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### Auditions

The Novi Civic Theatre is seeking actors in first grade through college to be a part of a musical production of Disney's "Little Mermaid Jr." Auditions will be 6-8 p.m. Feb. 5 and 7 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road, between Taft and Novi roads. The production provides the opportunity to learn about costuming, lighting, and sound as well.

If cast, participants are expected to pay the \$80 (\$96 for nonresidents) registration fee, which includes an authentic script book. This will be a competitively cast show. Rehearsals are on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30-7:30 p.m. with possible Saturday rehearsals as needed. A mandatory family registration meeting/first run through will take place from 6-8 p.m. Feb. 12. Tech week will be from 6-9 p.m. Monday, April 29 through Thursday, May 2.

Performance dates and times: 7 p.m. Fridays, May 3 and 10; 7 p.m. Saturday, May 4; 2 p.m. Sundays, May 5 and 12; 10 a.m. Monday, May 6.

The audition packet is available online at [cityofnovi.org](http://cityofnovi.org) and at the City of Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services office. It is suggested that actors sign up for an audition time via [cityofnovi.org](http://cityofnovi.org) or calling (248) 347-0400. Walk-ins will be taken on a first come first serve basis.

### Tech Talk

Tech Talk classes, offered by the City of Novi Older Adult Services, are designed for those ages 50 and above who are interested in becoming more tech savvy. The classes, offered in a series, will introduce e-readers, Apple products, and the expansive world of apps (applications).

Classes are held from 6-8 p.m. Mondays at Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile.

Cost per class is \$15 per resident and \$18 per non-resident, per class. Pre-registration required for each class.

Feb. 4 – E-book Readers-concept, comparisons and how to operate

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Feb. 25 – All about Apps (Applications) and Tablets

Registration is available at [cityofnovi.org](http://cityofnovi.org) or at the Older Adult Services office located inside the Novi Civic Center. For more information, call (248) 347-0414.

# NOVI NEWS

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## City looking to expand economically

### Novi updates economic development plan

By **Lonnie Huhman**  
Staff Writer

After a comeback year, the City of Novi established a set of goal and strategies for 2013 to further its economic success.

"This was a comeback year in many respects — moderate number of housing permits and increased property val-

ues along with a resurgence of new and diverse businesses that have opened their doors in Novi made 2012 a generally prosperous year in the city," said Ará Topouzian, Novi's Economic Development director, in his report to city council.

Novi City Manager Clay Pearson said the 2013 economic development goal and strat-

*'It is important to continue to be a business-friendly community, constantly re-evaluating our procedures and seeking avenues of improvement.'*

**ARA TOPOUZIAN**  
Novi Economic Development director

egies plan is a document the city has been using and updating over the last few years.

"This is a process which has worked very well for us in the last several years," he said of

putting together an economic development plan.

The City Council approved the plan by a unanimous vote.

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## Great food, style and service will make Genji a standout Novi restaurant

By **Lonnie Huhman**  
Staff Writer

The wait was well worth it.

Genji Japanese Steakhouse, Asian Cuisine and Sushi Bar is now open. Its great food, service and ambiance add up to an all-around enjoyable experience.

This new Novi restaurant has opened up its doors for business, and will be having its official grand opening on Feb. 1. It's located on S. Karevich Drive in the building that was formerly the Too Chez restaurant, which has been vacant for nearly 10 years.

Genji has brought new life into the location with a complete renovation over the past several months.

For owner Henry Pi, it's been two years in the making with a lot of work and money to make it all happen. However, it's all worth it now that the finished touches have been put into a restaurant



Genji's ahi tuna appetizer with kiwi, pineapple, cherry tomatoes and star fruit.

that is sure to become a favorite of Novi and surrounding communities.

"We're excited about our opening and couldn't be happier with the way the renovations remade the building," he said. "Now it's time to get to work in making people happy when they come here."

A total of \$7 million was put into the purchase of the property, which also includes another building that is used for offices, and in their renovation.

It's a family-owned operation. The Pis have other restaurants in Brighton, Midland and Saginaw.

Genji of Novi is a special place for the family, and it's obvious they've put their heart and soul into it. This is evident when you walk through the doors into a place that mixes traditional and modern styles.

The design, which was helped by Ron and Roman Architects of Birmingham, has a high-class yet relaxing feel and look that complements the dining experience. The wrap-around bar, booths and tables provide comfortable seating for whatever mood or situation.

Above the sushi bar is the story of how the restaurant got its name (from an 11th century Japanese love poem), which was done by hand and fits well alongside the paintings that look as if they've been done in



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Tappanyaki grill chef Lom Pounghthana works on preparing a variety of onions and peppers as an appetizer during a Jan. 18 lunch. Genji is located on Karevich Drive in Novi on the site of the former Too Chez.

Please see **GENJI, A10**

## City says 'remove driveway pavers'

### Homeowner in violation of ordinance

By **Lonnie Huhman**  
Staff Writer

Darren Yanke was sick of looking at his burnt driveway, so he put in a new one composed of brick pavers.

It looks really good. Too bad a section of it doesn't comply with City of Novi ordinances and was done without first getting a permit.

Yanke's driveway was damaged last summer due to a prank-

turned-wrong situation in which some teenagers threw fireworks into the rear bed of his truck causing it to burn. The fire damaged the driveway as well as another rental car they were using.

Yanke's landscape company put in the pavers, but he was issued a violation for the completed job in October. He went before the Novi City Council on Monday to make a request for a variance of Novi's Design and Construction Standards.

It requires pedestrian safety paths (sidewalks) to be constructed of concrete, to allow the use of brick pavers for a sidewalk within the public right-of-way. It was not approved.

City staff recommended denying the variance based on the reasons that brick pavers would not be fully compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act and Transition Plan, they would need long-term maintenance, and they could become a trip hazard if they heave and settle. Officials said the standard across the city for public sidewalks is concrete.

Yanke was willing to be held lia-

ble for that section of public right-of-way and wanted to enter into a hold harmless agreement with the city. That was denied, and he must now remove that area of the driveway and replace it with concrete to meet the city ordinance.

Councilmember Andrew Mutch said it was "tough call" and was in favor of tabling it for a further look into it.

"I was hoping for a hold harmless agreement," Yanke said. "I was prepared to maintain it properly so it would not violate ADA requirements."

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## Bentivolio talks small business

By Brad Kadrich  
Staff Writer

Kerry Bentivolio is taking his act on the road. Bentivolio, the freshman 11th District U.S. Congressman who represents Novi, brought what he called his "listeners tour" to the Plymouth District Library, where he talked with a couple of dozen visitors about debt, the business climate and a variety of other issues at his first "Small Business Roundtable."

In the first weeks of his term, Bentivolio has been given a seat on the House Small Business Committee, charged with "protecting and assisting small businesses" and dealing with issues related to small business financial aid, regulatory flexibility and paperwork reduction.

Bentivolio is beginning to embark on a quest to find out on which issues his constituents would



Bentivolio

like him to focus. "This is one of the things we want to do, to get these roundtables started," Bentivolio told those gathered for the first one. "I don't want to do the talking. I want to hear from you where you think my focus should be."

He spent nearly 90 minutes talking about business regulation, the national debt, the fiscal cliff and other issues. Attendees peppered him with questions about paperwork and taxes, small-business loans and other issues.

And, in answering those questions, Bentivolio held court on several issues:

- **Obamacare.** The freshman congressman said he's developing an

amendment to the U.S. Constitution that would prohibit the government from taxing Americans who do not participate in commerce. He said the amendment would keep the government from the tax included in Obamacare for those who don't get health insurance.

"This would basically defeat (U.S. Supreme Court Justice) John Roberts' decision," said Bentivolio, who said the amendment is still being vetted and would be rolled out "soon."

- **The fiscal cliff.** Bentivolio said he supported the vote to extend the deadline three months, but that he wants to see definite cuts when the 90-day extension is up.

- **The debt ceiling.** "I don't want to raise the debt ceiling without serious cuts," Bentivolio said. "They're not coming up with cuts."

- **Government's role in business.** "Government

interference is a problem. You've got to get the government to let you do your thing."

- He also said he's working to introduce legislation formerly introduced by Rep. Ron Paul. The Protect Small Business Jobs Act would, according to Bentivolio, give small businesses found in violation of a federal regulation a six-month grace period to comply before being sanctioned.

Bentivolio's office is planning more roundtables throughout the district, though spokesman Matt Chisholm said Tuesday no schedule had been solidified. Anyone interested in hosting or participating in future roundtables can contact Melanie Collinsworth in Bentivolio's district office, either via email at melanie.collinsworth@mail.house.gov or calling (248) 859-2982.

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Its resolution stated it believes economic development is a priority, and that the City of Novi must continue to invest in attracting businesses nationally and internationally. In addition, the city will look to implement effective strategies to help further economic development.



Topuzian

In 2012, the City participated in 10 ribbon cuttings, including Kistler Automotive, Tognum America along with several retail establishments such as the redevelopment of the Novi Town Center and opening of Wal-Mart. Another big development is the addition of the Hyatt Place at the Suburban Collection Showplace, which is currently under construction.

An important part of the 2013 plan will be to further expand economically through attracting new businesses and retaining current ones as well. Topuzian said retention will always play the most important role in local economic development efforts.

"These efforts allow Novi to grow and create relationships, while creating an avenue to prospect for suppliers that complement the existing business community," he said of the retention strategy.

**Attracting business**  
Topuzian said Novi has several key properties that are essential to

develop and redevelop, which would be beneficial for the city.

He cited the private Main Street development as continuing to be an important area ideal for mixed use of retail and office businesses that could complement the other adjacent shopping centers.

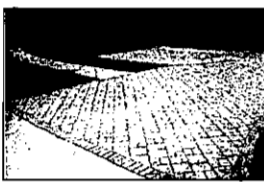
Two big areas for redevelopment are the former Rainbow Coating building (located at Trans-X, east of Novi Road) and former Novi Expo Center. He said the Trans-X site could be for future land use designated as TC Commercial, which could bring a quality mixed use development and the former Expo Center is future land use designated as office, research and development, and technology, which could provide a potential large corporate headquarter-type business.

Another success to build upon, Topuzian said, is the development of Tognum America in the OST corridor north of 13 Mile Road. He said Northern Equities continues to expand this new office park, which is an ideal location for new corporate offices.

"It is important to continue to be a business-friendly community, constantly re-evaluating our procedures and seeking avenues of improvement. The goal is a diversified, quality tax base that offers jobs, creating revenue for local government, and retains and attracts residents, visitors, and businesses," Topuzian said.

To see the plan's goal and strategies go to the city's web site at [www.cityofnovi.org](http://www.cityofnovi.org).

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A section of this brick paver driveway will have to be removed because it doesn't comply with City of Novi ordinances for public right-of-way standards.

## PAVERS

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The hold harmless would have been needed if the City Council would have allowed the brick paver section of the sidewalk to remain. With this agreement, Yanke would have agreed to be held liable for any potential issues.

Mayor Bob Gatt said that even though the drive

looks good and he believes the Yanke's are great homeowners, he said he would not support granting or tabling the request. He said if they granted the hold harmless it could set a precedent that would have the city dealing with a lot more similar requests.

"It's just too tough for us to say yes to one and no to the others," Gatt said.

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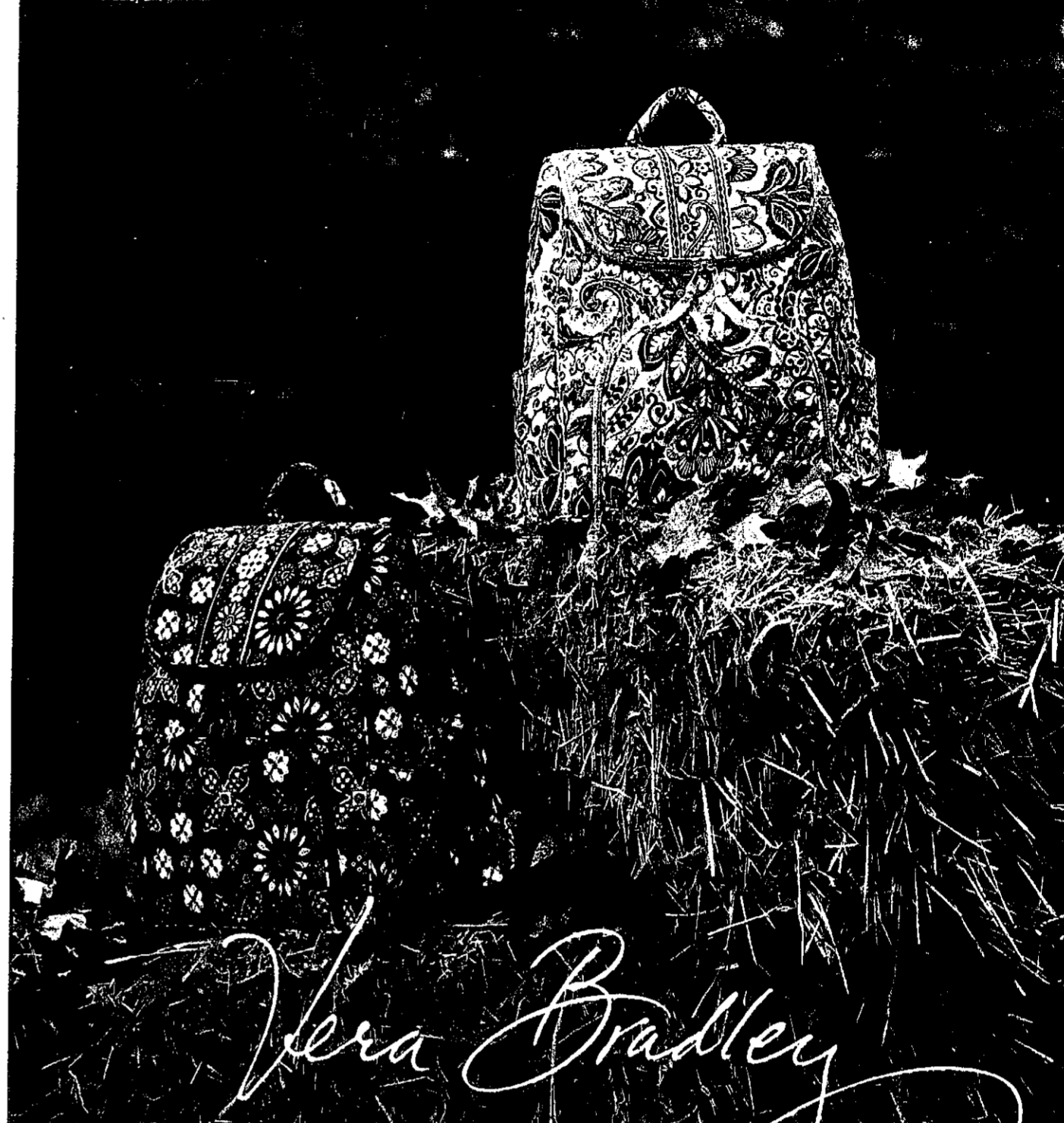
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## How we determine when to call it a 'snow day'

By Steve Matthews  
Guest Columnist

Where I grew up, snow was a big deal. Albuquerque, New Mexico just did not get much snow. As a result, when snow did come, the city was unprepared to deal with it. With no plows and no salt, the city opted for a strategy of letting the snow melt. As little as two inches could snarl the city for a day. Larger snows were cause for alarm and a run on the grocery stores.

So when snow did come to Albuquerque, a snow day was the inevitable. As I look back, I can remember the joy of having my father pop his head in my room and say, "No school today - snow day." While I was jubilant, I am sure my parents were much less thrilled.

As a student, a snow day is longed for, wished for, and celebrated when it arrives. As a parent, a snow day is an inconvenience at best and a complete and utter disaster at its worst.

As a child, I never thought of how the decision to call a snow day was made. All I cared about was that it happened. Now as the superintendent, the weather is a constant worry.

Monday was a snow day in our district. It was more of an ice-and-snow day, actually. The result was the same - school was called off. The decision was not made easily or without thought.

Monday started at 4:15 a.m. texting Steve Barr, the assistant superintendent of Business and Operations. We were trying to anticipate what the roads in Novi and the surrounding communities would be like that morning. We had to worry about our staff commuting to work and also about our busses would find as they started runs at 6:30 a.m.

At 4:30 a.m., we had a conference call with a weather service and with other superintendents in Oakland County. What were conditions like in other districts? What were other districts going to do that morning?

By 4:45 a.m. the decision had been made to close for the day. Typically schools err on the side of caution. Student safety is a primary concern. Can students get to bus stops and walk to school safely? Will busses be able to run on time and drive safely? Also we have to be concerned with staff being able to arrive safely and on time. Schools have to ensure that staff can arrive safely and on time because students need to be supervised once they arrive at school.

Once the decision to close is made, we have to get the word out to our parents and staff. We contact televisions, radio stations, and newspapers to help spread the word. We also call all of our staff and families to alert them to the closure. Calls started at 4:50 a.m.

Was 4:50 a.m. too early to call? In retrospect it was probably 30 to 45 minutes too early. Calling by 5:30 a.m. would probably be more appropriate. But we recognize that some staff are on the road to our schools between 5:30 and 6 a.m. Parents who need to find alternative places for their children need time to make those arrangements. So an early call is needed - just probably not before 5 a.m.

This past Monday was our first snow day since the 2010-2011 school year. Michigan's winter weather over the past two years has been remarkably mild. I apologize for the inconvenience. But with over 6,300 students and over 800 staff trying to make their way safely to school, I felt it was appropriate for us to close.

As a child, snow days were a joyful surprise. As the superintendent, snow days are less joyful surprise and more stressful experience.

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## Learning about Dr. King

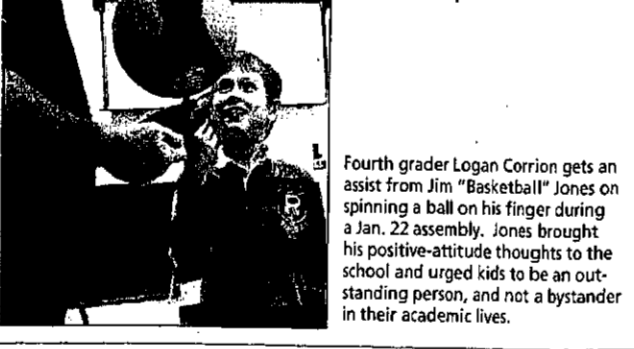


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Kate Martin, 3, draws a photo of Dr. Martin Luther King at the Novi Public Library on the civil rights leader's birthday, Jan. 21. Beginning at 1 p.m. the library hosted a few activities for kids including stories, songs and crafts - to introduce them to the philosophy of Dr. King.

## Listen up!



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Above, Parkview Elementary School students echo the words of Jim Jones during his Jan. 22 assembly at the Novi school. Jones urged kids to be effective and patient listeners.



Fourth grader Logan Corron gets an assist from Jim "Basketball" Jones on spinning a ball on his finger during a Jan. 22 assembly. Jones brought his positive-attitude thoughts to the school and urged kids to be an outstanding person, and not a bystander in their academic lives.

## NOVI SCHOOL BRIEFS

### Green Gala set for March 23

NEF's annual fundraiser helps to enhance student programs. The Novi Educational Foundation (NEF) is hosting the 7th Annual Green Gala fundraising event at 7 p.m. Saturday, March 23 at the Lyon Oaks Country Park on Pontiac Trail in Wixom. The annual extravaganza has grown in attendance over the years. Approximately 300 people come and enjoy casino games, silent auctions and raffles, dancing, food and drinks. Participants include parents, sponsors, community members, businesses, Novi Board of Education trustees, Novi City Council members, NEF Board members, Novi education staff, Novi alumni and friends of Novi schools.

Pre-sale ticket prices are \$75 before Feb. 15 and \$90 after. Tickets may be purchased at all Novi public school buildings. Checks should be made payable to: Novi Educational Foundation-Green Gala (mail to 25345 Taft Road, Novi, MI 48374-2423).

Tickets also can be purchased electronically on the NEF website at www.novieducationalfoundation.org.

Funds generated from the Green Gala event will be earmarked to district-wide program grants and student scholarship opportunities, in addition to the NEF's fundraising campaign for Leader in Me - an innovative, personal-growth process that is woven into Novi's elementary curriculum. Leader in Me is based on the famous Stephen Covey book "Seven Habits of Highly Effective People," which helps adults become more successful in work, personal, and family relationships.

"In today's competitive global society, our Novi children need more than just strong academic skills," says Geoff Wood, NEF chairperson. "They also need critical life skills to ensure that they can work effectively in a fast-paced, highly-interconnected and diverse world."

For more information about the Green Gala, Green Gala sponsorship opportunities and other NEF fundraising activities, please contact Ellen Hulverson, NEF's administrative coordinator, at (248) 449-1211 or e-mail her at nef@novi.k12.mi.us.



Tigers manager Jim Leyland took a photo with Steven Safran, (left), sons Cameron and Harrison, who are 3-year-old twins, and grandpa Fred Safran from Novi.

## Detroit Tigers Winter Caravan visits Holocaust Center

By Susan Steinmueller  
Staff Writer

The Detroit Tigers paid tribute to the work of the Holocaust Memorial Center in Farmington Hills when its winter caravan made a stop there last Thursday. A framed Tigers jersey was presented to museum officials by Tigers representatives during the private event attended by some 50 people, including members of the media and supporters of the center.

The jersey was given in memory of those who died in the Holocaust, in honor of those who survived and in recognition of the museum's contributions to a "free and open society," according to an engraving on the frame that was read by Tigers general manager David Dombrowski.

Tigers manager Jim Leyland, bench coach Gene Lamont, hitting coach Lloyd McClendon and Fox sports Detroit broadcaster Rod Allen were other representatives of the Tigers caravan.

The visit was appreciated by center supporters and Tigers fans, such as Harvey Goodman of Farmington Hills. "I think it's wonderful that we are witnessing the Tigers showing appreciation for what happened to the Jewish people," Goodman said.

Goodman, who attended the private event with friends, added, "We are die-

hard Tigers fans ... they'll make it to the World Series again."

Steve Goldman, executive director of the center, said he was also very pleased with the visit.

"We'll put it in the board room," he said of the jersey. "We have other proclamations there."

The gathering was held in front of a black marble wall and next to an eternal flame burning in a deep vessel. Dombrowski described the purpose of the center.

Not only does the eternal flame burn to remember the six million dead to genocide in Germany, but it teaches people to think about their future choices, she said, "so that we can prevent anything like this from happening again anytime, anywhere, anyplace."

As the Tigers representatives answered questions, Dombrowski showed his faith in the Tigers going to the World Series again.

"We have a good club," he said.

He also noted, "winning in the major leagues is very difficult to do ... that's why it's so special to win."  
The 2013 Detroit Tigers Winter Caravan made its way throughout Detroit and Michigan Thursday and Friday Jan. 24 and 25 as it spread baseball fever to fans of all ages in anticipation of the upcoming season.

## Rep. Crawford officially sworn in



Rep. Hugh Crawford (center), R-Nowi, on Jan. 9 was officially sworn into office as state representative for the 38th District as the 97th Legislature began in Lansing. Crawford was accompanied to the ceremony by Blair Bowman (left), owner and CEO of The Suburban Collection, as well as the president of the Novi Board of Education, Dennis O'Connor (right). Both guests were helpful in providing feedback on legislation in the last term. Local residents can continue to call Rep. Crawford at (517) 373-0827 or via email at hughcrawford@house.mi.gov. Information can also be accessed through his website at www.gophouse.com/crawford.htm. Crawford's Lansing office remains located at 887 House Office Building, 124 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing.

## Commissioned



Rep. Hugh D. Crawford, who was sworn-in earlier on Jan. 9 in Lansing, with his wife and current Oakland County Commissioner Kathy S. Crawford, Oakland County Commissioner Christine A. Long and the newest member of the Oakland County Board of Commissioners, Michael Spisz in the Oakland County Board of Commissioners' auditorium, in Pontiac after the new board's swearing-in Ceremony. The commissioners will serve two-year terms.

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# Detroit Camper & RV Show coming to Novi

The Michigan Association of Recreation Vehicles and Campgrounds (MARVAC) is sponsoring the 47th Annual Detroit Camper & RV Show Feb. 6-10 in Novi at the Suburban Collection Showplace.

### DETAILS

**Event:** 47th Annual Detroit Camper & RV Show  
**Dates:** Feb. 6-10  
**Hours:** 2:30 p.m. weekdays; 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday; and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday  
**Location:** Suburban Collection Showplace, 46100 Grand River Avenue, Novi  
**Admission:** \$9 for ages 13 and up; \$8 for seniors; free for children 12 and under  
**Phone:** (517) 349-8681  
**Web:** www.marvac.org

All types of new 2013 recreation vehicles—over 275 units and 50 brands displayed; folding campers, motor homes, travel trailers, truck campers, fifth wheel travel trailers and toy haulers.

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RVs. Booths featuring parts and accessories, campground information, on site RV financing and RV rentals make this the complete RV show experience.



All types of new 2013 recreation vehicles will be on display at the 47th Annual Detroit Camper & RV Show Feb. 6-10 in Novi at the Suburban Collection Showplace.

it one of the 20 metro Detroit NAPA Auto Parts Stores for your discount admission coupon. With this special coupon, all consumers can get \$1 off any adult or senior admission.

Consumers can pick up the new 2013 RV & Camper. This guide to camping and RV dealers in Michigan now includes

The show is sponsored by the Michigan Association of Recreation Vehicles and Campgrounds (MARVAC), a member organization representing all aspects of the camping and RV industries.

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Deadline: Tuesday 9:45 a.m. for Thursday

**Boucher, Daryl Wayne**  
Age 54, funeral Thursday, January 31, 7 p.m. Visitation 2 hours prior. Lynch & Sons, Milford. LynchFuneralDirectors.com

**BRENAY, SUSAN J.**  
Age 77, died Jan. 27, 2013. Funeral Jan. 31, 11 a.m. Phillips Funeral Home, 248-437-1616. [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)

**BROOKS, ROBERT D.**  
Age 86, January 22, 2013. Funeral Mass was held Jan. 25, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, South Lyon. Online guestbook: [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)

**ERWIN, BILLIE L.**  
Age 87, of Gold Canyon, AZ, formerly of South Lyon, passed away January 28, 2013. Loving wife of the late J.W. Erwin. Cherished mother of William (Linda) Erwin, James (Ellen) Erwin, Douglas (Kathy) Erwin, and Thomas (Arlene) Erwin. Adored grandmother of 7. Private services were held.

Online condolences at [www.easterlinefuneralhome.com](http://www.easterlinefuneralhome.com)  
**FLUEGGE, JUNE E.**  
Age 79 of Highland, January 23, 2013. Services held January 25, 2013. Lynch & Sons, Milford. LynchFuneralDirectors.com

**GIANNANGELI, RICHARD J.**  
81, passed away January 20, 2013. Survived by his son, Michael Giannangeli; brother, Peter L. Giannangeli; and sisters, Theresa, Marcetta, and Helen. Burial at St. Rose of Lima Cemetery, St. Clair Shores. Visitation on Wednesday, January 24, 11 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. A funeral service was held on Wednesday, Jan. 31, at 11:00 a.m. at the funeral home.

Online guestbook at [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)  
**MCGOWAN, JOHN (BUD)**  
Age 75, passed away suddenly on January 25, 2013. He is survived by his beloved wife, Mary Jo (Giles) McGowan; his loving children: John & Susan McGowan, Mary Jane Kilize & the late Richard, Christine & Barry Witt; 6 grandchildren; his brother, Gerald & Amelia McGowan, his sister, Margaret McGowan and many nieces, nephews and loving friends. Visitation was held on Tuesday, Jan. 29 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. A funeral service was held on Wednesday, Jan. 30, at 11:00 a.m. at the funeral home.

Online guestbook at [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)  
**PLAS, MICHELE**  
Age 46, passed away January 26, 2013. She was born July 29, 1964, in Riverview, to Jan and Lucretia (Zwirin) Plas. Michele is survived by her parents Jan and Lucretia Plas; sister Suzanne (John) Sundberg; grandfather Jack Zvirin; niece Kendall, nephew Kameron; aunts: Loraine (Steve) Huth, Sharon (Tom) Casabon; and many friends and cousins. She was preceded in death by her grandmother Frances Zvirin and grandparents John and Yvette Plas. Visitation was held on Jan. 29, Tuesday, from 4:00-8:00 p.m., with a Rosary prayed at 4:30 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, 122 West Lake Street, South Lyon. A funeral mass was held on Jan. 30, Wednesday, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 830 S. Lafayette, South Lyon. Memorial contributions may be made to Community Opportunity Center, 33150 Schoolcraft Rd., Ste. 104, Livonia, MI 48150.

Online guestbook at [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)  
**WESTERMEIER, DAD**  
Age 58, passed away in the care of his family January 22, 2013. Preceded in death by his father Charles. Survived by his mother Celia Westemeier, brothers Michael Westemeier, Steven Westemeier, Warren Westemeier; sister Pat (Tom) Meier; nieces and nephews Jessica, Ross, Katie, Ryan and Ella. Memorial service was held January 24th. Brian Saunders officiated. Memorials encouraged to: American Heart Assoc. For further information, phone Lynch & Sons, Milford 248-484-6635 or visit [www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com](http://www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com)

**POTERACKI, CHARLES E.**  
(Of Howell, formerly of Detroit), January 25, 2013 age 87. Beloved husband of the late Helen. Loving father of Susan (Ross) Hoffman, Judy (Mike) Bandy, Dave (Julie) Poteracki and Fred Poteracki (Sharon O'Reilly). Chartered grandfather of 12, great-grandfather of 11 1/2 and great-great-grandfather of two. Dear brother of Irene Dietz. Uncle of Jackie, Ellen, Lynn and the late Linda Dietz. Brother-in-law of Ardice Wilson. Visitation was held on Monday January 28, with funeral services on Tuesday, January 29, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, 41555 Grand River, Novi, (248) 348-1800. Memorial donations may be made to the National Kidney Foundation. Online condolences: [obrenussultrafuneralhome.com](http://obrenussultrafuneralhome.com)

**STONE, ARLAN L.**  
Age 77, passed away January 20, 2013. He was born on September 9, 1935, in Detroit. He was a member of the Lake Street Apartments for 20+ years. He was affectionately known as the South Lyon Santa. Each day, Arlan could be found at Brown's Root Beer & Sandwich Shop or McDonald's visiting with his group of friends over coffee with his favorite cup of tea. He enjoyed woodworking and spending time with his friends and family. He will always be remembered as an intelligent, generous and caring man, who would do anything for anyone. He is survived by his beloved wife and best friend of 35 years, Julie, his loving children: Lee Ann (Gordon) McCleery, Carla (Bob) Moriarty, Joe (Lori) Stone, Debbie Wilhelm, Kristi (Jill) Marzinski and Terry (Christine) Marzinski. He is also survived by his grandchildren: Donald, Julie, Amanda, Tyler, Jeff, Joe and Brianna, his great grandchildren: Kiera, Ava and Lily and his brother, Jerry Stone. Inurned in Holy Cross Cemetery in South Lyon. Interment will take place in the Spring at Great Lakes National Cemetery where military honors will be rendered.

Online guestbook at [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)  
**Thitson, Richard A.**  
Age 81, January 21, 2013. Service held January 24, 2013. Lynch & Sons, Milford, www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

**VAN SICKLE, AVIS IRENE**  
A long-time resident of South Lyon, died Saturday, Jan. 26, 2013, at Providence Park Hospital from medical complications. She was 92. She was born July 9, 1920, in Lyon Township, to Ralph and Doris Bidwell. She graduated from South Lyon High School in 1938, and married Emory Van Sickle on Aug. 6, 1938. They had four children: Emory (Skip), Carolyn, David and John. Following her husband's death in 1962, she worked as a receptionist in a doctor's office in Wayne, MI; followed by 20 years for the State of Michigan at York Woods Center in Ypsilanti, MI, before retiring in 1988. Her home always had an open door for her family to come and stay if needed or have a good meal. Her strength held the family together through many tragic and difficult times. She was a beautiful woman, who was a friend to all who knew her, and was always there for her "girls" wherever it was to answer questions about cooking, raising their babies or how to get the best bargains at the local shopping malls. She is survived by son Skip and daughter Carolyn; 11 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren; brothers: Duane and Gary Bidwell and sister Ardiell Kidley; Doree VanOrsdel and Ann Polan. She was preceded in death by her husband Emory, sons David and John, her sisters Ralph and Doris Bidwell, sister Lucy Fox and brothers: Ralph, Lawrence, Donald and Calvin Bidwell. Visitation will be held on Jan. 30, Wednesday, from 4:00 - 9:00 p.m. A funeral service will be held on Jan. 31, Thursday, at 1:30 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, 122 West Lake Street, South Lyon, with burial at Cadillac Memorial Gardens, West, Westland, MI. Memorial contributions may be made to active Faith Community Services, 401 Washington Street, South Lyon, MI 48178.

Online guestbook at [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)  
**Williams, Mary Sue**  
January 23, 2013, age 71. Beloved wife of John. Dear mother of Michael, Daniel (Elizabeth) and Timothy (Michelle). Grandmother of Ian and Lilla. Sister of the late J. Michael Nalley. Visitation Sunday, 2 pm until 9 pm at the Schrade-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth. Rosary Service 7 pm. Visitation will continue on Monday 10 am until time of the funeral Mass at 10:30 am at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church (at Rock) Plymouth. In lieu of flowers, contributions are suggested to Angela Johnson, 14100 Newburgh, Livonia, MI 48154. Share your memories at [www.schrade-howell.com](http://www.schrade-howell.com)

**RANEY, RAYMOND A.**  
Age 88, passed away January 25, 2013 at his home, surrounded by his loving family. He was born on July 27, 1924, son of the late Anthony and Clara Raney. Ray was the founder of Raney's Gardens in South Lyon and one of the founding members of St. Joseph Catholic Church. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, Early Engine Club and the Midwest & Ohio Tool Collectors. He traveled around the world touring greenhouses as an officer of the Metro Detroit Flower Growers Association. Ray lived a very active life. He bowled a 300 on more than one occasion and was proud of his hole in one. In 1990, he married Irene Warkwick. They spent 42 wonderful years together. Ray will always be remembered as a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He is survived by his beloved wife, Irene; his loving children: Michael & Joan, Joseph & Anna, Anne & Ken Brown, John & Robin, Mary Bennett, Paul & Gayle and Anthony & Linda. He is also survived by 13 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. Visitation was held on Monday, January 28 from 1:00 pm - 9:00 pm with a Rosary prayed at 7:30 pm at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. A funeral Mass was celebrated on Tuesday, January 29, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, South Lyon. Memorial contributions may be made to CancerStarex for Children's Cancer, Development Office, 4600 East West Highway, Suite 600, Bethesda, MD 20814. Online guestbook at: [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)

**Strider Sports International** is bringing their Strider bikes and Strider Adventure Zone to the International Motorcycle Show Feb. 1-3 at the Suburban Collection Showplace, 46100 Grand River Avenue, Novi. Strider bikes encourage the development of balance, coordination, gross motor skills and a life-long love of fitness in kids aged 18-months to 5 years. The Strider Adventure Zones will provide a venue for kids to test ride the Striders and build confidence in their skills.

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### NOVI NEWS BRIEFS

**Healthy aging seminar**  
Nationally acclaimed and Certified Nutritionist for MegaFood, Buddy Ojeda will talk about a more seamless aging process and how to enjoy your life to the fullest at 55 years of age and beyond in a free seminar at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9 at the Better Health Market at 42875 Grand River, Novi. Reservations are suggested. Please visit [www.thebetterhealthstore.com](http://www.thebetterhealthstore.com) or call (248) 735-8100.

**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](http://oakgov.com/health). The Health Division offices are located at the following addresses:  
• North Oakland Health Center; 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Building 34 East, Pontiac  
• South Oakland Health Center; 2775 Greenfield Road, Southfield  
For more information, visit the Oakland County Health Division website at [oakgov.com/health](http://oakgov.com/health) or on Facebook at [facebook.com/publichealthOC](http://facebook.com/publichealthOC).

**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](http://www.GreatLakesArtFair.com). Judging will be held the week of Feb. 18, and jurors consisting of gallery owners, professional artists and art professors will be looking for unique, high-quality, one-of-a-kind, handmade pieces. Notifications will be sent Feb. 25 to the artists who have been selected to showcase their artwork. For additional information or questions on exhibiting or qualifying art, visit [www.GreatLakesArtFair.com](http://www.GreatLakesArtFair.com); e-mail [info@GreatLakesArtFair.com](mailto:info@GreatLakesArtFair.com); or call Andrea Picklo, event manager, at (248) 348-5600, ext. 208.

**Flu shots available**  
Oakland County Health Division (OCHD) is offering flu shots for \$16 at their Pontiac and Southfield offices.

**"Be Fit for Life" at Ladies Night Out**  
Ladies' Night Out, a community event hosted by St. Mary Mercy Hospital, will feature a presentation focusing on women's cardiovascular health, on Thursday, Feb. 21, at the St. Mary Mercy Numbers Auditorium. Know Your Numbers screenings – blood pressure, cholesterol and body mass index – as well as massages will be offered from 4-6:45 p.m., and the lecture will be from 7-8:30 p.m. St. Mary Mercy physician Delair Gardi, MD, medical director, Endovascular Services and interventional cardiologist, will be the guest speaker. Learn everything you need to know about women's cardiovascular health, with an emphasis on:  
• Reducing your risk for heart disease  
• Heart conditions including coronary artery disease, abnormal heart rhythm (arrhythmia), aortic valve disease, cardiomyopathy, aortic aneurysm, stroke and heart attack  
Light refreshments, prizes and community vendors will be provided. Registration for this event is required. There is no charge, but a \$5 goodwill donation is requested to benefit Marian Women's Center Programs. Please contact the Marian Women's Center at (734) 655-1182 to register, or register online at [stmarymercys.org](http://stmarymercys.org) and click on "classes and events."

# Man pens book about 1928 murder that touched close to home

By Lonnie Huhman  
Staff Writer

"Some things stay with you for the rest of your life. Like the story of a murder. Like a murder that refuses to die."

Thus begins Lee Holland's latest book, *The Murder That Never Dies*. Although a longtime Northville resident and CPA, Holland began his life in the Deep South. That's where this story takes place. His inspiration was his mother, Merice Mae (Armstrong) Holland. "I decided to write the

story for her," he said. "She told it to me a long time ago and it always stayed with me."

In 2006, Holland's first book was published, a memoir called *Boiled Pecans and Blackness*. In his second outing, he takes us back to Alabama to the setting of a murder mystery that sent a small town into a state of shock.

It takes place in the 1920s in Slocumb, Al. Holland describes its idyllic setting like a television show. The townfolk were neighborly, there was little crime and life was generally good. However, things changed a



John Heider / Staff Photographer

bit in 1928. He said what makes this murder story so compelling is that it involves two

prominent figures in Slocumb. The town doctor, Gordon Wright Smith, and a professor named Claude F. Avant.

"The murder of Avant was a tragedy many would never forget. He was beaten and stabbed. Later on Smith was accused, but was never found guilty. Nor was anyone else. Another undying rumor in the story is that Smith faked his own death. For decades no one would talk about it, according to Holland. He said the superstition was that if you talked about it that someone might want to get

you. It's a gripping story. His co-writer for the book is Laurie Palazzolo, a professor named Claude F. Avant. The book can be purchased on Amazon at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com).

"I really wanted to do a good job with this story because it meant so much to my family," he said. The book can be purchased on Amazon at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com).

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### May you find comfort in Family and Friends

May peace be with you in this time of sorrow.



## Six honored at Toast of the Town gala

The annual Toast of the Town gala was held Jan. 25 at The Suburban Collection Showplace where the Novi Business Recognition Awards were presented. More than 150 people came to toast six business winners: Novi Public Library, Suburban Collection, Peh Inc., Cherry Blossom Japanese Restaurant, Howard I. Bleiwas and Associates, CPA, PLLC, and Bright House Networks.

The night began with appetizers provided by Carrabba's Italian Grill and Toasted Oak Grill & Market, with music by the Novi High School string quartet. As people were enjoying the appetizers, they were able to browse 27 different raffle prizes.

Mayor Bob Gatt started the festivities by presenting all the awards, including a special award he personally selected, the Mayor's Business Ambassador Award which was given to Blair Bowman of the Suburban Collection Showplace. A celebratory toast was enjoyed by all, sponsored by Gasiorok, Morgan, Greco and McCauley PC, with the award winners gathering on the stage to receive their honor.



Pictured (l to r) are Julie Farkas, Novi Public Library; Lisa Brown, Suburban Collection Showplace; Nick Lonscharchitsch, Peh Inc.; Shigeru Yamada, Cherry Blossom Japanese Restaurant; Howard Bleiwas, Howard I. Bleiwas and Associates CPA, PLLC; Bob McCann, Bright House Networks; Blair Bowman, Suburban Collection Showplace; Sheryl Romzek, Novi Chamber of Commerce; Novi Mayor Bob Gatt.

The evening continued with a fundraising game of heads or tails. The prize was A-Dine-Around which included appetizers at Fleming's Prime Steakhouse and Wine Bar, entrees at Carrabba's Italian Grill, and desserts at Bonefish Grill with transportation provided by Wilson Limousine.

After the live auction, with proceeds benefiting the American Red Cross Southeastern Michigan Region, and dinner, dessert was provided by The Melting Pot and Perfect Desserts.

The Novi Chamber of Commerce thanks event sponsors Lotus Bank and Varsity Lincoln, as well as all the companies that donated raffle prizes, live auction items and the many individuals who donated their time.

### NOVI BUSINESS BRIEFS

#### BrightHouse adds TV One to cable lineup

Bright House Networks has added TV One, the real-life and entertainment network targeting African American adults, to its digital tier on Channel 147 and in HD on channel 347. TV One (www.tvone.tv) is a 24-hour real-life and entertainment network designed to entertain, inform and inspire a diverse audience of African American adults.

#### Cooper Standard appoints Lee to new position

Novi-based Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. (NYSE: COSH), a global supplier of automotive seating, fluid and anti-vibration systems, announced the appointment of Song Min Lee to the new position of president, Asia Pacific. Concurrent with Lee's appointment, Cooper Standard's Joe Emmi was named vice president, business development for emerging markets.

As president of the Asia Pacific region, Lee will focus on growing Cooper Standard's position in the region, while continuing to strengthen its local team and implementing the company's best business practices. He will be based at Cooper Standard's Asia Pacific headquarters in Kunshan, China.

Lee is a 22-year automotive industry veteran with extensive management experience in manufacturing engineering, product launch, sales and new business development with Ford Motor Co., Johnson Controls, Lear and Autoliv. He holds a master of science degree in management technology from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and a bachelor of arts degree in chemistry from Washington University. Lee also completed an advanced management program from Seoul National University in Korea and is a veteran of the United States Marines.

## Blowing apart the myths of multitasking

By Lee Meadows  
Guest Columnist

There is a great quote from the movie *The Man Who Shot Liberty Bells* in which a news reporter, upon hearing the real story about an incident, promptly tears up his notes and says to the interviewee, "This is the west. When the legend becomes fact, you print the legend."

It is a wonderful quote and, on the surface, appears to have nothing in common with the subject of multitasking. But underneath the surface there are more than enough facts to dispute mythical beliefs about this generational notion that complex, parallel tasks simultaneously without overlooking a single detail is a legend searching for facts.

Multitasking is the greatest job at rationalized, non-productive work behavior since the invention of the Neutral Activity Process (a nap). From corridor to cubicle, to cubicle, using all the social media tools that surround and support the Internet nexus, the term multitasking has emerged as a workplace term that causes joy and salvation among task-driven managers who only measure outcomes. It is an entertaining magician's slight-of-hand in which the focus is on the number of open screens on the monitor, coupled with the fact that the fingers never left the keyboard.

While it is a foregone conclusion that the human brain is capable of processing information at incredible speeds, it is also capable of fooling itself and coming to the wrong conclusion. The advent of workplace information-processing tools that seamlessly connect to the broad array of social tools provides a path in which all tasks meet at the intersection of Work and Play. From there it is an easy ride to Multi-town U.S.A. That's the only place where town residents work on all tasks, at the same time, in several cubicles, with groups of friends, all communicating, using multiple tools, with no hope of accomplishing a single thing. The irony of this scenario is that the residents

of Multi-town actually believe they are getting something done. Therein lies the heart of the workplace issue.

Anyone born in the year 1980 is turning 33 this year. This group grew up with the Internet age. Cable television is normal, computers have always been in the home, and mobile phones are a normal part of communicating. As they grew up with these tools, the expectation to accomplish more was inherently built into the learning process. Since tasks could be handled faster, the assumption was that overlapping tasks also could be done faster. Consequently, they were influenced to believe that downloading music, being in a chat room, sending an instant message and reading *How to Multi-task in One Easy Lesson* stimulated a dormant neuron in the human body that mutated into an ability to focus attention on the details of several tasks.

By bringing this skill into the workplace, it was marketed as a competitive advantage because the employer was getting one person with the ability to work as three people. Despite the fact that the behavior of this one person was closer to Larry, Moe and Curly, it was a compelling enough argument that the other 'generation' of employees became immersed in the process so as to ensure their long-term employability. Yet, despite the hype, there has been no compelling evidence to suggest that the skill of multitasking has helped the quality of a task, saved time on the task or made the person any more productive than the employee who accomplishes one completed task at a time.

The speed of the workplace, the pace of business and the instant global world that is the 21st century dictates that the workplace has to find innovative ways to remain competitive. However, the facts of the matter are that we are at our best when we focus our attention as one person completing a few tasks as opposed to a multitasker with a lot of tasks in progress. The facts of multitasking do not support the legend. Print it!

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### 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](http://www.advantageoakland.com/expand), or call (248) 858-0783.

**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 pre-

#### Business Research: Feasibility to Expansion

Feb. 7, 5:30-8:30 p.m. at the Novi Public Library, 45245 W. 10 Mile Road in Novi. Business Research shows you ways to find your ideal customers, your competitors, perform competitive analysis and more. Presented by Oakland County Market Research and an Oakland County Public Library business reference librarian. This workshop is free, but pre-registration is required.

## Exclusively Lincoln

### Varsity gets facelift, focus on luxury market

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

Varsity has been a part of the Novi business scene since 1994, and the dealership recently marked a grand opening under the Lincoln name, following the cessation of Mercury vehicles being manufactured.

"We're exclusively Lincoln now," said Jennifer McCloskey, business development and leasing manager, explaining dealerships were required to do a facelift by Lincoln Automotive.

"They are branding a certain look for the luxury customers," she said. "Sales have been very solid. We're really pleased."

During the recent North American International Auto Show in Detroit, Varsity Lincoln staffers were eagerly awaiting the arrival of the 2013 Lincoln MKZ in Novi. It has a moonroof feature that many customers want.



The exterior of the Novi dealership received a facelift as well.

"We are anticipating that that will really boost sales," she said. Dealership customers are mostly age 30-60.

"The vehicles are more technology-oriented now," McCloskey said. "We are attracting a younger demographic."

The sportier sedans appeal to younger buyers. "That is the target market," she said. Lincoln customers aren't shopping for a payment, she explained, but rather for quality of driving.

"We do have a lot of our customers in Novi." Others come from nearby in West Bloomfield, Farmington Hills and some from Brighton.

"We've had a lot of fun here," she said of the Novi business community. "They've paired with the Chamber of Commerce on efforts, as well as with Novi-Detroit Catholic Central High School on fundraisers with test drives."

"That's been really enjoyable," she said. "We get great feedback on that."

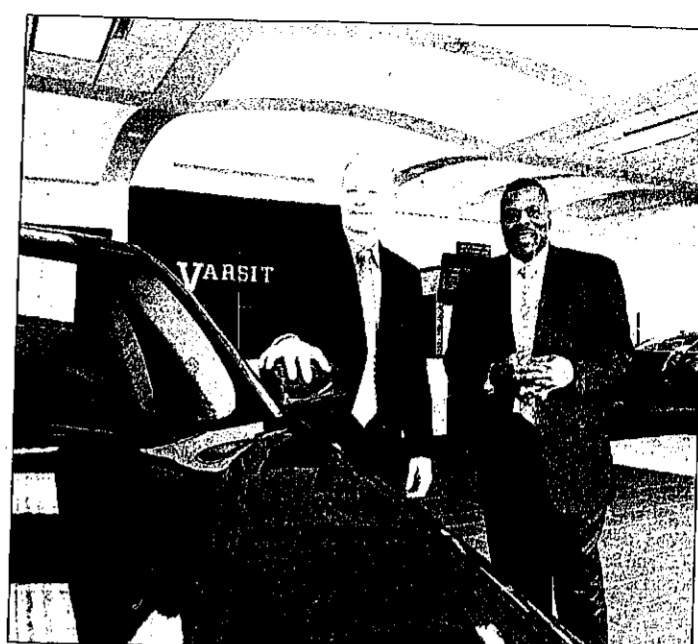
Varsity Lincoln was also involved in Bark Buckle Up, which included information on pet safety while pets travel in vehicles. That included a dog rescue effort, and will be done again.

McCloskey has talked to local veterinarians who indicate animals need blood donations, and she'd like to include an animal blood drive next time.

"That's the way we try to partner with the community," McCloskey said. The dealership also donated a security vehicle for Providence Park Hospital.

Varsity Lincoln's concierge service, which transports customers within 15 miles of the dealership, is popular. Some travel to nearby Twelve Oaks Mall, a big hit on this past Black Friday with shoppers.

The Novi dealership didn't actually close for the recent facelift, said



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Varsity Lincoln sales associates John Treharne (left) and Larry Porter in the Novi dealership's recently remodeled showroom. The Grand River and Wixom Road dealer's showroom was completely revamped and sports an open ceiling design with lots of natural light.

McCloskey. They used some temporary offices and the collision center was a temporary showroom. Still, with more than 100 employees, "It was a little cramped," said McCloskey, "but we managed."

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### NOVI COMMUNITY CALENDAR

#### Local Events

##### BLOOD DRIVES

**Details:** The Red Cross Nationally needs 17,000 blood donations each day for patients in need. This holiday season, the Red Cross encourages people to give someone hope by donating blood. It's a gift that doesn't cost a thing but can offer patients another holiday season with family and friends. Blood donations typically drop during the winter months. Every day, patients count on generous volunteer

#### GET LISTED!

**Submit:** Send calendar submissions via e-mail to [cstone@hometownlife.com](mailto:cstone@hometownlife.com); by fax to (248) 685-2892; or by mail to Novi News, 101 N. Lafayette, South Lyon, MI 48178. Items must be received by noon on Monday to be included in Thursday's newspaper.

**More:** For a complete listing of local and regional events, see the Novi Calendar online at [www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com).

#### monthly raffle for a \$500 Visa Gift card

**Contact:** Please go to [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and enter your zip code to find the drives below or call Diane Risko at (313) 549-7052 to set up an appointment.

#### FUN FIRST FRIDAYS

**Time/Date:** first Friday of the month (Feb. 1)

**Location:** 27300 Wixom Road at Grand River Avenue (large retail building next to Varsity Lincoln)

**Details:** Featuring many handmade items from people with disabilities. Anyone in Michigan that makes handcrafted items can get a space. Free admission, free parking. Everyone that bowls a strike in our portable bowling alley gets a Free fountain drink. Bowl two strikes in a row and get a free hot dog or slice of pizza, too.

**Contact:** For more information or to reserve a space, email [FunFirstFriday@gmail.com](mailto:FunFirstFriday@gmail.com) or call (248) 812-9751; [www.FunFirstFriday.com](http://www.FunFirstFriday.com)

#### BEREAVEMENT MEETINGS

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

**Location:** Novi Civic Center (10 Mile between Taft and Novi roads)

**Details:** Led by Michael M. Meyer, D. Min., goal is to give each participant an opportunity to share

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## GENJI

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colorful chalk.

There are around 20 marbletop Teppanyaki grill tables that give those wanting an up-close look the opportunity to see their delicious lunch or dinner being cooked by experienced chefs. At these grills, a special menu of rice, vegetables and choice of entree can be cooked. Try the filet mignon or shrimp because Genji uses nothing but top-of-the-line ingredients.

There are three menus: lunch, dinner and sushi. These have all the classic Japanese steakhouse dishes and a vari-

ety of Asian cuisine dishes. The variety of tastes is so plentiful it's difficult to capture them all in one small space. That said, the Grade A meats and fresh vegetables along with tasty rice and noodles make the dishes memorable.

A great meal can start with seared scallops with urchin roe or sushi and then followed with Maine lobster tail as an entrée.

Genji is a fine addition to Novi's healthy restaurant scene, and one I highly recommend our readers visit.

**Lionie Huhman** is a staff writer for the Novi News. He can be reached at lhuhman@hometownlife.com or (248) 437-2011, Ext. 255

## DETAILS

**Name:** Genji Japanese Steakhouse, Asian Cuisine and Sushi Bar

**Location:** 27155 S. Karevich Drive (in the former Too Chez restaurant, located between the Crown Plaza hotel and Carrabba's restaurant on the northwest corner of I-96 and Novi Road)

**Phone:** (248) 380-6881

**Hours:** lunch 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and dinner 3 p.m. to mid-night Monday-Sunday.

**Web:** <http://www.genjinovi.com> or its Facebook page.

**Grand Opening:** 4 p.m. Feb. 1. Novi Mayor Bob Gatt and city officials have been invited for officiating the opening with a dinner to follow.

**Charity Days:** From Feb. 4-6, a portion of the sales will go toward organizations like the Novi Police and Fire Benevolent Association, Novi Parks Foundation, Novi Library, Big Brother Big Sisters, United Way and Novi Youth Assistance as well as for schools in the Novi and Walled Lake school districts. To learn more about this or participate in the charity, e-mail support@genjinovi.com.



Novi's Genji has four distinct seating areas and plenty of natural light from its glass ceiling in the center of the restaurant.



A Genji appetizer: seared sea scallops with urchin roe.



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Genji is located on Karevich Drive on the site of the former Too Chez restaurant.



Genji chef Lom Pongthana prepares on a tappanyaki grill some fresh Maine lobster tails.



These photos and others in photo galleries at [hometownlife.com](http://hometownlife.com) are available for purchase by contacting Web Editor Larry Ruehlen at [lruehlen@hometownlife.com](mailto:lruehlen@hometownlife.com).

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their story. Handouts describing the phases of grief and the tasks of grief are available.

## WOMENHEART OF NOVI

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. fourth Wednesdays

**Location:** Providence Park Hospital, Novi

**Details:** For women with con-

cerns about cardiac health to share information and sisterhood at monthly meetings. **Contact:** Sharon Mallon, (248) 348-5189.

## NOVI SENIOR CENTER

**Location:** 25075 Meadowbrook Road

**Contact:** (248) 347-0414; [theglin@cityofnovi.org](mailto:theglin@cityofnovi.org)

## Library Lines

## WALLED LAKE LIBRARY

**Location:** 1499 East West Maple Road, Walled Lake

**Contact:** (248) 624-3772

## HUD Counseling

**Time/Date:** 5-8 p.m. first Mondays

**Details:** HUD-certified counselors are available to assist homeowners at risk of foreclosure. Learn how to work with your lender to avoid foreclosure. There is no charge for this

service. Please call if you wish to attend. One-on-one sessions will be scheduled.

## Book Discussion Group

**Time/Date:** 6:30 p.m. first Thursdays

**Details:** Please drop in or call the library if you are interested in joining this recently-formed group.

## NOVI PUBLIC LIBRARY

**Location:** 45255 W. 10 Mile Road

**Hours:** 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 10-5 Friday-Saturday; 1-5 p.m. Sunday

**Details:** Unless noted below, all programs take place at the library. Register for programs at the library or on the library website.

**Contact:** (248) 349-0720

**Web:** [www.novilibrary.org](http://www.novilibrary.org)  
**Story Times:** Please see the Library website or story time brochure for details.

## 'Transforming Loss'

Documentary features local people who've grieved, forgiven

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

Gary Weinstein of Farmington Hills lost his wife, Judith, and sons Samuel and Alexander to a drunken driver in 2005. Weinstein has publicly forgiven the drunk driver, and will be featured in an upcoming *Transforming Loss* documentary on handling death.

The couple's sons were known as Sam, 9, and Alex, 12, recalled Gary Weinstein in a recent interview. He faced yet more adversity months after the fatal crash when his Novi jewelry business burned down.

"Certainly the loss itself is a difficult thing to live through," he said. "I don't find the process of forgiveness to be difficult."

Gary was raised from a young age to view excessive drinking as a disease. "The ones who have an affliction just keep consuming." He viewed the drunk driver as a functioning alcoholic. "I don't see how you can go on and blame them," Weinstein said.

## Documentary shown

Judith R. Burdick, M.A., L.L.P. knows about the grief process and is launching the *Transforming Loss* documentary, aimed at showing viewers the strength they possess in times of trauma and tragedy. The Feb. 6-7 premiere is sold out.

In 1991, at 31, Burdick lost her husband, Mark Rubens, who was killed in a scuba diving accident. Burdick knew she had to survive and raise her family as a strong, single mom.

He hasn't seen the movie yet, but noted others featured have gained

from faith in coping with loss. Weinstein is a Humanistic Jew. In his faith tradition, he doesn't look to a supernatural power but finds strength in himself and others around him.

He took some time off from his business and is back to it now, having been in the jewelry business in Novi some 25 years. "I have a great staff that's been with me the entire time," said Weinstein, who also appreciates his customers.

He's grateful to fiancée Eileen. "Eileen was pretty much someone who was there as an old friend of mine." She'd lived in New York and came to Michigan for his 1976 prom at Southfield-Lathrup High School.

"We had this long-distance relationship," he recalled of her time in New York City. They met again years later after the crash.

"It was like we were kids again," said Weinstein, 55. "If you have somebody who loves you it makes things go a lot easier."

Weinstein will attend the documentary premiere. "I'm looking forward to it," he said. He has done a handful of speaking engagements incorporating forgiveness and responsibility.

## Loss of husband

Molly Green, 41, of South Lyon is coping with the suicide death of her husband, Michael, in 2010. She's mom to four children ages 6, 8, 10 and 13.

"Judith Burdick contacted me," Green, a former Novi resident, said of her involvement. "She came across my blog, which is mollygreenfami-

ly.blogspot.com.

"As far as I'm concerned the more you can educate people the better," said Green, who's seen trailers for *Transforming Loss* and looks forward to its premiere.

"I don't think people understand suicide," she said. "I felt compelled to talk about it."

Other women in her situation contacted her, and Green found her "mother bear" instinct of protecting children took over. Her family believes in "Live Out Loud," and that's shown in the documentary which also features the children.

"I wasn't even allowed to put makeup on," she recalled of filming, done while she was living with her sister, who has three young children.

Green said honesty and trust are key for children. "St. James has been our main support system," said Green, who also got help from Oak Pointe Church. "That community (St. James) has been unbelievable to us."

Green appreciates family and community support as well. She came home one day to find a good winter coat. "Nobody took credit for it," she said. "They gave it to me." She also received gift cards in her mailbox and meals.

"It has humbled my entire family," Green said. "There's no words. Those are the people that helped us get out of that horrible hole."

Her children's well-being varies, so she adjusts counseling accordingly. "As far as I'm concerned, I would never stop counseling." Green agreed men in grief can have more trouble asking for help, but hopes a grieving father would do so. "I



Gary Weinstein of Farmington Hills lost his wife, Judith, and sons Alexander and Samuel to a drunken driver in 2005.

think at some point you do whatever you can to save your kids."

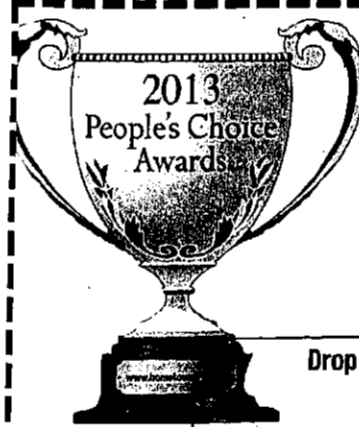
Other stories are also told in *Transforming Loss*. Burdick's expertise in grief and loss motivated her to develop and facilitate programs through Hospice of Michigan as well as lead grief workshops, focusing on the healing needs of younger widows and widowers.

*Transforming Loss* will also help therapists, clergy, funeral directors, hospice workers, medical practitioners and educational institutions.

Today, Burdick's 28-year-old son Andrew Rubens is a medical doctor specializing in anesthesiology and is in his residency training. Burdick's daughter, Laura Rubens, 25, is completing her undergraduate study in English literature at Oakland University.

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## Hey, Novi! It's Time to Pick Your PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARDS

We Need Your Input On The Best Places To Shop...Best Places To Eat...  
Best Place For Great Service. This is NOT scientific! It's a fun, readers poll. Join in on the Balloting!

Drop Off or Mail In to: People's Choice Awards - Novi News, 101 N. Lafayette, South Lyon, MI 48178

Only one entry per person per week, 18 years or older. Ballot Box stuffing will not be allowed.  
Only original newspaper ballots, NO COPIES ACCEPTED. Please fill out form completely. Partial Ballots may be disqualified.

## BEST FOOD OUTLETS

- Best place for donuts/bagels/baked goods \_\_\_\_\_
- Best coffee \_\_\_\_\_
- Best place for breakfast \_\_\_\_\_
- Best steaks \_\_\_\_\_
- Best deli \_\_\_\_\_
- Best fast food restaurant \_\_\_\_\_
- Best family restaurant \_\_\_\_\_
- Best place for soup \_\_\_\_\_
- Best place for salad \_\_\_\_\_
- Best place for burgers \_\_\_\_\_
- Best place for hot dogs/cones \_\_\_\_\_
- Best place for subs \_\_\_\_\_
- Best place for desserts \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Sushi restaurant \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Italian restaurant \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Asian restaurant \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Mexican restaurant \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Greek restaurant \_\_\_\_\_
- Best place for pizza \_\_\_\_\_
- Best martini \_\_\_\_\_
- Best wine selection (store) \_\_\_\_\_
- Best wine selection (restaurant) \_\_\_\_\_
- Best beer selection (store) \_\_\_\_\_
- Best beer selection (restaurant) \_\_\_\_\_
- Best place for romantic dinner \_\_\_\_\_
- Best after work meeting place \_\_\_\_\_
- Best sports bar \_\_\_\_\_
- Best place for dancing \_\_\_\_\_
- Best framing shop \_\_\_\_\_
- Best financial planner \_\_\_\_\_
- Best massage \_\_\_\_\_
- Best sporting goods store \_\_\_\_\_

## BEST SERVICE PROVIDERS &amp; RETAIL STORES

- Best physician \_\_\_\_\_
- Best bank \_\_\_\_\_
- Best consignment store \_\_\_\_\_
- Best eyecare \_\_\_\_\_
- Best funeral home \_\_\_\_\_
- Best salon \_\_\_\_\_
- Best nail salon \_\_\_\_\_
- Best tanning salon \_\_\_\_\_
- Best jewelry store \_\_\_\_\_
- Best real estate company \_\_\_\_\_
- Best real estate agent \_\_\_\_\_
- Best mortgage provider \_\_\_\_\_
- Best accountant \_\_\_\_\_
- Best auto dealer \_\_\_\_\_
- Best auto service \_\_\_\_\_
- Best oil change shop \_\_\_\_\_
- Best collision shop \_\_\_\_\_
- Best tire store \_\_\_\_\_
- Best veterinary service \_\_\_\_\_
- Best travel agency \_\_\_\_\_
- Best video store \_\_\_\_\_
- Best landscaping business \_\_\_\_\_
- Best health/fitness club \_\_\_\_\_
- Best car wash \_\_\_\_\_
- Best flower shop \_\_\_\_\_
- Best garden center \_\_\_\_\_
- Best dance studio \_\_\_\_\_
- Best orthodontist \_\_\_\_\_
- Best dentist \_\_\_\_\_
- Best custom home builder \_\_\_\_\_
- Best apartment complex \_\_\_\_\_
- Best insurance agency \_\_\_\_\_

All Entries Must Be Received By February 15th



### OUR VIEWS

## Join the challenge Go Red for healthy hearts

Tomorrow (Feb. 1) marks the 10th anniversary of the American Heart Association Go Red For Women movement.

The AHA estimates since the campaign began more than 627,000 women's lives have been saved, but more needs to be done.

While other diseases get a lot of attention, heart disease is the No. 1 killer of women. It affects more women than men and is more deadly than all forms of cancer combined. One in three women dies of cardiovascular disease each year.

What can you do?

First, if you or someone you know shows signs of a heart attack or a stroke, call 9-1-1 immediately. Do not wait. The sooner EMS arrives, the sooner treatment can begin.

Also, heart disease can be prevented by making the right choices. A healthy diet and regular exercise are key. And if you smoke - quit. Know your cholesterol levels, blood pressure and glucose levels. These are the risk factors that individuals can control.

Age, gender, family history and race can't be controlled, but they can be understood so those with a higher risk can take action and seek treatment.

The American Heart Association's Go Red for Women Movement is a call to action to educate and engage in the fight against heart disease.

How can you participate? Go to americanheart.org to learn more about fighting heart disease. Go to [www.detroitgo4women.org](http://www.detroitgo4women.org) to read about local sponsors and local events which are part of this year's campaign.

The Go Red For Women movement has made great strides in saving lives. However, more is needed. Make it a priority over the next 28 days to:

- Wear red to show your support and raise awareness.
- Spread the message by telling five other women about the movement to stop heart disease.
- Donate to help fund research.
- Volunteer to help spread the message.
- Go to [ShopGoRed.org](http://ShopGoRed.org) to support education by purchasing apparel, accessories other heart-health products.

Join the mission to save lives. The time is now.

## Commit to staying informed

If the dieting and exercise resolutions didn't hold, there's nothing wrong with extending the resolutions and including one that can't fail.

Make one to stay informed about what's happening in Novi.

What the City Council is up to. What policies are being put into place by the school board. How the high school sports teams are doing. Where and what crimes are happening. Why construction barrels are popping up down their street. Who your neighbors are and what they're up to. What kinds of businesses are in town, and what kind of deals they are offering.

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### COMMUNITY VOICE



"My pick would be the Baltimore Ravens. Offense will win games, but defense wins Championships. Super Bowls can be very unpredictable, the Ravens have players that have been there, 49ers are the up and coming team of the future that's why I have to lean towards the Ravens."

**Brian Gordon**  
Novi Community School District athletic director

## Who do you think will win the Super Bowl on Feb. 3 — the San Francisco 49ers or the Baltimore Ravens?



"The 49ers. Jim Harbaugh is the younger brother. And since I have three older brothers, I will root for the younger brother."

**Jason Mangum**  
Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services director



"Baltimore. They have a strong defense and attitude."

**Jimmy Lovier**  
Northville



"Baltimore because they're a good team."

**Renee VanHook**  
Novi Library Sports Pub and Grill bartender

### LETTERS

#### More cops make roads safer

Should the safety of the citizens in Oakland County be put at risk because some drivers are irresponsible and participate in aggravating other drivers? Road rage has long been a topic of discussion and seems to be getting worse. Detroit is the third most dangerous city to drive in because road rage has dramatically increased. As a county, we need to take action and work to prevent road rage. As drivers, we never know how other drivers are going to react to our actions, and we never know what weapon might be hiding in their cars.

In Detroit, statistics have come out revealing just how dangerous the roads can be for a driver. Forty-nine percent of drivers reported to changing lanes without paying attention, 58 percent confessed to tailgating, and 88 percent have admitted to talking on the phone while driving. If we combine all those factors, we are guaranteed a road rage incident. Changing lanes frivolously can lead to cutting off an already angry driver, thus resulting in road rage. Tailgating can get quite annoying and is known to aggravate drivers easily. Talking on the phone decreases your brain's ability to comprehend your surroundings by 40 percent, making the driver more vulnerable to driving errors resulting in road rage.

Forty-two percent of drivers said they react to bad drivers with horns, 29 percent with cursing, and 14 percent with obscene gestures. Road rage has directly led to a fight in Novi where a man's face was shot. Even though he is expected to survive, he may never be the same, either having to go through face reconstruction or living with the deformities the bullet is almost guaranteed to make.

Although we can't control what people decide to do (for example, cut someone off in retaliation to a previous action), we can control how many police officers are out on patrol. Sending extra police out to patrol, especially in heavy traffic areas, in every city can help reduce the poor decisions made by drivers. Drivers tend to be on better behavior when a police car is near; drivers fear a mistake could cause them to be pulled over and receive a ticket. If we send more patrol cars out, drivers are less likely to perform inappropriate actions. This would ultimately lead to safer road ways for the teenager and young adults of Oakland County.

**Emily Jennings**  
Novi High School student

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#### Dem votes worth less

The original Constitution of the United States provided that each state was allowed to count individual slaves as three-fifths of a person when determining the number of Congressional seats allotted each state based on population. Ensuing amendments and Supreme Court decisions eventually affirmed nominal equality of each person and finally established the principle of "One man (person); one vote."

In 2012, Michigan Democrats cast 2,323,844 votes to elect only five Congressmen (464,769 per Congressman), twice as many as Republicans voted per Congressman (231,394). With a minority of votes (2,082,548), Republicans were able to elect a super majority of nine Congressmen.

The nutshell: Michigan has regressed beyond the original Constitutional concept that some people do not count as much as others. A Michigan Democratic voter equals only half a person as a result of gerrymandered apportionment. How demeaning! The system is in dire need of change and fairness.

And the "new" GOP image? A common theme permeates recent Republican discussions about their self-realized need to re-invent themselves if they wish to win future presidential elections. Other than stuffing the ballot box or changing the system of electoral votes, they seek more drastic change.

A consensus concludes that the Republican Party must change its "perceived" image. For example, women should not be repelled by inflammatory re-

marks about birth control, rape, female reproduction functions, etc. Tone it down! Don't antagonize Latinos with disparaging insinuations. Make a greater effort to appeal to blacks and gays with overtures of brotherly love and acceptance rather than condescension.

"Let's change our image" is their new motto.

Change their minds? Perish the thought.

**Patrick M. Downey**  
Novi

#### Republicans unveil a new way to try and win

Many Republican politicians have come to the conclusion that winning the presidency is becoming increasingly difficult for their party. Following their loss on Nov. 6, 2012, one would think that Republicans would re-evaluate, as well as modify, their extreme policies and offensive rhetoric which have alienated a significant portion of the electorate. Instead, in several states, including Michigan, a number of Republican governors and legislators are pushing legislation that would gerrymander the electoral college (in other words, rig future presidential elections).

Michigan Republican Rep. Peter Lund has introduced a bill that would award electoral votes to the winners of individual congressional districts and then award the remaining two votes to the state's popular vote winner - rather than award all of the electoral votes to the candidate who wins the whole state. Lund revealed that some of Michigan's Republican lawmakers were reluctant to support this legislation because it could have possibly hurt Romney. That reluctance has now faded.

Michigan Speaker of the House Jase Bolger is considering this misguided plan. Some Republican politicians in states such as Virginia, Florida and Pennsylvania are having second thoughts about rigging elections. Meanwhile, Michigan GOP support is growing. In fact, Gov. Rick Snyder recently expressed that he "could go either way" on the electoral change and that it's a reasonable issue worthy of consideration before the next presidential election. It appears that Gov. Snyder thinks that elections amount to political gamesmanship meant to advance the Republican party's self interests at the expense of our democracy.

**Jill Farber-Bramson**  
West Bloomfield

Getting the response times down will be difficult, so the public safety departments will be monitoring the calls each month to see if improvements are made.

## Novi and Northville share emergency medical service

By Lonnie Hufman  
Staff Writer

The cities of Novi and Northville entered into a shared agreement for emergency services (ambulance) provider. Community Emergency Medical Services (CEMS) is the provider that has been covering both communities for a long time, but now it's official.

In late November, Novi agreed to a two-year emergency service contract with Community Emergency Medical Services with options for additional years. Improved response times will be a goal under this new contract. Novi City Manager Clay Pearson called the agreement an important one and an improvement.

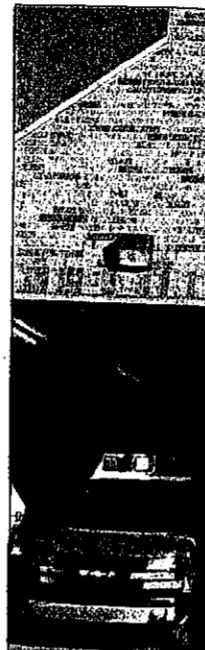
"This is not just a rehash of what we've been doing -- it's an improvement in that service," Pearson said.

Mayor Bob Gatt said this is "one of the most important contracts" for Novi.

Last month, Northville City Manager Patrick Sullivan recommended that the city council enter into a three-year contract with CEMS, which the council unanimously agreed to do.

Sullivan said for many years the city has been covered, without a contract, by CEMS.

"We have experienced good service and response time, in part because CEMS also cov-



Community EMS is housed at this location at Beck and 11 Mile Road in a former Novi Fire Department station.



Community EMS paramedics John Grady (left) and Robert Hamilton wheel a stretcher out of their rig at 25804 Beck Road. The company bases some of its ambulance services out of that former Novi Fire Department station.

ers the City of Novi," Sullivan told the council.

He said last fall, the City of Novi asked its surrounding communities, including Northville, if any were interested in coordinating a request for proposal process to select an emergency services provider. Novi now also has a formal contract with CEMS.

"It was determined that Northville would be better served by pooling our run volume with

Novi and having a formal contract with the provider," Sullivan told council.

Two companies bid on the contract: Huron Valley Ambulance (HVA) and CEMS. According to Sullivan, both communities determined that CEMS submitted the most advantageous proposal.

He said CEMS will continue to provide the service at no cost to either community and they will

agree to meet performance standards contained in the contract. The contract calls for a response time of eight minutes or less on 90 percent of the priority one calls. HVA's proposal would have required a monthly subsidy to meet the same standard.

Under both contracts CEMS guarantees "Priority 1" service emergency response by an Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambulance

in eight minutes or less 90 percent of the time. And except for extenuating circumstances, no response (Priority 1) will exceed 12 minutes.

Response time to non-emergency, or down-graded calls, will be less than 12 minutes, 90 percent of the time and shall not exceed 15 minutes, except for extenuating circumstances.

All ambulance costs are billed to the patient. Getting the response

times down will be difficult, so the public safety departments will be monitoring the calls each month to see if improvements are made.

"We will be closely working with them (CEMS) to assure that we're getting the quality care that we need for our residents," Novi Fire Department director Jeff Johnson said.

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## 35th session of Lakes Area Citizens Police Academy to begin March 6

The role of a police officer has always been of interest to the average citizen. The film industry has capitalized on this curiosity and television shows and movies about police officers are staples in the entertainment industry. But how accurate is the information they provide about law enforcement?

The creation of the Lakes Area Citizens Police Academy 19 years ago affords citizens the opportunity to learn about their local police department and take a behind-the-scenes look at what law enforce-

ment work is all about. Participants also gain an insider's knowledge of the police agency, enabling them to make informed decisions on issues affecting the police and the community.

The Lakes Area Citizens Police Academy is a joint venture between the Novi, Milford, Walled Lake, South Lyon, and Wolverine Lake police departments.

Applications, available via [cityofnovi.org](http://cityofnovi.org), are currently being accepted for the free Lakes Area Citizens Police Academy, scheduled to begin

#### DETAILS

Classes are scheduled on Wednesdays from 6:30-9 p.m., March 6-May 15. The first class will meet at the Novi Police Training Center. The registration deadline is Feb. 20. For more information contact Matt Conquest, detective sergeant, at (248) 347-0530.

on March 6. Participants must be 18 years of age or older and a resident of one of the

participating jurisdictions.

"The Citizens Police Academy is a free program for our community that increases the understanding and cooperation between the police and citizens through education," said Novi's Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police David Mollo. "This education, along with the relationship established with members of the police department, assists in achieving the ultimate goal of community oriented policing - the reduction of crime through a stronger citizen commitment

to the police department and the community."

The 30-hour program format includes practical demonstrations, hands-on exercises, as well as presentations. Participants will tour the Oakland County Medical Examiner's Office, the Michigan State Police DNA Lab, and the 52-1 District Court. They will also view a K-9 demonstration, take a turn using the Firearms Training System (FATS), and have the opportunity to participate in a ride-along with a police officer.

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

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

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

Bleske and Allston represent clients from all over the state of Michigan. Their Livonia office is on Six Mile Road just west of I-75. Their Novi office is located on Haggerty Road just north of 12 Mile Road. Call them at 1-800-331-3530 for a free consultation if you have been denied, or if you are thinking of possibly applying for Social Security benefits.

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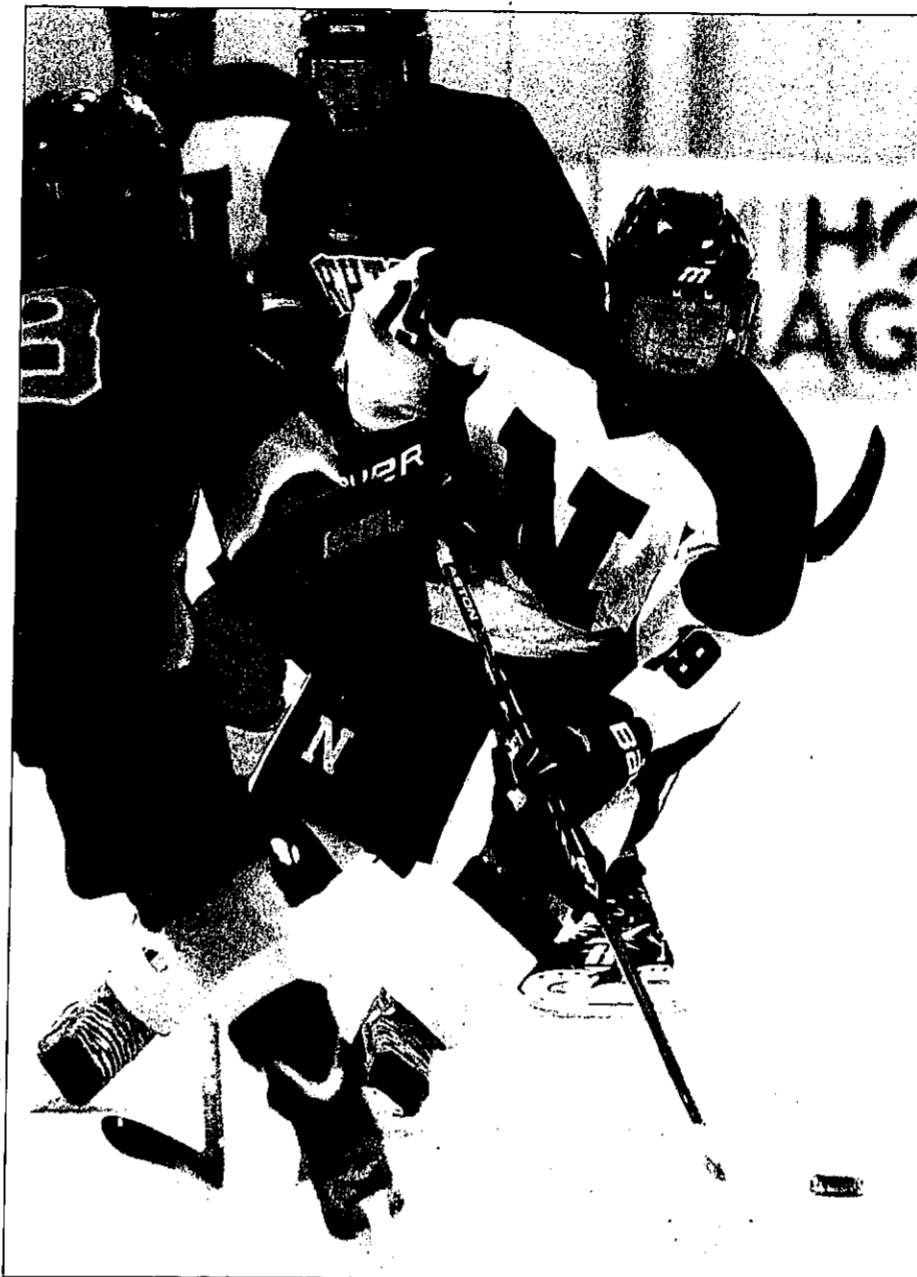
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Novi Wildcat Patrick Wojtylo in action on Jan. 23 against Brighton.

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**Novi icers outscored 12-3 by division frontrunners**

By Chris Jackett  
 Correspondent

Despite dropping two blowout losses last week, Novi's ice hockey team (7-10-1, 3-5-1 KLA Central) improved from a No. 37 overall ranking to No. 34 in the state. The Wildcats dropped a 6-2 decision to No. 4 Brighton (16-2-1, 8-1-1 Kensington) Jan. 23 before losing a 6-1 contest against now-No. 7 Livonia Stevenson Saturday (12-5-1, 7-2-1 Kensington) following a five-goal second period, with both games at Novi Ice Arena.

Still considered the No. 10 team in Division 1, Novi was scheduled to host overall No. 72 Livonia Franklin (7-9-1, 1-8-0 Kensington) last Monday, who were in the midst of a three-game winning streak, before heading to Kensington Valley Ice House 6 p.m. tomorrow to face Brighton again. The Cats then head to Chelsea's Arctic Coliseum for the Public School Showcase, where they'll face No. 50 Rochester Hills Stony Creek (7-7-2) 8 p.m. Monday and No. 45 Ann Arbor Pioneer Metro (12-5-1) 3:45 p.m. Feb. 7.



Novi Wildcat Brendan Wexler tries to keep the puck away from a Brighton Bulldog at the teams' Jan. 23 game in Novi.

**Grapplers split week on the mat against league rivals**  
 Novi edges South Lyon, falls to Northville

ON TAP

Novi's grapplers (10-11, 3-2 KLA Central) were set to host a KLA crossover of third-place teams last night. The Cats were set to face Wayne Memorial (14-3, 3-2 South) with the winner facing the winner of Grand Blanc (13-9, 3-2 West) and Walled Lake Northern (7-11, 3-2 North). From there, Novi will head to Eastern Michigan University 10 a.m. Monday for the KLA Individual Tournament before hosting defending state champion Detroit Catholic Central (17-3), Northville (12-7, 5-0 Central) and Livonia Stevenson (7-8, 3-2 Central) 6:30 p.m. Wednesday for Districts, starting against Stevenson.

By Chris Jackett  
 Correspondent

The stars did not align last week for Novi's grapplers, who needed the KLA Central Division matches to wrap up a certain way in order to grab a share of the division title.

However, that didn't happen. Northville (12-7, 5-0 Central) ran away with the title and the Wildcats (10-

11, 3-2 Central) lost at Livonia Stevenson (7-8, 3-2 Central) to fall into a three-way tie for second with the Spartans and South Lyon (9-11, 3-2 Central).

Despite owning the head-to-head tiebreaker over South Lyon from a 24-33 win the week before, Novi was seeded third in the division, behind the Lions,

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**Hornets sting Wildcats late**  
 Cagle responds with 27 points at East

By Chris Jackett  
 Correspondent

The Novi cagers are holding steady at .500 after another week of split games, but five of six losses have come by five points or fewer. Two more made baskets per game could be difference between an 11-1 record and the Wildcats' current 6-6 (4-2 KLA Central) mark. The latest short-fall came Jan. 22 at Saline (7-4, 4-3 South-eastern Red), when Novi came from behind to take a late lead before losing 64-63.

The Cats fell behind 25-12 in the first quarter and trailed 57-46 after three quarters before battling back in the fourth quarter. "Missed some easy buckets early. Missed a free throw late. Not happy with the defensive effort early," Novi coach Brian Tass said. "Our press took the game over (and we) had a one-point lead with 25 seconds left." The trio of junior Nelson Cagle (17 points) and seniors Charles McKinney (17 points, five steals) and Tre Cadwell (14 points) once again led Novi.

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ON TAP

Novi's boys basketball team (6-6, 4-2 KLA Central) was set to host South Lyon (8-2, 4-1 Central) two nights ago before visiting Northville (5-7, 2-4 Central) tomorrow and Plymouth Salem (9-3, 5-1 Central) Tuesday. All three games tip off at 7 p.m.

**Lakeland skis over Wildcats**  
 Novi splits with WLW on slopes

By Chris Jackett  
 Correspondent

Novi's skiers had a tough week against their neighbors to the north last week at Alpine Valley in White Lake. The Wildcats' boys (3-3) and girls (1-5) teams combined to go 1-3 against White Lake Lakeland and Walled Lake Western Jan. 24.

Things started with a pair of disappointing losses to Lakeland. In the boys' race, the Eagles took four of the top six places to win 16-21. Lakeland's Taylor Janssen won in a two-run time of 36.38 seconds, followed by Novi's Bastien Dupessey (36.83) and Zach Johnson (40.97). Also scoring for Novi were Andrew Jamison (seventh in 45.91) and Yudai Kamiya (ninth in 50.59). The girls had even worse luck, losing 12-26 to the Eagles, who swept the top three and took sixth for their final scoring position. Lakeland's Kelsey Griffin won the race in 37.6 seconds, while Ashley Sawaya was Novi's top finisher at fourth in 44.95 seconds. The other Wildcat scorers were Miranda Hanby (fifth in 45.05), Nina Li (eighth in 48.11) and Kelly Moran (ninth in 48.47).

The Walled Lake Western races went much bet-

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Novi Wildcat Zach Rousch in action on Jan. 16.

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# Shamrocks take two more losses

Squad falls in heartbreaking double overtime game to OLSM

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

It was another tough week for the Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks basketball team, suffering two losses against Catholic High School League foes.

The team, coached by Bill Dyer, had a heartbreaking loss against Orchard Lake St. Mary's as they tried to right the ship, 53-52, after pushing the game into double overtime.

The Shamrocks, unfortunately, proved to be their own worst enemy in the loss. The team missed a shot late in the fourth quarter that would have won them the game, and then missed two free throws with 0.1 seconds left on the clock in the first overtime and missed a three-point field goal at the buzzer of the second overtime, which led to

**ON TAP**

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks basketball team will be back on the court when they host Notre Dame Prep at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow. They will then visit University of Detroit Jesuit at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday.

the loss. But Dyer pointed out that his team had ample opportunity to win. "Our problem is that we were 9-of-24 from the free-throw line, even though we shot 41-percent from the floor," he said.

The Shamrocks fell behind, 9-7, at the end of the first quarter and then kept pace through the second and third quarters, matching Orchard Lake St. Mary's 10-10 and 13-13, respectively. They outscored their CHSL

foes, 12-10, in the fourth. Leading the way offensively for CC was Garrett Moore, who scored 14 points and hauled down six rebounds while Nick Moore added 14 points in the loss. Orchard Lake St. Mary's was led by Ted McCree, who scored 14 points while Matt Linehan added 10.

**Brother Rice 48, Catholic Central 33**

The Shamrocks could not overcome a hole they dug in the first quarter as they fell behind 13-2 and trailed throughout the remainder of the divisional contest.

"Obviously you're not going to win a lot of games when you only score two points in the first quarter," said Dyer. "We only made 4-of-10 free throws and we shot 1-of-12 from three-point range."

# CC hockey gets huge victory over Brother Rice

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

Want a great definition of a big win? How about when your team becomes the first to defeat another in over a year?

That's the definition the Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks hockey team carved out for itself last week when they became the first team to upend the Brother Rice Warriors in over a full calendar year when they topped them 3-1, at Oak Park Ice Arena.

The Shamrocks skated out to a 1-0 lead in the first period thanks to the play of Carson Gatt, who fired home an unassisted goal at the 8:33 mark to give his team the lead.

The Warriors waited through a scoreless second period before tying the game in the opening minutes of the third, knotting the game with just 1:04 off the clock on a shot by Conner Jean, who was assisted by Matt Riggelman and Matthew Manning.

The Shamrocks used several miscues by the Warriors to their advantage to earn the win, scoring what would prove to be the game winner at 8:15 on a power-play goal by Charlie Green, who was assisted by Brady Jones and Carson Gatt for the 2-1 lead. Insurance was tacked on by Matt Sorisho, who scored five minutes later on an unassisted play to keep the game out of reach for the Brother Rice squad.

The game started off smooth with no penalties in the entire first period and the two squads only combined for three penalties each over the course of the next two stanzas for six minutes in the box for each squad. Earning the win in net was Derek Moore, who faced just 14 shots and stopped 13. Jack Bowman took the loss as he was peppered with 37 shots and stopped 34.

**Catholic Central 5, Livonia Churchill 2**

There was plenty of offense for the Shamrocks to spread around as they skated away with a

**ON TAP**

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks hockey team will be back on the ice when they host Livonia Stevenson Saturday at 2:30 p.m. before hosting Grosse Pointe North Wednesday. They will play next Thursday and Friday in the MIHL Showcase tournament.

victory over the Churchill Chargers in a non-league game.

The squad held a 2-1 lead by the end of the first period as Max Wanko scored in the opening minutes, followed by a goal by Evan Kearns just eight minutes later before Churchill got on the board off a Luke Otto shot at the 10:51 mark.

Assisting for Catholic Central were Sorisho and Gatt on the first goal and Alex Krejtzler and Sorisho on the second.

The second period found the Shamrocks opening things up with a goal by Nick Daigneau, assisted by Gatt and Alex Tachin, at the 6:31 mark, but the Chargers wouldn't go away quietly, making it a 3-2 game just 16 seconds later when Riley Brown took assistance from Jack Behen and Brad Milks to put the puck past the Shamrocks' goalie.

Catholic Central didn't even seem to let it bother them, scoring at 10:37 off the stick of Charlie Green to extend their lead to 4-2. Assists were credited to Michael Babcock and Steven Jarzynski.

The final goal of the game came at 6:05 in the third period when Catholic Central's Danny Middleton scored to make it a 5-2 final. Assistance was given by Bobbie Carey and Luke Turner.

There were six penalties called on the Shamrocks — three in the third period — for 12 minutes in the box, while the Chargers were whistled four times for eight minutes.

Ryan Mulka earned the win in goal, facing 13 shots and stopping 11, while Alec Calvaruso stayed busy in the losing effort, stopping 32 out of 37 shots on goal.

# Shamrocks get best of Ohio rival

Squad defeats Cincinnati Moeller; White team takes fifth at Observerland

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

Whenever the Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks wrestling team heads south of the Michigan border, it's always going to be a good match-up.

Last week, the Shamrocks didn't disappoint as they headed to Ohio to take on Cincinnati Moeller in a showdown between two of the top-ranked teams in the country.

The Shamrocks, ranked No. 15, defeated the No. 20 Crusaders, 37-21. They won nine of the 14 weight classes to secure the victory.

**ON TAP**

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks wrestling team will be back on the mat when they participate in the team district tournament Wednesday.

"That's the best I think our guys have wrestled all year," said coach Mitch Hancock. "They wrestled extremely smart, hard and very aggressively."

Earning pins on the day were Myles Amine (126 pounds), Logan Marcicki (160) and Jay Peterson (220).

Also earning wins on the day for the Shamrocks were Trevor Zdebowski (120), Ken Bade (132), Malik Amine (138), Christopher Naubert (145), Drew Garcia (170) and Nick Giese (182).

Currently leading the team this year in pins is Bob Coe, who has 17, while Bade and Myles Amine have 16 each, Evan Toth and Giese have 15 each and Garcia and Marcicki have 14 each.

**Observerland Tournament**

The White team also wrestled last week, taking fifth in the annu-

al Observerland Tournament, which was held at Livonia Churchill this year. There were 16 teams in attendance at the event.

Winning the tournament was Westland John Glenn, while Livonia Franklin took second.

Leading the way for the Shamrocks were Eli Joseph (130 pounds) and Greg Johnson (125), who both placed third. Taking fourth was Chyle Johnson (112), while Cole Moscovio (119), Ryan O'Connor (135), Tim McCotter (140) and Jake Filban (145) took fifth and Collin Cartwright (103) finished in sixth.

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Chamberlain's N2N scholarship program provides up to \$8,500 in assistance for tuition to allow qualified high school seniors to begin earning college credit - online and on-site - toward a BSN while in high school. Trevino completed one course on campus and one course online through the program while completing her second semester of her senior year in high school. Eligible students must have a minimum high school cumulative grade point average of 3.2 on a 4.0 scale and submit a letter of recommendation and an official copy of their high school transcript, among other requirements.

While many industries are decreasing the size of their workforce, nursing is growing twice as fast as the general economy. A March 2012

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# Car Report

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## New Chevy Corvette, Cadillac ELR wow Detroit show-goers



By Dale Buss

Home-field advantage didn't work for the Atlanta Falcons or New England Patriots in trying to get to Super Bowl XLVII. But General Motors certainly has taken advantage of its hometown stage during the North American International Auto Show at Cobo Center.

Chevrolet and Cadillac dominated NAIAS to a great extent, with Cadillac winning North American Car of the Year honors for its new ATS, and debuting its new ELR plug-in hybrid. Chevy wowed everyone from international automotive journalists to show-goers from Detroit with its new 2014 Corvette Stingray.

Talk all you want about German engineering, Japanese reliability and Korean ambition in the high-end automotive market. When it comes to getting the blood of car enthusiasts pumping, there's nothing quite like the Chevrolet Corvette.

Car aficionados continue to create buzz around Chevy's introduction of the seventh-generation Corvette at NAIAS, the so-called C7. GM is deliberately invoking some of the 60 years of the car's history by calling its new version the Stingray. It harkens to a special version of the Corvette in 1963 that set the design standard for the super-muscle sports car for the last half century.

Corvette has been known as the life's aspiration of a plumber or a gym teacher — its typical buyer is a white male in his fifties. But automotive journalists hailed the new Stingray as a revelation: a car that simultaneously remains worthy of

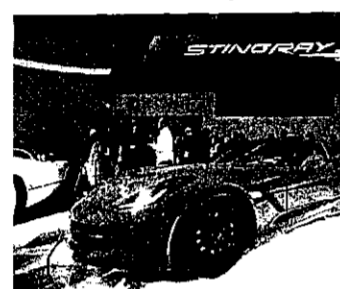
the Corvette's heritage but that also introduces a sort of panache — and the kind of technology — that should broaden its appeal with other demographics that wish to buy expensive cars.

"The car was greeted with fierce applause and shouts of approval" at an early reveal with journalists on January 13, reported USA Today, and a "rush to get near the car onstage."

The new Stingray will go on sale in the third quarter. It features a body that continues to be made from exotic composite materials but uses more lightweight carbon fiber, as many of the luxury segment's new entries by other brands also are doing, to trim weight.

Inside, some are enthusing about a reconfigurable instrument cluster behind the steering wheel that includes an eight-inch high-resolution screen with one of three different layouts. The modes can be configured to show details from G-force numbers to lap times.

Long Corvette's major shortcoming, the new interior also benefits from up-graded materials including Napa leather and aluminum. Seat designs are now



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heavily bolstered.

Meanwhile, it's too early to determine whether the new Cadillac ELR truly will be a game-changer in the sluggish U.S. market for plug-in hybrids. But in unveiling the new model at NAIAS, at least GM was bidding to change the dynamics of the segment in a significant way.

ELR isn't expected to go on sale until early 2014 ("winter" is what GM is promising) and at a price tag (before U.S.-government tax credits for a "green" car purchase) of more than \$50,000. GM is relying on the same basic powertrain as in Chevrolet Volt, a combination of powerful batteries that can take the car 25 or 30 miles on a charge and a small gasoline engine that takes over once the batteries are out of juice and provides an effective range for the vehicle of about 300 miles.

Only around 1,000 or so Americans each month so far have ponied up for a car powered that way over the more than two years since Volt's introduction, despite gasoline prices of between \$3 and \$4 a gallon.

But ELR will try to tap into some of the same sort of early-adopter, premium-



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market appeal that expensive all-electric vehicles such as Tesla have brought.

And early reviews emanating from the Detroit show mainly have been positive for ELR. For instance, "It brings sexy sophistication and a dash of luxury" to the segment, a Wired blogger enthused.

Indeed, flush from their victory with the naming of its new ATS as the North American Car of the Year at the show, Cadillac marketers are counting on a year of buzz about ELR to further heighten American perceptions of the brand as it competes with German and Japanese brand leaders that also are growing stronger — and, now, must battle Ford's determination to make Lincoln relevant again.

"I think [ELR] signals Cadillac, the brand that innovated many of today's modern technologies, is back at the cutting edge," Robert Ferguson, Cadillac's global VP, said at the Detroit show. "The brand continues to represent progressive American engineering."

It'll be up to luxury buyers just how "progressive" they want to be.

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