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LIGHT UP THE NIGHT IN NOVI

With the holiday season aglow with activity, the Civic Center Campus will reflect the cheer at the annual to Light up the Night event from 6:30-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30. The event, held indoors and out, offers seasonal fun for everyone. Mayor Bob Gatt and a special visitor from the North Pole will set the festive tone by lighting the holiday tree at 6:45 p.m. Additional highlights include a craft show, Santa visits, kids' activities, hockey skills competition, live reindeer, miniature train rides and free food samples. Hay wagons will shuttle people to and from the Novi Public Library to enjoy face painting and Tom Plunkard the Magician performances, sponsored by the Berenger family, starting at 7:30 p.m. A variety of live performances will feature Musikgarten & Me, the Novi Chorlaire, and an interactive Nutcracker performance. New is a House Decorating Contest with the winner announced at Light Up the Night. To enter, send photos of outdoor house decorations to Greg Morris, Recreation supervisor at gmmorris@cityofnovi.org by Nov. 26. Donations of gifts and money will be collected at the event to benefit HAVEN.

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, 32-inch TV, LG Blue-Ray player — from 10 to 11 p.m.," said Aaron Quimby, store manager. "We'll have enough to take care of 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 year, Walmart last week



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Novi Walmart assistant manager Norman Mize ties 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 a.m.

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

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 Pole.

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 Mall 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."



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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 Writer

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 turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, vegetables, 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 year, 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 public services. "The city council wants to continue 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 rehab-

ilitating parts of the sanitary sewer system. "We have some open projects, but the plan is to have these done before

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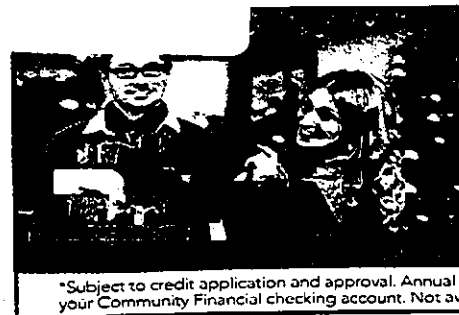
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Holocaust Memorial Center dedicates new gallery

By Jill Halpin
Correspondent

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

stands in memory of Henrietta's family murdered in the Holocaust: her parents, Sara and Israel Gastfrand, and brothers, Rubin and Hershel Gastfrand.

Now 93, 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 tragedy.

She said she still has 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 destinations.

"Nothing could have been worse," than being

in one of those boxcars, Weisberg said. "While they have done movies and written books, you cannot truly understand unless you were there. I want the world to know what happened during the Holocaust so that such inhumanity will never happen again."

The Holocaust Memorial Center acquired the boxcar in September 2011 with the cooperation of the German National Railroad and the Technical (Railroad) Museum in Berlin.

It is believed to be one of the last of such boxcars in existence and the only one exported to the United States from Germany.

"We are very grateful to the Weisbergs for this generous donation," said Stephen M. Goldman, executive director of the Holocaust Memorial 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. Founded by local Holocaust 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 reminder" of the Holocaust, Goldman said.

Goldman believes that the new gallery will provide important and realistic learning opportunities for visitors to the museum.



Alvin and Henrietta Weisberg



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

The message is especially important for young people.

"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," he said.

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

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.

U.K. native, Novi man serves Starr Commonwealth in leadership role

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

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

"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 Starr Commonwealth, which helps troubled youth.

He likes the end of this summer and 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 previously worked at The Royal Bank of Scotland Group as community affairs manager, grew up in northeast England. There's a similar situation to Detroit, he said, with a decline in manufacturing jobs.

"I've really enjoyed getting into some of the sports here." He likes

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."

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the pennant-clinching Detroit Tigers and, back in the U.K., Newcastle United for football/soccer. "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, Scotland. He holds a master's degree in business administration from Aston University in Birmingham, England.

Before The Royal Bank of Scotland, he was the senior communications manager for NHS Scotland, a large national health organization. He's also served as corporate communications manager for the National Trust of Scotland, that 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 organization 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."

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nal and external communications, managing crisis situations, serving as a spokesman, and furthering objectives outlined in the strategic plan.

"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 statement.

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A school district you can be thankful for

SUPER TALK

By Steve Matthews
Guest Columnist

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, we can now buy our pets costumes.



Steve Matthews

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 challenge 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

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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 it 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 community. Our community has supported our requests for improved facilities and technology. The parents in our community 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 all of our students can learn.

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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 exercise.

City of Novi Public Hearing Notice

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Zoning Board of Appeals for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, December 11, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Council Chambers Novi Civic Center 45175 W. Ten Mile Road to consider:

CASE NO. PZ12-0068 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 the R-3 zoning district.

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 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.



Trainer Rod

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 many children as he can

on Christmas day. The Wayne County Family Center program matches needy families with "services, providing transitional shelter for homeless families." They welcome two-parent families, single mothers or fathers with children and pregnant women. They

JOIN IN

You can participate in Trainer Rod's Extreme Train-A-Thon Fitness Challenge to benefit Wayne County Family Center by signing up for an hour-long training session between Dec. 9-16 for \$60. All proceeds will go towards buying holiday gifts for the kids at the center. Call Trainer Rod today at (248) 943-7179, or email him at trainerrod@corefitness.com to reserve your spot or a spot for someone else. Visit corefitness.com for more information.

also offer assistance with services to help people after they leave the shelter.

Trainer Rod grew up in an environment where there were no positive associations with this time of the year and he did not receive anything for the holidays.

"This personal pain

and disconnection with the holidays is something that I do not want any child to have to experience," he said. "So I'm on a mission to change the lives of as many children and families as I can with the talents and skills I have developed as a personal trainer."

INVESTS

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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 be completed.

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.

"These sections need to 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.

In 2013, Novi will plan and undertake some big road projects, including establishing a priority list of roads to be reworked through the road millage and some general road work maintenance. Projects for the road millage have not been

announced yet, but the city is currently identifying the roads and what category they will fall in: reconstruction, rehabilitation and maintenance. The typical road that may be listed will be a concrete street more than 15 years old.

The project to resurface Eight Mile Road between Napier and Taft roads should begin in the latter half of 2013, and it'll be funded through the Road Commission of Oakland County's Eight Mile Road project. Hayes said Novi will be contributing \$400,000, funded via a combination of banked tri-party funds and the city's Municipal Road Fund.

Another project set for next year is the renovation of bridges at Willowbrook Drive and Meadowbrook Road, the former just requiring minor maintenance. There are six bridges in Novi and each undergoes inspection every two years to see if repairs are needed.

Finally, the street lighting system in the vicinity of Town Center Drive, Crescent Boulevard, Novi and 11 Mile roads will be replaced. Hayes said this 30-year-old system has caused a lot of problems for the city, so it will be repaired next fall.

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SHOPPERS

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including the last five as a manager. He's been in charge of the 150,000-square-foot Novi locale since it opened several months ago.

"Our merchants do a great job," he said. "We've got more products than in the past, in stock." He also noted Walmart's ad match guarantee, with the chain matching any price of any competitor.

And while extra employees will be working on the busiest shopping day of the year, Black Friday, Quimby is expecting their 8-10 p.m. sale Thanksgiving to see the most shoppers.

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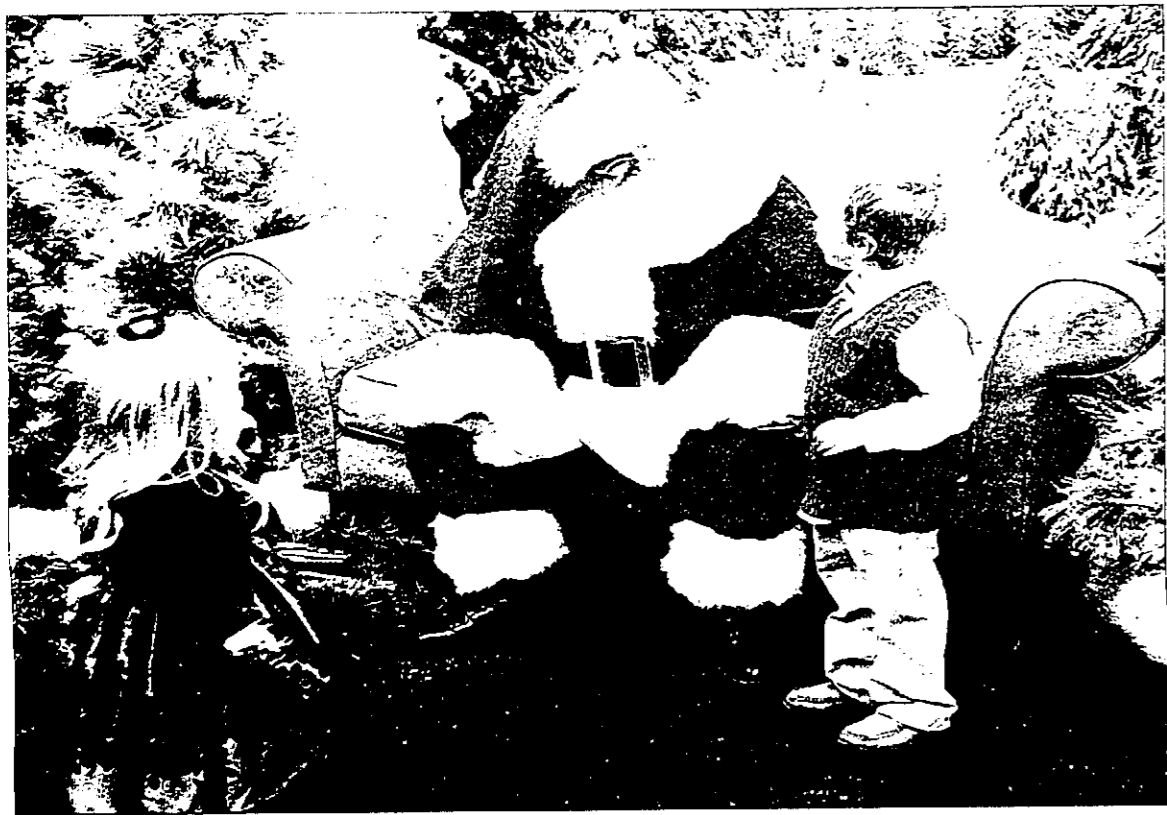
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Novi Walmart associate Destiny Emerson sets up a display of "guaranteed in-stock" items on Nov. 19. Walmart will be offering specials on many items on Thanksgiving day.

Quimby said, "Friday morning we'll have another great sale — probably a little less (busy) than Thursday night — with different items going on sale at different times."

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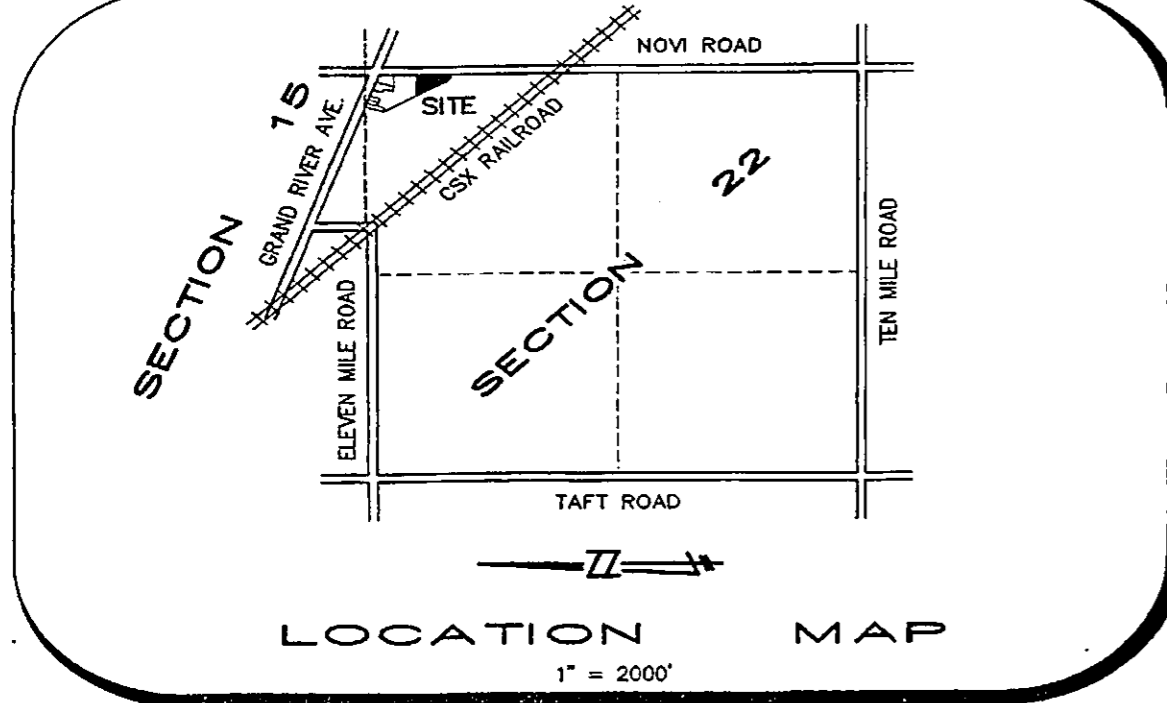


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Santa Claus greets Emily, 2, and Patrick McGlennen, 4, at Novi's Twelve Oaks Mall on Nov. 19. Santa has set up court on the lower level of the mall and will be greeting kids throughout the holiday season.

CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

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 **PERMITS, BREAD DRIVE-THROUGH SITE PLAN NUMBER 12-48, FOR PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN AND SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT APPROVAL. THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT 28875 NOVI ROAD IN SECTION 22, ON THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF FLINT STREET AND NOVI ROAD.** The applicant is proposing to reconstruct the existing parking lot on the south end of City Center Plaza in order to construct a drive-through lane for the existing Panera Bread restaurant. A 468 square foot addition is also proposed for the Panera Bread restaurant. Plans are available for review at the Community Development Department in the Novi Civic Center.

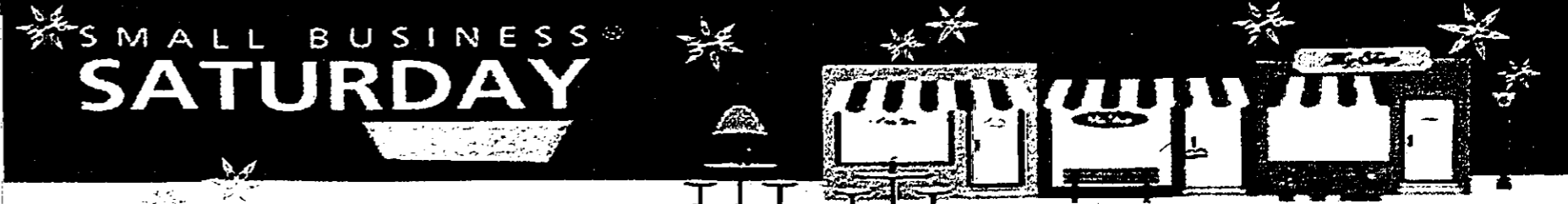


LOCATION MAP 1" = 2000'

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Judge orders psych test for I-96 shooting suspect Casteel



Casteel

By Aileen Wingblad
Staff Writer

Raulie Wayne Casteel, who police say is responsible for 24 shootings in communities along the I-96 corridor, will undergo psychological testing—despite objections from his defense counsel, a district 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 resident.

MacKenzie said his decision followed discussion in his chambers with the prosecution and defense prior to the hearing.

“Based on that conversation — 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

waived his right to a hearing 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. One driver was hit by the gunfire.

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

Knife-wielding thief cuts Novi detective

Suspect with four separate charges

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

A Novi Police detective was cut by a knife-wielding 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 thief suspect, Alan Mays, in the store’s Loss Prevention office.

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.

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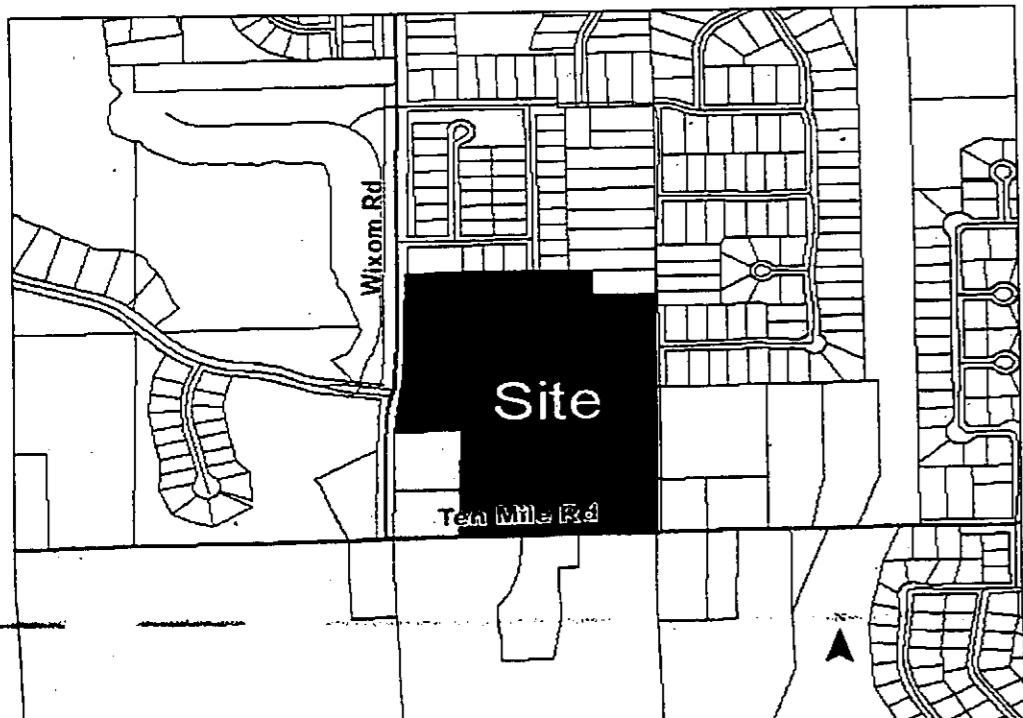
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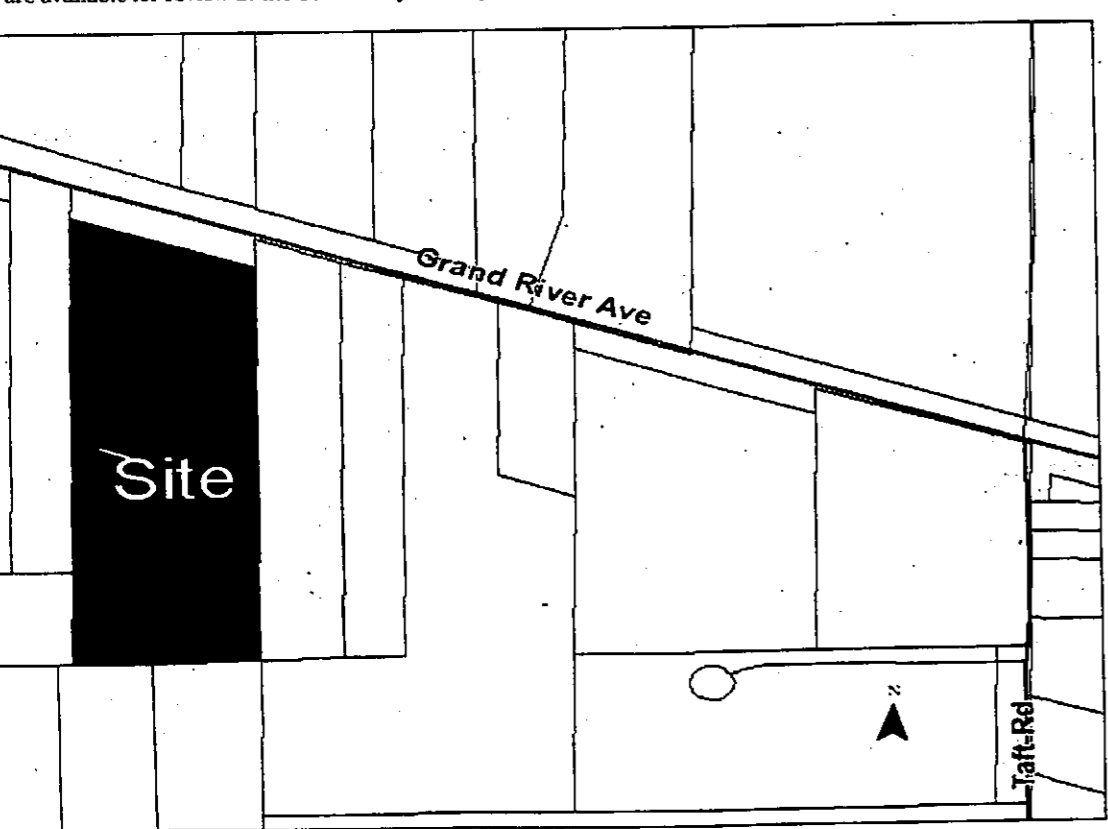
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NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

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 the car turned up a bag with 13 grams of marijuana inside it. The driver was cited for possession, DWLS and the illegal turn.

Larceny

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 been 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 taken at least two people to make off with the scaffolding.

Traffic stop and OWI

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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Mass Schedule
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: 9 a.m. Holy Days: 9 a.m., 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.
Reconciliation: beginning 9 a.m., Saturdays or by appointment
Priests: Rev. Bob LaCroix, pastor, and Rev. Michael Zuelch, associate pastor
CROSSPOINTE MEADOWS CHURCH
Location: 29000 Meadowbrook 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 a.m.
Bible study classes: 10 a.m. for all ages
Details: Nursery and older children programs available. Worship blends traditional and contemporary elements resulting in a multi-sensory worship experience.

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

FAITH COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile Road
Contact: (248) 349-2345 or visit www.faithcommunity-novi.org
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.
Book of Revelation Study
Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and 9:30 a.m. Wednesdays
Details: Come and learn what John is writing about.

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

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE
Location: Ridge Wood Elementary School, 49775 6 Mile Road, Northville
Contact: DestinyW3@gmail.com or visit www.DW3C.org

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE
Location: 217 N. Wing
Contact: (248) 348-1020
Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays
Men’s Bible Study: 9 a.m. first Saturday of every month
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 NORTHVILLE
Location: 200 E. Main Street
Contact: (248) 349-0911 or visit www.fcnorthville.org
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
Location: 21260 Haggerty Road, north of 8 Mile Road
Contact: (248) 348-7600 or visit dcnazarene.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;
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Location: 41415 9 Mile Road, corner of Meadowbrook Road, Novi
Contact: (248) 349-0565
Sundays: 8:45 a.m., Sunday School and Bible Study; 10 a.m. Worship
HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile Road
Contact: (248) 427-1175 or visit holycrossnovi@gmail.com; holycrossnovi.org
Sunday Worship: 7:45 and 10 a.m.
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE
Location: 777 West 8 Mile Road, Northville
Contact: (248) 349-1144 or visit www.fumcnorthville.org
Sunday Worship: Held in the Chapel - 8 a.m. Contemporary - Held in the Sanctuary - 9:15 a.m. Traditional - Held in the Sanctuary - 11 a.m.
Sunday School: Nursery - 8 a.m. Nursery - 12th grade - 9:15 a.m. Nursery - 6th grade/Special Needs - 11 a.m.
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NOVI COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Novi Events

ANDY HYDE PARTY/FUNDRAISER
Time/Date: 6-10 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1
Locations: 10 North, 24555 Novi Road, Novi
Details: Novi High classmates, friends and family are invited to celebrate Andy Hyde's memory. Special guest will be Dave Rozema of the 1984 World Series Champion Detroit Tigers.

There will also be a silent auction and donations at the door to benefit Andy's family and Gift of Life Michigan - Organ & Tissue Donation Program. You can also donate to the Andy Hyde Memorial Fund at this web link: <http://fnd.us/c/ANR57>
Contact: Cathy Reilly, (248) 207 5837
MICHIGAN MADE ARTS CRAFTS JEWELRY SHOW
Time/Date: noon-8 p.m. first

Fridays through December
Location: Atrium Of Novi, 43155 Main Street
FUN FIRST FRIDAYS
Time/Date: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Dec. 7
Location: 27300 Wixom Road at Grand River Avenue (large retail building next to Varsity Lincoln)
Details: Featuring many handmade items from people with disabilities. Anyone in Michigan that makes handcrafted items can get a

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space. Free admission, free parking. Everyone that bowls a strike in our portable bowling alley gets a free fountain drink. Bowl two strikes in a row and get a free hot dog or slice of pizza, too.
Contact: For more information or to reserve a space, email FunFirstFridays@gmail.com or call (248) 812-9751; www.FunFirstFridays.com
BEREAVEMENT MEETINGS
Time/Date: 7:30-9 p.m. third Tuesdays
Location: Novi Civic Center (10 Mile between Taft and Novi roads)
Details: Led by Michael M. Meyer, D. Min., goal is to give each participant an opportunity to share their story. Handouts describing the phases of grief and the tasks of grief are available.

Please see CALENDAR, A17

Constitution vital



The Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter of the National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution donated the book "Our Constitution Rocks," by Juliette Turner, to the Novi Public Library. Jennifer Preston, the Young Adult Section Librarian, accepted the book for the shelves and said that it is a perfect addition for both middle schoolers and high schoolers because it explains the ins and outs of the United States Constitution in an informative as well as accessible way. The DAR is committed to education and literacy promotion and this donation is the first of future donations. Kathleen Ripley Leo, regent of the Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter said: "One of the important missions of the DAR is to provide educational opportunities to our country's most precious resource, our children." Pictured are Margi Karp-Opperer, assistant library director; Jennifer Preston; and Kathleen Ripley Leo.

CALENDAR

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NOVI SENIOR CENTER
Location: 25075 Meadowbrook Road
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Library Lines

WALLED LAKE LIBRARY
Location: 1489 East West Maple Road, Walled Lake

Contact: (248) 624-3772
HUD Counseling
Time/Date: 5-8 p.m. first Mondays
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Book Discussion Group

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. first Thursdays
Details: Please drop in or call the library if you are interested in joining this recently-formed group.
NOVI PUBLIC LIBRARY
Location: 45255 W. 10 Mile Road
Hours: 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 10:5 Friday-Saturday; 1-5 p.m. Sunday
Details: Unless noted below, all programs

take place at the library. Register for programs at the library or on the library website.
Contact: (248) 349-0720
Web: www.novilibrary.org
Story Times: Please see the library website or story time brochure for details. Library will be closed Nov. 22.
 See novilibrary.org for a complete listing of all Adult, Teen, and Youth Programs.
Super Saturday Story

Time
Time/Date: 1-1:45 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 24
Description: Preschoolers, join us for some favorite stories and a craft to take home!
German Language Conversation Group
Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 26
Description: Sprechen Sie deutsch? Beginners to advanced speakers are welcome to join the Ger-

man language conversation group. Registration required.
An e-Reader Sampler
Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 26
Description: Test popular e-Readers and tablets before you begin your holiday shopping. Also, learn more about downloading library eBooks and audiobooks free with OverDrive. Registration required.

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Location: McHattie Park
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Time: 12:30pm-3:30pm
Location: South Lyon Cycle, 209 S. Lafayette

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Time: 2pm-9pm
Costs: \$7 per person, \$30 family of 5 or more, includes dinner.
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 Please visit www.webandboosters.hgsitebuilder.com for more info.

FAMILY FUN EVENT
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Location: First United Methodist Church
Time: 3pm-5pm
Cost: Free

LIGHTED HOLIDAY PARADE
 Enjoy a lighted parade on Lafayette (10 Mile Rd) through downtown South Lyon.
 Presented by South Lyon Chamber of Commerce
Time: 5:30pm • Parade Starts at Whipple Street 10:00pm • Parade Ends at Witches Hat (McHattie Park)

QUATTO DOLCE
 Enjoy fun-filled entertainment with a String and wind quartet presented by Dexter Community Orchestra
Location: Witches Hat (McHattie Park)
Times: 6:30pm
Cost: Free

CHRISTMAS COOKIE EXTRAVAGANZA BAKE SALE
 Benefits the St. Louis Center for Mentally Disabled Youth in Chelsea
Location: St. Joseph Parish, 830 S. Lafayette

TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY
 Following the Parade, come enjoy the Tree Lighting while listening to holiday music
Location: McHattie Park
Time: 6:20pm

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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-square-foot 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 semi-patient rooms in the North Wing, converting most of them into private rooms.

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From a House to Home

When Elaine Cash decided it was time to move to a senior community, she found what she was looking for in her own backyard 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

Lyon Township, a picturesque rural setting noted for the warmth of loving neighbors, for six generations. Moving into Abbey Park keeps Elaine close to friends and family and provides security, support and reassurance to loved ones concerned about her living alone.

While Elaine made the move to satisfy the concerns of her family, she is quick to acknowledge that she is very happy in her new home. "I am blessed to have made a best friend here," Elaine said. "I never thought I would spend my later years in such a lovely home as Abbey Park. I feel like the luckiest person living here."



Abbey Park at Mill River resident Elaine Cash enjoying the beautiful grounds of Abbey Park at their annual car show.

MY VERY PLEASANT SURPRISE

Just minutes from Ann Arbor, Novi and Brighton, Abbey Park's convenient location - on Milford Road across from Covote Golf Club and just minutes from 195 - enjoys a beautiful countryside setting, with state of the art amenities in addition to quick access to three major hospitals.

Within just a few days of Abbey Park's opening in January 2009, Elaine and her three children enjoyed a lunch and tour of the facility. She was surprised and "very impressed," with her initial visit. Elaine appreciated the beautiful landscaping of the grounds and courtyards, an elegant lobby featuring fountains, fireplaces, and a grand piano along with the welcoming

smiles of a few old friends and some new neighbors.

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

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 very 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 outings, such as trips

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 available.

THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE MY NEW HOME

Elaine was quick to credit 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 Park."

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.

"I never thought I would spend my later years in such a lovely home as Abbey Park. I feel like the luckiest person living here."



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SPORTS

Rematch of 2011 title game

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

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

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

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 tides are won by keeping powerful offenses 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 better team than the score might indicate. To win the way we did required great effort and execution from our team."

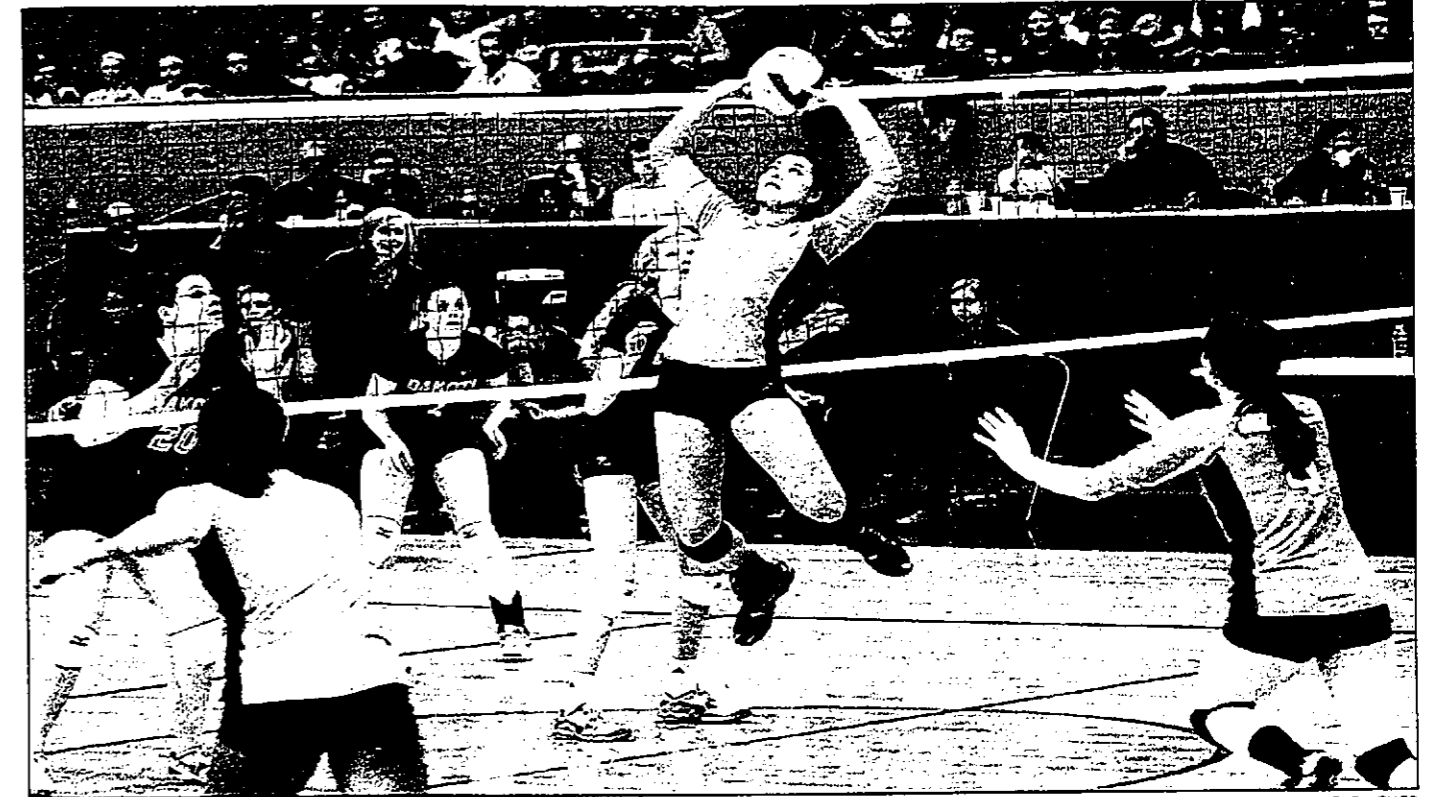
The victory paves the way to Ford Field for the Shamrocks.

In fact, it has to feel a bit like déjà 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 championship," 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
Correspondent

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 Yarkin. "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 the 16-16 and would remain knotted up with Northville through a 20-20 tie that ended up turning away 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-key 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 10-5 lead.

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.

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

How do you spell state-champion swimmer? It's easy: C-U-I.

Catherine Cui, a senior on the Northville Mustangs girls' swimming 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 championship.

Cui turned in a time of 1:03.71 - nearly a full second faster than second-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

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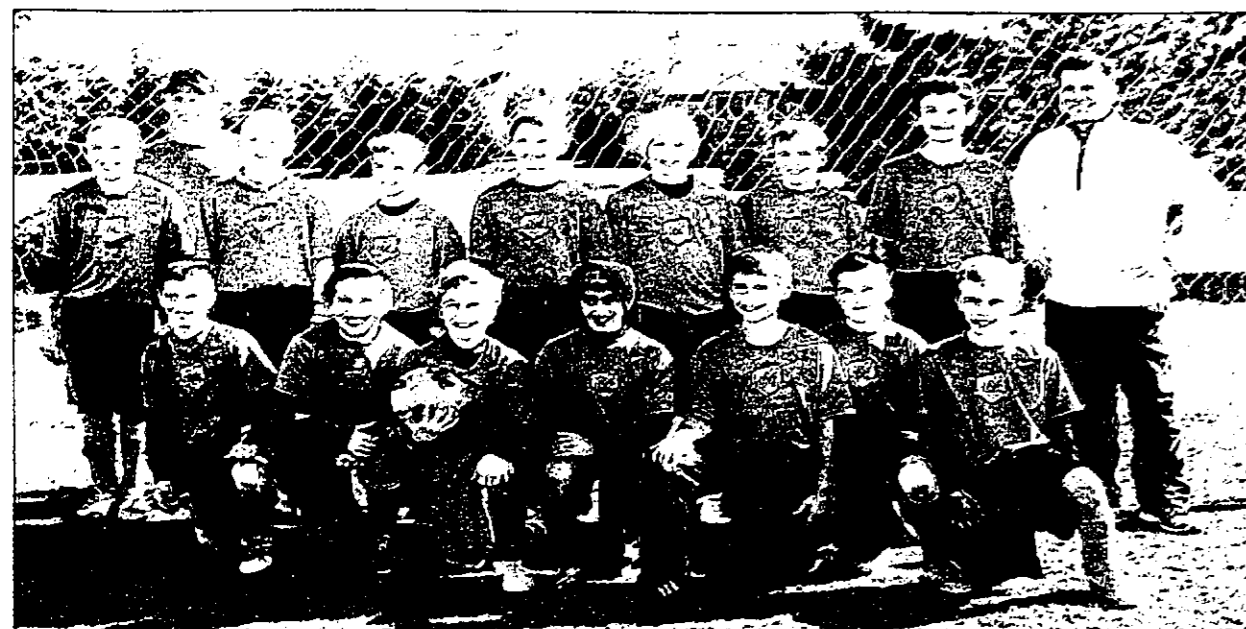
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FOOTBALL

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to do everything we can to make the most of this opportunity — the opportunity of a lifetime for our kids."

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 14-6 lead off an 82-yard kickoff return that ended with senior Tom Malone crossing the goal line for a touchdown.

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 and 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 lead.

"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 what style we wanted to 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 one-yard run by Michigan-bound Wyatt Shallman in the third and a 14-yard jaunt by Zach Bock in the fourth.

The Shamrocks opened the game scoring with a 14-yard touchdown pass from Moores to Malone, which was answered 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 yards.

Defensive play by Shallman and defensive lineman Dan Bowen were key 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 drive of the second half.



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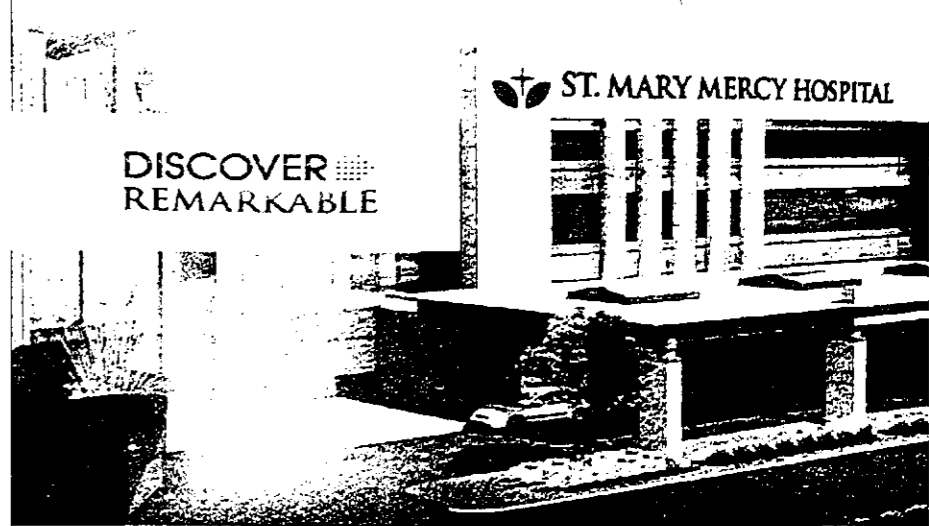
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Car Report

High-End 'Holidaze' Are Here, with Great Seasonal Deals



By Dale Buss

It might seem a little strange to see Infiniti ads with snowflakes already swirling around a spiffy new JX SUV, when the only notable snow so far this season has been on top of tippy-top mountain peaks — and in parts of West Virginia and Virginia, thanks to Sandy. But you're going to be seeing that ad for a while, at least through the end of the year.

And welcome to the auto-advertising "holidaze," the annual two-month, end-of-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 Toyota-owned 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-

erships], even if you were a brand that went dark and didn't advertise."

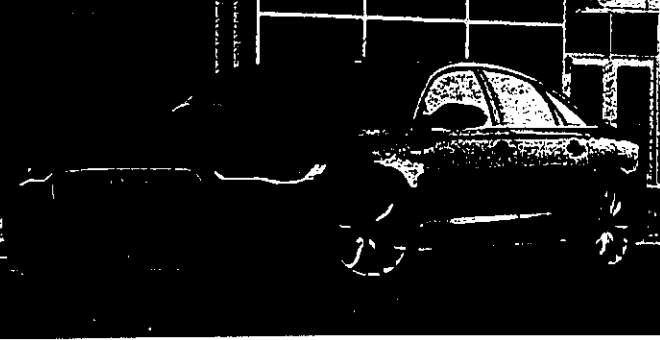
As BMW and Mercedes-Benz battle away at volumes far above Audi in the U.S., Audi's goal for the period is to continue to show strong and steady growth.

"I see fierce competition again between 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 said.

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 promotion]



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

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 way."

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 point-of-sale banners and tent cards, Thor said.

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

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