remains a chance for guests to take a break from the busyness of the Christmas seaown friends while sipsos or decaf lattes. Adding to the fun of the evecopies of her recent releas-

son by relaxing with their ping hot chocolate, espresning, Lisa Erickson, one of Corbit's friends and a Silpada Jewelry representative, brings a display of her

shiny things for guests to

Morship

try on and add to their holiday wish lists. Corbit enjoys hosting the igning at the local Biggby Coffee franchise so she can support the local business. which supports her writing career by regularly stocking her books. Literacy is a corporate initiative of Biggby Coffee, headquartered

> in Lansing. "Coffee shops like Biggby have always been great but have become even dearer to the communiry with the loss of indepen dent bookstores and even some big-box bookstores, she said. "These shops are comfortable, warm places to escape with a good book and a yummy coffee

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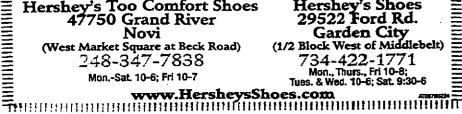
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Contact: (248) 349-0565

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School and Bible Study; 10

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ery Care: 10 a.m. Worship

holycrossnovi@gmail.com; visit holyCROSSnovi.org

Sunday Worship: 7:45

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Judge orders psych test for I-96 shooting suspect Casteel

Bv Aileen Wingblad

Raulie Wayne Casteel, who police say is responsible for 24 shootings in communities along the I-96 corrider, will undergo psychological testing lespite objections from his defense counsel, a dis-

trict judge ruled Nov. 15. Judge Brian MacKenzie of 52-1 District Court ordered the review during a pre-exam conference for the alleged shooter, a 43-year-old unemployed Wixom res-

MacKenzie said his decision followed discussion in his chambers with the prosecution and defense prior to the hear-"Based on that con-

versation — over the defense's objections - I'm going to order a review at the forensic center for competency and criminal responsibility," MacKenzie said.

The judge also said he'll also request "they expedite this matter." As expected, Casteel

review at the Community Development Department in the Novi Civic Center

ing within 14 days. Casteel was brought to the Novi court from the

Livingston County Jail, where he's being held on several charges for shootings there. Investigators say he's also responsible for shootings in Shiawassee and Ingham counties. All but one of the shootings were at motorists.

gunfire. Defense attorneys offered no comment following the Nov. 15 proceedings.

CITY OF NOVI

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OF A WOODLAND PERMIT. The applicant is proposing to include approximately 40.7 acres in the existing Island Lake of Novi RUD in order to construct 75 single-family detached homes with associated infrastructure. Plans are available for

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Site

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be made to the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 during the City's regular business hours, Monday thru Friday, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., and must be received by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, December 12, 2012.

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One driver was hit by the

Casteel

Casteel is charged with 60 felonies including assault with intent to murder for 9 shootings in Wixom and Commerce in

Assistant Prosecutor Brett Chudler has been assigned to the Oakland County case.

ingblad@hometownlife.com l (248) 685-1507, Ext. 261

Knife-wielding thief cuts Novi detective

Suspect with four separate charges

A Novi Police detective was cut by a knifewielding man who was attempting to escape the Walmart in Canton Township after trying to steal a 42-inch TV.

According to David Molloy, Public Safety director for the City of Novi, the detective was at the store on Nov. 9 to follow up on a fraud investigation into a stolen credit card. He encountered the theft suspect, Alan Mays, in the store's Loss Prevention office.

The detective's name has not been released. "It's not too serious, considering what could have happened," Molloy

The detective suffered a small cut, maybe a centimeter in length, to his finger, Molloy said. He did not require any stitches or further medical attention. Mays had a fold-up knife in his pos-

Prior to the cutting incident, Mays had his hands in pockets and he was asked to take them out, according to Molloy. It was then he pulled the knife out and began way ing it around to force back the Novi detective, who reacted quickly to the situation. He grabbed at Mays' hand

and worked to free the

The detective grappled with Mays and was attempting to knock the knife out of his hand by banging it against the wall. Both fell to the floor and it was then the cut happened. Mays got up and ran, but he was detained outside in the parking lot by the responding Canton Police and the chasing Novi offi-

Mays is charged with armed robbery, assault with intent to commit great bodily harm, possession of a dangerous weapon and resisting arrest. He has already been arraigned and will return to court for a preliminary exam on Nov. 19.

Similar situations have happened to Novi police officers before. There are times when an investiga tion had officers encountering another criminal situation. Mollov said.

"I give a lot of credit to the detective's alertness to avoid a more serious As far as the Novi fraud case, which involved a

stolen card being used at the Canton store, the detective was able to successfully get the informa-

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NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

Marijuana Possession and Driving while License Suspended

A driver with a Wisconsin driver's license was stopped for making an illegal left hand turn, which led to his arrest for drug possession.

On Nov. 11, Novi Police observed the man's Pontiac Grand Am make a left out of the Denny's restaurant near 12 Oaks Mall on to Novi Road. The driver then swerved across three lanes before police stopped him on the westbound entrance ramp for I-96. The police immediately detected the odor of marijuana inside the vehicle upon making contact with the driver.

A further check on the driver revealed he was driving with a suspended license. A check of the inside of inside it. The driver was cited for possession, DWLS

Larceny

2 Construction equipment stolen from a location on E. Cavendish Avenue.

The larceny was reported to the Novi Police on Nov. 12, but the missing scaffolding equipment may have went missing sometime during the previous seven days. There were two pump jacks stolen, both valued at \$1,250. These were being used to put siding on a house under construction. The equipment owners told police it would have tak-

en at least two people to make off with the scaffolding.

Traffic stop and OWI 3 The Novi Police stopped a woman for speeding and then arrested her for drunken driving. On Nov. 11, the police spotted the woman driving along Wixom Road at Grand River going 49 mph in a 35 mph speed zone. Upon making contact with the woman the police reported smelling intoxicants on her. She said she had one beer earlier.

After stumbling through the walk and turn test during the field sobriety tests, she was given a preliminary breathalyzer test. She was charged with OWI after it registered a .112 percent blood-alcohol content.

Compiled by staff writer Lonnie Huhman.

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NORTHVILLE / NOVI CHURCH CALENDAR

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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

Reconciliation: beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appointment Priests: Rev. Bob LaCroix

pastor, and Rev. Michael Zuelch, associate pastoi CROSSPOINTE **MEADOWS CHURCH**

Location: 29000 Meadow-

brook Road, south of 13 Mile Road Contact: (248) 669-9400. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or visit www. crosspointemeadows.org Sunday Worship: 11:15

Bible study classes: 10

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

Novi Planning Commission

David Greco, Secretary

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. Lafayette South Lyon, MI 48178. Items must be received by noon on Monday to be included in Thursday's newspaper.

experience. what the symbolism means, and how this book still **Destiny Worship Center** speaks to us today. Location: Ridge Wood **Faith Journeys** Elementary School, 49775 6 Date: Third Sundays Mile Road, Northville Contact: DestinyW3C@ Details: Following worship

and fellowship, someone Gmail.com or visit www. DW3C.org. will share how they have experienced God in their **EMMANUEL** life and the difference that **LUTHERAN CHURCH** has made. Location: 34567 7 Mile

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CHURCH OF NORTH-

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a.m. first Saturday of every

Road, Livonia Contact: (248) 442-8822 **FAITH COMMUNITY** PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sunday Worship: 10:45 Location: 44400 W. 10 a.m. and 5:45 p.m Mile Road Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Contact: (248) 349-2345 or Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 visit www.faithcommunity-Men's Bible Study: 9 Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

Book of Revelation month Study FIRST BAPTIST Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. CHURCH OF NOVI-Tuesdays and 9:30 a.m. FAMILY INTEGRATED Wednesdays Details: Come and learn Location: 45301 W. 11

what John is writing about,

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All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing.

The proposed text amendment is available for examination and review at the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 during regular business hours, Monday thru Friday, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Any written comments

must be received by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, December 12, 2012.

Contact: (248) 349-3647 or Family Bible Hour: 9:45

Family Worship: 11 a.m. Bible Study: 6 p.m. Family Movie Night: 5:30 p.m.; fourth Sunday of every month

FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 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 Praise Band, Children's Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 10:30 a.m. Fellowship and refreshments: 11 a.m. Traditional worship service, Children's Church, Youth Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 6 p.m. Evening Service,

Children's program, Youth Worship Service Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m. Family Meal, \$5 per person, \$15 per family; Currently on Wednesday nights: 6:30 p.m. Children's VBS/Caravan, Club

56, Bible Study, Quilting, Adult Classes, Youth Group Thursday Schedule: 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN **CHURCH OF NORTH-**

Location: 200 E. Main Street Contact: (248) 349-0911 or visit www. fpcnorthville.

Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Location: 205 East Lake

Street (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

Sunday Worship: Meditative - Held in the Chape! - 8 a.m. Contemporary - Held in the Sanctuary - 9:15 a.m. Traditional - Held in the Sanctuary - 11 a.m. Sunday School: Nursery - 8 a.m. Nursery - 12th grade - 9:15 Nursery - 6th grade/Special

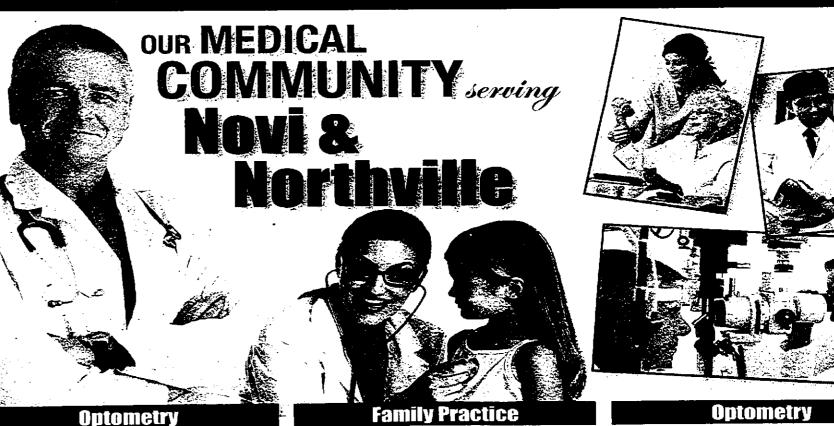
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 12, 2012 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT 18,256 FOR A RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL FOR AN AMENDMENT OF AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 97-18 AS AMENDED, THE CITY OF NOVI ZONING ORDINANCE AT ARTICLE 25. GENERAL PROVISIONS. SECTION 2511, EXTERIOR LIGHTING: IN ORDER TO MODIFY THE STANDARDS FOR LIGHTING AT RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT ENTRANCES.

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing The proposed text amendment is available for examination and review at the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 during regular business hours, Monday thru Friday, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Any written comments must be received by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, December 12, 2012.

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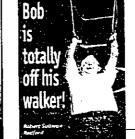
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OUR VIEWS

Saying thanks not for just one day

Keep on expressing your gratitude

When the first day of school rolled around in September, did you let out a sigh and say, "thank heavens they're back in school?

How many times has someone turned to you - and how many times have you turned to someone else — in the last two weeks to say, "thank goodness the election

How long will you bite your tongue, after a Thanksgiving dinner guest tries to compliment you by saying that the mashed potatoes had fewer lumps than the gravy this year, before you say, "gee, thanks?"

And when you stumble into a coffee shop before dawn on Black Friday for some liquid gold before a shopping foray, what do you say as you finger the change the barista hands you? It may be almost subconscious, but like as not, you'll mumble a "thanks."

We say it all the time, not just on Thanksgiving. Whether it's because we got a knock on the head from our parents if we didn't say it as youngsters, or because we bought into the "please and thank you" lessons of Sesame Street and Capt. Kangaroo, saying thanks or thank you is arguably one of the most used phrases in the English language.

Maybe we use it too much. It is something to think about this Thanksgiving, Consider that, when our children return to school in the fall, our thanks is better directed to their teachers than spoken as

our sense of relief. Likewise, win or lose, we are all glad that campaign ads have stopped running on TV. But if we thank anyone, it should be the writers of the Constitution who provided for democratic elections.

And face it, there is no way you mean anything close to thanks when you get a back-handed compliment on your Thanksgiving dinner cooking skills, nor is there really any meaning in that exchange at the coffee shop.

This holiday is a clue as to what the problem is: For 364 days a year, we say thank you. On only one day each year, the fourth Thursday in November, we give thanks. Talk, it seems, really is cheap. But it doesn't cost any more to put a little thought — and a little meaning — behind a pleasant exchange.

There is plenty to be thankful for, whether we recall our good fortune in a litany at the dinner table, or we keep tabs in a periodic inventory of our lives. More of us are working, though still less than the national average; home foreclosure rates have slowed. And didn't the Tigers give us a thrill this year, at least for awhile?

We all have to make our own lists of what to be thankful for, but giving thanks means more than lip service. It means pausing to look straight in someone's eye and smile, letting that person know you value them and the service they have performed. Isn't that what we do on Thanksgiving, by pausing to gather with family, letting them know we count them among our blessings?

But there are still many in our community who may not have the good fortune to share in our lengthy lists. For them, we should give more than a kind word or two. Instead, share a meal or maybe a special treat them may be unable to afford. Make an early gift of baby formula topped with a pair of mittens, or a gas card slipped inside a pair of gloves for an oldster.

There are as many ways to give thanks as there are reasons to do so, and they don't have to stop when the table is cleared after dinner and dessert.

So, when the relatives finally decide to leave on Thanksgiving, it's not a matter of what will you say to them, but how.

NOVI NEWS

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What are you thankful for?



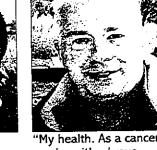
family being able to get

Sally Mack player and Farmington Hills



"My life, family and "I'm most thankful for my family and friends. friends. And for having and the gift of faith." food on the table and a Marina Neumaier place to put my head." Abi Mickens City of Novi assistant

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survivor, it's always a good thing to be in good health. And having my kids home for the

Peter Battin

LETTERS

School traffic concerns

From September through June, on any given weekday around 7 a.m. or 2 p.m., you will be hard-pressed to drive around the high school without encountering heavy traffic, chaos or even an accident. It is evident that the two-lane, congested roads of Taft and 10 Mile, along with two poorlylit entrances without proper signals, are a recipe for disaster. We need to address this issue before someone is seriously injured or, worse yet, killed.

During school times, approximately 430 students drive to and from school every day. All traffic must enter the high school from either 10 Mile or Taft roads. There are three student parking lots, but they are accessible from only two entrances. Additionally, some students are dropped off and also required to use one of the student lot entrances. In my first year of high school, I personally have witnessed at least five fender-benders and numerous close calls of potential accidents.

There are a few solutions that would address the traffic and congestion problems. The speed limit of 45 mph is too high for 10 Mile at 7 a.m. and 2 p.m. This needs to be studied, reviewed and revised to a lower, safer limit during school hours. In some areas, a school zone speed limit of 15 mph is enforced. There needs to be additional or improved overhead lighting near the entrance off of Taft to allow better visibility for all drivers, especially when turning into the parking lot during periods of darkness and poor weather conditions. Finally, the city needs to consider installing flashing arrows to enter the school parking lots. This will help with the congestion on both roads and also reduce accidents. Solutions such as these will allow for smoother traffic flow, help to decrease the congestion of traffic and, more importantly, allow the area to be safer for all. The city of Novi is known for its great schools. We, then, must find a way to make it safer for our students to arrive and depart school safely. I urge the City Council to please review and

> Bryan A. Fegert Novi High School student

Drive safely

consider these ideas.

Some drivers in the city of Novi aren't being cautious while in neighborhoods. This is especially true during the mornings. Driving too fast and rolling through stop signs could cause accidents and put somebody at risk of getting hurt.

Even though daylight-saving went into effect recently, it won't be long until it gets dark again. The darkness makes it harder to see the students walking to or waiting at the bus stops or pedestrians crossing the streets. Driving too fast early in the morning makes these situations even more hazardous

Rolling through stop signs can lead to a possibility of an accident with another car. Both drivers may assume that the other was going to stop at the stop sign. Although driving shouldn't be based on assumptions, it is possible for this to cause an accident. In order to prevent these things from happening, I would like to suggest two changes. First, drivers need to be more cautious while going through subdivisions. Second,

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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

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Online: Due to space limitations, not all letters submitted can be published in our print edition. However, all letters will be published online each week at www. hometownlife.com.

I would ask the Novi Police Department to patrol the subdivisions more often. Novi is a big city to cover and the main streets are the priority; however, the traffic in subdivisions can be just as dangerous to its residents. More frequent residential patrols would make our community a safer place for everyone.

> Megan Hrit Novi High School student

39th District observations

Although millions of dollars were spent on the presidential candidates' campaigns, money could not buy citizens' votes. The best man won. The outcome for the election of Michigan's 39th District House Representative demonstrated money nine the winner The Republican nominee, financed by the Oakland County Tea Party and Republicans in the county, won the seat. Even an organization backed by "Dr. No" — the notorious lobbyist Grover Norquist — sent a large, dishonest negative card via snail mail demonizing the Democratic challenger. Several similar TV ads appeared against his opponent. The personal telephone number of the Democratic candidate was publicized. There were numerous signs for the Republican throughout the area. Many signs of his opponent were removed.

The Democrat had the endorsements of big, diverse groups: construction workers, educators, truck drivers, nurses, firefighters, business owners and unions. Her credentials were/are impressive. Her qualifications were/are outstanding. She and her foot soldiers knocked on 2,000 doors. When requested, she appeared before organizations to discuss issues and share her policies. Her opponent was too busy.

In the future, maybe campaign finance reform will be a reality. That - plus a shorter, limited election process — will help democracy flourish. Hannah Provence Donigan Commerce

Time to reconstruct U.S.

One out of every four years America puts itself in a state of civil war. Sides are chosen, lines are drawn and families divided. This war, however, is not fought with guns and neavy machinery but with debates, speeches and advertisements.

The first shots are fired when candidates announce they are running

for office. Each party prepares for war and chooses its generals, becoming united in the common goal of electing their candidate to office as America is slowly dragged into the war that is politics.

The war increases intensity as Election Day approaches. At the end of the day, a ceasefire is called. The battle grounds are silent as the troops hold their breath, waiting for the final ballots to be counted. After the last votes are tallied, a victor is announced. Now is the time for the nation to

start rallying back from the great battle that divided its members for months. Reconstruction begins as a nation that had been divided mere days ago must put aside its differences and begin to work together to make our country a better place. Political guns must be stowed away, and uniforms put into storage. The decisions that are made by leaders previously in dispute will change the way this country runs, for better or for worse. But it all starts with the people of America. Our political leaders look to us and our actions to decide what they should fight for in Congress. If we cannot put this war behind us here at home, it will be nearly impossible for the politicians in the White House to do so.

The decisions and choices we make as a country today will affect it for years to come. Before you decide to take sides and argue, think about what would ultimately yield better results: arguing and fighting, or working together and compromising. While working together and compromising may seem like a simple thing to do, America is a very diverse country. Many different religions, ethimpede our ability to work together efficiently. Often times it may seem easier to argue and fight, however I believe compromising is truly the best road to take.

It's your move, America. Will you be able to successfully reconstruct this country, or will you let it crumble under our differences?

> Sara Hammelef Novi High School student

Kidding ourselves?

Election Day is exciting to some, but a hassle to others. However, if someone makes the journey to the polls and exercises their rights as American citizens, I would hope they keep an open mind. The stunning results of the statewide proposal elections got me thinking. If the voting population in Michigan can't make changes, who will? The elected officials. When they do, it may not bode well with everyone, but the voters should know they had their chance. None of the proposed changes to the policy or constitution of Michigan were passed. Some shouldn't have (been on the ballot) in the first place but a few of them could have made very good changes. I thought in particular Proposal 3 had a fighting chance.

A fellow student at Novi High School had a letter to the editor about saving the earth and the environment published in the Nov. 8 issue: Her words were inspiring, to say the least. If there were any more people like her around for the Election Day, maybe one of the proposals would have passed.

> Alex Hines Novi High School student

Connecting with aging parents during holidays

Guest Columnis

he holidays, for many of us, are a chance to spend time with family members who we don't see as often as we

Visits with aging parents

can provide the ideal opportunity for us to and have a conversation with them about their wellbeing. Are they safe living independently or do they need additional support

Kueppers

Kathleen

to do so? If you live a long distance away, or don't see your parents regularly, you may be surprised by changes you notice in their physical appearance or mental condition. Be sure to

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take the time to talk with them and ask questions if you are concerned. Here are some tips to consider.

Look for warning signs in their physical appearance. Weight loss may be a sign of

illness or malnourishment. Are they stable on their feet? Is there a change in their speech take care of their activities of daily living, such as cook, dress, bathe, and clean their home? If any warning signs are evident, help schedule a visit with their physician and plan to go with

Look for changes in their mood or mental alertness. Forgetfulness and confusion

are not a normal part of aging. If your parents are repeating themselves frequently or appear more confused, look for other signs that may indicate they are in need additional help. Are their bills being paid? Are they entering contests?

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Is there nutritious food in the cupboard?

How is their mood? Do they engage in conversa-

Do they laugh at funny stories?

Are they drinking more alco-Are they irritable or get angry

Do they cry often?

quickly? Do they appear clean and dress like they always did?

Are they refusing to go with friends on outings, or to their church or synagogue?

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can I do to help?" Or "I noticed you call me often and forget that we talked. Are you concerned about your memory? I am." Listen carefully and tell your parent/s that you respect their

independence When older adults complain about vague symptoms some-times they are telling you that they are scared or lonely. Listen carefully. Reassure them that you respect their privacy but that you may need to know

to help them if there is an emer-Where to turn for more sources and information The Area Agency on Aging 1-B

important information in order

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Kathleen Kueppers is Director of Community Support Services for the Area Agency on Aging 1-8, a nonprofit organization that serves seniors, persons with disabilities and family caregivers in a six-county region in southeast Michigan. For more information, contact her at (248) 262-9225, or by email at _kkueppers@aaa1b.com



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

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New Emergency Center



St. Mary Mercy Hospital opened its new Emergency Center to patients at 5 a.m. Nov. 14. Located in the new addition on the southwest side of campus, the new Emergency Center has more than 50 clinical rooms that include private treatment rooms and an expanded Senior ER. The new Emergency Center features include a racetrack layout where private patient rooms surround the clinical work area. A new helipad was also constructed next to the new Emergency Center. The new Emergency Center is within St. Mary Mercy's newest building, a 154,000-squarefoot addition that also contains two floors of 80 private patient rooms. The private rooms opened to patients Nov. 5. The hospital is also renovating the semipatient rooms in the North Wing, converting most of them into private rooms.





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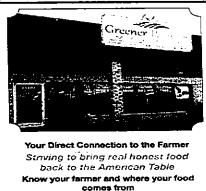
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When Elaine Cash decided it was time to move to a senior community, she found what she was looking for in her own backvard at Abbey Park at Mill River. Born and raised on a farm just three miles away. Elaine watched the construction of Abbey Park and carefully considered the advantages offered by the community.

As the final stages of building were completed "It got me thinking," she said. "I decided, on my own, this was the answer."

Elaine knew it was time for a change; the family home that she and her husband, Jim, built in 1950 was no longer practical. The Cash Family has lived in

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With any move there are decisions to be made, and so after offering the family home to her granddaughter, Elaine's first step was to find the perfect apartment in her new community. With nine floor plans ranging from one bedroom/one bath to two bedrooms with two full baths and two walk-in closets, all apartment options at Abbey Park include

Tnever thought I would spend my later years in such a lovely home as Abbey Park. I feel like the luckiest person living here." Elaine Cash

the luckiest person living here." a balcony or patio. Monthly rental fees include heat, water, electricity in addition to 24-hour staffing, medical monitoring, daily housekeeping, weekly laundry service, delicious meals served in the beautiful Grand Dining Room, continental

breakfast and over 45

activities - including two

happy hour events and

live entertainment - to

enjoy each week.

There were additional surprises, too: the community was luxurious and elegant but also verv affordable. The meals served in the elegant dining room by attentive staff and prepared on site, were delicious. "The food is like a nice restaurant," Elaine said, and said that the employees and residents are, "Like another large family." There's a calendar full of weekly shopping trips, monthly casino excursions, Bingo, ice cream socials and destination Abbey Park at Mill River resident Elaine Cash enjoying the beautiful

grounds of Abbey Park at their annual car show. to Frankenmuth and holiday shopping trips-Within the community, there is a theater, library, computer center, fitness center, hair salon and physical therapists on site. Medicare-certified optional personal care services are also

> THERE'S No PLACE LIKE My New Home

Elaine was quick to dit the leadership of the staff with the spirit of community and a calendar full of celebrations. "To me, [Administrator] Tamra Ward and [Hospitality Director] Charles Duty are 'Abbey Park,' plus of course, their wonderful, friendly, caring staff." Elaine's social calendar is full of parties and events. There's a champagne brunch

Left: Abbey Park at Mill River resident Elaine Cash is surrounded by family at last year's Christmas party.

every Sunday, birthday parties, Grandkids Halloween Carnival, Grandparent's Day Luau, Oktoberfest and Abbey Park's Festival of Trees. There's a delicious menu for each holiday and celebration dinners are open to family and friends. Abbey Park at Mill River offers a Facebook page that is updated after each event for the enjoyment of the residents and their loved ones.

Soon after her move to Abbey Park at Mill River, Elaine met owners Dr. Benjamin Stein, Joe Norber and Edward Rosenbaum during one of their weekly site visits. "I told them how much I loved it here," Elaine said "I am a walking commercial for Abbey

Elaine celebrated her third anniversary as a resident at Abbey Park in September and enjoys being part of the Abbey Park family. "I have loved every single day here," she said.

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Rematch of 2011 title game

Shamrocks post win over Rockford for another shot against Detroit Cass Tech

By Sam Eggleston

It was supposed to be a tightly-contested game. It was supposed to be a football

showdown for the ages. It was supposed to be Detroit Catholic Central's biggest test of the

year. When all was said and done last week in the state semifinals game in Battle Creek, the Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks owned a 35-6 victory over the Rockford Rams. The margin of victory was unexpected. and, to some, perhaps the outcome was as well.

The Shamrocks backed into this year's playoffs with a 5-4 record, having barely scraped together enough playoff points this year to earn a berth into the MHSAA post-season tournament. From that point forward, they began a grueling march through some of the area's best teams

ON TAP The Detroit Catholic Cen-

tral Shamrocks will take on **Detroit Cass** Tech for the Division I state championship at 1 p.m. Saturday at Ford Field in

semifinals game against Rockford The Rams, on the other hand, were 6-3 coming into the playoffs. having earned an automatic trip into the post-season. They were as dvnamic a team

as they had ever

in order to set up

the rematch of

last year's state

But when the smoke cleared, the contest wasn't as much of a struggle as pundits had expected, and Catholic Central's perennially-stifling defense once again proved that titles are won by keeping powerful offens es out of the end zone.

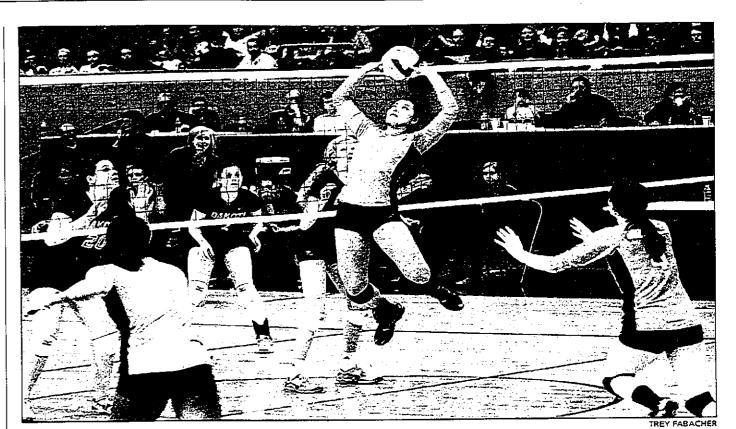
"We're obviously very pleased with the way our kids came out and performed against Rockford," said assistant coach Michael Mach. "I think everyone was expecting a highly-competitive game and our kids rose to the occasion. Rockford is a great program and a much bet-ter team than the score might indicate. To win the way we did required great effort and execution from our The victory paves the way to Ford

Field for the Shamrocks. vu. Last year, the Shamrocks earned a win over Rockford to make the trek to Detroit for the Division I championship game. There, they ran into a buzz saw offense that went by the name of Detroit Cass Tech and lost the title tilt. 49-13. This year, the Shamrocks' defeat

over the Rams again sets them up with a game against Detroit Cass Tech, which has an 11-2 record. "As far as the game against Cass

Tech, certainly there is some talk about what happened last year, but the majority of our focus is on our own goal, which is to win a state mpionship," said Mach. "Obviously, we have great respect for the Cass Tech program and the great team that they had last season. They outclassed us in all phases of that game. But this is a new year and a new opportunity, and we're going

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Junior Symone Abbott (10) and senior co-captain Katie Owen (4) wait for a set from senior co-captain Rebecca Martin (8) during the state semifinal match against Macomb Dakota in Battle Creek on Nov. 16.

Mustangs end historic run

Volleyball team showcases pride, determination in loss to Macomb Dakota

By Sam Eggleston

If you've got to be bounced out of the playoffs, the best team to lose to is the eventual state champions.

That's what happened to the Northville Mustangs volleyball team last week as they took on Macomb Dakota in the state semifinals and bowed out in three straight sets, 25-21, 26-24 and 25-13.

The Macomb Dakota Cougars, a nationally-ranked team in 2012, were led by Carli Snyder, who was named the most valuable player for the U.S. Girls Youth National Team this past summer.

But the Mustangs didn't let any of those rankings or MVP nods set them off their game.

They came out in the first and second sets and put up an impressive fight, even leading late in both.

"It was pretty obvious that we were fighting back and forth," said Northville coach Amanda Yaklin. "Just a couple of tight calls that I felt definitely didn't go our way. We were so close. We just kept playing through it."

In the first set, Northville jumped out to 3-0 lead behind kills from junior outside hitter Symone Abbott and setter Rebecca Martin. But the Cougars quickly matched behind kills from Snyder. The set would be a battle

with 12 ties and seven lead changes throughout, and Northville looked to take the victory after a 10-10 tie that

they turned into a 16-11 lead behind some service aces from Rachel Zawodny. But Dakota, again, would come back to tie 16-16 and would remain knotted up with Northville through a 20-20 tie

from Northville's favor as they fell, 25-21. The second set was just as competitive with nine ties and five lead changes. The teams would battle back forth and be tied at 24-24, but a Northville service error and attack error would hand

the Cougars the emotionally

that ended up turning away

kev second set. The third set proved to be the most difficult for the Mustangs, who tied it up, 5-5, to begin but couldn't seem to keep up with the top-spin

serves from Snyder that led to two aces and would see the Cougars pull out to a 10-Northville couldn't recover and, in turn, fell 25-13 in the

final set. Macomb Dakota finished the day with 44 kills, including 19 from Snyder, and 11 service aces, which found

Snyder collecting five. The Mustangs had 32 kills and five service aces. Northville attacking was led by junior Abbott with 15 kills seven errors and a .276 hitting percentage while Martin had five kills, no errors, and hit .556 while collecting 27 assists. Junior middle hitter Olivia Landis finished with

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State champ!

Cui takes first in 100 breaststroke, leads Mustangs to 11th in states



Mustang Catherine Cui swims the backstroke during a Sept. 20 meet at Novi High.

How do you spell state-champion swimmer? It's easy: C-U-I. Catherine Cui, a senior on the Northville Mustangs girls' swim ming and diving team, made the best of her final appearance in the orange and black as she dove into the pool last week in the Division I state championships and didn't come up for air until she had a state cham-

Cui turned in a time of 1:03.71 nearly a full second faster than sec-ond-place Kennedy Cutler of Rockford — to win the title as the best 100-yard breaststroke swimmer in the state.

"Catherine had a phenomenal meet," said Northville coach Brian McNeff. "She had a great 200 IM and moved up a couple spots and

Please see SWIMMING, B2



Novi tankers turn season around, finish eighth at state finals

LOCAL SPORTS

Wildcats swim and dive way to All-State status in multiple events

By Chris Jackett

Five Wildcats earned All-State honors for top-eight finishes at the Division I state swim and dive meet last week end, capping a season marred by injuries, inches and unfortunate results early on.

Novi's improvement has been noticeable during the past few weeks. The 'Cats went 0-4 in KLAA Central Division play (3-6 overall), losing all four meets by either two or four points. Then they finished fourth of five teams at the division meet then third of 11 teams at the Kensington Conference meet and wrapped things up Saturday in Holland by finishing eighth of all Division I teams, including 35 others at the meet.

"The coaching staff is very proud of the strong team showing at the state level." Novi coach Annette VanderMey

said. "We set a team goal back in August to return back to the top 10 after a 11th place finish last year by one point. We ran into a few disappointments during Friday's qualifying preliminaries, but the girls came back on Saturday to make the best of the positions they were in and did the best with what we had." Holland West Ottawa won

the state title with 293.5 points, as Novi amassed 101. South Lyon Unified was fifth with 142 points, Plymouth Salem 10th with 81. Northville 11th win 77 and Livonia Stevenson 25th with 15 amongst Central Division foes. Plymouth was also 13th with 63 points from the Kensington Conference while Lakes Conference foes Hartland, Waterford Kettering, Brighton and Grand Blanc also cracked the top 25 from the

KLAA. The Wildcats' best event was the 100-yard backstroke. Although Farmington Hills Mercy won the event in 54.91 seconds, sophomore Mallory Buha (third in 56.42) and senior Andrea VanderMey (fifth in 56.47) brought home Novi's two highest finishes of the finals.

The duo were also both pieces of the 200 medley relay and 400 freestyle relay teams, pairing with seniors Maranda Buha and Kara Berg in both cases. The 200 medley relay team finished ninth in 1:48.52, winning the B final despite having the seventh-fastest time overall

on the final day. Holland West Ottawa won in 1:45.14. The 400 free relay team finished eighth in 3:36.95, securing the quartet All-State honors despite having the ninth-fastest time overall on the final day.

Saline won in 3:29.13. Senior Rachel Aepelbach er was the Wildcats' fifth All-State honoree, finishing eighth in the 1-meter dive with 374.90 points, behind 425.45 gained by the winner from Holland West The Buha sisters added to

Novi's point totals with three more B final performances. Mallory Buha was 13th in the 200 individual medley in 2:10.71, behind Mercy's 2:05.09. Maranda Buha was ninth in the 50 free (24.20) and 10th in the 100 free (53.06), which were both won by Hudson-

ville in 22.96 and 50.76 seconds respectively. Despite her flight positioning knocking her out of All-State contention for the two events, Maranda Buha's times were sixth and ninth fastest for her respective races on Satur-

The 'Cats did not make it to the final 16 in five of 12 events. Waterford Kettering won the 200 freestyle in 1:48.01 and 100 fly 54.13 seconds. Plymouth won the 500 free in 4:55.82, Holland West Ottawa won the 200

free relay in 1:35.58 and Northville won the 100 breast 1:03.71. Along with four of the five All-State Wildcats, seniors Janice Burnett, Lauren Harrington, Dana Morgan, Jillian

Odom and Kelsev Shurmur are also graduating from successful swim and dive careers at Novi. Led by current sophomore Mallory Buha, the 'Cats will look to freshmen Lauren Kim. Alexandra Cortez, Ava Bianchi and several others to step up and help fill holes next

"The outgoing seniors will definitely be missed," Annette VanderMey said. "Of our 13 swimmers and divers we took to the meet, nine of them are graduating. The returning core of Novi swimmers and divers are very solid and talented at the conference level. We will have some work to do to get them competing at the

SWIMMING

Continued from page B1 was all state in that even for the second year in a row. In the 100 breast, swim. We knew that she swimming. would be seeded No. 1 Cui also had a great fin-

then stay there was a great accomplishment. "She kept saying that she never thought that she would be in that posi tion, but she has been one of the hardest work

going in, but for her to

years and she deserved to be in that position and to be a state champion. Not only was that a great swim for this year, but it was also the 10th fastest time in the (event in the) history of Michigan

ish in the 200-vard individual medley, where she took fifth overall with a time of 2:07.22. The event is special in the Northville program because the state's all-time best finish in the event for any 1:59.23, which was swam by Northville's Ava Ohl-

Cui's finishes helped the Mustangs take 11th overall in the MHSAA finals, which were held in Holland last weekend. As a team, the squad picked up 77 points. Taking first was Holland West Ottawa with 293.5 points while Farmington Mercy was second with 272 and Saline was third

with 266. Northville also had strong performances in the Mustangs took 11th Lia Nagata, Sarah Lohman. Briana Schoenek and Emily Butler as they finished with a time of 1:50.93. The Mustangs also took a 9th-place finish in the 400 freestyle

In the 200 medley relay,

"The 400 free relay was also all four seniors that have been swimming the same relay for two years," said McNeff

relay with a team of

Schoenek, Butler, Naga-

"They won the consolation heat and dropped almost two seconds. It was a great finish to the meet and to the careers of some of the best swimmers in Northville histo-

Individually, junior Andrea Meister made quite the splash in the diving event, putting up 359.85 total points from the judges' scoring table to take 11th in the state. Nagata, a senior, took 15th in the 200 freestyle with a time of 1:56.37

ished in 13th in the 500 freestyle with a time of 5:11.26. Lohman, a junior, swam to 16th in the breaststroke with a time

"For Lia and Grace to score at the meet for the first time in their senior year was also really special," noted McNeff. "I was really happy for them to finally reach their goals.

"I am extremely proud of all of their performances. This was a good

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Wildcats allow trio of unanswered goals late in first two games

Young Novi icers look for winning formula heading into league play Wednesday

By Chris Jackett

online at hometownlife.com

With just seven of 21 studentathletes returning from an ice hockey squad that finished 19-7-1 last season, Novi's expectations have not changed for this winter's campaign.

"My expectation is that we're going to win every game," Novi coach Todd Krygier said. "I have expectations that we're going to win a state championship, the league. I'm extremely demanding of my guys.

"We have a young, unexperienced team. We have the fewest number of returning play-

ON TAP

The Wildcats (0-2-0) were hoping to gel on the ice Nov. 21 as they open league play 6 p.m. against visiting Plymouth Salem before hosting Canton 6 p.m. Nov. 30, both at Novi Ice

program." The Wildcats (0-2-0) started the season with a pair of setbacks during the 11th Annual Metro High School Invitational last weekend at Novi Ice Arena dropping both contests against Oakland Activities Association foes Lake Orion and Rochester United.
"We were winning in both games at certain points in the game," Krygier said. The season kicked off with the Wildcats taking a 2-1 lead over Lake Orion last Friday on goals by junior Joshua Ward and sophomore Ryan Baxter, assisted by sophomores James

Hole and Bradley Hofelich,

respectively. But the Dragons battled back and scored two on Novi senior netminder Patrick Carney (17 saves) to take a 3-2 lead late before notching an empty netter for a 4-2 victory over the host Wildcats, who fired 30 shots at Lake Orion's netmind-

Novi junior netminder Austin Petty (20 saves) backed the Wildcats to a 2-0 lead after the first two periods Saturday against Rochester United. Senior Collin Pew notched the first goal off a pass from senior Mark Baker before senior Luke Bageris scored a second goal

But, just like in the first game, the opposition battled back in the third period, scoring three unanswered goal to defeat Novi 3-2 despite 25 shots from the Wildcats.

"They both had their times of playing real well but they both had their times of letting in a

soft goal or two," Krygier said of his two netminders, neither which has established themselves as the Wildcats' main goalie. "We played a lot better versus Rochester United than we did against Lake Orion."

Krygier said that, unlike in past seasons, there isn't anyone who has stepped up as a major individual offensive threat and that the six sophomores on the roster have actually had the best luck producing for the Wildcats.

"The younger players are playing hard," Krygier said. "We've got more of a team where I'm waiting to see who

Mustangs start off with 3-0 run

By Sam Eggleston

Is there a better way to start off the hockey season but with a win? Sure three wins.

If you don't believe us, just ask the Northville Mustangs boys' hockey vincing wins over Waterford Mott. Rochester and Clarkston to begin their season on a 3-0 run.

In the first game of tangs took on Waterford Mott last Wednesday and pounded out a very impressive 8-0 victory. goals in the first and second period before adding two in the third.

Ben Crabil began the scoring with an assist from Tyler Gardiner before Joe Chase added a second just 30 seconds later with Connor Brown adding a third for the 3-0 first period lead. In the second, Ryan Bloom took an assist from PJ Schnepp for the score while Grant LaLonde earned a goal unassisted for a 5-0 ville goal came off the stick of Todd Goebel, who was assisted by Andrew Rosati

The third period found Buddy DeBrabander scoring on an assist from Jack Meacham before Bloom snagged his second goal of the night to make it an 8-0 finale with an assist from Crabil. Earning the shutout victory in goal was Jake

Against Rochester, the Mustangs earned a 4-2 victory to begin the Metro Showcase tournament. Northville fell behind 1-0 following an icing call, but they didn't even seemed to notice as they tied the game, 1-1, just a minute later off a shot from Bloom that was assisted by Gardiner and Crabil. In the second period, Alex Shuart broke the

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ON TAP

The Mustangs will be back in action when they visit South Lyon Nov. 27 at 6 p.m. before visiting Farmington Hills Harrison the following day at 7 p.m.

tie at the 12:39 mark off an assist by Ken Kosinski before Meacham added another tally for a 3-1 lead over Rochester. Gardiner scored the fourth goal of the game for Northville, giving them a 4-1 lead, with iust 17 seconds left in the second period. In the third, Northville

wasn't able to add another tally, but they held Rochester to just a lone goal to secure the victory Pawloski stopped 30 of 32 shots on goal to earn the victory. Northville finished

their 3-0 run with a victory over Clarkston in the Metro Showcase as they picked up a dominating 4 1 victory.
All of the scoring in the

game was limited to the second period following a goal from Crabil on a shorthanded breakaway that turned into a 2-on-1 play with fellow Mustang Jacob Strom. Strom skated down the ice with the puck at the end of his stick, drawing the goalie out of position before firing a quick pass to the wide-open and sureshooting Crabil for a 1-0 lead. Bloom made it 2-0 on a penalty before Clarkston added their only goal of the game to the scoreboard

Danny O'Malley began knocking the nails into the coffin as he lifted a backhanded shot past the Clarkston goalie for a 3-1 lead, followed by Gar diner's goal to end the game. Earning assists on the final two scores were DeBrabander, Meacham, Crabil and Bloom.

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Northville is now 3-0 as they skated with ease through the

Shamrocks start hockey season with two wins

By Sam Eggleston

It never hurts to start the season off with a win, and two wins is doubly nice. But the real sweetness of the Detroit Catholic Central hockey team's 2-0

The Shamrocks. coached by Todd Johnson picked up a 5-0 win over Friday before earning a come-from-behind victo ry over Cranbrook, 4-2,

The Shamrocks found themselves trailing Cranbrook, 2-0, after the first period buzzer sounded. but they didn't let that keep them from regrouping and hitting the ice with a vengeance over the next two periods of play. Michael Babcock talied the first goal for the a three-point night. He took an assist from Charlie Green and Austin Linville and fired home the

1. Brady Jones tied the game just minutes later with assistance from Max Wanko and Dan Middleton before Matthew Son winning goal with assists

ON TAP The Detroit Catholic

Central Shamrocks hock-

ey team will be back on

the ice when they take

on Port Huron Northern

on the road next Thurs-

hosting St. Mary's Prep

on Dec. 1 at 2:30 p.m.

Babcock's second goal

as he found the back of

the net on an assist from

the posts was Derek

Moore, a senior goalie.

first two scores of the game with assists from

Babcock, Sorisho and

Carter Cerretani. Jones

added a third goal with

help from Wanko and

Middleton while junior

Connor Gaffney took an

assist from Linville and

fired it in for a 4-0 lead

The final goal of the

Against Grosse Pointe

North, Green tallied the

Earning the win between

Carson Gatt.

just added some comfort

day at 6 p.m. before

start? Beating two rivals.

last Sunday.

puck to cut the lead to 2-

Kearns, who took a pass from Alex Tachian before sending it past the Grosse Pointe goalie for the 5-0 Earning the win in goal

was senior Ryan Mulka.





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Rachel Coleman and Dan Sims will represent Northville and Michigan at the Midwest Footlocker Regional race on Saturday in Wisconsin. This is the first time since 2001 that

Dunne helps Michigan team at Mid-East championships

Two more Northville runners to compete in out-of-state tourneys

By Sam Eggleston

Erin Dunne sure takes the idea of packing right to heart.

The senior Northville cross country runner recently competed in the Mid-East Cross Country Championships in Indiana as a member of the Michigan team. The squad ran to fourth place, finishing behind Indiana, Ohio and Illinois and Dunne, individually, ran 20 27th over-

all with a time of 19:07. Dunne's finish came as the head of a four-person pack that included Allison Lunau of Brighton (28th place), Rachel Durbin of Armada (29th) and Jessica Gaines of Stevenson (30th).

Packing was a tactic the Mustangs used all season to earn their way to a Division, Conference and Regional title.

The top Michigan finisher was Raquel Serna of St. Louis High School, who ran to eighth overall with a time of 18:34. The best run was from Ash ley Erba, who hailed from

Warsaw, Ind., as she ran to first in 17:21 — more than 30 seconds faster than the nearest competitor. Dunne won't be the only Mustang who competes in a post-season run this vear, Rachel Coleman and Dan Sims will both be running this weekend in

west Footlocker Region-"It's a very prestigious meet with the best runners from around the Midwest," said Nancy Smith, the North-

Racine, Wis. in the Mid-

ville girls' cross country coach. Coleman and Sims will be the first Northville harriers to compete in the race since 2001 when then-sophomore Devon Rupley and then-seniors Heather Moehle and

Mike Gabrys ran it.

W.L. Western loses student standout

By Chris Jackett

MEOCAL SPORTS

Students at Walled Lake Western lost one of their most promising classdeath of senior Michael Camilleri. A soccer and baseball

standout at Western, the 17-year-old Novi resident hung himself in his garage shortly before 4 p.m. Nov 8 and upop being discovered by his mother, was immediately transported to Henry Ford Hospital in West Bioomfield by Community EMS as Novi firefighters continued CPR during transportation. He was hen transferred to Beau nont Hospital in Royal Oak and put on life support before passing away at 7:10 p.m. Nov. 12.

"There is no evidence to indicate foul play at this time," said David Molloy, Novi's police chief and director of public safety. "From what we are learning, the young man was suffering from depression, which may have contributed to the situa-

Molloy said there was no evidence of Camilleri taking pills in what has been labeled a suicide by the Oakland County Medand already watched by

world has lost a great er, Western's soccer ful, willing to go the ute video, viewable at www.voutube.com/ watch?v=1HJAJoaBzWA

7,300 people as of Nov.

"I can tell you Michael was a wonderful young man to be around. The person," said Dan Turncoach. "Always a positive attitude, very respectextra mile to help others. Though he had struggles.

> district and regional title and earned the first-ever trip to the state quarterfi-

"There are so many things for them to be proud of this season across the board," Yaklin said. "That's exactly what we talked about in the room after we got in there (after the semifinal match). Nothing makes the hurt go away but there's plenty of things to think



Walled Lake Western's Mike Camilleri (right) attempts to take the ball away from Novi's Tyler Holt during a Sept. 22

ical Examiner's Office. As news of the incident spread, hundreds of classmates gathered at Western 10 p.m. Nov. 11 for a candlelight vigil. Many made signs and took to Twitter with the message of "Be a Michael." One student even made a trib-

others. I saw great potential in Mike, loved by everyone. Turner said Camilleri was captain of the soccer team, voted MVP by

always a smile to uplift

his teammates and voted homecoming king by his classmates. He also led the peer pressure intervention group at the high school and had a 4.3 grade point average. "Just an outstanding

student-athlete, looking at

person.

(University of Michigan) and Stanford for college, Turner said, "I am so sad at our loss of such a great Funeral services for Camilleri were held Nov. 15 at St. James Catholic

Church, 46325 W. 10 Mile Road. He is survived by parents Wendy and David, and siblings Christina,

Katie and John. Donations can be made to the Michael D. Camilleri Scholarship Fund, C/ O Legacy Scholarship Funds Inc., 3095 S. Commerce Road Suite C Walled Lake, MI 48390.

The high school has made grief counseling available for students and staff.

Novi Police's suicide hotline is (800) SUICIDE

VOLLEYBALL

five kills, one error and hit .286. Defensively, Northville was led by junior libero Kelsey Knickerbocker with 11 digs, and three other Mustangs with six digs each in Martin. junior Julia Colasanti and Zawodny.

Northville reached the

them get the nerves out. with a quarterfinal win over Fenton in straight This was the first time sets of 25-23, 25-13 and they'd been far away 25-21. The match always from home, it was a long seemed contested from bus ride and they were the competitive Fenton just silent and nervous team. the whole time. I knew when they got through

Northville started out of the gate slow, giving up an early 8-2 lead before bouncing back to earn the three-set victory. "(Starting slow) been

a pattern for us," Yak-

lin said. "So I don't burn

they'd be OK.' Northville finished with a 49-4-4 record while earning the Kensington Conference Central Division crown, the school's

those first few points

nals and semifinals.

Area runners some of state's best

(fr), Cameron Misko (so),

Allen Potter (sr), Sahisnu

Mizerowski (fr), Cameron

Richman (so), Josh Squires

South Lyon: Bryce VanAs-

selt (so), Billy Cooney (sr),

Travis Burnette (sr), Justin

over the past two years,

said Salyers. "This year

he took great pride in

being a beacon for our

traversed the dangers

of championship racing.

Much of what Matt does

is help and assist others

in realizing their poten-

tial. Our team would not

be where we are at with-

Kevin Black, Milford

The Maverick junior

eclipsed the 16-minute

mark and nailed down

the final fifth score for

Milford in 42nd (15:54)

at regionals, 24th at the

Lakes Conference meet

"Kevin was one of the

at state. He was sixth

and 34th at Oakland

surging juniors that

come great losses to

helped us not only over-

graduation but grow into

a national powerhouse,'

said Salyers. "After the

in understood that he had

more to give and his team

ization led to great races

conference meet, Kev

needed him. That real-

County.

out Matt Graves.'

Pearson (sr), Andrew Janos

Spencer Ruggiero (sr),

Malapati (so), Andrew

(sr), Phil Baeza (sr)

(sr). Joe Helton (sr)

By Jeff Theisen

One rule is pretty simple when it comes to earning the top spot on any All-Area team. Win the State Championship get the honor.

Milford junior Brian Kettle turned in the top performance at this year's Division 1 meet at Michigan International Speedway in helping the Mavericks turn in the top team performance as

in every big meet, capping off the year with a win at state in a blister-Conference meet and the Oakland County meet.

of seasons," said coach Brian Salvers, "He and his teammates shared a dream of being State Champions, This fueled each of them to realize

FIRST TEAM

Cody Snavely, Milford The Milford senior ran with teammate Kettle up front throughout the vear. Snavely finished with a fourth-place finish at state in 15:16. He was at the KLAA Lakes Conference race and third at

'Cody is the metronome of our team," said Salyers. "He sets the standard for all runs, workouts. and even races. Cody is diligent, hard-working and the consummate team guy. He has run in four State Finals with our team recording two fourth-place finishes and

fundraiser

Mustang hoops pancake

The boys and girls basketball

programs (varsity, junior varsity and freshman) of Northville High

School will be holding a pancake

ALL-AREA BOYS CROSS COUNTRY RUNNER OF THE YEAR Jenkins (sr), Tim MacPherson (sr), Joost Plaetinck

Brian Kettle, Milford FIRST TEAM Cody Snavely, Milford Chris Housel, Milford Matt Graves, Milford Kevin Black, Milford Dan Sims, Northville

HONORABLE MENTION

Milford: Sean Noone (so)

Michael Dickmann (jr), Ben

Novi: Nate Hall (so).

at the State Finals, But

his 15:46 helped the Mays

lock down the top spot as

a team. Housel was sev-

enth at regional, 12th at

the conference meet and

10th at Oakland County.

big deal for our team in

each of the past two sea-

you have a guy that has

consistently performed at the top of his game in

the big meets. That type

of timeliness has contrib

uted significantly to the

nine Championships we

have won over the past

Much like Housel,

side the All-State bub-

Matt Graves, Milford

Graves finished just out-

ble in 33rd (15:46) at the

State Finals. He finished

state. Graves was eighth

conference meet and 14th

fourth for the Mavs at

at regionals, 15th at the

at Oakland County.

two years."

sons," said Salyers. "Here

"Chris has been a very

Nicholas Lanzetta, CC Blake McComas, Lakeland SECOND TEAM Clinton Caddell, Milford Jeffrey Field, Milford Brian Barnes, Novi Andrew Thomas, South Lyon Kettle blazed the track Nick Noles, Northville Drew Kanya, Northville Grayson Thomas, Lakeland

ing 15:07. He also won the regional, the KLAA Lakes "Brian had the greatest

"Cody has done so much for the program. He will always be an icon of Milford cross country' Chris Housel, Milford The Maverick senior their fullest potential. finished one spot out of earning All-State in 31st

"At the State Finals, Brian's composure allowed his talent and toughness to take over in better than this.'

off his high school career third at regionals, second Oakland County.

Dan Sims, Northville The Mustang junior put together his best race on the biggest stage, finishing eighth at the Division 1 State Finals in 15:28. He earned wins at the Wayne County Championship, KLAA Kensington Conference meet and South Lyon Invitational. Sims earned All-Conference, All County, All Regional and All-State First Team. He recorded the second-fastest time in Northville history on

South Lyon East: Alex Hoorn, Jack Hardy, Paul our home course at Cass Domanico, Ethan Novilla Benton. "Dan Sims is the con-Northville: Sean McCullough (so), Jason summate competitor. said coach Chris Cro-Ferrante (so), Conor nin. "He not only works Naughton (fr) Jimmy Cashard, but he has a fire tellano (sr) to compete against the very best. His leadership "Matt Graves has been helped guide the team to a constant in our success a State Finals berth and an 11th-place finish.

"Before he is done running for Northville, he could hold every distance younger runners as they record."

Nicholas Lanzetta, Catholic Central The Shamrock senior

ran to All-State status in 16th place at the State

Blake McComas, Lake

The lone sophomore on the All-Area First Team captured the 30th (15:45) and last spot to earn All-State at the Division 1 meet, McComas finished sixth at regional, seventh at the KLAA Conference meet and 12th at Oakland

"Blake has really matured into one of the area's better runners," said coach Joe Verellen. "He is only the third sophomore ever to achieve All-State status at Lakeland High School."

SECOND TEAM Clinton Caddell, Milford The junior also finished just under 16 minutes at the State Finals, grab-

In addition to pancakes, there will be sports passes available for pur-

ation hoop games throughout the day

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chase, a Mustang Maniacs booth, a

pancake eating contest, and recre-

bing the 46th spot in 15:59 to show the incredible depth the Mavericks had. He was 10th at regionals, 11th at the conference meet and 21st at Oakland

Jeffrey Field, Milford The Milford junior was the seventh runner for : Mavs at state and hit the line in 51st in 16:05. He was 12th at regionals. 29th at the conference meet and 15th at Oakland

Brian Barnes, Novi The Wildcat junior led Novi throughout the year with a season best of 16:40. He missed out on a shot to run at states by 7.5 seconds at the regional. Andrew Thomas, South

The leader for South Lyon at every race this year set many school records for the Lions. He is the fastest Lion ever at the Camp Pet-O-Sega, Hudson Mills South and Cass Benton courses and the second fastest Lion at Possum Hollow. Thom-

with a third-place fin-

ish at the KLAA Kensing ton Conference meet and All-County with an 18thplace finish. The junior's top time of 16:13 came at the Gabriel Richard Invi

Nick Noles, Northville The Mustang sophomore finished 65th at the State Finals in 16:13. He was fourth at the conference meet and 15th at regionals. He only ran in six races this year

Drew Kanya, Northville The senior Mustang finished right with teammate Noles in 66th (also in 16:13) at the State Finals. He was seventh at the KLAA Conference meet.

Grayson Thomas, Lake

The Mustang senior closed out his career with a 16:21 at the State Finals for 82nd. Thomas finished 12th at regionals, fifth at the Mott Invite and eighth at the Jackson

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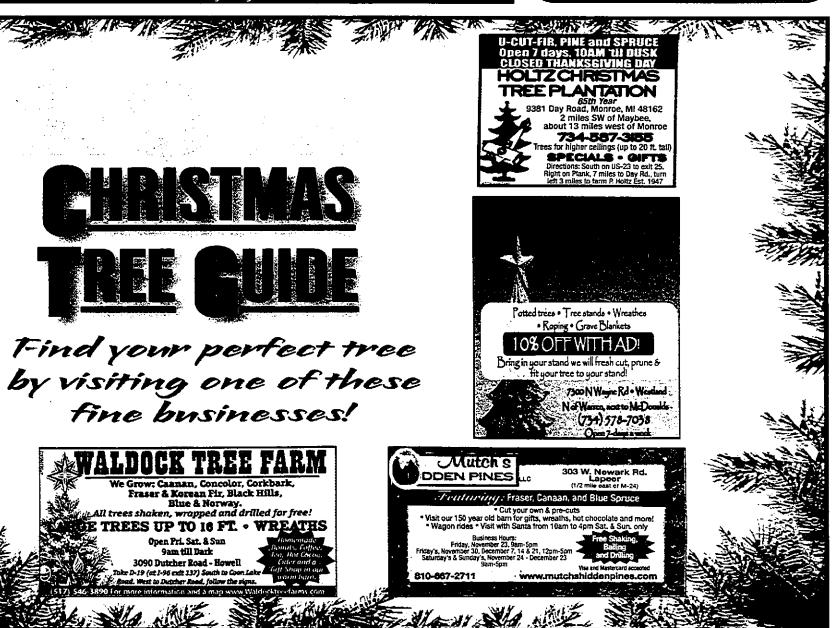
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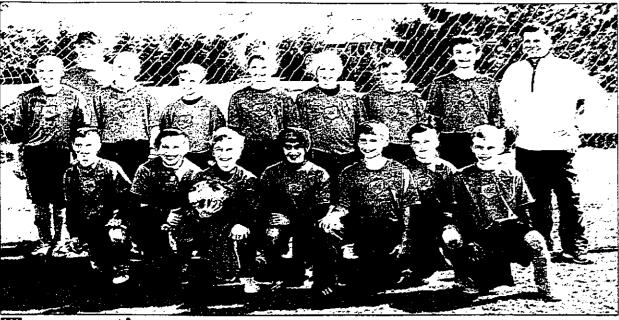
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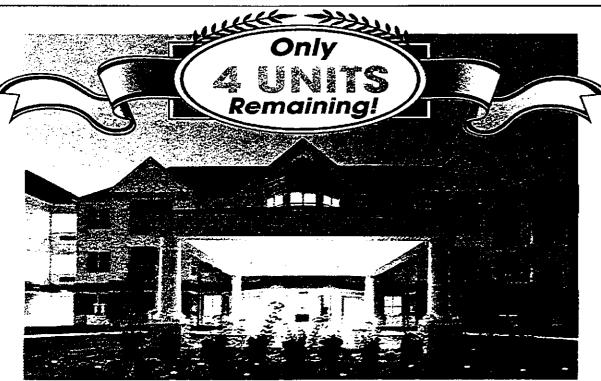






Three-peat!

Northville Arsenal successfully defended their title this Fall season and won the 2012 Fall WSSL U12 Boys Division 1 Title for the third straight season. Pictured (from left, front) are Domenic Angelosanto, Carlos Visconti, Jett Wolter, Nick Couyoumjian, Anthony Montemayor, Johnny Lindow, Jake Delcampo; (top) Brendan Bebb, John Bebb (assistant coach), Joe Hardenbergh, Carter Goebel, Matthew Martin, Jack Cooney, Sean Gibney, Jack Borchanian and Greg Borchanian (head coach).



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to do everything we can to make the most of this opportunity — the oppor tunity of a lifetime for

The state finals appearance will be the 15th for the Shamrocks in the Tom Mach-era at Detroit Catholic Central. The head coach has led his team to 10 championships so far. Against Rockford, the

Shamrocks used their defensive pressure to hold the Rams to just 78 rushing yards and 107 passing yards. But the real star of the game was the special teams, which gave the Shamrocks a 14lead off an 82-yard kickoff return that ended with senior Jon Malone crossing the goal line for a

From that point forward, the Shamrocks put on an offensive and defensive clinic.

Senior quarterback Garrett Moores took the snap with 1:35 left in the second quarter an turned in a run of 12 yards before connecting with Malone on a 50-yard pass that set up a one-yard rumbling touchdown by David Houle for a 21-6

"Offensively, I thought we did a great job of winning the line of scrimmage. Also, our senior fullback, David Houle, did a lot of heavy lifting early and set the tone for play against Rockford,"

said Mach. "After looking at the film of last year's game — we had a handful of drives that game that went double-digit plays - we knew that ball-control would be a formula for success. David isn't a big number guy but he is a true CC fullback he's consistent, especially around the goal line, he plays with his pads low and he makes people pay for coming up and trying

to tackle him. Catholic Central added two more scores in the second half with a oneyard run by Michiganbound Wyatt Shallman in the third and a 14-yard jaunt by Zach Bock in the

The Shamrocks opened the game scoring with a 14-yard touchdown pass from Moores to Malone, which was answered by a one-yard score by Rockford's Scott Kaule that made it a 7-6 contest in favor of Detroit Catholic Central.

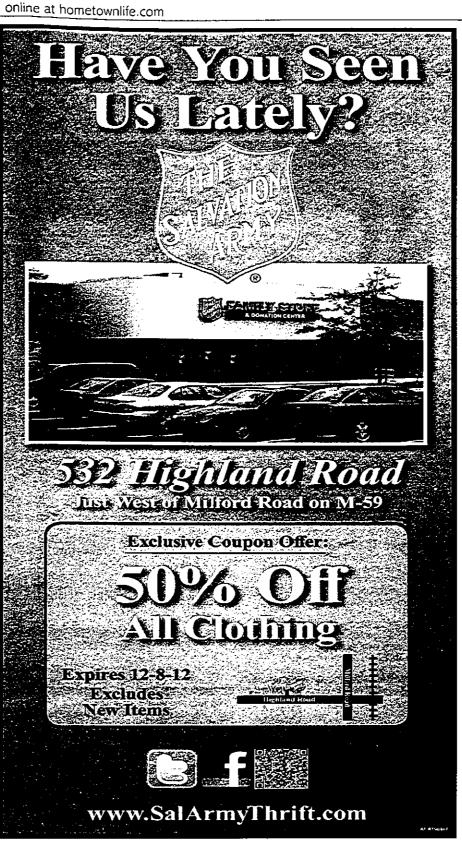
Moores finished with 100 yards passing on four completions while the Shamrocks' ground game gathered up just over 250

Defensive play by Shallman and defensive lineman Dan Bowen were kev in disrupting the Rockford offense and defensive end Brandon Malinowski pulled the quarterback down for two sacks. Malone — who seemed to be all over the field in the victory - also had an interception to stop Rockford's opening











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ery of models and storage sizes. The most expensive are the 2012 models that feature retina display A 64GB model with WiFi connectivity costs \$699 WiFi plus cellular connectivity (through a provider like Verizon) costs \$829.

The 2012 iPad with retina display and the iPad 2 (from 2011) are available in white and black 16GB, 32GB and

If you are suffering sticker shock already, consider the a 16GB iPad 2 with WiFi connectivity is \$399, or the all-new iPad mini. • iPad Mini — The product-naming specialists at Apple got very creative with this one. The iPad Mini is smaller in stature, but not in storage. A 16GB version is \$329 with WiFi connectivity and \$459 if you want to surf the web courtesy of a data plan through Verizon, AT&T or Sprint. The iPad Mini takes about two weeks to ship directly

• Microsoft Surface — Microsoft's answer to the iPad line is finally available and quite impressive. Running the new Windows 8 operating system, this bright tablet is fast and powerful. A 32GB model costs \$499, or you can pay \$599 and get the same model with a cover and a keyboard. A 64GB model with cover and keyboard is \$699. The cover and keyboards are cool as well, coming in cyan, red or magenta. The Microsoft Surface is perfect for someone who is a PC or

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Android user, because the devices are compatible and on the same operating system. The new tablet is also more cost-effective for the features and storage options.

• Dell XPS 12 Laptop Convertible - Wondering what kind of laptop is more than \$1,000 these days? Take this laptop-tablet hybrid, for example, which offers a rotating-touch screen built within a traditional laptop. Dell and other laptop manufacturers offer a variety of convertible units. although I don't know that you can't get the same productivity out of a Surface Tablet or iPad with a nice keyboard. The tablets, of course, are less costly, too.

• Kindle Fire - For users who are more interested in reading than gaming and apps, the Kindle Fire is a can't-miss at \$149. It has built-in WiFi connectivity and allows you access to unlimited cloud storage with Amazon.

• Nook - For \$99 (and maybe even less on Black Friday) you can purchase a simple eReader such as the Barnes and Noble Nook Simple Touch.

• Other laptops — With many manufacturers and models, it is hard to distinguish the best laptops this holiday season. However, if you are buying a laptop, here is what to look for.

Make sure the unit has at least 2GB to 3GB of memory so the device can run programs adequately. Anything less will slow you down for computing. Beyond that, the rest of the choices are up to you. Laptops will be selling for a couple of thousand do lars for top models down to less than \$200 for more basic models.

Walmart is rumored to be selling a solid Compaq Presario laptop for \$179 on Black Friday. That's a good price if you are looking for a machine that can help you surf the web and partake in basic computing. Probably not worth lining up outside for, though.

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Big Frog



Robin Rossman prepares to print a shirt at her and her husband's Novi Town Center shop, Big Frog, which can instantly print shirts from customers photos, sketches and any digital file. Read more about the new business in this edition of

NOVI BUSINESS BRIEFS

City of Novi receives 5-star Award from University of Michigan iLabs Program

Eight communities across the state of Michigan are top performers at fostering entrepreneurial growth and economic development, according to the annual eCities study. The study, conducted by iLabs. University of Michigan-Dearborn's Center for Innovation and Research, chose Novi as one of the 5-Star Communities that understands the needs of the small business community.

Novi businesses authorized to place additional signs through Dec. 26

In an effort to assist the Novi business community and promote holiday season sales, the City of Novi is providing a one-time, additional business sign allowance from Nov. 23 through Dec. 26. The Novi City Council passed a resolution giving businesses the opportunity to take advantage of "temporary promotional event" signage.

Signature leases in Wixom

Signature Associates has negotiated the lease of 21,500 square feet of industrial space located at 30110 Wixom Road, Wixom, to R2 Energy, Inc.

Jim Montgomery and David Giltner of Signature Associates represented the landlord, International Wixom, LLC who has been a Signature client for over 10 years.

ITC awards \$10,000 grant The North Woodward Community

Foundation has been awarded a \$10,000 grant from Novi-based ITC Holdings Corp. (ITC) to support students participating in the Blessings in a Backpack program in Wyandotte.

Blessings in a Backpack is a national program providing students with food insecurities a backpack containing enough food to provide six meals during the weekend. The North Woodward Community Founda tion participates in the national Blessings in a Backpack program in nine communities: Avondale, Clarkston, Clawson, Royal Oak, Rochester Hills, South Redford, Taylor, Waterford and Wyandotte.

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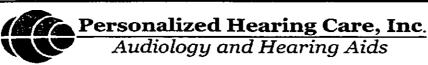
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Realtor of the Year 'flattered, humbled' by industry honor

Sara Lipnitz of SKBK Sotheby's International Realty, Birmingham, has been named Realtor of the Year by the Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors. She joined SKBK in early 2002. "It wasn't even on my radar. It wasn't even something that was

in my conscience," she said of the Realtor of the Year kudos. She described herself as having respect for others who get awards in the field. Like many, she became active in the field alongside others.

"And then somehow along the journey you have this huge shift in your job," Lipnitz said. "It just becomes who you've become, and it's an interesting transformation." She's honored to be tapped

"It's lovely. I'm flattered, I was humbled." She's been in the real estate field since part-time work in high school and at Michigan State University. "I have been involved in the industry since the early '90s. People. I like people," she

She does residential sales and rentals for Oakland County, especially the Birmingham-Bloomfield Woodward corridor

She's been married 11 years to Doug and the couple has son who's 3. They live in Birmingham. "I think it's an exceptional community. There's an old-time

sensibility of neighborhood," she said. "It offers the best of both worlds." She likes the nightlife and the arts/cultural attractions. "There are lots of things to get involved in." Lipnitz is active in her profession, including: 2012-13 presi-

dent of Birmingham-Bloomfield Women's Council of Realtors; Michigan Association of Realtors vice chair for RPAC (Political Action Committee) Trustees; on the MAR Public Policy Committee: and on the GMAR Professional Standards Committee, as well as the Diversity Committee Next year, she has plans for additional involvement. She's a

founder of the Birmingham-Bloomfield Realtors Network, and also does charitable work. "I try to do some of that very quietly."

These are the area residential real

estate closings recorded the week

of July 30 to Aug. 3, 2012, at the

Oakland County Register of Deeds

office. Listed below are cities, ad-

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procedures and what it takes to get started. Many sellers

sales and the different steps involved. Bonnie David, bro-

ker/owner of Quantum Real Estate is the presenter. It will

will feature dinner and hors d'oeuvres.

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annual Christmas party will be 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 4, at Crystal Gardens, 16703 Fort St., Southgate. Tickets are \$35

dresses, and sales prices.

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market is showing encouraging signs. "I think that inventory is low, which means prices are coming

Lipnitz agrees with others in her profession that the housing



Sara Lipnitz of Birmingham is this year's Realtor of the Year for the Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors

to rise. Supply and demand," she said. Lipnitz was praised for her dedication and professionalism by colleague Gary Reggish, broker/owner of Remerica United

"It's a big honor to win Realtor of the Year," Livonia resident Reggish said. "She always finds ways to carve out time for the

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How to keep the momentum going

Beth Braccio Hering Special to CareerBuilder

The interview may be over, but your chance to make an impression is not. Here are ten strategies to continue boosting your employment candidacy.

1. Show that you're still interested.

Leave no doubt in the interviewer's mind about where you stand. Ask for the job at meeting's end with a phrase such as, "I would really like to contribute to this company and am hoping you select me." Also, don't leave the room without a clear idea of what will happen next in the hiring process. Will select applicants be invited back to meet other people? By what date do they hope to fill the position? Such questions demonstrate enthusiasm for the job, and knowing the hirer's time frame will help keep you from panicking if a week has passed without a phone call.

2. Set the stage for

further contact. ' Nobody wants to be a pest, but could your silence as days pass be misinterpreted as indifference? Avoid the guesswork by finding out before heading home what the employer prefers in terms of checking in. Lizandra Vega, author of "The Image of Success: Make a Great Impression and Land the Job You Want," suggests asking the recruiter about her preferred method of follow-up communication and whether it would be okay to touch base again.

3. Be punctual.

send a list of references tomorrow morning, make sure you do it. Keeping your word and answering requests in a timely manner speaks volumes about the type of employee you might turn out to be.

4. Know when to sit

If an interviewer requests that you follow up by phone in a week, respect her wishes. Caliing the next day can be construed as pushy and desperate.

5. Send a prompt thankyou note.

A positive, non-intrusive way to stay on an employer's mind is to send a thank-you note. Vega recommends emailing one within 24 hours of the interview, then following up with a handwritten note that arrives in one to three business days.

6. Send each interviewer a personalized, powerful follow-up letter.

This piece of communication is another chance for you to shine, so don't waste space with generalities. Ford R. Myers, a career coach and author of "Get the Job You Want, Even When No One's Hiring," recommends including specific references to each person you met and tying your accomplishments directly to the company's stated challenges. You also can use the letter to introduce achievements that didn't get discussed and to elaborate on interview answers that you felt lacked punch.

7. Address one of the company. company's needs.

Another effective way to follow up is to act more like a consultant than an applicant. "During the interview, you learn a lot about a company's weaknesses and/or areas where the company wants to expand," states Linda Matias, president of CareerStrides.com and author of "201 Knockout Answers to Tough Interview Questions." "Consider creating a proposal on how you would address one of those areas. Doing so will demonstrate that you have the knowledge and also the enthusiasm to make a significant contribution."

8. Keep thinking and learning about the

Be prepared for additional interviews or follow-up phone calls by continuing to research the organization and the field. Gain new information about a topic brought up in conversation. Think of additional questions you'd like answered. These actions show the hirer that you didn't stop caring about the company after the interview

9. Leverage outside resources.

Networking never stops. "If you have contacts and connections with anyone who might influence the hiring decision, or who actually knows the interviewer, ask her to put a good word in for you," Myers says.

10. Accept rejection with grace.

Finally, keep emotions in check and don't burn bridges if someone else gets hired. One never knows what the future might hold. The accepted candidate may not work out, or a different position may open up. "If you are rejected, the first thing you should do (ironically) is send a thank-you note," Myers says. "This will help distinguish you from other rejected candidates and put you in a positive light.

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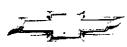
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"holidaze," the annual two-month, endof-the-year promotional bonanza in which car brands in the U.S. market use holiday-themed promotional incentives and other marketing to attempt to reach their year-end sales and profit goals, or just try to make sure they're not left out of the scrum.

Or, as in the case of BMW and Mercedes-Benz, they feel compelled to use the promotions to get the better of a particular competitor. The two leading-volume German auto brands in the U.S. market once again are locked in a neck-and-neck race to secure the 2012 luxury-sales title, just as they conducted last year.

At this point, Mercedes-Benz is trying to hold off a surging BMW, whose 21-percent gain in October sales brought the brand to within 2,748 year-to-date sales of Mercedes - down from nearly double that amount, 5,221 vehicles, just a month earlier. BMW won the crown last year, taking

it from a supply-constrained Lexus. And the prize might be even more dear this year because Lexus is widely assumed to want the volume title back in 2013, when all of its output problems will

be long behind it and the loyota brand will have a slew of new and refreshed products in its stable.

The industry is abuzz with interest in accelerating efforts by BMW and Mercedes to best each other and with speculation about what forms they may take in the weeks ahead. For example, Mercedes is letting some American buyers skip more monthly payments than BMW and offering as much as \$5,000 discounts to "VIP customers."

Meanwhile, other brands are chasing their own goals for the holidaze more quietly but with determination as well. Audi, for instance, launched its annual "The Season of Audi" promotion featuring sales incentives on many 2013-model

vehicles across its lineup. It includes national TV spots and regional dealer-driven TV advertising, as well as social-media marketing, online advertising, brand web-site messaging and radio spots in certain markets, Jessica Thor, manager of retail marketing for Audi of America, told me.

"It's an incredibly crowded marketplace in terms of trying to get your message through," Thor said. "But the good news is that many consumers just expect that there's something going on [at your deal-

you were a brand that went dark and didn't advertise."

As BMW and Mercedes-Benz battle away at volumes far above Audi in the U.S., Audi's goal for the period is to continue to show strong and steady growth.

"I see fierce competition again be-

tween those two brands in terms of who will come out on top for 2012," Thor said. "I can only imagine that both of them are really going to pull out the stops."

Thor said that the BMW-Mercedes battle, and the general promotional atmosphere in the luxury segment as all brands introduce their seasonal marketing, boosts the market for Audi and the entire premium category.

"It's natural when you see everyone on the air with a special event happening that it has a halo effect for everyone," she

But Thor noted that, while it has stiff internal goals for sales during "The Season

of Audi," the overall objective for the brand is to "maintain our focus on sustained growth. We have our goals (for the promotionl and feel comfortable that we're going to hit them.

"But we're not going to duke it out at the end of the year and try to hit a number just for the sake of hitting a number. We want to continue to grow in a healthy

Audi is promoting a variety of 2013-model vehicles but not its highest-end and least available vehicles such as R8 and the "S" performance models.

And for the first time, the brand is putting a special emphasis on getting its dealers revved up for "The Season of Audi."

"Typically we've kind of kept things quiet on the showroom floor" during the promotion, Thor said. "But this year we're having a bigger presence." Audi is helping dealers, for example, host a breakfast for their employees as a kickoff for the promotion. The brand is providing pointof-sale banners and tent cards, Thor said.

"We want dealers and their personnel to get excited about The Season of Aukdi this year," she explained.



The Infiniti Limited Engagement promotion has become a holiday staple in the

The 2013 Audi A6 is a crucial model for The Season of Audi.