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Artists needed

The Great Lakes Art Fair is seeking for artists to participate in its spring juried fine arts fair April 12-14 at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi. It will feature 15 different mediums ranging from painting, photography, sculpture, fiber, two- and three-dimensional mixed media and specialty items.

All entries are juried for acceptance into the Art Fair, and the application deadline is Feb. 10. Artists who are interested in participating in this bi-annual event will be required to send four images of their artwork and booth shot by mail to Great Lakes Art Fair, 46100 Grand River Ave., Novi, MI 48374 or on-line at www.GreatLakesArtFair.com.

Flu shots available

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

Novi mayor delivers humorous, stirring speech

More than 200 attend State of City luncheon

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

With many laughs and just 10 words to uniquely describe why Novi is a great city, Mayor Bob Gatt delivered a 2013 State of the City address that was crafted to leave all in attendance feeling

energized and ready for another good year. "With the great economic challenges of these last few years behind us, I've never been more optimistic about the future of our Novi," Gatt said. "I'm confident in our leadership, our city staff team and you, the Novi



Bob Gatt

community, who all want what is best for the city we love and call home." The mayor delivered his second State of the City address last Thursday before more than 200 people at the Baronette Renais-

sance hotel. He recounted the last year and its various developments and happenings that made 2012 a standout year. But before he got to his main speech, a video was shown to the audience of Gatt doing a spoof of *The Late Show* in which he interviewed residents in public places, quizzing them on

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Novi Police Sgt. Michael Warren demonstrates the safe loading and unloading of a firearm at the department's Firearms Training Center on Jan. 16.

Armed with knowledge

Pistol safety course provides tools needed for a CPL

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

If you want to obtain a concealed pistol license in this state, you'll first have to complete a pistol safety course—and Novi has one of the best around. The Novi Police Department's CPL Civilian Pistol Safety Class is being held twice in the next few months, and it gives the chance for those wanting to have some extra security—at home or outside of it—the knowledge needed to properly carry a concealed gun.

For one Novi man, the class gave him an assuredness needed when carrying his handgun. His name is Ed and

NEXT CPL COURSES

The next CPL safety courses will be held Feb. 9 and April 20 for ages 21 and up. A criminal background check will be conducted on each student. For more information, contact Sgt. Warren at mwarren@cityofnovi.org or (248) 347-0572. To learn more about the course, visit <http://cityofnovi.org/Services/ParksAndRec/Programs/HealthAndSafety.asp#CPL>.

he's 49 years old. Although he wants to remain relatively anonymous for reasons of

safety, he also wants to get the word out on the course offered by the Novi department. "It was well worth it," he said. "There may be some cheaper ones, but this course has a lot to it that really helps in each aspect to being a CPL carrier." Ed moved to Novi from the West Coast not too long ago, and he said he had a license there for security with the work that he did. However, after moving to Michigan he wanted to retain this ability to have an added feeling of security in certain situations. He eventually found the Novi safety course.

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Governor's speech draws criticism

By Cal Stone
Staff Writer

Novi Mayor Bob Gatt was still putting the finishing touches on his Jan. 17 State of the City address as he listened intently to Gov. Rick Snyder's State of the State address the night before.

"When it was over, I found myself a little disappointed," Gatt said. "I think that the speech was lacking in particulars. I don't think that it set a clear vision as to what the governor hopes to accomplish in the next year. It will be interesting to watch as the year unfolds."

Clay Pearson, city of Novi manager, was not able to see the State of the State presentation on television, but did see the talking points issued by the governor and news reports. One thing that caught his attention was how the governor specifically mentioned Novi.

"Not a mention for our standout public services or stewardship of public dollars which we provide," Pearson said. "Instead, we were in a group mentioned for a particular report regarding auto insurance rates. Apparently the governor is making that topic one of his issues for the upcoming legislative session, and Michigan generally has some high rates."

Pearson heard from several people asking about that mention of Novi because they were all unaware of any particular issues. The city contacted the governor's office and also talked with local insurance experts and providers to learn more since receiving questions from puzzled Novi residents.

Pearson said the referenced Runzheimer International study is a company specializing in "employee mobility solutions," apparently not a research organization, and he's not sure why the Insurance Information Institute chooses to cite its "study."

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Art park, lectures enhance Novi's quality of life

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

David and Beth Barr's home and property on Napier Road near Nine Mile are being put to good use as an art park. "It's beautiful," said Jason Mangum, director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services for the city of Novi. "It's well-manicured."

The Novi City Council voted unanimously last August to buy the land at the appraised value of \$375,000 for use as a city Sculpture Garden and Cultural Education Center.

The four-acre parcel is near the "four corners" area of Oakland, Wayne, Livingston and Washtenaw counties.

The existing studio will be used soon for classes, said Mangum, and tours will be on tap this coming summer.

"We're staying there for now," he said of the

LIBRARY LECTURES

Winter lectures by David Barr are on tap at the Novi Public Library on 10 Mile (just east of Taft Road), and the first one (on prehistoric art) was held last night. At 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 18, he'll talk about 20th century sculptors, and at 7 p.m. Monday, March 25, will discuss monumental public art and will include his own work. Registration is recommended but not required for the lectures at the library, by calling (248) 349-0720. Lectures are free of charge, and will be held in the West Meeting Room.

Barrs and their 3,800-square-foot home. "We have some great opportunities to use it right away. They've been wonderful to work with."

Mangum also cited support of the City Council, Parks Foundation, and Parks Commission.

The grounds will be developed fairly quickly for public access, said David Barr. "It's a continuation of our life, and our life has been involved with the arts."

He cited artist "exchanges" in which

artists from elsewhere would pursue a residency here as a possibility. "After awhile, it tells you what it wants to be." People are often divided by politics and religion, he said, but the arts bring them together.

Beth is a dancer who teaches English as a second language; she's also a writer, and ran her own dance studio. "We're really pleased" with the arrangement, said David Barr, an artist/sculptor. He spent some 20 years developing the Michigan Legacy Art Park in northern Michigan.

"We're just starting with all of it, really," Barr said. "I think we've got some very visionary lead-



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The City of Novi has acquired the Napier Road home and grounds of Novi sculpture artist David Barr to use as an art park. Many of his installations are located on the spacious grounds.

ership in Novi. We're happy to be part of that." About 30 of his pieces, some up to 20 feet high, are on the outdoor property now.

The idea of the art park originated with then-

Mayor David Landry talking to Barr about the possibility.

"The city will not spend any taxpayer money on art. Mangum said public restrooms will be added, with more space down the road for classes. "It's been a real blessing in the community," Mangum said. "It's very unique. It shows the commitment to arts in our community. You don't

see a lot of parks that are dedicated to art."

David Barr said public art can bring apprehension over spending, and it's key to prepare people and explain the work. "Public arts are things people go all over the world to see," Barr said. "It can tell you so much about the civilization and the culture."

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Emmenecker & Salliotte
Amber Leigh Emmenecker and Michael Christopher Salliotte, both of Commerce Township, are engaged to be married. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Steve and Jodi Emmenecker, of Novi. She graduated from Novi High School in 1999 and is an office manager for Jonboy Landscaping in Redford. The groom-elect is the son of Chris and Judy Salliotte, of Dearborn. He graduated from Dearborn High in 1997 and is an EMS in Novi and Commerce. A June 15, 2013, wedding at the Rattlesnake Club in Detroit is planned.



Michael Salliotte and Amber Emmenecker

ENGAGEMENT

Angelocci & Chaklos
Keith and Cathy Angelocci, of Novi, announce the engagement of their daughter, Jillian Kate Angelocci, to William David Chaklos Jr., son of William and Cathy Chaklos, also of Novi. The future bride and groom both attended Novi High School. She received her bachelor's and master's degrees in accounting from Michigan State University and is employed by Deloitte in Detroit. He received his bachelor's degree in advertising, also from MSU. He is employed by Universal McCann in Birmingham. An August 2013 wedding is planned.



William Chaklos Jr. and Jillian Angelocci

NEWSMAKERS

Margolis named WSU's associate vice president for individual giving and campaign director

The Wayne State University Division of Development and Alumni Affairs announced the appointment of Terry Margolis as the associate vice president for individual giving and campaign director. Margolis is a Novi City Council member and has been for the past seven years. "I was the first generation of my family to attend college and Wayne State University opened the door to my future," said Margolis. "As a proud graduate, I am excited about the opportunity to give back by leading this capital campaign that will help expand the local and global impact of this important urban research University." She previously served as the director of Executive and Professional Development and Educational Outreach at WSU. Margolis will begin her new role on Feb. 4. "I am thrilled to welcome Terry, a professional of tremendous caliber

and expertise, to the division's leadership team," said David Rimple, WSU vice president for Development and Alumni Affairs. "She will play an essential role as we prepare for our next comprehensive fundraising campaign, and her past experiences and success at Wayne State University will serve her well in this capacity." Margolis will provide vision, strategy and leadership for the major gift officers in the schools and colleges at Wayne State, working closely with the deans and directors. She also will manage all aspects of comprehensive campaign planning and implementation, including case statement development, campaign reporting and the monitoring of goals. Margolis brings to the position a strong track record of success in marketing, strategic planning and professional development. As the director of Executive and Professional Development and Educational Outreach at Wayne State, she was responsible for the leadership of all off-campus degree and certificate programs, including high distinction and non-credit courses, executive edu-

cation, leadership development programs and corporate training. She led the development and implementation of an extension enrollment strategy that resulted in an average 29-percent increase each year for the past five years. She also oversaw the creation of the university's first on-site MBA program, and the implementation of a leadership program for the School of Medicine and the University Physicians Group. Before joining Wayne State University, Margolis is owned and operated her own consulting firm, providing human resources, customer service and technology consulting, and training solutions for businesses, schools and non-profit agencies. She also serves as a member of the Board of Visitors of the Irvin D. Reid Honors College at Wayne State. Margolis is a graduate of Wayne State University, having earned a bachelor's degree with distinction in psychology. In addition, she received a master's degree in business administration from the University of Michigan Ross School of Business.

Snyder appoints two locals to Michigan Gaming Control Board

Gov. Rick Snyder announced the appointment of Dennis Beagen, of Northville, and the reappointment of Michael Watzka, of Novi, to the Michigan Gaming Control Board. The five-member board licenses and regulates commercial casinos in Detroit, and oversees pari-mutuel horse racing and native American casinos throughout the state. Not more than three members can be from the same political party. Dennis and Michael are outstanding, experienced professionals," said Snyder. "I am confident they will effectively work to ensure fair and honest gaming in the Great Lakes State." Beagen is an emeritus professor of communication at Eastern Michigan University. He previously held various leadership positions with the uni-

versity, including executive associate to the provost for advancement, head of the Department of Communication, interim dean of continuing education and acting associate provost of academic affairs. He holds bachelor's and master's degrees in speech/communication from Eastern Michigan University and the University of Michigan, respectively. Beagen, a Ben-Jamin Friedman. Watzka is co-chair of the governmental and commercial litigation practice groups at Kich, a law firm with offices in Detroit, Lansing, Marquette, Mt. Clemens, Chicago and Toledo. He serves as general counsel to PROTEC and the Mobile Technology Association of Michigan and is an adjunct faculty member at the Michigan State University College of Law. Watzka earned a bachelor's degree from Michigan State University and a degree from the Detroit College of Law. He will continue to serve as a Republican.

Appointees will serve four-year terms that expire Dec. 31, 2016, and their appointments are subject to the advice and consent of the Senate.

Cook appointed by CREW

Entering its 27th year, CREW Detroit announced its 2013 Executive Board of Directors, which welcomes five new officers this year, including membership liaison Susan Cook, Environmental Due Diligence Division manager at Cardno ATC Environmental in Novi. CREW Detroit is a founding chapter of the 8,000-member CREW Network, an international business networking organization dedicated to influencing the success of the commercial real estate industry by advancing the professional achievements of women. Members are elected to positions on the Board of Directors annually.

North American International Auto Show

Hearts opened, champagne flowed

Area residents party at Charity Preview

It's regarded as the largest single night fundraiser in the world, and for the 13,069 people who attended the 2013 North American International Auto Show Charity Preview, it was a sign that this region can more than rise to the occasion when it comes to helping children.

NAIAS reported that the 2013 Charity Preview, presented by Charter One / RBS Citizens, raised \$3,920,700 for nine children's charities during an evening of glitz, glamour and gorgeous people. The 2013 tally represents more than a 30 percent increase in funds raised over 2012 — the highest amount since 2008.

"I'm tired and my feet are sore, but I am thrilled that the people of Detroit and Southeast Michigan have once again opened their hearts for our kids," said Jim Seavitt, chairman, NAIAS 2013. "I have seen, from personal experience, the benefits that these funds provide, and I couldn't be prouder to be part of one of the greatest events which provides us the opportunity to do so much for so many."

Charities benefiting from the event include Boys and Girls Clubs of Southeastern Michigan, Boys and Girls Hope Detroit, Children's Center, The Children's Hospital of Michigan Foundation, The Detroit Auto Dealers Association (DADA) Charitable Foundation Fund, a fund of the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan, The Detroit Institute of Children, Judson Center, March of Dimes Metro Detroit, and Think Detroit PAL.

Funds raised by the Charity Preview go even further with the DADA Charitable Foundation Fund. Each year, charitable organizations from throughout the region submit proposals for grants from the DADA Charitable Fund to support worthy programs to improve and enhance the lives of children and youth. Approximately 10 grants typically ranging from \$10,000 to \$50,000 are awarded from the fund annually.



Northville residents Karen and Rich Tajer had a busy night of parties and charity supporting. They attended the Charity Preview, AutoGlow at Ford Field to benefit The Children's Center of Detroit and a private corporate party at Rich firm, Yazaki. Rich is executive vice president at Yazaki.

Photos by Julie Yolles



South Lyon residents Sharla and Jason Desentz started early by attending the ribbon-cutting ceremony, then Charity Preview, followed by AutoGlow. Sharla looked like pure 14 karat gold in her dress from the Clothing Cove in downtown Milford.



Novi residents Beth and Bill Bell check out the Jaguar Exhibit at Charity Preview.



Pegeen Link, a designer for Northville-based Epiphany Kitchens, put her creative talents to work when she ordered a vintage sewing pattern online and then made her unique taffeta dress for Charity Preview. Pegeen enjoyed the preview with her husband, Roy, of Plymouth-based Link Engineering. He is the 2011 Engineering Society of Detroit's Lifetime Achievement Award winner. The couple live in Northville.

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Dancers and light show at the Volkswagen exhibit.

Commerce Township residents Renee and Dan Cooper have had a busy six months with the opening of their Max and Izzy's children's books and clothing boutique in Milford. Renee had a short time to slip away from work to purchase her Charity Preview dress at the Clothing Cove in Milford.

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Former Post Bar undergoes Epic change

Novi eatery offers good eating, dancing, fun times

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

The Epic Tavern & Grill on Grand River in Novi is a sports bar/restaurant for those of all ages, part of the day.

"I wanted to differentiate us a bit by having different items and better quality" on the menu, said Bobby Baadani, general manager of the new establishment.

There's a kids' menu of staples in the family-friendly eatery.

The gourmet hot dogs are named for American baseball stadiums, and are food not normally found in sports bars. There are also paninis, a bit more unusual.

"It's delicious," Baadani said of the popular Epic Panini, one of a number to choose from.

The eatery of 12,000 square feet features live music, including duos ranging from oldies to more recent, on Saturdays.

"If you like to dance, you can dance," said Baadani of "The Greenhouse at Epic" which hosts the live music. It's heated, and the DJ continues during that time indoors as well. The live music is booked for January and February.

The back patio will open in warmer weather.

The new owners of the former Post Bar and then Novi Post took over Aug. 1, and stayed open during renovation, which is continuing. Baadani has some 20-25 years of restaurant experience; he was working as a human resources manager when approached



Novi's Main Street development welcomes Epic Tavern and Grill to the former Post location. From left: Chris Finnigan, Krysten Leight, and general manager Bobby Baadani.

DETAILS

The Epic Tavern & Grill is at 42875 Grand River, Suite 104, and can be reached at (248) 465-9600. Hours are 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. Monday-Sunday. Nightclub hours are 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Wednesday/Friday/Saturday. The website is www.epictavernnovi.com.

by friend Prashth Thadur, one of the new eatery's owners. Other owners are friend Subhash Routh and John Anderson.

"We kept some of the clientele," said Baadani, as they picked up new patrons with their menu and theme change. "Everybody's really liking the atmosphere and the menu. We try to use the freshest ingredients in everything we make."

He describes the food as American traditional for a sports bar but a bit more upscale. The kids' menu's a hit as well: "The parents have been telling me they want to come back because they

enjoy the food, too." There are pizzas and burgers, both of which include a "make your own" option. The starter menu features a number of appetizers.

The eatery has over 30

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Main Street's Epic Tavern and Grill.

TVs and a 113-inch projector, with Baadani noting "any game" is available.

"It's been pretty good," he said of business. "We just need to get the word out."

They have another sports bar in Detroit near Cobo which doesn't serve food. "We want to make Novi our flagship location," Baadani said. "We like the community here and we thought it could be successful. Novi seemed like a really good community for us. We felt it was something we could thrive in and be a part of."

"We're really excited to be here in Novi," he added, "to grow with the city."

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Boost your memory

Authors advocate lifestyle changes to stave off dementia

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Dr. Gary Small, M.D., is a professor of psychiatry at UCLA's David Geffen School of Medicine and director of the UCLA Longevity Center. In his new book, *The Alzheimer's Prevention Program: Keep Your Brain Healthy for the Rest of Your Life*, he writes of a busy businesswoman.

She comes to his office with her smartphone not turned off and is unable to avoid taking calls and monitoring the phone.

"It's very typical," Small said in a recent phone interview. "Technology has insinuated itself into our daily lives."

The key, he said, is to manage technology to the good.

"If we can wrap our hands around it in a way that will make sense, we can use it to augment our biological memory," he said. We don't really need to remember many phone numbers now as they're easy to look up.

Small wrote his latest book with his wife, Gigi Vorgan. The two also wrote *The Memory Bible*, along with a diet with lots of fruits and vegetables.

"She's a tremendous writer. A wonderful collaborator," he said.

She's learned about science and medicine, as he's learned about writing. The couple has a son, 18, and a daughter, 20.

Lifestyle factors
They focus on lifestyle factors, including diet and physical exercise, as ways to stave off symptoms of Alzheimer's and dementia.

Gary Small was interested in medical school in the mind and behavior, and how the body and brain work. That drew him to geriatrics.

"I realized it was something we could have an impact on," said Small, 61. "But I feel healthier now than I did in my 40s."

He and his wife write of a baby boomer who can't recall an acquaintance's name. "It's a very common situation," he said:

MEET THE DR.

Information on Dr. Gary Small is online at www.drgarysmall.com. He will speak and sign books 1 p.m. Monday, Jan. 28, at Fox Run, 41000 13 Mile, Novi.
"It should be a lot of fun," Small said of the Novi appearance, which is open to the public. Fox Run can be reached at (800) 843-1433.



Small

"You're concerned about your risk. Behind those jokes is an element of anxiety and fear."

In the average person, genetics only account for about one-third of risk factors, he said; with lifestyle key. In diet, Americans need to learn to control both portions and what they eat to counteract the epidemic of obesity.

He advocates for omega-3 fats such as found in fish, along with a diet with lots of fruits and vegetables.

"It doesn't have to be exotic," said Small, who has a Novi appearance coming up. "It's a kind of food that's readily available. What we need to do is eat nutritious and delicious."

Boost memory
The couple's book is designed to educate people to follow a healthy lifestyle. Memory exercises, what some call "brain teasers," are included, along with common-sense advice on handling stress and getting sufficient sleep.

The authors include assessment tools to help you make a change in lifestyle habits.

Small said exercise that works your heart boosts cognitive performance, sending blood to your brain. Finding a "workout buddy" helps with motivation and more.

"You're having a conversation which is working for brain

health," he said. Talking over the day reduces its stresses, too.

In 2002, scientists were able to report human results from PET scans for Alzheimer's and dementias. The goal now is to find a drug to treat Alzheimer's effectively, much like statins work on those with high cholesterol.

"We don't think we can cure it," Small said. Delaying onset of symptoms is key.

"There's always hope for people," he said, citing clinical trials targeting families of those who have dementia. In studies of twins where only one gets Alzheimer's, lifestyle is proving to be key.

Small agreed it also helps boomers and seniors to remain connected socially.

"There's a big plus in staying connected with others," he said. "Social butterflies do better as they age, there's no question about it."

Their life expectancy tends to be better as well, and they have emotional and practical support. Scientists are also studying areas with a high number of centenarians, including parts of Italy and Japan. People there tend to be socially connected, he said, as well as physically active and with good diets.

"That's where people show the most resistance," he said of Americans. He and other health care providers have found people feel better once on a better diet, and have less desire for high-sugar and other foods that aren't nutritious.

His work is rewarding in that it changes lives: "It really is tremendously rewarding." On a book tour, he met a woman who's followed the advice since his first book some 10 years ago. His work is mentally stimulating, "but also to see it help so many people" is great.

"They're going to start feeling better right away," he added of those who follow the advice.

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Let's go fishing



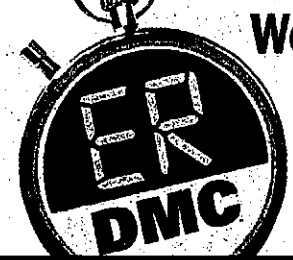
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Erica Heier tries her hand at tying a fishing fly at the Jan. 11 Ultimate Fishing Show Detroit at Novi's Suburban Collection Showplace. The Michigan Fly-Fishing Club gave people the opportunity to tie some flies with donated materials and their expert advice.



Tim Kerr tries out a fly-fishing rod at the Jan. 11 Ultimate Fishing Show Detroit at Novi's Suburban Collection Showplace. The four-day show concluded on Jan. 13 and featured hundreds of exhibitors and "Lake Ultimate", a huge pool of water, large enough for boats, filled with fish, that was used for casting demonstrations.

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SPEECH

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their knowledge of Novi. After a lot of laughs — which included one woman being interviewed by Gatt saying she thought city Councilman Andrew Much was mayor — a serious address was delivered and gave a picture of a successful, vibrant city ready for the future.

And like the Top 10 list from The Late Show, Gatt listed his 10 words that best describe what Novi is and why it's a great place to live, work and play.

The first word was inclusive. He cited the city's collaboration with local schools, businesses, residents and other local communities as examples of Novi's goal to work together.

Next he said Novi is responsible and pointed to its fiscal responsibility and the reduction of its long-term debt as the big reasons it was able to lower its millage rate, one of the few municipalities that has done so in the last year.

He added this was all done without hurting the city's quality of service.



Novi Mayor Bob Gatt delivered his second State of the City address at the Barometre Renaissance hotel last Thursday before a full ballroom of local community and business leaders.

es. In this area, he talked about Novi being innovative. He said the Department of Public Works has been innovative this past year with such projects as the Nine Mile Parkway and the repaving of Grand River Avenue.

As for safe, Gatt said Novi is one of the safest, and its partnerships with CEMS for ambulance service and the mutual fire aid agreement with such projects as the Nine Mile Parkway and the repaving of Grand River Avenue.

percent clearance rate (which is nearly double the state average) of all Part A crimes (murder, sexual assault, robbery, etc.). Novi's violent crime rate decreased by more than 20 percent in the past year.

"We are fortunate to have the very best men and women serving our city in our police and fire departments," Gatt said.

Last year proved that Novi remains a vibrant city, and he noted the revival of the state fair with the Great Lakes State Fair. But Gatt also said new developments — from the revitalization of Novi Town Center with Walmart moving in, to the removal of the old Novi Expo Center and construction of the new Hyatt Place Hotel at the Suburban Collection Showplace — will create even more opportunities for the future.

The mayor said what makes Novi so strong, though, is its progressive and diverse nature.

He cited the various festivals it hosts — including India Day, the Festival of Chariots, Ethnic Taste and Tune Fest and the Japan Festival — as evidence of the rich cultures the community has within it, and he added that Novi schools demonstrate this diversity very well.

"One thing I am most proud of is our diversity," Gatt said.

Novi, the Asian population has doubled to nearly 16 percent and the Hispanic population grew by 67 percent.

Another trait of Novi is that it's a leader, earning honors in many different areas — from its multiple Gold Promoting Active Communities Award from the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness to Catholic Education of Novi Town Center named one of the top Catholic high schools in the country.

Another sign of a great place is how active it is, and Gatt said Novi again succeeds with some of the best in parks, trails, arts and culture. He pointed to the improvements being made at Pavilion Shore Park and Novi being recognized for hosting a national girls softball tournament as two big examples.

And finally, he said Novi is focused "not only on the needs and services of today, but continually looking forward and focused on the future."

The mayor gave his State of the City address again later that night at the Civic Center.

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REACTION

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"Runzheimer has been contacted by the Insurance Institute of Michigan in the past about these statistics and they refuse to divulge their methodology or sources for their numbers," Pearson said. "I am sure that you can find rates quoted that are as high as their dollar figures for certain risks, but that doesn't mean anyone is paying them."

Pearson also said the study uses "business driving" and said vehicles driven for business are not a good predictor of insurance rates for a community because they are in the minority of usage.

"The vast majority of vehicles insured in communities, especially communities like Novi that are heavily residential, would be pleasure use or driven to-from work,"

Pearson said. "Rates for those units are significantly less than for business use vehicles, and I can almost guarantee that Novi would be far from the top 10 national premiums for those personal-use vehicles."

The city manager added that if there is an auto insurance problem, it sure seems like it is a statewide issue and "the governor's speech writers could have better said 'three of the top 10 are in Michigan,' rather than dragging our name into something that does not reflect a genuine hot topic localized on us that I've never heard vocalized as an issue."

Dr. Steve Matthews, superintendent of Novi Community School District, said he appreciates the governor's concern with low-achieving schools, but solutions that actually help these schools are needed. He also said expanding the EAA seems a bit premature since the current

EAA has been in operation for less than one year. "We have no evidence that the EAA as envisioned and implemented actually works," Matthews said. "Expanding it at this time seems unwarranted. Additionally, concerns about creating an educational entity that reports to the governor's office seem to be a stretch. As we look to expand the EAA, it needs to be part of the Michigan Department of Education."

State Rep. Hugh Crawford, R-Nowi, said the governor emphasized the accomplishments made in helping Michigan become a comeback state.

"We made difficult decisions the past two years, however, there is still work to do," Crawford said.

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Snyder wants additional \$10 billion in road improvements

By Philip Allmen

Gov. Rick Snyder said Michigan is on the right path, and the state needs to continue to reinvent itself.

Snyder said improving the state's infrastructure is a main priority, something that will take years to accomplish. Changes, he said, are needed both with revenue and distribution of funds.

"It's time we do something about roads," he said. In the long run, it will save residents money, according to the governor. He wants to see an additional \$1 billion dollars dedicated to roads for each of the next 10 years. If that money isn't invested, the road infrastructure will need an additional \$25 billion worth of work.

"Think of it as getting regular oil changes or waiting for an engine rebuild," he said.

That additional yearly cost translates to \$124 per vehicle in Michigan, though he said that money is offset by an average of \$81 per vehicle in annual road repairs. Snyder didn't say where that additional money would come from, but increased reg-

istration fees or gas tax hikes are likely. Heise said he wants to look at the road expenses before considering anything on the revenue side.

"Everyone agrees our roads are in poor shape, but we also know times are still tight for working families. We need to make sure we get the best value with our current dollars."

Allowing automated vehicles in the state is coming, as well. Florida, Nevada and California already have passed legislation on the new technology.

"We should be stepping up on this issue," Snyder said. State Sen. Mike Kowall, R-White Lake, said such legislation should be introduced in a few weeks in Michigan.

"We already have cars that park themselves," he said. "It's exciting what's coming up." An Upper Peninsula company almost left the state to test out the new technology, Kowall said, but the legislation currently being drafted changed their mind. The company employs about 200 people, he said.

Snyder said in his speech he wants to see changes in the insurance industry, primarily related to no-fault insurance

and insurance fraud. The average claim, he said, is \$44,000, the highest in the nation and more than double the next closest state.

Snyder didn't say how he planned to revamp no-fault insurance.

Snyder wants to expand the Education Achievement Authority from its current level of 15 failing schools in Detroit to 50 schools statewide. The EAA was created to address schools that have persistent low test scores. Legislation addressing the expansion stalled in the Legislature last year.

House Minority Leader Tim Greimel said the governor said he wanted more money for early education, but more than \$2 billion has already been taken away from education.

Improvements in mental health, veteran affairs and abandoned properties were among other areas of focus in his speech — more than a dozen major issues he said he wants to tackle in 2013.

Throughout the speech Snyder said the Legislature and government employees need to work together to provide the best customer service to Michigan residents.

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ABNER, DEBORAH JUDITH NEE BECKER. Age 66 of Northville passed away Thursday, January 17th at Providence Park Hospital, Beaverton, Ore. Deborah was the wife of Lawrence Becker, loving mother of Lisa Nancy Tenbusch (John) and Stephen Abner Asbury. Sister of Diane Jones (Meh), Cheryl Nelson (Rob), Pamela Becker, Kerry Kilder (Jeff), Geoffrey Becker (Cathy) and Dr. David Becker. Grandmother of Jack and Gabbie. She is also survived by 10 loving nieces and nephews and 10 great nieces and nephews. A memorial visitation will be held on Tuesday, January 22nd from 4-9pm at the Sorbott-Sassano Funeral Directors, 18091 Northville Road, Northville, 48168. In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorial donations to the Woodland Warrior Project, P.O. 738517, Folsom, CA 95675.

BLAZEK SR, DAVID. Age 71, of Brighton, Jan. 21, 2013. A private family service was held. Arrangements by Philips Funeral Home, South Lyon.

DIETKA, JOSEPHINE. Age 80, passed away Jan. 19, 2013. A private family service was held. Arrangements by Philips Funeral Home, South Lyon.

KNUDSON, DANIEL. April 21, 1957-January 17, 2013. Departed this world to rejoin his father and mother. He was a loving father and grandfather. He is survived by his wife, Nancy (Hans) Ott, Cathy Verrier, Becky (George) Rouse, and brother Jan (Mary) Rouse. He is also survived by his sons, Jonathan, Jill, Alex, Adam, Aaron Mitchell and Randy. He will be dearly missed. Any questions or remembrances can be sent to: Beckroo@comcast.net.

LEIST, Kenneth Ethen. Age 83 of Hartland, January 18, 2013. Funeral West Highland Baptist Church, Jan. 23, 2013. LynchFuneralDirectors.com

MCDONALD, MICHAEL L. Age 63 of New Hudson, died January 18, 2013. Beloved husband of 49 years to Patricia. Loving father of Tammy (Jeff) Frey, Vaguet and Michael (Cathy) McDonald. Dear grandfather of Jodie E. Crech, Mindy Jaguste, Sara (Hans) Moquin, brother of Linda (the late Larry) Powell, Kay (Ron) Moquin, Deborah (Suzette) McDonald, Jarid McDonald, Larry (Louise) Johnson, and the late Douglas McDonald. Also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, extended family, loving friends, and his dogs, Kirby and Jack. Cremation has taken place and private family services have been held. Serving the family, Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, Walled Lake. Condolences at www.LynchFAMILYFuneralDirectors.com

MEYER, VIRGINIA D. Age 75, of Rochester, passed away, 1/18/2013. Beloved wife of James L. Meyer. Online condolences at www.asterlinefuneralhome.com

SMITH, ROBERT F. Age 74, Jan. 18, 2013. Funeral services will be held at the funeral home. Donations: Alzheimer's Assoc. or the Humane Society.

SMITH, ROBERT L. Age 85 of Northville. Beloved husband of Betty J. Loving father of Debra (Jerry) Leiner and Connie (Timothy) March. Proud grandfather of 5 and 8 great grandchildren. Preceded in death by sister Vivian (Clifford) Baker and brother Claude (Millie) Smith. Visitation Sun 2-9 PM with Mon. 11 AM Funeral Service at Vernacular Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd., (Briar Sheldon & Beck) Plymouth. Memorial contributions may be made to Samaritan's Purse International Relief. Interment Rural Hill Cemetery. To share a memory, please visit: vernacularfuneralhome.com

WILLIAMS, JIMMY LEE. Age 66, of South Lyon, passed away suddenly on January 22, 2013. A memorial gathering took place on January 9, 2013 at Meeting Funeral Chapel of Ann Arbor.

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Judge dismisses felony counts against McCotter staffers

By Ken Abramczyk Staff Writer

A Wayne County Circuit judge dismissed felony conspiracy charges Jan. 18 against two former staffers of former U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter and sentenced them to probation in the petition fraud case involving the former congressman's re-election bid last year.



Seewald



Yowchuang

Yowchuang must pay approximately \$1,500 in court costs and fees.

Braxton sentenced Paul Seewald, 48, to two years probation and 100 hours community service, and he also must pay a total of \$937 in court costs and fees.

Both must report any contact with police or loss of employment to probation officers.

On Aug. 9, Attorney General Bill Schuette announced the results of an investigation into the alleged fraud surrounding nominating petitions filed in May 2012 on behalf of McCotter. Schuette alleged that members of McCotter's staff were involved in a deliberate fraud involving a pattern of copying and altering petitions in order to qualify the five-term congressman for the 2012 Michigan ballot.

On Friday, Braxton said she didn't believe Yowchuang and

Seewald conspired to commit election fraud since the signatures were collected at the "last minute," that is just prior to the mid-May deadline last year.

Braxton added that she didn't take the petition process lightly. "Things should be done the way they should be done," she said.

She quickly added that she was "somewhat impressed that they (Yowchuang and Seewald) have stepped up to the plate and assumed their responsibilities."

"It's an unfortunate incident," Braxton said of the peti-

tion fraud. Yowchuang of Farmington Hills, who worked as deputy district director for the former congressman, had pleaded no contest to 10 counts of forgery, a five-year felony, and six counts of falsely signing a nominating petition as circulator, a misdemeanor punishable by up to 93 days in jail.

Seewald of Livonia, who worked as district director for the former congressman, pleaded guilty to nine misdemeanor counts of falsely signing a nominating petition as

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OUR VIEWS

Local control State lawmakers should repeal gun law promptly

The 'gun issue' in this country is on target for a major showdown, and here's some local numbers that will give you an idea of how it's affecting Novi.

The Novi Police Department processed 643 Licenses to Purchase (LTP) and 591 Pistol Sales Records (PSR) in 2011. Compare that to 755 LTP and 754 PSR in 2012. And already this year, 158 LTP and PSR combined have been processed. In Novi, PSR are turned in by those possessing a Concealed Pistol License who do not need a LTP based on licensing requirements.

Now imagine a bus driven by Gov. Rick Snyder with state legislators as passengers. In a hurry to reach their destination, Snyder speeds recklessly down the road, running traffic lights and stop signs without regard for caution or the significant impact on others.

Sounds pretty much like what happened during the December 2012 lame duck session in which Public Act 377 was passed without regard for caution, the impact on state citizens or for the future.

Public Act 377 allows people to purchase guns from stores and other individuals with federal firearm licenses but no longer requires buyers -- unless they purchase a firearm from a seller who does not have the federal license -- to apply for a license to purchase from local police departments.

Snyder quietly signed PA 377 into law just four days after the mass shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School in which six educators and 20 children were killed by a gunman with an automatic weapon. Snyder wrenched local control from law enforcement and did it without conferring with or asking local police officials their experiences with gun permits or their experiences with the growing incidence of mental health problems in Michigan.

Prior to PA 377, a resident would apply for a license to purchase from their local police department if they wanted to purchase a firearm. Police officials then not only checked a federal database of known felons, but used their specific knowledge of community residents, based on reports and interactions, and the potential problems certain residents might cause that would warrant a denial of that license to purchase.

Snyder and his legislative friends not only stripped police officials of their local authority, but compromised their oath to protect citizens in their communities. Not all anti-social, violent or criminal behavior results in a felony record. Residents with anger problems, tendencies toward violence and mental health issues -- who in all likelihood should not possess a firearm -- are not listed as felons, unless they have committed a felony.

David Molloy, Novi's director of public safety/chief of police fears "situations in which individuals looking to purchase firearms may have had a recent domestic violence incident or a mental health contact with local law enforcement which will not be in the national database; thus the importance of the local check which was formerly made."

Most local police officials have most likely long been aware which residents fit the bill for not being top candidates to possess a firearm. However, a gun dealer or an individual with a federal firearms license would not be aware of these distinct problems and displayed behaviors.

Molloy notes that under the new system, those purchasing a pistol from a Federal Firearm Licensed dealer will only undergo a background check through the National Instant Background Check System.

"Our databases track police contact that may not rise to the level of criminal charges or a mental health commitment (Novi handled 24 last year) but are concerning nonetheless. Until such time as the National Instant Background Check System incorporates local police contacts, the issuance of licenses to purchase a pistol should remain at the local level and within the jurisdiction where the applicant resides."

We appreciate the intent and the spirit of the new law, but police are inevitably going to miss those situations in which someone has had domestic violence or mental health issues or incidents of road rage, for example. And that's the problem with the new law. Already residents in a number of communities who were denied licenses to purchase by their local police departments have stopped at their favorite gun dealers and purchased their weapons.

Snyder and state legislators must use common sense, restore local control and repeal PA 377 for the safety of Michigan residents.

COMMUNITY VOICE

Do you think there needs to be changes to our gun laws?



"I have some suggestions. Make it a federal offense or three years for any crime committed with a gun."
Jim Auge
Novi



"Yes, some things should be done."
Mark McMorris
Novi



"I think so. Our Second Amendment rights need to be preserved, but I see no advantages to assault rifles and larger clip magazines."
Robert Burnham
Novi



"Definitely. I'm from England, so I've never quite understood the gun culture."
Cynthia Doyle
Novi

LETTERS

School safety needs to improve

School safety has recently become a big topic to talk about since the devastating shootings in Connecticut. Are the students as safe as they can be? Can we do anything more to protect them? I surveyed 10 people about student safety, and they all think it can be improved. But when talking about how to go about this, they had different opinions.

Half of the people agreed that one thing we can do is to install more cameras outside of the schools. Others thought we should have more police officers inside the building or have fewer doors for potentially dangerous people to get in through. All of the people surveyed agreed that it is very important to protect the students and that feeling unsafe can affect the students' learning.

Protecting students is an extremely important issue these days. Keeping students safe is important so they can continue to learn and be successful and not have to worry about their safety at school. Taking action is essential in order to ensure that the students in Novi will be safe and worry-free.

Megan Hrt
Novi High School student

Reach out and help

We live in a dangerous world. Even schools, a supposed learning haven, are not entirely safe. This has been proven through events such as the Columbine High School massacre where two teenage students, Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold, decided to have a shoot-out at their own school.

However, we can help prevent these incidents from occurring again. Although Harris was a psychopath, Klebold was clinically depressed. The reason he helped kill fellow students, a teacher, and himself was because he felt like no one cared about him. This could've been helped had he gotten himself, or others gotten him, help from a psychiatrist when things got worse. Furthermore, if the other students had acknowledged him more often and extended a hand to him, maybe he wouldn't have felt the way he did and done the things he did.

All these little gestures make a huge difference to those in need, and can even save lives, be the cause suicide or mass murder. So the next time you see someone who could use a friend, reach out to them. Or you could do something as simple as a head nod or smile as you pass a classmate in the hallway to acknowledge them. In the worst-case scenario, if you think that someone you know needs psychological help, get them help.

Nupur Vora
Novi

Keep Novi safe

Recently, on New Year's Eve, there was an altercation that

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ended in a man being shot. We cannot allow any such thing to happen in our city. The city of Novi has been ranking near the top of the best cities to live in the U.S., and we must not let such behavior tarnish our reputation. We also cannot allow such crimes to be happening in an area with so many kids. These kinds of events are safety hazards that are putting our community at risk.

In 2010, the city violent crime rate was lower than the national violent crime rate average by 86.6 percent, and the city property crime rate was lower than the state's by 32.8 percent. The amount of crime has been decreasing, and Novi has been becoming one of the safest cities to live in.

On Dec. 31, 2012, two men were in an argument, and one shot another in the face and he crashed into a Dollar Tree store in Novi Square Plaza. Both men were carrying handguns. With so many civilians in this area, we must take precautions to enforce stricter gun control policies and to make a safer living environment. We can put an end to such crime. We can petition and fight to make a better Novi and a better place for us all to live in.

Sai Gotur
Novi High School freshman

Feeling safe at Novi High

On Dec. 14, 2012, 26 lives were cut very short. We are all still trying to understand the tragedy in Newtown, Conn., at the Sandy Hook Elementary School. As a Novi High School Sophomore, I find it scary that this kind of thing could happen at a place where kids go to learn and grow -- a place very similar to Novi. I do, however, realize that this could happen anywhere, and I find comfort in the fact that I go to a school that has a comprehensive safety and security program already in place.

I appreciate that the district

is being proactive by having a well-trained, alert staff and that the students know to report any strangers on campus. Since kindergarten, I have been participating in inclement weather and lock-down drills at the schools in Novi. We also have a police officer liaison that works with the City of Novi and the NCSD. The security cameras, hall monitors, and "buzzing in" system is all very comforting to me as I sit in class.

While the Sandy Hook Elementary School had many of the same security systems in place as Novi, we have to take comfort in the fact that the school district is doing everything it can to keep the student body safe.

Here in Novi we will continue to mourn the 26 victims of the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting. I appreciate the efforts of the city and the schools to make us feel safe while at school and in the community.

Matt Weber
Novi High School sophomore

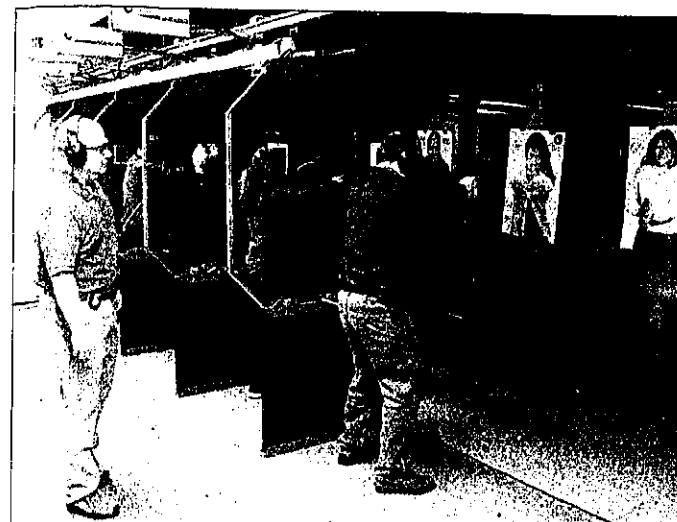
Stricter gun laws not necessary

The world is a dangerous place. The tragedy that happened in Connecticut when 20 children and six adults were shot at Sandy Hook Elementary is an example of this. Within a month of that awful incident, President Obama reported that over 900 Americans have been killed at the end of a gun. The president and many others want to do something to protect innocent Americans. They want to institute stricter gun control laws and regulations. I don't believe this is necessary.

What happened at Sandy Hook is horrible, but that doesn't mean the tragedy is going to be repeated elsewhere. With some basic precautions, schools can be considered safe. I feel perfectly safe as a student at Novi High School. There are many precautions already in place. For example, all of the doors are locked during class. We have a policeman who patrols the halls. There is a video camera system watching the school and the grounds. And, the police station is right next door. We have processes and procedures in place in case of an emergency situation to help everyone stay safe. We also have lockdown and evacuation drills. Our school is safe, and I don't believe that additional gun control laws would make it any safer.

The 900 gun deaths since Sandy Hook is a huge number, but how many of those were homicides? Many were likely accidents, suicides, justifiable homicides and police shooting criminals. In fact, 50 percent of all gun deaths in America are suicides and 3 percent are accidents. As a nation, we are understandably upset about what happened at Sandy Hook, but let's not overreact.

Brian Vera-Burgos
Novi High School student



The Novi Police Department's Firearms Training Center offers classes for residents to qualify for a CPL -- Concealed Pistol License -- and is taught by Sgt. Michael Warren (left).

SAFETY

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He said the course covers everything from the laws associated with the CPL to how to actually use the pistol in case it's needed, which is something Ed hopes he never has to do.

"I feel comfortable having it some times, but I hope I never have to use it," he said. "However, I know if I have to, this course has really given me the tools to properly do that."

The class is a state-approved Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards course that fulfills the classroom and shooting requirements necessary for obtaining a Michigan Concealed Pistol License. It's taught by Sgt. Michael Warren, and for him the primary objective of the course is overall safety -- from handling and understanding the gun to avoiding confrontations.

BUSINESS SAFETY

Another upcoming citizen/business safety course is being offered by the Novi Police in partnership with the Center for Workplace Violence Prevention, Incident Management Team, Inc. and Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration-Consultation Education and Training Division (MIOSHA-CET). There will be two free seminars on: "Surviving Active Intruder/Shooter Incidents: Preparation, Response and Recovery."

With the recent shooting attacks in theaters, malls, manufacturing facilities and schools, the Novi Police Department is hosting this free educational seminar to assist local businesses and institutions how to assess risk, manage incidents and develop safety measures and protective practices for their employees, customers and stakeholders.

It will be held from 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 29, at the Novi Civic Center. RSVP with your business/institution name and which session you will be attending, along with the name(s) of the attendees and their email addresses also, to Sgt. Warren at mwarren@cityofnovi.org.

"Many who take this course are pretty serious, so they are very receptive," Warren said.

The course has been around for more than two years now and 143 students have completed it during that time. Warren said a variety of people have taken it and many were from

outside the community. Thirty of those were female and 60 were Novi residents.

"I've met some good people in this class, and they just want to do the right thing," he said. "So I'm here to do what I can to facilitate that."

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NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

Wheels stolen at Tognum

Four wheels were stolen from a company car parked at a Novi business. During the weekend of Jan. 5-7, an unknown suspect stole the wheels from a Ford Focus that was parked at Tognum America on McKenzie Drive. An employee of the company discovered the missing wheels after finding the car up on three retaining wall bricks and a wood pallet. The security cameras do not cover this area of the property, so there are no suspects at this time.

Retail fraud at JCPenney

A woman was arrested for attempting to steal clothing from the JCPenney store at Twelve Oaks Mall. The store's loss prevention observed the woman on security camera taking a number of clothing items into a dressing room and then exit the room with just four dresses in hand. Eight or nine

clothing hangers were found after the woman left the changing room. The woman was later stopped outside the store and brought back to the office.

In her purse was over \$300 in items, including bracelets and dresses. She was detained by the Novi Police and during booking the police found another two dresses in her possession once she removed her coat.

Light pole damaged

A residential light pole in 45000 block of Lightway Drive may have been damaged by someone throwing a fire extinguisher at it.

On Jan. 3, it was reported to Novi Police that the pole was damaged. The extinguisher was found on the ground near it.

There are no suspects at this time.

—Compiled by staff writer Lonnie Huhman

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circulator: The misdemeanor is punishable by up to 93 days in jail.

Joy Yearout, spokeswoman for Schuette, said the attorney general's office is reviewing options for an appeal on Braxton's ruling to dismiss the charge of conspiracy to commit a legal act in an illegal manner.

"The message here is very clear -- if you break the law, there are consequences," she said in a prepared statement. "We'll review the dismissal of the conspiracy charge and make a decision about appeal."

After Friday's hearing, Seewald's attorney, Mark Mandell, said Seewald "took responsibility for what he did" and could begin to "put his life back together."

Seewald said he was thankful for the community support. He took a leave of absence from the Livonia Junior Athletic League in which he

volunteered as president and coached football, and looked forward to continuing with his involvement with the league.

"I will be looking forward to rebuilding what's been damaged in my life," Seewald said. "I can't say enough about how much I appreciate the support I received from family members, the community, the league and kids that I've coached."

Xowchuang left the courtroom and the outside hallway area without speaking to reporters.

Mandell criticized the attorney general. "I think the attorney general overreached by charging low-level staffers with felonies to look tough on election law," he said.

"The fact is, as we know now, Mr. Seewald isn't guilty of a felony."

Mandell believes the case has not been thoroughly investigated by Schuette's office. Mandell believes that investigators have not found the source of 80 percent, or about 900, of the invalid signatures that were cut

and pasted. McCotter's staff turned in more than 2,000 signatures, but only 244 were found to be valid ones. Candidates are required to turn in a minimum of 1,000.

Other McCotter staffers faced charges in the petition fraud. In October, Lorraine O'Brady, a former scheduler for McCotter, was sentenced to 20 days in jail or 20 days in a work program, then received 18 months probation after pleading no contest to misdemeanor charges.

The fourth staffer, Mary Melissa Turnbull of Howell, faces one count of falsifying a nominating petition as a circulator and one count of conspiracy to commit a legal act in an illegal manner. She was bound over for trial Nov. 1 on both charges by Judge Dennis Drury of Troy's 52-4 District Court. She faces a pretrial in February.

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David and Jean Benoit are from Northville. David is chairman of Easter Seals-Michigan.

Northville Township resident Dawn LaRiche joined the paparazzi at the ribbon-cutting ceremony to take a picture of her husband, Scott LaRiche, Detroit Auto Dealers Association (DADA) President, NAAS Executive Board member and vice president/executive manager of Lou LaRiche Chevrolet in Plymouth Township.



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John and Karen Kaley are from Novi.

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Benefit pitches 'The Perfect Game'

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

A fundraiser in Plymouth next month will give baseball fans a chance to see some legendary former Detroit Tigers and revisit the Tigers' two most recent championship seasons.

"The Perfect Game," a dinner and discussion among former Tigers about the World Series-winning teams of 1968 and 1984, is Thursday, Feb. 7, at the Meeting House Grand Ballroom. It's a benefit for the Miracle League of Plymouth, which in 2011 opened the Billie Family Field, a baseball field designed for special-needs children. The event will feature hors d'oeuvres, an open bar, a five-course meal and the baseball discussion, plus a computer-simulated matchup between the 1968 and 1984 Tigers teams. Sports broadcaster Eli Zaret will be the master of ceremonies.

League president Debra Madonna said about a half-dozen former Tigers have signed on for the discussion, and that she is awaiting confirmations. The Grand Ballroom capacity is about 300, but Madonna said the panel discussion is designed to unfold like dinner-table conversation, and will be broadcast on television monitors for those who might be sitting close to the panel.

The Miracle League, which has drawn players and volunteers from around the metropolitan area, is making plans for its third season, which will begin this spring.

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Geiger steps up for lady cagers

McMahon goes down, but Novi still undefeated in league play

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

Midway through league play, Novi's girls basketball team is still undefeated within the KLA Central Division.

However, the Wildcats (10-1, 5-0 Central) are in the midst of one of their toughest hurdles so far as they try to keep their five-game winning streak going without junior point guard Kerri McMahon.

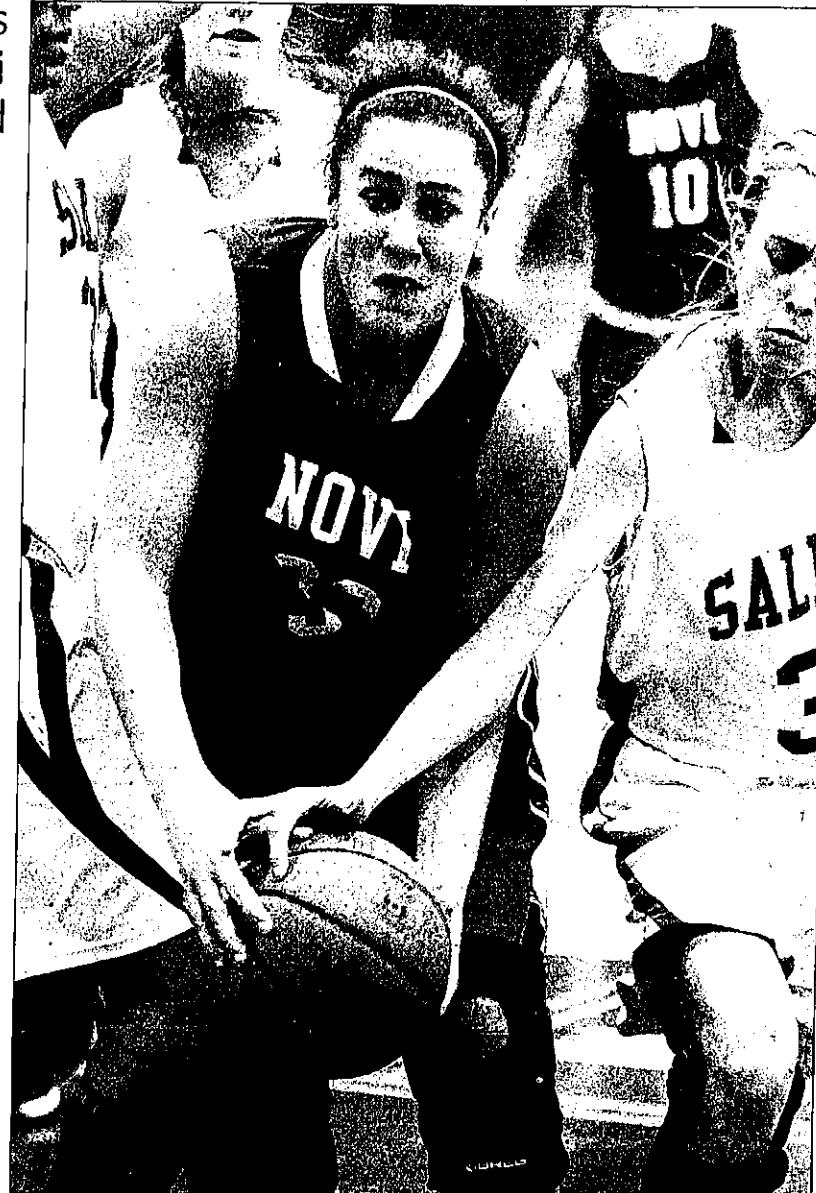
McMahon hurt her ankle last week in the first of two Novi victories and did not play in the second game. Novi coach Bill Kelp said Monday that he didn't know when she would return.

Despite the key personnel loss, things didn't slow down much for the Wildcats, who beat Plymouth Salem (3-7, 3-2 Central) 35-29 in a tough road contest Jan. 15 before a low-scoring 29-16 home victory Friday over Livonia Stevenson (4-6, 1-4 Central).

Novi led Salem 20-15 at halftime, but McMahon's injury helped allow the Rocks to take a 25-24 lead into the fourth quarter. However, the Wildcats closed the game on an 11-4 run to claim the victory.

"It was good for us to bounce back after giving up the halftime lead and Kerri getting hurt," Kelp said of

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Novi's Jade Antolec battles Salem's Kayla Kavulich for the ball.

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Novi cheers way to 4-0 league record

Wildcats, Spartans to battle for Central title

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

Results have been mixed at a few recent invitationals for Novi's competitive cheer squad, but things have been nothing but positive within league play.

The Novi squad is 4-0 in KLA Central action after a trip to South Lyon for a Jan. 16 quad meet. The Wildcats defeated South Lyon 697.83-639.87 and Northville 697.83-639.87 to stay atop the division. The Lions (1-2 Central) and Mustangs (0-3 Central) also each dropped decisions to the fourth team, Livonia Stevenson (4-0 Central), who scored 738.51 points.

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ON TAP

Novi competitive cheer (4-0 KLA Central) was set to visit Livonia Stevenson (4-0 Central) yesterday to battle for the division title. Novi's quad meet high score this season was 697.83 and invitational high score was 717.96 points. Stevenson's dual meet high score was 738.51 points. From there, the "Cats will compete in the Northville Invitational 9 a.m. Saturday and in the Kensington Conference meet 9 a.m. Feb. 2 at Walled Lake North-ern.

Novi tankers drop Rocks

Wildcats take nine events, 98-88 victory

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

The Rocks didn't exactly sink, but the Wildcats proved to be a little faster in the pool last week.

Powered by first-place finishes in nine of 12 events, Novi's boys swim and dive team (2-2, 1-1 KLA Central) powered through to a 98-88 victory against the visiting Plymouth Salem tankers (1-1, 1-1 Central) Jan. 17.

Seniors Andrew Ao, Gucci Onimura and junior Tanner Vincent each picked up two individual victories, plus Ao and Onimura teamed up for a relay victory with seniors Arthur Shi and Vinny Rosanali, as well.

Ao picked up victories in the 200 free (1:47.06) and 100 free (48.70), while Vincent won the 200 individual medley (2:05.31) and 500 free (4:53.69). Onimura won the 50 free (23:01) and 100 backstroke (58.06).

The three Wildcats weren't the only student-athletes making waves in the

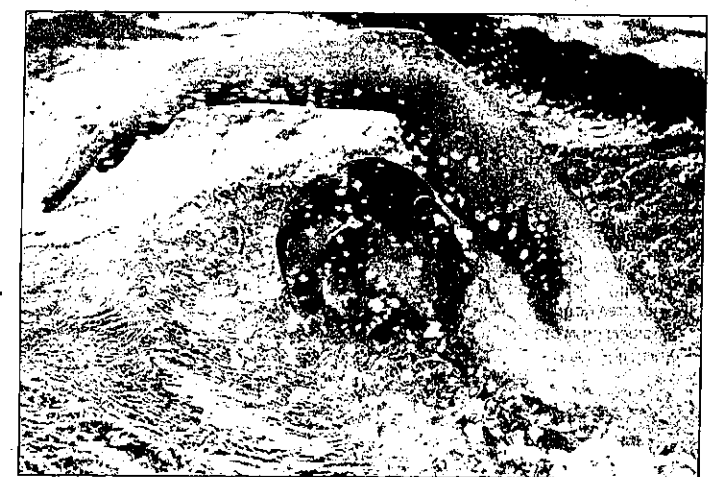
ON TAP

Novi's swim and dive team (2-2, 1-1 KLA Central) is back in the pool 6:30 p.m. today as they visit Livonia Stevenson (0-0) before heading to South Lyon East to face South Lyon Unified (0-1, 0-1 Central) 6:30 p.m. Jan. 31.

Other top-three finishes in the individual events came from Gordy Williams (second in the 100 backstroke in 59.30 seconds), Jimmy Ciolfi (second in the 1-meter dive with 168.35 points) and Will Sohn (third in the 100 butterfly in 58.68 seconds). Kim (1:04.85) and Nathan Louie (1:06.78) also took second and third, respectively, in the 100 breaststroke behind Salem's winning 1:01.86 time.

The Rocks' only other two victories came in relay events. Although Onimura, Ao, Shi and Rosanali won the 200 free relay in 1:33.50, the Rocks won the 200 medley relay in 1:42.77 and 400 free relay in 3:21.97.

Of the second and third place finishes in those races, Novi took three. In the 200 medley relay, Onimura, Kim, Vincent and Rosanali took second in 1:43.40



Wildcat Vinny Rosanali swims on Jan. 10 at Novi High.

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before Williams, Louie, Kyle Kilponen and Maehata Toraki took third in 1:48.46.

In the 400 medley relay, Ao, Shi, Vincent and Kim took second in 3:24.87.

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Grand Traverse JV Tourney



The Novi Wild Prep Hockey team won the Grand Traverse JV Hockey Tournament the weekend of Jan 4-6. They defeated the Midget A Rockford Rams 3-2, Grand Blanc Prep 8-0 and the Midget A Plymouth Stingrays 5-1 in an early Sunday morning semi final game to seed first in the semi finals. They downed the South Lyon Prep team 7-4 in the final game to reach the finals against the Alpena High School JV team. They defeated Alpena 3-2 in the championship game. The Grand Traverse JV Tournament comprised a field of 12 Prep, JV and Midget A hockey teams from around the state of Michigan. The Novi Wild Prep team includes (l to r, standing) Coach John O'Leary, Blake McKusker, Mitchell Berger, Danny Savelle, Brennan Martin, Trevor Malarkay, Mitchell Magliocco, Jon Vandermey, Matt Kopel, Ryan Turner, Gage Fisher, Jordan Richardson, Eric Czekaj, Ryan Rabinowitz, Jeff Malear, Coach Mike Magliocco, Coach Mark Tarpinian; (kneeling) Josh Richardson, Nick Tewillager, Brandon Kour, Akshay Bamsai, Will Dempsey and Austin Medico. Missing from the picture are Matt Hawkins, Coach Paul Flavin and Coach Tyler Burnett.

HOOPS

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his Wildcats, who haven't found themselves trailing late in games too often this season.

The victory was spurred by the efforts of senior Jade Antolec (10 points, six rebounds), junior Amanda Geiger (10 points, three rebounds) and junior Taylor Pavlika (seven points).

The Wildcats shot 10-for-29 (34.5 percent) from the floor, compared to Salem's 11-for-37 (29.7 percent), as Novi junior Kristen Schubring (five points), senior Kasey Lowmyer (one point, five rebounds, three assists), Malory Daschke (one point) and Alex Felice (one point) chipped in.

Novi was outrebounded 24-21 and committed more turnovers, 9-6, but managed a 9-3 advantage in steals and 14-6 advantage in defensive deflections.

Knowing they would be without McMahon against Stevenson, Novi's depth at the guard position was on dis-

ON TAP

Novi's girls basketball team (10-1, 5-0 KLA Central) was set to host South Lyon East (6-5, 1-4 Central) 7 p.m. tomorrow before visiting South Lyon (7-4, 2-3 Central) 7 p.m. Tuesday and Northville (8-3, 3-2 Central) 5:30 p.m. Feb. 1.

"We're just focusing on the next round of KLA Central play with three of the five on the road," Kelp said.

After trailing 6-5 after the first quarter, Geiger (17 points, four rebounds, three assists), Schubring (five points, five rebounds) spearheaded an 18-6 second-quarter run for a 23-12 half-time lead.

"One of the best all-around games I've seen in a while. Very proud of her all year long, but especially the other

night," Kelp said of Geiger. "We had more movement. But, with that said, we spread it out a lot in (the) second half to work the clock and make them play defense."

For the entire second half, Novi would outscore Stevenson 6-4 to cap the contest at 29-16.

Although Geiger scored 58.6 percent of Novi's points, hitting six of the team's nine field goals, she got offensive assistance from Pavlika (four points, four assists), Schubring (four points, three rebounds), Lowmyer (three points, three rebounds, two steals, six deflections) and Antolec (one point, five rebounds).

"She is still working herself back into playing shape after being hurt over (Christmas)," Kelp said of Antolec's limited production, noting that Novi's defensive strategy also had an effect.

Antolec was a big reason the Wildcats won the battle of the boards 19-16. Novi also had a 20-4 advantage in deflections, 6-1 assist advantage and 6-1 steal advantage despite committing 15 turnovers.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Round Up At The Rink

The Arctic Edge in Canton has graciously offered Ryan Rabinowitz's Round Up At The Rink event from 5:30-7:20 p.m. Feb. 9, donating all admission fees from open skating to Make A Wish Foundation. Plans are to have a silent auction and a DJ.

Lacrosse conditioning class

Northville Parks and Recreation is offering a lacrosse conditioning class, a unique opportunity to work with the professional trainers from Barvis Methods. Staff will focus on speed mechanics along with lacrosse specific agility movements. Wear running clothes, no sticks. Space limited to first 25 to register. Class runs Thursdays, Jan 24-Feb 28. Times are 5:30-6:30 p.m. for boys in third

through sixth grades and 6:30-7:30 p.m. for boys in seventh and eighth grades.

Cost is \$90. Sign up through Northville Parks and Recreation. Visit www.northvilleparksandrec.org or contact kkoupal@ci.northville.mi.us for more information.

Crafters sought

The Novi Athletic Boosters Holiday Kick-off Art & Craft Show will be held at Novi High School on Saturday, Oct. 19 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. This is a juried show, more than 250 booths are available at \$60 each. The show will be spread out in the school's atrium, cafeteria, performance gym and field-house, allowing ample space for all exhibitors. To download the exhibitors application, visit www.noviathleticboosters.com/craft-show/. The application deadline is March 1.

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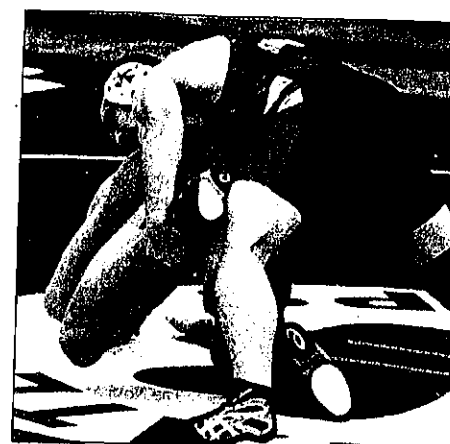
The successful quad came on the heels of the Wildcats' runner-up finish at their own six-team invitational. Novi picked up 717.96 points after being penalized 10 points, but it still wouldn't have been enough to catch winner West Bloomfield (730.95). The Wildcats did get the best of Woodhams (699.20), Waterford Mott (694.48), Fowlerville (619.80) and Milford (554.68).

At the junior varsity and middle school levels, Novi's JV team was third of four teams with 533.86 points and Novi Middle School was fourth of four teams with 298.48 points

after being penalized 28 points in the final round to be bumped out of third place by 0.06 points by Orchard Lake Middle School.

After the league victories, the varsity Cats headed to Brighton for the Brighton's Best Invitational, where they finished fifth of nine squads with 700.90 points. Host Brighton won the event with 746.46 points, trailed by DeWitt (715.54), Michigan Center (708.78) and East Kentwood (703.72). Behind Novi was Mt. Pleasant (697.32), Plymouth (676.48), South Lyon (645.50) and Farmington Hills Harrison (561.68).

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CC's Nick Giese takes on a Temperance Bedford High opponent on Jan. 12 as the Shamrock's hosted five other teams in a meet.

Shamrocks take another tough loss

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

It has been a bit of a slide for the Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks basketball team as of late, but the team is doing everything they can to find a way to escape it. Unfortunately, victory would not be the case for the team when they took on and lost to University of Detroit Jesuit last Friday, 74-52.

"We were two down halfway through the third quarter and then we had a couple of bad possessions where we gave up two quick threes," said coach Bill Dyer. "We didn't manage our possessions very well and after that the game got away from us quickly. U of D is really good and they shot the ball extremely well." The key sharpshooter for University of Detroit was junior A.J. Horde, who poured in 25 points to least all scorers. Freshman Cassius Winston added 16 in the win. The Shamrocks, who

were led by Nick Malone with 13 and Austin Beyer with 11, fell behind 10-9 in the first quarter and trailed by just two at the end of the second, 30-28. The second half, however, got away from them as the U of D squad scored 24 of their 16 in the third and then went on a 20-8 run in the final stanza.

"We're going to need to do a better job rebounding the ball late and we need to improve on the little things you need to do to win games like this," said Dyer. "One thing is for sure, our effort level was closer to where it needs to be for us to compete in this league and the state tournament. If our energy continues to be higher, I'm confident we'll turn the corner and then when we get some healthy bodies back we'll get even better."

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



CC Shamrock Champ Kozlovski breaks through a Brother Rice double team during the teams' Jan. 8 game in Novi.

Huge success for CC

Wrestling team rolls as Bade announces college commitment

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

It was a week of huge successes and even more reason beyond victories for celebration for the Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks wrestling team.

Not only did the Shamrocks take wins over Lowell, Brother Rice and Orchard Lake St. Mary's while taking fifth at the Hudson Super 16, the team also found out standout wrestler Ken Bade has committed to compete for Pennsylvania University.

Bade is a two-time state champion and is expected to compete for the title again this season. He is expected to grapple at 125-133 pounds for the Quakers as a member of the Ivy League school's wrestling team.

"Ken has an opportunity to attend one of the greatest academic institutions in the world and wrestle (and) I couldn't be more happy for him

and his family," said coach Mitch Hancock. "He is a symbol for all future Shamrock wrestlers in what can be accomplished as a student-athlete here at CC."

According to Inter-mat.com, Bade is ranked 98th overall for senior wrestlers in the country and 13th in the 126-pound weight class.

Bade didn't let his decision stop him from turning in some strong performances, and neither did the rest of the Shamrocks team as they took a win over the Lowell Red Arrows last Sunday, 42-18.

Catholic Central won nine of the 14 matches and earning pins were Bade, Logan Marcicki, Nick Giese and Bob Coe.

Shamrocks suffer two losses

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

You can't win them all, but it sure would have been nice if Culver academy would have let the Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks hockey team win at least one last week.

The squad, coached by Todd Johnson, suffered a 6-2 loss last Friday and a 7-4 loss last Saturday against the host team.

In the first game, the Shamrocks fell behind 4-2 in the second period after a scoreless first. Brock Frazer, Yannick Vedel and John Zimmerman all scored for Culver Academy with Vedel tallying two goals in the period.

The Shamrocks fought back in the third, however, scoring on a

ON TAP

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks will be back in action when they take on Brother Rice at 7:30 p.m. on the road before hosting Livonia Churchill at 2:30 p.m. Saturday. The team will then visit Trenton at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday.

powerplay off the stick of Brady Jones, assisted by Michael Babcock and Charlie Green, at the seven minute mark. Green added a tally of his own 2:45 later, scoring on a powerplay with an assist by Babcock to make it a 4-2 game.

Culver bounced back, however, scoring a shorthanded goal at 12:51 in the final stanza off the stick of

Tucker DeYoung before Vedel added another tally to end the game less than 30 seconds later.

The Shamrocks were whistled for five penalties in the game while Culver was called for six penalties. Ryan Mulka took the loss for the Shamrocks while Eric Vierkant earned the win.

The second night found the Shamrocks keeping the game much closer through the first two periods, as they tied the game, 1-1 at 16:17 in the first period off a shot by Luke Turner, assisted by Michael Babcock and Green, and made it a 3-3 game by the end of the second of scores by Babcock and Brady Jones with assists going to Babcock, Turner, Andrew Kinney and Nick Daigneau.

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Learn to use new gadgets, technology at the library

By Jon Gunnells
Guest Columnist



Tech Savvy
Jon Gunnells

The holiday season brought you a new piece of technology but you don't know how to use it? You don't need to pay top dollar to start learning how to use your new gadget - whether it may be a smartphone, tablet, camera, eReader or computer.

There's no better resource than your local library to help you learn about new technology or even provide technology when you need it.

"In Canton, we have user groups on Jan. 29 and a class for Kindle Users on Jan. 16," said Laurie Golden, marketing and communications manager of the Canton Public Library. "We also have a blog with tips, tricks and instructional videos. Our librarians also offer eReader support by phone or walk-ins."

The Canton Public Library blog is located at <https://www.cantonpl.org/ebooks>.

Canton however, isn't the only community offering technology support to community members. The Farmington Community Library has upcoming eReader and Kindle courses and Jan. 22 is the next one. Libraries in Plymouth, Dearborn and Royal Oak are also offering eReader and Kindle support throughout the month of January.

In Northville, free computer classes and

free one-on-one tutoring sessions are available to residents who know how to use a mouse. There will be drop-in tutoring at the Northville Public Library on Saturday Jan. 26, Feb. 9 and Feb. 23 from 10 a.m. to noon. Community members may also pre-register for tutoring on Thursday Jan. 17 or Feb. 14 for 40-minute sessions. All computer training is made possible through teen volunteers.

Like the Canton Public Library, the Northville Public Library has eBook help available. Users can pre-register for 40-minute training sessions that are held each Thursday night between 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

In Livonia, the Civic Center Library has one on one tutoring by appointment. The Civic Center Library also offers basic, weekly computer sessions for Microsoft Office and other computer programs and monthly eReader courses.

Libraries are also a great resource to download free content for your devices. The Novi Public Library for instance offers free and legal downloads of popular music, eBooks and audio books. For

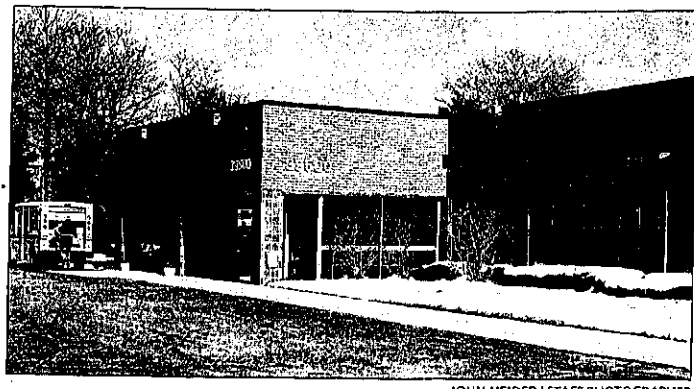
instance, users can download up to three free songs per week through the Novi Public Library, via Sony Music and IODA catalogs.

And just about every local library has many more tools for residents who may be in a pinch. Basic, internet-enabled computer workstations, printers, scanners and fax machines are staples of libraries that can help you don't have a computer or your computer breaks.

The Plymouth Public Library for instance has computers available to those with a library card. They even have special sections for teens and adults plus dedicated computers for family research and job searches, plus email kiosks and free wireless internet. The Canton Public Library has similar offers with wireless internet, printing and more than 150 computers for kids, teens and adults.

So before you get frustrated with a potentially difficult learning curve on your new computer or tablet, contact your local library to see what resources they have to help. It is a much more reasonable option than expensive in-home tutoring, online courses or self-help DVDs.

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30-year-old medical office building gets a makeover

Owners hopes to attract new tenants

By Lonnie Hulman
Staff Writer

Some things were built to last and get better - and the building at 39500 10 Mile Road in Novi is a great example.

The 23,000 square foot steel frame building with an all-brick exterior is over 30 years old, but has been renovated to give it updated practicality. These updates include a radiology suite and automatic doors for easier entry. It's been largely built-out and is ready for occupancy.

Commercial property realtor Jonathan Brateman, who represents the owner of the building, said what makes this building stand out is that it has stood the test of time and remains a relevant location for new businesses and services.

He said it "represents a great re-use of the building, because the building was both built well and maintained in proper order and renovated well, this building is an outstanding example of what quality construction, followed by faithful attention and care, and a commitment to re-tenant is all about.

Re-tenant is realtor speak for finding new

occupants and uses for the building. This building, located near Haggerty, was built in the late 1970s and used to be an additional emergency room for Providence Hospital, along with office space for Providence-affiliated doctors.

It's now come almost full circle and is again a place for health care and medical professionals. But it's not completely full yet. The challenge is to bring new awareness to a location that sits back a bit off the road and has been there for a long time.

Brateman said it's owned by a group of private individuals committed to making the building successful.

"Not only have they met the present needs, but they have developed a plan to add a two-story addition to the front of the building to accommodate a 9,600-square-foot tenant," he said.

"The building is zoned OS-2 (Office-Service). Brateman said the main focus is to attract other medical and health care related professionals.

Currently, he said there is a tenant mix of the following practices: orthopedics, surgery, orthodontics, physical therapy, internal

medicine, family practice, dermatology and cardiology.

"We are looking for ophthalmology, psychology, pharmacy or other complementary uses," said Brateman.

It does have some ideal features that could attract more medical-use occupants: easy access to highways, great frontage and access on Ten Mile Road as well as accessibility from Haggerty Road.

"It's easy to tell patients where you are and the newly-relocated directory of ground signage is also helpful," he added.

"For doctors, the location makes access to St. John Providence Hospital in Southfield or Providence Park in Novi very easy.

The proximity to Botsford is well within reach, and Beaumont Hospital recently relocated a cardiology office from Livonia into the building."

"For anyone interested in finding out more about the location's possibilities, contact Jonathan Brateman Properties, Inc. at (248) 477-5000, jbrateman@aol.com or visit www.bratemanproperties.com.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Shazaam! recognized

Novi-based Shazaam! Public Relations and Marketing has received national recognition as one of the National Best and Brightest Companies to Work for by the National Association for Business Resources. Shazaam! has also recently been awarded seven additional awards recognizing its successful creative client campaigns and the agency's corporate culture. The awards include:

- A Platinum Hermes Creative Award for campaign excellence
- 2 Platinum MarCom Creative Awards for campaign excellence
- Novi Chamber/City's Best Places to Work

- 101 Best Companies to Work for, Metro Detroit Best and Brightest
- IABC Detroit Renaissance Award

"We have strived to create an environment where our employees love where they work and the clients we represent. That passion translates into award-winning PR and marketing campaigns and recognition for being a best and brightest company to work for," said Adrienne Lenhoff, Shazaam! president and CEO.

"As Shazaam! concludes its 11th year, our best and brightest team of professionals enter 2013 energized to continue to infuse creativity into our unique blend of services making us successful in assisting our clients to grow their businesses and to tell their stories."

OAKLAND COUNTY BUSINESS WORKSHOPS

Business owners and entrepreneurs who need assistance are invited to attend seminars in February offered by the Oakland County Business Center. Business Basics workshops are now offered in the evenings on alternating months. Unless otherwise noted, all programs take place at the Oakland County Executive Office Building Conference Center, 2100 Pontiac Lake Road, west of Telegraph, Waterford. For pre-registration and location specifics, visit online at www.advantageoakland.com/expand, or call (248) 858-0783.

Legal and Financial Basics for Small Business

Jan. 29, 9 a.m. to noon

Legal & Financial Basics outlines the key legal considerations for entrepreneurs operating Michigan businesses. Learn how to select the best legal entity given your management structure, potential liability and tax consequences; safeguard your proprietary interests while serving customers; and working with suppliers and contractors; and establish short and long term succession plans. This workshop is free, but pre-registration is required.

Marketing Your Business

Feb. 6, 6-9 p.m.

This course presents practical appli-

cations of marketing concepts designed to grow small businesses. It covers basic marketing tools including market analysis and research, target marketing, assessing competitors and key marketing implementation tools. A strategic, well-planned approach to marketing is demonstrated with several examples of effective hands-on marketing techniques. Focus is on the business' customers - creating and keeping them. Fee: \$40

Venture Plan

Feb. 5 to April 9, a 10-week series on Tuesdays, 6-9 p.m.

Venture Plan is an intensive program that helps evaluate business opportunities and develop an action plan for owning or growing a business. It offers essential business information to help develop entrepreneurial skills and build your business on a strong foundation or help to prepare for expansion. The program utilizes text and online training materials from a nationally recognized program proven through use with thousands of businesses.

Full cost for the Venture Plan 10-week series is \$700, however scholarships are available to reduce the cost to \$140. You must submit a Venture Plan application and attend prerequisite workshops to qualify for the scholarship. Class size is limited to 30 people.

Fannie Mae survey: Consumers more upbeat on housing

Some dark clouds remain on the horizon

Consumer confidence in the housing sector grew last month, marked by continued positive attitudes toward home price, rental price, and mortgage rate expectations, according to Fannie Mae's December National Housing Survey results.

The growing belief held by Americans that these housing indicators will climb in 2013 may inspire a boost in home purchase activity during the coming months. However, while consumers seem confident that housing activity is on the rise, their outlook toward the economy and personal finances appears to have resumed a more unsettled trend following a show of optimism in November.

"The highest share of consumers in the survey's two and a half-year history expect home prices to increase in the next 12 months. This view is consistent with Fannie Mae's expectation that home prices will rise going forward on a national basis. Combined with consumers' growing mortgage rate and rental price increases, the positive home price outlook could incentivize those waiting on the sidelines of the housing market to buy a home sooner rather than later and thus support continued housing acceleration," said Doug Duncan, senior vice president and chief economist of Fannie Mae. "Despite continued strengthen-

ing in the housing market, consumers' concerns over the fiscal cliff and debt ceiling have caused considerable volatility in their perceptions of the larger economy. This uncertainty seems to be prompting a growing share of consumers to expect their personal finances to worsen and may contribute to weaker near-term economic growth."

Below are a few of the top survey highlights:

Homeownership and renting

- The average 12-month home price change expectation jumped to 2.6 percent, the highest level since the survey's inception in 2010.
- At 43 percent, the share who believe home prices will go up in the next 12 months reached the highest level recorded, up 6 percentage points over November.
- The percentage who think mortgage rates will go up continued to rise, increasing by 2 percentage points to 43 percent, the highest level since August 2011.
- Twenty-one percent of respondents say it is a good time to sell, a 2 percentage point decrease from last month's record high, but a 10 percentage point increase year over year.
- At 44 percent, the average 12-month rental price expectation hit the highest level since the sur-



This house on Starkweather in Plymouth had long been a two-family dwelling until Scott and Alison Jones planned to make it a single family home again. A recent Fannie Mae survey revealed some encouraging signs in the housing market.

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vey's inception, up 0.4 percent over last month.

- Thirty-nine percent of those surveyed say home rental prices will go up in the next 12 months, a slight increase from last month.
- The share of respondents who said they would buy if they were going to move decreased slightly to 66 percent.

The economy, household finances

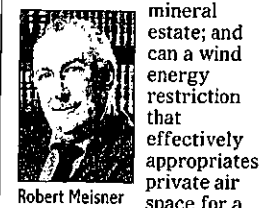
- At 39 percent, the share of respondents who say the economy is on the right track fell by 5 percentage points from last month's survey high.
- The percentage who expect their personal financial situation to get worse over the next 12 months continued to rise, reaching 20 percent and the highest level since August 2011.
- Twenty-two percent of respondents say their household income is significantly higher than it was 12 months ago, a slight increase over last month and a 5 percentage point increase over September.
- Thirty-seven percent reported significantly higher household expenses compared to 12 months ago, a 3 percentage point increase over the past month and the highest level since December 2011.
- For more information, visit www.fanniemae.com.

Windmill evolving legal area

By Robert Meisner
Guest Columnist

Q: We are thinking about buying a farm and placing windmills on it and I am just curious about what constitutes "wind rights" and are they legally recognizable rights incident to the ownership of real property.

A: These are all interesting questions, including whether landowners can be held liable if wind turbines on their parcels disrupt the energy productivity of wind flowing on downwind property, can landowners legally sever a wind estate from their land and transfer it separately from the surface rights like a mineral estate; and can a wind energy restriction that effectively appropriates private air space for a government entities use trigger a compensable regulatory taking? Simply said, the relative lack of case law upholding wind leases and easements and the unique characteristics of wind as a natural resource creates uncertainty over the nature of wind rights. As wind energy development continues to spread throughout the country, the need for clear answers to the novel questions described in your question and other property law questions surrounding wind energy will only grow. Enacting thoughtful legislation to address these issues is one affordable way for states to encourage energy development in their jurisdictions, but in any event, you should consult with a knowledgeable property lawyer for further assistance which may involve the creation of law in this area.



Robert Meisner

Q: Knowing that Columbus is the capital and also the home of Ohio State University, we are wondering what the legal opportunities are in the North part of the Columbus area where there is a lot of land available for construction or a conversion. What do you think?

A: There is a hotel megaplex just north of I-270 off of U.S. 23 in Columbus which contains most of the major three-star hotels with a number of five-star restaurants. These hotels are obviously very desirable because of their location, but there is an area near the Polaris Shopping Center which has a great deal of raw land which would be suitable for new construction. A hotel condo may not be a bad idea given the nature of the influx of visitors to Columbus regarding both professional sports and the University as well as the fact that it is the State Capital. Buying a used hotel for conversion is more problematic because of the limited spaces in the units which may not provide for adequate amenities, but each location is fact intensive and you are best advised to consult with a marketing and real estate expert in the Columbus area.

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HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Oct. 22-26, 2012, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON	46568 Swannere Dr	\$270,000	14266 Hubbell St	\$111,000	PLYMOUTH	766 Coolidge St	\$160,000
	7040 Woosocket St	\$173,000	18613 Lathers St	\$152,000		48950 Fox Dr S	\$485,000
	43889 Yorktown St	\$170,000	38815 Lyndon St	\$155,000		42157 Old Pond Cir	\$110,000
	GARDEN CITY		7429 Meadowbrook St	\$147,000		1742 Old Salem	\$200,000
	28611 Beechwood St	\$72,000	33621 Michele St	\$110,000		1482 Penman Ave	\$503,000
	31743 Chester St	\$113,000	8965 Parent St	\$118,000		361 Pinewood Cir	\$55,000
	30707 Elmwood St	\$70,000	14424 Park St	\$98,000		41679 Riveroaks Dr	\$172,000
	2033 Gilman St	\$50,000	29322 Westchester Dr	\$192,000		1651 William St	\$172,000
	31412 Hennepin St	\$115,000	33745 Pondview Cir	\$42,000		RFD#30	\$225,000
	32379 James St	\$82,000	33727 Richard St	\$150,000		25579 Deborah	\$69,000
	5935 Lathers St	\$20,000	29705 Robert Dr	\$105,000		25841 Dover	\$42,000
	32960 Roslyn Ave	\$49,000	38047 Ross St	\$180,000		9988 Garfield	\$50,000
	LIVONIA		8865 W Deborah Ct	\$131,000		2851 Garfield	\$49,000
	34425 Five Mile Rd	\$93,000	9841 Seltzer St	\$80,000		19170 Indian	\$20,000
	14063 Alexander St	\$128,000	8865 W Deborah Ct	\$168,000		8944 Lenore	\$75,000
	18963 Fairview Ave	\$169,000	30631 Wentworth St	\$186,000		25839 W Seven Mile Rd	\$70,000
	4015 Bassett St	\$115,000	19340 Westchester Dr	\$192,000		6705 Wormer	\$45,000
	93367 Carriage Ln	\$130,000	37375 Whitley Dr	\$206,000		9726 Wormer	\$23,000
	12475 Cardwell St	\$116,000	15080 Yale St	\$113,000			
	8921 Crown St	\$143,000	NORTHVILLE				
	9630 Deering St	\$86,000	3411 First St	\$140,000		36528 Avondale St	\$96,000
	17259 Ellen St	\$370,000	16748 Brooklane Blvd	\$488,000		34000 Bartlett St	\$30,000
	14474 Fairway St	\$222,000	39614 Greentree Ct	\$260,000		7912 Beatrice	\$106,000
	15561 Fitzgerald St	\$135,000	19733 Hayes Ct	\$73,000		30836 Beechnut St	\$68,000
	20238 Royal St	\$50,000	19340 Westchester Dr	\$192,000		53072 Back St	\$74,000
	8949 Frederick St	\$114,000	42282 Norwood Ct	\$75,000		33740 Prescott Ln W	\$479,000
	15073 Gary Ln	\$150,000	42076 Queen Anne Ct	\$83,000		32537 Joy Rd	\$22,000
	18254 Gillman St	\$93,000	17248 Victor Dr	\$325,000		36140 Oregon Ave	\$20,000
	17428 Golfview St	\$225,000	29469 Village Run Dr	\$245,000		7701 Randy Dr	\$111,000
	19353 Hardy St	\$145,000	39476 Village Run Dr	\$253,000		8514 Sanford Dr	\$81,000
	19459 Hathaway St	\$76,000	16559 Winchester Dr	\$344,000		33145 Shawnee St	\$72,000
	32112 Hees St	\$97,000	15898 Winchester Dr	\$311,000		193 Stephanie Dr	\$150,000
	38242 Hees St	\$119,000	20479 Woodcreek Blvd	\$353,000			

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Oct. 8-12, 2012, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS	12176 Corsaut Ln	\$266,000	801 W Long Lake Rd # F2	\$73,000	34527 Bunker Hill Dr	\$209,000	42044 Loganberry Rdg S	\$175,000
	32600 Norwood Dr <td>\$245,000 <td>620 Willow Estates Dr <td>\$321,000 <td>28298 Burton Ln <td>\$205,000 <td>23593 Valley Starr <td>\$139,000 </td></td></td></td></td></td></td>	\$245,000 <td>620 Willow Estates Dr <td>\$321,000 <td>28298 Burton Ln <td>\$205,000 <td>23593 Valley Starr <td>\$139,000 </td></td></td></td></td></td>	620 Willow Estates Dr <td>\$321,000 <td>28298 Burton Ln <td>\$205,000 <td>23593 Valley Starr <td>\$139,000 </td></td></td></td></td>	\$321,000 <td>28298 Burton Ln <td>\$205,000 <td>23593 Valley Starr <td>\$139,000 </td></td></td></td>	28298 Burton Ln <td>\$205,000 <td>23593 Valley Starr <td>\$139,000 </td></td></td>	\$205,000 <td>23593 Valley Starr <td>\$139,000 </td></td>	23593 Valley Starr <td>\$139,000 </td>	\$139,000
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