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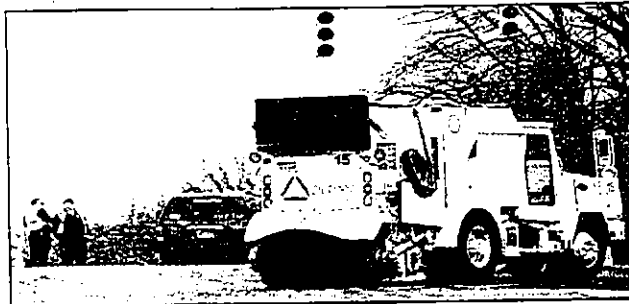
Liquid spill closes 10 Mile, Beck intersection

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

A liquid spill from a commercial truck closed the intersection of 10 Mile and Beck Roads on Monday afternoon for over nearly four hours.

According to Novi's Assistant Police Chief Jerrod Hart, at approximately 11:30 a.m. on Nov. 26 a commercial roll-off truck driving through the intersection of 10 Mile and Beck roads spilled about 100 gallons of its liquid cargo onto the roadway.

Hart said the truck's driver failed to secure the top of the container the liquid was in. When the driver went to



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Novi Fire and EMS, Police and DPW personnel all responded to a spill accident at the corner of Ten Mile and Beck roads on Monday. The intersection was closed to through traffic for several hours as crews cleaned up the material, believed to be non-toxic.

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Sylvan support



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Elena Lenyo, 11, Ben Kirouac, 10, and other Novi Sylvan Learning Center students recently gathered boxes of food to donate to the Novi Emergency Food Bank at Faith Community Presbyterian Church on Ten Mile Road to help out with its holiday distributions to needy families.

1979 Wildcats rally for fallen classmate

By Cal Stone
Staff Writer

Former classmates of Andy Hyde are rallying to raise funds for the late Wildcat's (Class of 1979) children and the Gift of Life Michigan-Organ & Tissue Donation Program with a Dec. 1 event at 10 North in



Hyde

Novi. "Our class was really tight," said Cathy Reilly, one of the organizers. "We really reconnected with Andy at our 30-year reunion. He was a great guy, a nice guy."

Hyde was diabetic and in need of a liver transplant, but succumbed in September before he could get one. "He still lived in Novi. We had a mini reunion in August. He didn't look well, like something was wrong. Then three weeks later, he was gone. When it happened, we all really wanted to do something for his family," Reilly said, noting Hyde was divorced with two daughters and piling medical expenses.

Donations are also being taken for the Gift of Life program. Reilly recalled a friend whose father is in a Cleveland clinic right now awaiting a lung transplant. He never smoked a day in his life, but asbestos got to him.

"This donor thing is huge, but people won't do it," Reilly said. "So many people need organs to survive. I knew a guy who was 39 and got killed in a car accident. He

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Project Heat

Saturday will mark the 26th consecutive year for the special event Al Keats Day - Project Heat, which is sponsored by the Southeast Michigan chapter of the Air Conditioning Contractors of America (SEMI-ACCA).

Fifteen contractor member companies and approximately 40 volunteer employees will participate in this year's project to perform free furnace cleaning, safety inspections, repairs, and furnace replacements for needy senior citizens in metro Detroit.

The event will begin at 7:30 a.m. at Day & Night Heating & Cooling on 27629 Haggerty Road in Novi. Service calls will be assigned before technicians are dispatched before 9 a.m.



Novi and Wixom fire departments enter mutual aid agreement

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

A new mutual aid agreement between the fire departments of Novi and Wixom will mean faster arrival times and help avoid the possibility of one of the communities being unable to respond to a simultaneous emergency.

The Automatic Mutual Aid agreement between Novi and Wixom is new for the former, but the latter already has similar arrangements with Com-

merce and Walled Lake to decrease arrival time when a mutual aid request is made.

Both Novi's and Wixom's fire departments said mutual aid has always been an option upon request, but with this agreement resources are automatically provided at no cost.

Automatic aid is defined as the automatic response by the responding city of the closest available resources via emergency dispatch to a request for response by the requesting city.

Neither city will seek compensation from the other for AMA services rendered under this agreement. Each will remain responsible to its own employees for the payment of wages and other compensation.

According to Novi Fire Operations Director Jeff Johnson, the AMA agreement provides for an engine or ladder from Wixom and sends it automatically to any con-

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Knitters' sale benefits Assarian Cancer Center

Event slated for Nov. 29-30 in Providence's lobby

By Cal Stone
Staff Writer

Here's an opportunity to pick out a unique knitted gift for someone special while helping out the Assarian Cancer Center at Providence Park Hospital in Novi. For the third year in a row, the Knit & Yarn Group will be holding its annual sale, with proceeds going to the center's Healing Arts program, from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 29-30 in the hospital lobby. "Hopefully, that will give us some good exposure," said Kathy McGuffin, a member of the knitters group. "A portion of the proceeds will also go to the Providence Park League, which supports volunteers."

Sale items will include hats, scarves, mittens, sweaters and baby slippers. "And this year slippers, because we have some knitters from Novi Library, who we're just thrilled to have," McGuffin said. The funds help keep the Healing Arts program stocked with nutritious items for patients and their families. The knitters, in addition to creating chemo caps, have in the past covered the cost of flying a patient to the east coast to be with family and the heating bill of a patient who needed help financially. A social worker at the hospital lets the knitters know if there are any needs to be met. "This group has really mushroomed from just eight or nine," McGuffin said. "Our three newest are Japanese gals new to Novi. Sometimes we're sitting around with 28 gals knitting in the conference room. Our knitters are from Northville, Novi and South Lyon. Many are cancer survivors wanting to help others."

The group meets every Wednesday. Volunteer Barb Williamson is "getting us all organized" for the big sale. "We also get wonderful donations from people who hear about us," McGuffin said. To donate yarn, just drop it off at the Assarian Center, but don't miss the once-a-year sale. For more information, contact McGuffin at kmcguffin41@gmail.com.

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Kathy McGuffin (left) and Mary Moote look over some of their knitted creations in preparation for last year's sale to benefit the Assarian Cancer Center at Novi Providence Park Hospital.

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Novi one of state's most beautiful

City and two community projects cited for excellence

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

Novi's hard work to keep the community beautiful has been officially recognized.

The Novi community has received four Keep Michigan Beautiful awards, which honor projects throughout the state that involve environmental cleanup, historical preservation, site beautification and restoration, and environmental education programs for children and adults. The awards were presented on Nov. 13 at the City Council meeting by Bob Ramsey, president of KMB, an organization in service since 1962 and in partnership with Keep America Beautiful.

"This past October we had our annual award ceremony and the City of Novi (and some residents) were awarded four of our 39 awards," Ramsey said.

The President's Plaque, the highest given by KMB, was presented to the City of Novi for the Nine Mile Road pathway and the Baseline Historical Marker. Michigan Plaques for second place were given to Tollgate Garden, located in Novi, and the High School student Raj Raina.

The Nine Mile Pathway is the one-mile connector between Meadowbrook and Haggerty roads. Ramsey said the six-foot-wide paved path has become quite popular since its construction and is used by many. The design of the path allowed the preservation of existing vegetation and added 80 native trees.

The Baseline Marker is at ITC Park commemorates the 1815 survey of the Michigan Baseline. It's a blend of elements with the marker and paver area celebrating Michigan and Novi history with a garden and seating area. It's part of a broader art installation of community project, located 12 Mile and Meadowbrook roads. This is a volunteer-driven effort to maintain a place that engages youth in the world of plants. It has a pond, prairie, maze, butterfly shade gardens and a variety of other aspects.

Raina's project was an effort he had been promoting for some time. For Ramsey and the judges, it was a stand-out individual effort. "I'm very pleased to know Raj Raina. He's a 16- or 17-year-old who's very conscious of alternatives to ecology," Ramsey said. "He created a very interesting project for smoke abatement for idling cars."

Raina first started this project in 2010. He was at Novi Middle School and he noticed how many vehicles were idling while waiting. He took action and now there are "No Idling" signs at the school and the Novi police department has a no idling policy for his cars and he's now taken his cause to the state legislature. "We all believe up here that the City of Novi is the most beautiful city in the State of Michigan," Novi Mayor Bob Gatt said. "So thank you very much for these awards."

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Visitors to Novi's Tollgate Farms take in its Children's Garden during winter with many plants to touch and smell during a past open house.

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firmed structure fire (e.g. multiple calls of smoke/flames showing) in the northwest sectors of Novi. In return, Novi will automatically provide an engine or ladder to Wixom in the southeast quadrant of that community.

Novi City Manager Clay Pearson said this will take both departments to the next level of service and added these types of agreements are becoming more popular among municipalities working to share services. "We've had mutu-

al aid agreements for a number of years in Novi," Pearson said. "But this is an automatic aid whereby certain kinds of structure fires being called in to either Novi dispatch or Wixom dispatch, we would have units start moving toward whichever community area of need."

Novi Fire Stations 2 and 3 would be on stand-by for these calls. Pearson said he would report back to council on the number of calls and other data regarding this agreement in six months. The term of the agreement is indefinite, but is subject to termination by 90-day written notice by either party. The terms provide for

sonnel, equipment and other resources that would be necessary to respond to every possible disaster or fire emergency," Dornan said. "It is for these reasons that most communities have agreed to provide mutual aid to one another when emergencies occur."

Dornan said what makes AMA better is that it includes a faster arrival time and elimination of the risk that an event could deplete a community's personnel and equipment so that it would be unable to respond to another simultaneous emergency.

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DIA speaker to visit library to discuss 'Fabergé' exhibit

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

The Detroit Institute of Arts is hosting an exhibit of more than 200 precious objects from the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, home of the largest collection of Fabergé art in the United States.

A DIA speaker will present a program at the Northville District Library at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 29, and again at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13. You're asked to call the library to register at (248) 349-3020.

"I think it's a wonderful opportunity to hear someone from the Detroit Institute of Arts talking about the Fabergé eggs before you see them," said Julie Herrin, Northville District Library director.

DIA speakers aren't newcomers to the Northville library.

"We've been doing it for years," Herrin said, adding programs are well received and usually held both in an afternoon and evening to accommo-

date schedules.

"Whenever there's a major exhibition, we try to have someone come out," she said.

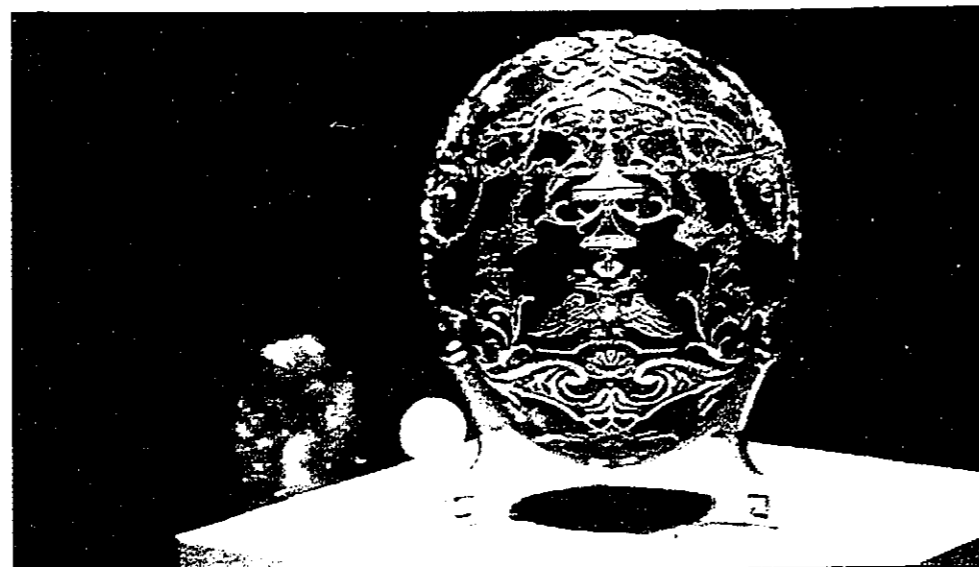
Herrin said she is planning to see the Fabergé exhibit at the DIA.

The DIA exhibit, "Fabergé: The Rise and Fall. The Collection of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts," will continue through Monday, Jan. 21, 2013.

The show traces Karl Fabergé's rise to fame, highlighting his business savvy, artistic innovations, and privileged relationship with the Russian aristocracy. Despite the firm's abrupt end in 1918 with the Russian revolution, the legacy and name of Fabergé continues to hold a place in popular culture, the DIA website notes.

In addition to egg pendants, there are jewel-encrusted parasols and cane handles, enameled frames and animals carved from semi-precious stones. The exhibit features six imperial Easter eggs.

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EDUCATION

Goal of review to show Novi students are learning

By Steve Matthews
Guest Columnist



Steve Matthews

I attended my first dance at Monroe Junior High when I was in the ninth grade. Bobby Box of KQEO Radio was the guest DJ. As the evening was winding down, he invited everyone to the dance floor to participate in a dance contest. He explained that he would start a song and then stop it. Everyone who moved after he stopped the song would be eliminated.

The contest had nothing to do with your dancing ability. It had everything to do with your ability to stop dancing. As a result, I knew I had a chance.

Finally it came down to one other couple and us. Bobby Box started and stopped the song. My date and I had won! The key to my success - don't move much when the music was playing! It is a lot easier to stop when you are hardly moving to begin with.

Success and public recognition are tricky things. From Dec. 9-12, our district will host an accreditation team. This team, comprised of experienced educators from around the state and nation, will be here to judge us. My hope is that they will be able to clearly and accurately identify what we do well and where we need to improve.

This external review team will visit classrooms, talk with over 300 people, and, in the end, give a report to our Board of Education that will identify our strengths and weaknesses. This will be similar to my dance competition experience. My hope is that it is much more than that.

Ultimately, it is about whether or not we educate the students in our care. Sometimes we get focused on making sure we look good to the outside world. I am not that interested in that looking good. I want to make sure that we are actually doing good. Doing good, in the particular case of school improvement, means being able to show that our students learn.

The External Review team will ask a lot of questions, talk to a lot of people and visit a lot of classrooms. They will look at our governance structure, our policies and our procedures. All of those things are important.

But, in the end, the most important thing we do every day is help students learn! In order to educate our students, we need good systems and processes. We need high quality facilities and lots of supplies and materials. We need procedures that help us provide consistent service to every constituent group in our district.

But, in the end, everything is for naught if we do not help our students learn. If we cannot show that the students who come to our classrooms everyday learn and grow, then we will have failed.

When our External Review team visits our district in December, we could have a strategy that ensures that we will "win" the contest and receive our reward.

Or we could adopt a strategy that focuses on the central question: Do the students in our care learn?

I believe it is much more important to be able to dance and not just win the dance contest. In our district it is much more important to be able to show that students learn and much less important to get a good rating.

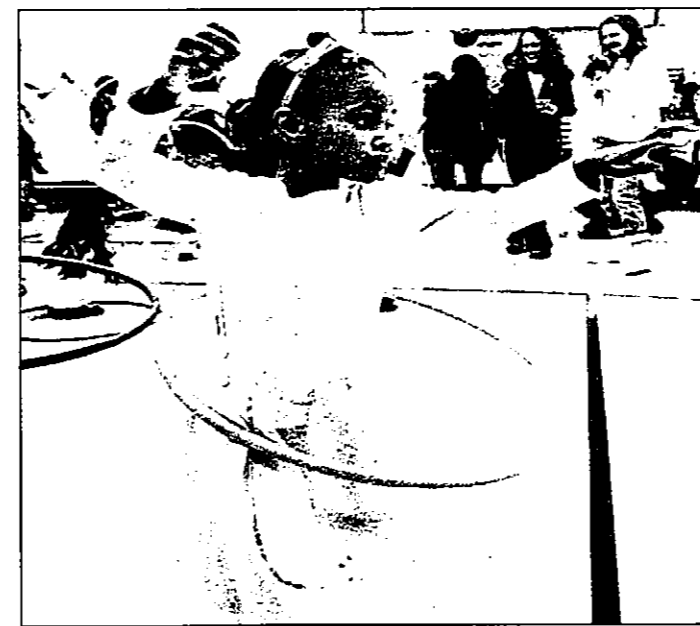
The truth is I hope for both. I hope that we can demonstrate that our students are learning and that we can show our processes, procedures, approaches and structures are built to support student learning.

Winning the "dance" contest is not nearly as important as actually being able to dance. In our case, getting a good review is not nearly as important as actually ensuring that every-day students learn in our schools.

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Parkview Elementary School second graders make a few "chomping" motions with their arms as they sing the Peter Pan musical melody "Never Smile at a Crocodile" during their Nov. 14 concert. The concert, "An Afternoon of Show Tunes!" was directed by the school's music teacher, Matt Ownby. Principal Jennifer Michos noted that more than 80 parents were able to attend the 2:30 p.m. concert.



Wearing a poodle skirt, Parkview Elementary School kindergarten student Jennifer Winston tries a Hula Hoop at the school's Nov. 15 '50s celebration'. The school celebrates the 50th day of kindergarten with the kids and their parents with lots of '50s tunes, limbo contests, and ice-cream floats.

Middle school presents pair of plays

Novi Middle School Theater Company presents Shakespeare's "Mid-Winter's Nightmare" by Darby Wills Chism and "Tongue Twisted" by Cynthia Davies and Steven Fendrich at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30 in the school auditorium. Tickets are \$7 each.

What starts as a dream quickly turns into a nightmare when Shakespeare, sick in bed and suffering from writer's block, is visited by some of his most famous characters: Hamlet, Ophelia, Lady Macbeth, Puck, and Romeo and Juliet. The characters try to help Shakespeare decide if his next play should be a comedy or a tragedy, but they soon find themselves competing for Shakespeare's attention and title of most

tragic character. However, even these demanding characters are no match for the ultimate shrew, Shakespeare's wife, who is determined to cure him in time to attend the King's winter ball.

"Mid-Winter's Nightmare" is produced by special arrangements with Big Dog Publishing Company, Sarasota, Fla. In the comedy "Tongue Twisted," Moses Roses may have the ability to say "Sly Sam slurps Sally's soup," but he doesn't know what to do with Sally Seashell and his nightmares from the past. Sally blames Roses for losing an important tongue twister tournament 30 years ago. Now, he is a teacher at Bitter Bitter School, the very same

school he represented in the tournament. He has dived into teaching Shakespeare, always trying to dismiss that dreadful day from his mind. But Sally also returns to Bitter Bitter, taking over the role of principal. She has only one thing on her mind-winning the tongue twister tournament and regaining the trophy. While Moses and Sally struggle, rival Hazel Hazelmunt of Nettie's Knitting Night School steps in. Winning this year's tournament will not only bring her sustained glory, but will also give her the chance to take over Bitter Bitter.

"Tongue Twisted" is produced by special arrangements with Pioneer Drama Services, Inc. Englewood, Colo.

Sinking fund generates \$2 million annually for Walled Lake schools

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

There are about 15,200 students who live in Novi currently attending Walled Lake Schools, which is the largest school district in Oakland County.

And the condition and upkeep of the buildings/facilities in the district obviously matter to the community, which was made apparent in 2004 when voters first approved the Building and Site Sinking Fund, and again on with its renewal in the November election.

According to Judy Evola, Community Relations and Marketing director for Walled Lake Consolidated Schools, the Building and Site Sinking Fund is a 10-year, half-mil levy that generates about \$2 million dollars per year for the repair of school buildings.

She said for about \$1 per week for the owner of a \$20,000 home, the Building and Site Sinking Fund allows the district to continuously address its greatest facility needs and improve the safety in

all of the schools as well as optimize the use for the entire community. "Walled Lake Schools, our schools and facilities, are in good repair as a result of the Sinking Fund that voters approved back in 2004," Evola said. "We have been able to do capital improvements annually, with board approval, because of the current Building and Site Sinking Fund."

She said the fund allows the district to keep the more than 2.5 million square feet of educational space and 780 acres of grounds and property in optimal condition for the thousands of students and community members who use the schools on a daily basis. With the current sinking fund, Walled Lake has been able to:

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If it wasn't passed, Evola said the district would have had to use funds from its general operating budget that are intended for educational purposes to make these annual repairs. This would have led to some repairs not being done, and the district would have been annually reviewing far-reaching reductions in order to keep the buildings in good repair.

The funds can't be used for technology equipment, furnishings, buses or on salaries or benefits. In addition, schools may not use these funds for routine maintenance work, nor can maintenance employees be used to perform sinking fund work or projects.

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The Novi Choralaires will perform a preview of its "Christ Past and Present" show at Friday's Light Up the Night at the Civic Center complex.



Novi Choralaires, Concert Band kicking off holiday season

With the holidays just around the corner, the Novi Choralaires and Novi Concert Band are hosting performances designed to spread seasonal cheer.

TICKETS

Tickets (\$12 for adults, \$10 for senior citizens and children under 12) for Christmas Past and Present are on sale at the Novi Civic Center in the Parks and Recreation office, 45175 W. 10 Mile (between Novi and Taft roads).

The Novi Choralaires will perform "Christmas Past and Present", featuring many classic holiday favorites along with some new selections from around the world. Performances are: Sunday, Dec. 2, 4 p.m., Church of the Holy Family, 24505 Meadowbrook Road

Friday, Dec. 7, 7:30 p.m., First United Methodist Church of Farmington, 33112 Grand River Avenue, Farmington Saturday, Dec. 8, 7:30 p.m., Meadowbrook Commons, 25075 Meadowbrook Road

The Novi Concert Band will present their "Holiday Favorites" concert at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2 at the Novi Civic Center. The band will be performing Leroy Anderson's "Belle of the Ball", "Sleigh Ride" and "A Christmas Festival".

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saved so many lives — somebody got his heart, his kidneys, his eyes... it's not a hard thing to do.

Organizers of the Dec. 1 event hope that having a special guest with a big name — like 1984 World Series champion and former Detroit Tiger Dave Rozema — will help draw some folks who may not

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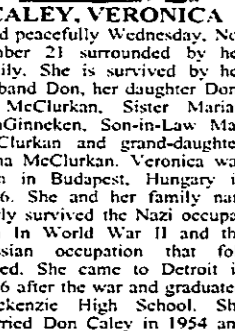
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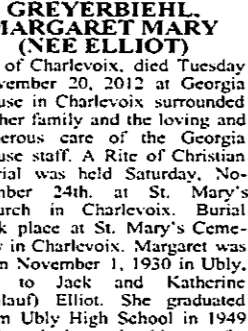
DIVEN, JEAN D. Age 90, passed away November 22, 2012 at her home surrounded by her loving family. She was born on June 18, 1922 in Flint, Michigan.



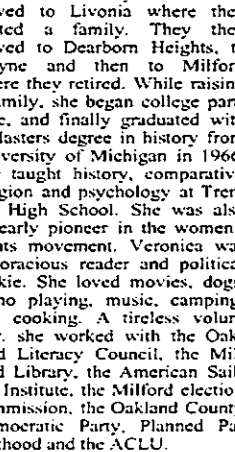
PEARCE, DEBORAH E. Age 57, passed away November 25, at home, surrounded by her loving family. She was born on August 17, 1955, in Merrill, Wisconsin.



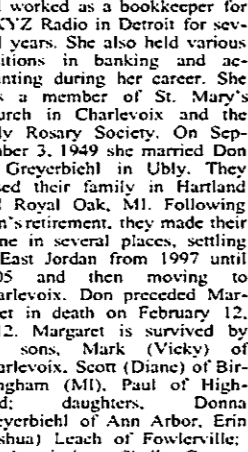
CALEY, VERONICA Died peacefully Wednesday, November 21, surrounded by her family. She is survived by her husband Don, her daughter Donna McClurkin, Sister Marian VanGincken, Son-in-Law Mac McClurkin and grand-daughter Ann McClurkin.



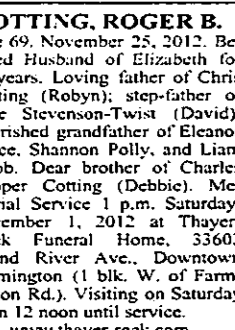
GREYERBILH, MARGARET MARY (NEE ELLIOT) N2, of Charlevoix, died Tuesday November 20, 2012 at Georgia House at Charlevoix surrounded by her family and the loving and generous care of the Georgia House staff.



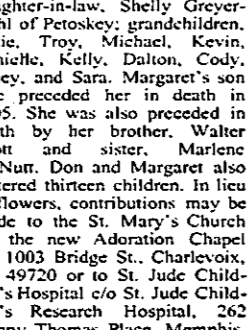
ELIZABETH PETTIT Of Northville and Benzonia, Michigan died November 20th at Presbyterian Village of Redford, Michigan.



JOANNE MARIE Age 79, of Farmington passed away Tuesday, November 20, 2012 at the University of Michigan Hospital, Ann Arbor.



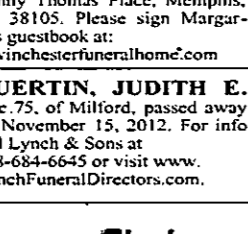
COTTING, ROGER B. Age 69, November 25, 2012. Beloved husband of Elizabeth for 11 years. Loving father of Chris Cotting (Robyn), step-father of Faye Stevenson-Twist (David).



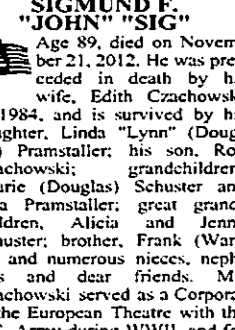
GILLIES, ISSV (BEBL) Age 76, November 24, 2012. Preceded in death by parents Helen and Duncan and brothers Daniel and Peter.



CZACHOWSKI, SIGMUND D. (NICK 'BOB') Age 89, died on November 21, 2012. He was preceded in death by his wife, Edith Czachowski in 1984.



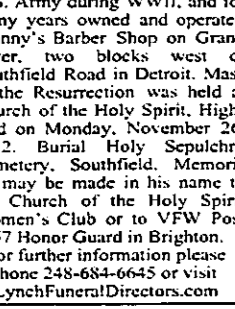
GUERTIN, JUDITH E. Age 75, of Milford, passed away on November 15, 2012. For info call Lynch & Sons at 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com.



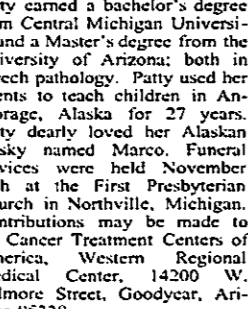
GRAHAM, RUBY C. Age 89, passed away November 23, 2012. Funeral Nov 28, 11 am PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. phillipsfuneral.com



HOFFMAN, PATRICIA 'PATTY' Age 60, November 13th, 2012. Beloved daughter of Betty Allen and the late Cass Hoffman and step-daughter of the late Mike Allen.



LORD, MARY ALICE A former resident of Springfield, Illinois and Royal Oak, Michigan, died on November 30, 2012, at the age of 89.



TROSKIN, RUTH MAY December 21, 1925 - November 19, 2012. Age 86 of South Lyon. Beloved mother of Tim Troskin (deceased), Jim Troskin & Darlene Michel.

Dr. Thomas M. Cook Age 78, resident of Northville, passed 11/29/2012. Funeral services will be held at the Church of the Holy Spirit, 4557 Honor Guard, Northville, Michigan. For further information please call 248-684-6645 or visit www.castingfuneralhome.com

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JOE, JIMMY A. Age 67, of New Hudson, passed away November 19, 2012. A private family service was held. Guestbook phillipsfuneral.com

STROUSS, DOROTHY E WETZEL Age 92, of Northville, passed away on Nov. 20, 2012. Services were on Sat., Nov. 24, 2012. LynchFuneralDirectors.com

May peace be with you in this time of sorrow.

SPILL

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stop at the red light, the contents sloshed forward and then backward spilling out. Not all of it spilled.

The police have not released the names of the driver or company. Hart said the liquid contents were pumped from the drain of a car wash and are described as being the runoff trapped from washed vehicles. It was being transported to a disposal facility outside of Novi.

"The transportation company is making arrangements to have the intersection

cleaned up as soon as possible," Hart said. The intersection ended up being opened around 3:30 that afternoon.

The Novi Police and Fire Departments had blocked off the intersection to expedite the cleanup efforts and prevent the liquid from getting on to passing vehicles.

Hart said enforcement action has been taken with the company and driver. The law states commercial vehicles must have its contents secured and covered. The driver was cited for Commercial Motor Vehicle - Improper Load / Spill on Roadway, which is a misdemeanor violation.

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'Greetings!'

Two Tomes Theatre presents an inter-denominational holiday show, Greetings! by Tom Dudzick on Friday and Saturday evenings and Sunday afternoons through Dec. 16 in the theatre inside Barnes & Noble Bookellers, located at 6800 Orchard Lake Road in West Bloomfield (south of Maple). Cast members Angela Kay Miller (Randy), Stephen Blackwell (Andy), Richard Payton (Mickey), Novi's Jan Cartwright (Emily) and Henry Nelson (Phil) share a joke at their family holiday meal. Advance tickets are available for \$18 for adults and \$15 for students and senior citizens, and can be purchased at www.twtomestheatre.org or by calling (248) 850-9919.

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HOLY SPIRIT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL at the corner of W. Grand Ave. & M. Road www.holyspirit.net 810-221-9199 8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion Please visit our Website at: www.holyspirit.net	FIRST BAPTIST OF MILFORD 133 Detroit St., Milford • 684-5695 Pastor: Steve Sawyer Sunday Service: 10:30 a.m. • 11:45 a.m. New Adults Bible Study: 6:00 p.m. Avaris, Wednesday, 6:00-8:30 p.m. • 10:00-11:30 p.m. Please visit our Website at: www.fbcfirstbaptist.com	FAITH COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 44400 W. 10 Mile, Novi, MI 48374 172 Millie Street, Novi, MI 48375 www.faithcommunity-novi.org WORSHIP AND SUNDAY SCHOOL, 10 AM "Children, Youth and Adult Ministries"	HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH 24505 Meadowbrook Rd., Novi, MI 48375 Saturday 4:30 p.m. • 8:00 p.m. • 10:00 p.m. • 11:00 p.m. Sunday 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Fr. Bob LeClerc, Pastor Fr. Michael Zienka, Associate Parish Office: 248-884-1100
WEST HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH 1116 S. Hickory Ridge Rd., Milford, MI 48360 248-887-1218 Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Wednesday: 7:00 p.m. Adult Small Groups / Ministry Teams	MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH 21355 Meadowbrook Rd., Milford • 1.1 mile 248-344-7757 • www.mdcsc.org Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m. Rev. Arthur Ritter, Senior Minister	OAK POINTE CHURCH 50200 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi Saturday Worship 8:15 a.m. Sunday 9:15 a.m. & 11:15 a.m. Casual, contemporary service Phone (248) 912-0043 www.oakpointe.org	BRIGHTMOOR CHRISTIAN CHURCH 4300 W. 13 Mile Road, Farmington Hills on the corner of M-5 & W-13 Sundays 9:15a & 11:15a www.brightmoorc.org something for the entire family
CROSSPOINT COMMUNITY CHURCH 1851 S. Commerce Rd., Walled Lake 930 a.m. • Sunday School 10:00 a.m. • 11:00 a.m. Rev. Kenneth Warren • 586-531-2021 www.cpcnw.com	Walled Lake FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH 10774 Nine Mile Road Rev. Lee Taylor • 449-2582 Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Worship, 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening, 7:00 p.m.	OAK POINTE milford 1250 South Hill Rd. (248) 955-3562 Contemporary Service: Sunday 9:15 a.m. & 11:15 a.m. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study: 6:00 p.m. Women, Men & Life Groups: Various Schedules www.oakpointe.org	HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL 40700 W. Ten Mile Rd. • 246-427-1175 Sunday Worship 7:45 a.m. & 10 a.m. Healing Service Wednesday 11:45 am Rev. Ann Weeber, Pastor holycrossnov@gmail.com
Whitmore Lake FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH 10774 Nine Mile Road Rev. Lee Taylor • 449-2582 Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Worship, 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening, 7:00 p.m.	Milford United Methodist Church 1200 Atlantic St., Milford, MI 48361 Sunday Worship at 9:30 a.m. Group for Children, Youth and Adults 248-484-2798 milfordumc.net	Milford United Methodist Church 1200 Atlantic St., Milford, MI 48361 Sunday Worship at 9:30 a.m. Group for Children, Youth and Adults 248-484-2798 milfordumc.net	CROSS OF CHRIST LUTHERAN (Mission Site) Pastor Terry Nelson 437-8810 • 488-4335 Ground Rd. at 10 Mile Worship: 10 a.m.; Sunday School 10 a.m.; Adult Bible Study 9 a.m.
Livonia FELLOWSHIP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Services held at: Saint Andrew Episcopal Church 10260 Highland Road • Livonia South of Six Mile Road Adult Bible Study: 9:30-10:15 a.m. • 10:30-11:15 a.m. Children's Church: 9:30-10:15 a.m. Dr. James M. McGuire • Ministry Director	MILFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 238 N. Main Street, Milford MI (248) 684-2805 Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. • 10:00 a.m. • 10:30 a.m. Youth Group 10 a.m. • Grades 6-12 A heritage of love worship since 1839	Milford United Methodist Church 1200 Atlantic St., Milford, MI 48361 Sunday Worship at 9:30 a.m. Group for Children, Youth and Adults 248-484-2798 milfordumc.net	FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF SOUTH LYON 60200 Maple Ave. St., South Lyon MI 48178 Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. • 10:30 a.m. • 11:30 a.m. Pastor: Robert Weisberg www.fucsl.com
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Plymouth St. John's Episcopal Church A Church for All • 574 S. Sheldon Rd. • Plymouth, MI 48170 734-453-0190 Services on Sunday mornings at: 7:45 AM - Ecumenical Eucharist (with music) 8:00 AM - Eucharist with Contemporary Music 11:00 AM - Eucharist with Traditional Music	Friends of Unity 774 North Sheldon Road Plymouth, MI (734) 453-0190 Sunday Service and Youth Programs 10 a.m. Thursday 7:00 p.m. • 8:00 p.m. 734.454.0015	NEW HOPE - A Unitarian Universalist Congregation 57855 Grand River Ave., New Hudson, MI 48165 Phone: 248-374-9198 Sunday Celebration of Life Service: 10:30 a.m. Rev. Suzanne Paul, Minister Website: http://www.newhopeuu.org	FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SOUTH LYON 60200 Maple Ave. St., South Lyon MI 48178 Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. • 10:30 a.m. • 11:30 a.m. Pastor: Robert Weisberg www.fucsl.com
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Highland OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH 133 Orchard Rd., Northville WEEKEND LITURGIES: Saturday 5:00 p.m. Sunday 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. Religious Education: 9:30-10:30 a.m. Rev. Brent Theriot, Pastor	OUR SENIOR APPELLATE LUTHERAN CHURCH 54599 6 Mile Rd., at Currie Rd. Northville, MI 48176 Pastor Andy Whitton Phone: 248-724-2268 Sunday School (ages 5-12) at 10 AM Adult Bible Study at 11 AM Sunday Service at 11 AM Bible Study, Wednesdays at 7:00 PM	SOLID ROCK BIBLE CHURCH Loving God and Loving People 22183 Pontiac Trail • 248-484-4400 (at Brookhollow Shopping Center, behind Powerhouse Gym) SUNDAY WORSHIP: 10:00 A.M. Road to Redemption, Pastor/Teacher www.solidrocksouthlyon.com	GOLDEN LIGHT SPIRITUALIST CHURCH 2110 S. Millcreek Rd., Highland 11/10 mi. N. of M-50 Helpful & Inspiring Services: Sundays 10:30 a.m. • 11:30 a.m. • 7:00 p.m. Spiritual Readings: Every 2nd Sat. 2:00-4:00 p.m. www.goldenlightchurch.org

Week 1 in House is 'pretty much all business' for Curson

He's already hired staff, gotten the keys to his new offices, been sworn in and given his first speech on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives. And that was U.S. Rep. David Curson's first week in Washington.

"I've spent most of my life in pretty high-pressure situations. The subject matter is so serious that once you get into it, there wasn't a whole lot of intimidation for me," said Curson, the newly elected Belleville Democrat who will be serving one of the shortest terms in Congress -- he leaves Dec. 31. "Getting sworn in was kind of awesome. But other than that, it's been pretty much all business."

Most of his extended family -- 29 people in all, including his two grandsons -- traveled to Washington for his swearing-in two weeks ago. And by Nov. 16, he was giving his first speech, talking about a trade agreement with Russia and making sure human



U.S. Rep. David Curson talks about his first few days in office during an open house Nov. 20 in Livonia. With him are his wife, Sharon Curson, and grandson Peyton Sizemore, 12.

rights language was included in the deal.

"I got hammered three times in my first speech," he said referring to the gaveling he got when he went over his

allotted time. Curson will fill the remaining weeks of former U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter's term.

The Livonia Republican quit his congressional seat in July

amid a scandal surrounding the petitions his campaign turned in to get him on the ballot.

His campaign turned in more than 1,800 signatures, but the Secretary of State found that only 244 were valid. The rest were either doctored or photocopied, leading to McCotter getting kicked off the ballot and four of his employees being charged with election fraud.

Curson beat Republican Kerry Bentivolio, a reindeer rancher, part-time Santa Claus and former teacher from Milford, in a special election for the remainder of McCotter's term.

But Bentivolio won the full two-year term, which begins Jan. 3, to represent a newly drawn 11th Congressional District that includes portions of western Wayne and Oakland counties.

Curson's tenure in Congress, while short-lived, will be especially significant because

of issues facing lawmakers that must be dealt with before the end of the year. Congress is facing a fiscal cliff, when tax cuts expire and massive automatic spending cuts will go into effect unless action is taken.

Other issues expected to be tackled in the next few weeks are a farm bill, which has passed the Senate but still is awaiting action in the House, and a variety of tax credits and deductions that will have to be considered as part of the fiscal cliff negotiations.

Curson said he doesn't regret running for the full two-year term. No one knew that McCotter wouldn't qualify for the ballot until after the filing deadline to run for the seat.

"I don't really have any political aspirations," said Curson, who works for the JAW. "But we'll get it started and hopefully somebody will carry it out."

— Gannett News Service

Not much left to give charity after McCotter campaign's leftover bills

There's not going to be much left for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

When he left office on July 6, former U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, a Livonia Republican, said that by the end of the year, he would donate the rest of his campaign funds to St. Jude.

That would have been a nice chunk of change for the charity because

McCotter had more than \$120,000 in his campaign coffers when he resigned the seat amid a petition signature scandal that got him booted off the ballot and four of his staff charged criminally with election fraud.

But according to reports filed last month with the Federal Election Commission, leftover bills -- about \$16,000 for campaign con-

sulting and media production, and \$14,486 for administrative costs, including \$834 for a moving truck -- took a big chunk.

And legal expenses -- \$47,296 paid to five law firms -- whittled his remaining campaign cash to \$40,038.

McCotter was never directly implicated in the petition signature sna-

fu. His staffers turned in more than 1,800 signatures, and the Secretary of State found that only 244 were valid. The rest were either doctored or photocopied.

But McCotter brought in attorneys to investigate what had gone wrong and had to go through interviews with investigators from the Attorney General's Office. He also had to

testify at the preliminary examination of two of his staffers, Paul Seewald and Don Yowchuang, who are awaiting trial on the charges.

And although McCotter has, for the most part, stayed out of the political limelight since he quit his seat, he made one of his first forays into the public last week, sitting in as guest host on Dennis Mill-

er's nationally syndicated conservative talk radio show that airs on 12 stations in Michigan, including WDTK-AM (1400) in Detroit.

His short-lived campaign for the Republican nomination for president, which lasted for a few months in 2011, still lists debts of \$105,636.

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UPDATES FROM YOUR CITY

Novi police honored by Japanese

The Consulate General of Japan in Detroit has chosen to award the 2012 Consul General's Commendation to the City of Novi Police Department. This honor is conferred on individuals and groups, each year,

for outstanding efforts and valuable contributions to mutual understanding and friendly relations with Japan.

The City of Novi Police Department is recognized for significant and numerous efforts and accomplishments in protecting and keeping safe the local community, including its 2,438

Japanese residents. Novi is also home to the Japanese Saturday School which is attended by nearly 800 students.

In addition, the Japanese community holds many cultural events in Novi including the annual Novi Japan Festival (sponsored by the Japan Business Society of Detroit)

as well as the Michigan Japanese Language Speech Contest. Thanks to the dedication of the Novi Police Department, residents and students have felt safe and protected, whether at home, school or attending such events.

Because of the City of Novi's commitment to the safety of local residents, including the substantial Japanese community, the Consul General's Commendation was awarded on Nov. 16 by Consul General, Kuninori Matsuda to the Novi

Police Department. David Malloy, director of Public Safety and chief of Police, accepted the commendation on behalf of the department.

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

Attorneys Bieske and Alfonsi can often make a winning difference at the application stage. And, if an appeal is necessary they have won several hundred cases before a court date is even set.

Those denied can appeal on their own but statistics for many years reveal that those represented by attorneys win a much higher percentage of appeals. And attorneys who specialize in Social Security Disability cases win a much higher percentage yet.

In addition to practicing only Social Security disability law, attorney Bieske has written a book for attorneys about the

subject and has been interviewed on various television programs. Both attorney Bieske and Alfonsi have also been interviewed on radio programs and have given speeches to many groups.

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

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

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- Westborn Market, Livonia (734) 524-1000, Berkley (248) 547-1000, www.westbornmarket.com
- Keg & Wine, Redford, (313) 538-1888
- The Rust Belt Market, Ferndale, www.rustbeltmarket.com
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By Mary Quinley
Correspondent

The next time you head out to tackle the holiday shopping crowds, think Michigan. From apparel and fine art to jewelry, edibles and toys, the possibilities are endless of made-in-the-state products appropriate for holiday gift giving. An added perk — you'll be supporting Michigan's economy.

Here are some local businesses that feature Michigan made merchandise. The holidays are extra special at the Huron Valley Council for the Arts in Highland. Gift seekers will find a vast selection of "pottery, jewelry, paintings, note cards, glassware, baskets, sweaters, scarves, purses, quilts and more," said Dianne Deinek, events and communications committee member.

The gallery will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. each Saturday through Dec. 21 for the Festival of Trees Holiday Artist Market. Got pets? Maestros Dog Haus in Bloomfield Hills features made-in-house goodies for furry friends. "I make my own chicken jerky. Dogs love it — and people do, too!" said Ken Platt, who is co-owner with his wife Janet. Custom gift baskets, as well as chicken breast chips, apple chips, cheese bits with flaxseed, pup cakes and bone cakes, are other options.

In Plymouth, the Three Dog Bakery also specializes in edibles, like cookies, biscuits and personalized birthday cakes, for dogs and cats. Custom orders are welcome. "If you're in the market for a diamond ring, consider Jeffrey Allen Jewelers in Milford. "The stone setting and all of the repair work is done by me," owner Jeffrey Orzech said. Halo and pave, he said, are the most popular settings, especially for customers looking for engagement rings.

Michigan goodies
A stroll through Canton's Holiday Market reveals a variety of state-made goodies, from Petoskey-based American Spoon Preserves and Jams and 15 flavors of Detroit's Towne Club Soda, to bottles of Saginaw's Billy Bones BBQ sauces and rubs and Michigan wines and beers. Made-in-Canton Mama Mucci's Pasta and Pasta Sauce is also available.

Other area grocers, like Hiller's in Northville, Plymouth and West Bloomfield; the Westborn Market in Livonia and Berkley; and Livonia's Joe's Produce, sell a wide variety of Michigan edibles, beverages and sweet treats. Kroger, Meijer and Costco carry products (salsa, guacamole and tortilla chips) from the Ferndale-based Garden Fresh.

When Maggie Cytacki and friends visited The Northville Winery recently, the foursome sampled wine and shopped.

Sanders products are featured in the Michigan Favorites basket from Basket Creations in Plymouth.



Wine, hard cider and a non-alcoholic sparkling cider produced by The Northville Winery make great holiday gifts.

The Michigan Sampler from Basket Creations in Plymouth includes cherries, chocolate, Better Made Potato Chips and other treats.

Your Michigan Connection town Northville carries gifts filled with made in Michigan goodies.



Salsas and fruit flavored butters from Michigan-based Cherry Republic are available at local grocers and shops.

"I bought a bottle of red, raspberry-flavored sweet wine and a CD produced by local musicians. It was nice that part of the proceeds for both items went to charity," artist Michelle E. Alford said. Poetry books, plaques and frames and stuffed animals are some of her creations.

The shop overflows with handmade items like hats, mittens, glassware, jewelry, coasters and paintings. Artist Kathy Sheeran talked about her textured paintings that hang on the walls of Sisters: "Everything comes from my heart right onto the canvases." Also on display are pictures of local historical sites — Michigan Central Station and Grande Ballroom, to name a few — created by photographer Richard Spiller.

Kilwin's (there are shops in Plymouth and Birmingham) is a great spot to purchase sweet treats for chocoholics.

For the eggno lovers on your list, pick up a carton or two of the holiday drink at Guernsey Farms Dairy. The made-in-Northville beverage and almost three dozen flavors of ice cream, including Blue Moon, Chocolate Chip and Butter Pecan, are also available at many neighborhood grocers. According to Stella Delap, owner of Basket Creations in Plymouth, "gift boxes are the most popular" for holiday shoppers at her store. The Love from Michigan box, filled with pretzels, Faygo and Sanders

products, cherries, taffy, chocolate candy bars and Mucky Duck mustard, is a favorite. The shop also carries a nice selection of Michigan made salsas, cherry butter, jams, BBQ sauce, hand soaps and Pewabic Pottery.

Made in Detroit
Made in Detroit, a brand of Detroit-themed apparel, beer and accessories, can be purchased from many local retailers. After the Rain in Milford, Berkley's City Style and The Shirt Box in Farmington Hills are stores that carry the popular logo.

Weary souls in the mood for a boost might try a beer-based malt, milkshake or slider at The Rust Belt Market. This Ferndale haven for holiday shoppers features soaps, chocolates, makeup, re-purposed domino game piece bracelets and other jewelry, snowboards, apparel, hair accessories, purses, prints, paintings and soy candles. It is open weekends year-round and each Friday during December.

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Marilyn Knapp works with a group on a modern landscape painting at a "Paint and Pour" exhibition at the Nov. 16 Great Lakes Art Fair at Novi's Suburban Collection Showplace.

NOVI NEWS BRIEFS

Montes in Potters Market

Loretta Montes of Novi will be one of the featured artists in the 37th annual Potters Market on Nov. 30-Dec. 2 in Madison Heights at the UF & CW (United Food and Commercial Workers) Union Hall at 876 Horace Brown Drive (one block south of Thirteen Mile, between I-75 and John R).

Admission is free and parking is free. The pottery sale features 138 potters offering nearly 40,000 pieces of pottery ranging from pots, vases, platters, tiles and mugs to bird baths, jewelry, ceramic framed mirrors, sculpture, lamps, tiled tables and just about every product possible in clay.

For information call 248-554-5570 or visit www.thepottersmarket.com.

"Santa's Shoes"

Talented local youths, ages 5-18, will showcase their acting talents in Spotlight on Youth's upcoming production of "Santa's Shoes" from Dec. 13-16 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton.

"This production appeals to all ages from the very young to the young at heart," said director Barbara Bloom, of Novi. "It has charm and humor and endearing charac-

ters with spectacular costumes, sets and, of course, Santa!"

The story starts when Santa forgets to put on his "magic" shoes. The Elves worry that he will get lost, meanwhile, the Ice Princess and her pack of wolves plot to take control of Santa's flight. They are foiled when the Elves unleash Robo Elf. Santa himself serves as the narrator of the play and will be available afterwards for photos with Santa.

The play runs about 1.5 hours with a 15-minute intermission. Showtimes are 7 p.m. Thursday-Sunday as well as 2 p.m. performances on Saturday and Sunday. General seating tickets are \$10; phone (734) 394-5300.

Holidays at Twelve Oaks

Santa photos: Santa will be available for photos at the Ice Palace in Twelve Oaks Mall. 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.

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December 1-2, 2012
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Holiday Craft Extravaganza

Admission - \$5 per car
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The Holiday Craft Extravaganza promises to be a shopping treasure trove of one-of-a-kind gifts, fine jewelry, gourmet treats, holiday décor and more. It takes place at the Suburban Collection Showplace December 1-2, 2012.

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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.

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."

Salvation Army seeks bell ringers

The Salvation Army Farmington Hills Community Corps Center is seeking energetic individuals to spread Christmas cheer and help those in need by ringing a bell for The Salvation Army's 2012 Red Kettle Campaign.

Applications are currently being accepted for volunteer and paid shifts. Shifts are available to Dec. 24, Sundays excluded. Paid five-hour shifts begin at \$8 per hour. Depending on the site, volunteer shifts range from two to four hours.

Individuals can volunteer at nine area sites including Twelve Oaks Mall, Busch's Market, Kroger and Walmart. Paid bell ringers can ring at a variety of 42 local sites throughout Farmington Hills, New Hudson, Novi, South Lyon, Southfield and Millford.

Those interested in volunteering for The Salvation Army Farmington Hills Community Corps Center can visit www.registering.com/salmich or call (248) 477-1153 Ext. 12. Applications are accepted between 10 a.m. and noon and 1-3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday at 27500 Shiloh Road, Farmington Hills.

Funds collected at red kettles go toward the campaign goal of \$8.5 million. Donations collected will allow The Salvation Army Farmington Hills to continue to Do the Most Good.

The annual campaign runs through Jan. 31. To make a tax deductible contribution:

- Visit www.salmich.org
- Call 877-SAL-MICH
- Text "GOODMICH" to 80888* (an automatic \$10 donation)
- Send a check or money order, made payable to The Salvation Army, to: 16130 Northland Drive, Southfield, MI 48075.

Flu shots available

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

"We encourage everyone to get a flu shot and reduce their risk of getting the flu this season," said Kathy Forzley, manager/health officer of the Oakland County Health Division.

The Health Division offices are located at the following addresses:
• North Oakland Health Center, 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Building 34 East, Pontiac
• South Oakland Health Center, 27725 Greenfield Road, Southfield

Online registration provides a consent form that must be taken to the clinic selected. Online payment options include Visa, MasterCard, Medicare and/or Medicaid, or residents may select to pay cash at the time of appointment. To register, call (248) 858-7350 or (248) 424-7120. Flu shots are also available on a walk-in basis. Walk-in payment options include Medicare, Medicaid and cash (no credit cards, checks or money orders). For more information, visit the Oakland County Health Division website at oakgov.com/health or on Facebook at facebook.com/publichealthOC.

Two Ultimate Sport Shows coming to Novi

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

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

Visit www.UltimateFishingShow.com or call (800) 328-6550.

The 40th Annual Outdoorama, Feb. 21-24, is one of Michigan's most popular shows for hunters, anglers, campers, boaters, hikers, conservationists, canoeists and wildlife enthusiasts. More than 150 booths of new products and fishing boats, pontoons, canoes, kayaks, deck boats, runabouts and ski and wakeboard boats are in the show. Dozens of free hunting and fishing seminars by national experts are scheduled. The show is held in conjunction with the 6th annual Cottage and Lakefront Living Show—Detroit. For more information, visit www.Outdoorama.com or call (800) 328-6550.

Meals at Moe's



Novi Mayor Bob Gatt helped serve over 400 free Thanksgiving dinners at Moe's on Ten in Novi last Wednesday. For more than two decades, Moe's 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. The meals included turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, vegetables, chicken noodle soup and pumpkin pie.

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Advertorial

Miller has over 28 years experience with watches and timepieces, and received his degree in horology at Houston Technical College before relocating to southeast Michigan.

Over his expansive career, Miller has seen his share of unique cases. "One of the most interesting cases I worked on was an English Grandfather clock from the 1790's. The owner wanted it restored to working order, and rewired for battery operation," said Miller.

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

Triple Crown is located at 1940 E. Manly Rd. (at John R.) in Troy. In addition to repairing watches, straps, batteries and winding boxes, Triple Crown has a large amount of battery operated and wind up pocket watches.

For more information, stop by Triple Crown at 1940 E. Manly (1/2 Mile) just west of John R. visit www.triplecrownwatchcompany.com or give them a call at 248-585-2777. They will make sure you stay on time in 2012!



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OUR VIEWS

A holiday tradition

Come Light Up the Night in Novi tomorrow

In just a decade, it's become a holiday tradition in Novi, and tomorrow night's Light Up the Night event is expected to draw more than 5,000 people.

Held annually on the second Friday after Thanksgiving, the initial events (Ringing in the Holidays) were held in "downtown" Novi on Main Street. But to accommodate the growing crowds, it was moved in 2010 to the city's Civic Center Campus (south side of Ten Mile Road between Taft and Novi roads).

The official kick-off of Novi's holiday season will run from 6:30-9 p.m., and it will include both indoor and outdoor seasonal fun for everyone.

In his second holiday as Novi's mayor, Bob Gatt will be joined by a special visitor from the North Pole (hint: big guy, red suit, white beard) in lighting the city's holiday tree at 6:45 p.m.

The Novi Choralaires will offer a sneak preview of their holiday show, "Christmas Past and Present"; Musikgarten & Me will perform; and there will be an interactive "Nutcracker" show.

In addition to visits with Santa and live reindeer, there will be kids' activities, a craft show, mini train rides, free food samples and a hockey skills competition.

Families can hop a ride on hay wagon shuttles to and from the Novi Public Library to enjoy face painting and Tom Plunkard the Magician performances (sponsored by the Berenguer family) starting at 7:30 p.m.

And in the true spirit of the holidays, donations of gifts and money will be collected at the event to benefit HAVEN, an Oakland County-based organization providing solutions and programs to promote violence-free homes and communities.

Tomorrow, be a part of Novi's holiday tradition and come Light Up the Night.

Volunteers needed now for 2013 Relay for Life

The Novi/Northville Relay for Life won't take place until June 15-16, 2013 in downtown Northville's Ford Field, but volunteers are needed now to organize the joint community event.

Besides working with other members of these two local communities, committee members will assist in planning one of the premier events of the year and help raise awareness and funds towards the research and elimination of cancer.

If you are unfamiliar with it, Relay For Life is a fun-filled overnight event designed to celebrate cancer survivorship and raise money for research and programs of your American Cancer Society. During the event, teams of people gather at schools, fairgrounds, or parks and take turns walking or running laps. Each team tries to keep at least one team member on the track at all times.

There were 31 teams in this year's Novi/Northville Relay event (themed Best Year Ever) raising over \$62,000, including \$3,583 in sponsorships. There were 249 registered participants and more than 26 survivors celebrated.

The 2013 Relay motto is Dream Big. And even though it's more than seven months away, right now is the critical time because the more committee members join, the bigger and better the Relay for Life will be for both Northville and Novi.

There are chairperson positions ranging from promotions, to entertainment, to accounting - and all are desperately needed. The time commitment is what you can spare typically, but on average it's less than 10 hours a month. And if time commitment is a worry, then other committee help is also needed and appreciated.

The only age requirement for a committee member is that they be at least in high school.

If anyone is interested in learning more about how they can volunteer, contact Rachel Leas the community staff partner rachel.leas@cacer.org (248) 663-3436.

Think about volunteering as a Relay for Life committee member - help create more birthdays and save lives.

COMMUNITY VOICE

Do you find the holiday season stressful?



"Yeah, I end up buying presents at the last minute."
Colleen Wagner
Novi



"I find it stressful - school-wise with finals and having to get presents. I play a lot of Xbox, so that helps."
Jason Wagner
Novi



"Yes, I find it stressful. There are a lot of demands. I like to start the season off by going to an Advent program and then get through it by doing a lot of baking."
Denise Sinkovich
Novi



"No, I don't. I try to avoid stress."
Glenn Caldwell
City of Novi employee

LETTERS

Big, big bus problems

At the start of this year, most kids were looking forward to meeting up with their old friends. One thing that they didn't know was how bad the buses would be. I think I speak for most of the kids in the district when I say the situation on my bus this year was just plain horrendous. I was cramped on a bus with 30-40 other high school students, sitting three to a seat. These conditions got me thinking on what everyone else in the school thought of this. I then created a survey and had people fill it out. The answers were no surprise to me.

When asked the question on how full their buses were, the majority of them on a scale of 1 to 10 choose between 6 and 10. I don't know about you but, as a sophomore in high school, having a crowded bus and having to sit three to a seat is not very pleasant. These conditions forced me to ask a follow-up question, on whether or not they believe this could cause health problems.

Like the other question, the majority of the kids responded with a "yes." This is a statement I can strongly get behind. The crowding of kids in such a small space creates an area where a student with just a minor cold could infect other students with just a sudden cough or sneeze.

As one can see, these situations on the school buses this year were poorly planned. I believe all that needs to be done to fix this is to implement more buses. Although this may cost more, this would keep kids happier and healthy which in turn would make Novi schools look better as a whole.

Addison Lonergan
Novi High School student

Don't abuse voting privilege

Doesn't anyone want representation in our government anymore? Well, it sure does not seem like it. Many Americans who are registered to vote do not vote because they say they do not have the time or they do not feel like voting. I think that everyone who is registered to vote should vote! It is our right and privilege.

Sure, approximately 75 percent of Novi residents voted Nov. 6. That is great! However, according to *The Washington Post*, only 57 percent of registered voters actually went out to exercise their right to vote that day. That percentage is down from the 2008 presidential election, when there was a 64-percent voter turnout.

When thinking about when I turn 18 and am able to vote, I will certainly want my opinion to be heard. One way to have a say in our laws and leadership is to vote - which I most certainly will do. It amazes me that many U.S. citizens forget that our ancestors fought for our right to vote, and many men and women lost their lives in these fights. In light of Veterans Day, to be respectful of our veterans, like two of my great-grandfathers, voting is the least I can do.

I urge all eligible U.S. citizens to register to vote, and then take the time to go to the polls and VOTE!

Meredith Bauer
Novi High School student

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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More homes better for Novi

Building homes in the city of Novi is very crucial for a healthy, smooth lifestyle. Construction permits are what's needed in order to build a home. People in the city of Novi want the town to build more houses so they can have a wide variety of homes.

The city of Novi is a very wealthy city and the town is doing as much as it can to suit the homeowners' needs. They try making new plans on how and where they are going to build houses each and every day. Island Lake of Novi and Liberty Park are examples of some of the likely destinations for new houses in the upcoming years. These construction permits that the city gives out are a good thing to have when in need of construction workers for houses.

Did you know that over 300 construction permits have been issued in the last year in the city of Novi?

You and the city can really help out with trying to issue more construction permits and it can be done. More subdivisions and more houses equal a better community. Help make more homes and make the community you live in a better place to live.

Brendan Wexler
Novi

Change Congress's seating

The first item on the agenda of both houses of Congress ought to be a seating rearrangement. Presently, the aisle that divides the two parties in our legislative chambers has become a no-man's-land over which vitriolic missives are hurled. Some legislators treat that divide as the line of scrimmage in the game of politics. Shame on them; it is not a game the American people wish to watch.

The present seating arrangement achieves nothing while it does nurture single-mindedness, homogeneity of thought, and, worse, it fosters mob behavior by encouraging a recklessness that wouldn't prevail without the false sense of

courage provided by cohorts. Since our congressmen have been behaving as unruly children, their behavior should be altered by more adult treatment.

Patrick M. Downey
Novi

Avoid fiscal cliff

Republicans and Democrats need to work together, for once, to avoid the fiscal cliff. The federal government needs to approve the new budget by January or it will be absolutely terrible for the economy of the U.S.

If they don't compromise and approve the new budget, it will cause problems for everyone in the U.S. If it's not approved, there will be an automatic package - tax increases for everyone and drastic spending cuts that will happen inside the federal government. By not agreeing on a new budget, both sides will get more funding cuts in programs they have an interest in until the budget is balanced. This will also limit the U.S. from borrowing any more money from other countries (the current limit is \$16.39 trillion and we are already at \$16.2 trillion).

Although if the budget isn't passed, the deficit would decrease by about \$641 billion, there is a good chance of another spike in the recession in the beginning of 2013.

People need to send letters or do something to help encourage the current politicians in the federal government to compromise or it could be bad news for us all. Politicians in the federal government need to realize they work for us and they need to put aside their differences and come together.

Alex Williams
Novi High School student

Equal pay for all

We must not let history repeat itself. Women have fought long and hard to earn equality, yet it's a goal that has not been achieved even today. How can equality be achieved without equal pay for the exact same job? Equal pay would result as a stepping stone for a greater and more impartial America.

Kennedy signed an equal pay act in the year 1963 prohibiting gender discrimination from interfering with wages. Yet here we are, nearly a half century later, and women still only earn 82.2 percent of what men earn. This is extremely insulting and wrong for women, who are just as capable and have the same potential as men. Even history says so! It was the women who handled the manufacturing industry while men were off fighting in the wars. If they could run a whole country during wars, they absolutely deserve equal pay.

It is up to us, citizens of America, to create a path toward an unprejudiced country and successful country. Take action by simply informing your friends and neighbors. Spread the word. I've already done my part. Now it's up to you to do yours. Help women earn the income they deserve.

Sahi Kara
Novi High School sophomore

NOVI COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Novi Events

ANDY HYDE PARTY/FUNRAISER

Time/Date: 6-10 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1
Location: 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/cf/nr57>
Contact: Cathy Reilly, (248) 207 5837

HOLIDAY CRAFT EXTRAVAGANZA

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1 and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2
Location: Suburban Collection Showplace, 46100 Grand River, Novi
Details: A shopping treasure trove of one-of-a-kind gifts, fine jewelry, gourmet treats, holiday décor and more. Parking is \$5 per vehicle.
Contact: (248) 348-5600; www.holidaycraftextravaganza.com

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More: For a complete listing of local and regional events, see the Novi Calendar online at www.hometownlife.com.

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

Please see CALENDAR, A16

Cookie Walk



Thousands of homemade Christmas cookies and beautifully packaged candy, bread, nuts, popcorn and more will be offered Saturday, Dec. 8, at the fourth annual Christmas Cookie Walk & Boutique at Meadowbrook Congregational Church (21355 Meadowbrook Road, Novi). Cookies are \$9 per pound with other items priced individually. Each participant will receive a box (or as many boxes as needed) and gloves to walk among tables laden with trays of holiday cookies and other delights. Pre-boxed wrapped cookie assortments also will be available. Doors open at 9 a.m., but entry numbers will be distributed starting at 8:30 a.m. Participants are encouraged to arrive early to avoid the rush. Free coffee and "broken cookie" samples will be served to those waiting in line. Admission is free. Participants also may tour Meadowbrook's Meeting House (sanctuary) decorated for Advent. Guides will share information about the history and architecture of the church. Proceeds from the event go to the church and its missions.

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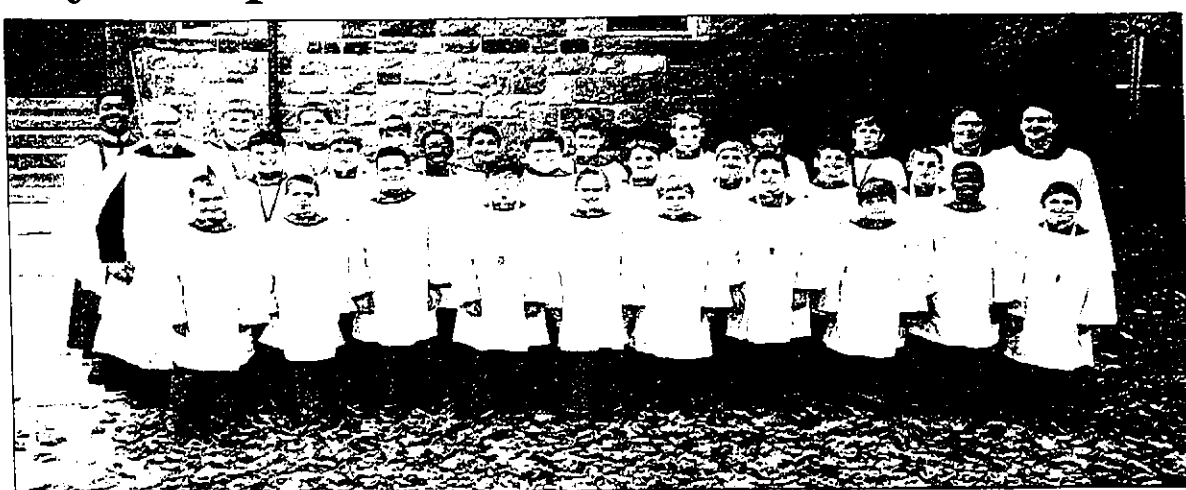
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Boyschoir performs



Ring in the Advent season on Sunday, Dec. 2, when the Boyschoir of Ann Arbor performs at 4 p.m. at Meadowbrook Congregational Church in Novi. The concert features the wonderful and unique choral sounds of boys' voices in a mix of holiday carols and traditional hymns. Musical selections will include excerpts from Benjamin Britten's "A Ceremony of Carols" and "The Christmas Song." The Boyschoir of Ann Arbor is directed by its founder and music director, Dr. Thomas Strode, and assistant music director Alex Sutton. The performance is part of Meadowbrook's 2012-13 Music Series. Admission is free. Suggested donation is \$10 per person; \$25 per family. Meadowbrook members and friends can support the music series through donations. Contact the church office at (248) 348-7757 for further information. The church is located at 21355 Meadowbrook Road between 8 and 9 Mile roads. Visit the church website at www.mbccc.org.

CALENDAR

Continued from page A15 can get a 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.

THE POWER OF A MENTOR
Time/Date: 6:15 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 12
Location: DoubleTree Hotel, Novi
Details: The Novi Oaks Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association presents "The Power of a Mentor" by Kris Marshall, CEO of Winning Futures. Donations of thumb drives and \$5 gift cards to fast food restaurants are welcome, as Winning Futures is an award-winning non-profit that serves area youth, who are often economically disadvantaged. Networking begins at 6:15 with dinner and presentation following. The cost is \$16 which includes dinner.
Contact: Please see www.abwa-novi.org for registration and payment information.

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.

NOVI SENIOR CENTER
Location: 25075 Meadowbrook Road
Contact: (248) 347-0414; theglin@cityofnovi.org
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Location: 1499 East West Maple Road, Walled Lake
Contact: (248) 624-3772
HUD Counseling
Time/Date: 5-8 p.m. first Mondays
Details: HUD-certified counselors are available to assist homeowners at risk of foreclosure. Learn how to work with your lender to avoid foreclosure. There is no charge for this service. Please call if you wish to attend. One-on-one sessions will be scheduled.
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.
Light Up the Night at the Library
Time/Date: 6:30-9 p.m. Friday Nov. 30
Details: The Magic of Tom Plunkard is at 7:30. Face painting and craft stations will be available before and after the magic show. This program is funded by the Berenguer Family.

Trio of auto break-ins

The Novi community was hit by a string of car break-ins during the month of November. One occurred on Nov. 14 at Novi High School. The suspect smashed the window in and stole a purse with cash and credit cards in it. Another happened in the 41000 block of Manor Park on the same day. Overnight the window was smashed in and a laptop computer was taken. And a third happened on the same day as well at the Sheraton on Haggerty Road. Again, the window was smashed in and the GPS/steering system was stolen.

Wallet taken at Manor
 A wallet was stolen from an employee at the Manor of Novi in October, but was just recently reported. On Nov. 14, that a wallet had gone missing from the location on Meadowbrook Road. The owner said the unknown suspect had attempted to use personal information to open credit but was denied.

Ring stolen from home
 A larceny happened at a home on East Lake Drive

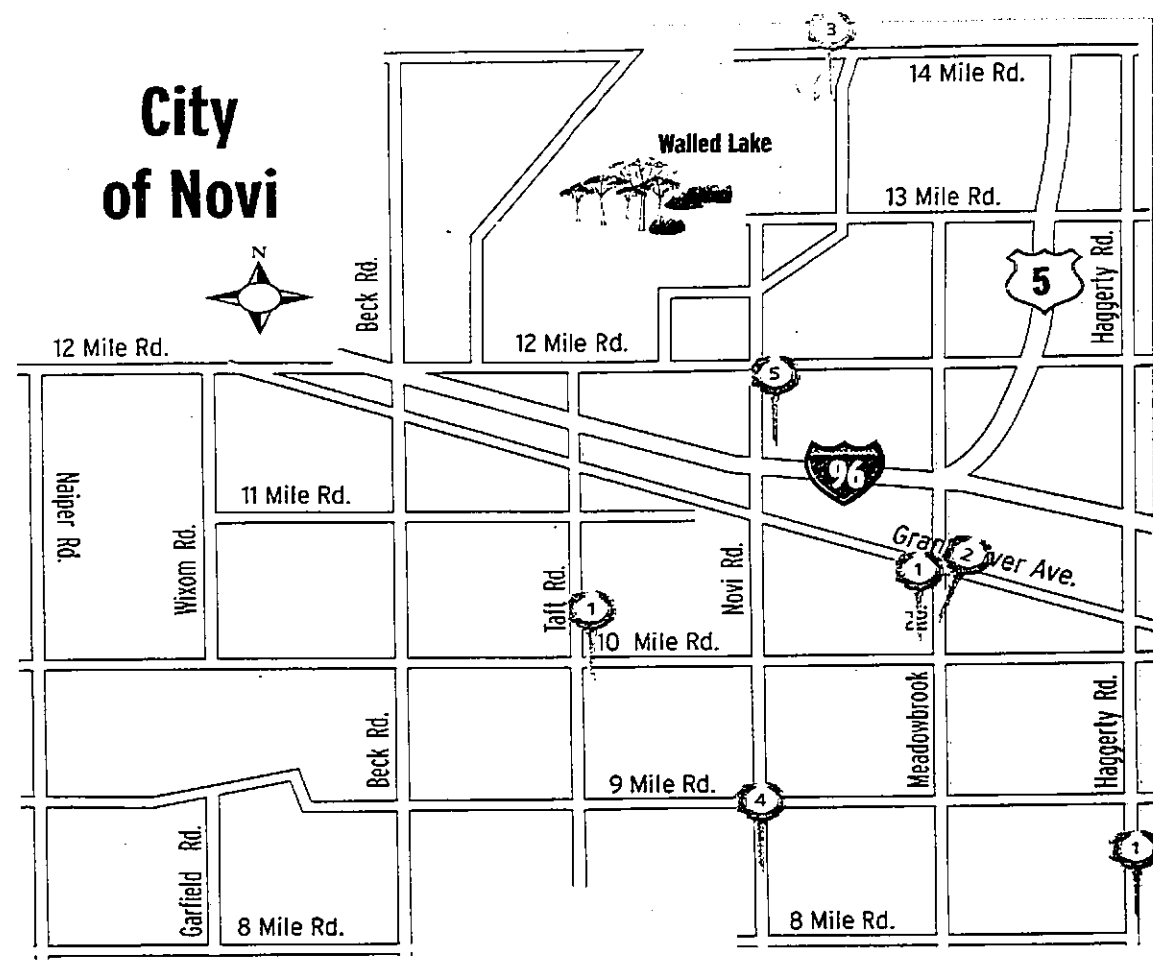
and involved the possible theft of a ring valued at more than \$30,000. The incident may have occurred some time between Nov. 9-13. There were no signs of forced entry.

Identity stolen
 An unknown person used a Novi woman's personal information to open a Comcast account. The woman is unsure how her personal information was stolen, but she went to police to file a report. She lives in the 43000 block of Galway, but the person opening the account was at an address in Detroit.

Mink stolen at 12 Oaks
 A white mink coat, priced at over \$10,000, was stolen from Canada Select Fur inside 12 Oaks Mall. There were three suspects observed by a customer taking the coat. Store personnel were informed, and the suspect women were seen running from the scene. However, none were detained. The store employees did notice the coat was missing after the three left the location. The store cameras were not on at the time of the incident, but a description was obtained and given to police.

Compiled by staff writer Lonnie Huhman.

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Public input sought for Oakland County's transportation plan

Meeting slated for Dec. 5 in Southfield

Have an idea about which county roads should be widened or otherwise improved over the next 25 years? If so, the Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) invites you to its 2040 Long-Range Transportation Plan public input meeting from 3-6 p.m. Dec. 5 in the first floor meeting room of the Southfield Public Library (26500 Evergreen Road). Anyone interested can offer input at any time during the meeting; you don't need to present the entire time. At the meeting, RCOC staff members will explain the long-range transportation-planning process, which is mandated by state and federal laws, and receive public input. There will not be a formal presentation. The Long-Range Transportation Plan, which is updated every five

years, is intended to be a "blueprint" for transportation planning in the county. In addition to RCOC roads, the Long-Range Transportation Plan also includes projects on eligible roads under the jurisdiction of many Oakland County cities and villages. Federal funds can only be used on road projects listed in the plan. Once RCOC has completed its 2040 road-improvement list, it will be submitted to the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) for approval and will then become part of the 2040 Regional Transportation Plan. "It is vitally important that the public participate in this process," said RCOC Managing Director Dennis Kolar. "This is a key opportunity to help shape the future of our county."

OTHER OPTIONS

In addition to attending this public meeting, anyone can offer input into the Long-Range Transportation Plan via the Web, e-mail, phone call or letter. A draft of the plan can be viewed and comments submitted at <http://www.oaklandfac.org/rtp>. E-mails and phone calls should be directed to RCOC's Department of Customer Services (DCS) at dcsmail@rcoc.org or (877) 858-4804. Written comments should be mailed to: Road Commission for Oakland County Department of Planning and Environmental Concerns 31001 Lahser Road Beverly Hills, MI 48025 All comments must be received by RCOC by Dec. 31.

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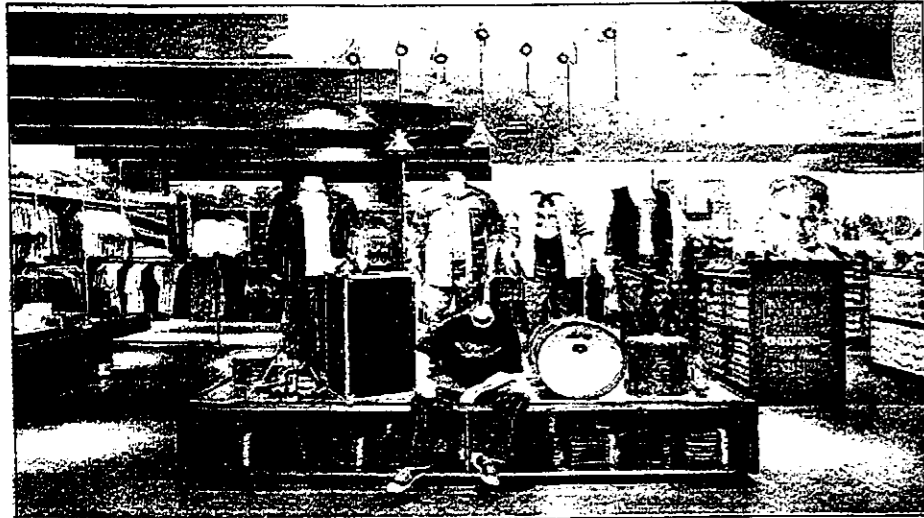
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New Novi Town Center store caters to XL-and-up men

Casual Male Retail Group, Inc. (NASDAQ: CMRG) has opened a new Destination XL store in Novi Town Center at 43263 Crescent Boulevard. The DXL store is a new men's superstore catering to the fashion needs of men who wear sizes XL and up. Destination XL offers more than 100 brands from CMRG's existing apparel businesses, Casual Male XL, Rochester Big & Tall, and ShoesXL, with selections ranging from private labels, sure to appeal to the value-conscious shopper, to designer brands such as Lacoste, Michael Kors, DKNY Jeans, Lucky Brand Jeans, Robert Graham and more. The DXL store carries product assortments in sizes starting at XL along

with tall sizes, plus waist sizes from 40" and up as well as shoe sizes 10-16 in widths to 4E, all in a spacious, welcoming environment built just for men. The DXL store provides a unique shopping experience with knowledgeable associates to help customers put together the perfect outfit and in-store tailoring to ensure the best fit. "The DXL concept is an emerging and innovative retail offering that is attuned to our customers' needs and we are excited to open our latest store in Novi just in time for the holidays," says David Levin, President and CEO of CMRG. "Our customers seek choices, value, convenience and a unique shopping experience which

DXL stores offer. We are confident that our success in other markets will be replicated here in Novi." During this holiday season, Destination XL is teaming up with St. Jude Children's Research Hospital for the ninth annual St. Jude Thanks and Giving campaign, a unique holiday program that raises awareness and funds for the pioneering research and exceptional care provided at St. Jude. Customers who shop at the DXL store now through Saturday, Jan. 5 will be asked to donate to St. Jude at the register when making a purchase. This is the eighth year the company has participated in the campaign, having raised nearly four million dollars for St. Jude during that time.



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NOVI BUSINESS BRIEFS

Light 'em up!

Novi-based ITC's Michigan operating entities ITC Transmission and Michigan Electric Transmission Company, LLC (METC), which own and operate the high-voltage electricity grid in Michigan, are lighting up nine of their 150-foot tall transmission towers in Michigan with colorful holiday decorations, including the local tower at Meadowbrook Road and I-96. The transmission towers are decorated with approximately one-quarter mile of rope lights (16,000 bulbs). The decorations include 10- by 15-foot Happy Holidays signs and brightly lit stars at the tower tops. The festive lights will shine every evening from Thanksgiving until New Year's Day. "Our tower decorations have become a holiday tradition in Michigan," said Gregory Ioanidis, president of ITC Michigan. "We're happy to join the communities we serve all over the state to help celebrate this festive time of the year." Ferndale-based Eagle Sign Company designed the decorations for ITC, and Utility Lines Construction Services placed them on the towers.

SCORE mentors available to small businesses

One-on-one SCORE counseling can take place at the Novi Public Library from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursdays and from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. one Saturday morning each month. SCORE is an acronym for Service Corps of Retired Executives. When created in 1964 members were mostly men and women retired from business. However, with the burgeoning of business technology, the inclusion of younger members, active in business and experienced in current methods, has been encouraged. Now the reference to SCORE as "Counselors to America's Small Business" better explains what the mentors do. The purpose of SCORE remains the same: professionals who volunteer to help new generations of aspiring business owners make their dreams come true when starting or growing a business.

The focus of SCORE is business counseling. Confidential counseling can last for a few sessions or several years based on individual needs as one ascends the SCORE Stairway to Business Success.

For more information, contact Karen Bitterle, Novi business librarian, at KBitterle@novilibrary.org.

Mayflower recognizes Premier Relocations

Premier Relocations, LLC, of Novi, an agent of the nationwide household goods carrier Mayflower, was honored recently by the van line for exceptional professional performance. The recognition was conferred during Mayflower's 2012 Convention, held in San Francisco, Calif., with more than 400 Mayflower representatives in attendance.

Premier Relocations, LLC received the following honors for achievements during calendar-year 2011: Million Dollar Club Award, \$1 million level, recognizing top Mayflower revenue producers.

Fox Run among Top 25%

Erickson Living has been named as a top-performing home health agency in

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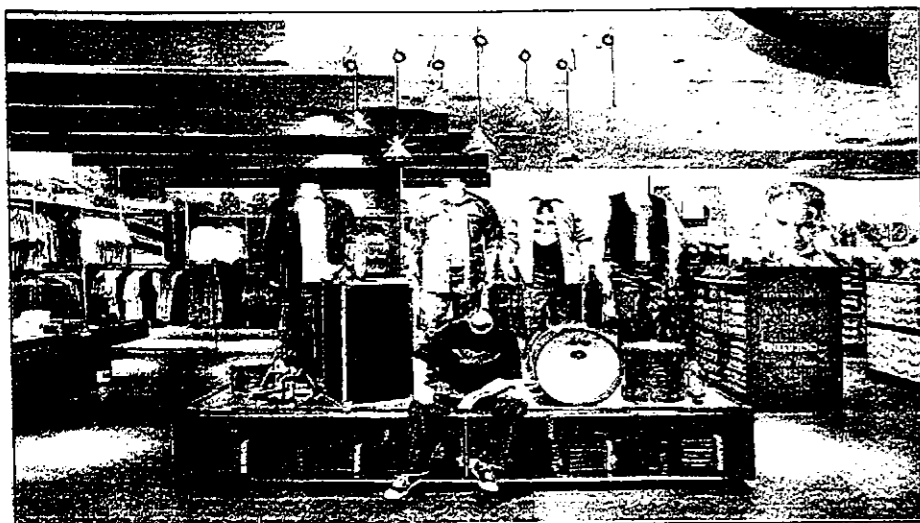
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New Novi Town Center store caters to XL-and-up men

Casual Male Retail Group, Inc. (Nasdaq: CMRG) has opened a new Destination XL store in Novi Town Center at 43263 Crescent Boulevard. The DXL store is a new men's superstore catering to the fashion needs of men who wear sizes XL and up.

Destination XL offers more than 100 brands from CMRG's existing apparel businesses, Casual Male XL, Rochester Big & Tall, and ShoesXL, with selections ranging from private labels, sure to appeal to the value-conscious shopper, to designer brands such as Lacoste, Michael Kors, DKNY Jeans, Lucky Brand Jeans, Robert Graham and more. The DXL store carries product assortments in sizes starting at XL, along

with tall sizes, plus waist sizes from 40" and up as well as shoe sizes 10-16 in widths to 4E, all in a spacious, welcoming environment built just for men. The DXL store provides a unique shopping experience with conveniences such as knowledgeable associates to help customers put together the perfect outfit and in-store tailoring to ensure the best fit.

"The DXL concept is an emerging and innovative retail offering that is attuned to our customers' needs and we are excited to open our latest store in Novi just in time for the holidays," says David Levin, President and CEO of CMRG. "Our customers seek choices, value, convenience and a unique shopping experience which

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During this holiday season, Destination XL is teaming up with St. Jude Children's Research Hospital for the ninth annual St. Jude Thanks and Giving campaign, a unique holiday program that raises awareness and funds for the pioneering research and exceptional care provided at St. Jude. Customers who shop at the DXL store now through Saturday, Jan. 5 will be asked to donate to St. Jude at the register when making a purchase. This is the eighth year the company has participated in the campaign, having raised nearly four million dollars for St. Jude during that time.

NOVI BUSINESS BRIEFS

Light 'em up!

Novi-based ITC's Michigan operating entities ITC Transmission and Michigan Electric Transmission Company, LLC (METC), which own and operate the high-voltage electric grid in Michigan, are lighting up nine of their 150-foot tall transmission towers in Michigan with colorful holiday decorations, including the local tower at Meadowbrook Road and I-96. The transmission towers are decorated with approximately one quarter mile of rope lights (16,000 bulbs). The decorations include 10- by 15-foot Happy Holidays signs and brightly lit stars at the tower tops. The festive lights will shine every evening from Thanksgiving until New Year's Day. "Our tower decorations have become a holiday tradition in Michigan," said Gregory Ioanidis, president of ITC Michigan. "We're happy to join the communities we serve all over the state to help celebrate this festive time of the year." Ferndale-based Eagle Sign Company designed the decorations for ITC, and Utility Lines Construction Services placed them on the towers.

SCORE mentors available to small businesses

One-on-one SCORE counseling can take place at the Novi Public Library from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Thursdays and from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday morning each month.

SCORE is an acronym for Service Corps of Retired Executives. When created in 1964 members were mostly men and women retired from business. However, with the burgeoning of business technology, the inclusion of younger members, active in business and experienced in current methods, has been encouraged. Now the reference to SCORE as "Counselors to America's Small Business" better explains what the mentors do.

The purpose of SCORE remains the same: professionals who volunteer to help new generations of aspiring business owners make their dreams come true when starting or growing a business.

The focus of SCORE is business counseling. Considerable counseling can last for a few sessions or several years based on individual needs as one ascends the SCORE Stairway to Business Success.

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Again, no luck

CC can't topple Cass Tech in second-straight state title game

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With just a few minutes left in the game and his squad trailing 29-13, Detroit Catholic Central senior quarterback Garrett Moores fired a pass toward one of his receivers. Once the ball left his hand, he could only watch as a Detroit Cass Tech defense intercepted it and returned it more than 70 yards for the touchdown.

It was really the story of the night. The Technicians seemed to be everywhere and always in the right place at the right time. That's how they upended the Shamrocks for the second-straight year to secure the Division I MHSAA football championship title, this time with a 36-21 final. "The most disappointing part of Saturday had to be the self-inflicted mistakes," said assistant coach Michael Mach. "We felt we were good enough to win the game on Saturday, and we still do, but not when you make those kinds of mistakes. This is especially true when you play a team as talented as Cass Tech." The Shamrocks didn't go down without a fight, though, scoring on a deep pass from Moores to John Malone with just 44 sec-



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David Houle bulls through the Cass Tech defensive line.

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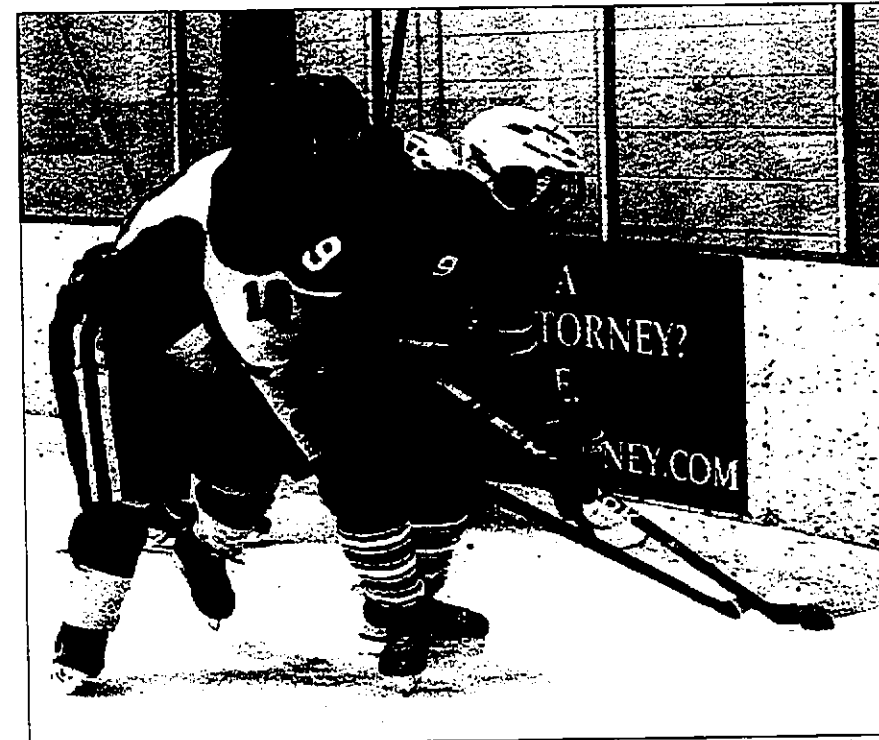
ball to end the game. The Shamrocks just couldn't seem to get a bounce to go in their direction. The Technicians earned the first

score of the game on a long 89-yard pass on the first snap of the game that found them jaunting into the end zone for the early lead. They made

a 12-0 game when they scooped up a fumble by the Shamrocks and raced down the length of the field for 59-yards and the score.

The Shamrocks made it a 12-7 contest in the second quarter when Moores fired an 18-yard strike

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Plymouth Salem junior Jake Sealy (right) shields the puck along the boards.

Wildcats scratch way past Rocks in league opener

Novi icers survive Salem push in 3-2 victory

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

For a league opener, Novi and Plymouth Salem's ice hockey teams provided quite the back and forth show on Thanksgiving Eve in Novi.

The Wildcats (1-2-0, 1-0-0 KLAAs Kensington) came away with a 3-2 victory, but not before both teams missed break-away opportunities and then scored on less likely plays, showing the coaches that there is a bit of work to do before they get too much deeper into conference play. "I think we're learning to win," Novi coach Todd Krygier said. "We were



Novi sophomore Bryan Fertig (right) pulls back for a wrist shot Nov. 21 as Plymouth Salem sophomore Noah Willer (left) cuts off the passing lane. The Wildcats won 3-2.

ON TAP

Novi's hockey team (1-2-0, 1-0-0 KLAAs Kensington) hosts Canton 6:30 p.m. tomorrow before visiting Artic Edge in Canton (0-3-0, 0-2-0 Kensington) 8 p.m. Wednesday to face Plymouth (1-0-0, 1-0-0 Kensington).

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Northville standout signs with Georgia Tech

Rebecca Martin will play collegiate volleyball as a setter

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

When Rebecca Martin found out that she was going to have to change her game and focus on being a setter just two years ago, she likely had no idea that was going to lead her to Georgia.

The Northville senior, who recently helped lead her high school volleyball team to their first-ever district and regional championships and a semifinal appearance in the state playoffs, recently inked her National Letter of Intent to play for the Georgia Institute of Technology.

Martin, who was recruited as a setter, will receive a full athletic scholarship to play for the Yellow Jackets. "I'm so excited, I can hardly wait to go," said Martin. "It is such a great fit. Academically, I want to be an industrial engineer and GT has the number one program in the country. Volleyball-wise, the ACC is so strong and I can't wait to play at that level. Also, the campus is so nice. It is a regular college campus with lots of grass and open spaces, but it's in downtown Atlanta so you can see skyscrapers above the trees. And being in the South, I can get away from the cold winters and snow."

In addition to playing for Northville, Martin has played club volleyball for Michigan Elite Volleyball Academy for the last six years. This past summer, the club team won its

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GREG MARTIN

Northville volleyball standout Rebecca Martin recently made the decision to play her collegiate years with Georgia Tech.

Shamrocks bow to Brother Rice in early-season rivalry game

Loss is first for Catholic Central this year

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

It doesn't matter what sport it is or who has what records on the season—when Brother Rice and Detroit Catholic Central meet in the sports arena, there is always going to be a lot of intensity and a desire to walk away victorious.

Unfortunately for the Shamrocks, when the two Catholic High School League and Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League members met last week, it was the Warriors who skated off with a 7-4 victory.

The difference in the game was Brother Rice's ability to keep the puck out of their zone and in the Catholic Central end of the rink. The Warriors took a 2-0 lead in the game

ON TAP

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks hockey team will be back in action when they take on Port Huron Northern on the road today at 6 p.m. before hosting St. Mary's at 2:30 p.m. Saturday.

With a goal by Conner Jen at 1:36 in the first period followed by a goal by Andrew Royce at 6:54. That lead held until the 12:50 mark when Catholic Central's Matt Sorisho took a pass from Charlie Green on a powerplay and fired it home to slice into the lead, 2-1.

The two teams continued to work against one another until Danny Middleton tied the contest at 7:46 in the second period

on an unassisted play that found him firing the puck past Jack Bowman for the score.

But Brother Rice put in two goals to regain the lead in the second period, with the first coming off the stick of Blake Bazzi on a powerplay at 12:53 before Royce scored his second goal of the night three minutes later to make it a 4-2 contest.

The Shamrocks mustered a goal in the early minutes of the final period off a shot by Middleton that made it a 4-3 game. Assists were credited to Sorisho and Connor Gaffney. Brother Rice, however, tacked on another goal at 4:56 on a powerplay shot by Russell Ciccone that put the game out of reach despite Michael Babcock scoring another goal for the Shamrocks

just four minutes later. Sorisho and Evan Kearns earned assists on the play, making it a 5-4 game.

Brother Rice added two insurance goals in the final minutes, scoring at 10:09 on a shot by Matthew Manning and another at 12:07 by Ciccone.

The Shamrocks ended the night with 29 shots on goal with Bowman stopping 25 for the win. Ryan Mulka took the loss between the posts, stopping 15-of-22 shots on the night.

Brother Rice had six penalties totaling 12 minutes in the box while Catholic Central had just four penalties for eight minutes.

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NOVI GIRLS BASKETBALL PREVIEW

Top two scorers return with cast of young Wildcats

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

Coming off their third-straight KLAAs Central Division title, Novi's girls basketball team lost six of their top nine student-athletes to graduation.

However, the Wildcats (16-6, 8-2 Central in 2011-12) return their top two scorers from a year ago in junior point guard Kerri McMahon and senior center/forward Jade Antolec along with junior guard Taylor Pavlika and a few other pieces from the successful squad.

"Trying to get the returning and new players on the same page and see who is going to be ready to help from the new girls (will be our biggest challenge)," said Novi coach Bill Kelp, who is entering his 10th season at the helm.

Kelp said the Wildcats have eight new student-athletes on the varsity squad, so much of the workload is sure to be between McMahon, Antolec and Pavlika early in the season as the rest of the team adjusts to varsity speed and play. With a large portion of their top defenders graduated and their top two scorers returning, the potential exists that games could become an offensive shootout as the Wildcats try to keep pace with any defensive breakdowns as the younger Wildcats adjust to their role.

But the offensive end of the court could be Novi's strong point. McMahon (13.7 points) and Antolec (7.0 points) combined to average nearly half of the team's 42.0 points per game last season. Pavlika had the team's sixth-highest aver-

ON TAP

Novi's girls basketball team (16-6 last season) was set to start the new season off at Walled Lake Central two nights ago before tonight's 7 p.m. home opener against Farmington. From there, the 'Cats visit Walled Lake Western 7 p.m. Wednesday.

age with 3.6 points per game despite missing the first half of the season due to transfer restrictions. Kelp said he expects Livonia Stevenson (7-3 Central) and Northville (6-4 Central) to again be the primary challenges within the division.

His Wildcats will look to improve on the .371 team field goal percentage and .557 free throw percentage from last season. McMahon (.466 FG, .629 FT) and Antolec (.459 FG, .448 FT) return the top two field goal percentages for the Wildcats.

The duo were among the leaders for the 'Cats in several categories. McMahon averaged 3.7 rebounds, 2.3 assists and 2.5 steals per game, while Antolec added 6.6 rebounds, 0.7 assists and 1.4 steals per game. Pavlika chipped in with 3.6 rebounds, 1.2 assists and 0.8 steals to go with .769 shooting percentage from the charity stripe.

As a team, Novi averaged 25.0 rebounds, 8.2 assists and 9.4 steals per game last year before bowing out 45-37 to Canton in the district semifinals.

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Plymouth Salem senior netminder Anthony Veresan (right) comes up with a big stop on Novi senior Luke Bageris late in the first period Nov. 21 during the Wildcats' 3-2 victory.

HOCKEY

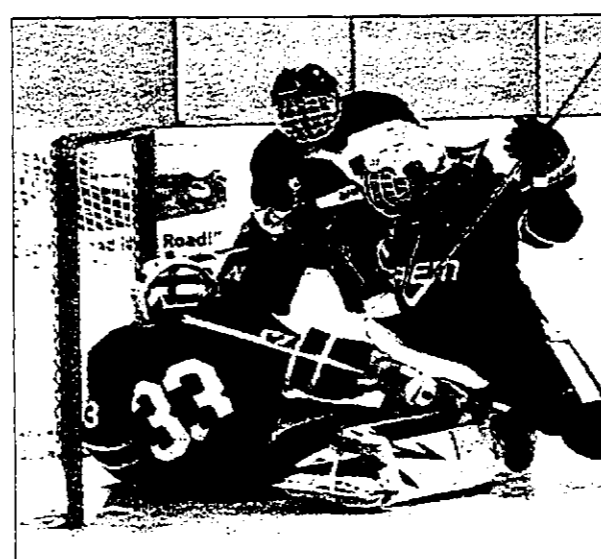
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ahead both of our first two games and the guys worked hard; we just didn't finish. And then today again we found a way to win, which is an improvement, but we didn't make it easy on ourselves.

"We're just turning the puck over too much at the offensive blue line and our own blue line. We're just not playing smart hockey, but we're a young, inexperienced team. We're teaching, working and trying to get these guys up to speed."

Novi senior Collin Pew got the scoring started 6:12 into the game when he knuckled home a shot at the top of the crease off a pass from senior Mark Baker, who was behind the net.

"I thought the guys did a pretty decent job, the returning play-



Novi senior Carl Faraon (back) knocks the puck into the net Nov. 21 against Plymouth Salem despite a crowd of Rocks. The Wildcats won 3-2.

ers," Krygier said. "Collin (Pew) had a nice goal. Carl (Faraon) stepped up."

With Novi up 1-0, Novi

senior Luke Bageris and Salem junior Jason Newel traded breakaways 11 seconds apart in the final 90 seconds of the first

period, but Salem senior Anthony Veresan (16 saves) and Novi senior Patrick Carney (15 saves) both came up with huge stops in net for their respective teams.

"He kept us in the game in the second period when we were kind of falling apart there," Krygier said of Carney.

However, Novi senior Connor Kenrick gave the Wildcats some breathing room with 19 seconds left in the opening stanza after receiving a cross-ice pass while streaking up the right side. Junior Joshua Ward and sophomore Brendan Wexler assisted on the goal that led to a 2-0 lead at the first intermission.

Salem (1-1-0, 1-1-0 Kensington) cranked up the momentum in the second period, closing in on the deficit with 2:51 remaining when sophomore Noah Willer knocked one into the back of Novi's net on a coun-

terattack. Juniors Jake Sealy and Justin Katulski assisted on the goal that made it 2-1 heading into the third period.

"I don't think we were making good decisions on our breakouts most of the game," Krygier said. "We were making it difficult because we were passing into traffic, not making the first open pass that we saw. Our defensemen would look at that open pass and then decide to do something different."

"I think they're just not thinking to keep the game simple. They're making it more complex. The play is to hit the open player. They see the open player, but they're not doing it and responding fast enough. We've just got young kids who didn't play varsity hockey. We've only got six returning skaters."

The third period featured spurts of offense from both teams, but the Wildcats regained their

two-goal lead 27 seconds into the period with a goal from senior Carl Faraon, who celebrated with a "Gangnam Style" after crashing the back post on the right side to receive a cross-ice pass at the goal mouth. Senior Kyle Lash and junior Jacob Lynch assisted on the play.

Salem continued to get their chances, but were cautious of the Wildcat counterattack. With a power play starting with 5:03 remaining, Salem took just 15 seconds of it to draw the score to 3-2 with 4:48 remaining when sophomore Noah Saad slid a shot in from the left

mouth. Senior Kyle Lash and junior Jacob Lynch assisted on the play, but they're not doing it and responding fast enough. We've just got young kids who didn't play varsity hockey. We've only got six returning skaters."

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NOVI BOYS BASKETBALL PREVIEW

Wildcat cagers return depth from distance, inexperience inside

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

Inexperience was the tale of last season for Novi's boys basketball team.

With a coach new to the program and most student-athletes new to playing time at the varsity level, not to mention a bevy of injuries, the Wildcats (7-14) finished fifth in the KLAAs Central Division at 4-6 before a season-ending 53-33 district quarterfinal loss to Canton.

Despite losing all but one of their big men to the graduation of six teammates, Novi returns their top two scorers and their point guard, along with a few other guards, all which now have a year of experience in the system of coach Brian Tass.

"We are a tale of two teams," Tass said. "We are pretty experienced at the senior end and very, very young at the other. The challenge is to get our guys working together as a team and focused on the process, not on the product. The depth of the team depends on how quickly the young guys develop."

That depth will begin with junior Nelson Cagle (8.1 points, 2.5 rebounds per game) and senior Charles McKinney (7.3 PPG, 3.4 RPG), who look to show the league what they've done in the off-season. The duo were the only two student-athletes to average more than 19 minutes per game last season, shooting .367 and .375 percent from



Returning Wildcat Nelson Cagle works out with his teammates on Nov. 26 as Novi High practices for their upcoming season.

the field, respectively, while also hitting .760 and .641 percent of their free throws in averaging more than 22.5 minutes of play. "Cagle is a solid point guard, shooter, improved defense," Tass said. "McKinney can score

and defend." Senior point guard Tre Cadwell will add his speed and improved defense to the mix. Cadwell averaged 4.8 points per game last season in just 7.9 minutes of action per game. He shot

.423 from the field and fought for 1.0 rebounds per game against opponents that were generally six or more inches taller. Tass expects defending KLAAs champion Plymouth Salem (8-2 Central) to again be a force within



Second-year Wildcat varsity basketball coach Brian Tass tosses a pass to one of his players during a Nov. 26 practice.

ON TAP

Novi's boys basketball team (7-14 last season) is set to start the new season off 7 p.m. Tuesday in a home contest against Walled Lake Central.

both the Kensington Conference and Central Division, as Northville (7-3 Central) adds to the Central Division strength and defending South Division champ Westland John Glenn will add to the conference strength.

"I think we have a good chance to compete with our division if we play well together," Tass said. "I think our toughness factor has to improve. Our guys have to realize that it's a physical battle every night just to score a basket and stop other teams from scoring. I see it that close in this division every game. One or two points either way."

Seven of Novi's 14 losses

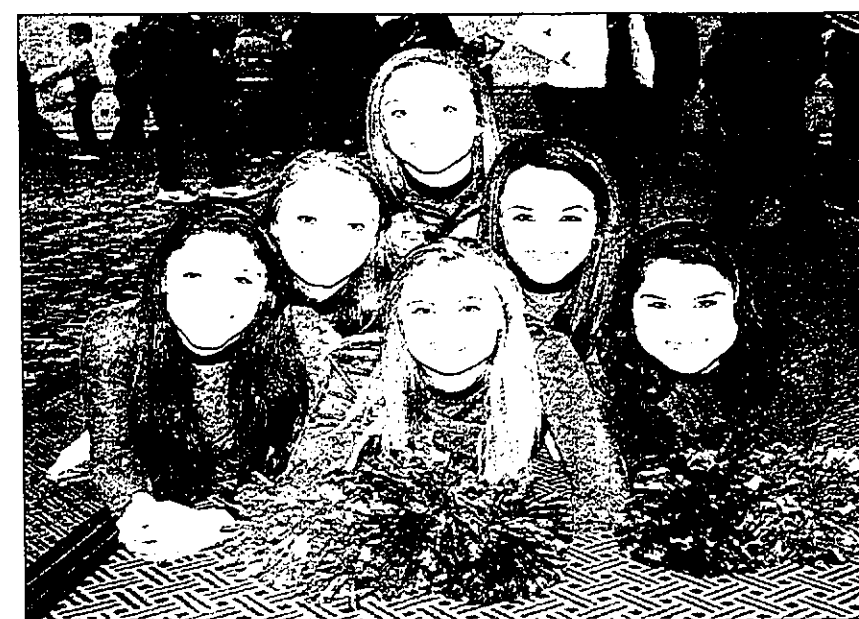
were by single digits last season, while only three of the seven victories were by single digits. The 'Cats also came on strong late last season, winning three of four KLAAs tournament games before the district opener loss.

In order for the Wildcats to find success, the team's big men will have to step up to help out the experienced core of guards. Senior center Blake Brown, at 6-feet-5 a year ago, is expected to take a larger role this year after serving as the third option at his position last season, where he averaged 0.3 points and 2.0 rebounds per game despite playing just 0.1 minutes per game.

"(Brown is) our only real inside player," Tass said. "(He) works hard to improve daily and (is a) good leader."

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

Parade poms



Six Novi High School girls participated in Detroit's 86th annual Thanksgiving Day Parade last Thursday. They auditioned over the summer to be part of the Mid-American All-Star Pom Team. The girls met up with about 150 other girls from around the state on Wednesday to rehearse all day at the Novi Sheraton for the parade. Shown are Olivia Ghannam, Renee Weil, Mackenzie Betts, Morgan Shepherd, Emma Weil and Jessica Leone. Mackenzie and Morgan were recognized for being on the all-star team for three years.

MARTIN

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fourth-straight Michigan AAU championship and placed 14th in the open division of the USAV Junior National Championships. In August, she was named number 71 on Prepvolleyball.com's Senior Ace list of the nation's top volleyball recruits.

Martin is a four-year varsity player with Northville and a co-captain this season. Martin helped lead the Mustangs to the most successful season in school history with a 49-4-4 record. Her contributions this year earned her Under Armour All-American and Michigan First-Team All-State honors. Martin also earned Academic All-State honors with a cumulative 3.9 grade-point average.

"I've learned so much from these past four years and have had so much school support throughout my entire career," said Martin. "Playing in front of my friends, family, and the student section has been so amazing and winning regionals has been so memorable.

I couldn't ask for a better high school experience."

Georgia Tech volleyball coach Tonya Johnson noted the program is looking forward to seeing how far Martin will continue to grow as she takes to the court with the Yellow Jackets.

"I'm excited about the progress Rebecca has made since her commitment to our program," she said. "She is a dynamic setter with great hands and a great understanding of the game."

Martin will be joined by two other recruits, London Ackerman, a libero from Louisville, Ky. and Lauren Pitz, a middle blocker from Carmel, Ind.

"I'm excited about this class of incoming recruits," said Johnson. "This class will certainly help in changing the culture of our gym. They are all blue-collar-attitude kids who come from winning programs. I look for all of them to contribute to our program very early in their careers."

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Sims, Coleman race in Footlocker Regional

Neither Mustang advances to state final despite strong runs

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

It was a bit chilly when Rachel Coleman and Dan Sims stood at the starting line in Racine, Wis. last week.

The two Mustangs were greeted by 39 degrees for the start of the Footlocker Regional race last Saturday as they prepped for a chance to run in the national race next month. Unfortunately, despite strong showings, neither Northville hurdler finished high enough to race in the championships. When the race concluded, just two boys runners from Michigan earned the right to compete at the nationals and no girls from Michigan finished high enough to earn a berth.

"I think it is always hard to go to an unfamiliar race and not have any of your teammates racing with you like you do all season," said Northville girls' cross country coach Nancy Smith. "This was an extremely competitive race that was a great experience for the both of them."

Sims ran to 64th place out of a field of 235 runners and came across the finish line in 15:55—one of his best times of his career. Coleman finished in 103rd place out of a whopping 273 runners and completed the race in 19:30.

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to Zach Bock and then kicked in the extra point to slice into the lead. Cass Tech ended the scoring in the first half with a 31-yard field goal with 45 seconds left on the clock. The technicians added 14 more points in the third quarter before Moores once again found Bock with 5:57 left in the contest to make it a 29-13 game.

Moores ended the day with three touchdowns and 221 yards on a 12-for-23 performance. The leading rusher was David Houle, who rumbled 77 yards on 13 attempts while Anthony Darkangelo added 41 yards and Bock had 40. Bock also pulled down 91 yards receiving and two touchdowns while Malone had 61 yards receiving and a score. Darkangelo caught two passes for 71 yards on the day.

Defensively, David Widzinski led the Shamrocks with an impressive 16 tackles.

The loss left the Shamrocks with a 9-5 record and is the sixth time the team has been state runner-ups under Tom Mach's



Anthony Darkangelo receives pass from Garrett Moores for a long gain for the Shamrocks.

leadership, Detroit Cass Tech finished 12-2 on the year.

"We're extremely proud of our kids and the great effort they gave, both on Saturday and throughout the playoffs," said Mach. "I think a lot of people outside of our practice were

skeptical about what this team was capable of, given their 5-4 record entering the playoffs, but this group never stopped believing and never stopped working, and they have a lot to be proud of. Especially our seniors, who played the maximum

of 14 games for two years straight, which not many high school kids can say—that is a great accomplishment in itself."

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



Anthony Darkangelo sweeps around the Cass Tech defense.



CC's Zach Bock sprints up a seam in the Cass Tech defense for a 24-yard gain.

NOVI SPORTS ROUND-UP

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

VanderMey, Berg sign letters of intent to swim in college

Having verbally committed earlier in the season, senior swimmers Andrea VanderMey and Kara Berg made their collegiate commitments official Nov. 19 by signing letters of intent. VanderMey will continue her athletic career at Western Kentucky University, while Berg will continue hers at Ball State University.

Varsity cagers hosting Holiday Hoops Camp for grades 3-8

Novi's boys basketball team is hosting a Holiday Hoops Camp for boys in grades three through eight. The camp will run from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Dec. 27 at Novi High School. Coach Brian Tass and several current Novi varsity team student-athletes will lead the campers through a series of individual offensive and defensive skill improvement drills and contests before an afternoon filled with games. Cost to attend the camp is \$25. Attendees should bring gym shorts, a T-shirt, basketball shoes, socks and a bag lunch. For more information, contact coach Tass at (248) 408-2463 or btass@novi.k12.mi.us. To register, visit www.novigatesolutions.com/SelectEventTickets.aspx?eventid=31474.

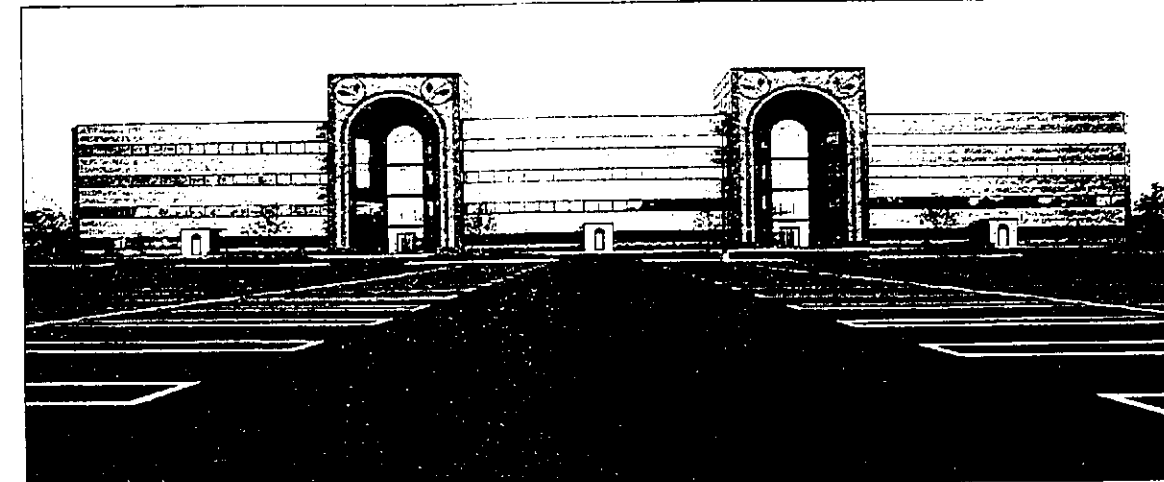
Chris Jackett is a freelance writer and former staff writer for the Novi News.



Andrea VanderMey (left) and Kara Berg signed letters of intent Nov. 19 to continue their swimming careers at Western Kentucky University and Ball State University, respectively.

REAL ESTATE

Laurel Park Place Office Center garners kudos, among other pros, properties



Laurel Park Place Office Center in Livonia took first place in its square footage categories as Building of the Year.

The Building Owners and Managers Association of Metro Detroit (BOMA) held its annual awards program. The Outstanding Building of the Year (TOBY) and Leadership Awards Presentation on Nov. 9 at the MotorCity Casino Sound Board, Detroit.

The program honors outstanding leaders and commercial properties in the local commercial real estate industry. The TOBY Awards, now in its 28th year, is the most prestigious and comprehensive program of its kind in the commercial real estate industry, recognizing excellence in office building ownership and management.

William M. Wylonis, president of BOMA of Metro Detroit, addressed the large gathering and paid tribute to BOMA's outstanding members. "This afternoon we recognize and celebrate our collective and individual efforts... our people, our innovations and development in our industry."

With a sold-out crowd of nearly 300 people in attendance, Kevin Livingston of Hines was named Property Manager of the Year. Daniel Fitzgerald received the President's Award.

Detroit properties GM Renaissance Center, One Detroit State and the United States

Local TOBY winners advance to regional competition and then move on to international competition at the BOMA International North American Real Estate Congress and the Every Building Show in San Diego, Calif., in June 2013.

Security good idea at meetings

By Robert Meisner
Guest Columnist

Q: I am a member of our homeowner association and I am worried about one vocal and, sometimes, violent resident who attends the meetings. Should they have security at the meeting? I have asked the board for it.

A: I am deluged with emails from fellow community association practitioners who can recount numerous stories where violent behavior has been perpetrated at meetings of the association and/or on directors. One story I have heard was about the treasurer of his condominium association being at a meeting where one of the owners in a community called the board president "a queer as a three dollar bill," whereupon chairs were thrown at various individuals sitting the rest of the board members under the table. The individuals involved were all over the age of 70, so age has no bearing upon judgment or conduct. To say the least, where there is any potential threat, adequate security should be provided if for no other reason than to enhance the participation by the members of the association.

Q: Has the Michigan legislature enacted a statute that prohibits nonrecourse mortgages and deficiency judgments? A: No. However, the Michigan legislature did enact the Nonrecourse Mortgage Loan Act, 2012 PA 67, MCL 445.1591 et seq., which retroactively prohibits a postclosing covenant in a nonrecourse loan from being used as a carve-out or basis for a deficiency judgment against a borrower or guarantor. The Act does not apply to loans that are initially classified as recourse loans, and the Act specifically states that it does not prohibit fully recourse loans.

Q: What is a deficiency judgment in a mortgage, and does my mortgage company have the ability to pursue one? A: When a borrower can't repay their mortgage and the lender pursues foreclosure, the lender may or may not be able to sue the borrower to collect the shortfall commonly known as a deficiency. In Michigan, the key is whether or not the note, not the mortgage, is classified as a recourse or nonrecourse loan. If the note is classified as a recourse loan, the lender can pursue a deficiency judgment on the covenants contained in the note. Generally speaking, conventional residential notes do have recourse provisions. However, in order for you to determine if you may be subject to a deficiency judgment, you may need to contact a real estate attorney to review your specific situation.

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

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Aug. 20-24, 2012, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.	GARDEN CITY	18435 Mayfield St	\$260,000	1199 S Sheldon Rd	\$48,000
	37222 Alta St	31450 Ann Arbor Park Dr	\$88,000	14596 Sherwood Dr	\$145,000
	21739 Cambridge St	30536 Munger Dr	\$350,000	46045 Westboro Dr	\$330,000
	11714 Cherry Hill Rd	37600 N Laurel Park Dr	\$162,000	REDFORD	
	2857 Donnelly St	16558 Nola Ct	\$145,000	12816 Centralia	\$28,000
	112 E Doris St	38681 Northfield Ave	\$123,000	13557 Centralia	\$31,000
	30148 John Hawk St	30164 Oakview St	\$171,000	18243 Dalby	\$26,000
	32108 Kathryn St	15710 Opport St	\$65,000	25302 Donald	\$48,000
	28655 Maplewood St	19287 Rensselaer St	\$118,000	19715 Gaylord	\$30,000
	30174 Rosslyn Ave	33719 Summers St	\$118,000	26629 Glendale	\$50,000
	39696 Windsor St	33845 Trillium Ct	\$161,000	19963 Indian	\$47,000
LIVONIA	18555 University Park Dr	18555 University Park Dr	\$420,000	17181 Arthur	\$84,000
41520 Alleghany St	32901 W Chicago St	32901 W Chicago St	\$128,000	12128 Nathalie	\$37,000
47011 Bartlett Dr	30510 Westworth St	31047 Westfield St	\$134,000	12770 Nathalie	\$74,000
45471 Brunswick Dr	31047 Westfield St	9808 Westmore St	\$105,000	18912 Negaunee	\$25,000
2386 Cleveland Way	9808 Westmore St	9825 Westmore St	\$138,000	20048 Negaunee	\$20,000
5059 Coolidge St	17715 Woodside St	17715 Woodside St	\$170,000	9976 Norborne	\$58,000
4065 Cornerstone Dr	16955 Abby Cir	44973 Broadmoor Cir S	\$394,000	17372 Olympia	\$215,000
4122 Country Club Ln	44973 Broadmoor Cir S	39912 Glenview Ct	\$362,000	26375 Ross Dr	\$85,000
4188 Forest Bridge Dr	39912 Glenview Ct	1929 Hershey St	\$190,000	9622 Seminole	\$39,000
41527 Glade Rd	18970 Heather Ridge Dr	16409 Horseshoe Dr	\$440,000	26219 Student	\$30,000
45945 Graystone Ln	16409 Horseshoe Dr	16029 Jupiter Hills Dr	\$53,000	17201 Sumner	\$63,000
7514 Green Meadow Ln	16029 Jupiter Hills Dr	1921 Northridge Ct	\$53,000	26345 W Seven Mile Rd	\$16,000
8660 Holly Dr	42178 Waterfall Rd	42178 Waterfall Rd	\$275,000	14117 Winston	\$48,000
7585 Kingsbridge Rd	PLYMOUTH	1450 Ann Arbor Rd W	\$28,000	7526 Bison St	\$90,000
43622 Lombardy Dr	1450 Ann Arbor Rd W	597 Ann St	\$125,000	30780 Burlington St	\$59,000
44691 Meadowcreek Ln	597 Ann St	13583 Byron Tree Ln	\$388,000	35874 Canyon Dr	\$57,000
2583 Mistwood Ct	13583 Byron Tree Ln	540 Byron St	\$330,000	30625 Cooley Blvd	\$103,000
6205 N Ridge Rd	540 Byron St	4955 Cooley Ave	\$106,000	35097 Florence St	\$45,000
44302 N Umberland Cir	50025 E Fellows Creek Ct	50025 E Fellows Creek Ct	\$480,000	7485 Harrison St	\$29,000
556 N Willard Rd	13821 Fawn Woods Ct	13821 Fawn Woods Ct	\$408,000	32547 Judy Dr	\$73,000
47288 Northgate Dr	1929 Northridge Ct	40664 Newport Dr	\$68,000	38605 Northampton St	\$57,000
43467 Proctor Rowland Cir	40664 Newport Dr	9112 Oakcliffe Dr	\$135,000	29005 Richard St	\$23,000
2942 River Meadow Cir	9112 Oakcliffe Dr	11424 Parkview Dr	\$168,000	29025 Richard St	\$22,000
45598 S Stonewood Rd	12300 Pinecrest Dr	49916 Pointe Xing	\$97,000	38376 Saint Joe Dr	\$55,000
45622 S Stonewood Rd	49916 Pointe Xing	48095 Powell Rd	\$258,000	33850 Tawas Trl	\$95,000
44089 Southampton Dr	15495 Mayfield St			38242 Worchester St	\$85,000
41430 Stafford Ct				39275 Worchester St	\$63,000
47859 Stratford Ct				WESTLAND	
47671 Stratford Dr				7526 Bison St	\$90,000
1611 Thistle Ct				30780 Burlington St	\$59,000
45231 Thornhill Rd				35874 Canyon Dr	\$57,000
1502 Tradition Dr				30625 Cooley Blvd	\$103,000
43186 Washington Way				35097 Florence St	\$45,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Aug. 6-10, 2012, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.	BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	24240 Locust St	\$137,000	44494 Gwinnett Loop	\$155,000
	376 Concord Pl # 4	29140 Millbrook Rd	\$265,000	25366 Gurton Ct	\$50,000
	3689 Darcy Dr	30747 Mystic Dr	\$278,000	40793 Village Wood Rd	\$310,000
	1527 E Spinningswheel Ln	30255 N Meadowridge	\$134,000	45340 W 10 Mile Rd	\$156,000
	4024 Hidden Woods Dr	32519 Nestlewood St	\$185,000	24311 Weathervane Ct	\$157,000
	183 Hupp Cross Rd	29436 Regents Pointe	\$110,000	28206 Wolcott Dr	\$89,000
	745 Parkman Dr	36922 Ridgedale Ct	\$95,000	SOUTH LYON	
	1596 Sandingham Way	21580 River Ridge Ct	\$140,000	24587 Brompton Way	\$40,000
	5148 Lantern Ln	28294 Secluded Ln	\$210,000	86604 Carriago Ln	\$40,000
	333 Westbourne Ct	21714 Sheffield Dr	\$300,000	25725 Coach Ln	\$40,000
	659 Wilshire Dr	37481 Turberry Ct	\$470,000	51848 Copperwood Dr S	\$352,000
	522 Yarmouth Rd	30174 W 11 Mile Rd	\$150,000	26280 Dava Cir E	\$285,000
COMMERCIAL TOWNSHIP	32475 W 11 Mile Rd	18190 Woodwind Ave	\$103,000	21010 Greenbriar Ln	\$270,000
9454 Bancroft St	LATHRUP VILLAGE	28245 Gulensgate Dr E	\$114,000	718 Hidden Creek Dr	\$240,000
22 1/2 Brigantine	28245 Gulensgate Dr E	18190 Woodwind Ave	\$103,000	54970 Villagewood Dr	\$322,000
3027 Cooley Lake Rd	MILFORD	345 Dorchester Way	\$230,000	SOUTHFIELD	
557 E Grand Traverse St	345 Dorchester Way	1998 Harley Dr	\$346,000	27615 Aberdeen St	\$105,000
5260 Lancaster Ln	1998 Harley Dr	28054 Aberdeen St	\$52,000	15965 Addison St	\$98,000
2528 Trillium Hills Dr	28054 Aberdeen St	25004 Chambley Dr # 8b	\$20,000	20931 Everett St	\$16,000
FARMINGTON	1030 Old Milford Farms	22000 Pierce St	\$95,000	19781 Silver Spring St	\$92,000
39624 Briar Ridge Ln	1159 Pluissure St	30031 Sparkleberry Dr	\$254,000	WHITE LAKE	
26786 Elizabeth Ct	1569 S Creek Dr	10014 Burgess Ct	\$116,000	9901 E Dorado Dr	\$72,000
33883 Glenview Dr	559 Valley Dr	8234 Elizabeth Lake Rd	\$96,000	4561 Bristol Cir	\$345,000
21009 Robinwood St	325 W Washington St	8930 Sussex St	\$110,000	3110 Centennial Dr	\$110,000
FARMINGTON HILLS	43475 Bennington Dr	1396 Waverly Dr	\$105,000		
22331 Baintree Rd	25510 Birchwoods Dr				
27051 Hamstead Blvd	41845 Borchardt Dr				
32370 Heartstone Rd	45611 Bristol Cir				
28948 Herndonwood Dr	3110 Centennial Dr				
33143 Hopecrest Ct	21281 Chase Dr				
31490 Hunters Circle Dr	24000 Devonshire Dr				

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

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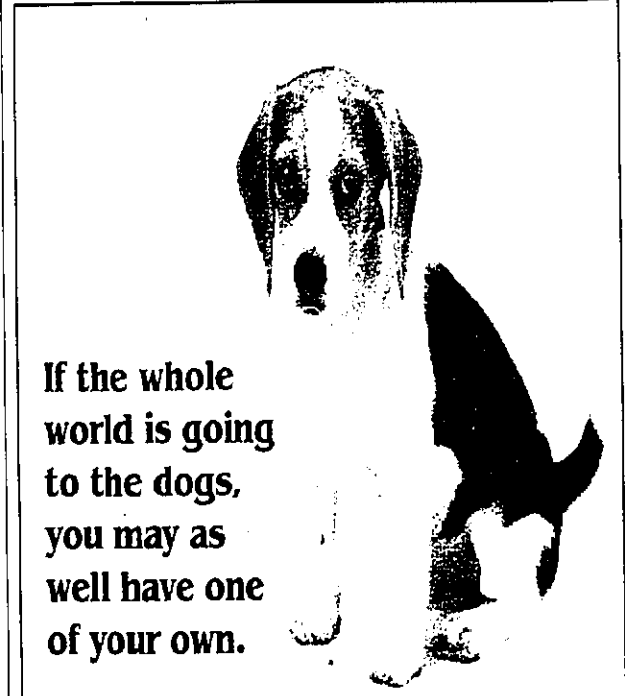
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