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Eberspaecher denied noise variance

City council members side with homeowners

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

After giving it a test run, the city of Novi has denied the request made by Eberspaecher North America, Inc., for a variance from city code that would have allowed it to conduct loading and unloading activities between the hours of 5 a.m. and

11 p.m. within 210 feet of the adjacent residential property. The facility is located northwest of the Novi Post Office, off Novi Road and Gen-Mar. However, because of the impact this could have on Eberspaecher's current operations, the Novi City Council approved by a 4-3 vote to extend the temporary variance it had granted nine months ago on a trial basis for another 90 days to allow the corporation to inform its business partners of the decision.

After 90 days, Eberspaecher must comply with the city code, which prohibits loading and unloading of any commercial vehicle between the hours of 8 p.m. and 7 a.m. within 400 feet of a residential structure. Council said it wants the business to thrive, but it ultimately denied the request based on the facts that there was little to no communication with residential neighbors by Eberspaecher. Also, its own sound study concluded there were at least sever-

al instances when it generated the loudest noise event of the day. Those were two things council wasn't hoping to hear when it revisited the issue of granting a variance. Both Mayor Bob Gatt and David Staudt, mayor pro tem, said the biggest mistake Eberspaecher made was not communicating better with its neighbors, the homeowners.

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Sisters and Santa



Santa chats with (left) Avery, 4, and Rachael Majeske, 7, during a Dec. 1 visit to Novi's Twelve Oaks Mall. The wait to visit Santa around noon that day was about 50 people and the Jolly Old Elf will keep meeting with kids at the mall's lower center court every day until Christmas.

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Open house highlights Novi's alternative, adult education program

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

Next Tuesday's Alternative and Adult Education Open House is a great opportunity to see what's being offered in Novi. "This is our chance to showcase our program," said Bob Steeh, director of Novi's Community Education.

At the open house, visitors can learn about flexible scheduling options, talk with staff and see state-of-the-art technology that makes the program so exceptional.

"Many in the community still don't know about us, so this gives them a chance to see what we're all about," said Linda Cianferra, Novi's Alternative, Adult and Continuing Education



Cianferra

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Novi's quality of life earns high marks

Residents give opinions via annual city survey

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

Although a small number of residents responded to the survey, Novi has again been deemed a satisfying place to live, work and play.

The results of the National Citizen Survey for Novi were presented recently to the city council by Dr. Thomas Miller of the National Research Center. The survey asks responders to voice their opinions on things like local economy, parks and recreation, safety and education.

Novi has been conducting this survey in partnership with the NCS every even year since 2006. In the most recent, a random sample of 1,200 households was surveyed and 323 surveys were returned for a 28-percent response rate.

Exceptional quality of life, improved public safety and improved economic health were Miller's favorable conclusions from the survey.

Overall, the majority of responders rated Novi as an excellent or good place to live and/or work. As far as education, cleanliness and overall



FILE PHOTO
Novi firefighter Mike Dimitrievsk coaches Chris Xing, 6, on using a fire hose at the 2013 Fall for Novi event. In a survey recently completed by residents, most who responded thought that Novi was a good place to live, with public safety playing a big part.

economic health, Novi was also rated as excellent or good. Responders also rated their neighborhoods in general as safe from crime.

Two areas of slight concern, according to the survey, were community engagement, rated as weak, and the street repair rating, which declined.

The community engagement rating surprised council members, because the city tries to reach out in various ways through its website and monthly magazine. However, streets are something council does want to improve. Repairs are being addressed, but unfavorable results could be due to the bad winter last year and resulting road problems.

Overall, Miller said Novi

has been, "strongly improving since 2006."

Council looks for suggestions on what the city can do better. Some of the important takeaways are the city needs to maintain the annual investments in its parks and recreation/cultural facilities, as well as in facilities and equipment for police and fire. Novi also needs to work with neighboring communities/school districts/other public entities.

To learn more, view the survey presentation at <http://www.cityofnovi.org/Agendas-Minutes/City-Council/2014/141124/Presentation1-NationalCitizenSurveyPerceptionResul.aspx>.

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NOISE

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Council members Andrew Mutch, Gwen Markham and Laura Marie Casey all voted against the temporary 90-day extension. They cited the quality of life as being essential for the nearby residents and that Eberspaecher's own study concluded it couldn't stay consistently within the regulations.

Homeowners concerns

Nearby homeowners Kim Bondar and James Wasolek were two of six residents at the meeting to express their con-



cerns over the request. Bondar said there have been many times that the noise was too much and at times was even outside the temporarily allowed hours. "They have violated the agreement on sever-

al occasions," Bondar said. "I don't want to see them cease operations, but rather abide by the code."

Wasolek urged council to deny the request based on the well-being of the neighborhood and allowing residents to sleep better without being awakened by the plant's noise.

Plant operations

Larry Wojciechowski, plant manager, told council that if the variance was denied then it could have a "catastrophic" impact on the plant's operations and could cause it to leave Novi.

He said the company has been looking for a

bigger location elsewhere in Novi and neighboring communities in order to consolidate its operations, but that probably wouldn't happen for another two years. It wanted the variance in the meantime.

Until it moves, Eberspaecher wanted to continue running three shifts on the site in response to expanding business opportunities, such as making exhaust systems for Chrysler, while also having loading/unloading conducted outside the city code hours.

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EDUCATION

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coordinator.

The program's staff understands that not all students obtain their

diploma at 18 years of age, so they offer a high school completion program for students who are age 20 and older.

They also recognize that all individuals have different learning styles, abilities and circumstances that impact the completion of their educational goals.

Adult education provides adults the opportunity to obtain a high school diploma or pass the general educational development test which gives those who did not complete high school the opportunity to earn their high school equivalency credential. Adults can also learn English and literacy skills regardless of abilities. It's also a good resource to prepare for jobs, career advancements and to further one's education and training.

A student wanting to improve his or her English skills can also go there to take English as a Second Language classes in a comfortable environment. This part of the program offers several classes - beginning, intermediate and high intermediate - covering topics such as American culture, life skills, reading and pronunciation.

A key part of the open



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Language Arts teacher Stephanie Scobie reads Charles Dickens to a Nov. 20 class at Novi's Alternative, Adult and Continuing Education school. The school will host an open house Dec. 9 to show what it has to offer the community.

house will be meeting with students and listening to what they have to say about their experiences, Cianferra noted. Another aspect will be learning about offerings for fifth-year seniors and credit recovery.

"The open house will help those interested to understand why we have high student success rates," Steeh said, adding that last year's program

was the largest graduating class with more than 30 students.

The open house is 4:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 9, at Novi Middle School (49000 11 Mile), where the program is located. Light refreshments will be served.

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An example of a Sears "Maplewood" home in Berkley.



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An example of a Sears "Martha Washington" home in Berkley.



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An example of Sears "Sherburne" home in Berkley.

Residents invited to photo tour of Sears kit homes

By Nathan Mueller
Staff Writer

Buying a home from a mail-order catalog was all the craze in the early 1900s.

There were hundreds of models to choose from and the kits arrived featuring upward of 25,000 pieces and parts for the purchaser to build themselves or for a contractor to build for them.

And according to Andrew Mutch, a Novi City Council member and researcher of Sears kit

homes with his wife Wendy, Berkley has several of these homes in its neighborhoods.

"It's a very interesting piece of United States history, both from the engineering side of things – how they could essentially give people the ability to build a house from a pile of materials – and the fact the oldest houses are more than 100 years old," he said.

The Mutches, who live in a kit house in Novi, are coming to the Berkley

Public Library at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 9 to talk about these homes, give people tips on how to find them and show a photo tour of the more than 30 kit homes they have found in the city.

Mutch said he found it "kind of mind-blowing" that people would purchase a home from a Sears catalog. The ones in Berkley are of all different styles.

According to Mutch, kit homes were the "ultimate do-it-yourself project." Sears sold between

60,000 to 70,000 homes from 1908-40.

"They have this really wide range," he said. "There are the very modest, bungalow-style homes, things people might associate with a kit house, and then they have this great collection of some of the biggest houses Sears offered.

"You don't find that range in most communities."

For more information about kit homes, visit the Mutches' website at www.kithouse

hunters.com.

People also can register for the program by calling the library at 248-658-3440.

"It is something Berkley has they can highlight

and we want to help the community be more aware of it," Mutch said.

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Extra funding needed to complete Seven Mile project

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

The road area at Seven Mile Road and E.N. Hines Drive is looking a lot better, but it required a little extra cash from the city of Northville to make it happen.

At its last meeting, the Northville City Council voted 5-0 to approve an increased amount of \$20,187 for a total payment of \$118,379 to Wayne County for the city's local share of the rehabilitation project.

"The original contract amount was \$1,179,879.57. However, during the course of the project, some additions were made, increasing the contract amount by \$117,616.57," said Northville Public Works Director Jim Gallogly.

Added work – an improved crosswalk, fixing some bridge issues and a sanitary sewer – led to the extra costs.

Last February, Gallogly said the Northville City Council approved a standard Intergovernmental Agreement with Wayne County for the rehabilitation of Seven Mile Road and E.N. Hines Drive in the City of Northville. This project was administered by the Engineering Division of the Wayne County Department of Public Services under an agreement with the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) utilizing federal program dollars.

He said it was necessary for Northville to enter into this agreement to share local costs in order that the project could be undertaken. The project was completed on schedule in August.

The 9.97-percent cost increase was mostly covered by federal funds. But Gallogly said because Northville and Wayne County are contractually obligated to share the increase in local share costs, the extra funding was needed.

Northville's share comes from reserves in the Street Drainage and Sidewalk Improvement Fund.

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The city of Northville approved extra funding to help complete the improvement project at Seven Mile Road and E.N. Hines Drive.

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Staff handles holiday weekend situation so learning goes on uninterrupted

At 10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28, our director of maintenance, Mike Dragoo, received a call from our security monitoring service that there was a fire alarm signal at the middle school. The Novi Fire Department was sent to the building and suspected that something significant was going on. The fire department requested that someone official from the district come to the school to discuss the situation.

Thankfully, Mr. Dragoo responded because he actually figured out rather quickly what was going on. If I had to respond, it probably would not have ended as well!

Mr. Dragoo entered the middle school and saw green propylene glycol on the floor in the atrium. He immediately knew what the problem was and entered the office area to find a shut-off valve. A pipe fitting had broken and was releasing this non-toxic, biodegradable fluid across the floor of the office and the atrium.

Mr. Dragoo called a restoration company, which arrived shortly after midnight at the middle school. Staffers worked through the night to clean up the mess.

On Sunday, Nov. 30, our assistant superintendent of business and operations, Steve Barr, visited the middle school to meet with an environmental company to survey the area. He was reassured that there was no cause for alarm for students or staff.

On Sunday, Nov. 30, Ms. Schriener and Mr. Comb, along with the secretarial and counseling staff, came to survey the damage to their office areas.

Custodians were brought in early Monday morning to finish the clean-up and to prepare for the arrival of students and staff.

Mr. Barr and I arrived shortly after 6 a.m. Monday to meet with Mr. Comb and Ms. Schriener to finish the game plan for where to locate office staff. Shortly after we arrived, tech staff began arriving to move computers and to set up secretaries and administrators in new, temporary locations.



Steve Matthews
SUPER TALK

I came back to the school when students were arriving and stayed through first hour Monday. As I walked the halls with Ms. Schriener and Mr. Comb, I saw teachers teaching and students learning. As far as I could tell, there was no disruption Monday to the teaching and learning process at Novi Middle School.

I share this story because it highlights two important qualities of the Novi Community School District. First, we have incredible staff. From Mr. Dragoo responding the Friday night of Thanksgiving break to Mr. Barr to Ms. Schriener to Mr. Comb to the secretaries to the counselors to the custodians to the tech staff, we had Novi employees go above and beyond so that 1,000 middle school students would not have their school schedule disrupted. They willingly gave of their time and energy to make sure that things were on track on this first day back from break.

Second, days are not wasted in our school district. On this first day back from break, teachers and students were actively engaged in learning from the first bell. Secretaries were in new places around the building, counselors were in a new room and administrators were spread throughout the building so that teachers and students could be about the work of school.

I was very impressed. Every day in our district, there is a lot that goes on behind the scenes so that our teachers and students can focus on teaching and learning. I am proud to work with such dedicated employees.

Steve Matthews is superintendent of Novi Community Schools. He can be reached at 248-449-1204 or smatthews@novi.k12.mi.us.

Parkview Elementary School celebrates 25th anniversary

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

Parkview Elementary recently celebrated 25 years of educational excellence. Constructed in 1989, students, staff and parents took time out to recognize the importance of the moment.

"The students were excited to throw a birthday party to celebrate 25 years of academic excellence. The students collaborated with parents and teachers to plan this exciting event," Parkview Principal Jenifer Michos said.

Staff and students broke into cross-grade level groups to come up with ideas and thoughts from their heart and mind as to why they love Parkview, according to Michos, and each child placed their ideas on a colorful paper balloon. They gathered into the gymnasium for a whole school celebration, which included student speakers, announcers, chanters and singers.

"The energy was contagious as we reflected on the 25 ways students are impacted by the Parkview community," Michos said.

The PTO also unveiled a new 25th anniversary shirt commemorating the special event and parents also presented staff members with a plaque in honor of the birthday celebration.

The students' balloons were hung on the walls to show their collective birthday wishes for an amazing school and hopes and wishes for the next 25 years.

"The message to students was that the school was constructed 25 years ago, but it is truly the families and staff that make it a place we love to come to every day to learn," Michos said.

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Fourth-grade student Jordan Franchino writes her thoughts on a paper balloon on why Parkview Elementary is special to her. A few moments later, the school celebrated its 25th anniversary Nov. 14 with a gathering in the gym where its students, teachers, staff and visiting parents all sang "Happy Birthday" to the Novi school.



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Parkview Elementary School Principal Jennifer Michos displays a plaque given to the school Nov. 14 to celebrate its 25th birthday. The school opened in 1989 with about 225 students; today, after a few additions to the building, it has more than 500.

SCHOOL BRIEFS

WLC gets research donation

The Michigan Society for Medical Research, in recognition of continued Walled Lake Central High School student participation in its annual student essay contest, donated more than \$2,000 worth of Denoyer Geppert Anatomical Models to the school's anatomy and physiology classes. These models are high-quality teaching models that will be available for student use for many years to come.

A representative from MISMR spoke Dec. 3 to students in Dr. Marykay Marks'

class. There was a formal presentation and recognition for MISMR's generous donation at that time.

Anatomy and physiology students at Central have been submitting papers in the annual MISMR annual student essay contest since 2007 on the subject of the use of animals in biomedical research.

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Walled Lake district receives \$10K grant from AT&T Foundation

The Foundation for Excellence of the Walled Lake Schools received a \$10,000 grant from the AT&T Foundation to support Michigan's DROP OUT CHALLENGE embraced by Walled Lake School District's three high schools.

The district is committed to diligently using the early warning signs – A-Attendance, B-Behavior and C-Course Performance – and place “at risk” students in the WLCS Drop Out Challenge District program. Funds will be used to support needed tutoring, mentoring and procurement of resources to

address identified deficiencies. Walled Lake School's personnel, high school administrators and faculty will collectively work to intervene, understand and identify factors contributing to gaps within student learning.

This collaborative effort is part of the Response to Intervention initiative being addressed within each high school. Furthermore, funding will permit acquiring reference literature for mentor's use in developing and implementing methods, means and strategies for bridging gaps within students'

academic framework. The award from the AT&T Foundation will accelerate the plans and goals to be put in place for assisting “at risk” high school students.

“The foundation is proud to receive this funding through the AT&T Aspire Program, which will make a difference within our classrooms by bridging gaps created by dwindling budgets and resources that have been stretched beyond their effectiveness,” said Michelle Bianco, foundation executive director.

The work and mission of the foundation is car-

ried out year round in order to preserve its 23-year history of engaging support and resources for the classrooms of the Walled Lake School District; raising more than \$850,000 during its tenure. Mini-grant disbursements this past 2013-14 school year resulted in providing funds to support the WL District's K-12 Art Exhibit, an elementary school family literacy night and disability awareness day, a middle school anti-bullying program, procurement of iPad minis and graphing calculators for the classroom and much more.



Pictured (from left) are Cynthia Campion, FFE treasurer; Charles Morgan, W.L. Central principal; Evette Hollins, AT&T state Rep. Clint Kesto; Kenneth Gutman, W.L. superintendent; Michelle Bianco, FFE executive director; Chuck Phillipson, FFE chairman; Greg Diamond, W.L. Northern principal; and Harvey Donohue, W.L. Western assistant principal.

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Wednesdays 6:45-8:15 p.m.
Awards, 3 yrs and thru 5th grade (Sept.-March)
and Youth Group for 6th grade and older
Website: milfordbaptist.org

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"

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-0000219781

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.

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

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-0000219783

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

Highland

HIGHLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
680 W. Livingston Rd. • Highland, MI 48357
248.887.1311 • www.myhucm.com
Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Kids Church: 9:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.
MS & HS Youth: 11:00 a.m.
Wed is MS Youth Night: 6:30 p.m.
Griefshare, Mondays, 6:30 p.m.

Milford United Methodist Church
1200 Atlantic St., Milford, MI 48381
Sunday Worship: 8:30 am, 10:30 am, 6:00 pm
Children's Church: 10:30 am
Groups for Children, Youth and Adults
248-684-2798
www.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

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

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

OAKPOINTE milford CHURCH
1250 South Hill Rd.
(248) 685-3560 www.opcmilford.org
Contemporary Worship Service: Sunday 9:15 am & 11:15 am
Adventureland 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 Various Schedules

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 Harlocker, Pastor
www.fpcsouthlyon.org
LO-0000219712

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

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

WEST HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
1116 S. Hickory Ridge Rd., Milford, MI 48380
248-887-1218
Sunday Worship 9 am & 11:15 am
Wed. Kids-6:30 pm/Adults-6:45 pm
Also Small Groups / Ministry Teams

The Church of Christ
21860 Pontiac Trail • South Lyon, MI 48178
248-437-3585 • www.southlyoncoc.org
9:30 a.m. Sunday School,
10:30 a.m. Praise and Worship
Wednesday Midweek Ministries 7 p.m.
Troy Singleton, Minister
LO-0000219712

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-0000219722

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

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

first united methodist church
south lyon, mi (248) 437-0760
Worship: 8:15 am, 10:45 am,
11 am & 6:30 pm
Sunday School: 9:40 am
Rev. Sondra Willobes, Lead Pastor
southlyonfirstumc.org

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

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-0000219811

WARD CHURCH
40000 Six Mile Road
Northville, MI 48168
248.374.7400
Sunday Worship Services
8 a.m. | 9:30 a.m. | 11 a.m.
A different music styles from classic to modern
www.wardchurch.org
LO-0000219850

Shepherd's Way Lutheran Church, ELCA
59255 10 Mile Rd.
South Lyon MI 48178
Sunday Worship 9:00 AM
Education Hour 10:15 AM
Rev. Bart Muller, Pastor
248-573-7320
www.shepherdswaysouthlyon.org

CROSSROADS COMMUNITY CHURCH
28900 Pontiac Trail • South Lyon
248-486-0400
www.ecrossroads.net
Service Times
8:45am, 10:00am & 11:30am
Renewed Hope Counseling Center
248-560-7507
mopec.net

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

Our Saviour Apostolic Lutheran Church
54899 8 Mile Rd. at Currie Rd. Northville, MI 48167
248-374-2268
Sunday Worship:
9:45 am Children's & Adult's Sunday School
10:30 am Fellowship/Coffee
11:00 am Worship Service
Wednesday Bible Study at 7 pm
Pastor Andy Whitten
oursaviouralc.com

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-0000219848

FELLOWSHIP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Services held at:
Saint Andrews Episcopal Church
16360 Hubbard Road - Livonia
South of Six Mile Road
Adult Sunday School 8:30 - 10:15 a.m.; Worship 10:30 a.m.
Childrens Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
Dr. James N. McGuire • Nursery Provided
LO-0000219744

For more information regarding this Directory, please call Sue Sare at 248-926-2219 or e-mail: ssare@hometownlife.com

RELIGION CALENDAR

Send calendar information to cstone@hometownlife.com by noon Monday to be included in Thursday's publication. The calendar is also available online at www.hometownlife.com.

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 for 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. Pre-register.

Church of the Holy Family

Location: 24505 Meadowbrook Road.
Contact: 248-349-8847 or visit holymfamilynovi.org.

Mass Schedule

Time/Day: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday through Friday; 7 p.m. Monday and 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.

AA: 8 p.m. Wednesdays.

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 crosspointemeadows.org.

Sunday worship: 11 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 multi-sensory worship experience.

Destiny Worship Center

Location: Ridge Wood Elementary School, 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.

Youth group: 7 p.m. Wednesdays.

Women's Coffee Break Bible Study: 10-11:30 a.m. Mondays; *Christianity and World Religions: Wrestling with Questions People Ask* by Adam Hamilton

The Andy Griffith Bible Study: 11 a.m. Sundays; adult Bible study

Special Needs Ministry: Contact Judy Cook, 248-442-8822.

Faith Community Presbyterian Church

Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile.

Contact: 248-349-2345 or visit www.faithcommunity-novi.org.

Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

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.; 6 p.m. Evening Traditional Service.

Thursday: 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group and Bible Study.

Tuesday: 9:25 a.m. Women of the Word Bible Study - the Books of Ruth and Esther

Wednesday: 5:30 p.m. family dinner; 6:30 p.m. Caravan Scouting program for ages 4 through fourth grade; Club 56 for fifth and sixth graders; Surge Youth Group, Bible Study with Pastor Troy Ogle; and Little Critters for preschool age.

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.

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

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

Cookie Walk 2014: 8:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 6. Fundraiser for the Appalachian Service Project. (ASP), a Christian home repair/home building ministry through which volunteers and staff repair and build homes for low-income families in rural Appalachia. Seventh- through 12th-graders, along with adult chaperones, travel and stay for a week in Appalachia each summer on this mission to make homes warmer, safer, and drier for families in need. Please come purchase fresh, homemade holiday cookies to support this mission trip. We will have homemade nut-free and gluten-free cookies as well.

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 Merriman, Livonia.

Contact: 734-427-8743 or visit www.livoniachurch.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, at 248-348-7757; visit mbccc.org; or email to office@mbccc.org.

Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

Church School and Nursery

Care: provided during worship.

Fellowship Hour: 11 a.m.

Orchard Grove Community Church

Location: 850 Ladd Road, Building C, Walled Lake.

Web: www.orchardgrove.org.

Contact: Amanda Rehm at 248-926-6584 or amanda.rehm@orchardgrove.org.

NorthRidge Church

Location: 49555 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth

Phone: 734-233-3621

Email: pheaton@northridgechurch.com

Northville Christian Assembly

Location: 41355 Six Mile.

Contact: 248-348-9030; ncalife.org.

Sundays: 9-10 a.m. Sunday School for adults/youth/children; 9 a.m. Contemporary service in sanctuary; 10:15 a.m.: Contemporary service in worship center; children's super church on the second level (208/210).

Wednesday Family Night: 7 p.m.; Adult elective classes; junior and senior high ministries; children's programs, Nursery and Preschool Program on Sundays and Wednesdays. Home of Northville Christian School; call 248-348-9031.

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Marine Corps' Toys for Tots relies heavily on volunteers

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Each Christmas season, volunteers locally and throughout the U.S. work with members of the United States Marine Corps on Toys for Tots, which began in 1947. Residents are encouraged to donate new, unwrapped toys for children at area drop boxes.

Rebecca Perelli Yarbrough of Novi is a volunteer regional area coordinator for the Marine Corps Toys for Tots. She is available at 248-331-7433 or T4TRebecca@aol.com.

Yarbrough is in her 28th year of Toys for Tots volunteering. "Because children are our most important asset," she said of her work, with all Toys for Tots efforts volunteer.

She told her dad about her son, now 21, who has worked on Toys for Tots all these years, too. Yarbrough couldn't give up volunteering when she saw the look on her son's face as he opened Christmas presents.

"Look at that face. I put that on 100,000 kids. Everything you do good in life comes back to you," she said. "Rewarding is a small word compared to what it is."

Yarbrough's communities are: South Lyon, Novi, Northville, Plymouth, Canton, Salem, Farmington, Farmington Hills, West Bloomfield, Milford, Highland, East Highland, Commerce, White Lake, Keego Harbor, Walled Lake, Wixom, Orchard Lake, Wolverine Lake, Union Lake, Clarkston, Seven Harbors, Andersonville, Davisburg, Springfield, Thomas, Oakwood, Walters, Perry Lake Heights, Oxford, Ortonville, Brandon Gardens, and Holly. A wealth of informa-



Sgt. Shawn King

tion can be found on the www.toysfortots.org website. Organizers note that if you do not see your community listed, you should visit www.detroit-mi.toysfortots.org or www.trenton-mi.toysfortots.org.

If you are unable to contact a local area point of contact, contact coordinator Marine Staff Sgt. Scott Bare at 586-549-9238 or Scott.Bare.T4T@gmail.com.

Checks payable to the Marine Corps Toys for Tots Foundation are welcome at: Toys for Tots Marine Coordinator, (ATTN) Marine Coordinator, 1st Bn 24th Marines, Selfridge Air National Guard Base, 27601 C St, Mt. Clemens, MI 48045.

In early November, Yarbrough was putting in eight-nine hours a day on Toys for Tots four days a week. That steps up to 15-hour days by mid-November when the volunteers get into their warehouse.

Those interested in volunteering can email Yarbrough, with sorting opportunities heavy in December after the warehouse gets set up in November.

"We've got some wonderful events coming up," Yarbrough said. Scouts assist with toy drives each year, there are pancake breakfasts,

and many businesses sponsor Toys for Tots events.

"Oakland County is a stellar contributor to the program," she said. "They have always come through. It is just fantastic. Every year it overwhelms me."

Toys for Tots donation canisters are around town, too, and donations are also welcome online. Yarbrough said local community needs are first met, with additional donated toys then shifted to nearby needy areas.

"The goal is to put the toys out in the kids' hands," she said, adding some volunteers work year-round on drives to guarantee sufficient toys.

The general cutoff age is 13, but volunteers try to accommodate teens who have younger siblings receiving toys, and ask about that on the application.

"Personally in my own heart they are the ones we need to connect with," Yarbrough said of the teens. "They get lost in the shuffle."

She's also requesting limited stuffed animals due to their harboring germs. Yarbrough noted that to request help you should visit the www.toysfortots.org website home page and click on the "Request Toys" tab.

She's seeking additional help with vehicles, such as a truck or cargo van. Dick Scott is donating a minivan, one of many business supporters the organizers appreciate.

Toys for Tots is a 67-year-old national charitable program run by the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, and provides happiness and hope to disadvantaged children during each Christmas holiday season.

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IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Menchie's frozen yogurt recently opened a shop in Northville Township north of Six Mile along Haggerty Road. Owner-operators are husband Anant (left) and wife Urvashi Patil (right); joining them are workers Mickey Klugman and Sujata Dave.

Menchie's serving frozen yogurt, smiles

Q: Tell us about your business, including the types of services and/or products you feature.

A: Our mission is to make you smile! We offer a great atmosphere where friends and family can enjoy some quality time together and enjoy a cup of delicious frozen yogurt. We have over 100 flavors of yogurt and sorbets that we will be rotating. Fourteen flavors are available at any one time, plus several toppings to make your own unique mix. Toppings range from dry toppings like almonds or M&M's to chilled toppings like cookie dough and fresh fruits. You can even top it off with sauces like chocolate or peanut butter sauce. Our featured flavor for this month is Cinnabon Classic Cinnamon Roll. The featured

DETAILS

Name: Menchie's Northville Village
Address: 17911 Haggerty Road
Name/Title: Anant Patil, owner
Hometown: Northville
Opened: Oct. 4, 2014
Employees: 12
Specialty: Frozen yogurt
Hours: 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday; 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday
Phone: 248-449-4733
Web: www.menchies.com

toppings this month are Cinnabon Morsels & Cream Cheese Icing.

Q: How did you get started in this business?

A: We were looking for a fun and fresh opportunity that our

entire family could be involved with and this fit the bill perfectly. Menchie's is a family-oriented concept and our values were in line with what they were offering. It was a great fit for us.

Q: What's the best reason to do business in the Northville area?

A: We've lived in Northville for a while now and really wanted to open our store in Northville. It's a fantastic place to do business as well as raise our young family. To be a part of an incredible community like this really falls in line with our values at Menchie's. We've already been able to hold a fundraiser for the public schools and hope to do many more. In fact, we are still looking for more organizations to partner with and assist them

with their fundraising efforts. If you're interested, please stop by or call us to explore an easy and fun way to raise funds for your organization.

Q: How are things going lately?

A: Things are going really well. The word is spreading that we are open and more and more guests are starting to walk through our doors.

Q: Do you have a funny tidbit or story to share with our readers about your experience so far as a small business owner?

A: We've owned other small businesses before, so we knew what we are getting into as far as hard work goes. This experience has been unique because we get to meet and interact with so many great people on a daily basis.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Mastery Technologies partners with SunShower Learning

Continuing in its efforts to provide quality training content to organizations nationwide, Novi-based Mastery Technologies welcomes its newest content partner, SunShower Learning, to the Mastery Training Content Network.

SunShower Learning is known for its thought-provoking training programs covering issues surrounding workplace inclusion and diversity. Mastery has published SunShower Learning's award-winning training program, "Anyone Can Be An Ally: Speaking up for an LGBT Inclusive Workplace" on its video on demand format. The 14-minute video demonstrates how anyone can be an ally to create a respectful workplace that is inclusive of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender co-workers.

Hobby Lobby preparing for Novi store opening

Hobby Lobby Stores, a privately held national retail chain of craft and home decor stores, is set to open a new store in the Novi Town Center. Construction and renovations have begun on this 55,000-square-foot building formerly occupied by Borders, located at the corner of Town Center Drive and Crescent Boulevard.

This is Hobby Lobby's 21st location in Michigan, which is projected to open at the beginning of February. The location will bring about 35-50 jobs to the community paying \$15 per hour for full-time and \$10 per hour for part-time associates.

Hobby Lobby Stores, Inc., headquartered in

Oklahoma, began as Greco, a miniature picture frames company in 1970. When David Green moved his business from the family's garage to a 300-square-foot retail space in 1972, Hobby Lobby was founded. Today, Hobby Lobby has more than 600 stores across the nation that average 55,000 square feet in size.

Store hours are 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday; closed Sunday.

More than 1,300 new jobs likely result from funds

Thirteen Oakland County companies received almost \$700,000 from the state's Skilled Trades Training Fund, enabling them to hire nearly 1,300 new employees while upgrading the skills of more than 700 current employees.

The funds will be used to train current employees in occupations such as software programming support, electrical vehicle development, computer-aided design, welding and robot operations.

The companies in turn agreed to contribute nearly \$3 million in matching job training funds to help prepare their workforces. Coupled with funds received in 2013 from the state fund, Oakland County employers — through Oakland County Michigan Works! — received more than \$1.1 million to retrain its existing workforce and hire new employees.

"The program provides a fantastic opportunity to help our employees advance and add to our growth," said Juli Elkins of Gable-TEK, a Troy-based engineering and robotics firm that received about \$23,000 in training funds.

SJMHS, Probility announce letter of intent

St. Joseph Mercy Health System and Probility Physical Therapy announced the signing of a letter of intent which will bring the two organizations together, combining their strengths to provide outpatient physical therapy to the community.

The agreement would combine the operations of Probility's six therapy clinics in Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti, Saline and the village of Clinton, with the health system's seven clinics that are part of St. Joseph Mercy-Ann Arbor and Livingston. Probility will become a wholly-owned division of SJMHS, with the same leadership in place in the new entity.

"We are very happy to have found an organization with the same commitment to high quality, safety and service," said Patrick Hoban, CEO, Probility Physical Therapy, headquartered in Ann Arbor. "It was clear from initial meetings that this would be a great fit for both of us, enabling the strengths of our treatment approach to physical therapy to reach a broader market."

With 78 percent of all physical therapy performed outside of the hospital setting, this partnership will enable SJMHS to extend its services to the retail setting, where 60 percent of physical therapy currently takes place.

"This is a great opportunity to expand our outpatient physical therapy capabilities to a larger marketplace," said Rob Casalou, regional president and CEO, St. Joseph Mercy Health System. "Probility is well-regarded in the local community for its treatment approach and the high-quality service it consistently provides its patients. With our complementary approach to service, this strategy supports our mutual goals to provide the best possible outpatient physical therapy to those in the community."

Probility will manage the outpatient physical therapy services at St. Joseph Mercy-Ann Arbor and Livingston hospitals and its outpatient health centers in addition to its current operations. All physicians can continue to refer patients to any clinic in the SJMHS-Probility system. Day-to-day operations will remain much as they are today with a continued focus on providing excellent care to patients.

This transaction includes seven outpatient therapy locations in Ann Arbor, Brighton, Howell and Canton that are part of St. Joseph Mercy-Ann Arbor and Livingston. Physical therapy at these locations spans a full continuum of services, including health promotion, prevention and rehabilitation. Roughly 158 employees work in outpatient therapy to provide skilled therapeutic intervention to foster improvement in physical functioning and maximize overall quality of life. Services include amputee rehabilitation, back/neck pain and dysfunction, balance rehabilitation, traumatic brain injury rehabilitation, breast cancer rehabilitation, cranial sacral therapy, developmental and hand rehabilitation, voice therapy, lymphedema, orthopedic and sports medicine, stroke rehabilitation, vestibular rehabilitation and wheelchair seating and fitting.

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Welcome Dr. Irby-Johnson

The St. Mary Mercy Medical Group would like to extend a warm welcome to NiJuanna Irby-Johnson, MD. She joins our medical group of over 25 primary care and specialty physicians as an internal medicine physician. She has more than 10 years of experience in adult primary care, preventative care and management of chronic disease.

Dr. Irby-Johnson received her medical degree from Wayne State University School of Medicine and is board certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine.

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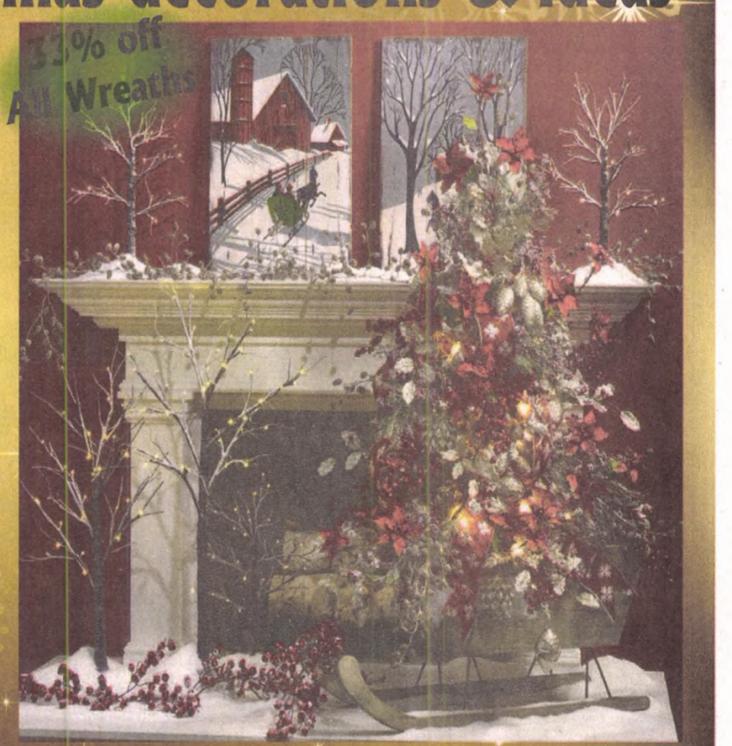
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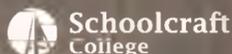
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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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Light Up the Night

The annual Light Up the Night event will take place 6-9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, on the Novi Civic Center Campus. Mayor Bob Gatt and a special visitor from the North Pole will light the holiday tree at 6:15 p.m.

Activities will be held indoors and out and includes a craft show, kids crafts, marshmallow roasting, hockey skills competition, petting farm, ice sculptures and more.

Live performances from various dancing groups featuring Mexico Lindo Ballet Folklorico, Polynesian Dancers of Michigan and other various dances will take place on the indoor stage. Attendees will enjoy free food samples from several local restaurants. A hay wagon will shuttle people to and from the Novi Public Library to enjoy two magic shows featuring Baffling Bill at 7 and 8 p.m. The ever-popular Dan Dan the Choo Choo Man will offer miniature train rides 6:30-9 p.m.

"The annual Light Up the Night event is an opportunity for community members to gather together and share in the festive seasonal spirit," said Jeff Muck, director, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department.

Light Up the Night is presented in partnership with Bright House Networks, ITC and many other Novi businesses.

For more information about Light Up the Night in Novi, go to www.cityofnovi.org or call the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department at 248-347-0400.

Novi Choralaires holiday concerts

The Novi Choralaires holiday performances include 4 p.m. Sunday,

Dec. 7, at the Novi Senior Center Auditorium (25075 Meadowbrook Road); 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12, at the Farmington United Methodist Church (33112 Grand River Ave.); and 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, at the Church of the Holy Family (24505 Meadowbrook). Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors and children under age 12 and \$10 for groups of 10 or more.

Visit www.novi-choralaires.org for more information.

"Wicked" ways at Twelve Oaks Mall

A wicked partnership is brewing between Twelve Oaks Mall and Broadway's blockbuster *Wicked*, now in its 11th year on Broadway and flying back to the Detroit Opera House from Dec. 10 through Jan. 4.

Now through Dec. 14, visitors to Twelve Oaks can delight in the World of *Wicked* museum display, special offers from retailers, weekend giveaways and other "Oz-some" exclusive offerings to celebrate this worldwide theatrical sensation.

"The World of *Wicked* display located on the lower level near Lord & Taylor, where visitors can walk through Glinda the Good's bubble, view the "Behind the Emerald Curtain" museum display and take a photo in Oz;

"The Passport to Oz featuring special offers from 39 retailers. Passports are available at Glinda's bubble located at the World of *Wicked* Display.

Winner of more than 100 international awards, *Wicked* is the untold story of the witches of Oz. Long before Dorothy dropped in, two other girls meet in the land of Oz. One, born with emerald-green skin, is smart, fiery and misunderstood. The other is beautiful, ambitious and very popular. *Wicked* tells the

story of their remarkable odyssey, how these two unlikely friends grow to become the Wicked Witch of the West and Glinda the Good.

"The *Wicked* partnership builds on successful promotions done at several other Taubman centers," Twelve Oaks Marketing and Sponsorship Director Emily Taucher said. "We're delighted to be bewitched by *Wicked* this holiday season."

Gorman's partners with Arc

It is estimated that nearly 4.6 million Americans have an intellectual or developmental disability. Gorman's Home Furnishings & Interior Design, through its Lifeline of Hope Campaign, will once again raise money to help make a difference in the lives of these local individuals and their families.

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The Arc of Oakland County Inc. is Michigan's largest community-based organization of and for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. It works through education, research and advocacy to improve the quality of life for the people it serves.

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Give blood, platelets

The American Red Cross asks eligible donors to give something that means something this holiday season – a lifesaving blood donation.

Blood donations often decline this time of year when donors get busy with holiday festivities and travel. Severe winter weather and seasonal illnesses, like the flu, can also have a serious impact on blood donations, but the need for blood remains steady. On average, the Red Cross must collect 15,000 blood products every day for patients across the country.

Prime Care of Novi (39555 W. 10 Mile) will be taking donations from 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Dec. 14.

Eligible donors with all types are needed, especially those with O negative, A negative and B negative. To learn more about donating blood and to schedule an appointment, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit www.redcrossblood.org or call 800-733-2767.

Novi Farmers Market continues through winter

The 2014 Novi Farmers Market was so successful — with hundreds of people enjoying fresh vegetables, flowers and other items throughout the summer and fall — that the market will continue through the winter with gourmet foods and artisan items indoors at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 10 Mile Road.

The winter market will take place twice monthly from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. the following Saturdays: Dec. 6 and 20; Jan. 10 and 24; Feb. 14 and 21; March 7 and 21; and April 4 and 18.

The market will showcase an expanded selection of Michigan food products, as well as selected artisans with items to complement the home. Patrons will find foods, decor and gifts for holiday entertaining.

To stay in the know about the Novi Farmers Market, including recipes, vendor features and more, like it on Facebook. For more information, contact manager RoseAnna Twitchell at 248-347-0400 or www.rtwitchell@cityofnovi.org.

Plan with Novi Older Adult Services

City of Novi Older Adult Services is planning a variety of fall events, providing fun opportunities for attendees to stay active and socialize with friends. Each below event includes a meal and entertainment.

» Thursday, Dec. 11 — “Rockin’ Around the Christmas Tree” holiday luncheon, noon to 2 p.m., Meadowbrook Activity Center

The events are \$7 for Novi residents and \$8.50 for non-residents. There is no cost for Veterans at the Home of the Free, Because of the Brave Brunch. Pre-registration is required and is available now at the Older Adult Services office (45175 10 Mile Road) and

the Meadowbrook Activity Center (25075 Meadowbrook Road).

To learn about the above programs or additional older adult social and educational programs, call 248-347-0414 or visit www.cityofnovi.org.

Coffee with the Superintendent

Join Novi Schools Superintendent Steve Matthews for Coffee with the Superintendent at the Novi Public Library in the Board Room 202 on: Dec. 15 (6:30 p.m.); Dec. 17 (10:15 a.m.); Jan. 12 (6:30 p.m.); Jan. 14 (10:15 a.m.); Feb. 9 (6:30 p.m.); Feb. 11 (10:15 a.m.); March 9 (6:30 p.m.); March 11 (10:15 a.m.); April 13 (6:30 p.m.); April 15 (10:15 a.m.); May 11 (6:30 p.m.); and May 13 (10:15 a.m.).

Art classes for older adults

City of Novi Older Adult Services invites those ages 50 and above to socialize, relieve stress and lift moods by taking part in the upcoming Color Your World art class series. The classes are led by volunteer Novi High School art students who want to share their love for art. No previous experience is necessary.

Pre-registration is required and can be completed online at www.cityofnovi.org, at the Novi Civic Center (45175 10 Mile) or Meadowbrook Activity Center (25075 Meadowbrook Road).

Classes are held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. each Saturday at the Meadowbrook Activity Center. There is no cost to register, but a \$3 supply fee will be due to the instructors at each class. The schedule includes:

» Saturday, Dec. 13: oil pastels; learn color-blending techniques.

For more information, call 248-347-0414.

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Chelios visit Barnes & Noble

Join former Detroit Red Wings player Chris Chelios for a book signing of *Made in America* at Barnes & Noble (17111 Haggerty Road, Northville) at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 8. A wristband is needed in order to enter the signing line. Wristbands will be distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis beginning at 9 a.m. that day.

Call the store for more information at 248-348-0696.

Film fest deadlines

The deadlines for the 2015 Rock Hard Film Fast all-ages competition are approaching — Jan. 1 for musicians; Feb. 1 for filmmakers. Returning as special guest judge is Allee Willis, a Grammy and Tony award-winning songwriter/artist.

The three-day event will kick off its second year at Detroit Farm and Garden at 7 p.m. Friday, June 5. Registered filmmakers and musicians will be introduced and then randomly paired into teams by random drawing. All teams will be given specific elements that need to be incorporated into their music videos. They will be given 48½ hours to

complete their music videos. The finished music videos will then be screened at a Detroit theater and a \$500 first place cash prize will be given for Best Music Video. Also awarded will be the Audience Choice award for Best Song.

The entry cost is \$100 for filmmakers; \$80 for student filmmakers; and \$50 for musicians. Mail payments to P.O. Box 5290, Northville, MI 48167.

Sponsors opportunities are available; contact event founder Lisa Meininger-Abraham at rockhardfilmfast@gmail.com.

For more info, go to www.rockhardfilmfast.com and follow on www.facebook.com/rockhardfilmfast, www.twitter.com/rockhardfilmfast and www.instagram.com/rockhardfilmfast.

Northville Woman's Club kicks off holidays

The Northville Woman's Club will kick off the holiday season at 1:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, with a program of Christmas Legends and Stories by Jane Riddle at First Presbyterian Church of Northville.

The event will include both stories and songs of Christmas from Riddle, who wears many hats as co-owner Lodi Farms, the Ann Arbor nursery and landscape business she started in 1992 with her husband Dan. In addition to the nursery and a 56-acre tree farm just west of Jackson, Riddle also is an active member of the One Voice Gospel Choir, which has performed throughout the world.

Music of the holiday season will also be featured Dec. 19, when the Northville Woman's Club welcomes Ellen Woodward, director of the First Presbyterian Church of Northville TeDeum Handbell Choir. Woodward, who plays with the Detroit Handbell Ensemble, will present a Christmas Handbell Solo during the club's Christmas Tea at 1:30 p.m. In addition to the program, the club will also introduce its new members.

Those interested in further information about the club or attending its programs should contact president Lorraine Andary at 248-349-9463.

Friends of the Rouge meeting

Friends of the Rouge will host its annual Membership Meeting & Dinner on Tuesday, Dec. 9, at Glen Oaks Country Club in Farmington Hills. Registration will begin at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner and special program. The business meeting (free to FOTR members) will begin at

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7:20 p.m. Reservations are currently being accepted and all are welcome to attend. Dinner reservations are available for \$35 per FOTR member, \$40 per non-member and \$300 for a reserved table for six. Guests may select from chicken, vegan, or vegetarian entree options. Pre-registration is required. Online reservations may be made via the Annual Meeting page at www.therouge.org.

The evening will feature FOTR's first-ever Green Infrastructure Panel discussion with local leaders who will field questions about local and regional green infrastructure efforts and best practices for homeowners.

Following dinner and the panel discussion, the business meeting agenda will include presentation of board nominees and

election; presentation of the Best Friend of the Rouge awards; report from FOTR leadership; and highlights from FOTR programs.

Bell ringer update

The Salvation Army is rolling out two new volunteer bell ringing competitions this year, as well as featuring a bell ringer of the day/week. The first competition is to the individual bell ringer that completes the most two-hour shifts during the 2014 Red Kettle Campaign. The second competition is for the bell ringer that refers the most new bell ringers. There are prizes for the winner of each category, plus an invitation to the awards luncheon in May. The bell ringer of the day will be featured on www.registertoring.org and the weekly bell ringer will be featured on the

Facebook site. The Salvation Army Christmas Fund Raising Campaign for the Belleville, Canton, Northville and Plymouth service area has currently collected \$21,244.12 (12.3 percent) of its \$225,000 Red Kettle Campaign goal for this year as of Nov. 22. However, it is currently 13.5 percent behind last year's collections.

Through the generous support of the community, approximately 250 families were provided with the fixings to prepare a traditional Thanksgiving meal.

If you would like to become a volunteer bell ringer, sign up online at either www.ringbell.org or contact Sandy Kollinger, Volunteer & Special Events coordinator, or Katie Wenzel, Christmas Kettle coordinator, at 734-453-5464 ext. 24.

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On December 18, 2014, the Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing at the Township Municipal Offices located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48168 to present the 2015-2016 Budget for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds. The meeting begins at 7:30 PM. The primary objectives of the CDBG program are to fund eligible activities that benefit low and moderate income persons, aid in the prevention or elimination of blight, aid in ADA compliance and/or address an urgent community development need.

The public is invited to attend and provide comments. For additional information please contact the planning department at 248-348-5800.

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The Angel House opens new facility, looks to help more women thrive

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Karen Lewis launched her nonprofit supporting those in poverty seven years ago, first running it out of her house and then a facility in Detroit. When that building burned down in 2010, she took a few years away from her work, not sure if she'd return.

After the death of a fellow parishioner at Deeper Life Gospel Center in Redford she had worked with, she spoke with the Rev. Wade A. Bell Sr. about her work and he convinced her to return to helping those in need.

"I really was just going to fold up and close," the Farmington Hills resident said. "My pastor gave me all the paperwork back and he said, 'She would want you to go forward with this.' So that's what encouraged me to go forward with this: my pastor."

Today Lewis, as well as her daughter and several people she knows from church, operate

The Angel House in Livonia, a nonprofit organization designed to support those who suffer domestic violence by providing support through gift cards and other assistance.

The Angel House, 28441 Five Mile, relocated to Livonia in May 2013 and reopened its renovated facility earlier this summer after Lewis struck a deal with a neighboring tenant to expand her space from 50 square feet to nearly 1,000 square feet. With the new space, the facility has a small banquet facility to hold events, such as weekly game nights, something that takes place each Friday night.

The game nights run 7-9 p.m. and the cost is \$5 a person to play a variety of board and card games. Lewis said the facility also opens from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. each day each during the week for seniors to come and play games at a cost of \$5 a person.

All proceeds go to The Angel House, which is currently looking to pur-

chase an area facility to help house women who need to escape from abusive relationships and homes.

"Our goal is to get this building where we can house 60 women in," she said. "In that building, they will be able to learn that they don't have to live in poverty, they don't have to take abuse."

Those who are in need of support can stop by the office during the day and fill out an application.

The facility also accepts old cellphones and spare change to help the cause, plus has T-shirts that sell for \$15. All proceeds go to the organization.

A family affair

The nonprofit originally started in 2007 as an organization to help women rise out of poverty, but the mission has shifted slightly in recent years, especially after a personal tragedy struck Lewis and her family.

Her daughter, who was eight months pregnant, was killed earlier this year in a case of domestic violence, she said. Before her death, her daughter expressed a desire to launch a program similar to The Angel House in Texas where she lived.

"I'm sad that me and



Staff members at The Angel House (from left): Cynthia Jordan, Monica Jordan, Sonia Taylor, Rychael Walton and founder Karen Lewis.

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my daughters started this organization to help women get out of poverty and I've had to end up taking it to domestic violence because I lost my daughter and my grandchild to domestic violence," Lewis said.

Since the incident, her other daughter, Rychael Walton, has returned to Michigan after living in Arizona and works full time at The Angel House.

She came back to the Midwest for her sister's funeral and her husband asked for a divorce days after. She's taken those

challenges as a sign from God that she was destined to work to help other women.

"It's been challenging, but I've been able to pick up every day and go about my life and remember my sister," she said.

With domestic violence being a national discussion issue this fall after incidents in the National Football League, Lewis said now is as good a time as ever to start that conversation about what can be done to prevent domestic vio-

lence. With her own life touched by domestic violence, it's a issue she keeps close to her heart.

"(Former NFL football player) Ray Rice just did me a favor. I'm sorry I had to say that, but he did me a favor to open up more doors to domestic violence to get the word out about my daughter," she said. "I will fight domestic violence for the rest of my life."

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Workshops offer hope for those grieving during holidays

New Hope Center for Grief Support will offer a workshop for those grieving the loss of a loved one throughout the holiday season.

The workshops are offered at no cost and will be presented by New Hope speakers, church pastors and funeral directors.

"The holidays are very difficult for those grieving the loss of a loved one," said Karen

Laing, executive director at New Hope.

"The purpose of these workshops is to offer grievers a quiet and reflective space to speak with others in similar situations as well as practical tools they can use to plan for the holiday season."

The sessions will provide an overview on preparing for the holidays and offer a time for remembrance of lost

loved ones through candle lighting services.

Holiday workshops in metro Detroit are:

- » Livonia – RG & GR Harris Funeral Home (15451 Farmington Rd.), 3-4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6
- » Garden City – RG & GR Harris Funeral Home (31551 Ford Rd.), 3-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7
- » Saline – Keystone Community Church (3375 Saline Waterworks Rd.), 9 a.m. to noon Sat-

urday, Dec. 6.

» Brighton – International Day of Remembrance for Parents Who Lost a Child – Brighton Cornerstone Presbyterian Church (9455 Hilton Rd.), 6:45-8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14

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Vigilance important to avoid 'Trouble in Toyland'

By Nathan Mueller
Staff Writer

It's a scene Donna Bucciarelli has seen far too often in the emergency room.

A kid comes in after swallowing something he shouldn't have or, worse, he swallowed something that completely blocks the airway.

It is often a panic situation at the time, but the key, said Bucciarelli, who serves as the trauma prevention coordinator for Beaumont Health System, is being vigilant, because many of these situations can be prevented.

"Supervision and common sense are the most important things," she said. "And it's not just with the new toys, but keeping track of old ones as well."

Prevention is especially important as the holiday shopping season approaches and toys fly off the shelves. And Beaumont is once again at the forefront of the education process by sponsoring the release of the Public Interest Research Group in Michigan's annual Trouble in Toyland report.

The report, which is slated to be released early next week, provides



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Ryan Roush (left) and Sachin Ploucha check out the toys during a program announcing the release of the Trouble in Toyland report.

safety guidelines for consumers buying toys, as well as examples of toys currently on the shelves that pose potential safety risks.

The most common hazards found on store shelves include ones that are choking hazards, contain toxic substances, are magnetic and ones that make a lot of noise. Bucciarelli said these hazards are found in toys from numerous companies and various price ranges.

"We have seen it across the board," she said. "It's companies you don't recognize and ones

you do."

PIRG's report found numerous toys this year that fail the toilet paper roll test — meaning if it fits inside a toilet paper roll, it is probably unsafe for children under 3 years old.

Five toys were reportedly found with concentrations of toxins exceeding federal standards.

But while many of these toys remain on the shelves, Bucciarelli said a lot has been done over the years to cut back on those posing severe safety concerns.

"Without the constant policing and vigilance



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Donna Bucciarelli, trauma prevention coordinator for Beaumont Health System (right), Dr. Robert Morden and nurse Erica Surman talked about what parents should look for when shopping for toys this holiday season.

and knowing people are watching, I think the standards would go backward," she said.

U.S. PIRG Consumer Program Director Ed Mierzwinski said they "commend the emergency medicine and pediatric experts at Beaumont and other hospitals around the nation for helping educate parents about

potential toy hazards."

For more information about the report and to get toy safety tips, go to

www.toysafetytips.org.

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Postal Service delivers Letters to Santa

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. And the Postal Service can help prove it when Santa replies to a child's letter to Santa — complete with a North Pole postmark.

The Letters to Santa program adds to the excitement of Christmas and is perfect for interesting youngsters in letter writing.

Here are the steps for children to get a letter back from Santa:

1. Have your child write a letter to Santa and seal it in an envelope addressed to: Santa Claus, North Pole.

2. Tell your child that you'll place a stamp on the envelope and mail it to St. Nick for him or her.

3. Later, when alone, open the envelope, read the letter and write Santa's response on the back of the child's letter. Have Santa write: "It's important to be green and save paper. That's why I'm writing on the back."



USPS
The U.S. Postal Service has recently issued Santa Forever stamp.

4. When responding as Santa, reference your child's accomplishments not included in his or her letter, for example, Santa is so proud that you volunteered to help or Santa is really impressed with the great job you're doing in school — especially with math. Sign it San-

ta Claus with a P.S. to get to bed early Christmas Eve.

5. Place the letter into a new envelope addressed to the child at his or her home. Be sure to include: Santa Claus, North Pole, as the return address on the envelope. Don't forget to apply a

first-class stamp, such as a recently issued Santa or Rudolph Forever stamp.

6. Place the stamped envelope in a larger envelope (or Priority Mail envelope) with adequate postage addressed to North Pole Holiday Postmark, Postmaster, 4141 Postmark Dr., Anchorage, AK 99530-9998

7. Letters from Santa must be received by the Anchorage, AK, postmaster by no later than Dec. 15.

8. The Anchorage postmaster will open the envelope, remove Santa's letter addressed to your child, apply the North Pole postmark and mail it back home.

When Santa's letter arrives, have your camera ready when you ask your child to open the letter and read it to you. Share the photos on Twitter and Facebook using the hashtag #SantaLetters.

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OUR VIEW

Holiday giving: Know charity before making donation

You may have missed Giving Tuesday, what with all the hoopla surrounding the four biggest days of the holiday shopping season – pre-Black Friday (a.k.a. Thanksgiving), Black Friday, Small Business Saturday and Cyber Monday.

Giving Tuesday was founded in 2012 as a way to promote and celebrate the great American tradition of giving. For many of us, giving to charities like the Goodfellows, The Salvation Army and Toys for Tots is as much a part of the holidays as the shopping and celebrations with family and friends.

For many charities, the donations they receive now will support their efforts throughout the year. Locally, hundreds of families and children will have a bright and beautiful Christmas thanks to the generosity of strangers.

And the solicitations will go well beyond local groups. Mixed in with the sizable increase of mail and email requests for charitable donations, telephones will be ringing with this or that organization looking for assistance. Some will come from well-known organizations, but there will be those from less recognizable groups.

Charitable giving done before Jan. 1 means that the monetary gifts will be deductible on the 2014 tax return, but before you give, take the time to find out where your money is going. Don't let glossy campaign literature sway you to opening your checkbook or use your credit card. Our recommendation is to focus on charities you know and trust.

The Better Business Bureau recommends that if you are unfamiliar with an organization that is soliciting donations, don't give without first getting details about the charity. Don't be fooled by low overhead claims – get the charity's information. Ask for the charity's name, address and written information on the charity's programs and finances.

Know how much of your purchase goes to the charity. If something is being sold to benefit a charity, be wary of statements such as "all proceeds go to charity." Look for a disclosure that states exactly how much will go to the charity's programs.

A case in point is the Kids Wish Network, which had the dubious honor of being the worst charity in the nation in a 2013 review of charities with wasteful spending practices done by the *Tampa Bay Times*, CNN and the Center for Investigative Reporting. Based on "cash paid to solicitors in the last decade," the report found that of the \$127.8 million raised for Kids Wish Network, \$109.8 million went to the solicitors.

Give by check or credit card. When you give by check or credit card, you have proof of your donation when it's time to do your taxes. Never be pressured into giving cash and never give via wire transfer.

Just say no. If you get a call from an unfamiliar organization asking for a contribution over the telephone by credit card, just say no and hang up. The caller could be calling you from anywhere in the world. The longer they keep you on the telephone, the more likely they will be to pressure you into giving. Once they have your credit card number, they could max out your credit limit within minutes.

If you get an email from an unfamiliar organization asking for a contribution, do not click on links or download attachments. You could download viruses to your computer. Scammers send out millions of fake "phishing" emails every day to steal personal information.

Tuesday may have been Giving Tuesday, but it's never too late to give. Charity begins at home, but make sure your money will be wisely spent.



For many of us, giving to charities like The Salvation Army is as much a part of the holidays as the shopping and celebrations with family and friends.

GUEST COLUMN

Protecting our waters: SAW grants are big step toward cleaner future

The intense rain events and flooding around Michigan last summer underscored something we rarely talk about in Michigan – the condition of community sewer systems.

Sewer systems are like any other infrastructure; we take them for granted until they stop working. And when sewers fail, everyone notices. While



Dan Wyant

GUEST COLUMNIST

sewer backups and overflows have an immediate impact in residential basements and neighborhoods, these failures also are a leading cause of beach closures and environmental impacts. Overwhelmed

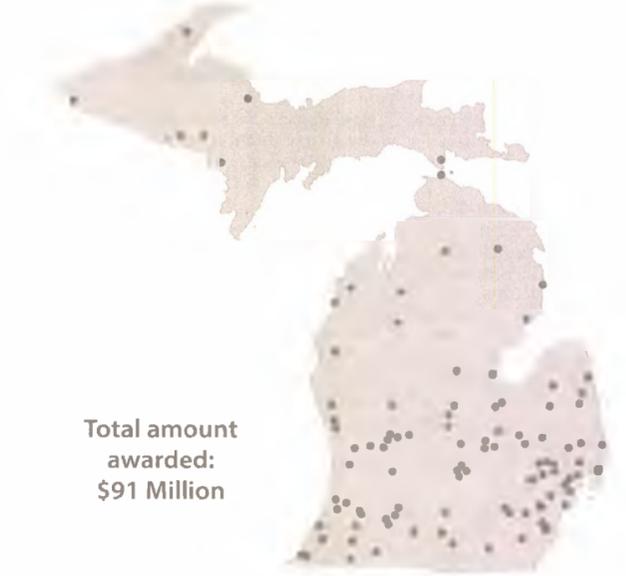
sewers jettison raw or partially treated waste water into our rivers, lakes and streams. Recently, the DEQ announced the second round of a special grant program Gov. Rick Snyder initiated to protect and improve our communities and our waters. Storm water, Asset Management and Waste water grants offer communities up to \$2 million for the costly first step in any maintenance effort – planning for the future.

Historically, the DEQ has offered low-interest loans for repair projects and communities kept maintenance funds to handle emergency projects.

During Michigan's "lost decade," most townships and cities were forced to rob from their maintenance funds to pay other bills.

This put local units of government into the unfortunate position of scrambling to fund repairs when things break, instead of scheduling planned

Stormwater, Asset Management, and Wastewater (SAW) Grants awarded October 2014



maintenance and preventing disastrous sewer failures.

No city is born overnight. They grow, one neighborhood and shopping center and office complex at a time. Roads and sewers grow in tandem with the rest of the community. So any local unit of government is underpinned by a vast network of sewers that vary in age, use and condition.

Mapping and assessing that network is the first step toward proactive maintenance and maintenance is what will protect our waters and grow our communities in the years to come.

Gov. Snyder committed \$450 million to this four-year effort. Community sewer authorities were allowed to request up to

\$2 million each for specific projects. Recently, DEQ announced the second round of funding – \$91 million going to 115 cities and townships.

DEQ still offers project loans for sewer and other water infrastructure. But the SAW grant program is a credit to Gov. Snyder's 40-year vision for a Michigan where we take responsibility for our future, plan ahead and never have to spend our summers hoping it doesn't rain.

To learn more about SAW grants and how the DEQ protects Michigan waters, go to Michigan.gov/DEQ.

Dan Wyant is the director of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Boosters show successful

It was a fantastic chance to see one-of-a-kind craftwork and get a jump start on your holiday shopping season.

The Novi Athletic Boosters hosted its second annual Holiday Kickoff Arts & Crafts Show at Novi High School on Oct. 18. This year's show featured 187 crafters with a wide variety of crafts. There were many local artists and quite a few from out of state. This event is one of the Boosters' premier fundraisers to raise money for our high school and middle school athletic teams.

We would like to thank all of the crafters, attendees and volunteers for making this year's event very successful.

We are already working on next year's event, which will again be held in October. Keep checking our Facebook page for more information at facebook.com/NabHolidayKickOffArtsAndCraftsShow?ref=hl

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Jack Kilger
Novi Athletic Boosters

Praise Obama's immigration action

Three cheers for President Obama and his immigration reform. The president again shows himself to be a noble person who cares deeply for people, families, and human dignity. I am sickened by Republican leaders who are so haughty and sanctimonious in condemning the president's action.

To tell the truth, Republican leaders seem to have a single, cheap goal – destroy the president and every one of his accomplishments.

James Gualdoni
Commerce Township

Rodney King, Trevon Martin, Michael Brown

I am Alice in Wonderland. I am in the United States of America not the MidEast nor Russia.

I have feelings of outrage, disappointment, hopelessness, anger, frustration, injustice, worry.

I have questions and suspicions about the process and the

timing of the announcement about the decision of the grand jury in Ferguson, Mo., regarding the August shooting of yet another African-American youth, Michael Brown, by a white policeman. Was everything from the beginning orchestrated to achieve predetermined goals? Does every human life have value and worth? Is there license to kill? Is the USA the land of the rule of law or lawlessness?

I am thankful there were peaceful reactions and demonstrations in many places in our country. I am grateful for being born white.

Now what?
Hannah Provence Donigan
Commerce

Have I got this right?

Milwaukee has had vouchers for 23 years and the United States Department of Education ranks them among the very worst urban schools in the country.

Sweden has had privatization and choice for 30 years. They rank below the United States on international testing and are in the process of changing to a public school system.

Chile was schooled in vouchers and choice by none other than Milton Friedman, the father of choice and vouchers. They are no longer financing private schools with public money.

Both "No Child Left Behind" and "Race to the Top" have been abject failures. Yet, *Detroit News* columnist Ingrid Jacques, in the face of charter school failure nationwide, wants more choice and vouchers.

What passes for "reform" in this country is an unmitigated disaster. For too long, we have listened to corporatists, who wish to profit through privatization of American schools and a few wealthy and well-intentioned citizens who are unschooled in how children learn (Bill Gates and Eli Broad).

We need to look for improvement by emulating our high-performing schools (Massachusetts, New Jersey, Connecticut) and Finland, a top performing nation that is subjected to standardized testing a grand total of once in the educational life of a student.

Al Churchill
Livonia

Monument bad idea

The Fallen Heroes Monument is a really bad idea. Police don't even make the top 10 for danger-

ous professions and firefighters don't even make the top 15, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The primary goal of police is to protect the city's interests, not the citizens' interests.

Elevating public servants like this is wrong. It sends the message that their lives are more important than the citizens they serve and, of course, they are not. Prove me wrong by putting the name of every Livonian who has died on the job on the monument. If you do not, I am right and this is about elevating the government above its people.

Put the name of every fisherman, logger, pilot, garbage collector, roofer, steel worker, farmer, driver and electrician on the monument because their jobs are more dangerous than police and fire. If you do not, you are making a very public statement that their lives are not worth what a cop or fireman's is worth. You are telling their families that their loved one is not missed as much the cop's family misses them. You are telling their orphaned children that their dad or mom was not as important as the dad or mom who was a fireman.

We have had this type of aggrandizement of government before, but then we were called "The Colonies." We all know how that turned out.

Edward Collins
Livonia

Changing the rules

It seems clear the GOP is intent upon changing the rules to "guarantee" the election of a GOP president in 2016. This conspiracy has been outlined by Republican Rep. Pete Lund, who with his counterparts in select other "blue states," want to manipulate the electoral college. Not nationwide, mind you, but only in select Blue States that elected President Obama but are now GOP-controlled Congress.

This naked power grab and sabotage of our electoral process should be identified for what it is. Rep. Lund and his co-conspirator were not satisfied with massive voter suppression in the last election., the GOP now wants to change the rules to rig the next election.

This sabotage and manipulation of our political process should be seen as what it is. A bunch of adolescent babies who cannot win the game so want to change the rules. Pathetic.

Gerald Maxey
Farmington Hills

SNOWFALL: WHEN YOU SHOVEL, AVOID TROUBLE AND BE SMART

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Shoveling snow isn't what most Michiganders look forward to each winter, but it has to be done. Physical therapist Dawn Thomas, who works at the Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan in Birmingham, part of the Detroit Medical Center, has health tips for snow shovelers.

"First of all, you want to push the snow when possible," said Thomas, a Royal Oak resident who earned her master's degree in physical therapy from Oakland University in 1995. "It's more in tune with your body."

Thomas, who specializes in orthopedics with a focus on the spine, noted layers of snow pile up. It's best to work on your snowfall in increments to ease the load, "helpful to take stress off the back."

Sometimes snow must be lifted rather than pushed. In such cases, Thomas says it's best to position your lifting hand near the "scooper" part of the shovel, by the handle's base.

"That will draw the load closer to your body," she said, with less spine



FILE PHOTO

Chris Shurin uses a fancy shovel to handle the job on an earlier snow day. It's important to push snow when possible in shoveling and to minimize strain on your back by bending your knees and hips, keeping your back as neutral as possible if snow must be lifted in shoveling.

stress. "You want to bend your knees and your hips. Your gluts and your quads (muscles) are doing the work."

Keep it natural

Your back should remain as neutral as possible, Thomas said, with you picking up the load and "move your feet to the direction where you're going to dump the snow. You're not having to lift and turn it."

A smaller shovel used will weigh less, she said: "That automatically makes you bite off smaller chunks."

Some "crunchy" snow is harder to shovel. Thomas said, "The fluffier the snow the easier it is to clear it."

Overall fitness and especially heart attack risk, including high blood pressure, should always be considered, she said: "You have to consider what your fitness level is. It is stressful on your body."

Layer up

For some people with age and/or health issues, neighborhood kids or a snow clearing service are the way to go, she

said. When it comes to clothing, wicking layers should be worn, as you'll build up sweat while working.

You should cover all skin, make sure your vision isn't blocked by a hat or scarf, she said, and wear good treaded boots to reduce fall risks. Monitoring your exertion level is key.

"Typically you would work out your muscles so your muscles and body have a level of readiness for it," Thomas said, recommending such stretches as squats or even climbing some stairs indoors before you head out to shovel.

"Allow yourself to take breaks if you need to," she added. Staying hydrated with lots of water is also vital.

If you experience

SNOWBLOWER SAFETY

Dr. David Weaver, D.O., has been with Oakwood Healthcare since 1990 and is medical director of Oakwood Healthcare Center-Canton. "We do see a number of injuries during a typical winter related to snowblowers," he said.

Eyes, ears, hands and legs can all be injured by snowblower misuse, he said. He urges you to use protective eyewear, as gravel and dirt may be kicked up by a snowblower. "You want to be sure you have good eye protection," Weaver said, as well as plugs or other protection for your ears to reduce noise.

Problems often arise when the blade of the snowblower mechanism gets stuck. "Amputation is something we see very frequently" or mangled fingers, Weaver said.

You should never reach into a snowblower that's running. "Turn that thing off completely," Weaver said. When it's totally off, you can dislodge what's stuck with another object: "It's on that object and not your hand," he said of pressure.

"Kids like to run through it," he added of snow and debris thrown up by a snowblower. "You have the potential to hurt somebody. Snowblowing is very dangerous; keep everybody away."

chest pains, you should call 9-1-1 immediately. Those heart attack symptoms can come and go, she said, but shouldn't be ignored. "For sure I would say 9-1-1 would be the appropriate re-

sponse." Thomas is good about heeding her own health and shoveling advice at her Royal Oak home: "Actually, I had my kids help me, too."

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Study: Southeast Michigan's roads are getting worse

By Eric D. Lawrence
Michigan.com

Southeast Michigan's roads are getting worse. Most motorists might have assumed that to be the case, but the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments has put some numbers behind the assumption. "Southeast Michigan has seen a staggering jump in the total miles of roads that should be repaired by completely tearing them up and rebuilding them from the ground up. Of the nearly 4,500 miles of major roads that were evaluated this summer, over 1,900 miles need to be rebuilt, an increase of over 500 miles compared to two years ago, when these same roads were last evaluated," SEMCOG said in a news release. "Another 1,900

miles are in need of preventive maintenance in order to keep them from also slipping into poor condition. Only 650 miles – or 14 percent – are considered to be in good condition." And Carmine Palombo, SEMCOG's deputy executive director, said residents should not be so quick to blame Michigan's rough weather last winter. "People may want to blame last winter's weather for the rapid deterioration of our roads," Palombo said in the release. "However, the weather simply exposed the real problem. Our state has been disinvesting in roads for years." Palombo said that if enacted, the state Senate's recent funding proposal would help roads improve eventually, but

that without it, the conditions will only worsen. The Senate voted earlier this month to increase the gas tax by approximately 20 cents per gallon to fund roadwork. The state currently taxes gasoline at 19 cents per gallon. The state House is expected to consider the measure in the lame-duck session in December, but could make substantial changes. The release said that about 8,000 of the almost 29,000 miles of public roads in the seven-county SEMCOG region are eligible for some federal repair funds. "Over the course of two years, a team of specially trained local, county, and state employees evaluate the condition of all 8,000 miles of federal-aid eligible roads. This evaluation



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Cars navigate potholes along Southfield Road in Southfield in February. The Senate voted earlier this month to increase the gas tax by approximately 20 cents per gallon to fund roadwork.

process has been in place since 2004; at that time only 9 percent of the roads were considered to be in need of replacement," the release said. The number of miles rated as poor grew from 1,427 miles, or 32 percent, in 2012 to 1,937 miles, or 43 percent this year, according to the release.

"Roads in poor condition have moved beyond the point where preventive maintenance can be effective. The only option for these roads is complete reconstruction, which is much more costly," the release said. In an email to the *Detroit Free Press*, New Boston resident Jay Richert said the study

results only point out what drivers already know. "Take a drive to any of our neighboring states and countries; the weather and traffic in northern Ohio and northern Indiana and Ontario, Canada are nearly identical to (southeast) Michigan, yet their roads are in far better shape than ours. In addition, when one drives through a construction zone in these bordering states/provinces, it appears that the progress and productivity are also much higher," Richert wrote. "Let's do a study (investigate), or provide strict oversight on the repair and replacement of our roads and the business and financial aspect of the same. Better yet, let's hire the companies that are repairing/replacing roads in adjacent jurisdictions."

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PREP WRESTLING PREVIEW

CC grapplers relying upon new faces to carry torch

Novi, Northville squads both eye improvement

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Expectations are always running high when it comes to Novi Detroit Catholic Central's wrestling program.

The Shamrocks will be gunning for their fourth straight MHSAA Division 1 team state championship, but they'll have to do it with virtually new cast of characters.

Coach Mitch Hancock, who guided CC to an upset 34-19 win over No. 1-ranked Davison in last year's team state finals, lost nine of his 13 starters from last year's lineup,

including individual state champions Malik Amine (145 pounds), Nick Bennett (152) and Drew Garcia (171). Also gone are state placers James Russell (215, third) and Greg Johnson (135, seventh), along with state qualifiers Parker O'Brien (112) and Evan Toth (130).

Logan Marcicki (189), another a former state champion and state runner-up in 2013, also graduated after missing his senior season with an injury.

"We have a lot of work to do, I'll tell you that," said Hancock, who enters his eighth season with four state titles and a 149-32 dual match record. "But I'm excited by the hunger, the humility and just the passion these guys have shown these last two weeks. This is a hard-working group. We have that and we have guys who want to step up and perform."

But all is not lost, as seniors Trevor Zdebski (130), Myles Amine (160) and Nick Giese (189) return after stellar seasons.

Zdebski, who went 31-2 last year, was the

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BRAD EMONS

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PREP BOYS HOCKEY



ROSE MAYLEN

Novi's Nik Tewilliger (middle) tries to slip the puck past Northville goalie Chance Boutin (right) as Jack Meacham (left) and Alec Melucci converge on the play.

Boutin leaves nothing to Chance in Northville's 4-3 triumph over Novi

Mustangs goalie delivers 31 saves against Wildcats

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Using all of his 6-foot-1, 210-pound frame, Northville goaltender Chance Boutin loomed large in the overall scheme of things Nov. 25 against boys hockey rival Novi.

The third-year senior goaltender was stellar, to say the least, stopping 31 of 34 shots as the Mustangs improved to 3-0 overall with a 4-3 KLA Central Division win at Novi Ice Arena.

"We obviously feel good about Chance coming back," Northville coach Clint Robert said. "He was a first team all-stater, broke the school record for goals-against (average) in a single season and

save percentage. He was huge for us last year, had five or six shut-outs, so we knew going into the season that we should have an advantage in net over most teams that we play."

With Novi coming on strong during the final period following Brandon Kour's power-play goal, assisted by Brad Hofelich and Brennan Martin, to cut the deficit to 4-3 with 7:26 remaining, Boutin came up with a pair of critical stops to preserve the Northville win.

The first big save came with 3:05 left, when he denied Nik Tewilliger on a backhand, followed by another crucial stop with 1:55 go on Alec Wells - both from close range.

"At that point, I was pretty nervous," Boutin said. "That was with about two or three minutes left and they were just pounding on us, but somehow we kept them off, so it was good."

Meanwhile, Novi (2-1, 0-1) was good in the first period, but found

itself down 1-0 as Kevin O'Connell tipped in a shot off a face-off with 22.2 seconds left, assisted by Alec Morgan and Jack Meacham.

"Chance played a great game. He's a great goalie, one of the top goalies in the state," Novi coach Mark Vellucci said. "Shots were like 10-1 in the first and that one shot scores. I've been around the game long enough to see that happens in hockey. That's the way it goes."

With 13:09 left in the second period; Northville's Sam Bradley slid a shot just inside the left post off an assist from Jack Sargent to make it 2-0.

The Mustangs then scored again to go up 3-0 with 8:03 left in the same period, on a Riley Brass rebound goal after Morgan took the initial shot.

Novi then finally got on the board with 6:06 left in the second on Ryan Baxter's goal from Ryan

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BOYS BASKETBALL PREVIEW

Mustangs cagers like their front-court size, presence

Novi, CC, Franklin Road also boast talent

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Pardon the pun, it appears size does matter for area boys basketball teams entering the 2014-15 season.

Looming large this season in the KLA's Central Division will be Northville, coming off a 13-8 season.

The Mustangs, who finished second behind Salem in the Central with an 8-2 record, lost their top two scorers, includ-

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ing 6-foot-7 Andrew Meacham (Ferris State), who averaged 18.5 points and 11.5 rebounds per game, and Malik Bazzi, who chipped in 11.5 points per game.

But seventh-year coach Todd Sander is not hurting for size on the interior as 6-8 Nathan Kellum, an NCAA Division II signee with Notre

Dame (Ohio) College, hopes to blossom in his senior year.

"We need for Nathan to pick up where he finished the season," Sander said. "He got better as last year went on, both with his scoring and being active around the rim. His hops are incredible. He should be a force both on offense and defense. He has a tremendous future ahead of him if he keeps working on all areas of his game."

Kellum will be joined up front by 6-8, 245-pound senior

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JOHN PAWLOSKI

Northville returns five seniors (from left): Christian Celentino, Ryan Roberts, Aaron Huggins, Nathan Kellum and David Morrissey.

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Rush Nero first



The Michigan Rush Northville Nero '07 'B' boys soccer team recently finished 6-1-1 to capture the Western Suburban Soccer League's under-8 boys Division 2 title. Team members include (from left) Nicholas Leiter, Joshua Li, Anderson Herdoiza, Jahan Roach, Zachary Pheiffer, Ryan O'Neil, Justin Choi, Barin Turner, Connor O'Neil and coach Jon Schack. Also on the team is Dakoda Rheume-Mullen.

MICHELLE PHEIFFER

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL
Tuesday, Dec. 9
 Hartland at Northville, 7 p.m.
 W.L. Western at Novi, 7 p.m.
 Huron Valley at Franklin Road, 7 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 12
 Northville at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.
 Novi at Pinckney, 7 p.m.
 Kennedy at Detroit CC, 7:30 p.m.
 Franklin Road at Genesee, 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL
Thursday, Dec. 4
 Franklin Road at Huron Valley, 7 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 5
 Hazel Park at Novi, 7 p.m.
 Northville at Dearborn, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 9
 Novi at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.
 Franklin Road at O.L. Lakes, 7 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 12
 Franklin Road at Genesee, 6 p.m.
 W.L. Central at Northville, 7 p.m.
 Pinckney at Novi, 7 p.m.

BOYS HOCKEY
Friday, Dec. 5
 N'ville vs. Traverse City West at Howe Arena, 7 p.m.
 Detroit CC at O.L. St. Mary's, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 6
 Novi vs. South Lyon Unified at Kensington Valley I.H., 3:30 p.m.
 Detroit CC vs. O.L. St. Mary's at Compuware Arena, 5:30 p.m.
 Northville vs. Bay Area Reps at Centre Ice Arena, TBA.
Wednesday, Dec. 10
 Novi at Brighton (KVH), 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 11
 Northville vs. Churchill at Novi Ice Arena, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 12
 Detroit CC vs. Notre Dame (Wis.) at MSU's Munn Arena, 5 p.m.
 Northville vs. Lake Orion at Novi Ice Arena, 8:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 13
 Salem at Novi (Ice Arena), 3:30 p.m.
 Detroit CC vs. St. Andrew's (Ont.) at MSU's Munn Arena, 2:45 p.m.

GIRLS HOCKEY
Saturday, Dec. 6
 Northville vs. Grosse Pte. South at G.P. Community Ice, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 9
 Northville vs. Country Day at Southfield Civic Arena, 5:15 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 14
 Northville vs. Ann Arbor Pioneer at Livonia's Edgar Arena, 5 p.m.

PREP WRESTLING
Wednesday, Dec. 10
 Brighton at Detroit CC, 1:45 p.m.
 N'ville, Novi at N. Farm, 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 13
 Northville Invitational, 9 a.m.
 CC at John Glenn Duaks, 9 a.m.
 Novi at Romeo Invitational, TBA.

BOYS SWIMMING
Saturday, Dec. 6
 Novi at Fenton Inv., noon.
Thursday, Dec. 11
 Detroit CC at G.P. North, 6 p.m.
 Churchill at Northville, 6:30 p.m.
 Novi at Canton, 6:30 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 12
 Brighton, Okemos at Novi, 6 p.m.

PREP BOWLING
Tuesday, Dec. 9
 Novi at Lakeland, 3:30 p.m.
 Northville vs. Waj. Kettering at Novi Bowl, 3:30 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 11
 Northville vs. Hartland at Striking Lanes, 3:30 p.m.
 Novi vs. Brighton at Novi Bowl, 3:30 p.m.

PREP GYMNASTICS
Friday, Dec. 12
 Northville at Brighton, 6:30 p.m.

COMPETITIVE CHEER
Saturday, Dec. 6
 Novi Invitational, 7 a.m.
Saturday, Dec. 13
 CCCAM Invitational, TBA.

BRIEFS

Titans sign Henry

Coming off back-to-back Horizon League championships, University of Detroit Mercy women's golf coach Terri Anthony-Ryan recently signed three new recruits to NCAA Division I letters of intent, including Novi's Katelyn Henry, along with Erica Heath of Farmington Hills Mercy and Gabby Stephens of Davison.



Henry

"All three of these ladies are great golfers and great students and they fit great into our program," said Anthony-Ryan, a three-time Horizon League Coach of the Year. "They all have great swings and will make a great impact in our program."

Henry was first-team Division 1 and academic all-state selection as a senior as she posted school records for nine-hole and 18-hole averages.

Henry also earned first team all-area honors in 2014 and led Novi to a fourth-place finish in the MHSAA Division 1 state finals, where she tied for 12th with an 80-81-161 total at Bedford Valley Golf Club in Battle Creek.

She also finished fifth overall at the regional as the Wildcats placed runners-up, while as a junior she helped Novi win the regional crown.

Colasanti honored

Bentley (Mass.) University senior libero Lauren Colasanti (Northville) was recently selected to the NCAA Division II all-East Regional team.

Colasanti, who appeared in all 115 match-

es during her four seasons, averaged 3.0 digs and 0.43 aces during the regional. She finished her career with 1,748 digs, third most in program history.

Bentley completed the 2014 season with a 19-12 record, including 18-7 against East Region opponents.

Gardiner leads

Novi's Abby Gardiner, a midfielder for the Michigan Hawks, was the top scorer for the first-place 1999 Region II team which finished with a 2-0-1 record at the annual U.S. Youth Soccer Olympic Development Program Girls Thanksgiving Interregional held at the Spanish River Athletic Park in Boca Raton, Fla.

The five-day tournament featured elite girls teams in the 1997-2000 age groups from each of the four U.S. Youth Soccer Regions.

The nearly 300 participating players were selected from U.S. Youth Soccer State Association and Regional level evaluations.

Throughout the week, players attended sessions and competed in matches against other regions in front of U.S. Soccer national staff and collegiate coaches.

Pancake breakfast

The Northville High 2014-15 boys and girls basketball teams will host a Meet the Teams pancake breakfast from 9 a.m. until noon Saturday, Dec. 6, in the school cafeteria.

Parks and recreation youth basketball games will be staged in the main gym throughout the morning.

The event, open to the public, features a pancake eating challenge beginning at 11 a.m. (open to all). Cost is \$5 per person or \$20 per family.

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PREP BOYS HOCKEY

Ossowski's two goals complete CC comeback win

Shamrocks rally in third period to stun Brother Rice, 4-3

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

It's not how you start, it's how you finish. That was Novi Detroit Catholic Central's mantra Thanksgiving eve night as the Shamrocks rallied from a 2-0 deficit with four goals in the final period to earn a 4-2 Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League North Division triumph over rival Birmingham Brother Rice before an overflow crowd at Compuware Arena's Olympic Rink. After a scoreless opening period, Rice (2-1, 1-1) notched a pair of second-period goals, with the first coming at 3:50 by Joey Vassallo from Bren-

dan Pyc, followed by Nick Johns' power-play effort from Nick Bowman and William VanderVeen at 7:37. But just one minute into the final period, CC senior defenseman Alex Smith scored to cut the deficit to 2-1 off assists from Ryan Burnett and Kyle Mulka. "We just came into the locker room and said, 'We just need one goal,'" said CC senior captain Mitch Ossowski, who scored twice. "Then we knew we'd get one back. We just took it one goal at a time and we'd be back in the game. We weren't out of it." With only 6:23 remaining, Ossowski evened the count at 2-2 when he went top shelf with a wrist shot over the left shoulder of Rice goaltender Nicholas Macina (with Luck Krasicky drawing the assist). "Just keep doing what we're doing, just keep getting shots like we were and something



Ossowski

would eventually go in," Ossowski said. And with only 3:13 remaining, CC went ahead to stay, 3-2, on Evan Rocho-wiak's backhand goal off a rebound from Nick Macari and Mulka. VanderVeen and Conor Dolson then took successive penalties late in the third to give CC a five-on-three advantage and the Shamrocks cashed in again to seal the victory, as Ossowski notched his second of the night with 2:14 to go on assists from Brendan Cleary and Dillon Jones. "We just kept going and going. Eventually we knew we could get one and when we got one, we felt pretty confident we could get two to keep it going," CC interim coach Dan-

ny Veri said. "I read the boys a little story about adversity prior to the game and it was ironically what happened to-night and battled through it just like the story. They played well, they played hard. Brother Rice played outstanding as well." Rice was outshot 23-12 for the game. "We ran out of gas," Rice coach Lou Schmidt said. "They (CC) are a very good team. They've got three and four lines that just keep coming at you. We had some injuries, so we were a little short today and it really showed up in the third period. They (CC) are just so strong on their skates, they get the puck deep and they're fore-checking, doing all the things they're supposed to do to keep us pinned in our own zone. We couldn't get it out and when that happens, only bad things happen." CC senior goaltender Spen-

cer Wright made 10 saves, but faced only one shot over the final 17 minutes. "They were outshooting, outplaying us in the third period," Schmidt said. "But I want to give our guys credit. They played as hard as they possibly could. We just ran out of gas and it was basically because of them. They put so much pressure on us and we just had no legs." With the victory, CC improved to 3-0 overall and 2-0 in the MIHL's North Division. "The team is coming along very well," Ossowski said. "We have some work to do, but we're coming along well and we're looking forward to the rest of the season." CC returns to action with back-to-back MIHL games Friday (away) and Saturday (home) against Orchard Lake St. Mary. bemons@hometownlife.com

PREP BOYS HOCKEY

Early Eisenhower goals ice Novi, 5-3

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Unbeaten Utica Eisenhower struck for three goals during the first 11 minutes, 47 seconds en route to a 5-3 victory Saturday over host Novi in a non-conference boys hockey game at the Novi Ice Arena. The Eagles, who improved to 5-0, opened up the three-goal advantage on goals by Jack Tobiczkyk (from Matt Pecoraro at 6:54), Dylan Dempsey (from Joe Barton and Julian Bondo at 8:46) and Alex Kraski (from Bondo at 11:47). Novi's Ryan Baxter cut the deficit to 3-1 with a goal from Brad Hofelich at 14:09 of the same period. In the second period, the Eagles struck for two more goals to take a 5-2 advantage

as Brendan Rybicki made it 4-1 at 3:52 (from John Asni and Dempsey), followed by Tobiczkyk's second of the game at 12:02 (from Mike Barnett and Drew Sabina). Sandwiched in between was a Novi power-play goal from Nik Tewilliager, assisted by Alec Wells and Jimmy Hole. The Wildcats scored at 6:52 of the third period to cut the deficit to two, 5-3, on Ryan Fonda's goal from Brandon Kour, but Eisenhower goalie Nick Zonca (29 saves) kept the Wildcats off the board the rest of the way to seal the win. Manny Legace started in goal for Novi (2-2) before being relieved in the final period by Josh Richardson. The two combined for 21 saves. bemons@hometownlife.com



ROSE MAYLEN

Novi's Brad Hofelich (left) gets tangled up with Northville defenseman Nick Williams.

19th at Foot Locker



NANCY SMITH Northville High junior Lexa Barrott finished 19th out of 245 girls competitors Saturday in the 36th annual Foot Locker Cross Country Championships Midwest Regional held in Racine, Wis. Barrott, facing an icy and snow-covered course, was clocked in 18 minutes, 14 seconds in the 5,000-meter race. Barrott was fourth among Michigan girls and helped Michigan to a runner-up team finish with 70 points, just seven behind first-place Indiana, which was led by individual winner Anna Rohrer (16:57) of Mishawka. Barrott recently finished 15th (18:18.1) at the MHSAA Division 1 state finals while helping the Mustangs to a third-place team finish.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

Whalers stung early, late by Sarnia, 4-2

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Perhaps it was fitting that the Plymouth Whalers weren't rewarded late for what head coach Don Elland described as a poor effort much of the way Saturday night against Sarnia. The Sting survived a late push by the Whalers to win the Ontario Hockey League matchup 4-2, disappointing an announced crowd of 1,718 on Military Appreciation Night at Compuware Arena. Sarnia's Daniel Nikandrov opened the scoring just 59 seconds into the West Division game to set the sorry tone. "Right from the opening faceoff we weren't ready to compete, we weren't ready to play," Elland said. "They were. Good job for them. But we have to be better, we have to get them better prepared. "Right now, we're not a very good hockey team." Eventually, the Whalers started to skate and create some chances — which were

few and far between over the first half of the game — and did draw even at 2-2 in the third on a goal by forward Matt Misteale (his team-leading 18th). But then came a giveaway deep in the Plymouth zone with about six minutes remaining. That resulted in an unassisted goal by Nikita Korostelev to break the tie. For good measure, the Sting added an empty netter by Brandon Lindberg with 5.2 seconds to go. But with about 45 seconds remaining and the faceoff in the Sarnia end, Whalers forward Sonny Milano got past a defenseman and found himself all alone in front of Sting goalie Justin Fazio. Milano backhanded a dangerous shot from just above the blue paint that Fazio somehow fought off — keeping the Sting in the lead. "We got to be in a better situation than to rely on that in the last 30 seconds," Elland said.

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Fonda, but Northville answered just 52 seconds later on Sargent's goal from Morgan and Meacham (after Richardson got hung up and distracted in the crease with a Mustangs player trapped behind him). Tewilliager, however, then made it a two-goal game again with just 42.3 seconds left in the second on a backhand (assisted by Wells). "I thought the first period was absolutely tilted in Novi's favor," Robert said. "I thought the puck was in our zone the whole time and Chance weathered the storm and we got the one-goal lead and were able to carry some momentum in. It could have been 4-0 Novi after one, but Chance played great. "I thought we came out better in the second period and kind of evened the play up a little bit. But then again, we wouldn't have had the opportunity had not Chance played the way he played in the first." Northville was able to fight off five of six Novi power-play attempts. The Wildcats' lone power-play goal came with a two-man advantage in the final period. "Novi did a nice job, they

got bodies to the net," Robert said of the Tewilliager goal. "They knew they'd outnumber us down low and got a rebound. There's not much you can do there. That's the first 'shorty' we've let up this year. We felt good about our penalty kill. But unfortunately, we've had too much practice on our penalty kill this year. We got to stay out of the box, we really do. Going into this game, we were like a negative 10 on power play penalty kill and now we're negative five in this game ... we've got to move our feet to draw penalties and we've got to move our feet to stop taking penalties." Going only one-of-six on the power play may have led to Novi's downfall. "It's a work in progress, like everyone's at this time of year," Vellucci said the power play. "It's the third game of the year and we scored a couple of power-play goals in the (Metro Invitational) last weekend. We had a lot of great chances. (Boutin) made the saves, we couldn't get to the rebounds, left a couple of bounces out there and just couldn't get them." Despite the loss, Vellucci saw some positives. "We were resilient, we showed a lot of character and have a lot of great senior leadership," he said. "Our guys weren't getting down. They

"This a big win. They're a top five team in the state ..."

CHASE BOUTIN Northville goalie

weren't getting frustrated. And that's probably the biggest change that I've seen from last year's team to this year's team. Our senior guys, yeah, they're a little ticked off, a little frustrated. We took it back and we fought. This is my third game, 0-3 against Northville, in a rivalry. It lived up to its billing. The fans saw a great game and it's unfortunate we came out on the other end. We outshot them by a two-to-one margin and lose, that's tough." During the off-season, Boutin made a commitment to get into better shape. "Been working out, lost a lot of weight over the summer, gained a lot of muscle, got a lot of speed in and around the net," he said. "I lost about 35 pounds." And being able to hold off the hard-charging Wildcats for three periods could loom large down the road. "This a big win," Boutin said. "They're a top five team in the state, for sure. It's a huge win for us, a good feeling, for sure." bemons@hometownlife.com

BASKETBALL

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Ryan Roberts, who is committed to play football at Northern Illinois. Roberts is in his third varsity season.

"Ryan has added strength from last year," Sander said. "He had a fine football season and is a leader with his competitive spirit and collegiate future."

David Morrissey, a 6-3 senior guard, will provide outside shooting, while 6-0 junior guard Justin Zimbo also brings experience after a year on the varsity.

"It's nice to have collegiate athletes," Sander said. "We need and expect guys to step up. In everything that we do on offense and defense, we want to apply pressure, play tough, play fast and play smart. We've had a terrific first week of practice and I really like our energy and enthusiasm. We have a long way to go and need to defend and rebound in order for us to accomplish our goals."

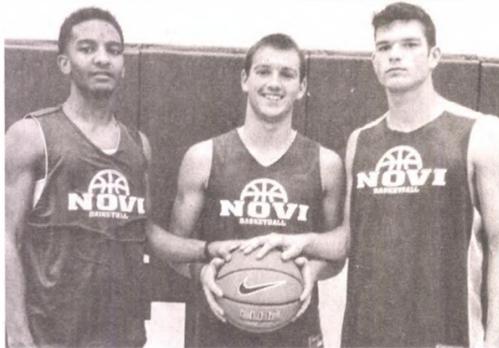
Rival Novi (9-12), meanwhile, should be able to make noise in the KLAAs Central under new coach Brandon Sinawi, who took over the program in late September after Brian Tass stepped down.

Sinawi is no stranger to the KLAAs Central after leading Livonia Stevenson to 30-35 overall record in three seasons.

Cousins Kameron Hankerson, a 6-3 junior forward, and Nick Hankerson, a 5-11 senior guard who transferred from Marietta (Ga.) Sprayberry, give the Wildcats plenty of athleticism and scoring.

They are joined by senior guards Max Yanke and Billy Ulle.

Juniors Joao (Jay) Duarte, a 6-5 junior center, and Naji Ozeir, a 6-4 junior power forward, should also pro-



Novi will be led by a trio of seniors (from left): Nick Hankerson, Billy Ulle and Max Yanke.

vide plenty of presence up front.

"We have a unique mix of talent and experience that, if we need to, can run the floor and speed the game up or slow it down and execute in the half court," Sinawi said. "It's a good position to be in. The talent is here, we just need to focus on putting the right pieces together at the right time."

Novi Detroit Catholic Central (10-11), under ninth-year coach Bill Dyer, will rely on underclassmen to get its season jump-started when it opens Friday, Dec. 12, at home against Taylor Kennedy.

Among this year's 13-player CC roster, only two starts were logged in 2013-14.

Tom Smulsky, a 6-6 junior, and C.J. Baird, a 6-4 sophomore, will get heavy minutes early, along with 6-4 senior forward Ike Marchie.

"Inside, Ike (Marchie) is going to play with a lot of energy for us," Dyer said. "He's smart and loves to compete. Our point guard (Champ Kozlowski) broke his finger before the season started and will miss all of December. We're going to rely on C.J. (Baird) to do a lot of scoring for us and on the perimeter. Tommy (Smulsky) will continue to grow and will become a very good player by the time he

graduates."

Kozlowski, when he does return, will be joined in the back court by 5-10 senior Tyler Laurentius.

Novi Franklin Road Christian (10-12), a member of the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference's Blue Division, may need multiple players to replace the scoring of 6-8 Scott McSweeney (Grove City [Pa.] College), who averaged nearly 21 points and 11 rebounds per game.

Second-year coach Renardo Brown, a former standout at Highland Park High and West Virginia University, will bank on 6-2 junior guard Austin Hearn, who averaged 15 points per game, along with 5-10 junior guard Gavin Harris.

The Warriors will also have size up front as 6-6 junior Joshua Bause, who missed most of last season with an illness, will be joined by 6-5 junior Joshua Betches.

And yet another Joshua (Beck), a 6-2 sophomore forward-center, gives Franklin Road plenty of depth.

"What I like about this team is that they're pushing themselves and they all get along because they've been together for so many years," Brown said.

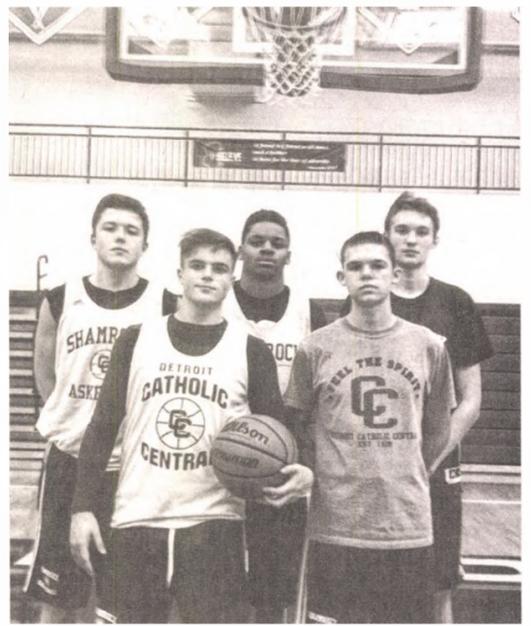
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BOYS BASKETBALL CAPSULE OUTLOOK

NOVI
Head coach: Brandon Sinawi, first year.
League affiliation: KLAAs Kensington Conference (Central Division).
Last year's overall record: 9-12.
Notable losses to graduation: Nick Zugaro (all-KLAAs Central, 9 ppg); Erik Biberstein.
Leading returns: Max Yanke, 5-10 Sr. G; Kameron Hankerson, 6-3 Jr. F; Naji Ozeir, 6-4 Jr. PF; Billy Ulle, 6-0 Sr. G.
Promising newcomers: Joao Duarte, 6-5 Jr. C; Nick Hankerson, 5-11 Sr. G (transfer from Marietta, Ga.).
Sinawi's 2014-15 outlook: "It's going to be an exciting year and an opportunity for us to get back in the mix in the KLAAs. Even though it's my first year with these guys, I know some of the returning players through scouting and playing them last year and I'm glad to have them on my team now. We've got some real solid leadership and talent at every position this season and we will compete in every game."

NORTHVILLE
Head coach: Todd Sander, seventh season.
League affiliation: KLAAs Kensington Conference (Central Division).
Last year's overall record: 13-8.
Notable losses to graduation: Andrew Meacham (all-KLAAs Central, Ferris State, 18.5 ppg; 11.5 rebs; 988 career points); Malik Bazzi (all-KLAAs Central, 11.5 ppg); Andrew Stevens, Joey Hewlett.
Leading returns: Nathan Kellum, 6-8 Sr. F; Ryan Roberts, 6-8 Sr. C; David Morrissey, 6-3 Sr. G; Christian Celentino, 6-0 Sr. G; Aaron Huggins, 6-3 Sr. F; Justin Zimbo, 6-0 Jr. G.
Promising newcomers: Michael Minick, 6-2 Jr. F; Justin Gibbons, 6-4 Jr. F; Nick Wilds, 6-3 Jr. F; Scott Lohman, 6-5 Jr. F; Kevin Morrissey, 6-3 Sr. F.
Sander's 2014-15 outlook: "We expect to compete for the Central Division title. The Central is always among the most balanced and toughest of the four divisions, so you need to have your 'A' game every night. If you look at what we lost due to graduation, one might think that this was a rebuilding year for us. We disagree as we really like what we have coming back. Though we lost five key seniors (including one really good one in Andrew Meacham), we have a lot of experience coming back. Roberts and Kellum have been up since their sophomore year and Zimbo has a year under his belt already."

CATHOLIC CENTRAL
Head coach: Bill Dyer, ninth year.
League affiliation: Catholic League (Central Division).
Last year's overall record: 10-11.
Notable losses to graduation: Charlie Ryan (Northwood University), Noah Lee.
Leading returns: Ike Marchie, 6-4 Sr. C; Champ Kozlowski, 5-10 Sr. G; C.J. Baird, 6-4 Soph. G.
Promising newcomers: Tom Smulsky, 6-6 Jr. F.



Catholic Central's basketball lineup will consist of (from left) C.J. Baird, Tyler Laurentius, Ike Marchie, Champ Kozlowski and Tom Smulsky.

Dyer's 2014-15 outlook: "In order to have a successful season, we are going to have to continue to grow as the season progresses because we have a lot of really young kids on our roster. Our most experienced returning starter (Lance Tebay) moved to (Virginia Beach, Va.) over the summer and that left us with 13 players who have only started a total of two games. We will need to stay healthy this season because of our lack of experience. We have a good mix of kids who like each other. Our energy level in practice has been very good and for the first time in six years we will have some practices in before our first game."

FRANKLIN ROAD CHRISTIAN
Head coach: Renardo Brown, second year.
League affiliation: Michigan Independent Athletic Conference (Blue Division).
Last year's overall record: 12-10.
Notable losses to graduation:

Scott McSweeney, Tanathan Nelson.
Leading returns: Austin Hearn, 6-2 Jr. G (all-MIAC Blue, Class D honorable mention all-state, 15 ppg); Gavin Harris, 5-10 Jr. G; Joshua Bause, 6-6 Jr. C; Joshua Betches, 6-5 Jr. F-C.

Promising newcomers: Joshua Beck, 6-2 Soph. F-C; Jamie Brockway, 6-2 Jr. G-F; Raheem Scroggs, 6-2 Jr. G; Maxwell Holleman, 5-10 Soph. G.

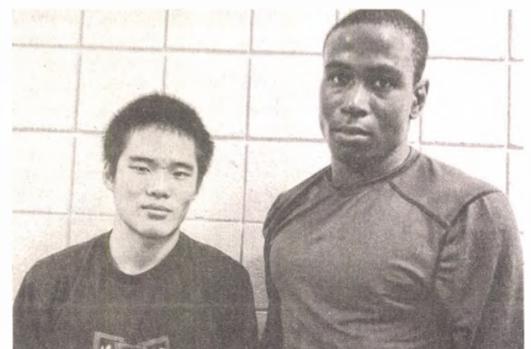
Brown's 2014-15 outlook: "We have six or seven juniors that got a lot of experience last year. I think is going to be a good year. We have two strong guards in Hearn and Harris. Harris is a great athlete, a baseball player who's a pitcher and he was the second or third leading scorer on our soccer team. He wasn't a scorer last year, but this year he's shooting the ball pretty decent. And with Hearn, we're expecting some good things with him. We look decent on paper. We have decent height and decent athletes."

PREP WRESTLING CAPSULE OUTLOOK

NOVI
Head coach: Joel Smith, first year.
League affiliation: KLAAs Kensington Conference (Central Division).
Notable losses to graduation: Ben Wright, John Hood.
Leading returns: Kyle Benkarski, Sr., 152-160; Evan Davis, Sr., 135; Dorian Haney, Sr., 285; Willie Jackson, Jr., 130; Cooper Smith, Jr., 215; Griffin Sparring, Jr., 171.
Promising newcomers: To be determined.

Smith's 2014-15 outlook: "We're going to be a solid team within our division. We'll be a more evenly dispersed team as far as talent goes. We'll be made up of primarily juniors with a nice group of sophomores in our lineup. And we'll have some promising freshman who will definitely see some varsity time this year. We're real excited about them. They'll spend a little bit of time at the JV level to get used to the high school atmosphere. But before the season ends they'll be up at the varsity level."

NORTHVILLE
Co-head coaches: Brian Bagian, first year; Bob Boshoven, 11th year.
League affiliation: KLAAs Kensington Conference (Central Division).
Notable losses to graduation: Kevin Charara, Trevor Lerner, Joe Pando, Spencer Compo.
Leading returns: Shunhe Wang, Sr., 125 (state qualifier); Matt Cylla, Sr., 171; Conrad Landis, Soph., 112; Nolan Landis, Sr., 140; Jim Behe, Sr., 119; Noah Burrell, Jr., 135; Chris Komorous, Sr., 160.
Promising newcomers: Leo Keyes, Jr., 130.
Bagian's 2014-15 outlook: "As of today, we're a young team and we're putting together a new coaching staff, so you don't want to say it's going to be a rebuilding year, but at the same time I'm not really anticipating a super, robust winning percentage this year. But we've got some promising kids and they all work



Northville seniors Shunhe Wang (left) and Matt Cylla provide leadership in the wrestling room.

CATHOLIC CENTRAL
Head coach: Mitch Hancock, eighth year.
League affiliation: Catholic League (Central Division).
Titles won last year: Catholic League, Oakland County, MHSAA Division 1 district, regional and state team championships.
Notable losses to graduation: Malik Amine (145, state champion), Nick Bennett (152, state champion), Drew Garcia (171, state champion) James Russell (215, third place), Greg Johnson (135, seventh place), Evan Toth (state qualifier), Parker O'Brien (state qualifier), Logan Marcicki, Eli Joseph.
Leading returns: Trevor Zdebski,

Sr., 130-135 (state champ); Myles Amine, Sr., 160 (state champ); Nick Giese, Sr., 189 (third place); Tyler Morland, Soph., 171 (regional qualifier); Tom ACLI; Aaron Rehfeldt, Jr., 112; Tommy Herman, Sr., 125 (regional qualifier); Chyle Johnson, Jr., 145; Joe Lyon, Soph., 125.

Promising newcomers: Aidan Waugh, Fr., 135; Matt Anderson, Jr., 135; Stone Moscovic, Fr., 103; Nathan Cascarelli, Jr., 140; Sam Giese, Fr., 160; Jack Ross, Soph., 215; Blake Beuter, Soph., 215; Nick Jenkins, Soph., 285.

Hancock's 2014-15 outlook: "We enter the season with expectations of competing at the highest level. With strong senior leadership, returning talent and many underclassmen who will seek to make a name for themselves, we should be one of the state's top teams this year."

WRESTLING

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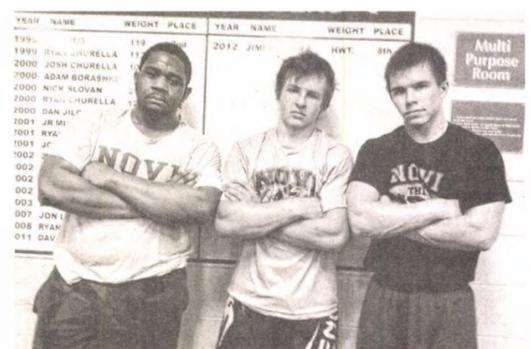
state champ at 119, while Amine, who finished 46-6, was the state champ at 145. Giese, who wound up 30-10, took third a year ago.

"Excitement can be created, so I think this group is going to be exciting," said Hancock, whose team finished 18-4 a year ago in dual matches. "I think we're raw, but we're not very young. I think at the end of the year we'll be right in the thick of things. I don't think we're very good right now, but by the time March rolls around, I think we'll be very good."

Once again the Shamrocks, who are ranked No. 2 preseason in Division 1 by Michigan Grappler.com, will face an ambitious schedule, which includes a two-day trip Dec. 27-28 to Medina, Ohio.

"We got to get these guys experience," Hancock said. "We lost so much talent from last year to this year. We've got to put them in difficult situations. We got to mold them a bit and toughen them up. But I like the mentality these guys have shown so far."

Novi, which finished fifth in the KLAAs Central Division, also features a young team under new coach Joel



Novi's wrestling fortunes will be led by (from left) Dorian Haney, Kyle Benkarski and Evan Davis.

Smith, who takes over for Brad Huss.

The Wildcats, who finished 18th in last year's KLAAs Association tournament, will be led by seniors Evan Davis (135), Kyle Benkarski (152-160) and Dorian Haney (285).

"As far as the first couple of weeks the season has gone, the guys are working hard and should do a real nice job for us," Smith said.

Northville's 27-member squad will be guided by co-coaches Bob Boshoven and Brian Bagian, the latter of whom moves up after spending three years as an assistant. Bagian is a former Northville wrestler who graduated in 2008.

The Mustangs will be led seniors Shunhe Wang (125) and Matt Cylla (171).

Wang was a state

qualifier as a junior at 125 and finished 35-16 overall.

"What can't you say about him?" Bagian said of the senior standout. "He's got a 4.0 (grade-point average). He ran four marathons this summer. He's trying to get early admittance into Harvard. He's just an absolute leader in every sense of the word. Great kid to have in the room. He's the guy in here, the workhorse."

Bagian hopes Wang can take it a step further this season.

"Certainly getting back to The Palace, but if you ask me and you ask him, we want top eight," the Northville co-coach said. "We want to be all-state and get that medal come March."

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ALL-AREA GIRLS SWIM AND DIVE TEAM

Northville's Westphal leaves loaded swim field in her wake

By Brad Emons and Jeff Theisen
Staff Writers

Though she's only a sophomore, Northville's Laura Westphal brings to the pool the total package each and every day.

Named the girls Swimmer of the Year, Westphal repeated as MHSAA Division 1 state champion in the 500-yard freestyle (4:57.84) and also added a third in the 200 freestyle (1:51.62).

Westphal, who helped the Mustangs to a ninth-place finish in the team standings, was also a member of Northville's fourth-place 200 freestyle relay (1:38.55) and sixth-place 400 freestyle relay (3:33.90).

"She's a great swimmer, a great teammate," Northville coach Brian McNeff said. "She works hard every day. She comes every day with the attitude of trying to get better. She just has a great attitude about swimming and competing."



Westphal

"Before the state meet, she mentioned a couple of times about she knows she's going to win, but not being cocky about it. She just has that confidence of doing whatever it takes to make sure she wins. I think that's part of her competitive edge, but also she's that confident in her abilities and that's what makes her so good."

Westphal also helped the Mustangs edge South Lyon United for the KLAA Kensington Conference title by a mere half-point (886.5-886) while finishing third in the 200 individual medley to go along with Northville first-place finishes in the 200 and 400 freestyle relays.

"Throughout the year, she did whatever it took to help the team win, whether swim other events, pace someone so that they could go faster," McNeff said. "Whatever it took to make her team better, she did. That was part of swimming the 200 freestyle at state meet, too. Even though she likes the 200 IM better, she knew that would score more points and, of course, she wants to help the team score more points."

First team

Kelsey Macaddino Northville

The sophomore went 57.85 to finish 11th in the 100 butterfly in the state finals, while also swimming legs for the Mustangs' fourth-place 200 freestyle and 400 freestyle relay teams. She was also KLAA runner-up in the 200 freestyle and butterfly. Macaddino was also a state qualifier in the 200 freestyle (22nd, 1:56.69).

"She had a great season," McNeff said. "She also led off both of our relays and is a great swimmer and had a great (state) meet as well."

Alissa Moore Northville

The junior placed 14th at the state meet in the 500 freestyle (5:11.61) and was a member of Northville's fourth-place 200 freestyle relay team. She was also a state qualifier in the 200 freestyle (1:56.45). She was conference champ in the 200 freestyle and runner-up in the 500 freestyle.

"Alissa is another really hard worker," McNeff said. "She played soccer throughout the year, too, so to be able to do both and still score as high she did was very impressive for her this year."

Gillian Zayan Northville

The sophomore went 53.97 in the prelims and 54.10 in the state finals to place 16th overall in the 100 freestyle. She was also a state qualifier in the 50 freestyle (26th). She was also third in the 100 freestyle and fifth in the 50 freestyle (24.99) in the conference. She also helped Northville to conference titles in the 200 and 400 freestyle relays.

"Gillian improved a ton this



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Northville sophomore Laura Westphal, who repeated as Division 1 500 freestyle state champion, was named girls Swimmer of the Year.

ALL-AREA GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING

SWIMMER OF THE YEAR

Laura Westphal, Northville

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Alissa Moore, Northville
Gillian Zayan, Northville
Ava Bianchi, Novi
Carolyn Bischoff, South Lyon
Madison Canadi, South Lyon
Heidi Surdyk, South Lyon
Anna Smith, South Lyon
Melanie Dunnuck, South Lyon
Anna Geyer, South Lyon
Angela Probstfeld, Lakeland
Emma Hazel, Lakeland
Sophie Beck, Milford
Megan Lakkides, Milford

SECOND TEAM

Sabrina Lee, Northville
Darby Mroz, Northville
Nicki Pumper, Northville
Jessica Yan, Northville
Emily Mayoras, Novi
Megan Mieske, South Lyon
Emily Kososki, South Lyon
Nerys Gravell, South Lyon
Sara Plohetski, South Lyon
Alyssa Sawyer, South Lyon
Caitlyn Canadi, South Lyon
Isabella Smith, Lakeland
Riley Faulkner, Lakeland
Isabel Fairbanks, Lakeland
Jessi Cherciu, Lakeland
Sonia Borkowski, Lakeland
Morgan Linkous, Milford

HONORABLE MENTION

Northville: Ana Barrott (fr.), Natalie Filipowicz (sr.).
South Lyon United: Nerys Gravell, Taylar Sciborski (fr.), Kayty Ihara (jr.), Starr Bryan (soph.), Carolyn Storm (jr.), Abby O'Reilly (fr.), Alexis Bidwell, Jessica Stark (fr.), Sonya Tyahla (sr.), Lexi Abernathy (fr.), Samantha Lefevre (sr.), Erin Russell (jr.), Alyssa Schisms (fr.), Maddy Taylor, Alicia Schmitt.
Novi: Alice Ying (fr.), Alexandra Cortez (jr.), Dana Kilponen (jr.), Karen Xu (soph.).
Milford: Samantha Hindle (sr.), Karson Lychuk (sr.), Marin Sakuma (fr.), Veronica Hindle (soph.), Allie Crouse (jr.), Brenna Grass (jr.).
Lakeland: Grace Collins.

year and worked extremely hard and I'm really glad she was able to score at the state meet - it's a huge step for her," McNeff said.

Ava Bianchi Novi

The junior scored the Wildcats' lone point at the Division 1 finals with a 16th in the 50 freestyle, after a 24.78 in the prelims. She also helped Novi qualify for the state finals in the 200 medley (21st) and 400 freestyle (23rd) relays, while also taking third in the conference meet in the 50 freestyle (24.66).

"She is a competitor," Novi coach Annette VanderMey

said. "She wants to win all the time, which is good for a sprinter. She's got that killer instinct and does not want to lose. She still has lots of room of improvement in all of her details and that's a positive thing, too."

Carolyn Bischoff South Lyon

The sophomore pulled off four all-state swims at the Division 1 finals. She was fifth in the 50 free, eighth in the 100 free and also was part of the 200 medley relay and 200 free relay, both of which finished seventh.

"Carolyn is an outstanding young swimmer," coach John Burch said. "She hates to lose and that kind of guides her through practice every day and it's one of the reasons she does so well when she competes. If she's on, we're going to have a good day and if she's off, we're going to struggle. She's on a lot more than she's off."

Madison Canadi South Lyon

The senior diver finished her South Lyon career in style with a ninth-place finish at states.

"Madison was our No. 2 diver all year long and she had a really nice state meet," Burch said. "Being the No. 2 diver on South Lyon is nothing to slouch at, because that means you are one of the top divers in the state of Michigan and she proved that at the state meet."

Heidi Surdyk South Lyon

Timing is everything, but for the senior diver it was miserable timing. The KLAA Conference diving champ came up sick right before the state finals and finished 17th. It wasn't the finish anyone hoped for, but she left her marks with records throughout the season.

"Heidi was our best diver this year, bar none," Burch said. "She set a new conference record and if it weren't for a terrible sickness at the state meet, she would probably have been top eight if not top five at the state meet. She got sick at the wrong time, but overall she had a very successful season."

Anna Smith South Lyon

The freshman made a big splash at states by swimming all three relays (two all-state) and coming in ninth individually in the 100 butterfly.

"Anna came in as a talented freshman. She was a good swimmer all year long, but she really stepped it up at the state meet," Burch said. "I think she's huge performer for years to come for us."

Melanie Dunnuck South Lyon

The sophomore was part of two all-state relays and placed on a third as well as finishing 17th in the 100 breaststroke.

The 200 medley and 200 free relays were seventh, while the 400 free relay placed 15th.

"Melanie was on all three relays and just missed scoring in the breaststroke," Burch said. "She is a much improved freestyler. She was really critical to our relays."

Anna Geyer South Lyon

The junior swam on all three relays for South Lyon at the finals, with two being all-state. She also qualified in the 50 free.

"Anna Geyer did not swim her best event (at states), which was the 100 backstroke," Burch said. "She was conference runner-up in the backstroke and she would've scored at state with her time at the conference meet. Because of the order of the events and where we needed her, we had to take her out of the backstroke. It was a sacrifice she made for the team, which says a lot about her character."

Angela Probstfeld Lakeland

The senior diver put up 400.6 points to earn third place at the Division 2 state finals. She helped Lakeland to its best-ever finish in 18th place with 31 points.

"Senior Angela Probstfeld had a very good dive meet, finishing third overall and making all-state honors," coach Janette Heaton said. "Angela was very driven to perform well at the state meet. Being a senior with experience, she knew how hard that task was and she performed her best. Her coaches and teammates are very proud of her accomplishments this season."

Emma Hazel Lakeland

The freshman wasted little time making a name for herself with a ninth-place finish in the 100 backstroke. Hazel also finished 11th in the 100 butterfly. She also competed on the medley relay and 400 free relay at states.

"Emma Hazel knew the competition was going to be tough and she came back in finals and swam very well," Heaton said. "I think the state meet experience for our team will drive us harder next year."

Sophie Beck Milford

The sophomore diver just missed making all-state with a ninth-place finish at the Division 2 state finals with 359.6 points.

Megan Lakkides Milford

The senior diver capped her career with a 15th-place finish at the state finals. She totaled 328.3 points.

Second team Sabrina Lee Northville

The sophomore just missed scoring in the 100 backstroke at the state finals, placing 18th

(1:00.09) after taking third in the Kensington Conference.

Darby Mroz Northville

The junior was a state qualifier in the 200 IM (24th) and 100 backstroke (tied for 21st), along with being a member of the state qualifying 200 medley relay (23rd). She was also Kensington Conference champ in the 100 backstroke (59.99).

Nicki Pumper Northville

The sophomore was a state qualifier in the 100 freestyle (24th) and 100 backstroke (29th). She was also a member of the Mustangs' sixth-place 400 freestyle relay at the state finals, which also set a Kensington Conference mark (3:34.31).

Jessica Yan Northville

The senior was 27th in the 500 freestyle at the state finals and posted a season-best time of 5:17.06. She was sixth in the conference as well and a member of Northville's state qualifying 200 medley relay.

Emily Mayoras Novi

The sophomore had a season-best time of 1:00.9 to qualify for the Division 1 state finals in the 100 backstroke, where she wound up 28th overall. She also helped the Wildcats qualify for the state meet in the 200 medley (21st) and 400 freestyle (23rd) relays.

Megan Mieske South Lyon

The sophomore just missed scoring at states by finishing 18th in the 100 butterfly.

Emily Kososki South Lyon

The junior had three swims at the state finals, finishing 25th in the 500 free, 32nd in the 200 free and part of the 400 free relay that finished 15th.

Sara Plohetski South Lyon

She was part of South Lyon's potent diving attack, finishing third at the conference meet and just missing qualifying for states.

Alyssa Sawyer South Lyon

She was another force for the South Lyon divers and finished fourth at the conference meet.

Caitlyn Canadi South Lyon

She showed the true depth at diving for South Lyon by taking fifth at the conference meet.

Isabella Smith Lakeland

The sophomore competed in two relays, the 50 free and 100 free at states. The 200 medley relay finished 18th, the 200 free relay placed 21st. She was 36th in the 50 free and 46th in the 100 free.

Riley Faulkner Lakeland

The freshman had a very busy weekend at states by competing in two relays and two individual events. Faulkner was 36th in the 100 free, 37th in the 200 free and was part of the 200 and 400 free relays.

Isabel Fairbanks Lakeland

The freshman was on the 200 medley and 200 free relays as well as the 200 individual medley and 100 breaststroke at states. Fairbanks was 25th in the 100 breaststroke and 34th in the IM.

Jessi Cherciu Lakeland

The junior competed on the 200 free relay and was 27th in the breaststroke at states.

Sonia Borkowski Lakeland

The senior finished her Lakeland career as part of the 400 free relay and by placing 27th in the 500 free.

Morgan Linkous Milford

The freshman had three Division 2 state swims. Linkous was 20th in the breaststroke and was part of the 200 free relay (36th) and 200 medley relay (32nd).

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Holidays call for fire safety in decor, cooking

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) released its Home Christmas Tree and Holiday Light Fires Report in late 2013 which offers statistics on fire hazards that typically accompany the winter holiday season. NFPA offers safety advice and informational resources at www.nfpa.org/holiday that can be used to minimize fire risks this season.

In 2007-11, U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated annual average of 230 home structure fires that began with Christmas trees. Although these fires are not common, when they do occur, they are likely to be serious. On average, one of every 40 reported home structure Christmas tree fires resulted in a death compared to an average of one death per 142 total reported home structure fires.

One-third of Christmas tree structure fires involved electrical failures or malfunctions. Nearly 20 percent of these structure fires occurred because some type of heat source was too close to the tree.

NFPA offers the following safety tips:

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- » Before placing the tree in the stand, cut 1-2 inches from the base of the trunk.
- » Make sure the tree is at least three feet away from any heat source, like fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents or lights.
- » Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit.
- » Add water to the tree stand. Be



sure to add water daily.

Lighting the tree:

» Use lights that have the label of an independent testing laboratory. Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both.

» Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Connect no more than three strands of mini string sets and a maximum of 50 bulbs for screw-in bulbs. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of LED strands to connect.

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day are the second and third leading days for cooking fires, respectively. Most cooking fires occur when cooking is left unattended.

With unattended cooking as the leading cause of U.S. home fires and home fire injuries, fire officials say to stay in the kitchen while you're frying, grilling or broiling food. Most cooking fires involve the stovetop, so keep anything that can catch fire away from it, and turn off the stove when you leave the kitchen, even if it's for a short period of time. If

you're simmering, boiling, baking or roasting food, check it regularly and use a timer to remind you that you're cooking. Your Fire Department also suggests creating a "kid-free zone" of at least three feet around the stove and areas where hot food and drinks are prepared or carried.

Candles are widely used in homes throughout the holidays, and December is the peak month for home candle fires. The NFPA's statistics show that two of every five home decoration fires are started by candles.

Fire officials urge residents to consider using flameless candles, which look and smell like real candles. However, if you do use traditional candles, keep them at least 12 inches away from anything that can burn, and remember to blow them out when you leave the room or go to bed. Use candle holders that are sturdy, won't tip over and are placed on uncluttered surfaces. Avoid using candles in the bedroom where one-third of U.S. candle fires begin or other areas where people may fall asleep. Lastly, never leave a child alone in a room with a burning candle.

NFPA is a worldwide leader in fire, electrical, building, and life safety. The mission of the international nonprofit organization founded in 1896 is to reduce the worldwide burden of fire and other hazards on the quality of life by providing and advocating consensus codes and standards, research, training, and education. NFPA develops more than 300 codes and standards to minimize the possibility and effects of fire and other hazards. All NFPA codes and standards can be viewed at no cost at www.nfpa.org/freeaccess.

Heed law, business interests in cell tower placement

Q: We have a cell company coming to us regarding putting up a cell transmitter tower on our condominium. What do you think we need to know before giving the go ahead for a cell phone tower to be installed on common elements?

A: 1. Make sure that you have an attorney for the association knowledgeable about this issue assisting you in any contract. Make sure you are comfortable with the length of time that the contract covers.

2. Include a provision that requires the cell provider to indemnify the association in the event the tower or property is damaged by storm, earthquake, etc.

3. Use only a reputable installer that indemnifies your association if you have any control over the installation, which you should.

4. Work with the roof company to make sure that your roof warranty isn't invalidated by the installation of the tower and equipment.

5. Include language in the contract that gives you at least a six month notice of termination from the cell provider should it decide to cancel the contract.

6. Make sure the contract has some manner to dissolve disputes and address concerns during the life of the contract and a remedy right giving you attorney's fees incurred in the event of a breach.

Q: I have heard you in a lecture refer to the checks and balances between the association board, the attorney and the management company. Can you further explain what you mean by that?

A: What I mean simply is that the Board of Directors has a responsibility to run the affairs of the association and incident to that, monitor the affairs of all of its vendors and professionals, including the management company and the attorney. If the management company is figuratively in bed with the attorney because of economic considerations as a result of referrals, that checks and balances system may be in jeopardy. The attorney should be monitoring the affairs of the management company and the Board of Directors, and most otherwise comment on any irregularities that he or she observes. The management company should be monitoring the Board of Directors and the attorney to ensure that the attorney is performing his or her functions properly so as to make the operation of the association run effectively.

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BEVERLY HILLS

16160 Beechwood Ave \$255,000
30601 Embassy St \$390,000
18521 Hillcrest St \$370,000

BIRMINGHAM

338 Baldwin Rd \$1,050,000
784 Bird Ave \$649,000
1451 Cedar Dr \$365,000
1288 Chesterfield Ave \$735,000
1274 E Lincoln St \$495,000
2859 E Maple Rd # 3 \$52,000
1859 Henrietta St \$275,000
675 Larchlea Dr \$610,000
1475 Maryland Blvd \$266,000
335 N Eton St # 27 \$89,000
543 N Old Woodward Ave \$250,000
855 Pilgrim Ave \$1,150,000
1272 Villa Rd \$252,000
2261 W Maple Rd \$266,000
1470 Washington Blvd \$295,000
866 Westchester Way \$720,000
639 Westwood Dr \$935,000

BLOOMFIELD HILLS

4315 Sawgrass Dr \$245,000
2827 Heathfield Rd \$370,000
3645 Lahser Dr \$2,330,000
326 Lakewood Rd \$1,181,000
255 Lone Pine Ct \$1,150,000
2133 Park Ridge Dr \$258,000

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP

2927 Aspen Ln \$275,000
7201 Bingham Rd \$526,000
2358 Brenthaven Dr \$399,000
624 Deauville Ln \$484,000

3290 Devon Brook Dr \$250,000
742 E Fox Hills Dr \$73,000
1353 Forbes Dr \$387,000
1807 Indian Trail Rd \$385,000
1975 Klingensmith Rd \$90,000
1936 Klingensmith Rd \$113,000
909 Rock Spring Rd \$385,000
801 W Long Lake Rd # F4 \$108,000
4032 W Orchard Hill Dr \$355,000

COMMERCE TOWNSHIP

8788 Alsop Ave \$355,000
1838 Cheshire Ln \$421,000
3236 Edgemere St \$107,000
5065 Greenview Dr \$270,000
3007 Ivy Hill Dr \$359,000
145 Liza Ln \$302,000
3385 Tiquewood \$266,000

FARMINGTON

33904 Glenview Dr \$147,000
21392 Magnolia Ct \$215,000
23819 Wilmarth Ave \$280,000

FARMINGTON HILLS

21792 Aspen Ct \$376,000
32901 Biddestone Ln \$205,000
37527 Burton Ct \$260,000
38518 Darbyshire \$130,000
25142 Farmington Rd \$235,000
28615 Grayfield Dr \$201,000
29960 Green Acres \$265,000
22441 Haynes Ave \$25,000
22451 Haynes Ave \$10,000
33611 Heirloom Cir \$447,000
28629 Kendallwood Dr \$225,000
35360 Lone Pine Ln \$213,000
23424 Middlebelt Rd \$59,000
21899 Ontaga St \$132,000
24180 Scott Dr \$220,000
28475 Shadylane Dr \$140,000
29342 Shenandoah Dr \$270,000
30999 Sudbury St \$275,000

29473 Sugar Spring Rd \$180,000
24012 Susan Dr \$227,000
28442 Thorny Brae Rd \$188,000
28829 W King William Dr \$307,000
32311 W Wayburn St \$208,000
21121 Whitlock St \$183,000

FRANKLIN

29905 Forest Dr \$810,000

HIGHLAND

3180 Beaumont Dr \$175,000
1142 Charlick Dr \$213,000
5265 N Duck Lake Rd \$40,000
161 Reid Rd \$216,000
505 Snyder Rd \$75,000

LATHRUP VILLAGE

26560 Meadowood Ct N \$189,000

MILFORD

711 Atlantic St \$243,000
424 Hickory St \$465,000
781 Milford Glen Ct \$303,000
1305 Oak Hollow Dr \$550,000
784 Ridgeside Dr \$186,000
1684 S Hickory Ridge Rd \$127,000

NORTHVILLE

21096 Boulder Cir \$195,000
44339 Chedworth Dr \$300,000
314 Debra Ln \$218,000
42153 Gladwin St \$130,000
21147 Lujon Dr \$375,000

NOVI

45499 Addington Ln \$460,000
43169 Ashbury Dr \$450,000
49963 Blackberry Trl \$320,000
39456 Country Ln \$138,000
24585 Edgewood Dr \$290,000
44722 Gwinnett Loop \$145,000
27859 Hopkins Dr \$170,000
28064 Hopkins Dr \$171,000
41783 Independence Dr \$175,000
51188 Luke Ln \$267,000
23608 N Rockledge \$76,000
2450 Novi Rd \$120,000

22264 Pondview \$119,000
25562 Portico Ln \$170,000
45735 Sheffield Dr \$400,000
24691 Simmons Dr \$240,000
27516 Sloan St \$364,000
27315 Victoria Rd \$324,000
27332 Victoria Rd \$306,000
247 Wainwright St \$155,000

SOUTH LYON

58643 Bridge House Ct \$82,000
345 Cambridge Ave \$156,000
23158 Cheyenne Ct \$419,000
1168 Equestrian Dr \$350,000
61131 Ladbroke Dr \$378,000
423 Lyon Ct \$150,000
25778 McCrory Ln \$285,000
21551 Nathan Ct \$365,000
1131 Paddock Ct \$251,000
362 Princeton Dr \$193,000
24291 Ravine Dr \$2,000
24798 Ravine Dr \$2,000
23899 Stoneleigh Dr \$456,000
441 Whipple St \$165,000

SOUTHFIELD

29490 Bermuda Ln \$170,000
29672 Brentwood St \$120,000
19350 Eldridge Ln \$85,000
20280 Lacrosse Ave \$150,000
17582 Melrose St \$118,000
25209 Prairie Dr \$122,000
19646 Raleigh Cir N \$58,000
25552 Saint James \$127,000
29465 Sharon Ln \$140,000

WHITE LAKE

10719 Jacob Ct \$563,000
8656 Newport Dr \$331,000
9390 Steephollow Dr \$187,000
9210 Twin Lakes Dr \$498,000
8335 Woods Edge \$333,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Aug. 11-15, 2014, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON

2536 Brookhaven Rd \$195,000
456 Buckingham Rd \$168,000
7031 Copper Creek Cir \$153,000
4136 Coronet Ave \$215,000
41992 Coventry Way \$196,000
1583 E Lakeview Ln \$165,000
39646 Edmundton Dr \$117,000
43075 Fernwood St \$204,000
4224 Forest Bridge Dr \$224,000
4368 Forest Bridge Dr \$194,000
43414 Fredericksburg St \$150,000
47890 Gladstone Rd \$465,000
51185 Glen Hollow Ave \$50,000
41642 Haggerty Woods Ct \$166,000

44650 Heather Ln \$260,000
7519 Kingsbridge Rd \$224,000
7528 Kingsbridge Rd \$190,000
44533 N Umberland Cir \$70,000
264 N Village Way \$150,000
338 N Willard Rd \$197,000
43669 Oakbrook Rd \$234,000
1734 Ranier Blvd \$150,000
44925 Rector Dr \$198,000
6241 Runnymede Dr \$187,000
1699 Rustic Ridge Rd \$164,000
347 S Village Way \$163,000
265 Selkirk St \$160,000
42149 Tonquish Ct \$175,000
1992 Trinity Rd \$540,000
51174 Upland View St \$50,000
51187 Upland View St \$50,000
1538 Valentine Ct \$285,000
5993 Wedgewood Ct \$266,000
8561 Westchester Ln \$232,000
42469 White Hart Blvd \$300,000
508 Worthington Rd \$222,000

GARDEN CITY

6932 Belton St \$65,000
30855 Block St \$43,000
31045 Block St \$123,000

32219 Bridge St \$106,000
32215 Cambridge St \$31,000
1723 Deering St \$10,000
31311 Elmwood St \$89,000
6417 Hawthorne St \$116,000
30470 Hennepin St \$76,000
1061 Inkster Rd \$20,000
414 Lathers St \$103,000
994 W Rose Ave \$145,000

LIVONIA

11320 Berwick St \$181,000
15208 Blue Skies St \$167,000
9949 Cardwell St \$135,000
11723 Cavell St \$75,000
31716 Curtis Rd \$198,000
39193 Dover St \$168,000
10051 E Clements Cir \$118,000
33395 Fargo St \$45,000
15162 Golfview Dr \$194,000
9105 Harrison St \$90,000
14348 Henry Ruff St \$160,000
17423 Hizmet St \$120,000
15078 Houghton St \$135,000
14733 Inkster Rd \$125,000
36470 Joy Rd \$107,000
11180 Karen St \$128,000
35598 Leon St \$190,000
15495 Mayfield St \$82,000
8921 Melvin St \$140,000
16777 Riverside St \$140,000
38107 Ross Ct \$155,000
35041 Roycroft St \$282,000
11025 Sunset St \$105,000
13994 Susanna Ct \$163,000
18374 University Park Dr \$100,000
15014 Westbrook Ct \$235,000
16452 Westbrook St \$270,000
16643 Whitby St \$210,000
34412 Wood St \$234,000
14772 Yale St \$165,000

NORTHVILLE

47149 Seven Mile Rd \$398,000
42010 Baintree Cir \$263,000
50920 Belmont Park Ct \$542,000
44519 Birchwood Ct \$400,000
18260 Blue Heron Pointe Dr \$460,000
20018 Bryn Mawr Ct \$119,000
17302 Cameron Dr \$435,000

16764 Dover Dr \$148,000
39852 Glenview Ct \$307,000
502 Grace St \$239,000
16798 Lochmoor Cir W \$300,000
44030 Medinah Ct \$625,000
15927 Morningside \$150,000
19629 Neptune Ct \$135,000
626 North Ctr \$238,000
42251 Nottinghamwood Ct \$300,000
16128 Oakwood Ct \$445,000
49784 Parkside Dr \$464,000
303 Saint Lawrence Blvd \$310,000
19233 Surrey Ln \$106,000
777 Thayer Blvd \$918,000
20172 W Whipple Dr \$385,000
16972 Warwick Ct \$354,000

PLYMOUTH

42543 Applecreek Dr \$154,000
46332 Barrington Rd \$331,000
50475 Beechwood Ct \$194,000
9406 Caprice Ct \$207,000
8860 Colony Farm Dr \$375,000
11820 Deer Creek Cir \$400,000
770 Deer St \$125,000
9032 Hackberry Ave \$195,000
505 Hartsough St \$425,000
424 N Harvey St \$500,000
777 N Harvey St \$233,000
40459 Newport Dr \$75,000
13956 Oakland Ct \$470,000
1338 Penniman Ave \$575,000
1380 Penniman Ave \$350,000
142 Pinewood Cir \$93,000
42491 Plymouth Hollow Dr \$69,000
49479 Pointe Xing \$160,000
190 Riveroaks Dr \$117,000
101 S Union St \$160,000
14230 Shadywood Dr \$195,000

REDFORD

11311 Appleton \$57,000
20508 Delaware Ave \$115,000
25500 Donald \$109,000
14426 Fenton \$92,000
16817 Five Points St \$52,000
9312 Garfield \$93,000
19512 Garfield \$49,000
15412 Gaylord \$76,000
18655 Gaylord \$57,000

13027 Laverne \$82,000
12780 Mercedes \$94,000
8841 San Jose \$70,000
9052 Seminole \$98,000
16960 Woodworth \$65,000

WAYNE

3769 Winifred St \$135,000
2238 North Ctr \$238,000
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1301 Barchester St \$445,000
32740 Birchwood St \$464,000
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37001 Condor Ct \$106,000
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1850 Dunn Ct \$123,000
33426 Farmington Ct \$85,000
6218 Ferraina Dr \$150,000
38099 Greenwood St \$45,000
34833 Hiveley St \$70,000
33604 Krauter St \$67,000
28374 Mackenzie Dr \$132,000
31260 Mackenzie Dr \$105,000
29114 Manchester St \$38,000
376 Marigold Cir \$100,000
8164 Melvin Ave \$85,000
5630 N Linville St \$50,000
5971 N Linville St \$30,000
6220 N Newburgh Rd \$110,000
7715 N Venoy Rd \$137,000
30666 Palmer Rd \$75,000
33139 Parkwood St \$109,000
35422 Pheasant Ln \$87,000
6766 Quail Run Cir \$83,000
412 Ravencrest Ln \$115,000
34203 Rosslyn St \$110,000
365 S Byfield St \$100,000
159 S Carlson St \$105,000
538 S Hubbard St \$107,000
34345 Shawnee St \$114,000
227 Summerfield Dr \$210,000
36069 Traditions Dr \$156,000
2430 W Miller Cir \$123,000
31246 Windsor St \$93,000
1382 Woodbourne St \$94,000

Car Report

From West Coast Show To Detroit Garages: L.A. Launches Excite Industry



By Dale Buss

It's only going to be a few weeks before some of the exciting new models, features and wrinkles introduced at the Los Angeles Auto Show this month begin finding their way into dealer showrooms and enthusiast garages in metro Detroit.

There was a bonanza of new hardware and other innovations introduced in the run-up to the show, which of course kicks off the annual season of big global auto exhibitions that makes its next stop in downtown Detroit for the North American International Auto Show in January. The U.S. auto industry keeps humming along these days, and the expensive, wide-ranging new-model schedules for carmakers indicate that they believe it'll keep on humming for some time to come.

Here were some of the major

developments in Los Angeles that, over the coming months and years, will reflect how each brand is refining its approach to the U.S. market:

Cadillac was showing off its new 2016 ATS-V, a rear-wheel-drive model that new Cadillac boss Johan de Nysschen promises is only the first of a new lineup of high-performance luxury vehicles. GM plans to introduce four other V-Series models by 2020 and will be writing "the next chapter in the long history of this storied brand," as he put it, of a Cadillac brand "reinventing itself."

The V-Series vehicles will be brand halos for Cadillac, helping it attract enthusiasts and underscoring Cadillac's reinvention as a performance-oriented luxury brand. Cadillac sales have flagged recently despite widespread agreement that its product lineup is the best ever.

Lincoln unveiled the MKX Concept, its first appearance in North America since its reveal at

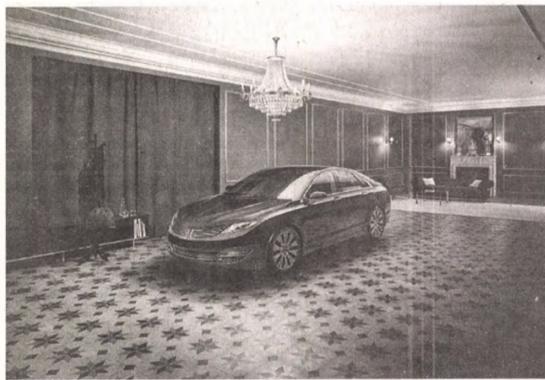
Auto China 2014 in Beijing this April. The Lincoln MKX Concept hints at a global SUV that will become the third of four all-new Lincoln vehicles due by 2016.

The brand also shared details of its ambitious Black Label program for providing top-end versions of its new vehicles, with a huge boost in customer service thrown in. Lincoln executives announced the initiative last year as a way to provide a package of extras for the most discriminating customers for the luxury brand that Ford now is trying to bring back, basically from the dead.

Black Label vehicles will be priced at about \$5,300 above standard new Lincolns and will come in four designer themes—Indulgence, Oasis, Modern Heritage and Center Stage—that each comes in special colors with exclusive leather and wood interior treatments, as well as six exclusive colors.

The Black Label platform, which comes with a bespoke concierge experience, also includes "membership privileges" such as a four-year, 50,000-mile complimentary maintenance plan in the U.S. and sweetheart deals with a network of restaurants.

The vehicles will be available beginning later this year at 32 dealerships in six states, including Hines Park Lincoln in Plymouth, that have signed up for the "sub-franchise." They account for about half of Lincoln sales in the six states. Ford expects that about 5 percent of Lincoln's vehicle volume will be Black Label versions. No telling how many of those buyers will be from California.



Lincoln's Black Label program will attract discriminating customers.

Infiniti in L.A. was touting the fact that many of the safety technologies that have become common in the premium segment were first introduced on the Nissan-owned luxury brand, which also is commemorating its 25th anniversary. These features included Lane Departure Warning, which Infiniti pioneered on the 2005 Infiniti FX, and Blind Spot Intervention, which alerts drivers of a vehicle in the adjacent lane during lane-change maneuvers, which debuted on the 2011 Infiniti M.

Mercedes-Benz introduced a new, ultra-high-end Mercedes-Maybach model, resurrecting the old upper-crust brand name. The brand also released a promo at show featuring a glimpse of ultra-luxe accessories such as leather goods and sunglasses that bear the same logo as the car.

Volkswagen was able to show off its new, seventh-generation 2015 Golf subcompact—crucial to turning around VW's sales fortunes in the

United States as well as serving as a global platform—that just won the industry's coveted Motor Trend Car of the Year Award. While on the West Coast, VW also showed its GTI Roadster concept car.

Acura sported a new ILX with some styling updates, a new powertrain and upgraded interior.

Audi showcased the revamped Audi TT Roadster and TTS Coupe, featuring a new rendering of the car's iconic design and "driver-focused performance" technologies.

BMW highlighted new "M" high power and performance versions of its X5 and X6 crossover vehicles.

Chevrolet debuted a Gran Turismo Corvette concept vehicle the likes of which will only be seen otherwise in the Gran Turismo video game. The car that will debut virtually in the Gran Turismo 6 version of the game has little resemblance to current production-model Corvettes.



The logo for the new Mercedes-Maybach supercar -- and brand.

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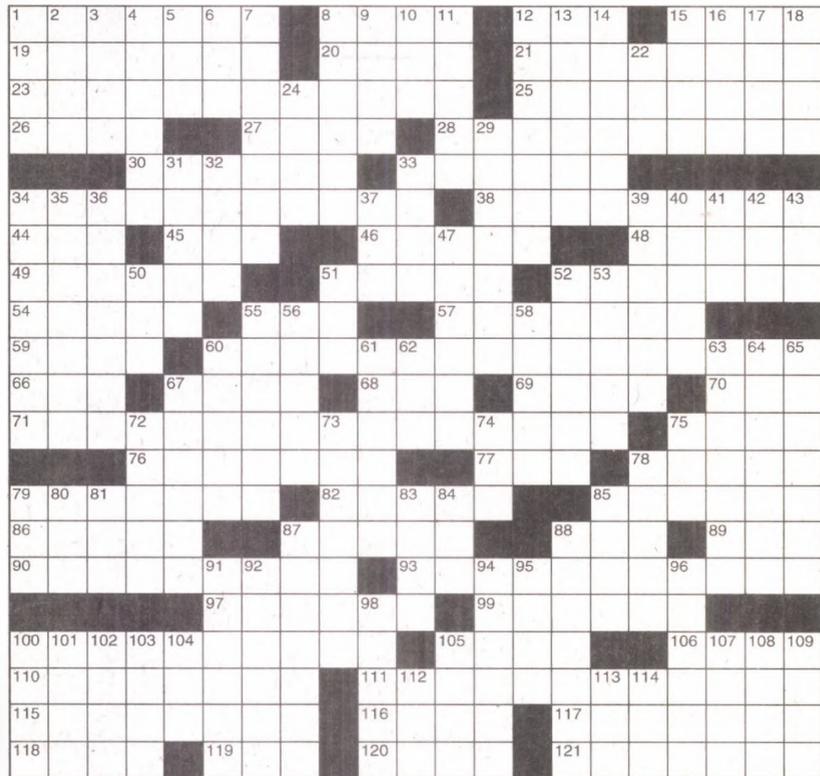
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| 12 Part of BYO | 3 Lhasa — (dog breed) |
| 15 Political coalition | 4 Boosts |
| 19 Choose for jury duty | 5 Business mag |
| 20 Lang. spoken in Milan | 6 Teachers' union: Abbr. |
| 21 1959 John Wayne film | 7 Allowing only female students |
| 23 What a maestro studies | 8 Loud insect |
| 25 Christian, for one | 9 Western Amerinds |
| 26 Braggarts have inflated ones | 10 Tarnish |
| 27 Student transcript nos. | 11 Initial Hebrew letter |
| 28 Penitentiary division | 12 Singer Roy |
| 30 Laid eyes on | 13 Nobelist Elie |
| 33 What "My Bonnie lies over" | 14 Like some mutual funds |
| 34 Home for a pet rodent | 15 Make coffee |
| 38 Fort Knox feature | 16 Molten rock |
| 44 Meyers of "Think Big" | 17 See 91-Down |
| 45 Wriggly swimmer | 18 Strong rope |
| | 22 Storage unit |
| | 24 Project particular |
| | 29 In a majestic manner |
| | 31 Stainless — pieces |
| | 32 Squint (at) |
| | 33 Head, in Pau |
| | 34 Hurting |
| | 35 Sunken space in front of a cellar window |
| | 36 She's a soccer star |
| | 37 Gibson liquor |
| | 39 Philip VI's house |
| | 40 Serving perfectly |
| | 41 Vase variety |
| | 42 Piano part |
| | 43 NFL goals |
| | 47 Bishop, e.g. |
| | 50 Fathers |
| | 51 China's Chiang — shek |
| | 52 Rack-and— steering |
| | 53 Hoops Hall of Famer Dan |
| | 55 Parents' hiree |
| | 56 Kilt pattern |
| | 58 Arrived at by chance |
| | 60 Hostess |
| | 61 Kleenex, say |
| | 62 Some inserts |
| | 63 Really must |
| | 64 Called upon |
| | 65 Nucleic acid base |
| | 67 Showing, as a card |
| | 72 Actor Conrad |
| | 73 Dandelion lookalike |
| | 74 Tuned in |
| | 75 Cleverness |
| | 78 Davis of film |
| | 79 Ene or Superieur |
| | 80 Lyrical work |
| | 81 "Stand by Me" actor |
| | 83 SoCal squad |
| | 84 It's S. of Leb. |
| | 85 Athletic type |
| | 87 Dismount |
| | 88 Artist Marcel |
| | 91 With 17-Down, discusses at length |
| | 92 Weasels' kin |
| | 94 Fell in line |
| | 95 Menu listing |
| | 96 Grouchy |
| | 98 Food carton abbr. |
| | 100 Singer Irene |
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| | 102 "54" co-star |
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How to approach a small-town job search

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A lot of career advice targets workers in moderately sized cities who have more access to job opportunities. Rural communities have a limited number of companies and a population competing for fewer jobs. How can a worker from a smaller town make an impression on a company without being a pest?

Job seekers should adapt their job-search strategy depending on the local workforce climate. From there, it comes down to adjusting how you apply for jobs. In some instances, you can take a more out-of-the-box approach to job searching when in a smaller town.

Be unique

"In rural communities, it's sometimes easier to just go directly to the company and apply face to face," says staffing manager Joshua Johnston. "It can create a lasting impression and can help hiring managers attach that impression to the résumé." If that's not an option, you can still stand out, Johnston says. Anything that grabs a hiring manager's attention or makes a lasting impression may get you ahead of the competition.

"One candidate called a pizza delivery service and had them deliver not only a fresh, hot pizza, but a laminated copy of the résumé around 11:15 a.m.," Johnston says. "Ultimately, they really wanted to work for that specific company and wanted to think outside of the box." As unusual as this example is, the tactic is helpful for those who find themselves repeatedly applying to the same company for multiple positions.

Use your networks

Johnston suggests that you reach out to friends, relatives, teachers, former co-workers, acquaintances and even your doctor or dentist to ask if they



are aware of any local job vacancies. Telling everyone you know or meet that you're looking for a job can help you with job leads.

In addition, use social networking websites such as LinkedIn to connect with hiring managers at local companies. However, don't use a generic introduction. Personalize your invitation, be creative and be specific about why you're reaching out -- whether it's to make a connection or follow up after submitting an application.

Find your focus

Resumes that aren't tailored to the specific position and lack language from the job requirements usually won't get a second

look. Know how to position your résumé to show proof of your experience, instead of including a laundry list of daily duties.

When there are fewer job opportunities in your community, narrow your focus and stop applying for every opening at every company. Be honest about your education, work experience and any supplemental experiences, such as volunteering, and choose the career path in which you'll have the most success.

Look beyond your ZIP code

You can also broaden your job search to include companies across the U.S. that hire telecommuters or allow employees to work offsite. Finding a company not based in your area doesn't necessarily mean that you have to move, so if you do

the research, you may be able to find companies that are willing to hire an out-of-town worker.

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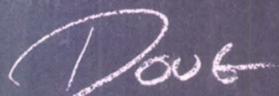
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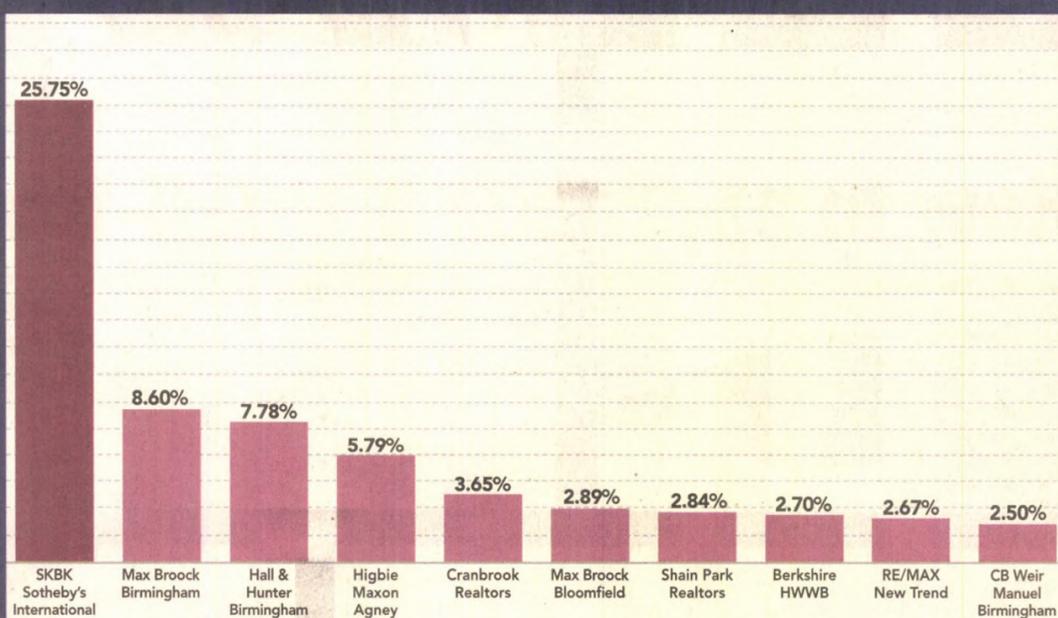
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