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Novi Town Center (corner of Novi Road and Grand River Avenue) will be welwith a variety of throughout the holi-

day shopping season The Christmas tree lighting will be 5:30-6:30 p.m. Saturday beside the clock tower. Holiday barols will be sung
by Ye Merry Carplers and Santa Claus
will be welcoming

visitors. The first 50 people who bring a will receive a \$10 gift card. Hot coffee and cocoa will also be served by a local Boy Cout troop. Santa Claus will

-≰lso be appearing at the Performance Bike store from 11 rday and Sunday, Dec. 7-8, 14-15 and 21-22. Those visiting anta are encourged to bring their cameras for photos and each guest will receive a free candy

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# POLICE: BE A SAFE SHOPPER AT HOLIDAYS, ALL YEAR LONG

Chief Chuck Nebus of the Farmington Hills Police Departping this year and offers advice: "I would shop early. I would try to go when it's light."

He urges women never to leave a purse visible in a car while inside shopping and that all shoppers carry only what they need. "You don't want to get out of your car and let someone see you put it in the trunk," he said of a purse being targeted by a criminal.

This is a joyous time of year. but unfortunately police departments and security officers must deal with crimes. Shoppers can help by following basic ad-

Kristin Bixman, Hills P.D. crime prevention technician, said it's best to enter a mall with other people. "There will be people there that can see what's going on," she said, adding packages should always go in a trunk
or even be taken home before you come back to finish shop-

ping.
"We always recommend not carrying a lot of packages," Nebus said, adding you are advised to move your car to another parking space after stowing

packages. He noted "Apple picking" of pricey iPhones is common and said it's best to conceal such phones. "Someone runs up and man said, noting smart phones often contain sensitive informa-

"If you look aware and alert and confident, you'll less likely be a victim," Nebus said of studies showing some criminals do profile victims. Carrying just will be helpful if they are stolen

reported immediately. "Their

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IPC International Security guard Philip Calleja patrols the upper level of Novi's Twelve Oaks Mall. The 200-store mall, at Novi Road and 1-96, has more than one million square feet of retail space and sees thousands of visitors a day around the holidays. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

# Shopping centers work with security, area police agencies on safety

By Julie Brown

Shopping safety is para-mount to Dan Jones, general manager of Twelve Oaks in

"The safety and security of our employees and customers

explained that some specifics must remain confidential for security reasons, but that the mall works closely and well with area police departments to

rity issues with I-96 being close

by. When businesses choose

"Certainly ours is very good

keep the property safe. "The freeway really works to our advantage," Jones said, noting there haven't been secu-

locations, accessibility is key,

right off I-96," he said. "I can't necessarily speak for the other I definitely feel Twelve

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# Don't let calendar dictate your family celebration

By Jill Halpin

It seems to many people that days are becoming busier with each passing

Thanksgiving. Complicating matters are the conflicts travel, Black Friday shopping plans or work

that become more common as some businesses elect to stay open during the holiday. In addition, for some blended

ogether can also be difficult. While tradition may dictate an "official" date to celebrate Thanksgiving, some local families are finding out that when it comes to the food-filled festival dates are really little more than

a box on the calendar.

Rather than allowing bothersome scheduling constraints get in the way of a time-honored tradition, these folks are holding wholehearted Thanks-giving celebrations - complete

with all the trimmings - on an

alternate date. "Rest assured there is nothing wrong with electing to celetive date," said Dr. Kimberly Waldron, executive director of Gateway Counseling Center in

**Getting together matters** Celebrating Thanksgiving is, she said, more about the act of

getting together itself. "We do not have to be held prisoner to a calendar." Waldron said. "We redesign things to work in our lives every day

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In 2012, Macy's was ready for shoppers heading to the mall on Black

# **Expert: Frenzy starts early** because consumers want it

By Jill Halpin

Love it or hate it, Black Friday — that hallowed day of shopping slowly threatening to

usurp Thanksgiving gatherings everywhere — is here to stay. Retailers seeking to boost their end of the year sales combined with shoppers eager to kick off the holiday season with good bargains and deeply dis-counted finds make for an incredible event. One that seems to be growing in enormity every year with retailers opening

their doors earlier and earlier. And despite the displeasure voiced by some consumers over the stores' early-bird attitude, the enticements of slashed prices and one-time only buys

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Mike Bernacchi, professor



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store manager Joe Lega-

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The newly opened

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hours, opening all 43 of its stores in Michigan,

Indiana and Ohio from

29. ABC Warehouse's

open from 6 a.m. to 9

Shopping is

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Deals" return with stores

For some, Black Fri-

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dogs," Legato said. ABC Warehouse

(www.ABCWare-

who bring in a new

# SAFETY

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first objective is to use ally at a gas station. Nebus said of credit card thieves.

Farmington Hills and other communities beef up patrols in shopping and December.

Sgt. Jeffery Kavanaugh of the Westland Police Department noted his department will have an additional officer at Westland Shopping Centhrough Dec. 24 "in conjunction with mall secuelement of safety.

Business Watch as coordinator as well as Community Watch and agreed only carrying needed ns when shopping is key, "The less items that you have, the better," he said explaining that it'l one credit card and reduces the chances of ID

You always want to naugh said. You should

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be aware of your surroundings and make sure you're not being followed; request a mall ecurity escort if you feel uncomfortable

"Most of the time people are going to be in Westland sergeant said cut down the opportunity thing, the less crime

there's going to b Those in law enforce ment also protect work ers at retail sites. "The big thing is being observ potential crime. "If right, it probably isn't."

Store staffers or others should never hesitate to contact police if feeling threatened, Kavanaugh emphasized.

aware of the recent slaving of a store clerk in Taylor, "It was a ver brutal crime," said Nebus of the Hills department. "Stay as calm as Give up the money, give

up the property. Many area businesses have security cameras inside and out and Nebus said inside video is often helpful to police, who can

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children should be educated to go to a store clerk or security if they become separated from parents. "Just have a practice plan in place for your kids when you go shopping," she said.

renresentatives are good about their own safety ones. "It's a good dose of so we do practice what we preach," Nebus said, noting officers write and read many crime reports.

Officer Tony Angelo santo of the city of Plymouth Police Department said, "You should be alert to your surroundings. You should friend. There's safety in

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Angelosanto said of shopwell-lit. It's more of an affluent community. We don't have a gang element or a drug element. You want to keep the opportunities (for crime) He added key fobs

Angelosanto, his department's crime prevention officer, noted some stores can hold purchased merchandise until you're ready to go home.

paying by check or credit

surroundings. Criminals Canton police offer mends women carry a these additional shopping

> cards, checks, jewelry and other items should be left at home. If it is necessary to carry a and close to your body. Men should keep wallet out of back pockets. where they are easily stolen. Carry wallets in front coat pockets or use

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## **FRENZY** SECURITY

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Detroit Mercy, explains Oaks is a safe shopit "takes two to Tango. ping area." Claudia Frederick, You can blame it in the retailers, but no one is Laurel Park Place in to shop Black Friday. Livonia, also said se-"It's not just the mer curity specifics must

chandisers clamoring for early shopping," Bernacson the stores are open people will be in line to feel of getting a good

Although Black Friday has served as an official start to the holiday sea-'son for many years, it of the 2010 Cyber Mon day – a creation of the National Retail Feder-

> opening hours. ered they could shop online "anytime, any where," retailers felt forced to move their Bernacchi said, even into Thanksgiving, as some retailers have done this

ation - that retailers

began pushing back

# Responding to

·demand? Some local malls have responded to the demand Livonia's Laurel Park hours earlier on Thanksgiving this year, at 8 p.m. instead of midnight as in them find a deal." datory for all stores to be

open, so only stores electing to do so will be open. "People are out shop-"I think we're just following the retail inping and in a buying dustry," said Claudia J. mood - it is a big day," he "Although we usually group marketing director, explaining the deciclose around 6 p.m. on sion to open four hours most Fridays, last vear

earlier. "We're just trying to meet the convenience of the shopper.' deals," he said, adding Mall as well as Fairlane by Taubman Centers. getting in on the Black Friday action as well. also open early this year. "We're responding to

requests from both our customers and our retailers to open earlier, especially since the holiday eason is six days shorter director of communica

Although some large retailers including Costco, Nordstrom, REI Home Depot, T.J. Maxx Coat Factory are bucking the trend, by not opening on Thanksgiving, Black Friday is a retail phely to change anytime

A recent study by Accenture indicates that the lure of Black Friday as a major shopping level in five years; with 55 percent of shoppers saving they are likely to take part in shopping at Friday.

## Big day for auto dealers

The reality is that Black Friday shoppers really are likely to find some good deals, and not just in the malls, said Greg Brown, general manager of Serra Chev-

rolet in Southfield. "This year is going to be bigger than ever and buyers have a huge adcoincides with the end of the month," Brown said, "we'll stretch and do what we can to work with

are traditionally strong on Black Friday. Brown

years, Kellie Bugajski and her daughter Megan 21, have joined the throngs of holiday shoppers hitting the stores hopes of finding the per we were here until 10 fect gift at an even-more p.m. People were looking for - and finding - good Bargains they have

found, admits Bugajski. that he expects it will be However, for Bugaiski the same again this year. At least one locally Black Friday event is owned appliance store is just shopping: it is about

Rod's Appliances will THANKSGIVING, BLACK FRIDAY SHOPPING HOURS EXPAND take part in Black Friday The race to win your holiday shopping dollars is heating up this year and that means exopening at 7 a.m. Not panded Black Friday shopping hours. This year, many retailers have elected to follow the lead of Meijer - since the 1980s. the

Area malls as well as local stores are taking part in Black Friday with expanded shopping

retailer has been open 364 days a year (including Thanksgiving), closing only on Christma

Brianwood Mall open 8 p.m. Thanksgiving and close at 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 29. Fairlane Shopping Center open 8 p.m. Thanksgiving, Nov. 28, and close at 9 p.m. Friday. Laurel Park Place open 8 p.m. Thanksgiving, Nov. 28, and close at 10 p.m. Friday. Somerset Collection in Troy will be closed Thanksgiving and open 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Fri-

All Macy's (including Somerset) stores in malls open at 8 p.m. Thanksgiving and close at 10

Twelve Oaks Mall open 8 p.m. Thanksgiving and close at 9 p.m. on Friday. and Shopping Center open 8 p.m. Thanksgiving and close at 9 p.m. Friday

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### On Black Friday, Nov. **DOWNTOWN MERCHANTS USE SERVICE, ACTIVITIES TO ATTRACT SHOPPERS**

Main Street shops and other local retailers in downtowns across the area are also gearing While it may not be with expanded early-bird shopping hours that push into your Thanks-

giving feast, it is something to take note of nonetheless, say some local retaile "It's personalized customer service that makes for a one-of-a kind experience." said The resa Schierloh, owner of Dancing Eye Gallery in Northville.

"The holidays are unique here," Schierloh said. "I think people come here for the atmos phere, the experience. You can get away from the everyday, see things you do not see

While downtowns have everything else a mall offers, it also has something special: com-

## IT'S THE EXPERIENCE

"It's old school shopping you come to see your friends, neighbors, relatives, maybe even someone you went to school with years ago. You get to talk to the owners of the stores not the same homogenized experienced you get at the mall," she said.

agrees shopping in a local downtown brings a special added element to holiday shopping It is not just about shopping; it is about making connections with a hometown merchan - you can't get that anywhere else, "she said.

In addition, the added benefit of supporting your local community makes shopping locally even more attractive to some

"You are showing your support for local entrepreneurs and making lasting relationships, The decorated windows and storefronts also offer a draw for consumers looking for a

"The ambiance – the overall feeling of warmth and friendliness – is really welcoming," she

# **SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY**

Nov. 30 is "Small Business Saturday", a national event designed to lure shoppers away from the mall during the Black Friday bonanza. Dedicated to supporting small businesses Small Business Saturday was started in 2010 by Amex and encourages holiday shoppers to

# "Re-Gifting Christmas" A Christmas concert for all ages

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"That's because of the

only shop on secure web-

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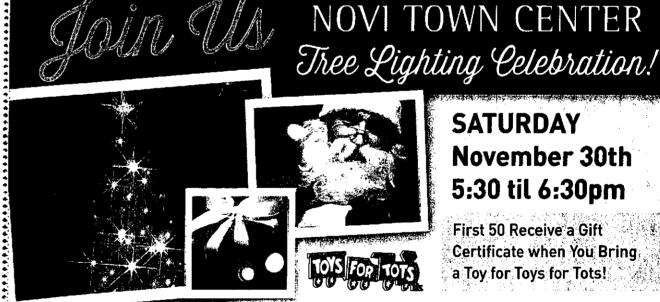
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# Dine in or carry out — Thanksgiving is all about family time

Cooking an elaborate Thanksgiving feast for 20-plus guests every year mouth Township resident Laura McHugh.

"I've been doing it for McHugh said, and "every year it seems to get easier even as the guest list seems to grow.

The main dinner complete with roast turkey, an array of side dishes ranging from stuffing and the requisite mashed potatoes to pecan praline sweet potatoes and chorizo sausage macaroni and cheese - is prepared almost entirely by McHugh, with rela-

trips to the airport and her daughter Alex. a senior at American University in Washington, D.C., and son Tim, a soph omore at Columbia Col-

eighth-grader at West band Dan assist as best tables and setting our hors d'ouevres.

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work, especially between

lege in Chicago. Her son Lee, 13, an they can, she said, setting

family. It is a blessing to ily," McHugh said. That's not to say that

all of the blessings have come easy, McHugh said, recalling a time not-socovered that she had put the turkey in the oven upside down – with the breast on the bottom. 'I panicked," she said.

forward to cooking Thanksgir

extended family

"I think I was expecting was going to happen if it didn't cook properly." Fortunately, the tur-

key tasted fine. Her tursmile to her face recent saw chefs on television touting the benefits of roasting your turkey

**Ordering out has** benefits

Although some people may have been reluctant to "order out" for their Thanksgiving meal, Zdyrski said that he has seen a shift as more and more people realize the

"It is losing the stigma it once had and definitely becoming more acceptable. We are literally making the same exact things that you would in your own home and it Zdyrski said, recalling a inquiring if the gravy package was from a can.

"I told her, no that our scratch, the same way most people do at home, using turkey stock," he An added bonus of

ordering out, Zdyrski spend more time with guests, relaxing and That really is the

said, "Many people are

realizing that they do not want to spend their time off cooking - they'd rath-Joe's has already taken many orders for the

10-pound turkey to a arge 30-pounder.

"It's across the board. That is the other nice thing, we can personalize it to your party and guests, just like you would do if you were cooking it yourself.

Dining out popular Dining out for Thanksgiving is another option that seems to be growing in popularity, according to some area restaura-

"A cozy Thanksgiving meal does not necessar ily mean that you have to host it in your home," said Mark Zarkin, proprietor of Lelli's on the Green in Farmington

Lelli's, which serves both dine-in and carryout Thanksgiving meals, offers a three-course dessert starting at noon Thanksgiving Day. Zarkin said that he

believes people are starting to find out they really don't want the hassle of cooking and cleaning for

"We do it all for love the atmosphere and it's a nice chance to really sit back and enjoy the holiday.

# **FAMILY**

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That is exactly what Cathy McKinstry of Plymouth did this year. With her son Mitchell

20, a junior at the Univer sity of Michigan, studythis semester. McKinstry would be a little different from years past.

"Mitch left for Madrid in August and won't re-McKinstry said.

giving holiday break was he only opportunity that McKinstry, husband Kurt and their two grown daughters - Molly, 24, a long-term substitute at Discovery Middle School in Canton and Melissa. 24, working on her master's at Western Michivisit him, she said. Certain that a Thanks their overseas travel brate her favorite holi-

day with family, McKin-

"I guess I was really

in vogue without even

cooking as much as McHugh or has the time

and that is where cater-

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come into the picture.

"Our lives are chang

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ing in Livonia. "A lot of

people want to host their

families and friends for

the Thanksgiving holi-

have the time.

stry held her own Thanksgiving dinner in 'Thanksgiving has holiday," she said, "It's so the family time. When I asked my family if we

could do it early this year, they knew that we wanted to be able to visit Mitch and they were worked out great.' ter when you do it," she

> added, "it is just so wonderful to be together." **Early holiday** As an added bonus, McKinstry said, with the

holiday "out of the way,"

less stressed about Christmas. "I'm already over Thanksgiving," McKin-

meal, he said, and sizes

For the Rev. Bryant Anderson, pastor of Mil-Church, it is not so much giving as it is about the 'spirit of taking a break from the things that keep

slow down.' "Setting the time aside to be thankful - and to be together - is what matters the most," Anderson

Anderson knows what he is talking about. The father of two young children, ages 2 and 3, he and wife Kristen have family spread across the country. From Oregon to Tex-Michigan, "we're pretty In an effort to see as

could, last year's Thanks-giving holiday found them on the road to Texas, but only after celeearlier with family in

"It didn't take anything away from the just grateful to be able to spend time with our families." Anderson said. As times change, so do

"It does not have to be that perfect Hallmark holiday." she said. "You need to have strong with your family to create traditions that work for you."

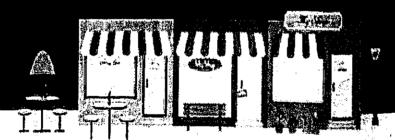
As a matter of fact, she said, "No one in my family really feels like having turkey this yearwe're actually thinking about ordering Chinese



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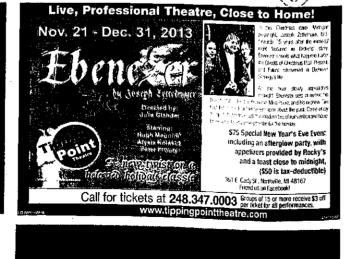
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# Knitting group funds kitchen pantry for cancer patients

teer knitting group that meets weekly at Providence Park Hospital's Assarian Cancer Centei n Novi, recently funded the creation of a small. well-stocked pantry for patients' family members on the inpatient oncology unit at the hospital. A small yarn-cuted Nov. 13 to celebrate its Over the past 10 years.

Knit 'N' Yarn has helped support dozens of efforts for the Cancer Center and the hospital's oncology patients.

It recognized that cancer patients often nave long and frequent lengths of stay in the hospital, which can also result in family spending time on the unit. It collected the funds and gave them to the hospital for



Peter Karadjoff, president of Providence Park Hospital, unties the yarn "ribbon" with the help of Barb Williamson, member of Knit 'N' Yarn. Other members pictured are Marilyn Hickman, Carie McCarter, Helene Kaczmar, Diane Gross, Margie Glowski, Jo Flora, Judy McDonald, Donna Osborne, Gloria Collins and Linda Potts. Also part of the group are Joan Collins, Diana Noe, Sally Henry and Bey McCarter.

"Families appreciate

they are visiting. We thought having a stocked beverage pantry avail-

members would help

encing with having some-one they love in the hos-They create myriad interesting, beautiful, cute and cozy knit items that pital," said Corey Faulkthey sell at the Cancer Center and hospital. worker at Providence All proceeds raised by

the knitting group go to snacks, a microwave, a benefit programs and services for Providence refrigerator stocked with beverages, a coffee pot Park's cancer patients. Members have plans to with all the necessary help outfit a family fixings for a nice cup of lounge on the same unit coffee and hot chocolate. with the intent to provide "Their generosity is families of oncology patients a quiet, private very much appreciated and we are especially grateful for their dedicaplace to take a break and to have private conversation to our patients, their

> To find out more about Knit 'N' Yarn or any of the other Healing Arts programs available at Providence Park Hospi tal, visit stjohnprovidence.org/Providence-HealingArts or call 866-501-DOCS.



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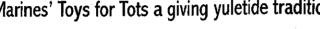
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# Marines' Toys for Tots a giving yuletide tradition

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process," said Peter Ka-

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radioff, president of

The U.S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots program, Angeles, plays a key role brighter for metro De-troit children. Rebecca Novi is regional area Oakland and Northwest Wayne counties.

mington Hills. Checks payable to the

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ens, MI 48045. Yarbrough provided Kitchen, 31005 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington

» Brookwood Farms, group of rain forest animals made a stop at Orchard Hills 200 Brookwood Drive, ▲ Elementary School to give stu-» Martin True Value

dents an un-close look at life in places they've only heard about. As part of an academic outreach program, a variety of animals was ught Nov. 15 into the Novi school for a hands-on lesson.

tasy and giving the students an oppor-

children laughing in curiosity as it "This is about information vs. fanwas brought out last.

life in the rain forest," kindergarten teacher Laura Mardigian said. "They've been learning about this in other ways, but this an encounter that can go a long way. '

Rain forest comes to Orchard Hills

There were two assemblies in which student in kindergarten through fourth grade got to see a tarantula, hissing cockroach, bluetongued skink, rainbow boa, iguana and macaw, whose loud calls had the

"This is a great way for them to

said. "It might be far away, but by letting them see the animals up close, it might give them an idea that they are real and we do have an impact on

This realization that life is a big world full of different species was not missed by the students, not even the youngest.
"This was fun. I really liked the

lizard (iguana)," kindergartner Tom-my Gach said. "I've never seen them

He said the recent lesson was about the Madagascar hissing cockroach. It gets its name from the hissing sound it produces when it forces air through its respiratory openings. He also liked seeing the iguana's "puffy beard" up

"They wouldn't have had this experience if it wasn't for this assembly," Mardigian said.

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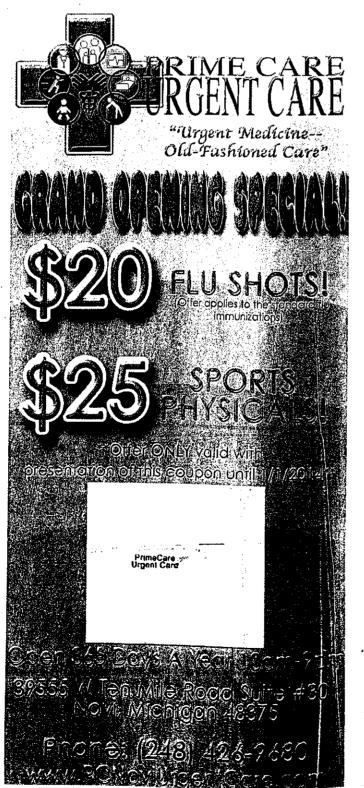
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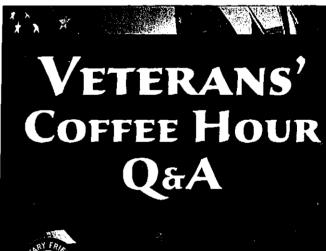
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college education. Learn more at www.schoolcraft.edu veterans or 734-462-4400, x5346.

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# Read to your children if you want them to succeed in school

sion, what parents children succeed in school. It is an interesting question.

formance on what we

First, we have to by success. My asparents ask this question, they are asking what they can do to help their children be successful on state assessments like the Reading and talking to you children has MEAP. That is clearly one way to measure success. However, it is

certainly not the only In our district, we are defining student success in a variety of wavs. Success on state and national assessments is important. But equally important is success on district assessments. These language to communiinternally created assessments help us It is a powerful measure student per-

are teaching in our In her book The We also want to measure if students are developing the successful. That is PISA tests, assesswhy we also pay atten tion to work habits and behaviors. Being organized, following She states:
"When children through and working

cooperatively are also important skills needed for success. So what can narents do to help their chilperformed much betdren find success on these various meaaround the world, by sures? If may seem too

best advice I ever received as a parent or what I could do to help my child be successful was this simple bit of wisdom: read to young children, talk to ado-

many benefits. It exposes them to language. It helps them see how words are used to convey meaning. It encourages young children to develop their vocabulary. It creates opportunities for young children and adolescents to use

strategy and one that we can do every day Smartest Kids in the

World, Amanda Ripley talked about a survey of parents associated ments that form the basis of international student comparisons.

were young, parents who read to them evto start today! ery day or almost every day had kids who

(p. 108) I then went to the PISA test site and looked at its report Let's Read Them a

Story, and that report in chapter one, states: children when they are mary school and talkabout topical political or social issues are shown to have a positive impact on chiljust reading at home

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that reading is something that their parents value.' Ripley sums it up nicely:

because it shows them

to their children weekly or daily when they children who scored 25 points higher on PISA by the time they were almost a full year of learning."

What's the takeaway? If we want to help our children be successful, one of the parents can do is read to our children when they are young and talk to our children as they grow.
My advice would be

superintendent of Novi Community Schools. He can be reached at 248-449-1204

# Holiday shop



Volunteer Mary Zielinksi (right) wraps up a transaction with Novi Woods student Alyssa Downes during the school's Nov. 20 holiday shop. Staffed and supplied by the school's PTO, the shop gave students an inexpensive way to buy holiday gifts for their friends and family.



Kelly Stoy shops with kindergartner, during the holiday shop at Novi Woods, At one point, Mallory spotted to buy for her mom and eyes until the selection was complete, JOHN

PHOTOGRAPHER

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# **Atomic Toads**

The Atomic Toads, an FTC Robotics Team, had an outreach event Nov. 15 at Deerfield Elementary. With more than 100 third-graders, the 10-member team of Novi Middle School students shared about Robotics FTC competition and how S.T.E.M (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) was integrated

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# **SCHOOL BRIEFS**

mances of the year," said Dave Rogers, WLC band director. "Our performance at the semifinals

S:hools Board of Educa tion at its regular Noproved the sale of the property, formerly the ste of Maple Elementar School, for \$725,000 to M. Siapiro Development Co. behalf of Pinnacle

W.L. board approves

sale of property

Homes of Michigan. "Upon closing two ebmentary schools, we slared with the commu nty that we would work dligently to sell the former property of both Maple and Twin Beach mentary Schools to sidential developers sho plan to build single family homes that would ultimately bring children into the district," said Kenneth Gutman, WLCSD superintendent. ste to Pinnacle Homes

meets this goal." Gutman noted the sale of the property was paed in the current budge year. The funds will leposited into the district fund equity that has been dwindling as a reult of declining reve-

WL. Central band 26th in Nationals The Walled Lake Cen-

tril High School Marching Band traveled to participate in the Bands ofAmerica Grand Natimal Championship Tle Marching Vikings performed Nov. 15 in the pieliminary rounds and int it to the semifinalists

With state champions frim all across the countri in attendance and the depest competition field Willed Lake Central Band finished fifth in cliss AAA and 26th out of all91 bands at the compe-

"The kids performed their hearts out and we

was definitely our best of

FlexTech students partner with Last **Day Dog Rescue** 

Students at Oakland

FlexTech Academy are

partnering with Last Day Dog Rescue to host a pet adoption event at the school from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7. The students were inspired by the mission of Last Day, and want to find homes for animals rescued from high-kill shelters across Michigan This student-led event features on-site adoption applications, a dog treat akery, a live dog and cat show, and a donation station. The students are collecting monetary and pet supply donations like food, beds, and leashes

for the rescued animals Cassidy Cirka, a 12thgrader, is leading the project to bring awareof animals in high-kill shelters. She wants to educate her peers and her community about the way these animals are often euthanized by gas or sold to research labs

to be used for painful esting and experiments. If you would like to volunteer or learn more about this event, please contact Cirka at ccirka@oaklandflextech.org or call Oakland FlexTech W.L. district receives

**Budget Award** The Association of School Business Officials International has awarded the Walled Lake Con solidated School District its Meritorious Budget Award for excellence in budget presentation. The award is conferred only to school entities that have met or exceeded the Meritorious Budget

2013-14 annual budget The award represents

a significant achievement by the district. It reflects the commitmen by Teri Les, the business office staff and the

> the highest standards of For more information on the award, visit

www.asbointl.org/MBA. **Great Start** 

Readiness Program The Novi Community Education Preschool will be offering the Great Start Readiness Program for 4-year-olds starting tember 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 Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3:30

p.m. and follow the Novi Community School District calendar. Novi Community Education Preschool uses the Creative Curriculum. This curriculum supports the children learning

through hands-on activities, and follows the State of Michigan Early Lesson plans reflect social, emotional, phys ical, cognitive, and language development. Registration is ongo

ing 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. The following documents are necessary for pre-registration: 12month proof of income (2013 tax forms, FIA statement), child's birth certificate, health insur ance, copy of child's and three proofs of Novi residency (one proof

must be a mortgage or

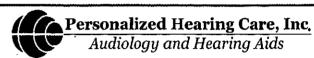
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# 'You Can't Take it With You'



Walled Lake Central High School Performing Arts Department presents "You Can't Take it With You" at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 5-7 at Central High School (1600 Oakley Park Road). More than 80 students are involved in this production on and offstage. The students have dedicated weeks to making sure that the acting, sets, props and costumes are perfect so they can Shuman as Alice Sycamore; Nikita Krylov as Tony Kirby; Mitch Dobson-Green as Grandpa/ Martin Vanderhof, and Max Elkiss as Mr. Kirby. Tickets are \$9 for adult and \$8 for seniors/ students and can be purchased at the door, online at wicstickets.com or by calling 248-956-





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tion, or questions, contact

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# **LOCAL EVENTS**

**BLOOD DRIVES** Time/Date: 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12 Location: St. Mary Mercy

Contact: To schedule an ap pointment, call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE or visit redcrossblood.org. ntment sign-ups are also available in the hospital cafete ria. Walk-ins are accepted, bu CARELINK LECTURES

ment group Time/Date: 6-7:30 p.m. on second and fourth Mondays Location: Providence Park Hospital's Assarian Cancer

Christmas Winterfest

Details: If you have recently have been out of treatment fo a while and would like to please join this informative discussion and peer support Contact: Jenny Bailey at 248-FRIENDS OF ISLAND

Tuesdays (except December) Location: Island Lake State Recreation Area headquarter

Details: Meetings are open to any interested individual. The group's purpose is to support ational features of the park and

The third annual Metro Detroit Christmas Wonderfest will be held Thursday, Dec. 5,

through Sunday, Dec. 8, at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi. Beginning in 2011, the unique Wonderfest combination of holiday market and children's celebration was

ensconced in Campus Martius Park for two weekends in downtown Detroit. This year, it

more than 10,000 - as part of a wonderful Christmas market that also includes seasonal

and crafts projects and visits with Santa Claus for the little ones. Christmas Wonderfest

2013 will be open 3-10 p.m. Thursday, 3-10 p.m. Friday, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday

and from noon to 8 p.m. Sunday. Cost is \$7 for adults, \$3 for those under age 10. Please

will expand indoors at the Showplace, offering a bountiful array of Michigan-made items -

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**NOVI COMMUNITY CALENDAR** awareness of the parks assets through the education and outreach activities, encourage

ng and facilitating commun tion and cooperation betweer diverse users of the park and its fundraising through contribe tions and grants to support Contact: www.islandlake

BEREAVEMENT MEETING Time/Date: 7:30-9 p.m. third

Location: Novi Civic Center (10 Location: Providence Park Mile between Taft and Novi Details: For women with Details: Led by Michael M. concerns about cardiac health Meyer, D. Min., goal is to give to share information and each participant an opportunity to share their story. sisterhood at monthly meet

Contact: Sharon Mallon, SUBURBAN COLLECTION SHOWPLACE

Location: 46100 Grand River Phone: 248-348-5600 Web: www.SuburbanShow CHRISTMAS WONDERFEST

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Details: Family support group include a series of present made by firm attorneys LOCAL BUSINESS **NETOWORK MEETING** NAMI metro at 248-348-7197 o Time/Date: 8:45-10:15 a.m. first

and third Wednesday Contact: To RSVP, call 248-349-6225 or 248-685-9226. **AMERICAN BUSINESS** ASSOCIATION

Time/Date: 6:15-8:30 p.m., cond Wednesdays Location: DoubleTree Hotel 42100 Crescent Blvd., Novi Details: Novi Oaks is a chapte en's Association. The group meets monthly for networking and a program featuring speak ers on an array of marke relevant topics. Organizers strive to bring together businesswomen of diverse occupa WALLED LAKE tions and to provide opportur

lies for them to help them-

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and third Tuesdays (except

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Details: Business networking

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Thursdays the library if you are interesed

CLUBS NOVI ROTARY CLUB Time/Date: Noon every Thus

Location: Novi Methodist Church 41671 W. 10 Mile Details: Lunch is \$10 at m website for speaker inform

Location: 45255 W. 10 Mile Hours: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. M. the library. Register for pro-grams at the library or on the website.

Web: www.novilibrary.org Story Times: Please see the Help for Families, Oaklan

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Time/Date: 10-11:30 a.m. evry

dance is free. NOVI TOASTMASTER

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., every and third Tuesday Location: Novi Civic Center, Activities Room, 45175 W. 10 Mile, Novi **Details:** Novi Toastmaster

community-based club, part Toastmasters International group helps all develop and refine their public speaking a leadership skills. Members als have fun while building confi dence in day-to-day comm cations and mentoring to professional and personal excellence. Guests are welco Visit www.novi.freetoasthos

Contact: Linda Kreuter at **NOVILIONS CLUB** Time/Date: 6 p.m. social; 6:30 p.m. meeting starts; second ar fourth Wednesdays

Location: Leo's Sports Bar & Grill Restaurant, lower level 40380 Grand River, west of Haggerty. Visitors are welco dinner is from the menu. No Lions is part of Lions Interna-tional, the largest service or-ganization in the world. The ganization in the world. The purpose is to serve the blind and the community. Principal activities are fundraising for Leader Dogs, Penrickton Cent blind charities along with fundraisers for high school

Martin, 248-473-1156, or Secre tary Ed Kramer, 248-348-2747

# CHRISTMAS

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Dates: Dec. 5-8

Details: Christmas Wonderfe s modeled upon traditional European Christmas Market gifts and holiday treats, and also featuring special activities for youngsters, including a North Pole area for Santa visits, holiday crafts, indoor carniva rides, and more seasonal fun or treasured family memories

Time/Date: 7-8 p.m. Thursday, Guests are invited free of Location: Novi Public Library's Youth Story Time Room Contact: Contact Julie Pa-Details: Leah Susskind of the ruette at 248-797-1665 or

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Contact: 248-349-0720

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Thursday Details: If you have a leaning toward knitting or any of the related handcrafts (crochetic needlepoint, embroidery, et Knit 2gether Knitting Circl might be your cup of tea. Sk levels range from complete Bring your gear, your enthu asm, your questions, and you stories. And, of course, atter

Contact: Lion President Ron

# **NOVI HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS**

WONDERFEST

Location: Suburban Collection Showplace, 46100 Grand River Ave., Novi

CELEBRATE HANUKKAH

Novi Jewish Center will share uliepaquette67@omail r stories about this festive holi craft at this free community

LIGHT UP THE

Time/Date: 6-9 p.m. Friday, Location: Civic Center Campus Details: Free community event

NIGHT IN NOVI

Tree lighting at 6:15 p.m. Santa visits, train rides; magic show at Novi Public Library; marshmallow roasting; live reindee ice sculptures; free refresh-

**NOVI CHORALAIRES** HOLIDAY CONCERTS Details: An American Christ mas featuring "Appalachia Time/Date: 6-9 p.m. Friday,

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Location: Meadowb Activity Center, 25075 Mead owbrook Road Time/Date: 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec.

Location: Holy Family Church 24505 Meadowbrook Road Date: Friday, Dec. 13 ist Church, 33112 Grand River, Farmington (price is \$12 for adults; \$10 for seniors and children under 12: \$10 for

BAND CONCERT Time/Date: 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec

**NOVI CONCERT** 

# LISTEN @ THE LIBRARY

ime/Date: 3-4 p.m. Sunday,

Location: Novi Public Library's Whole Meeting 105 Details: An informal, interactive chamber music perfor-mance by baritone David Small; a partnership of The Chamber Music Society of Detroit, Friends of the Novi Public Library, Nordstrom, Evola Music, Tom Holzer Ford and

RING IN THE **HOLIDAY SEASON** Time/Date: noon to 2 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 12 Activity Center Details: Join in festive colors, a delicious luncheon and sing along to holiday favorites with horus. Price is \$7 for residents \$8,50 for nonresi tration ends Dec. 16 or when

KIDDIE CRAFTS Time/Date: 10:30-11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 14 Location: Novi Public Library's Youth Activity Room 138A Details: Toddlers and preschoolers will have the oppor

tunity to create a work of art vide. It may get messy so plea dress accordingly. Each child must be accompanied by an adult helper. Registration is required; attendees must be

ROAD RALLY Time/Date: 6-10 p.m. Saturday, Location: Novi Civic Center

HOLIDAY FAMILY

45175 10 Mile **Details:** Bring a team of four to six members, take off in your vehicle and search for "wild &

photograph. Team men can consist of adults and kids. but one adult over the age of 21 must accompany the group. Each picture taken will help your team earn points in hone prizes. Extra points are given to teams with holiday attir Immediately follow photo portion, participants wi report for appetizers at a local

restaurant (which is included and awards. Your team must bring one digital camera. Price

tration ends Decembe **HOLIDAY FIGURE** Dec. 15

42400 Nick Lidstrom Drive Details: Skating Club of Nov ng routines to holiday-themed

DSO'S BASSOON QUARTET CONCERT Time/Date: 11 a.m. to 1

Location: Novî Public Library's Nhole Meeting Room Details: Bassoonists Vicki King, Michael Ma, Garrett McQueer and Marcus Schoon from the will perform your favorite Motown tunes in this free

**SKATE WITH SANTA** Fime/Date: 3-4:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22

42400 Nick Lidstrom Drive Details: Come Skate with Santa and enjoy raffles and

**MOVIES AND** MUNCHIES

Time/Date: 2-4 p.m. Thursday Dec. 26 Location: Novi Public Library's Whole Meeting Room 105 Details: Come and enjoy a recently released movie and some munchies. Bring your own pillow and blanket for extra omfort. For ages kindergarten

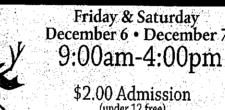
**REINDEER GAMES** 

Time/Date: 2-3 p.m. Friday Dec. 27 Location: Novi Public Library's Whole Meeting Room Details: Can you compete with Rudolph and Dasher? Try out a games at this free event for

HOLIDAY BLAST 3-ON-3 HOCKEY TOURNAMENT ime/Date: 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 31 Location: Novi Ice Arena 42400 Nick Lidstrom Drive **Details:** Tournament offers divisions in Girls, House and Open, with age groups ranging

play three games. Information will be available on arena's website. Price is \$200 per team





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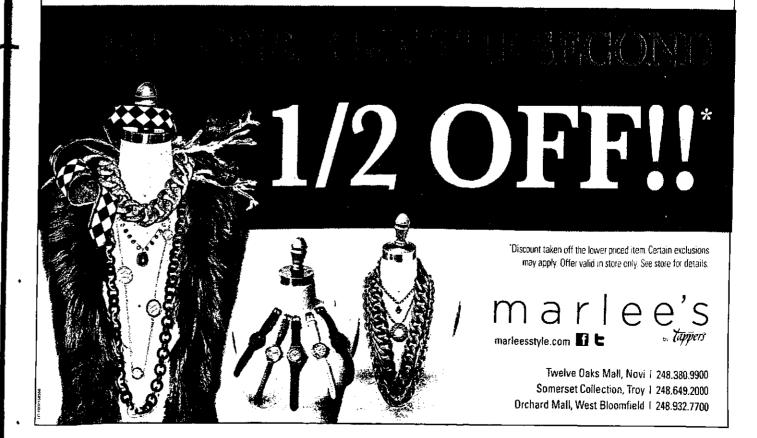
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# **UPDATES FROM CITY OF NOVI**

books from her Novi Library

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Meadowbrook Commons.

The traveling van from the

library visits the Novi Senior

Center at 10:30 a.m. the

third Tuesday of each month. Besides bringing a

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Civic Center (45175 10

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library's Bookmobile to

Light Up the Night

The city of Novi is eager to Light up the Night and celebrate the beginning of the holiday season. The annual Light Up the Night event will take place 6-9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6, on the Novi Civic Center Campus. Mayor Bob Gatt and a special visitor from the North Pole will light the holiday tree at 6:15 p.m. New additions for

2013 include a petting

farm from Michigan State University Exten sion, fire dancing and juggling from Detroit Circus, Five Star Entertainment food truck and live performances in-cluding Chinese, Polyne-Perennial favorites include free food samples from local restaurants. outdoor music through out the night and the festive hay wagon wil shuttle people to and from the Novi Public Library to enjoy two magic shows featurin John the Magician at p.m. and 8 p.m. and Dan Dan the Choo Choo Man

rides 6:30-9 p.m.

"With something for everyone, Light up the Night is the perfect event to bring people together. The event showcases the spirit of the holidays and the character of the Novi community," said Jason Mangum, director, Novi Parks, Recreation and

will offer miniature train

Cultural Services.
Light Up the Night is presented in partnership with Bright House Networks. For more information about Light Up the Night and other family-friendly events, visit cityofnovi.org or call the city of Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department at 248-347-0400

Holiday Road Rally The city of Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services DeBookmobile at least one a or older.

Preregistration is required and the price is \$95 per team. The deadline to register is Wednesday, Dec. 11. Registration is going on now at cityofnovi.org or inperson at the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department, located inside the Novi Civic Center.

Breakfast with

Santa
Together, the city of
Novi Parks, Recreation
and Cultural Services
Department and Novi
Rotary will host the inaugural Breakfast with
Santa from 9:30 a.m. to
noon Saturday, Dec. 14, at
the Novi Civic Center,
45175 10 Mile.

Families will enjoy a pancake breakfast served by members of Novi Rotary, visits with Santa and making a craft in Santa and Mrs. Claus' workshop.

The preregistration price is \$5 per person; free for children 2 and under. The deadline to preregister is Wednesday, Dec. 11. If tickets remain available after the preregistration deadline, they will be available at the door for \$7 per person.

To register, visit cityofnovi.org or in-person at the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department, located inside the Novi Civic Center

Palette & Brush Club to display artwork

The city of Novi is partnering with Palette & Brush Club to showcase numerous artworks including oils, watercolors, glass and mixed media and more in the Novi Civic Center Atrium Gallery, 45175 10 Mile, through Dec. 27

Gallery, 45175 10 Mile,
through Dec. 27.
To learn more about
the Palette & Brush club,
visit paletteandbrush-

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# Author tells story of life changed by paralyzing accident

By Sue Mason

There was a time when she was 19 that her parents thought Marilyn Overly's life was over. She had a different view. Paralyzed from the chest down, she felt that God had a reason for sparing her life and she wanted to find out.

Overly was driving a riend's car on Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth when she lost control and it crashed in a ravine beside the roadway She survived the 1967 crash, but when emergency personnel grabbed her by her arms and legs and slung her onto a stretcher, her body went numb all over. Level c5 and 6 of her spine was broken. She hospital, but the damag had already been done. She was left paralyzed from the chest down. with limited use of her arms and even less use

"It was about 1 a.m. on April Fool's Day and I was being a fool, driving too fast on the road that night," she said. "It was souped up for the drag strip and he was going to take it racing the next

More than 45 years later, Overly's life is anything but over. Married to her husband Darrel for 47 years, she is the mother of five adopted children and a grandmother.

Hell by God's Grace.

covers her earlier years

up until she recommitted to Christ. The second

book, Fulfilling the Life

her life since she com-

of Grace through Him, is

She has taught school, authored two books about her life and, even though she has limited use of her arms and even less of her hands, is doing painting.

The Garden City resi-

from Bentley High School. She had only dent spent seven years writing her book, which been out of school for recounts her life from two years when the acci peing born and growing dent happened in 1967. She remembers clearly up in Livonia to just a ew years ago. Originally planned to be one when she asked how ook, her editors at Exlong it would be until she was back to normal. He told her she would never make it two. The first

Marilyn Overly has limited use of her arms and less use of her hands, but has been painting, a talent that was encouraged by a teacher while she was in high school. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

"At the hospital, I was pronounced dead and the doctor went out and told my parents I was gone," she said. "During that time, a miracle happened and God brought me back to life."

Overly ended up at the Harper Hospital Rehabilitation Unit, where she met her husband Darrel, who worked there. Within three months of meeting, they married. Once she married. she "got

she married, she "got saved."
In January, they celebrated their 47th wedding anniversary.
Her faith in God rekindled, Overly returned

to church and became a

Sunday school teacher.

Then she and her husband moved to California, where they attended Bible college. They both became Christian school teachers and when the offer

of a job in Michigan surfaced, they decided to come home.
It was a friend of her husband who invited them to attend his church, United Baptist Church in Garden City.
They went and "after

hearing the pastor

people who were so

friendly," Overly knew she had found her place with God.
"I loved it and it was so full of love," she said.
"The people were so friendly and so down-to-

preach and meeting the

earth. The pastor preached straight from the Bible and spoke to my heart." Overly ended up

teaching at the United Christian School, mostly the third grad, for 24 years. She was forced to retire in 2005 because of her health. She is no longer able to sit up all day in a chair.

Seven-year effort
She started writing
her book when she developed a wound that
kept her bedridden for
four months. She developed the outline and
then started writing. It
took seven years to

"I didn't stay on it all

"There were months when I didn't work on it with my teaching and working at church. I wrote the whole thing and the publisher felt that because of the length, it would be better if I did it two volumes. I had to go and find a break and then go back and rewrite the ending of the first book and write a beginning for the great the second second with the second second the second se

and write a beginning for the second book."
The title for the first book is based on her belief that she would "have spent an eternity in hell," if she had died that night because she didn't know Christ at the

Ten years ago, Overly and her daughter revisited the scene of the accident. Her daughter went down into the ravine and found a couple of trees with marks and trees that had been uprooted. She also found pieces of the car. It was

creepy, she admitted.
The books are available on amazon.com and through Overly. Orders can be placed by calling her at 734-628-2331 or by email at darrelmari-

lyn@sbcglobal.net.
In addition to her writing, she also has resumed painting, a talent that unfolded while in high school. She has been selling her work as gilcee prints on the Yessy Art Gallery at yessey.com and etsy.

a connecting with God.
"My paintings are a
partnership with God.
He inspires me and we
work together to make it
happen," she said.

And even though she is confined to a wheel-chair, she says her plate "is a little full" with her painting and her grandchildren. But there is always a place for God.
"I've always had a

smason@hometownlife.com 313-222-6751 Twitter: @SusanMarieMason

tenderness toward God.

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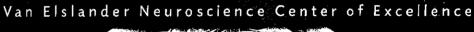
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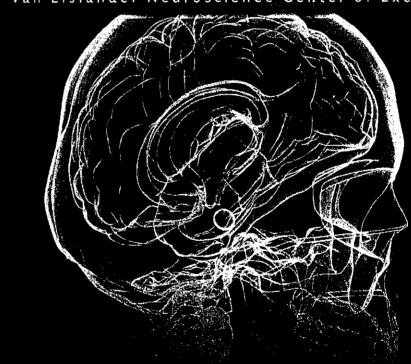


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## Brightmoor **Christian Church**

Location: M-5 and 13 Mile, No Contact: 248-227-4420 or Celebrate Recovery

Time/Dates: 7 p.m. Mondays Details: Worship, teaching or testimony, and open-share overy groups. Organizers ffer the principles and tools to bring healing for the hurts. hang-ups that keep us from eloping strong and healthy tions with God and others. Enter at Door D on the south side of the building. No cost; free child care is available for children birth through fifth

## Church of the Holy Family

grade, Preregister

Location: 24505 Meadowbroo Contact: 248-349-8847 or visit

holyfamilynovi.org Mass Schedule 10:30 a.m. Saturdays lime/Day: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday-Friday: 7 p.m. Monday of Northville 6:30 p.m. Saturday (Spanish)

Priests: the Rev. Bob LaCroix nastor, and the Rev. Michael Zuelch, associate pastor AA: 8 p.m. Wednesday:

Holy days: 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.

a.m. Saturdays or by appoint

## Crosspointe Meadows Church

Location: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile Contact: 248-669-9400, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Thursday o Sunday worship: 11:15 a.m.

# Bible study classes: 10 a.m. fo ali ages

Details: Nursery and older children programs available Worship blends traditional and contemporary elements result ing in a multi-sensory worship

## **Destiny Worship** Center

Location: Ridge Wood Ele mentary School, 49775 Six Mile, Contact: Desti-

Dalton, Margaret P.

Age 85, of Redford Twp, passed away November 22, 2013. Full obit and online condolences at

www.casterlinefuneralhome.com

HARMS.

DONNA JEAN

Age 83 of Howell and formerly

of Milford passed away peace-fully on Monday, November 18,

2013 at Medilodge of Howell. Born in Detroit on July 1, 1930.

she was the daughter of George W. and Lillian G. (Ludwigson) Dial. Donna attended Lakeland

Trails Bantist Church in

Claris M. Harms whom she married in Milford on August 12, 1950. Claris preceded her in death on February 3, 2011. Lov-ing mother of Douglas L. Harms and Becky (Mack) McCrary. Al-

so survived by several nieces,

nephews and very dear friends,

Home, Howell (517-546-2800)

where the family will receive friends beginning at 10 a.m. Memorial contributions are sug-gested to the American Diabetes

ssociation or the National Mul

tiple Sclerosis Society. Please

visit the family's online guest

book at macdonaldsfuneralhome.com

MARILLEY.

REBECCA

ter of David Marilley and Dr.

Cynthia Piko. Dear sister of

Alexander, Sarah, Peter, Mat-

grandadignier of Rehate Ran-dall, Imre and Margit Piko and friend to many, Rebecca loved her dog Kasey. Visitation Friday, November 22 from 1-9 p.m. and

Saturday, November 23 at 9 a.m.

Home, 37000 Six Mile Rd., Livonia 48152. Share a memory at www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com

Hany J Will Funeral Homes

and Hannah. Beloved

of Renate Ran

memorial service will be held

ey and was a former r of Mason Road Baptist . Beloved wife of the late

nyW3C@Gmail.com or visit www.DW3C.org.

**Emmanuel Lutheran** Church Location: 34567 Seven Mile,

Bible Study (Women of the Word) studying Luke Web: www.emmanuel-livo Thursday schedule: 6 a.m. Contact: 248-442-8822 Men of Purpose Prayer Group Sunday worship: 8 a.m., 9:30 and Bible Study

Youth group: 7 p.m. Wednesmen's Coffee Break Bible Study Advent Stuedy: 10-11: 30 a.m. Mondays; "Advent

Adult special needs worship

# **Faith Community Presbyterian Church**

Reflections, Making All Thing:

Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile Contact: 248-349-2345 or visit www.faithcommunity-novi.org Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Women's Bible Study: 9:15-

# First Baptist Church Location: 217 N. Wind

Contact: 248.348.1020 Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Rible Study: 9:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study: 9 a.m. first Saturday of every month

## First Baptist Church of Novi - Family **Integrated Church**

Location: 45301 W. 11 Mile Contact: 248-349-3647 or firstbaptistchurchofnovi.org Family Bible Hour: 9:45 a.m. Family Worship: 11 a.m. Bible Study: 6 p.m. Family Movie Night: 5:30 p.m. fourth Sunday of every month

## First Church of the Nazarene Location: 21260 Haggerty,

**Passages** 

north of Eight Mile Contact: 248-348-7600 or visit Sunday Schedule: 9:30 a.m. Classic worship service, Adult Bible felfowship classes and

1-800-579-7355 • fax 313-496-4968 • htwobits@hometownlife.com

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

MORT (GAGNON).

FLORINE AGNES

Age 91, formerly of City, passed away on Sunday November 17, 2013. Floring

Please visit: www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com to

share your memories of Florine.

NUNNERY, BETTIE J.

Age 69, passed away November 21, 2013. She was born on May 3, 1944 in Bruceton, Tennessee, daughter of the late Fred & Es-telle Nunnery. Bettie was known

spent over 20 years with Chrys

her as a mail clerk until her re-tirement in 2003. She had a strong and abiding faith. Bettie was the matriarch of her family

and will always be remembered

for her selflessness and generosi

to ner seriessness and generosi-ty to anyone who was in need. She is survived by her grandson, Mark Joseph Cobbold, her broth-ers; Dwayne (Linda) and Fred (Ann) Nunnery, she is also sur-

vived by many nicees, nephews and friends. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Debra Glowinski in 2013 and her broth-ers; B.C. Nunnery and Lee Nun-nery. Visitation was held on No-person ber 26 or Phill LIPS ELL

vember 26 at PHILLIPS FU-

NERAL HOME, South Lyon, A

funeral service was held on No

vember 27 at First Baptist Church of South Lyon. Online

www.phillipsfunerat.com.

OASS, MILDRED I.

"SALLY"

Age 90. November 23, 2013.

Beloved wife of the late Gordon

for 51 years. Loving mother of Ellen Zatolokin (David) and Wendy Frame (the late Robin).

(Valerie),

(Brea), Joshua, Nathaniel, Kelly,

Rhilan. Dear sister of Richard

(Loretta), James (Marlou), and the late Donald (the late Gladys)
Grudt. Funeral Saturday 11:00
a.m. at St. John Lutheran

a.m. at St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill Road, Farm-

ington, MI 48335. Visitation Friday 3-8 p.m. at Thayer-Rock

Finday 3-8 p.m. at Inagy-rook Funeral Home, 33603 Grand River Ave., Downtown Farming-ton (1 blk. W. of Farmington Rd.). Memerial contributions may be made to the Women of St. John Lutheran Church.

Pawłowski, Edwin J.

Age 87, a longtime resident of Northville, November 22, 2013.

Full Obit and online condolences

Daniel

Cherished grandmother of

guestbook at

Matthew

resided in Traverse City, MI.

**RELIGION CALENDAR** Contemporary worship service with Kids Church, Teen Worship 12th grade, along with adult chaperones, travel and stay for Service and Adult Bible Fellow ship classes. Café is open from mer on this mission to make 10:30 a.m.; 6 p.m. Evening homes warmer, safer, and drie Traditional Service for families in need. Purchase fresh, homemade holiday cool Tuesday: 9:25 a.m. Women'

CLOCAL NEWS

## **Good Shepherd** Lutheran Church Friday: 9:30 a.m.; Sweet Fridays Location: 41415 Nine Mile,

ies (homemade nut-free and

corner of Meadowbrook Road,

ındays: 8:45 a.m. Sunday

Contact: 248-349-0565 Friends and Family Christmas Date: Dec. 1 School and Bible Study; 10 a.m. Details: Live nativity from 4:30 6 p.m.; music and drama from 6-7 p.m.; and cookies and hot

on the second and fourth Fri

**First Presbyterian** 

Location: 205 E. Lake Street (corner of Wells and 10 Mile),

**Methodist Church of** 

rial Day-Labor Day):

Location: 777 W. Eight Mile,

Contact: 248-349-1144 or

www.fumcnorthville.ora

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(Memorial Day-Labor Day)

Contact: 248-437-2875

First United

Northville

8:30 and 10 a.m.

Nursery - sixth grade

Nursery sixth grade

Cookie Walk

Sunday Worship (Septe May): 8, 9:15 and 11 a.m.

day School (Septer

Time/Date: 8: 30 a.m. to noon

Details: A fundraiser for the

Christian home repair/home

Appalachian Service Project, a

building ministry through which our volunteers and staff repair

and build homes for low-income

MICHAEL "TROY"

Age 46, passed away November 16, 2013. Visitation Saturday

November 23, 4-9 p.m. at PHIL-LIPS FUNERAL HOME, South

TURNER, RANDY

JAMES

went home to be with our Lord,

Tuesday, November 19, 2013.

1952, to Russell Turner and Catherine (Jones) Turner of South Lyon, Michigan. He grad-uated from Redford Union High School in 1970. He then attended

Washtenaw Community College

in their trade program, and be-came a state certified welder. He enjoyed the outdoors and when he was healthy watked six miles

a day. In his late twenties he be

came ill and eventually devel oped diabetes, he was on medi-cation for most of his life. His illness did result in him becom-

ing reliant on God, which in turn

made him an even more

empathetic, compassionate man

empathetic, compassionate man-He had a huge heart for his fami-ly and the children he sponsored through World Vision, and he dearly loved his only niece Ra-chel. He enjoyed studying God's word, his favorite Bible verse

stopped being grateful to God, for his parents Russell and Catherine and his brother Gary who

shared in his care in the last months of his life. He is survived

brother Gary Turner and sister

in-law Debbie of Highland, and his niece Rachel. He will also be

missed by devoted cousins Doug and Debbie Tumer who reside in Canton, Michigan, and an aunt

and cousins who live in the West

Branch area. His burial will be at

Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, Michigan, A memorial dinner will be scheduled and

dinner will be scheduled and held at a future date not yet de-cided on. In lieu of flowers the

family has asked that any dona

tions be made to World Vision of the charity of your choice.

Arrangements entrusted to PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME,

was 2 Corinthians 7:14. He r

He was born on Febru

May): 8 a.m. Nursery: 9:15 a.m.

sery 12th grade; 11 a.m.

Church

All Ages

days -- A Ministry for Moms of

## Holy Cross Episcopal Church Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile

First Presbyterian Church of Northville Contact: 248-427-1175 or holycrossnovi@gmail.com; visit holyCROSSnovi.org Location: 200 E. Main Contact: 248-349-0911 or visit Sunday Worship: 7:45 and 10 www.fpcnorthville.org Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

## Sunday School and Nursen Care: 10 a.m. Worship service Alzheimer's Support Group 10 a.m. second Saturday of

Hope Lutheran Church Location: 39200 W. 12 Mile (east of Haggerty), Farmington

# Lakes Baptist

Church

Location: 309 Decker Road, Walled Lake Livonia Church of Christ Location: 15431 Merriman Contact: 734-427-8743 or visit www.livoniachurch.net Sunday Worship: 11 a.m. Bible School: Sunday 10 a.m.; Wednesday 7 p.m.

## Meadowbrook Congregational Church

Location: 21355 Meadowbrook Road, between Eight Mile and Contact: the Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, senior minister, 248-348 7757, visit mbccc.org or e-mail to Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Church School: 10-11 a.m. vship Hour: 11 a.m.

Contact: 248-349-2621 or olvnorthville.org 11:30 a.m. fourth Thursday of Saturday Worship: 5 p.m. Sunday Worship: 7:30, 9:30, Pilgrim Fellowship: 6 p.m.

Our Shepherd

# Northville Christian Assembly

ervice in multipurpose gymnasi-

um; 1015 a.m.: Contemporary service in worship center; chil-

Vednesday Family Night: 7

junior and senior high ministries; children's programs, Nursery and

Preschool Program on Sundays and Wednesdays Home of

Northville Christian School (day

grade): call 248-348-9031.

Novi-Northville

Life

Center for Jewish

Details: Events, programs and

the year - children's programs,

classes, youth clubs, holiday services and programs, commu-

Contact: Rabbi Avrohhom &

or rabbi@novijewishcenter.com www.novijewishcenter.com

Methodist Church

Location: 41671 W. 10 Mile

Facebook: https://www.face

book.com/pages/Novi-United-

Sunday Worship: 9:45 a.m.

Healing Service and Holy

Communion: 9:45 a.m. first

Peace Vigil: noon, first Sunday

of every month in front of the

church. Members of the congre-

gation and the community will

Sunday of every month

Methodist-Church/59782031433

Contact: 248-349-2652 or visit

Leah Susskind at 248-790-6075

Sunday school, adult Jewish

nity social events

Novi United

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dren's super church on the second level (208/210)

p.m.; Adult elective classes,

**Presbyterian Church** Location: 1200 S. Sheldon Road. Location: 41355 Six Mile Contact: 248-348-9030; ncalife-Contact: pastor Bill Burke at 734-927-0891 Sundays: 9-10 a.m. Sunday School for adults / youth / chil-Wednesday Bible Study: 7 dren: 9 a.m. Contemporary

Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. with fellowship and food after

# **Our Savior Apostolic Lutheran Church** Location: 54899 Eight Mile,

Location: Novi Civic Center, Contact: 248-697-8158 or visit www.thepentecostalsofnovi.org

**Pentecostals of Novi** 

## Plymouth St. John's Episcopal Church Location: 574 S. Sheldon in Contact: 734-453-0190, Ext. 16 or visit www.stjohnsplymouth-

**Praise Baptist** Church Location: 45000 N. Territorial

Contact: 734-748-3898

Location: 46325 10 Mile, Novi Contact: 248-347-7778 Pastor: Monsignor John Kasas Mass Schedule: 8, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Mon day-Tuesday; 7 p.m. Wednesday:

www.nakpointe.org/lifegroups Worship Services: 5:15 p.m. ReNew Life Group Ministries 7-9 p.m. Monday (groups meet day's newspaper. Women's Life Groups Minis tries: 7 p.m. Tuesday; 9:30 a.m.

## Farmington Hill 6 a.m. Friday; at the church and Contact: 248-474-0584 or visit stjohn-lutheran.com Sunday School: 10:15 a.m.

Church

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# Giving thanks should be more than one-day thing

In an age when social media is a preferred means of communication, an activity flooding Facebook pages is actually bringing to the forefront, in its own slightly cheesy way, the whole idea behind Thanks-

The activity is done in two fashions. In one, the person takes a letter of the alphabet and each day, starting Nov. 1, points out something starting with that let-ter for which he or she was thankful. The other one is simpler: The person just picks one thing each day to be thankful for.

While simple in its execution, the idea is replete with meaning, if done sincerely. It shows Thanksgiv-ing isn't just a one-day event, that its purpose should

be a 365-day, 24/7 way of life. How much is thankfulness taken for granted? How

perfunctory does saying "thank you" become? How long will you bite your tongue, after a Thanksgiving dinner guest tries to compliment you by saying that the mashed potatoes had fewer lumps than the gravy this year, before you say, "Gee, thanks?" When you stumble into a coffee shop before dawn Black Friday for some liquid gold before a shopping foray, what do you say as you finger the change the barista hands you? It may be almost subconscious, but likely as not, you'll mumble a "thanks."

We say it all the time (or we should), not just Thanksgiving. Whether it's because the notion of politeness was drilled into us by our parents or because we bought into the "please and thank you" lessons of Sesame Street and Captain Kangaroo, saying thanks or thank you is arguably one of the most used phrases in the English language.

Maybe we use it too much. Consider that, when our children return to school in the fall, our thanks are better directed to their teachers than spoken as our

And face it, there is no way you mean anything close to "thanks" when you get a back-handed compliment on your Thanksgiving dinner cooking skills, nor is there really any meaning in that exchange at the coffee shop.
This holiday is a clue as to what the problem is: For

364 days a year, we say thank you. Only one day each year, the fourth Thursday in November, we give thanks. Talk, it seems, really is cheap.

We all have to make our own list of what to be



Judy Smith, after donning some Pilgrim garb, helps to serve lunch at the Nov. 14 Novi Senior Center Thanksgiving gathering. Seniors and guests enjoyed the traditional turkey dinner, dessert and coffee and were eligible for a series

thankful for, but giving thanks means more than lip service, even if it is on Facebook. It means pausing to look straight in someone's eye and smile, letting that person know you value them and the service they ave performed. Isn't that what we do Thanksgiving, by pausing to gather with family, letting them know we count them among our blessings?

There are as many ways to give thanks as there are reasons to do so and they don't have to stop when the table is cleared after dinner and dessert. Are you just saying "Thank you" to be polite, or are

you truly "thankful" It is something to ponder and maybe not just each

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# Promises, promises, promises

Promise No. 1 - " If you like your plan, you can keep your plan. PERIOD." Promise No. 2 - "If you like your doctor, you can keep your doctor. PERIOD." Promise No. 3 - "The average premium savings

per family per year will be \$2,500. PERIOD."

Never mind that the sign-up system is broken almost beyond repair in spite of four years of prep and \$650 million of the taxpayers' dollars. (It should be

noted here that only six people in the whole U.S. signed up the first day.) However, the bigger problem is the creditability of the president of the Untied States. All politicians stretch the truth. It's a given, but in this case it's very

different and, in the end, even death. Why, one might ask? Consider the following facts: These lies were repeated over and over again, when the truth was known to the president well be-

fore his second term re-election. 2) Of course, the House minority leader, Nancy Pelosi, never read it, so she can be excused.

Over five million policy holders have had their policies canceled and it goes up by the hundreds of thousands weekly

4) Millions of others have seen their premiums go up on an average of 300 percent.

5) Millions have see their deductibles go up on an

average of 200 percent. Next year, when the employee mandate kicks in, many employers will either drop coverage to their employees and/or cut back on their hours, making

them part-time employees and thereby avoiding pen-

7) And the most important one: Some people with dependency on life-saving drugs and/or procedures that they did have on their previous coverage (and were happy with) will not be able to afford these pre-

vious coverages and will, unfortunately, die In these cases, Obama will have their blood on his

Paul Thal

Buy U.S. products this shopping season

Ready or not, another holiday shopping season is upon us. The stores must be ready as more are opening Thanksgiving Day. Also, this year there are more made-in-America products available since more shoppers are looking for them and stores wish to capitalize on patriotic shoppers. Shopping for made-in-America is the right thing to do as it puts more Americans to work and keeps more dollars in America.

While buying made-in-America products is not always possible (or easy, for that matter), it is certainy better for our economy and our country. And while buying made-in-U.S.A. can be more expensive, the righer quality is worth the extra cost. Patriotic consumers may want to try some of these websites: howobuyamerican.com (they maintain a list of made-in-America businesses and links to made-in-U.S.A. websites); allusaclothing.com (for those who wish to shop local, they are right here in Oakland County); madeinusaforever.com and allamericanclothing.com are

Remember at the store to check the label - and if it's not made in the U.S.A., you might want to try online and spend the holiday at home with your family. Help support the country you live in.

Happy shopping and happy holidays

ACA will work

Conservative tea party people refer to the Affordable Care Act as "a train wreck waiting to happen."

Actually, the current health care system is the train wreck. Thousands of people in the U.S. die prematurely every day for want of adequate medical care. The World Health Organization, a United Nations agency, rated the United States as 17th among the industrialized nations in the quality of care it provides its citizens.

France was No. 1. Canada and Great Britain were high on the list. Ironically, it was the conservative Heritage Foundation that proposed the idea of insurance exchanges. The Democrats had proposed a sinyer system like Canada. Conservatives responded with insurance exchanges.

And these same conservatives shut the government down for 16 days trying to defund the ex-changes. Social Security and Medicare are government programs that have worked well for older Americans. The Affordable Care Act will work well for the majority of Americans.

Thomas M. Hartnett

# A time to reflect, remember 50 years ago

flect, to give thanks. Last Friday marked the 50th anniversary of President John F. Kennedy's assassination. When it happened, I was a student at Oxford University in England. For me and for many, many others, the events of that day are frozen in my memory: cold. still horrible

The local time at Oxford was seven hours ahead of Dallas, meaning those fatal shots were fired at 7:30 that

Friday evening. I – with around 25 others – was seated at a formal black tie dinner in a beautiful candle-lit, oak-paneled room at University College. The main course had just been served when the college's master, Sir John Redcliffe-Maud, stood up at the end of the table

His face was white and his hands trembled as he said: "I am very deeply sorry to announce that President Kennedy has been shot while on a visit to Dallas, Texas. He is not expected to survive."

I was the only American in the room and I wasn't ashamed to hold my head in my hands while the tears came. The master came over and kindly said, "I am terribly sorry for you to hear this awful news in this

Susan Rosiek. Executive Editor

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way. Of course, if you wish to leave the dinner, you are excused."

I stayed for a while and tried to maintain a certain level of conversation, trying to remember Ernest Hemingway's definition of courage – which was also JFK's - "grace under pressure."

Supportive friends

But as dessert was served, I couldn't bear it anymore and went back to my room. As I opened the door, I was astonished to find all the lights on, the

room filled with my English friends, gathered there to be with their American chum in a desolate hour. meone turned on the radio and picked up the bulletin from the BBC: the president was dead. I don't remember the rest of the evening very well, other than that it turned into a kind of wake, with much whiskey being drunk and hugs exchanged with the

normally reserved English.

I had met John F. Kennedy once, in an elevator, before he had announced his candidacy for president. He had bright blue-gray eyes and a magnetic air that

filled that tiny space. I saw him again at a distance at 2 a.m. Oct. 14, 1960, standing on the steps of the Michigan Union in Ann

Arbor, urging young Americans to volunteer to serve

Like the thousands who had waited for hours to hear him, I was thrilled and motivated at his speech in part because I had a very indirect role in it.

While an undergraduate at the university, I had been a member of a student group, Americans Committed to World Responsibility. Organized by two sociology graduate students, Al and Judy Guskin, the group met from time to time to discuss the world situation. We stayed up too late and drank far too

Eventually, we wrote a manifesto (of course) calling on American youth to take up our responsibility to

That manifesto was reported in the student newspaper. Eventually, it wound up in the hands of Theodore Sorenson, Kennedy's speech writer. Although Kennedy did not use the phrase "Peace Corps" until several weeks later, his speech in Ann

Arbor is widely recognized as the first expression of All those memories came flickering through my

mind last Friday as I journeyed back through that dark night half a century ago, an American far away from home grieving for my assassinated president. And I always will give thanks for the English students who, unbidden, came to my room to comfort their American friend.

It's truly said that you are very, very lucky if you have 10 real friends over a lifetime. In that room that night were young Englishmen who became my true

And I will always give thanks for the gifts of grace and intelligence of John F. Kennedy. Over the years since his death, history has revised its opinion of his short presidency. It was not a particularly successful one and it was only the shock of his death and the legislative mastery of the new president, Lyndon Johnson, that led to the Civil Rights Act, among other

But to people of my age, Kennedy's presidency was a bright flame that has stayed alight in our hearts for

Like the Bible's Job, I am learning in my old age that it is only out of profound sadness that it is possible truly to give thanks.

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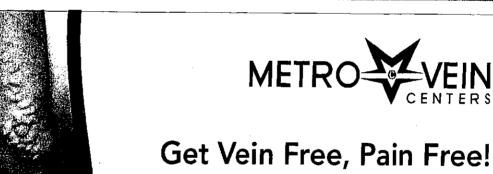
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U.S. district attorney shares her stories at Town Hall

# Mother's pain eased by volunteering at drug rehab

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Dobson wrote a check

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Someone else's kid

"Everyone thinks it's

someone else's kid," Dob-

son said, explaining that

Jared was active in many

sports at South Lyon

popular and bright stu-

dent, even skipping a

and his second vear

"He went to Central

to cocaine," Dobson said.

ginning of his battle with

milestone for Jared, she

adding that the episode

seemed to mark the be

too, but she wanted to do

Jacqueline Dobson doesn't believe in coincidences, so when a series of events related to a abuse home for teens happened, she believed she was being nudged by God, or maybe her 32year-old son, who died from a heroin overdose a

She didn't know about a fundraiser that was being held at a farm next to hers at Eight Mile and Chubb until she was in Plymouth in late August having dinner with friends. She thought she was reaching for a menu when she grabbed a flier announcing the second annual picnic held by the Constantino Del Signore Foundation at Sweet Acres Farm — a stone's throw from Dobson's

Lvon home. The importance of the



Jacqueline Dobson lives across the street from a proposed itation center. She supports the cause, because her son was 32 when he died from an overdose. HAL GOULD! STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

ly poignant to Dobson since the July 4 death of her son, Jared Norwood. was so fresh. She learned of transitional housing

her son's 12-year strug-

The CDS foundation is trying to raise \$500,000 ter for eight to 10 teens

> and his brother died from complications of nuscular dystrophy Jared fought his advent from "countless ehabilitation facilities and from one drug abuse program to another. He was ashamed and

disappointed with where

"He couldn't reconcile

where his life had gone," "His most successful time was when he was in mous) program in a three-quarter house in Plymouth." Dobson said "But, there's very little available for young peo

The CDS Foundation began to focus on drug Signore died in a tractor on the farm. Del Signore, the 47-year-old son of John and Lina Del Signore, owners of Laurel known for his generosity and philanthropic work,

Asztalos said "The best way to celebrate (Jared's) life is to do something," Asztalos said. "I already have designs on what I'd like her to do. My whole focus is to get people to own it. There's such denial. People want to deny their kids are involved. Aware

Tino Del Signore was who started CDS Foundation 20 years ago. Since then. \$475,000 has been donated to various causes. The transition house is intended to carhopes to start her own

ing at the proposed facil-

Helping is healing "Reaching out to other people is healing," said Dobson, a longtime Girl Scout leader, Muscular active with a number of programs at her church, First United Methodist in South Lyon. "One of my passions is hands-on

There's also the stig-

ma that comes with sub-

neighbors once the treat-

ment facility is built, she said: "It could be any-

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stance abuse.

who moved to the United States from England two She already knows years ago, Bater said she some of the struggles young people will be has flown the same route Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab took from Am-"Jared used to say, sterdam to Detroit many

'People with addictions already feel isolated," "He could have been she said, explaining that on my flight," she said. they're often left out of social gatherings. "Peo-'I (now) know more than ple should ask. They might not come, but in-Bater was one of sev-

eral hundred people who attended the year's second installment of the Livonia Town Hall series at St. Mary's Antiochian McOuade, the current attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan and first woman to hold the position, has been responsible for prose-

As Anne Bater lis-tened to U.S. District

McOuade speak Wednes

day about the Christmas

Day underwear bomber,

she realized how an in-

cident like that can take

place at anytime.

Attorney Barbara

profile federal crimes including the case against Ábdulmutallab and former Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick. She said she had been confirmed for the position, which prosecutes

district attorney.' Hey,

that's great timing, I'm

going to kick back and

thinking, "Then the next

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eniov mv Christmas.

day, I'm minding my

the family meal and

opening gifts and I get

The incident, had it

been successful, would

have resulted in the

plane crashing some-

federal crimes in the eastern half of Michigan's Lower Peninsula the day before the Christmas bombing had taken place in a plane over metro Detroit. Her term began in January

"Christmas Eve, I get

likely killed everyone on board and possibly some

Terrorism any time, any place "A terrorist attack can occur at any time

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know in cases she had heard about for several years, including the underwear bomber case "It did show that peo-

nle take a deeper in terest in this right now she said. "All the details about it were quite in-

Kilpatrick

prosecution McQuade shared her cution of Kilpatrick, who being found guilty of several racketeering and extortion charges

earlier this year. McQuade said one interesting fact with the case involving Kilpatrick was that more than 30 other individuals had been charged in connection with how he was office in Detroit.

iust him." she said. "This culture of corruption pervaded his entire ad

ministration.' Some have questioned the sentence pushed for by her office, saying some criminals who are convicted of seconddegree murder are released before Kilpatrick will be, she noted. The crimes committed by ciates, she said, were the crime that much

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# Local man's 'Hobby' becomes computer gaming giant

his company, he took it.

office was in Canton and

his first employees were

ding and his wife's sister - both still with the com-

pany. There was a stop in

dock bought the building

not quite a decade ago. This was my big

splurge," Wardell said as he led a Monday tour of

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phere – employees bene-

from a nutritionist and a

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Brad Wardell's "hobby that got out of control' has grown into a multi million-dollar Plymouth Iownship company that's a major player in the computer game and computer software markets. Wardell, of Canton

dock Inc. while a studen it Western Michigan University and the company marked its 20th anniversary on Oct. 15 with the release of Galac multi-player online strategy game. It's a sequel to the original Galactic ilizations, which Wardell came up with in 1993. In addition, Stardock

expansion at its headnear Five Mile, finishing an entire floor to add a game studio and a chic cafe-style work area designed to promote collaboration in a casual environment. With about 50 employees now, Wardell plans to add about 25 more, software engineers and game designers,



Brad Wardell celebrates 20 years in business, RILL BRESLER I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHE

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tinkering in his dormitory room at Western, where he majored in electrical engineering building and selling per sonal computers he'd made from components. At the time, he said, they were cheaper than the PCs sold by a limited number of manufactur ers. He then got into

velopment.
"I started the company as a way to pay for school," Wardell said, recalling how the origi-nal Galactic Civilizations was made for a long-ago IBM operating system. ate from school and get a

He had that real job for a couple of months, as a consultant for the lending arm of a major auto-maker. But revenue from software he'd previously and when Wardell saw

The company special izes in strategy games and also makes deskton designed to modify and customize computer desktops to improve users' experiences.

company is planning studios in other parts of

the country.

interested in." rather than role-playing or firstwant to make a game that someone else can do Wardell credits tal-

ented employees, many of whom have been brought in from other parts of the country, for stardock's success. "We've just built up this network of highly

ust do so much," Wardell

Brand manager Adam Biessener is one of Stardock's latest recruits.

nd reviews of Stardock's games. Formerly in the area less than a

"It's still culturally

very Midwestern," and similar to Minneapolis in that way, Biessener said. Wardell said he likes to provide a pleasant perks and the flexibility their family needs, in order to keep turnover

The personal trainer for example, is a perk that helps employees stretch and stay relaxed while at work, an antidote to hours spent at

mputer terminals.
"By having low turnover, our people are really productive," Wardell



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on my own, this was the Elaine knew it was time for a change; the family home that she and her husband, Jim, built in 1950 was no longer practical.

The Cash Family has lived in

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

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

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to three major hospitals. Within just a few days of Abbey Park's opening n January 2009, Elaine and her three children enjoyed a lunch and tour of the facility. She was

surprised and "very impressed," with her initial visit. Elaine appreciated the beautiful landscaping of the grounds and courtyards, an elegant lobby featuring fountains, fireplaces, and a grand piano along with the welcoming

smiles of a few old friends and some new neighbors.

With any move there are decisions to be made, and so after offering the family home to her granddaughter, Elaine's first step was to find the perfect apartment in her new community. With nine floor plans ranging from one bedroom/one bath to two bedrooms with two full baths and two walk-in closets, all apartment options at Abbey Park include

I would spend my later years in such a lovely home as Abbey Park. I feel like the luckiest person living here." Abbey Park resident



was luxurious and elegant but also very affordable. The meals served in the elegant dining room by attentive staff and prepared on site, were delicious. "The food is like a nice restaurant," Elaine said, and said that the employees and residents are, "Like another large family." There's a calendar full of weekly shopping trips, monthly casino excursions. Bingo, ice cream socials and destination



to Frankenmuth and holiday shopping trips. Within the community, there is a theater, library computer center, fitness center, hair salon and physical therapists on site. Medicare-certified optional personal care services are also

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Elaine was quick to credit the leadership of the staff with the spirit of community and a calendar full of [Administrator] Tamra Ward and [Hospitality Director] Charles Duty are 'Abbey Park,' plus of course, their wonderful, friendly, caring staff." Elaine's social calendar is full of parties and events. There's a champagne brunch

Left: Abbey Park at Mill Alver resident Elaine Cash is nded by family at last every Sunday, birthday parties, Grandkids Halloween Carnival Grandparent's Day Luau, Oktoberfest and Abbey Park's Festival

of Trees. There's a delicious menu for each holiday and celebration dinners are open to family and friends. Abbey Park at Mill River offers a Facebook page that is updated after each event for the enjoyment of the residents and their loved ones.

Soon after her move to Abbey Park at Mill River, Elaine met owners Dr. Benjamit Stein, Joe Norber and Edward Rosenbaum during one of their weekly site visits. " told them how much I loved it here," Elaine said "I am a walking commercial for Abbey

Elaine celebrated her fourth anniversary as a resident at Abbey Park in September and enjoys being part of the Abbey Park family. "I have loved every single day here," she said.

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# Nakashima leader among local soccer stars

By Chris Jackett

As the area's lone first team allstater, Novi senior forward Don Nakashima was regularly double and triple teamed. Despite opposing defenses' best efforts, Nakashima notched 10 goals and one assist this fall, earning all-conference, all-dis trict, all-region and now All-Area Player of the Year to line him up for a collegiate career at the University of Detroit in fall 2014.

Although opponents' defensive focus resulted in an individual stat drop from the 16 goals and six assists he had in 2012, that same focus opened up space for his teammates Nakashima also has a 3.925 grade-

point average.
"Don's rare combination of size, speed and dribbling skill make him a player that every team has to change their defensive game plan for and it makes it so there is much more space on the field for the rest of our players," Novi coach Brian O'Leary

Noah Kleedtke Catholic Central Jr. M

An all-state second team member, Kleedtke was a handful for most opponents, as he was so often a part of the Shamrocks' offensive and defensive schemes. The play maker helped CC past Novi in the district final and all the way to the regional

Salem. Kellen Scott Michael South Lyon Sr. GK
A big reason for South Lyon's

ccesses this season, Michael set a school record for career saves with 431 over three seasons while also posting the second-most shutouts in school history with 13. His efforts earned him a place on the all-state third team.

"Scott is one of those players that you can only hope to get at least once n your entire coaching career," South Lyon coach Brian Elliott said. "He's a great athlete, student and person. He is a great leader and role model for the younger players on the team. Scott is irreplaceable."

Mitchell Stark South Lyon Sr. M A second-team all-stater, Stark had seven goals and 15 assists this fall. His 22-point season put him at third on the Lions' all-time list with 43 points over three seasons. His 15 assists were second-most in a single season, putting him at second-most

to keep Novi's Don Nakashima away

Year honors. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF

from the ball during the teams' Oct. 16

game. The Wildcat earned Player of the

over a career with 27 assists. "Mitch has the ability to control scoring fast and scoring often. But the Shamrocks were built to the pace of a game and take it over,' See SOCCER, Page B3



# **STATE FINALS-BOUND**

Shamrocks shut out Cass Tech, with play Clarkston at Ford Field

By Sam Eggleston

Dylan Roney rumbled into the end zone three times for the Detroit Catho-lic Central football team, leading the Shamrocks down the path that leads to the Division 1 state finals.

Roney seemed unstoppable as he and the Shamrocks rolled to a 28-0 victory over Detroit Cass Tech, the two-time defending state champ. Both of those championships for Cass Tech had com via wins over Detroit Catholic Central. "I could tell, right from the get-go,"

"We hit harder, we played faster, We had a better mind-set."

The loss was the first for the Technicians this season and broke an 18game winning streak, including last year's finals win over the Shamrocks.

Roney said to the Detroit Free Press.

"Obviously this was a very satisfying victory, given the history been the two schools." CC assistant coach Michael Mach said. "I would be lying if I said it was 'just another game.' I think it's games like this that make playing at a place like Catholic Central so memorable. Plus, we're mov ing on to Ford Field to play for the big prize, so it doesn't get any better than that."

The game was classic Shamrocks football right from the start. As the two teams fought to a 0-0 tie to end the first quarter, it was clear Catholic Central was completely comfortable, while the high-scoring Technicians were already showing some signs of stress. The game was completely different than their typical tactics, which involved

Dylan Roney powers into the end zone for CC's second touchdo

Detroit Catholic Central will play in the Division 1 football state finals against Clarkston at 1 p.m. Saturday at Ford Field.

grind through the game, waiting for a big break. The first chink in the Cass Tech armor showed when senior Zach Bock pounded through the arms of two Technician tacklers on a counter and sprinted 25 yards in the second quarter and then scored on a 7-yard run three

plays later for a 7-0 lead. The score rattled the Technicians, who fumbled the ball on their own 5vard line when Shamrocks safety Jack Van Acker hit quarterback Jayru

Campbell. 'I saw him rolling out; I knew I could get to him," Van Acker said. "I knew I was faster than him, so I tracked him down and stripped the ball.

Anthony Turek recovered the ball for the Shamrocks and Roney scored his first touchdown of the day two plays later from 2 yards out for a 14-0 lead with less than a minute left in the firs

The Shamrocks held strong on Cass Tech's opening drive of the second half, despite a long 55-vard pass play to star the third quarter. After they kept the Technicians out of the end zone, the Shamrocks started marching and went 79 yards throughout nearly the remain-der of the third quarter. They ended the drive with a 2-yard touchdown by Roney with 2:30 left in the third for a 21-0 lead.

Roney added his final score of the game with six minutes left when he rumbled in from 6 yards out to put his

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# OAA icers gets best of KLAA at Metro Invite

Wildcats drop pair of one-goal contests to open 2013-14 season

By Chris Jackett

New coach Mark Vellucci had an action-packed open-ing weekend with his Novi

The Wildcats (0-2-0) dropped a pair of one-goal losses in their own Metro Invite, which pits KLAA and OAA teams against one an-

Novi started its season Friday against Rochester United (2-0-0). First-period goals by Evan Asuncion and Graham Day gave Rochester a 2-0 lead before the WildNovi (0-2-0) was set to visit Plymouth Salem before hosting St. Clair Shores Lakeview Unified on

Saturday and Northville (1-1-1) on

Wednesday, both at 6:30 p.m. at

cats got a friendly bounce off a rebound for a goal to with 6:27 left in the second period cut the deficit to 2-1 Rochester's Frank Scheff scored on his own rebound in the final minute of the second period to put the lead at 3-1 before Novi senior Gage

12 minutes left. From there it was scoreless, as neither Rochester's Kyler Patenaude nor Novi's

Fisher made it 3-2 with about

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The Novi varsity hockey team practices at Novi Ice Arena. JOHN HEIDER I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHE

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D-1 championship

By Sam Eggleston

matters now. Brother

Jack Van Acker sacks Cass Tech QB Jayru Cambell, causing a fumble recovered by CC's

# **SHAMROCKS**

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"You've got no idea after losing two years in a row --- embarrassing losses, really," Bock said. "To come out here and keep a shutout means the world to us. I couldn't ask for any-

thing more. Bock led the Shamrocks' offense, running

Linebackers Jordan Jenkins and David Wright had seven tackles each for Catholic Central.

The Technicians were led by Campbell, who was 6-of-17 passing for 98 yards. Catholic Cen-tral held the Cass Tech ground game to just 73 yards.

Tom Mach's 19th state Sam Eggleston is a freelance semifinal game in the 38 writer covering sports for the Northville Record and Novi Catholic Central. He has

### Catholic Central will MAXIMUM EFFORT face Clarkston for

Shamrocks to play

for 12th state title

The championship game will be the 42nd game that both Zach Bock and Dylan Roney have played in as three-year varsity players. That means they have played in the maximum number of games possible over the course of three years as the Shamrocks have made the state finals - and Roney and Bock have played every game - in all three of those seasons.

In the 38 seasons that last week, 28-0. Mach has long becoaching football at Delieved that rankings don't

troit Catholic Central, mean anything and this he's made a few trips to season proved it. The the state championship Shamrocks ended the season ranked sixth in In fact, when the the Associated Press poll. Shamrocks take on Clarkston was ranked Clarkston at 1 p.m. Sat-urday for the state title, The Wolves will come it will be Mach's chance into this game sporting

to make it an even dozen just one loss on the season. That came in the Catholic Central family. first week against Roch This season has been ester Adams, 12-7. The one of tempered expecta-Wolves (12-1) avenged tions from the pundits that loss in the regional for the oft-heralded championship game when they demolished Shamrocks, This season the team was not expect-Adams, 56-28. Last week, Clarkston ed to win the Catholic High School League - nor topped Flint Carman-

Ainsworth, 61-26, to earn did it, in fact, as Brother Rice earned that disa trip to Ford Field. tinction. And not once were the Shamrocks The Wolves bring a high-powered offense to the finals, having scored ranked No. 1 in the state, 516 points over the previa ranking held by twotime defending state ous 13 games (39.7 points per game). Besides the first week of the season, champion Detroit Cass Tech throughout 2013. Of course, none of that

Rice will get a chance at victory over Southfield. its own state title in the Their defense isn't Division 2 title game and anything to scoff at, either. They've allowed 193 points (14.9 per game) the No. 1-ranked team will be watching from the stands if it wants to and the most they've see the championship allowed in any game has game after being shut been 28 (Oct. 18 against out by the Shamrocks

Rochester Adams in the regional championship).

No doubt the Sham. rocks will be looking to slow the pace of the Wolves' offense, but specialized in this season The Shamrocks' defense has allowed just 158 points (12.2 per game) and has recorded four shutouts, including the

last week. The offense may not have the most impressive numbers, but its ability to grind has kept CC in every game, including the two losses to Brother

victory over Cass Tech

The Shamrocks have scored 383 points (29.5 per game) and in the er weeks have shown their willingness to change their game to include a quality passing attack in addition to their perennial power rushing

Look for the Shamrocks to rely on their stout defense, while their backfield pushes the ball down the field and the passing game steps up when called upon.

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# Six Novi tankers gain experience at state meet

Wildcats finish 32nd in Division 1

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By Chris Jackett

For the young group of six Novi swi of six Novi swimmers who qualified for the experience helped to prepare them for the next few years.

Novi sent one junior. four sophomores and one freshman to the state meet, where just one advanced to the second day of competition as the team finished 32nd with three points. Farmington Hills Mer-

cy won the state title

by Saline (251), Ann Arr Skyline (177) and South Lyon Unified (169). The rest of the KLAA Central Division was also in the mix, as Plymouth points, Northville 13th with 77 and Livonia Stevenson 19th with 42. Other KLAA teams like

Brighton, Waterford United, Grand Blanc, Hartland, Canton and Livonia Churchill landed within the top 30, as well. Junior Jaymie Ziegler regional at Ann Arbo Pioneer. This allowed her Saturday at Oakland University in Rochester,

where she earned Novi's three points by finishing 14th of 36 divers with 319.60 points. "Jaymie's heart and determination helped her to overcome her insecurities and rise to the challenge both during Tuesregional and in this finals. Mercy won in weekend's state champi-

under pressure and learn more about herself and her talent for diving. We are very proud of her." "We are so proud of what she accomplished this season and more specifically in the last

week," Novi coach Annette VanderMev said. "Jaymie was a strong leader on the boards all season, teaching our younger divers a lot about what that unique sport takes. It is so nice to see her hard work and leadership pay off in

onship," Novi diving

coach Don Mason said.

"Her desire to succeed

pushed her to do her best

was the final Wildcat to qualify for the state meet the coolid performance such a positive way to her and what those examples leave behind for the future of the prothe future of the program at Novi.'

The 200 freestyle relay team of sophomores Alexandra Cortez, Ava Bianchi and Dana Kilponen and freshman Emily Mayoras nearly advanced to the second day, but was disqualified in preliminaries with a time of 1:42.03, which would've placed Novi 16th of 31, securing the final spot in Saturday's

1:35.31. Novi's other races didn't end much better. Mayoras, sophomore Kilponen took 24th of 27 teams in the 200 medley relay in 1:54.09. Ann Arbor Skyline won in 1:44.45

Individually, Mayoras struggled against the field in both the 50 free (33rd in 25.68) and 100 backstroke (34th in 1:04.33), finishing last in both, but earning impor-tant experience for the ford won the 50 free in 23.94 seconds and South Lyon won the 100 back in 54.16 seconds.

Kim also added an individual finish at 29th of 33 in the 100 breaststroke in 1:09.91. Waterford won 1:02.06. Although Novi fin-

ished 2-7 (0-4 Central) this season, sending six student-athletes to the state meet from a roster with zero seniors bodes well for the future of the Wildcats' program. "Our swimmers are all freshmen and sopho-

mores that had to taper to achieve the qualifying time standards at our conference championships," VanderMey said. We are so proud of the fact that they were even at the meet this

year. All season long we talked about the realistic goals for our young team. This group of five unwas expected of them and the coaching staff is excited for our future with this group (of) Ava Bianchi, Alexandra Corren Kim (and) Emily Mayoras leading the

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# **NOVI SPORTS BRIEFS**

Free beginner girls lacrosse clinic

The city of Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department has partnered with Stacey's School of Lax and Westside Wom en's Lacrosse Club to host a free Wednesday, Dec. 11. The clinic is for girls in fifth through eighth grade and will take place at Novi Meadows Elementary Fifth Grade

House, 25549 Taft Road. The clinic, led by Stacey Tardich, president of Stacey's School of Lax, has a mission to increase participation in girls lacrosse. "The clinic will cover basic drills

and include interactive games with the focus being on introducing the sport," Tardich said. "Parents will find the free clinic a convenient way to allow their daughter to try something new without any investment in equipment."

Tardich has been playing and

leveloping girls lacrosse for more than 20 years.

"We are thrilled to team up with Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultur-al Services to help nurture a sport

that is growing rapidly across the nation," said Beth Donovan, presi-dent of Westside Women's Lacrosse Club. Donovan is a Level 1 U.S. Lacrosse certified coach, with four years of experience as the club development chair of the Girls Lacrosse High School Board.

No equipment is necessary for the free clinic, but preregistration is requested at cityofnovi.org. To learn about additional girls lacrosse offerings, including a win ter skill clinics and spring team play, visit cityofnovi.org or call 248-347-0400.

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Elliott said. "Most coaches look for their players to possess the ball, but Mitch takes this one step further. He has the ability to beat three or even four players from the other team on the dribble, which is extremely rare in a player. Bottom technical ability of any high school player I have ever coached

Nick Oakley Novi Sr. M With eight goals, four

assists and an all-state honorable mention, Oak ley was a centerpiece to the Wildcats' lineup both in physical ability and leadership. He also sports a 3.925 grade-"Nick was the glue of

our team both on and off the field," O'Leary said. In the field, he did all the dirty work for us, has great possession skills and was a clutch player with seven of his goals was tied or within one goal. Off the field, he is a great person that is a true role model for how should strive to be; he is to use his skills to better

Matt Kiura Novi Sr. D As the Wildcats' most dangerous asset on set goals and nine assists while earning a spot on the all-state third team He has a 3.6 grade-poin

average. "Matt's physical strength allows him to dominate opponents and his ability to take long throw-ins from 40 yards away into the box of the weapon for our offense all season," O'Leary said Jake Hackman Catholic Central Sr. M

Hackman was a huge piece of CC's transition play this fall, frustrating opponents with his speed all-state honorable men Conrad Bush

Northville Sr. D An all-state honorable mention pick, Bush was a big reason the Mustangs were able to keep oppoPLAYER OF THE YEAR

FIRST TEAM

Noah Kleedtke (Catholic Central Jr. M) Kellen Scott Michael (South Lyon Sr. GK) Mitchell Stark (South Lyon Sr. M) Nick Oakley (Novi Sr. M) Matt Kiura (Novi Sr. D) Conrad Bush (Northville Sr. D) Alex Pastor (Catholic Central Sr. GK) Steven Jansen (Northville Sr. GK) Nicholas Kemennu (Lakeland Sr. CM/F)

Kevin Veeder (Milford Sr. M) SECOND TEAM Roddy Green Jr. (Lakeland So. M/F) Icey Van Houten (Northville Sr. M)

Joe Darish (Milford Sr. D) Parker Sutton (Novi Sr. D) Jay Kim (Novi Sr. CM) Alex Stowe (South Lyon Sr. F) Javier Munoz (Milford Sr. GK) Matt Allain (South Lyon Sr. D) Shane Decker (South Lyon Sr. M) Tony Asimadu (Novi So. F)

Jay DeBrabander (Northville Sr. M/D) HONORABLE MENTION CATHOLIC CENTRAL - Sam Popp (Jr. M)

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SOUTH LYON - Tudor Raducea (Sr. M), Mitch Chaput (Sr. D),

Gabriel Martinez (Jr. F), Alex Kopko (Jr. D), Jerod Allen (So. D),

KLAA Central Division. Roddy Green Jr. Alex Pastor Catholic Central Sr. GK With Pastor, an all-

state honorable mention pick, Catholic Central powered through to the Division 1 regional finals, upending tough Livonia Dearborn Heights Crest wood along the way. Steven Jansen Northville Sr. GK

Jansen backstopped the Mustangs' season honorable mention and helping them to a handful of big victories. Nicholas Kemennu Lakeland Sr. CM/F Kernennu, who led the Eagles in scoring this

Kevin Veede Milford Sr. M In a tough division featuring KLAA champion Grand Blanc, Veeder kept Milford afloat with 13 goals and nine assists

this fall. "Great midfield player who will be playing at Spring Arbor next year,' Milford coach Tommy

Erik Habkirk (Jr. M), Dominic Perrni (Jr. M) Second team

> Lakeland So. M/F The team leader in assists, Green has combined for 17 goals and 15 assists in two seasons Noted by coach Robert Kroezen for his ability to set up others for goals, Green proves to be a bright spot for the future of the Eagles' program. Joey Van Houten Northville Sr. M

A big piece of the play, Van Houten has given opposing midfields a hassle, allowing him to both get open for and help set up goals. Joe Darish Milford Sr. D

from his position as an outside defender. Darish hipped in four goals, including one game-winner, all while being assigned to mark oppo nents' best player. Parker Sutton

Using bursts of speed

Novi Sr. D Moving senior Sutton to center defense helped save Novi's season after the Wildcats gave up 15 goals in their first nine

games. The move resulted in just six goals allowed over the final 12 spent the bulk of the season at defense after having some success at forward as a junior, Sutton still tallied three goals and two assists this season while maintaining a 3.4 grade-point aver-

Jay Kim Novi Sr. CM

Kim provided the Wildcats with a spark by utilizing his ability to play on both sides of the ball. His speed and ability to help on set pieces earned him three goals and eight assists while maintaining a 3.9 grade point average.

South Lyon Sr. F Behind eight goals and three assists. S moved up to fifth on his school's all-time career goals list with 19 in his three years on varsity. Milford Sr. GK

Averaging sever saves per game, Munoz averaged 1.2 goals against per game while stopping two penalty kicks this season. Matt Allair

South Lyon Sr. D As the heart of the South Lyon defense, Allain shut down many opponents' top scorers while managing to notch three goals of his own. Shane Decker South Lyon Sr. M

With six goals and three assists, Decker was a big piece of games against Northville, Ann Arbor Huron and Walled Lake Central in just his second varsity season. Tony Asimadu Novi So. F

The speed and quick-ness of Asimadu helped take some pressure off Nakashima, allowing the Wildcats' offense a strong alternative option when Nakashima was heavily guarded or on the Jay DeBrabander Northville Sr. M/D

DeBrabander provided a multi-purpose spark for the Mustangs that helped lead to a few big victories, including one over rival Novi.

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# Fifth-grader places third in Oklahoma wrestling tourney



Thornton Creek Elementary fifth-grader Camden Trupp 10, competed in the elite 17th annual Suplay Kickoff Classic Wrestling Tournament earlier this month in Tulsa, Okla., which featured more than 1,800 wrestlers from more than 35 states. He took home the prestigious Eagle award and medal for placing third in the 10 and under 76-pound division. He wrestled and won against nationally ranked opponents from Iowa, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas. He also recently participated in the Border Wars National Championships in Battle Creek and was crowned the 10 and under, 80-pound division national champion. Camden, who is a member of Team Donahoe Wrestling Club in Davison, is the son of C.J. and Jennifer Trupp of Novi.

HOCKEY

Continued from Page B1

Austin Petty allowed another goal, giving Rochester a 3-2 victory. Petty (21 saves) came up big in the sec-ond game, Saturday against Farmington

(2-0-0). That game was

0-0 until Novi's Bryan

Fegert got a pass from

Ryan Baxter to set up a goal past Farmington netminder John Lethemon (40 saves) in the third period. However, Nick Heffron set Drake Cole up

for a Farmington goal with 56.3 seconds left in regulation to force overtime. Farmington got a storybook finish when Heffron took the puck

mouth before back-

handing the puck over

Petty and into the goal

ton-area teams were joined in OAA repreup the right side and deked across the goal-

sentation by Lake Orion Chris Jackett is a freelance

for a 2-1 game-winner

with 1:15 left in over-

had an 8-1-0 lead over

the KLAA, with results

North Farmington Unit

ed and Livonia Chur-

chill game Saturday

Friday in a 6-0 win

Along with Novi,

Northville and Chur-

chill, the other Metro

Invite schools for the

KLAA were South Lyon

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ern, while Rochester

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Northville picked up the lone KLAA victory

As a whole, the OAA

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# Catholic Central dominates Port Huron Northern, 9-1

The Detroit Catholic Central hockey team skated into the 2013-14 season with plenty of gusto as its dominated its first foe.

The squad, coached by Doug Itami, allowed iust a single goal in the first period before goal e Michael Ronayne and down to keep Port Huron Northern in check and earn a 9-1 victory.

The Shamrocks start ed with the first goal of the season just 1:18 into the contest, as Owen Kipke took a pass from Alex Kreutzer.

Northern came back just three minutes later. Catholic Central however, turned the

Detroit Catholic Central is slated to be back on the ice when it hosts Trenton at 7:30 p.m. Saturday. The team will then visit Upper Canada College in a two-day games at 7 p.m. and 1:30 p.m., respectively.

into a scoring clinic as Carter Cerretani and Ryan Burnett each tallied a goal to end the first period with a 3-1 Cerretani. The Shamrocks assist and Mitchell Os-

sowski had two on the In the second period, the Shamrocks scored early and often. Austin goal with just 32 seconds off the clock; less Sam Eggleston is a freelance

Spiegel II added a goal before Ossowski scored II minutes later for a 7-1 lead. Lucas Turner tallied the final goal of the period on a power play with 16:07 off the clock for the 8-1 advantage

Earning assists in the second period were Burnett (two), James Considine, Wade Orlow ski. Domenic Mancinelli. Nicholas Macari, Brent Jones and Carter

scored an early goal in the third period to close out the scoring. Considine took assists from Burnett and Ossowski and scored with just 18

writer covering sports for the Northville Record and Novi

# WINTER SPORTS SCHEDULES

1/11 Cranbrook 5:30 p.m 1/17 at Culver Academy TBD 1/18 at Culver Academy TBD

1/24 at O.L. St. Mary's TBD

1/25 O.L. St. Mary's 5:30 p.m 1/29 at Trenton 7:30 p.m

2/S at MIHL TBD

2/7 at MIHL TBD

2/8 at MIRL TBD

2/22 at CHSL TBD

Diving

2/14 at U of D 6:30 p.m. 2/19 DeLaSalle 7 p.m.

2/24 at State Playoffs 1013

1/25 at Ann Arbor Pioneer 12

2/1 at Oakland County Swim

2/4 at Brother Rice 5:30 p.m

ming 1:30 p.m.

2/1 Livonia Stevenson 5:30 p.m

### **Detroit Catholic** Central

Basketball All games at 7:30 p.m. unless 12/9 at Taylor Kennedy 7 p.m 12/21 at Divine Child 1/3 Detroit Lovola 1/10 at U of D 1/14 O.L. St. Mary's

1/17 Brother Rice 1/21 at DeLaSalle 1/24 at AnnArbor Gabriel Rich 1/31 at O.L. St. Mary's 2/ 4 at Brother Ricc 2/ 7 DeLaSalle 2/ 15 CHSL Quarterfina 2/ 18 CHSL Semifinal 2/ 19 CHSL Semifinal 2/ 23 at CHSL Champio 2/25 at Dearborn Fordson 7 p.m

# Hockey

11/27 Brother Rice 7 p.m 11/30 Trenton 5:30 p.m. 12/13 Cranbrook 7:15 p.m

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3/7 State Districts

12/21 Port Huran North 5:30 p.m. 1/3 Wyandotte Roosevelt 7 p.m. 1/4 Plymouth 5:30 p.m. 1/8 at Brother Rice 6:15 p.m.

2/18 at Lotre Dame Prep 6:30

3/1 at CHSL Championship Div:ng 9 a.m. 3/ 1 at CHSL Championship Swimming 12 p.m.

# Wrestling

12/7 St. Edward/Cuyahoga Valley 12/11 Davison (Assembly Match) 1:45 p.m. 12/14 at Tim Horn Invitational 9

Swimming and nionship TBA 12/12 at Grosse Pointe North 6 12/21 at Oakland County Cham pionship TBA 12/27 at Medina 8 a.m. p.m. 12/20 at Saline Quad Meet 6

12/28 at Medina 8 a.m. 1/4 at Schack Invitational 9 a.m. 1/11 at Rockford Invitational 9 1/11 CC Super Duals 10 a.m. 1/18 at Holt Invitational 9:30am 1/16 at Livonia Stevenson 6:30 1/22 at Lowell Assembly Match

1:30 p.m. 1/18 at East Grand Rapids 12 p.m. 1/25 Cincinnati Moeller/Marmior Academy 1:30 p.m. 1/29 at Oxford 6 p.m. 2/5 Team District TBA 2/8 at Individual District TBA 2/12 at Team Regional TBA 1/31 at Oakland County Diving 5 2/15 at Individual Regional TBA 2/21 at Team Finals TBA

# Committed



Walled Lake Northern High School hosted a college signing event Nov. 19 for two student athletes who plan to pursue athletics at the collegiate level. These two athletes are Dan Diffenderfer (front right) and Courtney Sullivan (front left), shown with their parents (back, from left) Jay and Ellen Sullivan and Dianna and Todd Diffenderfer. Dan will attend Siena Heights University to play lacrosse and plans to pursue a degree in criminal justice. At Northern, he was involved in baseball, football and lacrosse. Courtney will attend the University of North Carolina-Greensboro to play volleyball and is considering a degree in nursing. At Northern, she was involved in volleyball, track, class council, student leadership

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# Fighting hunger



Orthodontists Larry Spillane and Jamie Reynolds, partners in Spillane & Reynolds in Novi and Rochester Hills, are using the highly anticipated release of the "Hunger Games 2" movie to stock local food pantries. Patients who brought 10 non-perishable items to one of the offices received a ticket to the premiere of the movie held at Emagine Novi with a red carpet opening. In addition to the non-perishable food items donated by patients, Thanks-giving turkeys are also being donated by Spillane & Reynolds to local food banks and churches.

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## Michael McGee

Miller Canfield Chief Executive Officer Michael McGee, a Novi resident, has been apointed to the Detroit Chamber of



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Mike's expertise, insight and passion for Detroit and Michigan," chamber President and CEO Sandy K. Baruah said. "Miller Canfield's 161-year legacy is one of commitment and excellence and Mike McGee has been personally engaged in helping guide the renaissance o Detroit. We are pleased to have him as part of our

Before taking the 2013, McGee was a long time member of Miller Canfield's nationally respected public finance decades of public policy experience and a broad egal background. He played a major role in the drafting of Michigan's emergency management ing CEO, he represented operating under emerncluding Detroit. He is nance law and is recognized as an expert in public entity law, public/ private partnerships and

organiza nounced Performant Systems Group Vice Craig Jack Jackson vi, as the newest member to its

Kev Executive Program. Vistage Michigan prowith access to new busi ness perspectives, innovative strategies and Jackson co-founded Group, a business management and consulting company whose primar expertise lies in business prise data integration, in he is responsible for

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He received his J.D. ness analysis experience in the chemicals, retail, Michigan Law School. services, marketing manufacturing, profes-M.P.P. from the Institute sional sports and health care industries. (now Ford School) of Public Policy Studies and A.B. from the University of Michigan with an em-

Jackson holds a bache lor of science business management information systems from Central Michigan University. He has also been credentialed as a certified business intelligence professiona! in leadership and

# **Enrique**

Mercado-Gonzalez Plante Moran, PLLC named Enrique Mercado firm's Southfield office consulting group.

Mercado-Gonzalez specializes in program project manageations man-Mercado-

and crisis management. Prior to joining Plante Moran, he was a program managei it Johnson Controls, Inc

Mercado-Gonzalez business administration degree in operations management from Ca negie Mellon, Tepper ent from Car-School of Business. He is an active member of the Institute and holds a Professional credential He lives in Novi with his wife Marla and their two children, Ana Cristina

# **NOVI BUSINESS BRIEFS**

# Fill a Tub with Love

ETNA Supply Co.'s Infusion Kitchen & Bath a holiday drive to suppor local families in need. It will be providing a tub, which will be located at the showroom at 29949 Beck in Wixom, for those who wish to drop off donated items to Fill a

Tub with Love. Suggested donations include nonperishable foods, toiletry items, diapers, new blankets. hats, gloves and toys. Those donating will be entered to win a \$100 gift card from their choice of more than 50 locations.

Donations will be collected through Dec. 10 and then be distributed to The Hospitality House, which helps those that live in the Wixom area.

Showroom hours are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday Questions may be direct-ed to Kristin Andrews at 248-624-2850 or

Gardner-White, Army team up

The Salvation Army Southeast Michigan Adult Rehabilitatio Center has teamed up with Gardner-White Fur niture to host a clothing and shoe drive. Running end, community members will have the option to donate gently-used clothing and shoes to any of Gardner-White's eight metro Detroit locations ncluding Novi's at 43525

family thrift store dona tion centers.
All donations to the 34 Salvation Army thrift stores directly benefit Southeast Michigan Adult Rehabilitation

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tion to the 34 metro De-

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Centers' independently funded, 180-day residential rehabilitation In addition to helping the ARC change people's lives, Gardner-White shoppers who make a

contribution will receive

gift from Gardner-White.

# Gorman's expands

holiday partnership It is estimated that nearly five million Amer icans have an intellectual or developmental disabil ity. Gorman's Home Fur nishings & Interior Design will once again work to help make a difference in the lives of local afflicted individuals and their families through their Lifeline of Hope Campaign.

The campaign has been expanded this year to include all recliners from Gorman's 10 best leather brands. Customers can partici-

pate in this program by visiting any of Gorman's four southeast Michigan Novi's at 27800 Novi Road, through Jan. 20, and make a minimum donation of \$50 to The Arc of Oakland County As a thank you, donors will receive \$200 off the price of any recliner leather brands.



# Free pizzas Black Friday at new Blaze Fast-Fire'd Pizza in Novi

Blaze Fast-Fire'd Pizza is celebrating the opening of its newest location in Novi by offering free artisana pizzas to Black Friday deal-seekers who visit 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Fri-

Blaze's Novi restau rant is located at 26401 Novi Road across from Novi Town Center. It will be operated by Blaze Midwest, Inc., a franchise group led by Rodney Walker.

'We can't wait for Novi to get its first taste of Blaze Pizza," Walker said. "Being able to provide a customized artisanal pizza that's cooked in less than hree minutes is some thing we feel local residents will get fired up Blaze Pizza uses an

interactive ordering format that lets guests menu's signature pizzas or create one of their own as they walk down the line, choosing from a wide selection of fresh,

specific dietary needs. ten-free dough and veg-

artisanal toppings – all for \$6.95 or less. nizzas are then sent to a plazing hot open-flame oven - the centerpiece of the restaurant where dedicated pizzas-In addition to 60-plus miths ensure that the thin-crust pies are "fast

fire'd" in less than three The company teamed up with executive chef Bradford Kent, owner of Los Angeles' top-rated Olio Pizzeria & Café. Blaze Pizza makes its own dough from scratch

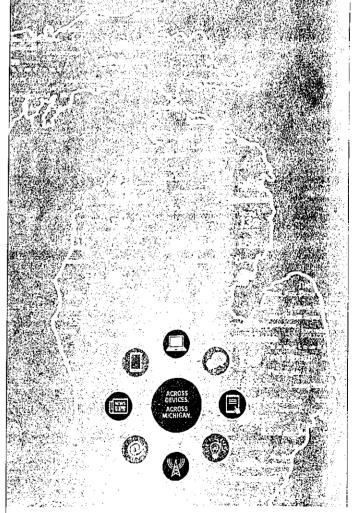
using a recine developed by Kent, which equires a 24-hour fermentation period to produce his signature ight-as-air, crisp crust fresh ingredients ranging from inventive to lassic and its menu also features signature salads, fresh lemonades and house-made S'more Pies. For pizza fans with

To create its "com-

fortably hip" interior and exterior, Blaze Pizza used urban architectural notes inspired by fire current dining environment uniquely suited to the restaurant's space. seats inside, the location features an outdoor

dining, Additionally, the great lengths to see tha its packaging is eco friendly - made in the U.S.A. from post-consumer recycled and/or sustainable materials Blaze Pizza-Novi is looking forward to building strong roots with members of the local community. To that end, the company has

developed a turn-key n-restaurant fundraise program that returns 20 proceeds back to local organizations and hopes to partner with local schools, sports clubs and other local organiza tions to host fundraising events at the new res



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# Yule trees can dry out, pose fire hazard

watch for gift wrapping piles igniting, Hamilton

said of the tree.

"Keep it hydrated." he

People get together to

fires all the time. I wouldn't

celebrate at the holidays.

"We see a lot of cooking

say the holidays are any

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In 2006 to 2010, holiday

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COMMERCE TOWNSHIP

and with the wax staying in

Dried trees should not be

having a heat source by the

Capt. Ken Hamilton of the Wayne-Westland Fire Department hasn't seen a huge number of Christmas tree

'We don't seem to have that issue." Hamilton said during a break at the fire Hall on Ford Road. "The new lights are not as hot.

Many people use the LEDs now, which helps keep trees safer, he added. "It's really important.

Hamilton said of holiday fire safety. At home, he gets a surge protector for the tree: "Then it shuts off the power so it doesn't overload the circuit," Hamilton said.

While the winter months are the leading time of year for home fires, the National Fire Protection Association says the post-holiday seaso presents its own set of fire hazards. Dried out Christmas trees and holiday lighting are among the leading

As time goes by, Christmas trees continue to dry out and become increasingly flammable," said Lorraine Carli, vice president of Com trees decorated with holiday ights, the risk increases because they're in direct contact with an electrical

source." Although Christmas tree fires are not common, when they do occur, they have a higher chance of being dead ly. On average, one of every 66 reported home structure Christmas tree fires resulted in a death compared to an average of one death per 144

estate closings recorded the week

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holiday light fires and keep equipment in good condition for next year, follow these storage suggestions:

rations, use the gripping area provided on the plugs. Never pull the cord to unplug a device from electrical the cord's wire and insulaelectrical shock or fire.

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» Do not place a damaged set of lights back into the storage box for next year's

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Such is the case with the venerable Ford F-Series pickup trucks, which remain America's best-selling vehicles even though they haven't been greatly overhauled in a few years - and both Ram and Chevrolet competitors have been.

Ford reported that F-Series sales already, for 2013, surpassed 645,316 units, which was as many trucks as Ford sold for all of 2012. That meant one F-Series pickup was selling every 42 seconds, on average. So the truck remains on track to be the best-selling vehicle in the United States for the 32nd straight year, and the best-selling truck for 37

Ford continues to outpace the competition in a growing sales gap over the Chevrolet Silverado and Ram 1500.

In October, F-Series sales of 63,803 trucks were up 13 percent, the sixthstraight month above the 60,000-vehicle mark. The last time Ford sold more than 60,000 trucks for six consecutive months

"If our truck business continues at this rate through the end of the year, we will reach 60,000 F-Series sales for eight straight months, putting us on par with 2006, before the economic downturn, said Erich Merkle, Ford sales analyst. F-Series continues to outpace the

segment, even as key competitors have launched new products, according to Doug Scott, Ford truck group marketing

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adership margin is nearly 220,000 units over Chevrolet Silverado and 67,000 over Silverado and GMC Sierra combined," said

"F-Series has outsold Ram by more than 330,000 units in the first 10 months of 2013, almost 50,000 more trucks than the gap a year ago, "Despite new entries from our competitors, truck consumers continue to vote us No. 1 - day in and day out ~ with their checkbooks," said Scott.

Meanwhile, Ford also was at the Los Angeles Auto Show in November, touting how its sustainability efforts have entered a new phase in a unique partnership with Coca-Cola that has employed Coke's vaunted PlantBottle technology to make seat cushions, seat backs, head restraints. door-panel inserts and headliners in a new concept vehicle for the Ford Fusion Energi plug-in hybrid.

The car demonstrates the first use PlantBottle technology beyond packaging and is the initial step in what

the two brands say is a joint commitment to develop innovative new products from renewable materials.

"It's important to realize that PET resin" from which PlantBottles are made, partly from plant components, "is part of the broader polyester family, so this is clearly the most significant partnership we have so far as we look at the broader impact of the potential for the PlantBottle, Scott Vitters, general manager of the PlantBottle packaging platform for Coke,

For its part, Ford has been working for vears with a wide variety of renewable and recyclable materials for some of its interior needs, some of which also have derived from plants. Amy Marentic, global car and crossover group marketing PlantBottle interior for Energi "has huge potential. It's a nice next step after

what we've done already with recycled

materials in the car."

annlications of PlantBottle "are only a start" for the automaker in figuring out whether the PET derivative ever could make the grade in production vehicles. We'll show it at the LA show and get customer feedback," she said. "And through our development process, we'll want to make sure that it will hold up to people getting in and out, and to the wear caused by blue jeans, and to mik-shake

"That takes a while. And once we're there, we'll have to make decisions on where to go first [in production vehicles) and where to migrate the technology ... This is the first toe in the



For Coca-Cola, however, its first significant use of PlantBottle outside packaging already comprises a major step. "It will spur greater investment in the technology platform as well as catalyze greater environmental change,

Marentic and Vitters agreed that the biggest impact from the partnership could he on Generation Y consumers who ito one degree another, are warier of buying both cars and sugary soft drinks than older

"Consumers and particularly Millennials -- are looking for companies to be working together on sustainability solutions." Vitters said.



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# Important keys to researching your next employer



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"I know when a candidate doesn't know the current news about our company," says Chris Brabec, director of leadership talent acquisition for Western Union, "If you don't know the CEO is retiring, or if a company made a big acquisition recently, that's not a good sign. If a candidate can't tell me what the company does (or thinks Western Union still does telegrams), that's

In a job market where applicants frequently cast a wide net with the hope that anybody will respond, job seekers sometimes cut corners by not thoroughly checking out potential employers. But failure to know about the place you claim you want

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cost you a job offer, Here, experts weigh in on things you should learn before seeking employment and how to find that information

What to know

"Companies have told us that one of the things they use to weed out candidates is that the student didn't know anything about the company," says John M. Thompson, executive director of career services at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, Texas.

Among the things Thompson encourages his students to find out are: - What does the company do

- What are its products:

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larly for more senior-level roles, should know our stock price," says Yolanda Bush, director of human resources for Western Union. "Research the company's leadership team and the company's efforts around corporate social responsibility. This will help candidates position themselves to discuss how their skills and experience will help us succeed in the marketplace."

Julie Rulis, a senior recruiter for Western Union's talent acquisition team, agrees with her colleague's advice and adds. "If you are doing an interview

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# How to play detective

The "tools" Rulis is referring to are all the different ways a job seeker can find information. Abby M. Locke, master resume writer and personal brand strategist for Premier Writing Solutions in Seat tle, offers these suggestions:

- Review the company's website Read press releases
- Pay attention to industry public
- Use Google alerts to stay on top
- of current company news. Do an informational interview with past or current employees - Talk to a representative at a
- career fair or trade show, - Follow key decision-makers on
- Use LinkedIn groups and othe

Online directories such as Bloomberg and Standard & Poor's also give information on many businesses. For

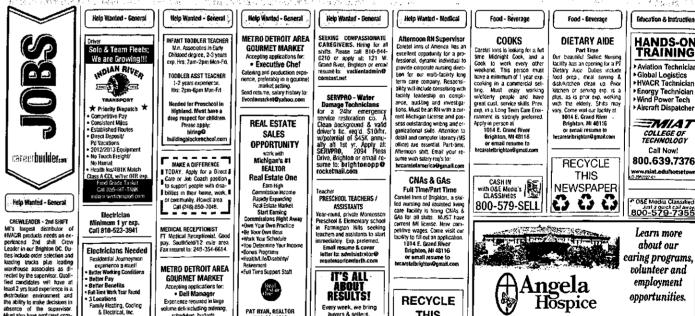
additional help in finding appropriate databases, job seekers may want to consult their local library or the college career center of their alma

# Show what you know

Finally, while you don't need to be a walking fact book, be ready to incorporate your knowledge of the company into correspondence and conversation when opportunities

"I ask job candidates questions like what they know about the company beyond what's on the website how they feel they fit in with our overall values and corporate culture, or what they found out about the company in their research that they didn't know before," Rulis says. "This is a great opportunity to show off your preparation -- talk about our competitors or the fact that you read that we're entering an entirely new business segment.

# Get to know your potential employers, and chances are they will want to get to know you.



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