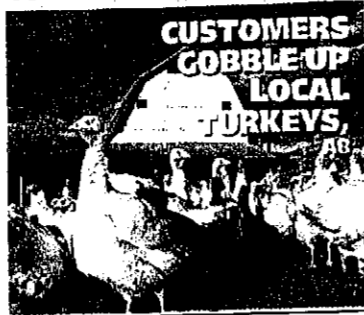


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Winterization Project

The cold weather is here and unfortunately for some elementary school children, they are unprepared for the change in season.

While many in Novi are blessed to have all items required for a normal day of learning, still many do not.

Novi Rotary Club, working with Orchard Hills and Village Oaks Elementary School staff, identified an immediate need of outerwear - coats, boots, snow pants and mittens - and has started the Kids Winterization Project to address these needs.

Rotarians are looking to engage the community in support of this effort.

Should you wish to donate new or gently-used items, please bring them to the United Methodist Church (41671 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi).

Black Friday

Twelve Oaks mall in Novi will open at 8 p.m. Thanksgiving evening and will close at 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 29, for more than 24 hours of continuous shopping and specials.

Novi acquires more park land

City designates five acres of new property near corner of 10 Mile and Wixom roads

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

The city of Novi has acquired a local oil/gas well site and will consolidate it with a surrounding piece of property as a designated park area.

City council members unanimously approved a resolution to designate the five-acre property, formerly leased by Comerica Oil and Gas, for park purposes and for it to be under the Master Plan for land use as well as the Community Recreation Plan.

The property is on the south side of 10 Mile and east of Wixom Road. City Manager Clay

Pearson said it's just east of fire station No. 4. He said it's a small parcel on which the city had the right of first refusal, which it executed. This was part of the original purchase agreement for the city land around the newly designated section.

The location was an oil/gas well that was recently shut down. Novi acquired the land for \$20,000 in September.

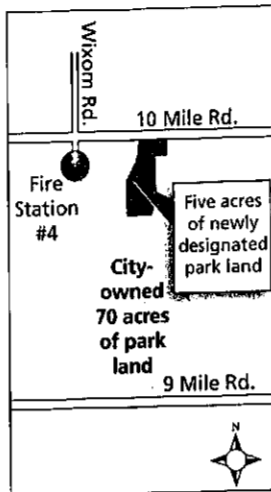
"No immediate plans, but obviously this gives us the opportunity that if there is going to be a regional path through some of the property, this would help make it contiguous," Pearson said of the possibilities.

He said this will help make the land eligible for certain grants and opportunities.

It's now part of the surrounding city-owned property, which is 70 acres of designated park land. This larger area was purchased in 1999 for \$230,000.

The city's Master Plan for Land Use is the document by which Novi legally designates city land as parkland as well as the planning document for Parks and Recreation use. The Community Recreation Plan is an overall setup adopted by the city council following recommendation by the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Commission.

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McDonald's Chef Jessica Foust (right) served as mentor to local culinary students when she hosted a cooking experience at the Art Institute of Michigan. PHOTOS BY LONNIE HUHMANN

Culinary students get a new view

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer



Art Institute culinary student Derrick Rassam cuts up ingredients for a breakfast dish.

Art Institute of Michigan culinary student Derrick Rassam said he was excited when he heard they would be working with ingredients from McDonald's last Tuesday.

He's very familiar with the food from the "Golden Arches" and was looking forward to seeing what new twists he could put on them. "Honestly, I thought this sounded like a fun idea," he said while cutting up sausage to put in a southwestern breakfast skillet. "This gives me a different look at the culinary industry, a side many of us probably haven't thought much about."

Chef Jessica Foust, R.D., manager of Nutrition and Culinary for McDonald's USA, served as mentor to culinary students Nov. 12 when

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Leon serving up another Thanksgiving feast

Free meal offered
Wednesday, Nov. 27

By Cal Stone
Staff Writer

Moe Leon has been serving up a free Thanksgiving dinner at his Novi eatery, Moe's on Ten, for the past 23 years - and he'll do it again 3-8 p.m. Wednesday. "It'll be a traditional feast - roasted turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, vegetable, rolls, chicken noodle soup, beverages and pumpkin pie," Leon said.

Another tradition will be noted that day as city officials - like Mayor Bob Gatt and City Manager Clay Pearson - will serve the meals to patrons.

The city of Novi will also provide free senior transportation for those in need, beginning at 3 p.m. Reservations are required at 248-735-5617.

"Anybody can come here and eat. No questions asked. It's my way of paying back and saying 'thank you,'" Leon said, adding that he loves to be able to provide the free meal to families that may be struggling financially.

He estimates 300 to 500 folks will come to the restaurant on the south side of 10 Mile Road, just west of Haggerty Road.

And that's just Leon's Novi location. His family's restaurants in Taylor and Dearborn will also be offering free Thanksgiving feasts.

Leon also operates, with his brothers, Leon's Family Dining restaurants in Livonia, Garden City and Westland. They celebrated 30 years in business Oct. 30.

He also owns Leon's of Wix-

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Is there a favorite food that just has to be on your Thanksgiving table? Does your family help feed the homeless or senior citizens? Do you get together and play a fun game of touch football in the yard?

Maybe there's a certain way you cook your

turkey. Or a special entree, veggie or dessert you just have to have.

Whatever the tradition is, we'd like to hear about it. Share your special tradition with readers (send a photo, too, if you'd like; just make sure it's a JPEG image). Your special traditions will be published in our Thanksgiving Day edition (in homes and on the street Wednesday, Nov. 27).

Our panel of editors will select five favorites and award a movie pass for two to any Emagine Theatre. Just email your tradition (and an accompanying photo, if you have one) to Observer editor Karen Smith at ksmith@hometownlife.com by Friday, Nov. 22.



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Moe Leon will once again offer a free Thanksgiving dinner Wednesday at his Novi restaurant, Moe's on Ten. CAL STONE

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om, which is located across from the former Ford plant. He expects that restaurant's business to jump once two new businesses — McDonald's and General RV — are up and running in 2014 on the northwest corner of Wixom Road and I-96.

In Novi, Moe's on Ten is a hot spot for lunch with lots of business men and women coming in. As night time falls, the crowd's a little older until closing at 9 p.m. Moe's opens at 7 a.m.

"We have the best

brunch anywhere," Leon said, adding that he began serving it five years ago from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. each Saturday and Sunday. "Our chef, Jose, came from Charley's Crab in Troy."

Leon also does a big catering operation; one of his biggest clients is Delta Airlines out of Detroit Metro Airport. But it's all about local folks next Wednesday. Although the meal is entirely complimentary, donations will also be accepted to assist needy families in the area this holiday season. For more information, call 248-478-9742.

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Swearing-in



Judge Brian MacKenzie (center) stops by to chat with newly-elected Novi City Council member Gwen Markham (left) before he administered the oath of office Nov. 12. Re-elected council member Andrew Mutch looks on. Incumbent Mayor Bob Gatt and council member Justin Fischer were also sworn in that night. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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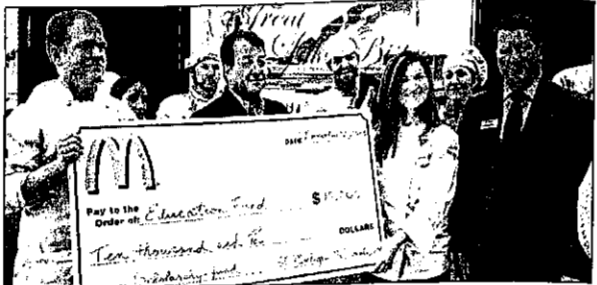
she hosted a cooking experience at the Novi school. A \$10,000 donation was given to the institute that day by Southeast Michigan McDonald's Operators Association for its scholarship fund.

During the event, Foust said McDonald's quality ingredients will be at center stage with the next generation of industry professionals creating their own dishes from ingredients used daily on McDonald's menu.

The variety of plates was interesting, to say the least, from using a McMuffin with a hole in it for an egg to cook on top of a slice of ham to using the shredded McWings as a topping along with cheese to a dish of fried tortilla — the variety was inspiring.

Rassam said he has enjoyed McDonald's breakfast before, so had a good idea what he was working with. His skillset came out looking tasty, so you never know if during the next trip through a drive-through you might see his dish on the menu.

She said the students know of the typical routes a new chef can take, but they might not know of the possibilities in the world of "fast food."



Chef Jessica Foust, along with other McDonald's representatives, presented a financial donation to the school's scholarship fund. CONNIE HUHMAN

"This gives them an idea of the various opportunities that are out there for them. Understanding and exploring the different possibilities is part of learning, so we want to help give them another look," Foust said of the workshop.

"McDonald's strives to use the best quality ingredients and that sometimes gets lost in the discussion," Foust said. "We are using more fruits in our menu and have traditionally used only the best meats. There are many directions they can take these ingredients to make a new dish. You never know ... they might inspire me to think about something new."

Leading culinary development for the Menu Innovation Team, Foust provides nutrition subject matter expertise to the McDon-

ald's U.S. food and nutrition strategy. She manages day-to-day relationships with its multiple suppliers and works with a diverse and creative team to generate and develop new menu items for McDonald's 14,000-plus U.S. restaurants.

Foust discussed McDonald's menu innovations and shared details of her experience working for the largest quick service restaurant in the world. Trained as a chef and registered dietitian, she coached the students as they created a composed plate, ensuring they are preparing dishes that are delicious and nutritionally balanced.

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Area Dems fete Schauer in meet-and-greet

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

The lights were out at John and Mary Bartek's Plymouth Township home, courtesy of Sunday's high winds and rains that hit southeast Michigan.

But the power outage that turned off the lights did nothing to dim the enthusiasm of the 50 or so members and supporters of the Plymouth Democratic Club gathered for a meet-and-greet with Mark Schauer.

The Democrat gubernatorial candidate, who plans to challenge Gov. Rick Snyder in the 2014 election, stopped by to talk to club members eager for a change in Lansing.

He gave them what they wanted to hear.

"I didn't vote for Rick Snyder, but I gave him the benefit of the doubt ... I thought he'd be this 'business' guy," Schauer told the gathered crowd. "I thought we were getting sort of a Milliken, and we got more of a DeVos instead. I've talked with a lot of people around the state who are dissatisfied."

It was the kind of small-venue meeting Schauer has been doing since announcing his candidacy. It was the third of five similar events he did Sunday alone.

It's part of the strategy he's adopting in order to beat the perception that no one knows who he is. A poll done last year by Public Policy Polling, a Democratic polling group, showed some 72 percent of Michiganders had no idea who Schauer is. Ironically, the same

poll showed him with a 44-36 lead in a hypothetical race against the incumbent governor.

Schauer said Sunday that polls show the race is a dead heat, with Snyder holding a within-the-margin-of-error 36-33 lead. He said groups like the Plymouth Democratic Club are going to make the difference if he is to unseat Snyder.

"This campaign will be won by people in this room, the doors they knock on and the contacts they make," Schauer said. "If people vote to the level of 2006 rather than 2008, I'll be elected governor."

Schauer mingled with club members and supporters for about a half-hour, then talked for some 20 minutes about the ways he'll challenge Snyder's record. He was critical of the governor's handling of the right-to-work situation last year. He also criticized Snyder for "cutting \$1 billion from public education" and "a half-billion dollars from higher education."

He said Snyder has "raised taxes on retirees," "raised taxes on people with children (with the elimination of the child-care credit)" and "he's raised taxes on the working poor."

According to Schauer, Michigan has the fourth-highest unemployment rate in the country and the "highest percentage of children living in poverty in the Great Lakes region."

"You raise taxes on the poor and give a \$2 billion tax break to corporations and it doesn't even create jobs," Schauer said. "Cutting education is mortgaging our future and it



Plymouth Township resident Aaron Sheperd (left) talks with Mark Schauer (center) and Michigan Democratic Party political director Stephanie White during Sunday's meet-and-greet.

isn't working."

Mary Maguire, president of the Plymouth Democratic Club, said the event is an effort by the club to connect people in the local community with the folks who want to represent them.

"It's a wonderful opportunity for people to connect with (Schauer)," Maguire said. "His message is absolutely right on. He has the same core values as people around here and people in the state of Michigan."

The Barteks, who hadn't met Schauer before Sunday, were happy to open their home to him.

"A lot of people don't know a lot about him," John Bartek said. "A lot of people are disappointed with (Snyder). It's not turning out the way they thought it would. This is about helping people get to know (Schauer)."

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Madonna, Schoolcraft partner to offer dual degree in sign language

Madonna University and Schoolcraft College have announced a unique dual degree program in sign language studies.

Beginning fall semester 2014, students majoring in sign language studies will be able to attend both schools at the same time and use their financial aid at both institutions.

Dan McDougall, director of Madonna's sign language studies program, outlined how this innovative partnership will save students time and money.

"Our very specific plan of study outlines which classes students will take at each school; general education requirements will be taken at Schoolcraft and sign language courses will be taught at Madonna, which will save students thousands in tuition costs. Additionally, by meeting with their advisor on a regular basis, students can ensure they stay on track to complete their degree in four years so they can start their careers in a timely fashion."

According to McDougall,



Madonna University President Sister Rose Marie Kujawa and Schoolcraft College President Conway Jeffress sign the articulation agreement for the dual degree sign language studies program.

the demand for interpreters for the deaf and hard of hearing in Michigan will continue to grow over the next 20 years, based on a 2006 study by the Division on Deaf and Hard of Hearing. He also noted that a bachelor's degree is now required for new applicants to apply for national interpreting certification.

As the program's name suggests, students will earn two degrees: an associate's degree in applied science from Schoolcraft after two years of successful study and a bache-

lor's degree in either interpreting studies or deaf community studies from Madonna after two additional years of successful study.

With Michigan's first and longest-running bachelor's degree program in sign language, Madonna University also is the only Michigan school that offers more than one bachelor's degree related to sign language. Language courses are taught by culturally-deaf instructors, in a new, state-of-the-art visual language lab and classrooms.

Much to be thankful for in Novi school district

November is the month that reminds us to be thankful. Here in the Novi Community School District, we have much for which to be thankful.

We have wonderful students. They are enthusiastic at times overly so. They listen — most of the time. They challenge us — appropriately.

Our students come in all shapes and sizes. They come from a variety of backgrounds and cultures. Our students reflect the world. Our students remind those of us who work in the school district that where our students are headed is into a globally competitive environment. As such, our responsibility is to prepare them to be successful.

We do not know what the world will be like within a generation. What we do know and what we are committed to is preparing these students to be successful in that world.

While we help them learn the content of math, science, social studies and English, we know that equally important will be teaching our students the skills of collaboration, communication and managing change. While we encourage our students to participate in band, orchestra and choir, we know that these activities are about more than just the activity itself. These activities give our students confidence, poise and an understanding of how to work hard.

Our students are sent to school prepared by parents and guardians who care about the education of the young people for whom they are responsible. Much of the success that we have as a district can be traced to the support the parents and guardians provide our children.

The adults in our community attend parent-teacher conferences, call and email teachers and administrators



Steve Mathews
SUPER-TALK

and provide a place for students to study. The parents and guardians of our students check homework, talk to students about what happened in school and communicate clearly to our students that school is important.

In Novi, we have a community that supports and values education. This support is demonstrated through positive support for millage renewals and construction and technology bonds, as well as participation in school activities. Our community holds us responsible for creating an environment where students can learn. Together, we have created good places for students.

Our committed and caring staff provides excellent educational opportunities for students in the classroom and through clubs and extracurricular activities. Staff comes in early and stays late. Our staff members collaborate with each other, constantly looking for ways to meet the needs of every student. Our staff members talk with our students, learn how to motivate them and encourage them to achieve. Our staff members connect with our students and build relationships that encourage student success.

It is appropriate and timely that November rolls around. November encourages us to be thankful. Here in Novi, we have a lot for which to be thankful. Novi is a wonderful community. Let us give thanks this month and throughout the year.

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SCHOOL BRIEFS

One-Act Festival

The fourth annual One-Act Festival will be held at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 22, at Novi Middle School. The three comedies — Comic Book Artist, L'ionizing, and Some Words With a Mummy — are presented by the Novi Middle School Theater Co.

Not only do the 100 students act, they also have student-run technical support for light, sound and back stage. Tickets are \$7.

Western National Honor Society induction

was an excellent occasion to make visible Western's commitment to producing well-rounded citizens," Western teacher Krista Santana said.

Great Start Readiness Program

The Novi Community Education Preschool will be offering the Great Start Readiness Program for 4-year-olds starting in September 2014.

To qualify for this state-funded program, children must be age 4 by Oct. 1, 2014, and meet two of seven criteria set by the state. The GSRP program is a free preschool and includes lunch and snack. Parents provide transportation.

The all-day class will be held from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and follow the Novi Community School District calendar.

Registration is ongoing beginning Jan. 6. Space is limited and enrollment is not guaranteed.

Parents or guardians should contact the Community Education Preschool office to schedule a registration appointment at 248-449-1713.

W.L. Western inducts NHS members

Recently, 89 students at Walled Lake Western High School were inducted into the National Honor Society. This marks the highest number of inductees in the past two school years. Of the 89 inductees, 79 were juniors and 10 were seniors.

Each student inducted demonstrates a high level of academic excellence, character, leadership and service. Students inducted into NHS will complete a required 60 hours of community service, with most of them going above and beyond the service requirements to help their school and community.

"The Walled Lake

Right-to-work law panel's topic

By Kathleen Gray
Gannett Michigan

Three public school employees appeared before a newly formed Senate committee last week to tell how they wanted to, but have been unable to, leave their unions after right-to-work legislation was passed last year.

"I'm not interested in joining the union and I've paid over \$10,000 in dues to the union over the last 11 years," said Susan Bank, a Brighton resident and special education teacher in Novi. "They should have informed me or let me know I don't feel I was informed of my rights."

She says she was ultimately told by her union — during the month of August — to withdraw from the union. And since she wasn't paying her union dues, that the matter could be turned over to a collection agency.

The Michigan Senate's Compliance and Accountability Committee held its first meeting earlier this month to look into how school districts are complying with the right-to-work law, which passed in the final frenzied days of the lame-duck session last December with no committee hearings or public input.

Sen. Arlan Meekhof, R-West Olive, is chairman of the committee. He said he's not sure whether any legislation will result from the hearings or what other topics might come up, but that he wants to send a message to teachers that "We've got your back."

Amy Breza, a paraprofessional in the Clarkston school district, said she also was never told about the August window to withdraw from the union.

"My union president told me she didn't want me to get into trouble with the MEA," Breza said. "I told her you need to talk to my attorney."

Miriam Chanski, a kindergarten teacher in Coopersville, said she signed a form in May saying she wanted to withdraw from the union, but was told at the beginning of the school year

that she hadn't filed the right form during the withdrawal month of August.

"That information was not given to us up front," she said. "It was actively hidden from us."

The Michigan Education Association, which is scheduled to testify before the committee Dec. 4, said that about 1,500 public school employees have left the union since the right-to-work law went into effect. Another "couple hundred" have asked about leaving, but didn't meet the August deadline, said Doug Pratt, spokesman for the MEA, which represents about 150,000 employees in Michigan.

"I'm unaware of any membership organization that actively seeks out people to tell them how to leave," he said. "Does the Chamber of Commerce send letters to its mem-

bers saying, 'This how you go about not renewing your membership?'"

The Mackinac Center, a Midland-based think tank that is a leading supporter of the right-to-work laws, is representing seven teachers and one para-professional in a lawsuit based on the employees' inability to leave the union.

Patrick Wright, of the center's legal foundation, told the committee that the center sent 30,000 emails to teachers regarding the right-to-work law and how it gave them the ability to leave the union.

"We had a situation that there was a new and important law passed, that the MEA didn't like," he said in explaining the email.

The lawsuit is pending before the Michigan Employment Relations Commission.

'50s fun

Jennifer Barr dances with her daughter Payton during the Nov. 12 celebration at Novi's Parkview Elementary. On the 50th day of kindergarten, the school throws a '50s-themed party for the students and their parents, with lots of leather jackets, dungarees and poodle skirts. Even Elvis put in an appearance. JOHN HEDDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

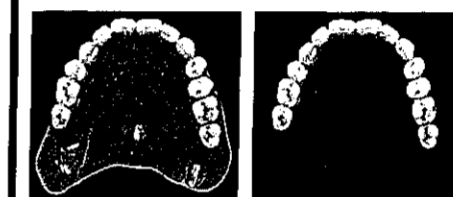


'Shrek - The Musical'

Carter Jones is Shrek in Walled Lake Western High School Performing Arts Department's presentation of 'Shrek - The Musical' Nov. 21-24 at the school (600 Beck Road, Walled Lake). Evening performances will begin at 7:30 p.m. and the two weekend matinees will begin at 2 p.m. Tickets can be purchased online at www.wlwmusical.com or by phone at 248-956-4625. Tickets range in price from \$14 to \$20 and all tickets are reserved. For more information, visit www.wlwticket.com. CURTIS CROGMILLER



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Meijer, generous customers boost Novi food bank efforts

On a recent Monday at the Novi Emergency Food Bank, hard work collecting food by local Boy Scouts had shelves full. Volunteers had the food bank, which serves Novi, New Hudson and Wyom residents, looking tidy. "It's staying about the same. Some of the people have moved away," co-chair Kay Hendricksen of Novi said of the current caseload. Hendricksen, co-chair with Jim Ernst, said the group

serves about 45-50 families now, with that varying throughout the year. She's working now to get the word out on the food bank, which has Simply Give cards at some checkout kiosks that are available to support the Novi food bank. "You swipe that when you buy groceries," she said. "Meijer matches every dollar that is donated." She's grateful and even more so for the Grand Rapids-based

retailer doing double duty through mid-December. The food bank is based at Faith Community Presbyterian Church, on 10 Mile across from the Novi police station. Hendricksen emphasized regular Meijer gift cards aren't what would-be donors should use, but rather the Simply Give card. "They've done it for a number of years now," she said of the retailer's charitable effort.

Novi Youth Assistance and Haven getting more money from CDBG

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

Novi will be devoting more of its Community Development Block Grant funding to help support community services like Novi Youth Assistance and Haven. The Novi City Council was scheduled to have a public hearing Tuesday on the recommendations put forth by the city's Housing and Community Development Advisory Committee for this allocation. The proposed 2014 CDBG planning allocation for the city of Novi is estimated to total \$91,654. The maximum amount Novi is allowed to allocate directly to the public service program (NYA and Haven) category for 2014 is \$27,496, which represents an increase of \$1,419 from the prior year.

The remainder will be devoted to supporting Novi's Minor Home Repair program. Some input was given prior to the meeting from some of the stakeholders involved with the funding. The CDBG represents crucial support for them. "Due to the ongoing economic downturn, we are seeing a record number of families requesting assistance," NYA case-worker Tom Swiebeda said.

He said NYA is in a challenging situation financially, but has found ways to meet the demands. The CDBG goes a long way in helping with this. "While we have made internal adjustments to stretch our monies as best as we can, continued and increased CDBG funding is vital if we are to continue providing programming in 2014-15 to our most vulnerable community members," Swiebeda said.

NYA Funding dollars allocated to NYA are used to provide direct intervention services for Novi youth, which includes counseling, enrichment, skill building and academic support to children who are for various reasons deemed to be at "at risk" or whose families have insufficient financial resources to meet their needs for these activities.

Minor Home Repair The current wait list for those who qualify for the Minor Home Repair program continues to grow, to a total of 71 Novi residents as of Sept. 13. According to the city, on average, a minor home repair runs approximately \$1,000 to \$5,000 per unit. In addition to our allocation of CDBG funds, Novi offers its residents the ability to participate in the Weatherization Assistance Program administered through OLSA. The WAP provides free, grant-funded, energy-related home repairs to all eligible low-income households to help lower their utility bills and to improve living conditions.

Haven Since 1982, Haven has been dedicated to building violence-free communities where everyone can live without fear. It maintains a 24-hour emergency shelter exclusively for domestic violence victims and their children and sexual assault survivors who are afraid to stay in their own homes. Haven reported last fiscal year a total of 151 Novi residents received

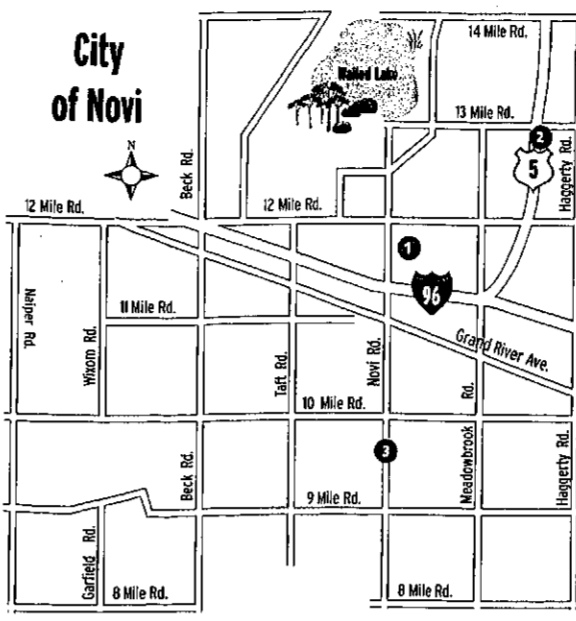
direct assistance from it by way of shelter assistance, crisis intervention as well as services from Haven's Personal Protection Order Office.

Since 2002, Novi has received and successfully managed more than \$1,347,190 in CDBG grant funds. Huhman@hometownlife.com 248-437-2011, ext. 255 Twitter: @lhuhman

Fall colors



Fall colors have jazzed up the woods at Novi's Lakeshore Park. JOHN HEDGES/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

Stolen Hermes handbag

1 A woman had her \$3,000 Hermes handbag stolen at Twelve Oaks mall while trying on a pair of shoes Nov. 2.

She stated she was inside Macy's when she set her handbag down while putting on the shoes and then got up, forgetting it for a moment. When she went back to it, she found it missing. Inside was \$800 in cash, \$4,500 in cashiers checks and various cards.

A Macy's employee did spot a possible suspect leaving the store with a handbag that matched the stolen one. The case is under investigation.

Drunken driving, second offense

2 A Farmington woman was arrested for drunken driving after running through a flashing red traffic signal Nov. 1.

Novi police stopped the woman at M-S and 13 Mile Road after observing the erratic driving. The odor of intoxicants was immediately detected upon speaking with the driver. She told police that she had more than enough to drink.

After having trouble with the one-legged stand field sobriety test as well as the others, she was given a breathalyzer test and was arrested after it came back with a 0.10 percent blood-alcohol content. During a search,

police also found marijuana and a pipe.

Drunken swerving

3 A man driving a BMW erratically was arrested for drunken driving.

Novi police stopped the man at Novi Road and Nick Lidstrom Drive after spotting him swerving in his lane and crossing the center line twice. The odor of alcohol was detected and he was asked to do the field sobriety tests; officers report he was swaying while standing and performing the tests.

He was arrested after his breathalyzer registered 0.10 percent blood-alcohol content.

—By Lonnie Huhman

Byrne promoted to rank of lieutenant



Byrne

The city of Novi promoted fire protection officer Ryan Byrne to lieutenant with the Novi Fire Department. He was selected after a rigorous, competitive promotional process.

"Lieutenant Byrne has demonstrated a proven ability in advancing the mission, vision and values of the Novi Fire Department," said David E. Molloy, director of public safety/chief of police. "The fire lieutenant is a key leadership position in our public safety team. Working in partnership with our full- and part-time personnel, Lieutenant Byrne will continue to enhance the quality services our community is known for delivering."

data needed to successfully mitigate potential dangerous situations. In addition, Byrne has earned a company citation, two letters of commendation and an honorable mention.

Byrne currently holds state of Michigan Company Officer I, II and III certification. Additionally, he maintains hazardous materials-operations certification, as well as being an NFPA Fire Inspector II. Byrne attended Marian College, where he studied history and political science. He is continuing the pursuit of his degree at Schoolcraft College and plans to enroll at Eastern Michigan University and study public safety administration.

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Despite economy, customers still gobbling up local turkeys for Thanksgiving

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

It's the same this year as it has been at many area places selling turkey for Thanksgiving: customers are willing to shell out the money for fresh, local birds.

"People are always thanking me for being here. They say, 'I don't care if it's \$5 a pound. You can't beat your turkeys,'" said Christine Roperti, owner of Roperti's Turkey Farm, 34700 Five Mile, in Livonia. "I love doing it."

Several area sellers of the Thanksgiving fare say they've seen some impact with the economy taking a nosedive in re-

cent years, but many continue to see customers come back, looking to splurge for the holidays on a fresh turkey for their family's dinner table Nov. 28.

Tom Toth, manager of Huron Merriman, 18910 Merriman, in Huron Township in southern Wayne County, said the farm sees a wide array of customers from the Detroit area, including cities such as Livonia, Garden City and Westland, as well as Downriver, looking for a fresh turkey. And for this holiday, he said many say the cost is worth it to have a local, fresh bird for Thanksgiving dinner.

"People don't mind



The turkeys will each add a few pounds in weight between now and the last days before Thanksgiving. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

spending \$70 for a turkey because it's once a year," he said. "Ours are dressed out the day before the person picks it up. You can't get it fresher than that."

Both Roperti and Toth said while individual

customer numbers haven't changed in recent years, the number of companies purchasing turkeys for dinner or for their employees has definitely decreased in recent years.

For that, Toth blames

the economy and the fact that some companies see the turkey purchases as "extras" not crucial to their company, if they are still open.

"We lost a lot of those people because the companies don't want to spend that kind of money," he said. "Some businesses went out of business."

Economies has also played a factor in raising turkeys. Both farms said they've seen an increase in costs for feed for the turkeys.

A combination of corn, soybean and other natural ingredients that give the turkeys their flavor has increased over the years, although it was stable in 2013, Roperti said.

"Last year, it went way up," she said. "This year, it's about the same."

Toth, who said he gets his feed from a farm in Ida, said a better crop this year has helped with feed costs. He believes last year's crop was way down for several reasons, including ethanol production.

"The feed prices have been extremely ridiculous the last couple years. They made corn \$7 a bushel," he said. "This year, it's \$4 a bushel."

Demand for local increases

Despite costs, many local turkey sellers this year are seeing a bigger push toward locally-raised poultry, as well as fewer antibiotics and other substances used to enhance the birds.

Mike Liabenow, manager of meat and seafood at Joe's Produce, 33152 W. Seven Mile, in Livonia, said his department began carrying organic turkeys raised in Michigan this year for the first time.

While the price for those birds is more than other turkeys at the store, Liabenow said he's had customers request them in previous years for Thanksgiving.

"It's something that's been on the rise a couple years in the business," he

said. "It's something that's been on the rise a couple years in the business," he

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CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 11th, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **ERIKSON LIVING FOX RUN, JSP 13-64 FOR PLANNING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE REVISED PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN WITH A PD-1 (PLANNED DEVELOPMENT RESIDENTIAL OPTION, REVISED SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT, REVISED PHASING PLAN, REVISED WOODLAND PERMIT AND REVISED STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN.** The subject property totals approximately 102.8 acres and is located in Section 01, north of Thirteen Mile Road and west of M-5. The applicant is proposing to revise the original approval for the remaining buildings in Phase 2. Plans are available for review at the Civic Center.

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, December 11th, 2013.

Novi Planning Commission
Michael Lynch, Secretary

Published November 21, 2013

TURKEYS

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said. "Everyone wants to keep everything in Michigan."

Roperti said many of her customers have expressed an interest in her birds for that very reason.

She said she'll see many customers drive up from Ann Arbor and Toledo for a bird, knowing it won't have any issues with bacteria such as salmonella, something that's talked about a lot with issues about poultry from stores in the news.

"This has been going on for four or five years," she said. "There's a lot of people from Ann Arbor that come here and get turkeys. So that's been going on a while."

Chef Steve Allen of Steve and Rocky's Restaurant, 43150 Grand River, in Novi, said his business is offering three options this Thanksgiving for people to enjoy turkey, which Allen himself raises. Those looking to dine in can eat at the

restaurant Thanksgiving afternoon, those not wanting to cook can order a prepared meal and take it home and those wanting to cook themselves can purchase a fresh turkey and use whatever recipe they like.

Allen has also seen a push for more locally-raised turkeys for the holiday from customers. He said a key to a tasty turkey is allowing the bird more freedom while it's at a farm.

"The more confinement, the more stressed they are," he said. "They can get sunshine if they want; they can get raindrops if they want."

Each of the three restaurants associated with Allen - Steve and Rocky's, Rocky's Rotisserie in Livonia and Rocky's of Northville - will serve dinners Thanksgiving. Liabenow said he's seen customers still line up for the Thanksgiving fare with little regard to price. Business has been steady, but as the turkey farms begin to wind down at the end of the month, he and his co-



Christine Roperti and granddaughter Merida Roperti in the barnyard with someone's future Thanksgiving dinner. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

workers will ramp up when that other holiday in December creeps up

on them. "Thanksgiving is easy, it's just turkeys," he said.

"Christmas is every-

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JFK's limo an enduring symbol of a dark day

By Julie Hinds
Gannett/Michigan

As artifacts of landmark American events go, it's a tragic superstar. "If the 20th century was the age of the automobile, there's no more iconic car than the JFK convertible," noted historian Douglas Brinkley said. "It's the one artifact of the Kennedy assassination that kind of reigns supreme."

The 1961 four-door Lincoln Continental limousine that President John F. Kennedy was riding in when he was killed has been part of the Henry Ford Museum's collection since 1978. Admission will be free Friday, the 50th anniversary of the assassination. DETROIT FREE PRESS



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The Lincoln was assembled in early 1961 at Ford Motor's Wixom plant and would have retailed for about \$7,300. But to fit the needs of a VIP limousine, it was customized by Hess & Eisenhardt of Cincinnati. The changes included adding 3/4 feet of length, which made room for jump seats, and redoing the interior with plush appointments. The modifications — which also included the portable roof system, a hydraulic rear seat, steps on the rear bumper for Secret Service agents, among many features —

pushed the car's cost to nearly \$200,000. Ford retained ownership of the limo, leasing it to the White House for \$500 a year. Code named X-100, it looked gleaming in photographs with its midnight blue paint with a metallic shimmer — just the ticket for a handsome, well-dressed, media-savvy leader.

"I've heard it was painted that color so it would show up better on black-and-white television in those days, which makes sense because it does look nice if you look at the old news footage," Anderson said.

The comfortable, stylish car flew to Texas in 1963 for a trip to heal Democratic Party squabbling before the 1964 election was not equipped in those more innocent times with the mandatory security features of future presidential limousines.

The convertible's famous bubble top, "a series of transparent roof panels ... that could pop up on the roof for protection from rain, wind, what have you" was a convenience only, according to Anderson. "They were not bulletproof, just meant for inclement weather."

Kennedy disliked the bubble top and having Secret Service agents riding on the car. Those things got in the way of connecting with potential voters and what other reason was there, really, for having a parade-worthy vehicle? Swanson, for one, said he thinks the bubble top could have made a difference if it had been used that sunny afternoon in Dallas, even without being bulletproof. "Certainly, when a high-speed bullet strikes any surface, it can shatter and deflect," he said. But what might-have-beens don't change the fact that Kennedy suf-

fered a massive head wound that was unsurvivable, a moment captured by an amateur camera operator named Abraham Zapruder.

Suddenly, a tour of Texas cities became the day that changed America forever. And when images from the Zapruder frames and, eventually, the film itself, reached the public, the violence that happened in that car was seared into the collective consciousness.

Back in commission

Clint Hill was reunited this week with the vehicle that he leaped upon to protect a stunned Jacqueline Kennedy, who was sprawled on the rear of the car, reaching, by some accounts, for a piece of her husband's skull.

Later, when the limousine had arrived at Parkland Hospital, the first lady wouldn't move from her crouch over her husband until Hill, sensing her reason, took off his jacket and covered Kennedy's head with it. After the assassination, the X-100 returned to Washington, D.C., in its cargo plane. The car was scoured for information and clues by the FBI and Secret Service, says Anderson said.

From the slowness of a turn on the motorcade route to a crack in its windshield, details linked to the car have continued to be scrutinized and provide fodder for conspiracy theories. The original size, shape and details of the car became — and remain — a key piece of evidence.

The refurbished limousine was used occasionally by presidents until being retired in 1977. It was donated by Ford Motor Co. to the museum and officially joined the collection in 1978, according to Anderson.

CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 11th, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **BERKSHIRE POINTE SITE PLAN NUMBER 14-47 FOR PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN, WETLAND PERMIT, WOODLAND PERMIT AND STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN APPROVAL.** The subject property totals approximately 29.2 acres and is located in Section 18, south of Twelve Mile Road and west of Wixom Road. The applicant is proposing an 86 unit single-family residential development. Plans are available for review at the Civic Center.

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be made to the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 during the City's regular business hours, Monday thru Friday, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., and must be received by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, December 11th, 2013.

Novi Planning Commission
Michael Lynch, Secretary
Published November 21, 2013

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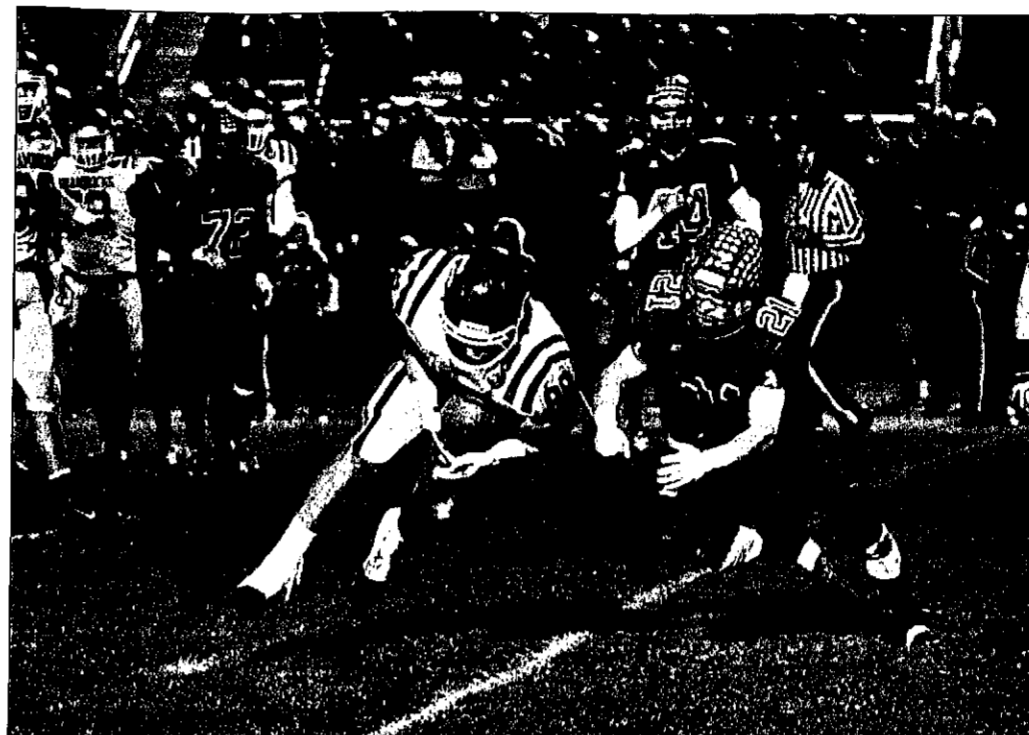
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Catholic Central tight end Nicholas Cococetta crosses the goal line for the game-winning touchdown against Temperence Bedford during the game.

CC rallies to top Bedford, 34-33

Shamrocks score game-winning touchdown in final minute

By Sam Eggleston
 Correspondent

Nicholas Cococetta is a bit like a Weeble—he wobbled, but he didn't fall down. Cococetta, who was playing on an injured foot, stumbled as he reached out for a 4-yard pass from Detroit Catholic Central quarterback Sean Birney. The ball hit Cococetta's hands in mid-stumble, but he managed to keep his concentration on the task at hand and completed his only catch of the game in the end zone to give his team a 34-33 lead over Temperence Bedford with less than 30 seconds remaining in the regional championship game Friday.

A couple of plays and an interception later and the tide—and the right to play Detroit Cass Tech in a state semifinal contest—was the Shamrocks'.

"We couldn't be prouder of how our kids kept responding and battled to the very end," assistant coach Michael Mach said. "Bedford deserves a ton of praise. They are a championship-level football team."



The Shamrocks raise the regional trophy after defeating Temperence Bedford during the game.

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Detroit Catholic Central will play at 1 p.m. Saturday at Troy Athens in the state semifinal game against two-time defending Division 1 state champion Detroit Cass Tech.

In the third quarter, the Shamrocks fell behind, but fought back to take a 28-27 lead following a missed extra point by Bedford.

Bedford regained the lead on a touchdown by running back Alec Hullibarger, who scored three on the night and had nearly 150 yards on the ground, before the Shamrocks marched down the field and scored the final touchdown of the night. Both teams missed two-point conversions on their final scores.

"Our theme for the week was 'The Magic is in Believing' and even when the clock and the score was against us, our kids maintained their poise to the very end," Mach said. "I'm so proud of the execution of our two-minute drill. We practice that every week, but this is the first time on the year we had to drive the field under those conditions. It's the type of scenario dreams are

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Harding tops All-Area golf roster

Northville's Childers earns first-team honor

By Jeff Theisen
 Sports Writer

South Lyon's Caroline Harding was just an incredibly solid golfer this year. Harding was a top-10 finisher in 17 of 19 matches and medalist eight times, including at regionals. She capped her season with an eighth-place finish at the Division 2 state finals as the Lions went on to claim fourth.

The junior earned first team all-state honors and is the 2013 All-Area Golfer of the Year.

Harding averaged 40.1 for nine holes and 80.1 for 18 holes. She carded a 74 on three separate occasions this year for a new school record.

"On any given day (she) is as good as anyone in the state," coach Dan Skatizka said. "She is a member of the National Honor Society and a very good student. Caroline hopes to play her college golf at Michigan State University."

First team Gabby Brackrog Milford

The senior put up steady numbers and had huge rounds at big tournaments, including a win at the Oakland County tournament.

Brackrog averaged 80.9 for 18 holes and 41.6 for nine. She finished in the top 10 in nine out of 10 tournaments, with five top-five finishes. She was also voted Division 1 all-state honorable mention.

"She also excels in the classroom with a 3.97 GPA," coach Jim Sander said. "She has committed to playing golf at Florida Gulf Coast next fall."

Northville

The junior averaged 40 for nine holes and 85 for 18, with a low score of 78.

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Northville golfer Katie Childers.

Novi's Subject named PSAC West Player of the Week

For the second straight week, the third time in five weeks and the fourth time this season, Clarion University setter Laura Subject was the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference Western Division Women's Volleyball Player of the Week.

Subject, a junior, helped the Golden Eagles (30-2 overall, 19-1 PSAC West) run their overall win streak to seven straight matches and their conference win streak to 15 consecutive matches with a 3-0 week that included wins over IUP, Gan-



Subject

non and Mercyhurst.

For the week, Subject averaged 11.45 set assists and 2.55 digs per set, while also recording seven kills, seven aces

and five blocks. She had two double-doubles during the week with 48 assists and 12 digs in the 3-1 win over Cannon and 45 assists and 10 digs in the 3-1 win over Mercyhurst. She added four kills vs. Mercyhurst and three blocks vs. Gan-

non. Her week started when she had 33 assists and six digs in a 3-0 sweep of IUP.

On the season, Subject is averaging 11.27 set assists per set and 2.76 digs per set and leads the PSAC in set assists per set by nearly 1.5 set assists per set.

With Subject leading the way, Clarion has reached 30 wins in the regular season for just the second time in school history (31 in 2002) and for just the third time overall in school history (the 2010 team had 32 wins, including six in the post-

season).

Subject is the first Golden Eagles women's volleyball player to earn four PSAC West Player of the Week honors in the same season (no one else has ever earned more than two).

She is also the lone PSAC West player to earn multiple Player of the Week awards in volleyball this year, while the athletic training major's 3.91 GPA recently earned her a Capital One/CoSIDA Academic All-District player honor (along with teammate Hannah

Heeter).

"Both players are very deserving of this award," Clarion seventh-year head coach Jennifer Mills said. "One of the things we look for in our athletes is that they be good students as well as good volleyball players. This award epitomizes that."

Heeter and Subject were also instrumental in helping Clarion achieve the top team GPA award in the PSAC in women's volleyball last year, helping the Golden Eagles to a team GPA of 3.583.

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