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Parents sought to participate in book discussion

Participate with Novi Community School District Superintendent Dr. Steve Matthews in a parent book club.



Read books that challenge, inspire and help work with children and the students in the district. Engage with each other in meaningful conversations about the challenges of raising successful children and building successful schools. This program will be open to 20 participants.

The second book club discussion will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 26, and the book is *Creating Innovators: The Making of Young People Who Will Change the World* by Tony Wagner.

At registration, a copy of the book will be provided.

To register for this discussion, contact the NPL at 248-349-0720. *



The recent frigid weather has claimed a 200-foot section of southbound Haggerty south of Nine Mile. The right-hand lane is closed due to a large mound of pavement that's been pushed upward. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

WINTER TAKING TOLL ON LOCAL ROADS

Haggerty section will remain closed until temperatures rise

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Staff Writer

Many drivers already know the pothole and road hazard situations around town, especially the area of southbound Haggerty near Lifetime Fitness, which buckled a couple of weeks ago.

What they don't know, however, is when are these going to get fixed?

Overall, the road repair season will start come spring with warmer temperatures, but in the meantime things will be bumpy and slow.

This particular section of Haggerty, closed until temperatures go up, is not the

responsibility of the city of Novi, but rather the Road Commission for Oakland County.

The problem may be connected with a Detroit Water and Sewerage Department line underneath the roadway. It was thought that an air relief valve froze and caused the ground/pavement above it to heave, but that might not be the case.

According to Rob Hayes, Novi's Public Services Director, DWSD reported that a manhole near that section of road was found to be full of water and was pumped out and that there appears to be nothing wrong with this structure or the valve in particular.

"If the water line and valve are not a contributing factor, then it could simply be frost heave – something we are seeing all over the city," Hayes said, adding that frost heave occurs when soil beneath pavement becomes saturated, freezes and expands, causing uplift of the overlying pavement.

He said RCOC plans to see if the pavement subsides once temperatures rise above freezing, as forecast for this week.

"Bottom line is that RCOC is going to keep this section closed until further notice," Hayes said.

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Regional path will be first of its kind in Novi

By **Lonnie Huhman**
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Novi residents should be using the Metro Connector Regional pathway by the end of the summer.

The city of Novi's Non-Motorized Master Plan 2011 identifies the connection between the existing 1-275 pathway and M-5 pathway as a high-priority project.

City council members approved a resolution of support for a Transportation Alternatives grant for the Metro Connector Regional pathway along the east side of Meadowbrook Road between 1-96 and 12 Mile.

This resolution will move forward the project, which is partnership between the Michigan Department of Transportation, Road Commission of Oakland County and Novi.

"This pathway would not only provide an important regional connection, but also the first non-motorized crossing of 1-96 in the city of Novi," said Brian Coburn, Novi's engineering manager.

According to Coburn, the Metro Connector Trail will connect the northern terminus of the 40-mile long 1-275 trail to the southern terminus of the M-5 trail at 13 Mile via Meadowbrook Road.

Coburn said the first phase of the Metro Connector includes a 10-foot wide pathway along the east side of Meadowbrook Road between the south side of 1-96 and north side of 12 Mile.

There are existing eight-foot wide pathways along the west side of Meadowbrook Road between 12 Mile and 13 Mile and along the north and south side of 13 Mile to help complete this connection.

"A future second phase could widen these existing pathways along Meadowbrook Road and 13 Mile Road," Coburn said.

The coordination between the city, MDOT and RCOC has resulted in a final design, but also an increase in costs.

One challenge for this project, according to Coburn, was to maximize the pathway width on

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Annual Bowl-a-Thon seeks support for fundraising efforts

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Staff Writer

The Novi Youth Assistance agency's big fundraiser is coming up March 8 and organizers are looking for some help in making this community effort a success.

"This is our 32nd annual Bowl-a-Thon and it's our major fundraiser for the year," NYA caseworker Tom Swieboda said.

The Mentors Plus, Camp, Youth Recognition, Alcohol Awareness, Educational and Recreation Scholarships and Jeanne Clarke Teen Center all require the funds raised at this event to continue to operate, according to NYA chairperson Bob Steeh.

"Once again, this past year we saw an increase in the demand for our services," he said. "We are in need of prizes to giveaway to the bowlers and

sponsors." He added, "This is a great opportunity to show your community support."

Teams are asked to raise money in the form of pledges for the event. Local businesses, families and individuals can sponsor a lane in the amount of \$750, \$500, \$300 or \$125.

During the event, participants are treated to pizza and pop while trying their luck in a 50/50 raffle and in winning donated prizes.

Swieboda said the money raised is used to run the summer Teen Center, which is a seven-week program held from the end of school until the end of July for teens in grades 6 through 9. The center is held in the high school and teens participate in arts and crafts, use the gym and pool

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» **Double play:** Enter by Feb. 14 and select "Double Play" and you will be entered for a chance to win a pass for two to a special showing of the 2013 Best Picture-nominated films at Emagine Novi. First winner will be selected no later than Feb. 14 to see movies playing Feb. 14-20 (*American Hustle*, *Gravity*, *Captain Phillips*, *Dallas Buyers Club* and *Her*). The second winner will be selected by Feb. 19 for movies playing Feb. 21-27 (*Wolf of Wall Street*, *Nebraska*, *12 Years a Slave* and *Philomena*).

» **Triple play:** Enter by Feb. 26 and select "Triple Play" and you will be entered for a chance to win an Academy Awards™ Viewing and Dinner for up to four people at Star Lanes Restaurant and Sports Bar at Emagine Royal Oak. Watch the Academy Awards™ show while you dine. Prize includes a light supper, champagne toast and dessert.

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The seven contest categories are:



» **Best Picture:** *American Hustle*, *Nebraska*, *Captain Phillips*, *Philomena*, *Dallas Buyers Club*, *12 Years a Slave*, *Gravity* and *The Wolf of Wall Street*.

» **Best Actor In a Leading Role:** Christian Bale in *American Hustle*, Chiwetel Ejiofor in *12 Years a Slave*, Bruce Dern in *Nebraska*, Matthew McConaughey in *Dallas Buyers Club* and Leonardo DiCaprio in *The Wolf of Wall Street*.

» **Best Actress In a Leading Role:** Amy Adams in *American Hustle*, Judi Dench in *Philomena*, Cate Blanchett in *Blue Jasmine*, Meryl Streep in *August: Osage County* and Sandra Bullock in *Gravity*.

» **Best Actor In a Supporting Role:** Barkhad Abdi in *Captain Phillips*, Jonah Hill in *The Wolf of Wall Street*, Bradley Cooper in *American*

Hustle, Jared Leto in *Dallas Buyers Club* and Michael Fassbender in *12 Years a Slave*.

» **Best Actress In a Supporting Role:** Sally Hawkins in *Blue Jasmine*, Julia Roberts in *August: Osage County*, Jennifer Lawrence in *American Hustle*, Lupita Nyong'o in *12 Years a Slave* and June Squibb in *Nebraska*.

» **Best Animated Feature Film:** *The Croods*, *Frozen*, *Despicable Me 2*, *The Wind Rises* and *Ernest & Celestine*.

» **Best Director:** David O. Russell for *American Hustle*, Alfonso Cuaron for *Gravity*, Alexander Payne for *Nebraska*, Steve McQueen for *12 Years a Slave* and Martin Scorsese for *The Wolf of Wall Street*.

» **First tiebreaker category is for Best Documentary Feature:** *The Act of Killing*, *Cutie and the Boxer*, *Dirty Wars*, *The Square* and *20 Feet from Stardom*.

» **Second tiebreaker category is for Best Original Score:** *The Book Thief*, *Gravity*, *Her*, *Philomena* and *Saving Mr. Banks*.

Two for one



Meadowbrook Commons resident Christina Rohn receives a Valentine's Day cupcake from Madonna nursing program student Chelsea Dean during the Novi Senior Center's celebration of the day of romance and a party to note the upcoming Academy Awards broadcast. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Novi Parks and Recreation Director Jason Spiller (center) and Senior Adult Services representative Rachel Zagarolli (right) team up to present a combination Valentine's Day and Oscar celebration Feb. 14 at the Novi Senior Center.

Enough already!



Siblings Jason (left) and Justin Tolbert shovel the driveway of their Novi home Feb. 5 after another significant snowfall brought about five inches of the white stuff to the area. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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top of the Meadowbrook Road bridge deck without causing an impact to vehicle safety on the bridge.

He said an eight-foot pathway will be provided on the east side of the bridge with a barrier between motorized and non-motorized traffic, which will result in a minor two-foot lane shift on top of the bridge.

The original construction cost estimate was \$926,500, of which \$741,200 was covered by the federal grant, with the remaining \$185,300 required as Novi's local match. Coburn said the final construction cost estimate is now up to

\$1,286,823.

"The good news and subject of this resolution is that the city has been informed by MDOT that the grant funding has increased to cover 80 percent of the new construction cost estimate of \$1,029,458, which makes the required local match \$257,365 or an increase of \$72,065," Coburn told council.

Novi was awarded the grant last year, but because of the final design plan needed to re-issue its support for the project.

Construction will likely begin in April or May and will be completed this construction season.

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BOWL

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and have weekly field trips.

The trips are to places such as the library, police and fire departments, Providence Park Hospital and Paradise Park, as well as Cedar Point, the Detroit Zoo and Comerica Park. The center is run by six paid staff and 10 volunteers.

"Children look forward to it every year and some of our staff have attended when they were in school!" Swieboda said.

The bowl-a-thon is open to everyone.

Steeh asks the community to, "Please donate or get a group of your friends, family or co-workers together and

"Once again, this past year we saw an increase in the demand for our services. We are in need of prizes ..."

BOB STEEH
NYA chairperson

form a team, have fun and contribute to the community at the same time."

NYA is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization and a donation is tax-deductible.

Those interested can visit www.cityofnovi.org to register a team.

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Eagle Scout project an outreach to needy animals



Brian Barnes, a senior at Novi High and son of Kent Barnes and Nancy Sutton, said his Eagle Scout project was a lot of work but worth it.

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Brian Barnes, 17, finished out with Sheetrock and insulation an area for the Tail Waggers 1990 not-for-profit in Livonia for animals, earning the Eagle Scout rank.

"We have pets. That was something that came up that needed to be done," said his dad, Kent Barnes of Novi. "It made for a good Eagle Scout project."

Brian Barnes, the son of Nancy Sutton, has two brothers, Austin, 24, and Kyle, 22, also Eagle Scouts, the highest rank in Boy Scouting.

Brian Barnes said of

reaching Eagle status, "It took a while, but it was worth it. It was definitely a really good feeling when I got it. That is the ultimate goal for pretty much anyone in Scouts."

His brothers live out of state, so couldn't pitch in directly, but his parents having gone through the Eagle Scout process helped, the teen said.

Brian is a senior at Novi High School and recently had his Board of Review for his Eagle project. His dad said a Court of Honor is not likely, as the family came in recent years from the Dallas, Texas, area.

"We'll just have a big party when he graduates," Kent Barnes said.

"Engineering is his choice," and Brian is weighing attending Michigan State University or the University of Michigan.

At Novi High, he's also in cross country and track and a team captain. He started Scouts in first grade and has advanced through all the ranks.

"Very proud of my son," Kent Barnes said. "I have three kids and they're all Eagles."

The younger Barnes did the insulation, dry-wall, taping, sanding, priming and painting, with the help of about 10 fellow Scouts from Troop 54 and a couple of additional friends.

The Eagle Scout had

looked around for a good project and had done work in animal shelters while living in Texas.

"I've loved animals my whole life and that was definitely a route I wanted to take," he said. "It was very nice to see a finished project, something that's permanent."

His troop is based at Novi United Methodist Church.

Tail Waggers 1990 has a motto of "Helping People Help Animals." Its services include vaccination clinics for animals, spaying/neutering, a pantry for pet owners and emergency assistance.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Two Novi road projects closer

The Oakland County Federal Aid Funding Committee on Feb. 11 moved six resurfacing projects from 2017 to 2016, including two in Novi: Novi Road from 12 Mile to 13 Mile and Nine Mile between Novi and Meadowbrook roads.

The Funding Committee is made up of 14 members, including two from the Road Commission for Oakland County, one from the Michigan Department of Transportation, one from SMART and 10 representing the 61 cities, villages and townships in the county.

The Funding Committee meets each February to select the projects that will receive federal road funding in the future. The committee was able to move forward a number of project schedules because additional federal road funds were made available to the county for 2015 and 2016.

Fox Run partners with Walled Lake

Fox Run retirement community in Novi is now partnering with Walled Lake Continuing Education to provide enrichment classes to its residents.

There are three different courses being offered:

- » Beginning Spanish, every Monday for eight weeks.

- » Beginner computer class (held in the Ascot computer lab), every Saturday for eight weeks.

- » Intermediate computer class (held in the Ascot computer lab), every Thursday for eight weeks.

For more information, contact Peggy Mather at 248-668-8634.

'I'm Sorry' play debuts

The only preview of *I'm Sorry*, an anti-bullying play written by Debbie Lannen, took the stage at Walled Lake Northern High School auditorium Feb. 13. An audience of 200 came to see what exactly this play had to offer. They left with a new understanding of what the youth of today witness everyday as they make their way to adulthood.

I'm Sorry is scheduled to show Feb. 20-22 at the Mid Winter Madness

Festival in New York at the Roy Arias Studio, 300 43rd Street. Tickets are available at www.midtownfestival.org

The cast of *I'm Sorry* consists of 18 actors, including actual students, professional adult actors and senior citizen actors. They will all be making the journey to New York from metro Detroit.

Heart Health Awareness Month

Dr. Joel Kahn has trained in Western and Eastern science to bring a holistic approach to keep your heart clean, green and lean. He will present tips using nutrition, movement, breath work, supplements and detoxification to guide you to heart strength and vitality at the free seminar at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 22, at the Novi Better Health Market, 42875 Grand River.

Kahn, a summa cum laude graduate of the University of Michigan Medical School, local cardiologist and the first graduate of the University of South Florida certification in metabolic cardiology, explains holistic heart health and much more in his new book *The Holistic Heart Book*, published by Readers Digest. He covers the scientific basis to prevent and reverse a host of cardiovascular diseases using food, movement, stress management, breath work, energy healing, detoxification and supplements to achieve heart health.

Seminar reservations can be made by calling the Better Health Market at 248-735-8100, online at www.thebetterhealthstore.com or visiting The Better Health Store Facebook page.

Hearts of Hope campaign

During February, Bagger Dave's Burger Tavern will seek to help thousands of Michigan families associated with Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan through the organization's annual Hearts for Hope campaign.

To support CLF, Bagger Dave's guests can simply purchase a paper heart pinup for \$1.

The funds raised will go to help the families affected by leukemia, lymphoma and other related blood disorders who need financial assis-

tance and emotional support. With the purchase of the pinup, supporters have the option to write a personalized message that will be displayed throughout the 13 participating locations.

Heart, vascular screening

St. John Providence Health's Heart and Vascular Screening Clinic provides a full panel of tests that can identify cardiovascular disease even if you have no symptoms. The comprehensive screening is usually available for \$75, but during National Heart Month, St. John Providence is offering this package of seven simple, non-invasive tests for only \$60 if you call during February to schedule your appointment anytime during the year.

The diagnostic studies include blood work for cholesterol and diabetes; blood pressure check; electrocardiogram; body mass index; ankle brachial index, which shows how well blood is flowing to the limbs; carotid ultrasound, to show blood flow to the brain; and abdominal aorta ultrasound, to check for aneurysm.

The entire series of tests takes approximately one hour and the results are used to develop an individual coronary risk profile. Shortly after the clinic visit, patients will receive a follow-up mailing with a risk profile and the test results to review with their primary care physician.

The Heart and Vascular Clinic is offered at several facilities, including Novi's Providence Park Hospital. Appointments may be scheduled by calling 866-501-3627.

State fair attendance increased 50 percent to 80,000 in 2013

The expanded 2013 Fifth Third Bank Michigan State Fair at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi launched several important new initiatives, added additional space to existing attractions, and welcomed 80,000 patrons over the course of Labor Day Weekend, a 50-percent increase from the fair event held in 2012.

"We are deeply grateful for the overwhelming support for the new Michigan State Fair as a private sector event," said Blair Bowman, proprietor of the Suburban Collection Showplace and the Michigan State Fair, A Private Entity, LLC.

"The state fair was truly one of the most community focused, positive events we have ever hosted at the Showplace," Bowman said. "We look very forward to 2014, as we are already formulating ideas and plans for how we can grow the fair and enhance the experience for all who attend."

More than \$250,000 was returned to a wide variety of community and charitable programs as a result of the 2013 Fifth Third Bank Michigan State Fair, including the Detroit Shriners charities, Rotary and Lions clubs, local police and fire benevolent societies and the city of Novi Parks and Recreation and Public Library programs.

A new Urban and Rural Agricultural Youth Scholarship Program debuted over the summer, with support

from the Detroit Metropolitan Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Detroit Shriners organization, aimed at nurturing interest in growing fresh local food in communities across the state. It was accompanied by the return of the venerable Gold Ribbon Scholarship program, which rewards young exhibitors who excel at county and regional fairs across the state.

Urban Farming Initiatives across the state are serving as an important boost in helping cities reclaim blighted areas and begin to thrive. Beyond growing fresh food for neighborhoods, they also assist with connecting the youngsters involved to greater appreciation and understanding of seasonal cycles, food sources and the earth.

This new Agriculture Youth Scholarship Program has given students an opportunity to be recognized for their work and also highlights the positive impact these initiatives have upon themselves and the communities in which they serve.

In October 2013, all of the young people who were awarded State Fair Scholarship programs were invited by state Sen. Mike Kowall and state Rep. Hugh Crawford to visit the capitol in Lansing. Their accomplishments were recognized on the Senate floor and later they enjoyed a special tour of the state legislature.

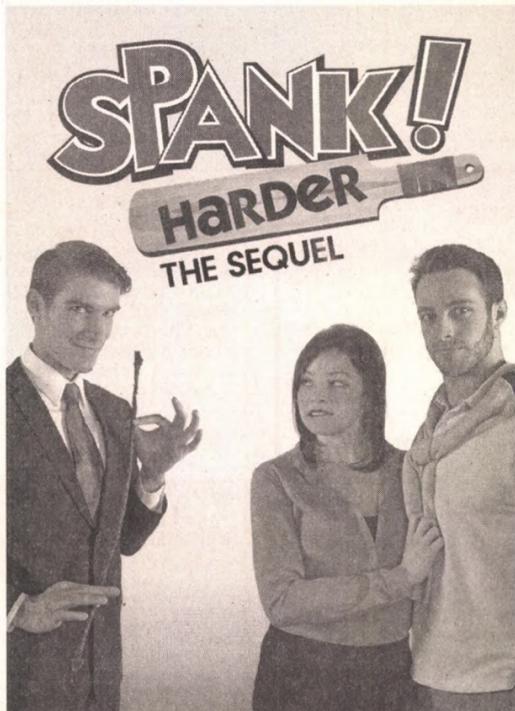
Looking forward to Labor Day Weekend 2014, plans are well

under way to again expand the footprint of the Fifth Third Bank Michigan State Fair westward along the I-96 freeway; doubling the Shrine Circus performance tent area, presented by Bright House Networks; adding additional rides to the Arnold Amusement Midway; and also offering more outdoor attractions for fair goers.

Inside the Suburban Collection Showplace, the Made-In-Michigan Pavilion, livestock exhibits and Farm Market will also be adding more content to their respective indoor sections of the fair. The 2014 Fifth Third Bank Michigan State Fair will once again be a Pure Michigan partner event.

"The 2013 Fifth Third Bank Michigan State Fair was one of the most gratifying sponsorships I have participated in, over my career at the bank," said Jack Riley, senior vice president of marketing, Fifth Third Bank. "This was truly a fair steeped in the authentic traditions of the state fair during its heyday, now with the modern conveniences of an air conditioned building, ample safe parking and a fabulous midway."

For 2014, sponsorship opportunities are expanding to also include other attractions and elements of the fair. Corporate partners who may wish to participate in this rapidly evolving community event are invited to visit www.MichiganStateFairLLC.com for additional information.

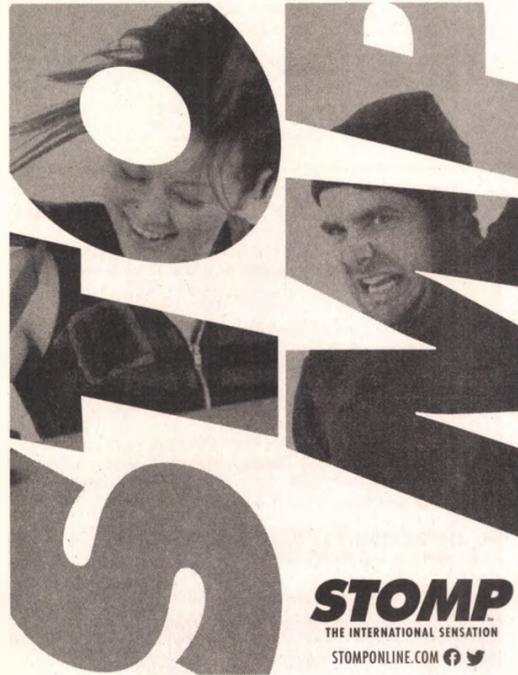


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Underneath, we all taste like chicken

I was fortunate last week to sit in and listen to Michele Norris of NPR Radio talk about her memoir, *The Grace of Silence*. In that book, she discusses her own past and the lessons that she learned from her family about strength and resilience.

Out of that book came a project for NPR Radio called "The Race Card Project." In that project, she has invited people over the past year to submit their six-word story or thoughts on race. Ms. Norris' favorite entry was, "Underneath, we all taste like chicken."



Steve Matthews
SUPER TALK

Humorous. Profound. We are the same. Yet, we are all different.

The ways in which we are the same are at once obvious and hidden. Our hearts break. Our spirits soar. We get frustrated. We find hope. We find strength in family. We sometimes feel alone. People are the same and yet they are different.

We know race is important. In schools, we pay attention to achievement gaps – often defined by race. We struggle, at times, to find answers. We understand that achievement is personal but, in education, we also define achievement by group.

In school districts, we rarely talk about race. In Novi, though, we believe that conversations about race are important. These conversations are part of a larger conversation that we are having about social justice.

Social justice is a term that is sometimes loaded with

political meaning. In our district, we define social justice as every student, every staff, every person having a voice. We want to be able to have conversations about things that matter because, at times, those things can impact the opportunities that students have to achieve.

We say race doesn't matter. But we know it does. We say we are all the same, but we know that we are not. What we hope to do in our district is honor our differences and celebrate our similarities. We have to provide an opportunity for each per-

son to feel important and valued, believing that they have a voice in our learning community.

Last week, as I listened, Ms. Norris eloquently gave voice to a topic that has sometimes confounded educators and communities. May we in Novi find ways to give voice and talk about topics that are often difficult to talk about. When we do, our students and our community will benefit.

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NOVI SCHOOL BRIEFS

Fight tech crime

The Novi High School SADD Club will present Oakland County Prosecutor Jessica Cooper in a discussion on technology and social media crimes at 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 20, in the school auditorium for students, parents/guardians, educators, community members – anyone with an electronic device.

Kroger offering Black History Month Contest

In recognition of Black History Month, Kroger will focus on the historical heroes and encourage students to dream and achieve during Kroger's seventh annual "I Can Make History" contest where students can win scholarships and other prizes totaling more than \$71,000. The contest runs through Feb. 28 and is open to fourth- through 12th-grade students enrolled in Michigan schools. Students may access contest forms and details at www.icanmakehistory.com.

Calling all 2014-15 kindergartners

It's time for kindergarten registration for children who will have reached age 5 by Oct. 1. Contact your neighborhood Novi elementary school office for more information.

A Night for Northville celebrates the arts

Vibrant colors, a joyful noise and a celebration of creative expression will be part of 2014's A Night for Northville. Vocal, instrumental and physical arts in all 10 Northville public schools will benefit from the proceeds of this year's event, presented by the Northville Educational Foundation.

Hosts Susan and Chuck Gaidica join the NEF to welcome the Northville community to an evening of music, dancing, hearty hors d'oeuvres and an open bar.

A Night for Northville will be from 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, March 1, at Northville Square, 133 W. Main St.; \$70 of each \$100 ticket is tax-deductible.

The easiest way to purchase tickets is through the NEF website: NorthvilleEdFoundation.org. Tickets can be purchased in person at the business office in the Board of Education Building (501 W. Main St., Room 307). Donations to the arts can also be made directly through the NEF. For additional information: Jennifer Pearson at NEF@NorthvilleEdFoundation.org or 248-344-8458.

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Wonders of the Earth



Wixom Elementary School held its second-grade musical, Wonders of the Earth, for families, friends and fellow students Feb. 12. The musical was under the direction of Leigh Emmett. CURTIS DROGMILLER

Novi) announced the addition of a Young 5's Program to its preschool and pre-kindergarten classes.

An open house will be held from 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturday, March 15, and will include free activities, crafts and snacks.

This open house will give parents an opportu-

nity to visit the school, meet the staff and learn about the classes and programs offered. There will be information on existing classes, as well as information highlighting the new Young 5's curriculum.

Growing Place will continue to offer full- and half-day preschool classes for 3's and 4's as well as pre-kindergarten sessions for children going off to kindergarten next fall.

The new Young 5's class is open to children who will have reached the age of at least 4½ by Sept. 1.

For more information, call 248-471-2333.

Mom 2 Mom Sale

Novi Community Education's Infant & Toddler Program, The Lily Pad Lane Day Care, is hosting its annual Mom 2 Mom Sale from 8 a.m. to noon, Saturday, March 8,

in the Novi High School Atrium. All admission proceeds will benefit equipment for The Lily Pad Lane.

Admission is \$1 per adult and children under the age of 12 are free.

Sellers may call 248-449-1713 to rent a table and/or rack space. Tables are \$20 (five feet round) and rack space may be rented for an additional \$15. Space for large items is available next to seller at no extra charge.

Sellers can display for sale anything child-related, including maternity clothes, baby items and kids stuff up to preteen.

For more information, contact Community Education-Child Care Services at 248-449-1713.

Preschool registration beginning

Novi Community Education Preschool will

begin registration for new students for 2014-15 from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Thursday, March 13, in the Community Education office (in Novi Meadows, off of Taft Road, in the Community Education entry between the fifth and sixth grade house).

To register parents should bring: a completed registration form, a copy of the child's birth certificate and immunization records. The registration fee is \$50 and non-refundable.

A class schedule along with prices and payment dates may be found on the Novi Community Education website at www.novi.k12.mi please look under Community Education and scroll to the preschool site.

For more information, contact Novi Community Education Preschool at 248-449-1713.

CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 12, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider the **2014-2020 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM.**

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing. The draft Capital Improvements Program documents are available for examination and review by contacting the City Manager's Office, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 during regular business hours. Any written comments for the public hearing must be received by the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, March 12, 2014.

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CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF MEETING OF BOARD OF REVIEW

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Review shall convene in its first session at 9:00 a.m. EST, **Tuesday, March 4th, 2014** in the Novi Assessing Department at 45175 W. Ten Mile Road for the purpose of reviewing and correcting the assessment roll.

Notice is further given that the second session of the Board of Review will meet for the purpose of hearing and considering assessment appeals in the Novi City Council Chambers at 45175 W. Ten Mile Road on **March 10, 11 and 13, 2014.**

All appearances before the Board will be by appointment only.

If you or your representative wants to appear in person, the appointment must be made on or before **5:00 p.m. EST, Friday, March 7, 2014.** Appearances before the Board of Review are limited to five (5) minutes or less. Petitions are available at the Assessor's Office or at www.cityofnovi.org

NO APPOINTMENTS WILL BE GIVEN UNTIL A PETITION IS RECEIVED BY THE ASSESSING DEPARTMENT.

Letters of protest will be accepted on or before **5:00 p.m. EST, Wednesday, March 12, 2014.** Postmarks will not be considered. When submitting a letter of protest for the Board of Review consideration, you must attach a completed petition along with any supporting information.

All agents protesting values on property, other than their own, **MUST HAVE** written authorization from each property owner they are representing.

Persons on fixed or limited income may be eligible for a reduction in property taxes due to poverty. Applications are available at the Assessing Department, or at www.cityofnovi.org

BOARD OF REVIEW SCHEDULE

Monday, March 10, 2014 - 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Council Chambers
Tuesday, March 11, 2014 - 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Council Chambers
Thursday, March 13, 2014 - 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Council Chambers
Located in the Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road Novi, MI 48375.

Any questions should be directed to the Assessing Department at (248) 347-0485.

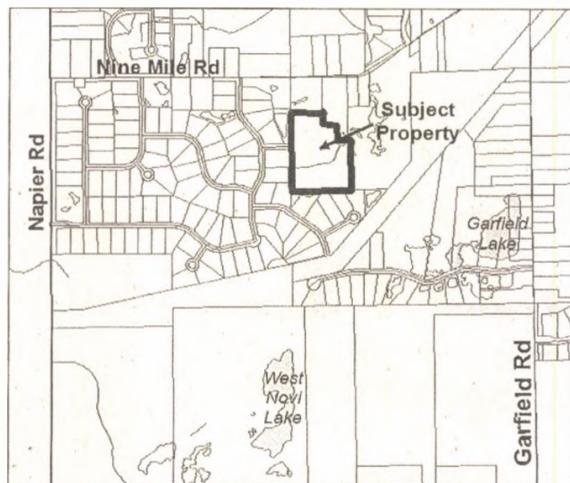
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 12, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **PARK PLACE EAST SITE PLAN NUMBER 13-35, LOCATED BETWEEN NAPIER AND GARFIELD ROADS, SOUTH OF NINE MILE ROAD FOR OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION OPTION, PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN, WETLAND PERMIT, WOODLAND PERMIT AND STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN APPROVAL.** The applicant is proposing seven single-family detached homes with associated infrastructure. Plans are available for review at the Community Development Department in the Novi Civic Center.



All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be made to the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 during the City's regular business hours, Monday thru Friday, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., and must be received by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, March 12, 2014.

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SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE UPDATES

Learn more about Wayne State

Wayne State University, one of the Schoolcraft to U partner universities, will host an open house at Schoolcraft 4:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 18, to share information and raise awareness about the programs that WSU will be offering at Schoolcraft beginning with the fall 2014 semester.

More information about the Schoolcraft to U program, including bachelor and master degree programs being offered through Schoolcraft College, can be found at www.schoolcraft.edu/SCtoU.

Motorcycle safety registration

The Continuing Education and Professional Development department of Schoolcraft College will offer motorcycle safety classes via the Detroit Regional Safety Consortium. The motorcycle safety program offers a variety of courses from the Basic Rider Course, which is for someone who has minimal experience and is looking to get the motorcycle endorsement to the Experienced Rider Course, which is for licensed cyclists and is specifically designed for large touring motorcycles and sport bikes. Each course is \$25, made possible through a grant administered by the Michigan Department of State. Classes are offered from March through September.

Upon successful completion of a state-approved Motorcycle Safety Foundation course, the Secretary of State will waive the riding skills test required for a cycle endorsement. However, a short written test required for license endorsement will be given at the Secretary of State at the time of endorsement application. In addition to the short written test, given at the Secretary of State, a more extensive test will be given as part of the Motorcycle course.

For more information on the Motorcycle Safety Program, call 734-462-4448 or visit <http://www.schoolcraft.edu/cepd/motorcycle>.

Taste of the NFL

Once again, executive chef and Schoolcraft College charcuterie instructor Brian Polcyn represented Detroit at the NFL's annual party with a purpose, The Taste of the NFL, which precedes the Super Bowl. This is the 23rd year Polcyn has participated in the \$700-per-plate dinner for 3,000 guests that raised \$1.2 million for hunger relief efforts. This year, he was partnered with Jason Hanson, the Lions' recently retired kicker, representing Detroit, one of the 28 NFL cities which sent a chef and retired player team to the event. Visit www.tasteofthenfl.com to learn more about the event.

American Harvest restaurant voted tops

For the fifth year in a row the American Harvest Restaurant, Schoolcraft College's student-operated restaurant, was named an Open Table Diner's Choice Restaurant and named No. 1 restaurant in Michigan for lunch as voted by patrons of www.opentable.com.

The American Harvest Restaurant serves lunch Tuesday through Thursday, dinner buffets Thursday and Friday and a breakfast buffet Wednesday through Friday during the fall and winter semesters. Reservations are highly recommended and can be made through www.opentable.com or by calling 734-462-4488.

For more information about the American Harvest, including the menus for upcoming international-themed buffet dinners, or the college's other restaurant dining options, Main Street Cafe and Henry's Food Court, visit the Dining page at www.schoolcraft.edu.

Schoolcraft to U

The University of Toledo and Wayne State University, the Schoolcraft to U partner universities, will each host an open house at Schoolcraft College to share information and raise awareness about the programs that each school will be offering at Schoolcraft College beginning with the fall 2014

semester.

On March 12, representatives from UT will present information on the new education options that will be offered on Schoolcraft's main campus in Livonia including bachelor of science degree programs in nursing, criminal justice, health information administration and professional studies.

On March 18, staff from WSU will have presentations throughout the evening and be available to answer questions on the programs they will be offering at Schoolcraft including bachelor and master degree programs in business administration and bachelor of science degree programs in computer science, computer technology, electric transportation technology, electrical/electronic engineering technology, and mechanical engineering technology.

More information about the Schoolcraft to U program including bachelor and master degree programs being offered through Schoolcraft College can be found at www.schoolcraft.edu/SCtoU.

Talent show Feb. 20

The public is invited, along with Schoolcraft faculty, staff and students, to enjoy an evening of performances including dancers, singers, poets and more. A wide variety of talents will be showcased in both a scheduled performance format and open-mic format following the scheduled performances, which could result in some interesting surprises for the audience. The event is free and is sponsored by the college's Student Activities Board. Call 734-462-4422 for more information. A list of scheduled performances will be posted and updated regularly on the Events Page of the college's website at www.schoolcraft.edu.

Schoolcraft College is a predominantly two-year college offering classes at the main campus in Livonia, the Radcliff Center in Garden City, the Public Safety Training Complex in Livonia and online at www.schoolcraft.edu.

2 Million Meals



Kate Fulton, 9, and Justin Oomes and others from Northville Christian School pitch in with hundreds of other volunteers from Northridge Church to participate Feb. 14 in the 2 Million Meals event at Novi's Suburban Collection Showplace. The group was part of a number of different churches which teamed up to pack 2,000,000 meals that were to be distributed by Feed My Starving Children in Haiti, El Salvador and the Philippines. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Members of the Plymouth Northridge Church fill a hall at Novi's Suburban Collection Showplace as they take part Feb. 14 in the 2 Million Meals challenge and pack food to be distributed in Haiti and El Salvador.

ON CAMPUS

Arizona State University

Lyndsay Thomasson of Novi graduated with a bachelor of science degree in nursing from the College of Nursing and

Health Innovation at December commencement ceremony.

Wheaton College

Novi's Amber Wright and Joshua Wright were both named to the Dean's

List for the fall 2013 semester. Dean's List honors are earned by undergraduate students who carry 12 or more credit hours and achieve a 3.5 grade-point average or higher on the 4.0 scale.

WALLED LAKE SCHOOL BRIEFS

Walled Lake students shine in art competition

High school art students from Walled Lake Northern and Walled Lake Western recently entered their work into the Southeastern Michigan Region of the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards. The students listed below were recognized Feb. 11-12 at The Detroit Film Theater and their artwork is on display at The College for Creative Studies.

Alexandra George-Hampton, Danielle Jefferies and Marissa Miller (W.L. Western) all received Gold Key awards for their art portfolios. Alexandra George-Hamp-

ton also received a Best in Show award for her art portfolio.

Students were also able to enter work in a variety of other categories.

Meghan Zimmerman from W.L. Northern received a Gold Key award for Painting.

Additional winners from W.L. Western include: Mackenzie Abele, Mixed Media Silver Key; Noelle Cyr, Photography Gold Key and Photography Silver Key; Lara Elmsblad, Photography Silver Key; Bianca Ganaway, Photography H. Mention and Ceramics & Glass H. Mention; Alexandra George-Hampton, Photography Gold Key,

Photography Silver Key and Photography H. Mention; Noelle Q Horton, Drawing H. Mention and Drawing H. Mention; Juliana Lim, Photography H. Mention; Mollie Mcgorisk, Photography H. Mention; Samantha Olekszy, Photography H. Mention; Mckenna O'Malley, Photography Gold Key, Photography Silver Key; Delaney Probst, Photography Silver Key and Photography Silver Key; Michaela Rochow, Photography Silver Key; Hannah Svendor, Photography H. Mention; and Kelsie Vanderklok, Photography H. Mention.



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Mutual aid partnership remains important

Novi, Northville agreement between fire departments used only few times

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Staff Writer

The Automatic Mutual Aid partnership between the cities of Northville and Novi hasn't been used much since it was set up last year, but just having it makes both fire departments feel secure.

"It made sense when we agreed to it and still does," Northville City Fire Chief James Allen said. "Good, quick back-up is always useful to a fire department."

Both cities are providing resources upon request to each other at no cost in time of emergencies or need.

Allen said these types of agreements had become more common and it "just makes sense."

The Novi Fire Department, which also has a similar agreement with Wixom, agrees it is a good partnership that can only get better as time goes on.

"The Novi Public Safety Administration has been working diligently with the city of Northville Fire and the city of Wixom Fire Department's Administration to strengthen our partnerships and enhance these Automatic Aid Agreements," Novi Fire Operations/EMS Director Jeff Johnson said.

He said although officials have experienced a

few issues that needed to be addressed through continued training and communications, that's just part of the improvement process.

Last May, both city councils approved the AMA agreement that provides support, primarily in the case of structure fires.

The agreement provides an engine or ladder from Northville and sends it automatically to any confirmed structure fire (e.g. multiple calls of smoke/flames showing) in the south sectors along Eight Mile in Novi.

In return, Novi will automatically provide an engine or ladder to Northville within its city limits.

According to Johnson, the agreement has only been called upon a few times.

On July 24, 2013, Novi requested Wixom Fire Department for a structure fire at Knightsbridge Gate. However, Wixom was already on an EMS call and did not have sufficient staff to respond. According to Johnson, that incident involved a dryer fire, which was quickly extinguished and no additional units were required to be called.

On Jan. 14, 2014, Novi FD was requested for AMA to Northville for a structure fire at the mul-



Novi firefighter Jammal Faraj works on maintaining a fire engine at Novi Fire Station 1. The city of Novi uses this station as the primary support base for its Automatic Mutual Aid agreement with the city of Northville. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

ti-unit condominium complex at Fairbrook and Hines Drive.

"Novi's engine one crew was initially assigned to the Rapid Intervention Team, then later rotated to perform fire overhaul," Johnson said of last month's call. Novi primarily acted as backup as Northville had also called in Northville

Township for help. There were no injuries in that fire, which destroyed eight residential units.

"We would drop this if it wasn't useful to have, but it is," Allen said of the AMA.

Over the past year, Johnson said Novi requested Northville for AMA on a few other reported structure fires.

However, "upon arrival they were not needed and canceled before arrival," Johnson said.

He said there were no calls last year to Wixom, which entered into an agreement with Novi in 2012.

The idea of neighboring communities partnering on fire services might only grow.

Northville also has an agreement with the city of Plymouth for joint fire services and, according to Northville City Manager Patrick Sullivan, they are exploring the establishment of a Fire Authority with neighboring communities.

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NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

Car damage

A vehicle's hood was damaged and it's suspected as being intentional.

Sometime during the period of Jan. 18-24, the hood of a Ford station wagon was damaged while parked at a location on Christina Lane. The owner reported it Feb. 3 to Novi Police. Police say

it appeared as if it was not an accident because it was located on the hood crease. The dent was two to three inches long.

Drunken driving

A female driver was arrested for drunken driving after being pulled over for erratic driving.

On Feb. 2, Novi Police

were heading westbound on I-96 and spotted the driver crossing the lines near Meadowbrook. At one point, the driver occupied both lanes. Upon making contact with the driver, the police reported smelling intoxicants inside the vehicle.

The woman told police she was on her way back

from Detroit to a residence in Wixom. She told police her steering system was not working well, but her breathalyzer registered a 0.15 percent blood-alcohol content. She gave police a false identity; police followed up and discovered she was lying.

She was cited for OWI, license suspension and providing false information.

Marijuana possession

A man was arrested for marijuana possession after Novi Police found him parked at the Oakpointe Plaza.

On Feb. 1, Novi Police spotted the man's car parked at the plaza after hours. Most of the businesses were closed, but a few were still open. However, the man was parked away from the open ones and in front of one that was closed, so police checked it out.

Upon making contact with the man, police reported smelling marijuana inside the vehicle. They asked the man where the marijuana was at and he said his pants pocket. The police found a pipe and 5.4 grams of marijuana on the man.

- By Lonnie Huhman



A female suspect attempted Feb. 11 to rob the Credit Union Family Service Center in Novi.

Female attempts to rob Novi Credit Union

Although no money was taken, an unknown female suspect attempted Tuesday to rob the Credit Union Family Service Center in Novi.

Now police are on the lookout for her.

According to Novi Police, at approximately 5 p.m. Feb. 11, a female entered the Credit Union Family Service Center at 41690 W. 10 Mile, west of Meadowbrook, and handed the teller a note demanding money.

Police reported that no weapon was produced or implied. The transfer of money was not completed and the female fled the area on foot.

The suspect is de-

scribed as being a white female, unknown age, approximately 5 feet, 3 inches to 5 feet, 6 inches tall, approximately 115-130 pounds, unknown hair color, unknown eye color.

She was last seen wearing a black-and-white (or cream) colored plaid-style waist length coat with hood, black brim baseball hat, black-and-white (or cream) colored scarf, blue jeans and black gloves.

Novi Police are asking anyone with information to contact Detective Sgt. Scott Baetens at 248-348-7100 or remain anonymous by calling Crime Stoppers at 1-800-SPEAKUP.



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Daughter testifies she found mother stabbed

By Eric D. Lawrence
Gannett Michigan

When Sharon Schaufele saw her mother on the floor of the elderly woman's Novi condominium last month, she tried to revive her. Then she realized the injuries were too severe.

"I tried to give her CPR and I breathed into her mouth and I just heard a gurgling sound from the blood," Sharon Schaufele testified Feb. 11 during the preliminary examination for Peter Jones, 46, the man accused of fatally stabbing and strangling Bernice Schaufele, 84.

Sharon Schaufele and her boyfriend had gone Jan. 13 to her mother's home on West Glen Haven Circle after they couldn't reach her by



Peter Jones, in court Feb. 11, did not speak during the proceedings. He is charged with first-degree premeditated murder and felony murder. He faces life in prison if convicted. KIMBERLY P. MITCHELL | GANNETT MICHIGAN

phone. They had to force their way in, because a couch had been pushed against the door. Inside, Bernice Schaufele, a well-loved grandmother preparing for a move out of state, was sprawled across the floor.

After listening to five witnesses and reviewing 27 exhibits, Judge Dennis Powers of 52-1 District Court in Novi ordered the

case against Jones, a parolee with previous homicide and manslaughter convictions, bound over to Oakland County Circuit Court.

Jones is charged with first-degree premeditated murder and felony murder. He faces life in prison without parole if convicted.

Defense attorney Arnold Reed of Farmington Hills declared that

the prosecution had failed to establish that Jones committed the crime.

"We don't have DNA. We don't have a murder weapon. We don't have Mr. Jones' fingerprints, footprints. There's nothing that places Mr. Jones in the home of the deceased," Reed said. "The prosecutor just has not established that Mr. Jones has murdered anyone."

But Oakland County Assistant Prosecutor Kenneth Frazee III referenced evidence — including a safe key, bloody dish towel and pink Clinique cosmetic bag belonging to the victim — found in the basement where Jones was staying, a unit in the same building as the victim.

"All this evidence points to the fact that the defendant is the perpetrator of this act," Frazee said.

Powers also pointed out that Sharon Schaufele

said she saw Jones walking with his head down and smoking a cigarette as she was being ushered by police outside her mother's condominium the day of the killing. She testified that it was odd to see someone not take an interest in what was going on with so much police and paramedic activity happening.

"Most people, when they see something happen, it seems to be human nature that people gawk," Powers said. "One could assume ... he already knows what happened."

Regarding the items found in Jones' residence, Powers said that "somebody moved them from the crime scene to where the defendant lived and hid them above the ductwork."

Powers said that even if authorities cannot physically put Jones at the crime scene, they can connect the dots.

Jones, who wore an orange jail jumpsuit, did

not speak during the proceedings, but consulted a few times with his attorney. He appeared mostly expressionless throughout the hearing, occasionally looking down or shifting back in his chair.

Jones has an extensive criminal history, dating to at least 1991.

Jones had a homicide conviction from 2000 in Florida, and according to online Michigan Department of Corrections records, he was paroled in May 2012 after serving six years for a manslaughter charge. His supervision was scheduled to end in May.

Jones also has convictions for robbery.

He was arrested after police saw him acting suspiciously near the crime scene and later found items from Schaufele's condominium during a search at his home, a nearby condominium.

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Ruling: Judge ignored law, gave illegal sentences

Domestic violence cases to be monitored

By L.L. Brasier and John Wisely
Gannett Michigan

Novi District Court Judge Brian MacKenzie routinely flouted state law with some of his courtroom practices, according to a circuit judge who took control of MacKenzie's docket Feb. 13.

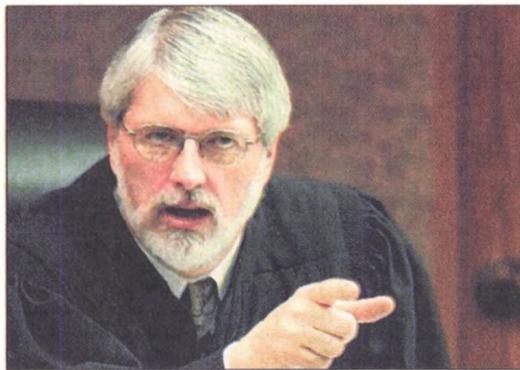
"It is undisputed that Judge MacKenzie has given illegal sentences," Circuit Judge Colleen O'Brien wrote in a ruling. "Judge MacKenzie has chosen not to follow the law on at least eight occasions. A judge cannot ignore the law."

The ruling is a blow to a judge who serves as president-elect of the American Judges Association, a nationwide group of jurists that promotes best practices on the bench.

In the sometimes-scathing ruling, O'Brien ordered what she described as the "extraordinary remedy" of taking superintending control of MacKenzie's docket, a measure that requires him to follow several strict protocols when handling future domestic violence cases.

The ruling came in a complaint brought by Oakland County Prosecutor Jessica Cooper, who accused MacKenzie of running a rogue court with illegal sentences, hidden case files and inaccurate transcripts.

Among the eight cases cited by O'Brien is one in which a man attacked his girlfriend, punched her in the head and tore out her hair extensions. It was his second domestic violence conviction, yet



Mackenzie



Cooper

MacKenzie treated it as a first offense, which the law forbids. What's more, MacKenzie

didn't tell prosecutors of his decision and the victim was never notified, as the law requires.

In another case, a woman was charged with kicking in the door of her husband's bedroom and assaulting him. O'Brien found that without consulting prosecutors or the victim, MacKenzie closed the file, discharged the woman from probation and sealed the case in a violation of state law.

"The prosecution has met the burden of entitlement to relief," O'Brien ruled.

MacKenzie has denied any wrongdoing and accused Cooper of misstating facts in some cases.

MacKenzie's lawyer, David Timmis, said MacKenzie had not "had an opportunity to review the full text of the opinion."

"But he is pleased to note that despite the allegations of the prosecutor's office, there was absolutely no findings or suggestions that he at-

tempted to conceal any criminal proceedings. Further, Judge MacKenzie looks forward to working with the prosecutor's office to address concerns relating to notice of scheduling of hearings."

As a result of the ruling, MacKenzie now must get prosecutor approval before taking some domestic violence cases under advisement. He also must provide prosecutors with a list of all such cases that he has dismissed since 2004.

O'Brien also found that MacKenzie's court reporter, Paul Ward, created transcripts that incorrectly showed that a prosecutor was present in the courtroom, when in fact, none was.

"Judge MacKenzie should be responsible for the actions of his court reporter and should direct the reporter to list the names of only the parties present at time of any court proceeding," O'Brien wrote.

The ruling accuses MacKenzie of, in essence, becoming a law unto himself.

"Judge MacKenzie claims he gave reduced sentences in some of the instances cited in the complaint based on his unique experience and

knowledge that treatment would be more beneficial than jail time," O'Brien wrote. "Judge MacKenzie claims that his sentences have worked and many of the defendants have not been charged with a repeat offense."

"However, a good result cannot be predicated on illegal actions. A judge cannot ignore the law."

Cooper's chief assistant, Paul Walton, applauded the ruling.

"We're obviously very pleased," Walton said. "We argued that Judge MacKenzie violated the constitutional separation of powers and this ruling orders him to operate within the confines of the law."

It's not the first time a

higher court has ordered MacKenzie to stop illegally dismissing cases. In 2004, then Circuit Judge Steven Andrews warned MacKenzie that he did not have the authority to dismiss cases the way he was at the time.

In dismissing domestic violence cases, O'Brien noted: "Judge MacKenzie gives no explanation for proceeding time and time again without the prosecutor's consent, which is in direct violation of the statute."

"Clearly, Judge MacKenzie was aware that he was not following the statute as he had been advised as early as 2004 ... that his actions were in violation of the statute and, further, he was violating the separation of powers."

Orders for superintending control are rare, said Peter Henning, a law professor at Wayne State University.

"It does not happen very often," Henning said. "You do have some, but this level of control and inquiry is very extensive. What makes it different is that it's not just one case or one or two cases."

Henning said MacKenzie was probably trying to do the best he could on the cases, but still needs to watch his steps.

"This is a warning to the judge you have to comply with all the rules, and you're being watched," he said.

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Officers take frigid plunge to benefit Special Olympics

Feb. 15 was another cold day in Michigan, with frigid temperatures and chilling winds, but it didn't stop several police officers from the Fraternal Order of Police Southwestern Oakland County Lodge 128 from participating for the third year in a row in the Polar Plunge.

Held in Detroit annually on the waterfront, the Polar Plunge raises money for the Special Olympics of Michigan. Hundreds come out in support of this event where people all take the plunge into freezing waters dressed in their swimming attire, some in costume, all with good hearts raising money for Special Olympics of Michigan.

The Fraternal Order of Police Southwestern Oakland County Lodge 128 has raised more than \$8,000 in the past three years for the Special

Olympics.

"This year, we were able to raise just over \$2,600. The FOP128 is thrilled and excited to make a difference and to raise much needed funds for such a worthy cause as the Special Olympics of Michigan. We look forward to attending next year's event," said Bob Stephens, FOP128 event chair.

The Fraternal Order of Police Southwestern Oakland County is made up of police officers from many Oakland County cities, as well as some members from other counties, and the FOP128 plungers this year were Stephens, Bob Houchins and Jeff Gomez, all supported by a large group of FOP 128 members, family and friends.

Donations are still being accepted; go to www.Firstgiving.com and search FOP128.



Officer Jeff Gomez takes the plunge in Detroit on the waterfront to raise money for the Special Olympics of Michigan. CURTIS DROGMILLER

Police warn against IRS phone scam that bilked resident of thousands

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Livonia police are warning residents to pay close attention to phone calls supposedly from the Internal Revenue Service stating they owe taxes and must pay them immediately.

The warning comes after a 69-year-old Livonia resident came into the police station Feb. 13 to report she had been scammed out of several thousands of dollars after receiving a phone call from someone claiming to be with the IRS. The man left a message on

her phone Feb. 12, saying she owed \$8,000 to the IRS in taxes and she needed to pay it immediately. If she didn't, he threatened her with jail time and shutting down her business.

She initially ignored the call, but then the man called back Thursday. She called the number back on her cellphone and was told again she owed money. She believed the caller and asked what she needed to do to settle the debt.

The suspect, calling from a number with an area code in California, told her to go to the bank

and withdraw the money and purchases thousands of dollars in gift cards. She purchased \$4,000 worth of Visa gift cards at the Kroger at 33523 Eight Mile and was told by the suspect to scratch off the PIN and read the numbers to him. She repeated this process, purchasing \$4,000 worth of gift cards at a pair of pharmacies, including the Rite Aid at 47300 Pontiac Trail in Wixom and CVS at 31250 Beck in Novi.

After the suspect received the information from the gift cards, he told her she would receive a call later with a

confirmation number. He did call back Thursday afternoon to the woman's home, where her daughter answered the phone. The suspect immediately hung up after her daughter asked who he was. The victim also contacted her daughter in California, where she lives in the same area code the phone calls kept coming from. Police in California were notified of the incident.

A report was also filed with the Novi Police Department. The woman had all receipts from the transactions and was willing to prosecute.

IRS officials warn taxpayers of similar scams happening and encourage people not to fall victim to scams involving prepaid debit cards and immediate payment. First contact regarding possible unpaid taxes from the IRS will typically come via mail and not via telephone.

"This scam has hit taxpayers in nearly every state in the country. We want to educate taxpayers so they can help protect themselves. Rest assured, we do not and will not ask for credit card numbers over the phone, nor request a prepaid debit card or wire transfer," IRS Acting Commissioner Danny Werfel wrote in a release. "If someone unexpectedly calls claiming to be from the IRS and threatens police arrest, deportation or license revocation if you don't pay immediately, that is a sign that it really isn't the IRS calling."

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Statewide auto theft rates continue to decline

For a sixth consecutive year, thefts of vehicles are down in Michigan, according to the 2013 Michigan Automobile Theft Prevention Authority Annual Report. Despite the decrease, H.E.A.T. (Help Eliminate Auto Thefts), Michigan's statewide auto theft prevention program, is warning the community that auto theft-related crimes continue to rise.

"It's good to see the number decline," said Terri Miller, executive director of H.E.A.T. "But thieves aren't going away, they're just changing gears. As whole-vehicle thefts decline, we've seen a sharp increase in auto theft-related crimes, including carjackings, online/Craigslist fraud, component theft and insurance fraud."

H.E.A.T. coordinates citizen action with law enforcement agencies through a confidential toll-free tip line for reporting information on stolen vehicles, chop shops and suspected auto theft activities, including insurance fraud, identity theft and carjackings.

Since H.E.A.T. was founded in 1985, the organization has recorded more than 10,000 tips. Michigan residents have assisted in the arrests of nearly 3,700 suspects of auto theft-related crimes and have helped H.E.A.T. recover more than 4,600 vehicles, amounting to \$57.4 million in stolen property, throughout the past 28 years.

"Despite the continued decline in the number of vehicle thefts in Michigan, we must continue to increase awareness of auto theft-related crime in our communities," Miller said.

Report highlights

Among the highlights of the 2013 ATPA Annual Report, which is the data from 2012:

» Since 1986, Michigan auto thefts have decreased from 72,021 to 24,973 – a 65.3-percent decline – despite growth in both population and number of registered vehicles.

» Michigan motorists are saving \$52 annually per insured vehicle as a result of lower theft rates.

» According to the FBI, Michigan ranked seventh in number of motor vehicle thefts with 24,973 in 2012.

» Though the Detroit

Police Department saw the most vehicle thefts compared to other law enforcement agencies in Michigan, with 11,504 auto thefts, the number of thefts reported to DPD has decreased by 50 percent since 2006.

» In 2012, Wayne County topped the list of Michigan counties with the highest reported motor vehicle thefts, with 15,352 (67 percent of total state thefts), while Macomb and Oakland counties accounted for 1,950 (9 percent) and 1,850 auto thefts (8 percent), respectively.

» The 2000 Dodge Caravan once again topped Michigan's list of most stolen vehicles in 2012 and thieves' top color preferences for vehicles to steal remained black, followed by white and red.

» The months with the highest auto theft figures were August, October and September.

Hope trend continues

"We hope the drop in auto theft numbers continues year after year," Miller said. "Fortunately, the partnership between citizens, the insurance industry, law enforcement, prosecutors and H.E.A.T. can help to put an end to all auto theft-related crime. Through our 24/7 tip line (1-800-242-HEAT) and website (www.1800242HEAT.com), tipsters can do their part and anonymously report auto theft-related crime. Some tipsters may be eligible for cash rewards up to \$10,000 for their information."

H.E.A.T. works with Michigan law enforcement agencies to follow up on tips. Tipsters are awarded up to \$1,000, if the tip leads to the arrest of or issuance of a warrant for a suspected car thief or a person suspected of auto theft-related insurance fraud. H.E.A.T. offers rewards up to \$2,000 for information leading to the issuance of a warrant for a carjacking suspect. Rewards of up to \$10,000 are issued, if a tip results in the arrest and binding over for trial of a suspected theft ring or chop shop operators.

The H.E.A.T. tip line is monitored by the Michigan State Police and funded by Michigan's auto insurance companies. Follow H.E.A.T. on Facebook and on Twitter @1800242HEAT.

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Ronda Stewart (right) and Barbara Glaser peruse a table full of chocolate goodies at Novi's Fox Run Hunt Club Cafe on Valentine's Day. The Novi senior residence rolled out the chocolatey carpet that day and offered its residents and guests a wide variety of treats to celebrate the big day. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

NOVI COMMUNITY CALENDAR

LOCAL EVENTS

EAT LIKE A CAVEMAN SEMINAR

Time/Date: 2 p.m. Saturday, March 1

Location: Better Health Market, 42875 Grand River Avenue, Novi

Details: Health and fitness expert Nate Furlong, of New Hudson, says the best way to reach better health is by managing your sugar and what better way to do that than eat as the cavemen did. Attend his free seminar and learn about eating grass fed raised meats, fish, eggs, vegetables, fruits, roots and nuts which are the keys to managing blood sugar and controlling your weight. This nutrition program is best known as The Paleo Diet. Furlong will also talk about the obesity epidemic in our country and how sugar is one of the main culprits in causing aggressive weight gain.

Contact: 248-735-8100 to reserve your spot.

CARELINK LECTURES Transitions - Life After Treatment group

Time/Date: 6-7:30 p.m. second and fourth Monday of each month

Location: Providence Park Hospital's Assarian Cancer Center, Second floor Conference Room, 47601 Grand River Avenue, Novi

Details: Those have recently finished cancer treatment or have been out of treatment for a while and would like to connect with other survivors are invited to join this informative discussion and peer support.

Contact: Jenny Bailey at 248-465-5466

FRIENDS OF ISLAND LAKE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. fourth Tuesday of each month (except December)

Location: Island Lake State Recreation Area headquarters at Kensington and Grand River Avenue

Details: Meetings are open to any interested individual. The group's purpose is to support, enhance, protect and promote the natural, historic and recreational features of the park and the Huron River by increasing awareness of the park's assets through the education and outreach activities, encouraging and facilitating communication and cooperation between users of the park and its staff, organizing volunteers and stewardship activities and fundraising through grants to support these initiatives.

Contact: www.islandlakefriends.org

BEREAVEMENT MEETING

Time/Date: 7:30-9 p.m. third Tuesday of each month

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

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

NAMI METRO

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. second Tuesday of each month

Location: Providence Park Hospital, Novi

Details: Family support group meetings

Contact: For more information, or questions, contact NAMI metro at 248-348-7197 or visit <http://www.namimetro.org/>.

WOMANHEART OF NOVI

Time/Date: 7 p.m. fourth Wednesday of each month

Location: Providence Park Hospital, Novi

Details: For women with concerns about cardiac health to share information and sisterhood at monthly meetings

Contact: Sharon Mallon, 248-348-5189.

SUBURBAN COLLECTION SHOWPLACE

Location: 46100 Grand River, Novi

Phone: 248-348-5600

Web: www.SuburbanShow-

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THE WORLD'S GREATEST HOBBY ON TOUR

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 22 and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 23

Details: Admission purchased at the show (cash/check only) is \$12 for adults for two days; \$11 for Saturday only; \$10 for Sunday only; free for children under 16 accompanied by an adult.

GREAT LAKES ART FAIR

Times/Dates: 1-8 p.m. Friday, April 11; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, April 12; 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, April 13

Details: Event combines exclusive and desirable works from local, regional and national artists and craftspeople with a charming village marketplace setting, seasonal motif and on-site cafe with light fare. The GLAF offers an unofficial kick-off to the warm weather art fair season, and a chance to see new artwork before it "hits the streets" at outdoor fairs across the region.

Contact: 248-348-5600; www.GreatLakesArtFair.com

BUSINESS

NOVI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Contact: www.novichamber.com or call 248-349-3743

LOCAL BUSINESS NETWORK MEETING

Time/Date: 8:45-10:15 a.m. first and third Wednesday of each month

Contact: To RSVP, call 248-349-6225 or 248-685-9226

AMERICAN BUSINESS WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Time/Date: 6:15-8:30 p.m., second Wednesday of each month

Location: DoubleTree Hotel, 42100 Crescent Blvd., Novi

Details: Novi Oaks is a chapter of the American Business Women's Association. The group meets monthly for networking and a program featuring speakers on an array of market-relevant topics. Organizers strive to bring together businesswomen of diverse occupations and to provide opportunities for them to help themselves and others grow personally and professionally through leadership, education, networking support and national recognition. Guests are always welcome; advance registration is required. Visit www.abwa-novi.org.

Contact: Holly Hengstebeck at publicity@abwa-novi.org.

NORTHVILLE-NOVI BUSINESS NETWORKING BREAKFAST

Time/Date: 7:30-9 a.m. first and third Tuesday of each month (except November and December, which are just the first Tuesday)

Location: Kerby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty

Details: Business networking focused on building relationships. The Sunrise Networking Group, LLC (www.sunriseNETWORKINGgroup.com) is a group of about 250 business leaders who help each other to build more business by referring people to each other. Breakfast is \$10.

Contact: Fonda Milana at 586-232-3009 or fmilana@sunrisefinancialgroupllc.com.

METRO NOVI BNI

Time/Date: 7-8 a.m. each Wednesday

Location: On the Border Restaurant, 21091 Haggerty (north of Eight Mile), Novi

Details: BNI is a structured networking environment for professionals. The Metro Novi BNI team members are committed to providing bona fide referrals. Members learn how to create and refine an "elevator speech," develop a network of other business professionals in the community and receive training/education on networking more efficiently. Guests are invited free of charge. Continental breakfast provided.

Contact: Julie Paquette at 248-797-1665 or juliepaquette67@gmail.com; [tronovibni.com.](http://www.me-</p>
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WALLED LAKE LIBRARY

Location: 1499 E. West Maple Road, Walled Lake

Contact: 248-624-3772

HUD COUNSELING

Time/Date: 5-8 p.m. first Monday of each month

Details: HUD-certified counselors are available to assist homeowners at risk of foreclosure. There is no charge for this service. Please call if you wish to attend. One-on-one sessions will be scheduled.

Book Discussion Group

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. first Thursday of each month

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

CLUBS

NOVI ROTARY CLUB

Time/Date: Noon each Thursday

Location: Novi Methodist Church 41671 W. 10 Mile

Details: Lunch is \$10 at meeting. Visitors welcome. Check website for speaker information; novirotary.org.

LIBRARY LINES

NOVI PUBLIC LIBRARY

Location: 45255 W. 10 Mile

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

Contact: 248-349-0720

Web: www.novilibrary.org

Story Times: Please see the library website or story time brochure for details.

Help for Families, Oakland Livingston Human Services Agency

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. each Tuesday

Details: Meet with an OLHSA staff member for support with Medicaid, food or cash assistance, foreclosure assistance and many other human services. Call the OLHSA office at 248-209-2683 to make an appointment.

Knit 2gether Knitting Circle

Time/Date: 10-11:30 a.m. each Thursday

Details: If you have a leaning toward knitting or any of the related handicrafts (crocheting, needlepoint, embroidery, etc.) Knit 2gether Knitting Circle just might be your cup of tea. Skill levels range from complete "newbie" to "expert." No instructor; no registration. Bring your gear, your enthusiasm, your questions, and your stories. And, of course, attendance is free.

NOVI TOASTMASTERS CLUB

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., first and third Tuesday of each month

Location: Novi Civic Center, Activities Room, 45175 W. 10 Mile

Details: Novi Toastmasters is a community-based club, part of Toastmasters International. The group helps all develop and refine their public speaking and leadership skills. Members also have fun while building confidence in day-to-day communications and mentoring toward professional and personal excellence. Guests are welcome. Visit www.novi.freetoasthost.us.

Contact: Linda Kreuter at PR@novi.freetoasthost.us

NOVI LIONS CLUB

Time/Date: 6 p.m. social; 6:30 p.m. meeting second and fourth Wednesday of each month

Location: Leo's Sports Bar & Grill Restaurant, lower level, 40380 Grand River, west of Haggerty. Visitors are welcome, dinner is from the menu. Novi Lions is part of Lions International, the largest service organization in the world. The purpose is to serve the blind and the community. Principal activities are fundraising for Leader Dogs, Penrickon Center for Blind Children and other blind charities along with fundraisers for high school scholarships.

Contact: Lions President Ron Martin at 248-473-1156 or Secretary Ed Kramer, 248-348-2747.

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Brightmoor Christian Church

Location: M-5 and 13 Mile, Novi
Contact: 248-668-7014 or CelebrateRecovery@brightmoorcc.org
Web: www.brightmoorchurch.org
Celebrate Recovery Time/Dates: 7 p.m. Mondays

Details: Worship, teaching or testimony, and open-share recovery groups. Organizers offer the principles and tools to bring healing from the hurts, deliverance from life-controlling habits, and freedom from the hang-ups that keep us from developing strong and healthy relations 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 grade. Preregister.

Church of the Holy Family

Location: 24505 Meadowbrook Road
Contact: 248-349-8847 or visit holyfamilynovi.org
Mass Schedule Time/Day: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday-

RELIGION CALENDAR

Friday; 7 p.m. Monday-Tuesday; 4:30 p.m. Saturday; 6:30 p.m. Saturday (Spanish)
Holy days: 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Reconciliation: beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appointment
Priests: the Rev. Bob LaCroix, pastor, and the Rev. Beto Espinoza, associate pastor

Crosspointe Meadows Church

Location: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile
Contact: 248-669-9400, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or visit www.crosspointe meadows.org.

Sunday worship: 11:15 a.m.
Bible study classes: 10 a.m. for all ages
Details: Nursery and older children programs available. Worship blends traditional and contemporary elements resulting in a multisensory worship experience.

Destiny Worship Center

Location: Ridge Wood Elementary, 49775 Six Mile, Northville
Contact: DestinyW3C@gmail.com or visit www.DW3C.org.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Location: 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia
Web: www.emmanuel-livonia.org
Contact: 248-442-8822
Sunday worship: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.
Adult special needs worship: 9:30 a.m.
Youth group: 7 p.m. Wednesdays

Women's Coffee Break Bible Study Advent Study: 10-11:30 a.m. Mondays; Christianity's Family Tree, Adam Hamilton

Adult Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.; "Bad Religion: How We Became A Nation Of Heretics" by Douthat
Men's Breakfast: 7:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb 1; Commandments For Today

Faith Community Presbyterian Church

Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile
Contact: 248-349-2345 or visit www.faithcommunity-novi.org
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.
Women's Bible Study: 9:15-10:30 a.m. Saturdays; What's So Amazing About Grace? through March 22

First Baptist Church of Northville

Location: 217 N. Wing
Contact: 248-348-1020
Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays
Men's Bible Study: 9 a.m. first Saturday of every month

First Church of the Nazarene

Location: 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile
Contact: 248-348-7600 or visit dfcnazarene.org
Sunday Schedule: 9:30 a.m. Classic worship service, Adult Bible Fellowship classes and Children's Sunday School; 11 a.m. Contemporary worship service with Kids Church, Teen Worship Service and Adult Bible Fellowship classes. Cafe is open from 9:15-11 a.m. Refreshments at 10:30 a.m.; 6 p.m. Evening Traditional Service
Tuesday: 9:25 a.m. Women's Bible Study (Women of the Word) studying 1 Peter
Thursday schedule: 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group and Bible Study
Friday: 9:30 a.m.; Sweet Fridays on the second and fourth Fridays - A Ministry for Moments of All Ages

First Presbyterian Church of Northville

Location: 200 E. Main
Contact: 248-349-0911 or visit www.fpcnorthville.org
Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. (for all ages)

First Presbyterian Church

Location: 205 E. Lake St. (corner of Wells and 10 Mile), South Lyon
Contact: 248-437-2875

First Presbyterian Church

Location: 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington

First United Methodist Church of Northville

Location: 777 W. Eight Mile, Northville
Contact: 248-349-1144 or www.fumcnorthville.org

Summer Sunday Worship (Memorial Day-Labor Day): 8:30 and 10 a.m.

Summer Sunday School (Memorial Day-Labor Day): 8:30 a.m. - Nursery; 10 a.m. - Nursery-sixth grade

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

Sunday School (September-May): 8 a.m. Nursery; 9:15 a.m. Nursery 12th grade; 11 a.m. Nursery-sixth grade

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Location: 41415 Nine Mile, corner of Meadowbrook Road, Novi
Contact: 248-349-0565
Sundays: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible study; 10 a.m. worship

Holy Cross Episcopal Church

Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile
Contact: 248-427-1175 or holycrossnovi@gmail.com; visit holyCROSSnovi.org
Sunday Worship: 7:45 and 10 a.m.

Sunday School and Nursery Care: 10 a.m. worship service
Alzheimer's Support Group: 10 a.m. second Saturday of month.

Hope Lutheran Church

Location: 39200 W. 12 Mile (east of Haggerty), Farmington Hills

Lakes Baptist Church

Location: 309 Decker Road, Walled Lake

Livonia Church of Christ

Location: 15431 Merriam, Livonia
Contact: 734-427-8743 or visit www.livonia-church.net
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.

Bible School: Sunday 10 a.m.; Wednesday 7 p.m.

Legacy Church

(formerly First Baptist Church and Orchard Hills Baptist Church)
Location: 23455 Novi Road, Novi
Contact: pastor Jon Hix, 248-349-5665 or visit www.legacychurch.us
Sunday School/Small Groups for all ages: 9:45 a.m.
Worship Services: 11 a.m.
Bible Study/Prayer: Wednesday 7 p.m.

Meadowbrook Congregational Church

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

Merry Widows Luncheon: 11:30 a.m. fourth Thursday of each month
Pilgrim Fellowship: 6 p.m. Sundays

Orchard Grove Community Church

Location: 850 Ladd Road, Building C, Walled Lake
Web: www.orchard-grove.org
Contact: Amanda Rehm at 248-926-6584 or amanda.rehm@orchard-grove.org.

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DOLIBER, JOHN W.

A long time resident Milford, Michigan, where he owned and operated The Shutter Shop on Main Street for over fifty years, died on February 13, 2014. He was 82 years old. He was preceded in death by his wife Shirley in 2005 and is survived by daughters, Juliann (Charles) Klocke and Jill Johnson; grandchildren, Charles Klocke, Jr., Christopher Klocke, Raven Johnson, Alyssa and Aleijah Cross; great-granddaughter, Alexandrea Elizabeth Klocke; brother, Richard (Patty) Doliber and nephews, Jeff, Chris and Matt Doliber. Funeral Services were held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, Milford, on Tuesday, February 18, 2014 with the Rev. Steve Gonzales officiating. Burial Milford Memorial Cemetery. Memorials may be made in his name to Grace Hospice of Lansing or to the Milford Historical Society. For further information please phone 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirector.com.

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GALOFARO, SCOTT E
 Age 42, February 13, 2014. Visitation Feb. 20, 4 - 8 p.m. Service Feb. 21, 11 a.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon



GREKA, LOUIS WALTER

Age 86, passed away late on Saturday, February 15, 2014 at the Devos Center of Raybrook Manor in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He was born in Rogers City, Michigan in 1927 to the late Joseph and Julia Greka. He proudly served his country with the United States Army during WWII. Surviving are his wife of nearly 64 years Lillian, sons Ronald and Donald (Paula), grandchildren Staci, Evan (Bethany), Andrew, and his brother Norbert Greka. Private family services will be held to honor the lasting impressions he made throughout the years. For those who wish, please consider a memorial contribution in memory of Louis to Holland Home. Reyers North Valley Chapel (616) 363-7755

HEBERT, PAUL B.

July 20, 1926-February 9, 2014 Age 87 of Monroe died at 11:39 a.m. Sunday at St. Vincent Mercy Medical Center in Toledo. Memorial services and luncheon will be held on Saturday February 22, 2014 at 11 a.m. in the First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main St. Northville, Michigan 48167. Born July 20, 1926 in Detroit, Michigan, he was the son of George A. and Bess C. (Brown) Hebert. He married Phyllis J. Hines on June 19, 1948 in Alma, Michigan. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II from July 20, 1944 to July 9, 1946. Paul was a graduate of Redford High School and the University of Detroit. He attended the First Presbyterian Church, Northville. Surviving, are his wife Phyllis; Children Carol A. (Donald A.) Spencer of Monroe and Paul B. (Terry L.) Hebert Jr of Burton, Michigan; grandchildren Richard A. (Kathryn) Spencer II of Dundee, Kacie Charron (James) Josephson of Monroe, Paul B. "Chip" (Carrie) Hebert III of Commerce, Michigan and Jerry J. Hebert of Ann Arbor; great-grandson Lucas D. Spencer; sister Ernestine Crawford of Terre Haute, Indiana and a special cousin Margaret A. Richards. Memorials may be sent to the Alma College Alumni Fund, George Hebert Award 614 W. Superior St. Alma, MI 48801, the Northville Art House 215 Cady St. Northville, MI 48167 or Habitat for Humanity of Monroe County 14930 LaPlaisance Rd. Suite 111 Monroe, MI 48161. Online condolences may be sent through www.ruppfuneralhomeinc.com



SEARCY, ANTONIA S. (KAMINSKI)

age 74, passed away on February 15, 2014. She was born on November 17, 1939, in Bowling Green, Ohio, to the late Edward and Madeline (DeSmet) Kaminski. Beloved wife of the late James; sons: Richard, Jeffrey (Tina); daughters: Julie (Todd) and Jennifer (Garry); and seven grandchildren. Antonia graduated from Redford Thurston H.S. in 1957. She enjoyed bowling and golf, and had two hole-in-ones in her lifetime. She was preceded in death by one brother. A memorial gathering will be held on Thursday, February 20, from 4-9 p.m. A memorial service will be held on Friday, February 21 at 1 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 West Lake Street (Ten Mile), South Lyon. Memorial contributions may be made to the Antonia Searcy family or to St. Jude Children's Hospital. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

Stambersky, Albert H.
 Died on February 16, 2014. Memorial Mass at Church of the Holy Spirit, Thursday, February 20th, 10:30 AM.
 LynchFuneralDirectors.com

THOMAS, DAVID

Of Milford, died on February 16, 2014. Services were held February 19th. For further information phone 248-684-6645 or visit: LynchFuneralDirectors.com

UNDERHILL, GARY L.

Age 73, passed away February 4, 2014 in Ocala, Florida. He was born on May 6, 1940 in Abington, Pennsylvania, son of the late Ray and Ruth Underhill. He is survived by his beloved wife, Kathryn (Workman) Underhill, his children: Beth Bradley and David (Jodi) Underhill, his grandchildren: Sarah, Emily, Natalie, Brian and Gabriel and his great-grandchildren: Olivia and Josephine. He was preceded in death by his parents, his son, Gary in 2005 and his brothers: Ray and Curtis Underhill. Visitation was held on Monday with a memorial service held on Tuesday at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Memorial contributions may be made to Crossroads Community Church, American Heart Association, or American Cancer Society. Online guestbook at www.phillipsfuneral.com

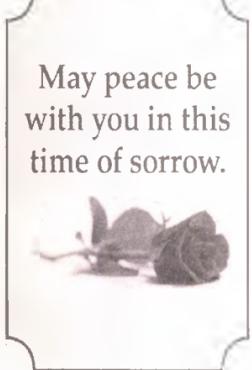
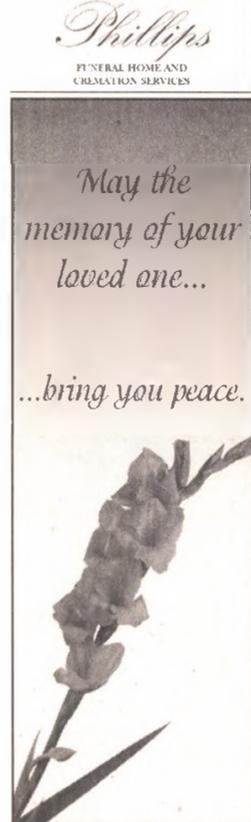
WATSON, CORNELIUS "CHARLIE" W.

with his wife and children by his side, lost his battle with Cerebral Amyloid Angiopathy on February 15, 2014. A Funeral Service will be held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty, Milford, MI on Thursday, February 20, at 11 a.m. Burial and Military Honors will follow at White Lake Cemetery. Friends may visit on Wednesday, February 19, from 2-8PM. Memorials may be made in his name to Good Shepherd Hospice, 105 Arneson Ave., Auburndale, FL 33823. For further information please phone 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com



YARGER, SANDRA SUE "SANDY"

Age 66, passed away February 14, 2014, after a long and courageous battle with lung cancer, surrounded by her loving family. She was born on October 30, 1947 in Midland, daughter of the late Arthur and Fern Yarger. She attended South Lyon High School in the early 1960's but left before graduating. However, knowing the importance of an education went back to the night school program, graduating in 1978, all while working full time and raising three children. Sandy spent 30 years with Chrysler prior to her retirement in 2001. She was a gifted and talented seamstress. When her children were younger she often made their show clothes in western attire for their horse show competitions. She was a 4-H Leader and the head of the "Loco Cowboys" club, which successfully competed in the Washtenaw County Fair. Sandy was an excellent cook, enjoyed canning and was known for her love of flowers, gardening, feeding the birds and enjoying other wildlife. She is survived by her loving children, Angela Arnold, Victoria (Craig) Rohrer, and Ronald Towas II. She is also survived by her beloved grandchildren, Cassandra, Dylan, Garret, Madelyn, and Symona; her siblings, Debbie (Steve) Brown, Robert (Libby) Yarger, and Patricia (Mark) Shipley. Sandy was preceded in death by her parents and her sisters, Bonnie Taulbee and Joanne Raines. Visitation was held on Monday and Tuesday. A Funeral service was on Wednesday at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. Online guestbook at www.phillipsfuneral.com



UPDATES FROM CITY OF NOVI

Tech Talk classes

City of Novi Older Adult Services is offering Tech Talk classes for adults 50 years and older who would like to become more tech-savvy by learning how to use tablets, smartphones and applications.

One-day classes are held 6:15-8:15 p.m. each Tuesday at the Novi Civic Center (45175 10 Mile). Each class is \$15 per resident and \$18 per nonresident. Registration is required and available at cityofnovi.org or in person at the Older Adult Services office inside the civic center.

Upcoming topics include:

iPads and iPhones - Tuesday, March 11 What Do I Do with This Smartphone? - Tuesday, and March 18

All about Apps (Applications) and Tablets - Tuesday, March 25

E-book Readers: Concept, Comparison and How To Operate - Tuesday, April 1

For those who already understand the basics of technology and are looking for new uses and helpful hints, the Bits and Bytes Café offers the opportunity to gain valuable information, free of charge. Once a month, on Thursdays, the café is open to adults 50 and

older to play games, investigate new websites and learn from others. Refreshments are provided. The Bits and Bytes Café is located at the Meadowbrook Activity Center, 25075 Meadowbrook Road. The café will be open 10-11:30 a.m. Feb. 20 and March 20.

For more information regarding Tech Talk classes or the Bits and Bytes Café, contact Older Adult Services 248-347-0414. To learn more about other classes for adults 50 and older, visit cityofnovi.org.

To learn more about what's happening in Novi, visit www.cityof-novi.org.

Free income tax preparation service

Volunteer tax counselors from AARP are here to help by providing free tax aid by appointment to older adults 55 years and older. The program takes place every Thursday through April 10, at the Novi Civic Center.

Tax assistance is provided by AARP volunteers. While tax counselors received extensive training, they are not accountants. Complex returns may be refused.

Contact the city of Novi Older Adult Services at 248-347-0414 to schedule an appointment. For more information

about the AARP Tax Prep Program, contact Sandy Fisher, social services coordinator, at 248-347-0421 or sfisher@cityof-novi.org.

Atrium to feature artwork

For the second time, the city of Novi is partnering with Cassell and Associates to help bring awareness to survivors of traumatic brain injuries by showcasing their artwork in the Novi Civic Center Atrium through Tuesday, March 25. Proceeds from the sales will be donated to the Brain Injury Association of Michigan.

The clients of Cassell

and Associates, whose work helps brain injury survivors, were inspired by Michigan's many iconic landscapes, architectural landmarks and wildlife species while creating "Made in the Mitten" themed works of art. Twenty-seven artists will be featured in the exhibit, including avid outdoorsman named Donald, who was inspired to create his pieces by his love for his home state and the freedom he feels when he's in Michigan's great outdoors.

For more information about the show, call the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department at 248-347-0400.

Your Invitation to

Worship

Brighton

HOLY SPIRIT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL www.hsccc.net at the corner of Winans Lake & Musch Rd. 810-231-9199 Fr. John Rocus, Pastor Weekend Liturgies Saturday 4:00 p.m. Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Please visit our Shrine of Turin Display and Book & Gift Shop

Milford

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH Preschool, Pre-K & Kdg. - Mo. Synod 620 General Motors Rd., Milford Church office: (248) 684-0895 Sunday Services: 8:30 am & 11am Bible Study & Sunday School @ 9:45 am Rev. Martin Dressler LO-0000179311

Novi

BRIGHTMOOR CHRISTIAN CHURCH 40800 W. 13 Mile Road, Novi on the corner of M-5 & W 13. Sundays 9:15a & 11:15a www.brightmoorcc.org something for the entire family LO-0000179302

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH 24505 Meadowbrook Rd., Novi, MI 48375 Saturday 4:30 p.m. (English) & 6:30 p.m. (Spanish) Sunday 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Fr. Bob LaCruz, Pastor Fr. Beto Espinoza, Associate Parish Office: 349-8847 www.holyfamilynovi.org LO-0000179314

Walled Lake

CROSSPOINT COMMUNITY CHURCH 1850 S. Commerce Rd. Walled Lake, MI 48390 Sunday Services: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m. Wednesday Evening: 7 p.m. All Ages Rev. Kenneth Warren - 586-531-2021 www.cpcnnow.com LO-0000179318

FIRST BAPTIST OF MILFORD VISITORS WELCOME! 133 Detroit St., Milford • 248-684-5695 Pastor Steve Swayze Sunday School (all ages) 9:45 a.m. • Sunday Worship - 11 a.m. Young Adults Dinner/Bible Study, Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays: 6:45-8:15 p.m. Awana, 3 yrs old thru 6th grade and Youth Group for 7th grade and older Website: milfordbaptist.org LO-0000179319

FAITH COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 44400 W. 10 Mile, Novi, 248-349-2345 1/2 mile west of Novi Rd. www.faithcommunity-novi.org WORSHIP AND SUNDAY SCHOOL - 10 AM "Children, Youth and Adult Ministries" LO-0000179341

HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL 40700 W. Ten Mile Rd. • 248-427-1175 Sunday Worship 7:45 am & 10 am Healing Service Wednesday 11:45 am Rev. Ann Webber, Rector holycrossnovi@gmail.com LO-0000179341

Whitmore Lake

FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH 10774 Nine Mile Road Rev. M. Lee Taylor • 449-2582 Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Worship, 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening, 7:00 p.m. LO-000019344

MILFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Pastor Bryant Anderson 238 N. Main Street, Milford MI (248) 684-2805 www.milfordpc.org Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m. Sunday School age 3 thru 5th grade @ 10 a.m. Youth Group 10 am - Grades 6-12 A heritage of area worship since 1836 LO-0000179320

MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH 21355 Meadowbrook Rd. in Novi at 8 1/2 Mile 248-348-7757 • www.mbccc.org Sunday Worship 10 a.m. Rev. Arthur Ritter, Senior Minister LO-0000179386

OAK POINTE CHURCH 50200 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi Saturday Worship 5:15 p.m., Sunday 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Casual, contemporary service Phone (248) 912-0043 www.oakpointe.org LO-0000179321

Highland

HIGHLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 680 W. Livingston Rd. • Highland, MI 48357 248-887-1311 • www.myhnumc.com Sunday Worship: 9:30 & 11 a.m. Kids Church: 9:30 & 11 a.m. MS & HS Youth: 11 a.m. MS Youth Night Wednesday 6:30-8 p.m. Grief Share Monday 6:30 p.m. LO-0000179322

Milford United Methodist Church 1200 Atlantic St., Milford, MI 48361 Sunday Worship: 8:30 am and 10:30 am, 6 pm Children's Church: 10:30 am Groups for Children, Youth and Adults 248-684-2798 LO-0000178401 milfordumc.net

ST. JAMES ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH NOVI 46325 10 Mile Rd. • Novi, MI 48374 Saturday 5:00 p.m. Sunday 8, 9:30 & 11:30 a.m. Msgr. John Kasza, Pastor Parish Office: 347-7778 LO-0000178445

NOVI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 41671 W. Ten Mile Road • Novi, MI 48375 Sunday Worship 9:45 a.m. Rev. James M. Smith, Pastor 248-349-2652 www.umcnovi.com "Loving God, loving each other and living our core values" LO-0000179323

South Lyon

New Hudson

NEW HUDSON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 56730 Grand River Avenue • New Hudson MI 48165 (248) 437-6212 • Gerald S. Hunter, Pastor Sunday School & Bible Class - 9:30 a.m. Worship - 10:30 a.m. www.newhudsonumc.org LO-0000179324

OAKPOINTE milford CHURCH 1250 South Hill Rd. (248) 685-3560 www.opcmilford.org Contemporary Worship Service: Sunday 9:15 am & 11:15 am Adventist/United Children's Program: Sunday 9:15 am & 11:15 am The Rock (Middle School) Wednesdays 6:30-8 pm, Sundays 9:15 am The 707 (High School) Sundays 6:30-8:30 pm Women, Men and Life Groups/Variety Schedules LO-0000178401

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 205 E. Lake (10 Mile) 248.437.2875 Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m. Children's Church for Grades K thru 5th Nursery Care Provided Mid-Week Study Thursday 7:00 p.m. Rev. Michael Horlocker, Pastor www.fpcsouthlyon.org LO-0000179325

BIBLE BELIEVERS CHURCH Gathering in Jesus Name 52909 10 Mile Rd. • South Lyon, MI 48178 Sunday 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Mike Ragan, Pastor 734-347-1983 pastor cell Old fashioned preaching KJV LO-0000179326

NEW HOPE - A Unitarian Universalist Congregation 57855 Grand River Ave., New Hudson, MI 48165 Phone 248-474-9108 Sunday Celebration of Life Service 10:30 a.m. Rev. Suzanne Paul, Minister Website: http://www.newhopeuu.org LO-0000179327

Freedom Life Church Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is Freedom Cor 3:7 1208 E. Commerce, Milford Worship: Sun 11am, Wed 7pm We are here through Christ Jesus to provide Freedom to those who are hurting, diseased, addicted LO-0000179489 and depressed.

The Church of Christ 21660 Pentac Trail • South Lyon, MI 48178 248-437-3585 • www.southlyonccc.org 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. Praise and Worship Wednesday Midweek Ministries 7 p.m. Troy Singleton, Minister LO-0000179315

CROSS OF CHRIST LUTHERAN (Missouri Synod) Pastor Terry Nelson 437-8810 • 486-4335 Griswold Rd. at 10 Mile Worship: 10 a.m.; Sunday School: 10 a.m.; Adult Bible Study: 9 a.m. LO-0000179328

Northville

First Presbyterian Church of Northville www.fpcnorthville.org 200 E. MAIN ST. AT HUTTON Worship, 9:30 am. Sunday School for all ages, 10:30 am. 248-349-0911 LO-0000179329

United Methodist Church NORTHVILLE (248) 349-1144 777 West 8 Mile Road (8 Mile and Taft Road) Northville, Michigan Worship Times: September - May 8:00, 9:15 & 11:00 a.m. Memorial Day - Labor Day 8:30 and 10:00 a.m. Rev. Marsha M. Wootley, Lead Pastor www.umcnorthville.org LO-0000179330

first united methodist church south lyon, mi 640 S. Lafayette (248) 437-0760 Worship: 8:15 am, 11 am & 6:30 pm Sunday School: 9:40 am Rev. Sondra Willobe, Lead Pastor southlyonfirstumc.org LO-0000179331

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN Wisconsin Synod • Reynold Sweet Pkwy. at Liberty St. Sunday Service 10:00 a.m. All Classes 9:00 Pastor Scott Miller, (248) 437-1651 LO-0000179332

NORTHVILLE CHRISTIAN Experience Life Each Week Sunday Worship - 9:00 am & 10:15 am Sunday School and Children's Programs www.ncalife.org 41355 Six Mile Road 248-348-9030 LO-0000183200

WARD CHURCH 40020 Six Mile Road Northville, MI 48168 248-374-7400 Sunday Worship Services 8 a.m. | 9:30 a.m. | 11 a.m. 4 different music styles from classic to modern www.wardchurch.org LO-0000178400

Shepherd's Way Lutheran Church, ELCA 50250 10 Mile Rd. South Lyon MI 48178 Sunday Worship 9:30 AM Education Hour 8:30 AM Rev. Bart Muller, Pastor 248-486-4404 www.shepherdswaysouthlyon.org LO-0000179340

CROSSROADS COMMUNITY CHURCH 28900 Pontiac Trail • South Lyon 248-486-0400 www.ecrossroads.net Sunday Services: 8:45, 10 & 11:30 am LO-0000179341

OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH 133 Orchard Dr., Northville WEEKEND LITURGIES Saturday 5:00 p.m. Sunday, 7:30, 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. Church 349-2621, School 349-3610 Religious Education 349-2559 Rev. Denis Theroux, Pastor LO-0000183205

Our Savior Apostolic Lutheran Church 54899 8 Mile Rd. at Cume Rd. Northville, MI 48167 248-374-2258 Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Fellowship/Coffee 11:00 a.m. Worship Service Wednesday Bible Study (Colossians) at 7 pm Pastor Andy Whitten LO-0000183206

SOLID ROCK BIBLE CHURCH Loving God and Loving People 22183 Pontiac Trail • 248-486-4400 (In Brookdale Shopping Center, behind Powerhouse Gym) SUNDAY WORSHIP: 10:00 A.M. Reed Heckmann, Pastor/Teacher www.solidrocksouthlyon.com LO-0000179342

FELLOWSHIP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Services held at: Saint Andrews Episcopal Church 16360 Hubbard Road - Livonia South of Six Mile Road Adult Sunday School 9:30 - 10:15 am, Worship 10:30 am. Childrens Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Dr. James N. McGuire • Nursery Provided LO-0000179343

For more information regarding this Directory, please call Sue Sare at 248-437-2011, ext. 247 or e-mail: ssare@hometownlife.com

OUR VIEWS

Drivers must keep cool on icy roads

Sure, winter travel has been cold and icy this year.

But there's no reason to lose your cool. That's the word from state and county road officials, and it's a point well taken.

Michigan Department of Transportation officials are concerned that drivers, fed up with winter delays, are getting more aggressive as this winter wears on. And around snowplows, that's particularly dangerous.

Consider this: On one snowy day last week, there were more than 100 accidents on Livingston County and western Oakland County roads, most including property damage and road runoffs. One accident even involved a driver who struck a school bus. It wasn't the first time this winter that a school bus was hit, according to a spokesperson for the Livingston Educational Service Agency, which maintains the county fleet.

Here are some additional statistics. Michigan State Police troopers responded to 5,200 accidents last month. That figure represents an increase of more than 20 percent from January 2013. That doesn't even take into account all the accidents called in to county deputies and local police departments.

Maybe not all those drivers were being aggressive, but caution is needed.

Aggressive driving is dangerous at any time of year.

But it's especially dangerous when drivers try to pass snowplows and salt trucks as they clear roads and highways.

One snowplow driver was recently injured when his truck rolled over after being struck by an overly aggressive driver. An MDOT plow was disabled when a driver who was traveling too fast for road conditions struck it from behind.

Because of truck designs, snowplow drivers have limited visibility even in the best conditions. Fog and falling snow cut that visibility even more.

Newer-model wing plows and tow plows can clear road shoulders and traffic lanes in a single pass.

But they also can create great clouds of snow, reducing visibility and obscuring visibility of the plows' large blades.

That's why drivers should never attempt to pass these trucks on the right.

Yet, people will try.

No doubt, it's because of the trucks' speeds. MDOT says its trucks generally travel at about 25 miles per hour when spreading salt and 45 mph when plowing.

That can be frustrating, but a few extra minutes of travel time beats finding yourself in a ditch — or worse.

With weather like this, even posted speed limits can be hazardous.

At the same time, MDOT advises residents and business owners to avoid pushing snow into roadways, leaving trails of snow across pavement or banking cleared snow so high that it blocks drivers' lines of sight.

Accidents only add to travel times. Plow drivers, who often work 14-hour shifts to clear roads, deserve better. So do other drivers.

"More than ever, it's vital for drivers to keep distractions to a minimum, wear their seat belts and give plows room to groom," MDOT Director Kirk T. Steudle said in a public statement.

That's good advice, and we hope drivers pay attention, especially with several more weeks of winter weather ahead of us.

Drivers can check road conditions, in advance, from their home computers.

The Michigan State Police issues travel advisories at www.michigan.gov/roadconditions.

MDOT issues updates of road conditions at www.michigan.gov/drive.

COMMUNITY VOICE

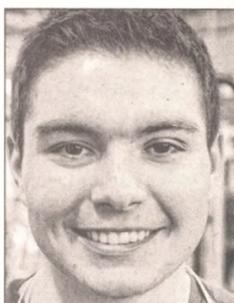
How closely are you watching the winter Olympics and how do you think the U.S. is doing so far?

We asked this in Novi.



"I'm following it and watching it every night. I like the skeleton competition but the (U.S.) speed skaters are disappointing so far. Overall, we're doing well."

Ben Szilagy
Novi



"I love what the Olympics stand for. There's a lot of competition between Canada, Russia and the U.S. And United States hockey has been great."

Avery Garguilo
Novi



"I love watching the Russian figure skaters — they're amazing. And I also like watching the downhill skiing. I think the U.S. won some medals there yesterday."

Marissa Moore
Novi



"I work with some of the skaters (at The Sports Club of Novi) that are at the Olympics, so I'm watching it to see what their status is. But it's hard to watch where they're judged on an objective and artistic levels and not like the Summer Olympics where one runner clearly goes faster than the other."

Jimi Varner
Farmington Hills

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

No more Snyder

Now Gov. Rick Snyder and the Republican legislature are working on giving back some of the taxes they raised, saying the cuts should go to those who need it the most, those that are finding it hard to pay their bills. If that is the case, why did they raise taxes on those people in the first place?

He also cut unemployment insurance, making it very difficult for the unemployed to pay their bills. Are they now saying they were wrong on tax increases? Weren't we all supposed to be part of the shared sacrifice?

The pollsters are now running the numbers and finding that the people are saying forget the tax cut and fix our roads and fund our schools. When Gov. Snyder cut taxes on businesses, he raised taxes on pensioners, seniors and the working poor. The people were against this major tax shift. The people voted against state-appointed emergency managers running their cities. The people went to Lansing and said they did not want Michigan to be a right-to-work (for less) state. This governor does not listen to the people who hired him.

Should the people re-elect Rick Snyder? I think we, the people, should reject Rick Snyder and bring back democracy to Michigan.

Cynthia Churches
Novi

Hayes has it wrong

Seldom do I disagree with MSNBC's Chris Hayes' com-

mentary about national or international affairs. But, his recent criticism of our defense department's targeting cell phones of known terrorists for drone strikes seems ridiculous.

Hayes hypothetically suggests the possibility that the terrorist might lend his phone to an innocent child who then becomes the potential target of a drone. How tragic!

But where are his sympathies and concern for the 30 or 40 innocent diners or churchgoers or students who have literally ended up as pieces of blood and gore as a result of strategically-placed bombs triggered by fanatical terrorists?

Is Hayes, and those who agree with him, equating genocide as practiced in the Middle East with his hypothetical demise of an innocent child, and thereby condemning a military tactic deliberately made as precise as possible in an effort to limit collateral damage to the innocent? Apparently.

Patrick M. Downey
Novi

Raise minimum wage

The GOP talking points concerning President Obama's State of the Union speech are were quickly repeated by Fox News, Republican papers and other partisan outlets. This ever-repeated GOP contention that increasing the minimum wage would cost jobs was almost minute-by-minute reporting.

The state's early childhood was raised from \$6.55 per hour to \$7.25 per hour in July of 2009. Adjusted for inflation, this should currently be near \$15 an

hour.

The GOP is completely wrong that raising the minimum wage would cost jobs. The absolute reverse is true. Increasing the wages of the poorest workers would immediately increase jobs. Poor people would immediately spend any increase in the minimum wage, which would increase jobs. They immediately would spend on goods and services, which would increase demand and improve our economy.

Many states have already raised their minimum wage, above the federal level, and have already experienced an increase in jobs.

Raising the minimum wage is the right thing to do and now is the right time to do it.

Gerald Maxey
Farmington Hills

Pass anti-cruelty legislation

Michigan needs to crack down on cruelty in pet stores and puppy mills. Unfortunately, the Michigan Department of Agriculture no longer even inspects pet stores.

Luckily, Senate Bills 285 and 286 have been introduced in the Michigan Legislature to increase penalties for breeders and pet stores. They also increase penalties for repeat offenders of the state's animal cruelty law.

Contact Rep. Kurt Heise at 517-373-3816 and ask him to pass SB 285-286 out of committee. For more information, go to HumanVoters.webs.com.

William McMullin
Royal Oak

Building blocks of a stronger labor force

It's beginning to look as though Gov. Rick Snyder is thinking of his two main blocks: The first, from taking office in 2011 through this November's vote, has been about restructuring the financial underpinnings of the state — fixing the business tax, getting balanced state budgets adopted on time and so forth.

The second, assuming voters give him another four years, will be about rebuilding Michigan's seriously frayed economic infrastructure. Snyder's emphasis on investing in education is at the core of his budget message. He wants a 6.1 percent increase for public universities, 2.8



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percent for elementary and high schools, and another \$65 million for his prekindergarten Great Start Readiness Program.

The budget is largely sensible on its face and politically shrewd, since it looks as though spending on schools will be a big part of this year's political argument.

Without any doubt, higher education in Michigan has been irreparably savaged over the years. Seven straight cuts since 2000, including a 15 percent drop during

Snyder's first year, made our state nearly first in the nation at cutting support for colleges.

While it will certainly help if Snyder can get the Legislature to add his requested \$76.9 million for higher education, Michigan still should be embarrassed that it spends more on warehousing criminals in state prisons (\$2 billion) than on public universities (\$1.5 billion).

Along with the increases, the governor is emphasizing university tuition restraint by capping allowable increases at 3.2 percent. (Universities that go over that figure will lose some of their state aid.)

For years, polls have suggested jobs and unemployment are main concerns of Michigan voters. But I've seen some new numbers that suggest public attitudes are changing. Concern about college affordability has been increasing as families begin to realize how much college debt they're run up over the past decade. Keeping the lid on tuition hikes is

also good politically — although the universities have a legitimate point that tuition increases over the last decade have been provoked by matching cuts in state support.

The state's early childhood initiative, Great Start, has been a great success on almost all counts. Last year, after Bridge Magazine found that 30,000 poor and vulnerable 4-year-olds eligible for the program couldn't get in because enough slots hadn't been funded, the governor endorsed and the Legislature adopted a \$65 million increase.

The Michigan Department of Education eventually calculated that the extra state money resulted in another 16,000 4-year-olds getting a head start toward success in school.

For once, Michigan wound up looking good by leading the nation in increasing support for early childhood programs, and Snyder is keeping up the momentum by fulfilling his pledge for a second round of increases for

Great Start. The hope is that this increased funding will eliminate the waiting list, although it is a challenge to reach the poorest and most vulnerable families who need such programs most.

One idea the governor and the Legislature might want to look at comes from Tennessee, where GOP Gov. Bill Haslam in his budget message last week proposed making free two years of community college or technical school to all students who graduate from high school, without regard to academic credentials or financial need. "We just need to change the culture of expectations in our state," Haslam told the New York Times. "College is not for everybody, but it has to be for a lot more people than it's been in the past if we're going to have a competitive work force."

Tennessee estimates this would cost the state around \$34 million each year, paid for by diverting revenue from the state lottery. Since Michi-

gan (population 9.9 million) is bigger than Tennessee (population 6.4 million), such a program here would likely cost more — but not much more.

Business groups have been calling for years for increased support for state universities to provide a stream of workers with degrees. Many in the business community say they could fill immediately something like 60,000 jobs if they could find workers with the required skills.

Without being as radical as those of his Tennessee counterpart, Snyder's budget proposals represent a move in the right direction. Although the Legislature likes the idea of reducing taxes in an election year, here's hoping the governor is able to keep investments in human capital high on the state's priority list.

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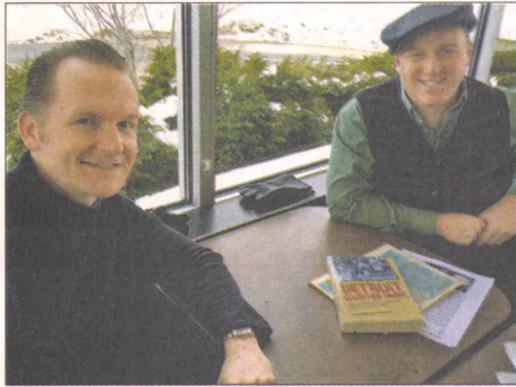
Musically, Detroit may be synonymous with Motown, the MC5, Iggy and the Stooges and Aretha Franklin.

But thanks to the migration of people from the rural south during the 1930s and 1940s, the Detroit area was also a hub for country music for decades.

"There was a big migration from the South all over America in the '30s — people went to California and the Midwest. That led to a popularization of country music," said Craig Maki, author of *Detroit Country Music* with Keith Cady.

Subtitled *Mountaineers, Cowboys and Rockabillys*, the book focuses on Detroit-based country music performers from 1940-1960. Both Maki and Cady are musicians — Maki plays rhythm guitar and sings, while Cady plays upright bass — and also have experience as classic country music disc jockeys.

"I was going to college and got into doing radio. I



Authors Craig Maki (left) of Southfield and Keith Cady of Romulus worked 13 years on their book "Detroit Country Music."

was interested in a rockabilly show — the guy (who did the show) was leaving and I took the slot," Maki said. "People said they made music here. I used to collect records. Growing up, I had no idea about the music in Detroit."

Maki started tracking down some of those local country musicians for interviews, collecting newspaper articles and photos. He joined forces with Cady 13 years ago to produce the book.

"I got into it through rockabilly. I like the style. When I examined the roots, the musicians were really friendly people and had so many stories," Maki said.

Self-taught musicians

The musicians were all self-taught, Cady said, but had to be flexible in what they could play to meet popular demand.

"They could play anything — some played seven nights a week in

Detroit," Cady said. "They were able to hone their craft. A lot switched between jazz and country. When you play live every night, you have to be flexible. These were the best musicians but they had been forgotten."

"There were country clubs but they had to play what was popular — that meant rock'n'roll, even some polkas," adds Maki.

With country music in clubs, recording work and also country music programs on mainstream radio stations like WWJ, Detroit became an attractive location for many country musicians.

"A musician's life was nomadic — playing at radio stations and clubs for a couple or three weeks," Cady said. "A lot came to Detroit and just stayed. You could always find a (day) job and play at night."

Singer and guitarist Eddie Jackson, featured on the book cover performing during the 1950s with his band the Swingers, had an incredible collection of photos, Maki said, along with great

stories.

It took time to track down the musicians or their families, Maki said, as they moved on to follow work, returned to the south or as the years passed, died.

Having turned in a 200,000-word manuscript to the University of Michigan Press, Maki was told to cut it in half.

Chief Redbird

"It kept growing bigger. I kept the best stories in the book. One of the last people I tracked down was Della Redbird, daughter of Chief Redbird," Maki said.

"He was half Cherokee Indian and started out in a real cowboy band formed in 1925. He joined in 1927."

Redbird performed on the vaudeville circuit and eventually came to Detroit where he performed and as Maki notes, helped pay the bills with a day job working as a tool and die maker.

Maki, a Southfield resident who works in communications for Blue Cross, and Cady, who lives in Romulus and

works in operations for the Wayne-Westland Community Schools, both said working together helped keep them working on *Detroit Country Music* as the years passed.

Detroit Country Music, published by the University of Michigan Press, is in its fourth printing run. It's available on Amazon and also as an eBook.

"I'm not sure what that means but they are having trouble keeping up with the demand," Maki said. "People have been really nice with the reviews."

Maki and Cady have been invited to make a presentation at the International Country Music event in Nashville. Cady noted another presenter from Japan will focus on Detroit bluegrass musicians.

For a local presentation, Maki and Cady will speak at the Livonia Library Civic Center branch at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 4.

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Scrapbookers fighting against rare form of breast cancer

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Shelly Sapp of Northville had worked a number of years as a registered nurse before she was diagnosed with inflammatory breast cancer March 15, 2010, at the age of 43.

"I'm actually at the older end for diagnosis," said Sapp, director of nursing at Home Health of America. "I had never heard of it. It does not show up on mammograms."

IBC often occurs in women younger than the age where baseline mammograms are started, she

said, and often doesn't present as a lump.

Sapp said some 2-5 percent of breast cancers are IBC. "It's just that breast cancer is really common. That's still a huge number."

"So this presents very differently," Sapp said. "I woke up one day and my breast was swollen."

It looked like an orange peel surface, she said.

Fortunately, Sapp's doctor didn't say it was an infection, she recalled, noting symptoms began in December 2009. "Six months can make the difference between life and death," Sapp said.

She's raising awareness of IBC with a Crop for a Cause event from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 22, at Scrappy Chic, 33509 W. Eight Mile (south side), west of Farmington Road in Livonia. It is her fourth such event and supports the Inflammatory Breast Cancer Network Foundation.

She's especially excited as Terry Arnold, its founder, will visit here for the event Feb. 22. Arnold is also a survivor.

"I'm really excited. She's flying in from Texas," Sapp said. Information on the disease is online at www.ibcnetwork.org.

IBC often progresses rapidly to Stage 4, she said, and it isn't well known in the medical community or among lay people. Its lack of early warning signs makes diagnosis difficult.

"So far so good," she said of her own health. They don't use "in remission" due to frequent recurrence, but she's doing well.

Sapp said treatment is aggressive. She had a mastectomy, noting a lumpectomy isn't an option. There were five months of chemotherapy, and later seven weeks of daily radiation.

"It's my mission in

life," she said of raising awareness and fighting the disease.

The scrapbooking event will draw more than 80 women, and men are welcome as well.

"My husband and my son will be there to help out," Sapp said.

You can sign up through Scrappy Chic in person at the store or by calling it at 248-426-9020. First-timers are welcome, and some make jewelry rather than scrapbooking.

"Whatever they want to do," said Sapp.

Participants will enjoy three meals, snacks, desserts and beverages.

There will be a 50/50 raffle, goodie bags and a massage therapist part of the day.

It's been a good fundraiser, with the first one drawing around 30 participants and taking off from there. "People had so much fun the next one sold out really fast," she said.

Sapp the fall busy for the fundraiser. "January and February seem to be the time the ladies want to get out of the house."

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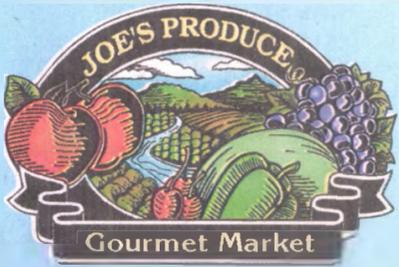
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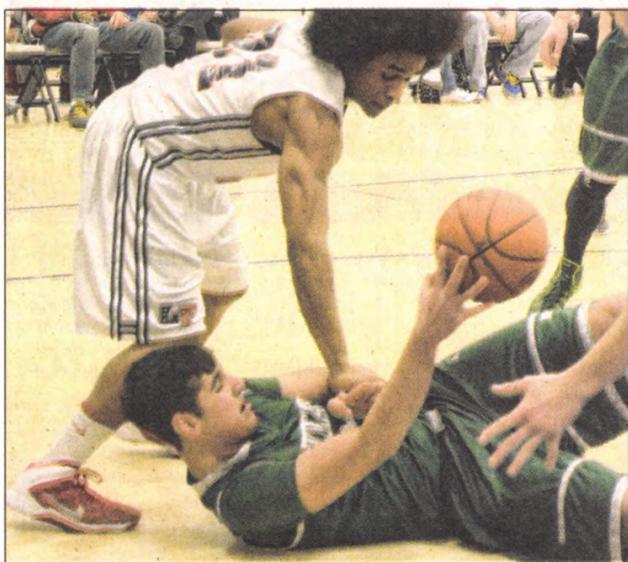
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Novi cagers connect for pair of victories

Wildcats heading toward postseason on a hot streak

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

After winning just three of its first 14 games, Novi's boys basketball team has now won three in a row.

The Wildcats (6-11, 3-7 KLAAs Central) toughed out a 67-63 victory Feb. 11 in Fowlerville before starting a series of KLAAs crossovers Feb. 13 with a 53-47 victory over Wayne Memorial (3-11, 2-8 South).

"We had a good week with two wins," Novi coach Brian Tass said. "I have a great deal of respect for the 13 players on this team that have weathered the storm and stuck with the process. They have learned that nothing you get in life is given, it is earned. They have continued to work hard through disappointment and made tremendous progress in key areas. We are confident in who we are going into March." Against Fowlerville, the

ON TAP

Novi (6-11, 3-7 KLAAs Central) will host Waterford Mott (4-13, 3-7 North) at 7 p.m. today before heading into a 5 p.m. district quarterfinal March 3 at Canton against Northville (12-6, 8-2 Central).

Wildcats shot 21-of-50 (42 percent) as four players finished in double figures and the team

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Northern has six athletes commit to colleges

Walled Lake Northern High School hosted a college commitment event Feb. 13 for six student-athletes that plan to pursue athletics at the collegiate level.

Aaron Chretien is the son of Paul and Heather Chretien. He plans to attend Bentley University to play football and pursue a degree in business. While attending Northern, he was involved in baseball and football.

Ashley Donohue is the daughter of John and Krista Donohue. She plans to attend the Oakland Community College to run cross country and pursue a degree in nursing. While attending Northern, she was involved in soccer and cross country.

Allison Goff is the daughter of Antony Goff and Barbara Carter. She plans to attend Georgia State University to participate in track and field and pursue a degree in business. While attending Northern, she was involved in track as well as the yearbook staff.

Zachary Haapala is the son of Ed and Kelly Haapala. He plans to attend Albion College to play soccer and pursue a degree in sports medicine. While attending Northern, he was involved in soccer, leadership and student council.

Kendall Juhnke is the daughter of Mark and Sharon Juhnke. She plans to attend Western Michigan University to play soccer and is currently undecided on her field of study. While attending Northern, she was involved in soccer and the National Honor Society.

Brennan Williams is the son of Herb and Chandra Williams. He plans to attend Eastern Michigan University to play baseball and pursue a degree in business. While attending Northern, he was involved in baseball and basketball.



Pictured are (front, from left) Zachary Haapala, Kendall Juhnke and Brennan Williams and (back, from left) Aaron Chretien, Ashley Donohue and Allison Goff.



Novi senior Bastien Dupessey took second in the giant slalom Feb. 13 at regionals in a two-run time of 37.43 seconds. FLORENCE DUPESSEY

Wildcats boys skiers qualify for state meet

Dupessey wins KLAAs regional slalom titles

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

Novi's ski team was hot on the slopes last week, with the boys qualifying for the state finals.

Fueled by Bastien Dupessey and Mitch Goodman, the Wildcats boys spent Feb. 10 finishing fourth in the KLAAs and Feb. 12 finishing second at regionals with 103 points, both at Alpine Valley in White Lake.

South Lyon won the region with 78 points; Brighton was third with 127 in a field of 12. It was flipped at the KLAAs meet, where the top five were Grand Blanc (43 points), Walled Lake Northern (150), Brighton (154.5), Novi (156.5) and South Lyon (174) in a field of 13.

At the KLAAs meet, Dupessey won the slalom in a



Novi's boys and girls ski teams pose Feb. 13 at Alpine Valley during regionals. The boys finished second and the girls finished 10th. FLORENCE DUPESSEY

two-run time of 41.03 seconds and took seventh in the giant slalom in 36.43 seconds. Other top-20 finishes were Goodman, fifth in the slalom (43.67), and Liam Mitchell, 18th in the slalom (47.59).

Regionals went even better for the boys, as Dupessey finished first of 72 in

the slalom (37.98) and second of 73 in the giant slalom (37.43). Goodman took third in the giant slalom (37.55) and fourth in the slalom (40.68), while Andrew Jamison added a 19th-place finish in the giant slalom (38.98).

The girls didn't have as much luck. Brighton won

ON TAP

Novi's boys ski team extended its season, earning a trip to the state championships Monday at Schuss Mountain, located in Manelona, east of Grand Traverse Bay.

both the KLAAs and regional meet with respective scores of 29 and 32. Novi's girls finished 10th at both, with 365 points at the KLAAs meet and 324 points at regionals.

Novi's top finishes at the KLAAs meet were Nina Li, 37th in the slalom (54.97), and Cecilia Busch, 39th in the giant slalom (43.21).

Busch was also Novi's front-runner in both regional events, finishing 30th in the slalom (53.30) and 33rd in the giant slalom (45.38) among fields of 69.

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Novi girls cagers claim OT victory over Plymouth

Wildcats battle back into conference championship picture

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

Powering its way through the competition, Novi's girls basketball team needed overtime to earn its spot in the KLAAs Kensington Conference tournament final last week.

The Wildcats (15-3, 8-2 KLAAs Central) defeated Livonia Churchill (7-11,

4-6 South) 53-26 Feb. 11 before knocking off Plymouth (14-4, 8-2 South) 40-35 in overtime Friday to set up a re-match with Canton (15-3, 10-0 South) for the conference title.

Novi's victory over Churchill was seemingly business as usual, with the 'Cats taking a 14-10 halftime lead before exploding for a 20-2 third quarter en route to the 27-point victory.

Senior Kerri McMahan led the way with 20 points on 6-of-9 shooting (66.7 percent), while

senior Kristen Schubring dropped in 12 points alongside five rebounds, two steals and one block.

The Wildcats shot 15-for-43 (34.9 percent) from the field, but it was enough as the Chargers shot 9-for-31 (29 percent).

Chipping in for Novi were senior Nicole Solakian (six points), junior Alex Felice (four points), senior Alex Iacobelli (three points), senior Dina Fawaz (three points, four rebounds) and freshman Bailey Baumbick (three points).

Senior Taylor Pavlika (eight rebounds, three assists, four steals) and sophomore Allie Lipson both scored one point.

Plymouth wouldn't be as easy in the conference semifinal, taking a 16-12 halftime lead over Novi, which needed an 11-5 fourth-quarter run to tie the game 28-28 and force overtime. From there, Novi rolled out a 12-7 run - combined 23-12 in the fourth quarter and overtime - to battle back for a 40-35 victory.

McMahan led the charger with 21 points on

ON TAP

Novi (15-3, 8-2 KLAAs Central) will begin state tourney play at 5 p.m. Wednesday with a district semifinal at Northville against the winner of Plymouth (14-4, 8-2 South) and Plymouth Salem.

8-for-21 shooting, while Fawaz's seven points and 11 rebounds were vital parts of the victory.

Novi shot 15-for-47 (31.9 percent) from the field, which was just enough to counteract Plymouth's 14-for-39 (35.9 percent) shooting night. Winning the rebounding battle 32-20 also helped.

McMahan and Fawaz

got some offensive help against Plymouth from Felice (four points, six rebounds, two steals, one block), Schubring (three points, five rebounds), Iacobelli (three points) and Pavlika (two points, seven rebounds).

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Qualifying performance

Novi High School hosted the district competition Feb. 15. Twelve teams competed to move on to regionals at Hartland High School. The Novi varsity cheer team finished fourth, qualifying it to move on. It was a close meet, with Novi finishing with a total score of 734.74 behind Waterford Mott (736.2), Hartland (740.36) and Brighton (748.96). Also competing in the district were Howell, Waterford Kettering, Lakeland, Northville, Pinckney and the three Walled Lake high schools.



John Glenn knocks out Wildcats for bowling title

Novi doubles up on 26-4 victories over Northville

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

Although both the Novi boys and girls bowling teams claimed identical 26-4 victories over rival Northville last week, the girls fell short in their bid for the Central Division title with their second loss of the season to Westland John Glenn.

The Wildcats girls (13-2, 10-2 KLAAs Central) were on track Feb. 10 when they defeated Northville (6-9, 5-7 Central), winning both Baker games, 137-128 and 225-146, before winning both regular games, 767-723 and 746-719. Evie Plaetinck (166, 182) and Abby Ranks (157, 132) each scored two points, while Sara Schulz had a high game of 182 to go with her 161.

On Feb. 12, the girls hoped to avenge an ugly 21-9 loss to Glenn (15-0, 12-0 Central) from Jan. 22 when both teams were undefeated, but things didn't go much better, as the Rockets won 28-2 to clinch the division title. Glenn won the Bakers, 169-157 and 186-121, and both regular games, 857-787 and 854-748, with the only saving grace being one point apiece from Schulz (225) and Megan Engles (200).

Novi's boys (6-9, 4-8 Central) were battling their way back toward .500, successfully knocking off Northville (0-15, 0-12 Central) Feb. 10. The Wildcats won both Baker games and three single points from Scott Pryson (169), Ryan Moore (182) and Tommy Warner (183), clinching the match-up with an 807-741 victory in the first game. Novi also won the second regular game 906-840 behind

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Novi (13-2 girls, 6-9 boys) head Friday and Saturday to regionals at Canton's Super Bowl in hopes of qualifying for the state finals Feb. 28 and March 1 at Sterling Heights' Sunnybrook Lanes.

Ryan Moore's 251 game.

However, the boys didn't have any luck against Glenn (9-6, 7-5 Central) either, losing 18-12 Feb. 12 at Super Bowl in Canton, earning all of their points by the end of the first regular game. The teams split the Bakers, with Novi winning the first 186-166 and Glenn winning the second 184-153, as well as totals 350-339. Novi won the first regular game, 877-870, and took four single points, but Glenn won the second, 948-813, and all five single points. DiAndre Moreland had the high game of the day with a 235.

Attempting to recover from the losses, the Wildcats headed to the KLAAs meet Friday, but both teams failed to qualify to the eight-team bracket.

The boys finished 60 pins shy of eighth place, shooting 2,812 over 16 games, led by high scores from Savela (217) and Tommy Warner (120).

The girls got off to a slow start in the Baker games and could not make up the 120 pins needed to qualify, landing at 2,413 over 16 games. Plaetinck (211) and Ranks (190) had high games for Novi.

The top 20 averages from league play were announced, resulting in all-KLAAs honors for Schulz for a third straight year. Her 195 average in league play was seventh best in the girls division.

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CATHOLIC CENTRAL ROUNDUP

Wrestling team continues to qualify individuals

If you've ever followed Catholic Central wrestling, then it comes as no surprise that the team qualified 10 wrestlers for the individual state finals last weekend.

The Shamrocks picked up six individual regional titles, one second-place finish and had three grapplers fight their way through the consolation bracket to earn third-place wins and qualify for the championship brackets.

"I thought our guys looked great that last round," Catholic Central coach Mitch Hancock said. "We were aggressive, scrambled well, scored points and pressured forward the entire time."

Earning titles, in order of weight class, were: Trevor Zdebski (125 pounds), Myles Amine (140), Malik Amine (145), Nick Bennett (152), Drew Garcia (171) and Nick Giese (189).

Zdebski seemed nearly flawless throughout the regional and ended up with the championship as he took on Daniel Shear from Walled Lake Central and earned a 9-2 decision.

Myles Amine was the first Shamrock to earn an individual title, pinning Walled Lake Western's Anthony Chudler in just 1:29.

Malik Amine wrestled Christian Lauderback from Walled Lake Northern and scored a 14-5 major decision.

Bennett looked unstoppable, capping off the night with a strong 16-3 major decision over Achor Bay's Tyler Grimley.

Drew Garcia picked up a 9-3 decision over L'Anse Creuse's Devon Richter.

Giese defeated Walled Lake Central's Alex Souvel, 9-3.

Earning a second-place finish for the Shamrocks was Jimmy Russell, who unfortunately couldn't wrestle his final round due to an injury, and took a defeat for second place.

In the consolation bracket, the Shamrocks had Parker O'Brien, Evan Toth and Greg Johnson all wrestle their way back into contention to earn third-place finishes.

Shamrocks earn trip to state team finals

The Shamrocks qualified as a team for the wrestling state finals, in Battle Creek, with a regional victory last weekend.

The Shamrocks are in their sixth straight season of advancing to the state finals. This year they had convincing defeats over Waterford Kettering, 69-3, and Walled Lake Central, 53-13.

"It's expected here at Catholic Central," Hancock said. "Our guys prepare very diligently, work very hard and have goals each and every year to wrestle for a state title."

This season, Catholic Central was awarded a No. 3 seed for the state tournament, behind No. 1 seed Davison and No. 2 Hartland.

"It doesn't matter where they seed us," Hancock said. "We can compete with anyone in the country on any given day. Our guys are used to competition and like to put it on the line."

The Shamrocks will wrestle Plymouth at 3:15 p.m. Friday in the opening round. If victorious, they will then wrestle the winner of the Hartland and

Macomb Dakota match-up at 9:15 a.m. Saturday.

Bowling team captures CHSL title

The Shamrocks bowling team did what no CC bowling team has done before – it defeated all comers to take home the school's first-ever Catholic High School League championship.

The Shamrocks, coached by Al Bridges, finished second in the preliminary round to earn head-to-head play against the top eight teams in the conference.

Catholic Central defeated No. 7 seed Brother Rice, 214-145 and 244-173, to advance to the semifinals. There, it topped No. 3 DeLaSalle, 242-201 and 235-229, for a chance at the title.

In the championship round, the Shamrocks were solid in their defeat of University of Detroit-Jesuit, 199-184 and 184-159.

Leading the way for the Shamrocks was Joey Krzywonos, who earned all-Catholic recognition with a 650 series, bowling 266, 192 and 201 high games. Joe Alvord also earned all-Catholic honors, bowling a 629 with 211, 195 and 222 high games, while Chris Wilson rounded out the all-Catholic nods with a 619, bowling a 227, 202 and 190. Gerritt Hartwig was awarded all-CHSL academic honors.

"We are continuing our quest toward the state championship tournament," Bridges said. The Shamrocks will bowl in the regional this weekend in Canton and need to finish in the top three to advance to the Feb. 28 state championship.

The Shamrocks have won three tournaments over the last five weeks, having picked up the Oakland County Championship title, the Mercy Tournament and the CHSL tourney. They also finished second Feb. 8 in the Novi Tournament.

Detroit Catholic Central is 8-1-1 on the season.

Hockey team earns two shutouts

The Catholic Central hockey team picked up two big wins last week, blanking its opponents 8-0 shutouts in each contest.

The Shamrocks took on Brother Rice Feb. 11 and scored three goals in the first and third periods and two in the second. Scoring for the Shamrocks were Ryan Burnett, who had a hat trick, Mitchell Ossowski, Conner Gaffney, James Considine, Lucas Turner and Kyle Mulka.

Earning assists were Turner (three), Andrew Lane, Carter Cerretani (two), Ossowski (two), Wade Orlowski, Brent Jones, Burnett and Considine.

The victory went to Spencer Wright, who stopped all 13 shots.

The Shamrocks also shut out University of Detroit-Jesuit, outscoring them 3-0 in the first and second and scoring two goals in the third.

Picking up goals were Considine, Burnett, Brian Kearns, Dillon Jones, Gaffney, Adam Gawronski, Owen Kipke and Lane. Assists were earned by Burnett, Cerretani (four), Mark Gossett (two), Dillon Jones, Kyle Mulka, Domenic Mancinelli, Gaffney, Brent Jones and David Spiegel II.

Earning the win was Wright. He shared time with Michael Ronayne.

— By Sam Eggleston

Novi tankers solidify third in division

Vincent 0.76 seconds shy of 100-yard breast stroke title

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

Novi was the only boys swim and dive team to finish at the Central Division meet in the same position it was after four dual meets – third.

The Wildcats (3-4, 2-2 Central) tallied 349.5 points Saturday at their home pool, as Northville (655.5 points, 3-1 Central) and Livonia Steven-

son (608 points, 4-0 Central) glided to the top and Plymouth Salem (306 points, 0-4 Central) and South Lyon Unified (274 points, 1-3 Central) sunk to the bottom.

Per usual, Tanner Vincent led the way with solid individual finishes, taking second in the 100 breast stroke (1:01.48) and third in the 50 freestyle (22.55).

Novi also got a pair of top-eight finishes in the 200 medley relay at second (1:43.60) and eighth (1:52.30), as well as the 400 free relay at seventh (3:30.79) and eighth (3:41.24). The 200

free relay also took fourth in 1:31.50.

James Ciolli (fourth, 314.90 points) and Nathan Pellerito (sixth, 297.60 points) also proved strong for the Wildcats in the diving competition.

Novi didn't place anyone in the 500 freestyle and had its top three 100 free swimmers finish ninth, 10th and 11th, but four other events saw Wildcats slip into the top eight.

Sid Karedy took both fifth in the 100 back (59.59) and seventh in the 200 free (1:52.73).

Joey Berman also

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Novi (3-4, 2-2 KLAACentral) is at South Lyon East at 6 p.m. Friday and noon Saturday for the Kensington Conference meet. From there, diving regionals are March 4 at Ann Arbor Pioneer and the state finals are March 7-8 at Saginaw Valley State University.

took seventh in the 200 individual medley (2:13.21) and Toraki Maehata took eighth in the 100 fly (59.50).

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Longtime Novi secretary heading to Forest Hills Central

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

After a decade at the front line of Novi athletics, Carol Sprys is gone.

If you've ever used the eastern entrance to a Novi football game or attended a Novi soccer game, you've probably spoken as you've entered with Sprys, who was also frequently seen on the sidelines at just about any Novi sporting event.

On Feb. 5, the 10-year athletic secretary at Novi High School and 17-year veteran of the school district said her farewells and moved on to an identical position at Forest Hills Central, just east of Grand Rapids, a move spurred by her husband Joe's new job on the western side of the state.

"The job came open fairly quickly," Sprys said. "It was open, I applied and I got hired. It was lucky for me, because I get to continue doing what I love on the west side of the state. It was sad to leave, but I think it's a good move for both of us."

Joe Sprys was hired

as the National Heritage Academies' new director of construction at the turn of the new year.

The Spryses had lived in Novi for 22 years, graduating their children, Daniel and Rebecca, from Novi High in 2006 and 2008, respectively.

"I liked having my kids there and able to compete in their sports while I was there," Carol Sprys said. "And after they graduated, all the kids were my kids and it was fun (to follow the different teams)."

Breaking into the role when Curt Ellis was athletic director, Sprys was around as the Wildcats rattled off multiple girls soccer state championships, an ice hockey state title, several close calls for tennis and field hockey and countless individual feats over the years.

"Carol and her husband Joe have become close personal friends," said Ellis, who has been Saline Area Schools' assistant superintendent of human resources since September 2011. "We have enjoyed watching each other's children grow into



Sprys

young adults, have celebrated state championships together and wept over the

losses of former coaches and student-athletes. Through all the highs and lows, Carol has been a very steady presence in the Novi Athletic Department and if ever there was a Hall of Famer, Carol would be a first-ballot inductee. It is one of the true pleasures of my career to have worked with Carol and to continue to call her a friend."

Since Ellis left, Sprys was instrumental in keeping the Novi Athletic Department running smoothly as Julie Fiset and Christian Wilson cycled through the athletic director role before current AD Brian Gordon took over in August 2012.

"The respect that Carol displayed toward 'the game,' the process of running a first-class athletic department, is unmatched," Ellis said. "She treated our guests (officials and opposing

teams), very professionally. If ever there was someone that bleeds green and white, it is Carol. As a matter of fact, within certain circles of Novi, Carol and her husband Joe are known as 'Mr. and Mrs. Novi.'"

Sprys' replacement is pending approval by the Board of Education. Sprys was slated to start Feb. 10 at FHC.

After starting as a substitute secretary 17 years ago, moving on to the Transportation Department 15 years ago, before becoming the athletic mainstay of the past decade, Sprys said she still hopes to connect with Novi families during invitationals and state finals on the west side of the state. As she wrote in an email to co-workers, "I am sure I will meet some more great people and kids, but Novi will always be home for me. Luckily friendships last over time and distance. No goodbye, just see you later."

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Wildcats icers use crossovers to tune up for regional

Novi crushes Walled Lake Western 10-3

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

It was supposed to be a battle between the No. 7 teams in both the KLAACentral and Lakes conferences, but it wasn't even close.

With a 10-3 win over Walled Lake Western (8-13-2, 3-4-1 Lakes) Saturday at the Kensington Valley Ice House, Novi's boys hockey team (16-6-1, 9-3-0 Kensington) improved to No. 12 in the

state (No. 3 in Division 2).

Novi goalie Austin Petty had 26 saves and Western's Anders Elmblad had 49 saves despite allowing 10 goals.

It didn't take long for the Wildcats to show they were the stronger team. Novi led 2-0 after the first period and 6-1 by the end of the second period.

Stat leaders included Brad Hofelich (two goals, two assists), Ryan

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Novi (16-6-1, 9-3-0 KLAACentral) will visit Howell (15-6-1, 7-0-1 Lakes) at 6:50 p.m. today before a regional semifinal at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at home against either Walled Lake Western (8-13-2, 3-4-1 Lakes) or Walled Lake Central (5-15-1, 2-5-1 Lakes).

Baxter (one goal, three assists), Mike O'Reilly (two goals), Bryan Fegert (one goal, one assist), Nikalas Tewilliager (one goal, one assist) and Brendan Wexler (one goal). Mark Czapski, Josh Ward, Mitch Magliocco and Brennan Martin all had one assist.

Scoring for Western were Chris Donaldson (one goal, one assist), Austin Morgan (one goal, one assist) and Jalen Cooper (one goal).

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grabbed 33 rebounds.

Novi was led by junior Max Yanke (17 points, five rebounds), senior Nick Zugaro (14 points, nine rebounds, six assists, two steals) and sophomores Eric Foard (12 points) and Naji Ozier (10 points, four rebounds).

Also chipping in were sophomore Tony Asimadu (five points), junior Billy Ulle (five points, four rebounds) and sophomore Kameron Hankerson (two points). Senior Erik Biberstein (three rebounds) and junior Cameron Hatcher (four

rebounds) had one point each.

Although not as widespread, the offense was even more potent against Wayne, shooting 18-of-37 (48.6 percent) and grabbing 25 rebounds.

The scoring came largely from Yanke (19 points, four rebounds) and Zugaro (16 points, five rebounds, six assists, four steals), while Foard added eight points. Novi also had some input from Biberstein (four points, eight rebounds, one block) and Asimadu (four points).

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Members of Hino Trucks, including President and CEO Yoshinori Noguchi were on hand as former Hino Motors Ltd chairman Mr. Jagawa presents the key to the 10,000th truck to Roger Penske. Also in attendance from Penske Truck Leasing were Brian Hard, Art Vallely, Jim Molinaro and Paul Rosa. PR NEWSWIRE

Hino Trucks delivers 10,000th vehicle to Penske Leasing with ceremony

Hino Trucks recently held a ceremony to commemorate the delivery of the 10,000th Hino truck to Penske Truck Leasing. The ceremony took place at Hino's plant in Williamstown, W.Va., in front of its assembly team members and top management from Hino and Penske Truck Leasing.

"We congratulate the entire team at Hino and Toyota on this significant milestone," said Roger Penske, chairman of Penske Truck Leasing. "Hino continues to be a trusted supplier of high-quality trucks within our truck

leasing and truck rental fleets. We are pleased with the performance of these vehicles and the outstanding support Hino provides."

The 10,000th truck is a 2015 model 268A which is part of Hino's award winning line-up of conventional trucks that have garnered an industry reputation for providing the lowest cost of ownership in its class. The 268A is part of Hino's class 6 & 7 conventional truck line up that is suited for the lease and rental market segment where Hino has grown to 10 percent of the market. The

truck will be a part of Penske Truck Leasing's commercial rental fleet.

"This major milestone began in 2004 when PTL received its first Hino 268 truck. We are proud of our long-standing partnership with PTL and the delivery of our 10,000th Hino truck, a significant accomplishment for both companies. We are excited to mark this achievement and look forward to continuing to provide PTL with best in class trucks," said Yoshinori Noguchi, president & CEO for Hino Trucks.

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NOVI BUSINESS BRIEFS

Toast of the Town

Six Novi businesses will be officially recognized Feb. 28 at the Toast of the Town gala at the Baronette Renaissance hotel.

The awards, given by the Novi Chamber of Commerce, Novi Rotary and the city of Novi, were in two divisions – small (50 or less employees) and large (more than 50 employees) – with three categories in each. The winners are:

Community Builder: Tyler Dumas Reyes Specialists in Orthodontics (small) and Michigan CAT (large).

Best Place To Work: Red Level Networks (small) and Sidock Group, Inc. (large).

Customer Service Excellence: Yarmak & Co. CPA (small) and Varsity Lincoln (large).

Each winner will now receive an award at the Novi Chamber of Commerce Toast of the Town gala Feb. 28 at the Baronette. The event, open to the public, begins at 6:30 p.m. and is sponsored by Walsh College. Tickets include dinner, a live band, a live auction and raffle, hors d'oeuvres, dessert, a drink ticket and the awards ceremony. Some of the auction items include a two-night stay at The Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island, a University of Michigan tailgate package; and a Red Wings tickets package.

The cost is \$70 each or \$500 for a table of eight. Call the chamber at 248-349-3743 or visit www.novichamber.com to buy tickets.

ITC schedules year-end 2013 earnings release and webcast

Novi-based ITC Holdings Corp. (NYSE: ITC) will release consolidated financial results for the fourth quarter and year-ended Dec. 31, 2013, before the market opens on Feb. 27.

In addition, ITC will conduct a webcast and conference call at 11 a.m.

that day, during which Joseph L. Welch, chairman, president and CEO, and Cameron M. Bready, executive vice president and CFO, will discuss the results.

Individuals wishing to participate in the conference call may dial toll-free 877-644-1296 (domestic) or 914-495-8555 (international); there is no passcode. A listen-only live webcast of the conference call, including accompanying slides and the earnings release, will be available on the company's investor information page.

The conference call replay, available through March 4, can be accessed by dialing 855-859-2056 (toll free) or 404-537-3406, passcode 49758882. The webcast will also be archived on the ITC website.

AMEC chosen to decommission Consumers Energy's oldest coal plants

Consumers Energy has selected AMEC, with Michigan offices in Novi and Traverse City, to represent the company as the owner's engineer for the decommissioning program for the planned retirement of seven operating units at the utility's three oldest coal-fired generating plants.

AMEC, an international engineering and project management company, has extensive experience with power plant decommissioning.

"We're pleased to retain AMEC for this major project given its experience and resources to help us plan the retirement of power plants that have served our customers so well for more than half a century," said Dennis Dobbs, vice president of generation engineering and services for Consumers Energy. "As part of our commitment to Pure Michigan Business Connect, we're pleased to award this project to a company with an established Michigan presence."

The power plants

being decommissioned have an average operating life-span of more than 60 years with seven operating units, which Consumers Energy plans to retire by April 2016. The units are located at the Karn/Weadock complex in Essexville; the J.R. Whiting site in Erie; and the B.C. Cobb site in Muskegon.

Collectively, the seven units being decommissioned represent approximately 950 megawatts of electric capacity. Consumers Energy recently announced its plan to buy a 540 megawatt natural-gas power plant in Jackson to partially offset the planned retirements.

"AMEC will provide sound technical, engineering, and managerial talent to help ensure the best value is delivered to our customers," said Keith Welcher, Consumers Energy's decommissioning program manager.

Nachi Robotic Systems unveils new product

Novi-based Nachi Robotic Systems' SRA-H series robots offer advanced through-arm capabilities with high payload capacity, a feature typically only available on small robots.

Performing accurate offline simulations with Nachi's SRA-H Series Robots reduces installation programming time and allows designers to create work cell layouts with confidence. It's designed to minimize the chance of dress elements snagging on peripheral equipment or tooling, minimize maintenance, and increase up-time in your manufacturing process. Built on the proven industry-leading SRA Robot platform SRA-H series robots provide unmatched speed, repeatability, and reliability. Four models to choose from make SRA-H through arm robots capable of performing more applications with payloads ranging from 100Kg through 220Kg.

Local group calls out DTE Energy

By Sandra Armbruster
Staff Writer

The thin plastic tube threaded into Nancy Goedert's nose dropped down and disappeared into a black strap used for her oxygen.

"I suppose I won't be around for a long time," the Ferndale woman said. "But I suppose my grandchildren will, and I hope they have a long time in a friendly environment."

It was that concern about the environment that brought Goedert out to Irene's Myomassology Institute in Southfield last week for a press conference by Beyond Coal announcing that 120 Oakland County businesses signed on to protest DTE Energy's use of coal.

The businesses ranged from Wixom and Wayne to Bloomfield Hills and Berkley. They largely represented the service industry, with a few small restaurants as well.

Among them was Katie Reiter, founder of Our Greentopia in Berkley. Reiter's store offers "green" or environmentally friendly products that also support the business community, she said.

Reiter told the group of Beyond Coal members — an offshoot of the Sierra Club — that the cost of producing coal "is only going to continue to rise." She called the use of coal "dirty energy." She also claimed that for every \$1 invested in alternative energy sources, the economy grows by \$21.

"It's time for DTE to step up and do their part," she said.



Kathy Gauthier-Skubik, owner of Irene's Myomassology Institute in Southfield, talks with candidate Rudy Serra who put in an appearance at the event hosted by Beyond Coal. SANDRA ARMBRUSTER

That's something DTE says it is doing. Its website claims that the cost of producing energy is dropping for the business and its customers, due in part to decreasing cost and increasing production of its wind energy farms.

"...(DTE is) committed to evolving to continue our growth of less-emitting generation and zero-emitting generation. DTE also is committed to doing it in a way that minimizes the financial impact on our customers and supports Michigan's economy," DTE spokeswoman Randi Berris said.

Kathy Gauthier-Skubik, owner of Irene's Myomassology Institute, which was founded by her mother, talked about what she said is the "ramification of burning dirty coal."

She said her concern for the environment grew in the 1960s with the television commercial showing a Native American with a tear in his eye

as he viewed the world around him. The business, on Franklin Road south of Northwestern Highway, uses green products and has solar panels that produce energy for its operation.

Gauthier-Skubik said it "boggles my mind why DTE doesn't want to jump on the bandwagon," adding that the impact of asthma is "very serious."

As for DTE's alternative energy initiatives, "doing the bare minimum is not enough," she added.

DTE, however, disputes claims made by Beyond Coal.

"We believe their claims about the environment and public health concerns involving DTE facilities are inaccurate," Berris said.

That didn't convince Goedert.

"We have to take care of Mother Earth or Mother Earth won't take care of you," Goedert said.

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SE Michigan report: Home permits show seasonal slowdown

Based on single-family new home permit data compiled by the Home Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan and reported in the *HBA/Wells Fargo Southeastern Michigan Residential Building Activity Report™*, a total of 200 single-family home permits were issued in Macomb, Oakland, St. Clair and Wayne counties in December 2013. From a year-over-year perspective, permit activity in December was 10 percent lower than in December 2012 (221).

The lower activity in December was due in part to expected seasonal slowdown and was further affected by an early onset of winter snowstorms and frigid temperatures.

From a trailing 12-month perspective, the four-county

total of 4,601 permits is 29 percent higher than December 2012 (3,579).

For the year, in the four-county area:

» Counties: Pulte led the way with 2,158 single-family home permits. Macomb (1,532) and Wayne (863) rounded out the top three.

» Municipalities: Macomb Township led the way with 589 single-family home permits. Lyon Township (292) and Canton Township (288) rounded out the top three.

» Builders: Pulte led the way with 400 single-family home permits. Lombardo Homes (355) and MJC (223) rounded out the top three.

The *HBA/ASA New Housing Permit Forecast™* projects a total of 2,159 permits will be issued in the six-month Janu-

ary-to-June time frame.

HBA presented its Economic Forecast Luncheon and meeting Wednesday, Feb. 19, at the Best Western Sterling Inn in Sterling Heights.

The featured guest speaker was David Crowe, chief economist of the National Association of Home Builders in Washington, D.C.

In conjunction with this event, HBA's officers for 2014 took the oath of office and those members who volunteer their time by chairing committees, councils and task forces were recognized.

HBA's 2014 Executive Committee includes: President — **Paul Aragona**, Aragona Properties, Clinton Township

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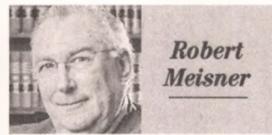
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Law covers tenants, drug use, sale

Q: I heard that a landlord can obtain possession of property from a tenant if there is a drug problem. Can you be more specific?

A: Under Michigan law, a landlord may give a tenant a written, 24-hour notice to quit if the lease contains a clause providing for termination if the tenant, another member of the tenant's household, or a person under the tenant's control engages in the unlawful manufacture, delivery or possession of a controlled substance, and if a formal police report alleging illegal drug activity has been filed. Previously, the landlord had to file the police report, but the law was recently changed to allow the landlord to serve the 24-hour notice if anyone has filed a formal police report. The tenant is still entitled to a hearing in court to dispute the allegations. You are best advised, of course, to seek legal counsel.

Q: I am confused about whether homeowners associations in general are covered by the Americans with Disabilities Act or the Fair Housing Act. I am also wondering whether we can keep our pet dog as a service animal. What are your views?

A: These are very complex issues and I will try to do my best to answer them in the space limitations. First, the ADA applies only when the association has a facility that is open to the public, which is unusual. The FHA, on the other hand, applies to most community associations. Often, association boards and property managers confuse the ADA and the FHA and require the homeowners association to pay for a requested modification, when, under the FHA, it is the applicant that is required to pay for the modification. Whether an association must allow a dog that is both a pet and a service animal depends on the needs of the resident. Generally, under the definition in the FHA, the animal must be trained for service, not merely needed for comfort. These are complex issues requiring a legal opinion from capable counsel.

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HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Sept. 30 to Oct. 4, 2013, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS

17417 Buckingham Ave	\$272,000
18184 Buckingham Ave	\$347,000
21699 Corsaut Ln	\$257,000
18485 Devonshire St	\$175,000
18931 Devonshire St	\$235,000
16925 Kirkshire Ave	\$275,000
31220 Pierce St	\$230,000
21050 Smallwood Dr	\$540,000

BIRMINGHAM

1237 Bird Ave	\$241,000
1679 Bowers St	\$253,000
2175 Dorchester Rd	\$215,000
1725 E 14 Mile Rd	\$66,000
1345 Fairway Dr	\$503,000
1905 Graefield Rd Unit 176	\$103,000
662 Purdy St # 216	\$212,000
1259 Puritan Ave	\$865,000
1070 Wimbleton Dr	\$320,000

BLOOMFIELD HILLS

3781 Crestlake Dr	\$425,000
1411 Kensington Rd	\$394,000
1533 Kensington Rd	\$250,000
4514 Lakeview Ct	\$395,000
3871 Wedgewood Dr	\$350,000

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP

6779 Crestway Dr	\$275,000
119 Drury Ln	\$445,000
7440 Duval Dr	\$415,000
764 E Fox Hills Dr	\$52,000
40 Hadsell Dr	\$425,000
1232 Lenox Rd	\$360,000
236 S Cranbrook Rd	\$323,000
4900 Susans Way	\$763,000
4113 Telegraph Rd # D-128	\$63,000

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1929 Alsop Ave	\$105,000
3198 Belle Terre	\$75,000
8598 Golf Lane Dr	\$300,000
3796 Ranya Dr	\$470,000
1095 Ridgemont St	\$210,000
893 Sherbrooke St	\$455,000
8273 Tamarron Dr	\$262,000
751 W River Dr	\$223,000

FARMINGTON

22900 Frederick Ave	\$140,000
36587 Heatherton Dr	\$198,000
31619 Leelane	\$135,000
23560 Loomis Ct	\$147,000
33242 Tall Oaks Ct	\$158,000

FARMINGTON HILLS

22590 Albion Ave	\$55,000
35220 Glengary Cir	\$302,000
23128 Glenmoor Hts	\$85,000
31141 Harmony Ln	\$70,000
28733 Hidden Trl	\$390,000
33631 Kirby St	\$127,000

24868 Lakeland St	\$170,000
37896 Mckenzie Ct	\$305,000
28257 New Castle Rd	\$135,000
29710 Nova Woods Dr	\$225,000
21122 Ontaga St	\$60,000
28313 Shadylane Dr	\$140,000
30480 Springland St	\$260,000
29860 W 12 Mile Rd # 607	\$70,000
29848 White Hall Dr	\$260,000
21622 Woodcrest Ct	\$260,000

FRANKLIN

32567 Haverford Rd	\$221,000
30574 N Greenbriar Rd	\$192,000
30585 Rushmore Cir	\$479,000

LATHRUP VILLAGE

26750 Meadowbrook Way	\$205,000
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MILFORD

832 First St	\$118,000
2181 Applewood Ln	\$211,000
31123 Artesian Dr	\$206,000
1032 Riverside St	\$351,000
947 Stone Barn	\$452,000

NORTHVILLE

48865 Castello Ct	\$175,000
21219 E Chigwidden St	\$265,000
21227 E Glen Haven Cir	\$119,000
45255 Galway Dr	\$255,000
953 Novi St	\$236,000
43499 Scenic Ln	\$440,000
43532 Scenic Ln	\$485,000

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47490 Edinborough Ln	\$700,000
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24411 Fairway Hills Dr	\$155,000
24623 Fairway Hills Dr	\$212,000
44769 Ford Way Dr	\$350,000
27632 Harrington Way	\$261,000
41585 Kenilworth Ln	\$243,000
27017 Maxwell Ct	\$249,000
22323 Peachtree	\$137,000
24530 Riverview Ln	\$240,000
43137 Sandstone Dr	\$247,000
27483 Sloan St	\$327,000
27099 Victoria Rd	\$280,000
39504 Westminster Cir	\$280,000
24144 Westmont Dr	\$400,000
24461 Willow Ln	\$117,000

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58312 10 Mile Rd	\$183,000
1315 Buckboard Cir	\$360,000
500 Chester St	\$205,000
26580 Daria Cir W	\$300,000
59402 Pacers Path	\$291,000
58675 Swing Beam Ct	\$79,000
827 Townsend Dr	\$273,000

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30543 Everett St	\$120,000
25445 Saint James	\$93,000

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4479 Coastal Pkwy	\$313,000
9145 Huron Bluffs Dr	\$308,000
9000 Lemaster Ln	\$250,000
8365 Pontiac Lake Rd # 6	\$30,000
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8515 Trenton Dr	\$390,000
8014 Wildwood Ln	\$221,000

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44247 Cherbourg St	\$170,000
568 Cherry Orchard Rd	\$162,000
7681 Chichester Rd	\$275,000
866 Constitution St	\$248,000
39841 Coronation Rd	\$167,000
49579 Courtyard Ln	\$185,000
1535 Dunston Rd	\$195,000
1600 Dunston Rd	\$269,000
1731 Dunston Rd	\$260,000
4025 Elizabeth Ave	\$126,000
218 Essex Ln	\$165,000
44696 Fair Oaks Dr	\$215,000
51286 Federal Blvd	\$77,000
860 Glenulline Dr	\$173,000
50240 Grant St	\$225,000
42223 Hanford Rd	\$165,000
4078 Hunters Cir E	\$103,000
2459 Lancelot Ct	\$235,000

1893 Lincoln Dr	\$225,000
42883 Lombardy Dr	\$182,000
41832 Old Bridge Rd	\$156,000
1696 S Pennfield Ln	\$90,000
42089 Saratoga Cir	\$142,000
44407 Savery Dr	\$68,000
46764 Spinning Wheel Dr	\$166,000
3331 Tall Oak Ln	\$335,000
4714 Timberline Dr	\$235,000
46882 Torrey Hill Ct	\$275,000
46926 Torrey Hill Ct	\$328,000
1016 Torrey Hill Dr	\$268,000
1064 Torrey Hill Dr	\$289,000
6432 Trafalgar Dr	\$357,000
2129 Vanderbilt Rd	\$213,000
47933 Wadebridge Dr	\$355,000
48835 Westbridge Dr	\$182,000
41306 Westfield Cir	\$175,000
43576 Yorkville Dr	\$111,000

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30608 Ford Rd	\$145,000
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28569 Maplewood St	\$55,000
32520 Rosslyn Ave	\$103,000
29049 Rush St	\$65,000
31225 Sheridan St	\$97,000

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14844 Brookfield St	\$170,000
9319 California St	\$146,000
36242 Club Dr	\$312,000
36318 Curtis Rd	\$220,000
8972 E Deborah Ct	\$178,000
14047 Fairway St	\$150,000
10032 Garden St	\$140,000
20557 Gill Dr	\$336,000
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9721 Horton St	\$180,000
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15645 Hubbard St	\$180,000
15328 Huff St	\$197,000
29723 Lamar Ln	\$107,000
19848 Maplewood St	\$116,000
20310 Melvin St	\$104,000
17539 Pershing St	\$125,000
33615 Plymouth Rd	\$275,000
33615 Plymouth Rd	\$245,000
19314 Rensellor St	\$66,000
15383 Richland St	\$147,000
15345 Shadyside St	\$135,000
19937 Southampton Dr	\$242,000

36085 Summers St	\$168,000
20155 Sunset St	\$155,000
31681 Vargo St	\$199,000
29750 W Chicago St	\$128,000
32015 W Chicago St	\$180,000
18311 Wayne Rd	\$330,000
16902 Whitby St	\$205,000
14472 Woodside Dr	\$185,000
15065 Woodside Dr	\$231,000
18371 Clairmont Cir E	\$825,000
17430 Crestbrook Dr	\$615,000
17640 E Northville Trl	\$405,000
49365 Hidden Ridge Dr	\$113,000
47540 Manorwood Dr	\$595,000
15108 Merion Ct	\$554,000
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27032 Fullerton	\$70,000
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18609 Garfield	\$34,000
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14272 Marshall Dr	\$138,000
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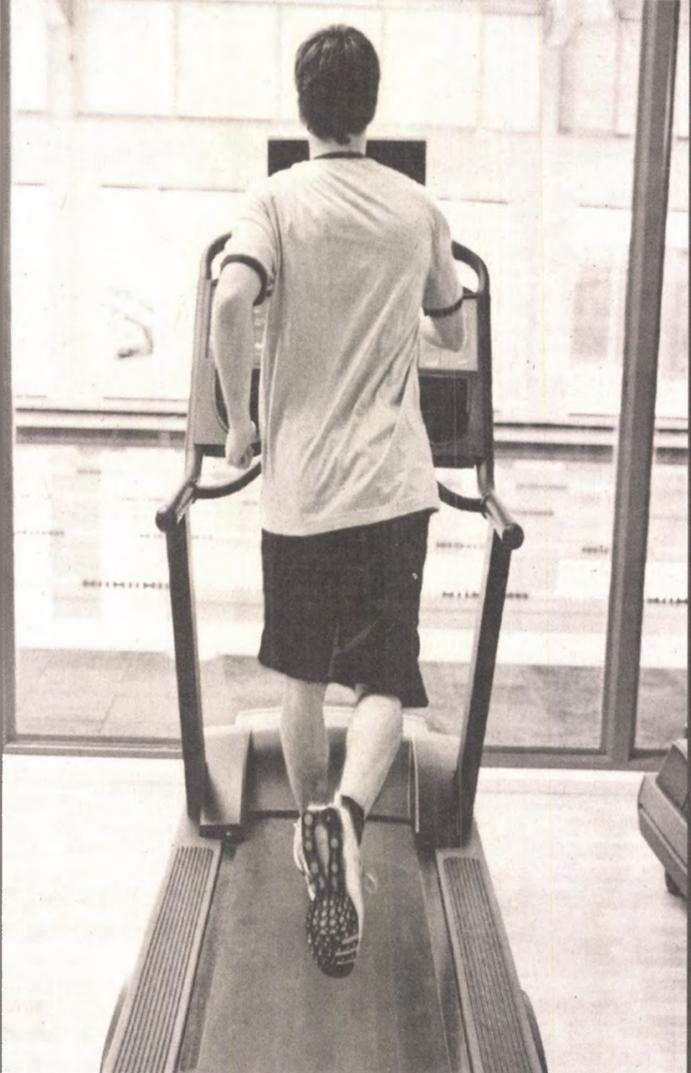
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Applying to a company



director of Chameleon Resumes, an executive résumé-writing and job-search service, says that in general, it's good to wait a minimum of three to six months. "There needs to be enough time to allow for a possible change in the company situation and for the person to amass additional and/or relevant skills that are different than before."

Applying the second time around

Depending on what you're looking for, and how important it is to work at the company versus in a particular position, you may wait until a similar position comes along, or you may be willing to work in a different function or department just to get a foot in the door. Based on what type of position you're applying for the second time, you should adjust your application materials as needed. But regardless of whether the position is the same or different from the original job you applied for, you need to show the company that you've grown.

"To be taken seriously for the competitive and coveted positions in the marketplace, those who are and aren't currently employed need to be advancing and improving themselves as time goes on," Siva says. "If applying for the same role, that improvement needs to speak to closing the gaps in their previous application. If applying for a different role or function, that progress needs to demonstrate the pivot in knowledge and the commitment made to pursuing the new function of focus."

"Above all else, the applicant needs to be bolder and more creative the second time around in order to stand out from other applicants, in addition to their former self and application," Siva says.

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Persistence is something we're taught at a young age. If we get rejected from a sports team, we're encouraged to practice until we improve and try out again. If we get a low grade in class, we're taught to study until we bring our grades up.

Persistence is an attribute that continues to be important as we get older, playing a part in everything from our relationships to our health to our careers.

When it comes to careers, persistence can certainly pay off, employers want workers who are truly interested in and passionate about their jobs. But what about when a job seeker gets rejected from a company that he really wants to work for? Can he continue to pursue employment at that company, or could his persistence work against him?

Joshua Siva, co-author of "BOLD: Get Noticed, Get Hired," says that job seekers shouldn't be discouraged from applying again to a company that's turned them down. "When an applicant has taken the time to understand the company, the people and the customers, getting rejected the first time around should never discourage that applicant from future prospects with the firm," Siva says. "Any number of reasons could have led to the rejection."

that has previously turned you down?

What to do before re-applying

Siva says there are three things applicants should do before applying again to the same company. The first is to understand the gap in their previous application. How? "Ideally this comes from the company through a contact involved in the hiring process, but if not, the applicant needs to be honest with themselves: 'Did I have the experience, did I speak the company's language, did I sell myself the right way?' Make a list of these things, and spend whatever amount of time is needed to close the gap, and be sure to have it documented and readily demonstrated."

The next move Siva recom-

mends a job seeker makes is to connect with someone at the company in a related function. "This is in order to learn everything about their role, their background, how they got in, company trends, etc.," Siva says. "It's amazing how far asking questions can take the applicant, because at the end of it all, the potential applicant will likely get asked about their own ambitions, and when shared, who knows what doors may open via the employee."

Finally, Siva suggests following up periodically with the human resources manager involved in the hiring process from the original rejection. In your follow up, Siva says to remind the HR manager of your resume on file, share what progress you've made since and

reiterate your passion for the company. "It's always a favorable position when an applicant is on the mind of an HR professional involved with recruiting, because they constantly have visibility and support requests to fill roles."

When it's OK to apply again

After you've been turned down by a company, you may be tempted to re-apply right away, especially if there's another job that interests you. But it may be in your best interest to wait it out a few months, to ensure that you're in a situation where it would make sense for them to potentially consider you again.

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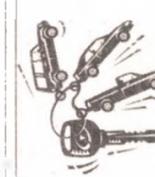
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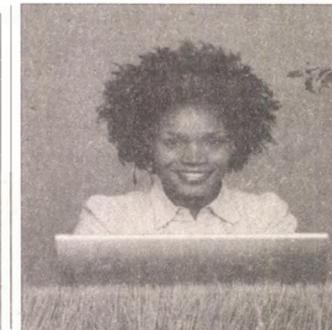
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