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Cookie walk Dec. 13

Come walk in a Cookie Wonderland filled with thousands of homemade holiday cookies and beautifully packaged candy, bread, fudge and more Saturday, Dec. 13, at the fifth annual Christmas Cookie Walk at Meadowbrook Congregational Church. Admission is free.

Cookies are \$9 per pound, with other items priced individually. Each participant will receive a box (or as many boxes as needed) and gloves to walk among trays of holiday cookies and other delights. Pre-boxed cookie assortments also will be available.

Doors open at 9 a.m., but entry numbers will be distributed starting at 8:30 a.m. Participants are encouraged to arrive early to avoid the rush. Free coffee and cookie samples will be served. Proceeds from the event support church missions.

The church is located at 21355 Meadowbrook Road between Eight and Nine Mile roads in Novi. For further information, contact the church office at 248-348-7757 or go to www.mbccc.org.

Novi may receive grant help for park land

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

The city of Novi could be getting some help, around \$385,000 worth of it, from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund to help in acquiring land to be made into a community park.

Gov. Rick Snyder announced Monday the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund board's recommendation to the Legislature that 69 recreational development projects and land acquisitions totaling \$24.7 million be funded in 2015.

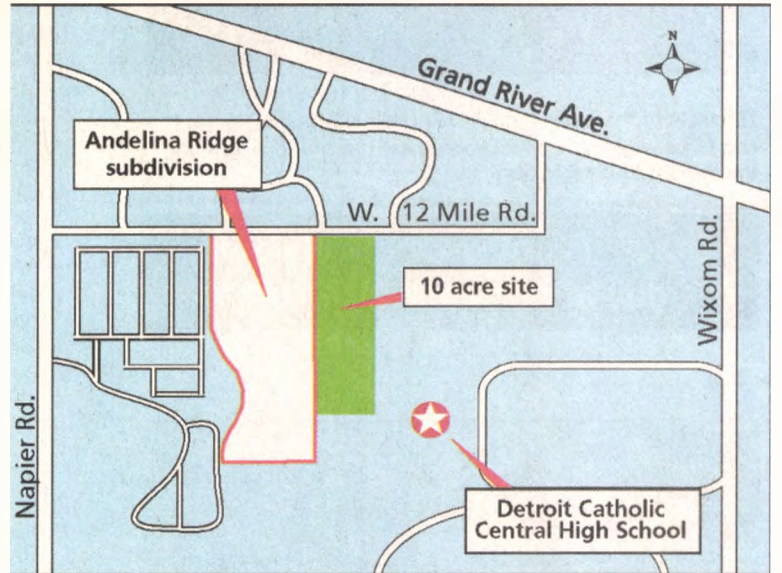
This includes the Novi project for the acquisition of a 10-acre parcel of potential parkland near the city's western border for public recreational use. The property is located on

the south side of 12 Mile between Wixom Road and Napier, adjacent to new the Andelina Ridge subdivision.

The grant request indicated that the total cost for the property would be for \$550,000, with the city's share being \$165,000 (30 percent) and the state grant covering \$385,000 (70 percent).

According to the project's goals, the additional park land would provide recreation opportunities for underserved portions of the population. Recreation uses proposed for the parcel include playgrounds, a woodland pathway and ball fields.

For Novi City Council member Andrew Mutch, who was thrilled to hear of the announce-



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'MAIRE'S JOURNEY' COMING TO AN END

Filmmaker Famie nearing completion of movie about a dying woman's last wish

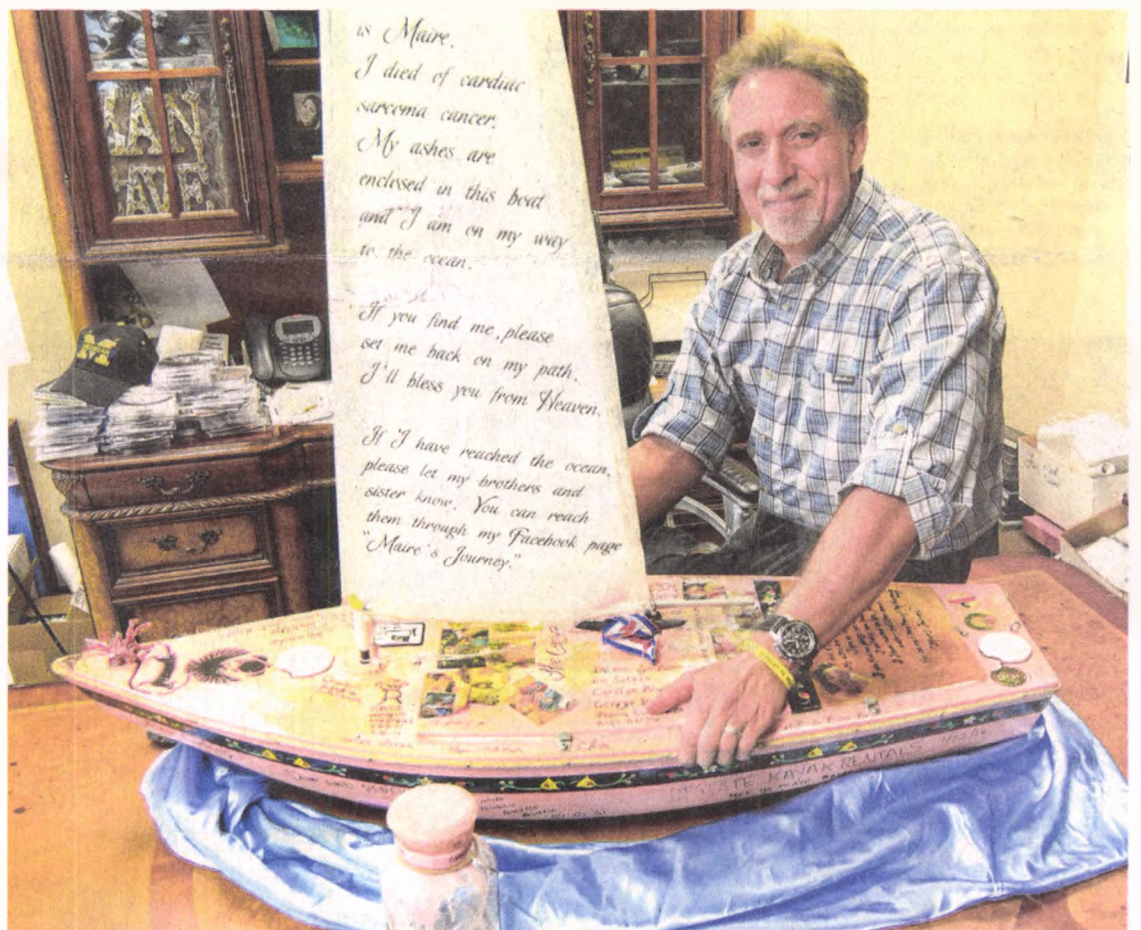
By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

Local filmmaker Keith Famie's journey to capture the real life story of one young woman's battle with a terminal cancer diagnosis is nearing its end and he hopes the final results will positively impact many lives — just like Maire Kent did.

Famie, whose filmmaking company Visionalist Entertainment Productions is based in Wixom, along with award-winning producer/director John Feist and their crew will complete production in the next few months on *Maire's Journey* and release it this spring.

The movie captures the last months of a young woman's life, the journey she would undertake following her death and the impact it had on others. It's Famie's hope that anyone who sees the film gains a clear understanding of what a cancer patient goes through, both physically as well as emotionally.

"I also hope that this will open the door for end-of-life discussions for families. We are all going to die someday," he said. "Some of us will have the ability to plan our exit and what we would like to see happen afterward in memory of our existence. For those of us



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In his Wixom office, documentary filmmaker Keith Famie shows the small sailboat that carried the ashes of Maire Kent from the Great Lakes to the Atlantic Ocean.

who will leave our earthly world abruptly, I hope that we understand just how precious life is and every day is a gift."

Meeting Maire

Famie met 24-year-old Maire (pronounced Mary) Kent after she had been diag-

nosed with cardiac sarcoma. They quickly became friends. He realized as he spent more time with her that she was special and her will to live — while eventually facing the reality that she would lose the battle with this rare cancer — told a unique story.

Famie said as her story unfolds, "we witness how Maire is forced to think about her end of life after a short nine months. She reflects on a book she learned to read from that would inspire her after-

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Federal lawsuit filed against district alleging student assault

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

A federal lawsuit has been filed against Novi Community Schools that alleges a student was assaulted at Novi Middle School over a period of several months.

In a 43-page complaint filed Dec. 1 with the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan Southern Division, the parents of a 13-year-old boy are

alleging he was sexually abused by another student at the middle school. The school district and four staff members are named as part of the suit.

The suit's allegations state incidents of sexual abuse occurred on multiple occasions during a special education English language arts class, on a virtually daily basis during a special education math class and on at least one occasion in another class.

According to the complaint, both students were part of the school's special education program. The 13-year-old plaintiff/victim has an autism spectrum disorder and the alleged perpetrator suffers from attention deficit hyperactivity disorder and unspecified mood disorder.

The time line began in September 2013 and continued until Feb. 26, 2014, and allegedly included intimidation, threats, coercion, grooming and manipu-

lation. The perpetrator is alleged to have repeatedly and systematically sexually abused the 13-year-old plaintiff during classes at NMS.

The complaint also alleges, "Under numerous Novi School District written policies, including those set forth in each student's school-issued planner and Novi Community School District Bylaws and Policies

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Santa Claus is coming to town!



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The faces of the Leslie family – Madeleine, 2, Leslie, James, 1, and Mike – light up Dec. 5 as Santa approaches the Light Up the Night gathering in Novi.

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ment, this is a big development.

"I think it's smart that the city is being proactive by acquiring park property in an area of Novi that doesn't have any neighborhood parks and doing that by

leveraging local tax dollars with a Trust Fund grant from the state," Mutch said. "I'm also pleased to see the city acquiring another 10 acres of woodlands and open space and preserving that from development."

Mutch said when developed, the property is planned for a neighborhood park to help meet the recreational needs of the

residents of western Novi. Several new residential developments have been constructed or are under construction in the immediate area. It also preserves open space and woodlands on the property.

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TRUST FUND

According to Gov. Rick Snyder's office, the board considered a total of 156 applications seeking \$44.7 million in funding. In a competitive process, all eligible applications were evaluated on scoring criteria developed by the Trust Fund board.

"Broader public access to plentiful, quality outdoor recreation opportunities plays a central role in Michigan's economy and quality of life for residents and visitors," Snyder said. "The Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund continues to support active, healthy lifestyles for people of all abilities and has done so for nearly 40 years, funding recreational opportunities in every county in Michigan."

The Trust Fund board recommends funding to both state and local agencies for development projects and land acquisitions that will further access to public

outdoor recreation.

This year, the board recommended \$18.2 million for acquisition grants and \$6.4 million for development grants. Sixteen acquisition grants were awarded to local units of government for a total of \$8.8 million, while nine acquisition grants went to the Department of Natural Resources for projects totaling \$9.3 million. The Trust Fund board also recommended a total of \$5.5 million in 40 development grants be awarded to local units of government, while four DNR projects garnered a total of \$940,000.

"This year's recommended grants reflect the Trust Fund board's strong engagement with local communities and add to Michigan's world-class network of trails," DNR Director Keith Creagh said. "Opportunities for outdoor recreation enhance a community's ability to attract residents, businesses and tourists. That's an essential component of

reinventing Michigan."

The Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund is a restricted fund established in 1976 to provide funding for public acquisition of lands for outdoor recreation, as well as for public outdoor recreation development projects. It is funded through interest earned on funds derived from the development of publicly owned minerals. Over the past 39 years, the Trust Fund has granted more than \$1 billion to state and local units of government to develop and improve recreation opportunities in Michigan.

The Trust Fund board's recommendations will go to the Legislature for review as part of the appropriations process. Upon approval, the Legislature forwards a bill to the governor for his signature.

A list of the final recommendations made by the Trust Fund board is available at www.michigan.gov/mnrft.

LAWSUIT

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2112, 5780, and 9250, every one of these improper touching incidents should have generated a parental contact, but there was no such parental contact."

It goes on to state if the Novi school district had notified the parents when it first learned of this behavior, the plaintiff would have been spared months of molestation, abuse and terror.

Overall, the complaint cites the staff and Novi school district did not properly act to protect the victim, yet knew about the harassment

An email letter sent Wednesday afternoon to Novi Middle School parents from Dr. Steve Matthews, district superintendent, stated, "I want to let you know that the media may soon be reporting on a federal lawsuit filed against the district, alleging that a student was assaulted at Novi Middle School over a period of several months."

He said couldn't be specific on the suit's details.

"Although the Novi Community School District must follow very stringent privacy laws, I want to give you as much information as possible within the law," Matthews wrote. "At this point, I can only confirm

that the lawsuit is pending."

According to NCS, Novi Middle School is made up of 1,056 students in grades 7-8 as well as 58 classroom teachers.

In his letter, Matthews tried to reassure parents in spite of the little information he offered.

"What I can tell you unequivocally is that providing a quality education in a safe learning environment for each and every student is our foremost concern. We consider these allegations serious and are responding accordingly," he wrote.

He directed anyone who has questions or concerns to contact his office at 248-449-1234.

On all counts, the plaintiffs are respectfully

requesting "that the Court enter Judgment in the victim's favor and against the Individual Defendants, jointly and severally, in whatever amount he is determined to be entitled and including compensatory, punitive, and exemplary damages, interest, attorney fees under 42 U.S.C. §1988(b), and all costs incurred in this action, and any additional relief the Court deems appropriate."

NCS was made officially aware of the filing Dec. 2 through a summons, stating it now has 21 days to answer the complaint.

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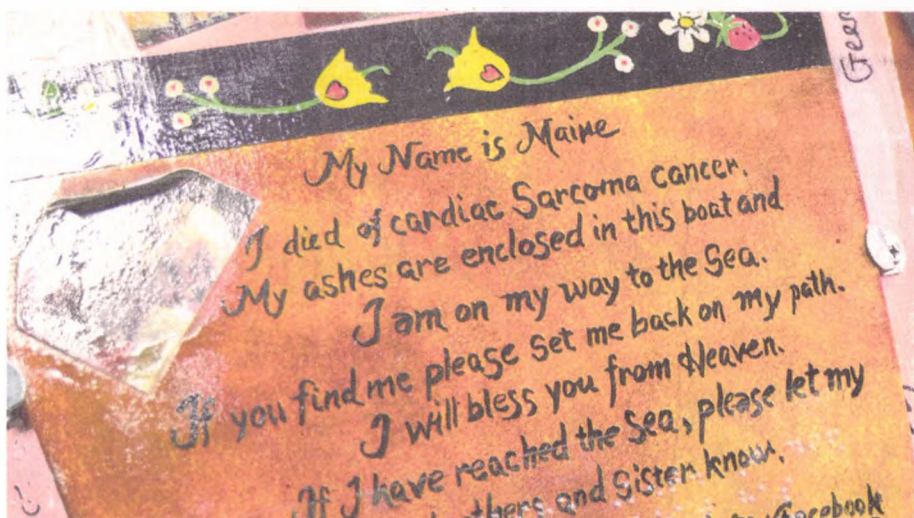
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Maire Kent asked that these words be written on her sailboat.

JOURNEY

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life journey to the ocean of her ashes in a small three-foot sailboat built by a blind carpenter.”

This journey, Famie noted, would bring together random strangers who felt a deep desire to help Maire get to the sea

“In the end, we learn that cancer is everyone’s story at some point in our lives,” he said in reflection.

A dying wish

Maire’s dying wish was to be cremated and have her ashes placed in a small, wooden sailboat set in Lake Michigan, in the hope it would ultimately find its way to the Atlantic Ocean. It did, getting help along the way by people with their own stories.

“Maire’s journey was viewed by so many as impossible,” Famie said. “I heard so often before we set out on this production this past summer that no one would help this vessel containing Maire’s ashes get to the ocean. I am sure many who I told Maire’s story to thought I lost it. I just believed that humanity is good and, if given the chance, they would be there for Maire.”

He said so many things could have gone wrong during the weeks while Maire’s ashes made their way some 1,400 miles to New York City, but they didn’t.

“We experienced some very moving moments that brought our crew of six to say to ourselves more than once, ‘Maire is guiding this journey.’ So quite possibly when we are gone, just maybe we are not really ever gone,” Famie said.

What’s next?

They are now finishing the movie and preparing for a two-month edit session. During this time, Famie will film a few follow-up interviews with Maire’s doctors, singer-songwriter Jill Jack, blind carpenter George Wurtzel and friends. These interviews will help them narrate Maire’s long battle with cancer, as well as the journey she took in her afterlife. The interviews will also allow for these people to reflect on Maire as a person.

It’s Famie’s plan to host a large premiere in Michigan before taking the movie to New York. The premiere will benefit Gilda’s Club of Metro Detroit (named after Gilda Radner, former *Saturday Night Live* television show cast

member and native Detroit) as well as the Maire Kent Memorial Fund for Sarcoma and Cardiac Tumor Research at the University of Michigan. Famie is hoping to attract through a formal invite one of the original cast members of *Saturday Night Live*, such as Bill Murray, Dan Aykroyd or Jane Curtin, who were close to Radner.

In addition to Gilda’s Club, the film’s other primary support has been through executive producers Tom Rau, who has been supporting this story from day one, and Anthony Schimizzi, recently added to the team. Both are businessmen who have been successful.

“I am certain there will be so many lessons that will come from this wonderful spirited lady’s story, more than can be written at this point in time,” Famie said. “We are all very fortunate to have had Maire Kent in our lives. And come spring, we hope her story and the others who helped her along her way will touch possibly hundreds of thousands the same way.”

To learn more, go to <https://www.facebook.com/mairesjourneytothesea> or <http://mairesjourney.com>.

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Amelia Davis, 9, shopped with Novi police officer Rachel Meier during the Shop with a Hero event Dec. 6 at the Target on Wixom Road.

Christmas shopping with local heroes

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

A group of Novi youths had a fun opportunity this past weekend to shop with local police officers and firefighters at Target for some much-needed and wanted Christmas gifts.

“The kids really love this and we do to,” said Lt. Erick Zinser of the Novi Police Department.

Seven kids, along with 14 police and fire personnel, walked the aisles at the Novi Target early last Saturday morning for the annual event called Shop with a Hero. The kids come to the event through Novi Youth Assistance. It’s a chance for them to get some things they might not normally be able to get for Christmas.

They come in with a need and wish list. The needs come first and include things like a new jacket, gloves or hat. The wish list however is the fun part, with toys being very popular.

The group of police and fire personnel volunteered their time for the



LONNIE HUHMANN

Santa Claus made an appearance and handed out goodies to the kids. Pictured here are Jaelen Randall, 6, and Novi fireman John Martin.

event. Zinser said it’s one of the events where it’s easy to find volunteers.

It’s a true community partnership event with the Novi Police and Fire Benevolent Association, Target and NYA teaming up to help some children in need of a good Christmas.

The NPFBA does a lot of work like this and was organized exclusively for charitable purposes, to financially help the otherwise unmet needs of the poor, distressed or underprivileged, covering both

dependents of public safety employees and other members of the community.

This local police and fire group donated money and so did Target. Each child had \$200 to spend at the store on Wixom Road that morning.

“We take a lot of pride in this,” Target employee Melissa Ball said. “It’s about giving back and having a strong partnership with the community.”

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Life is relentless. We clean dishes, we dirty dishes, we clean dishes, we dirty dishes.

We wash clothes, we wear clothes, we wash clothes, we wear clothes.

We shop for food, we eat the food, we shop for food, we eat the food.

Every day, students come to our schools. We teach them the best we can. Then we start a new unit, a new lesson, and start the teaching all over again.

It is easy to get tired, worn down by the relentless march of life.

But we can't.

Every day in our school district, students come to school to learn. Our teachers know that it doesn't matter if they have taught the lesson last semester or last hour to another group of students.

Our teachers know that the students who sit in front of them today or this hour deserve their very best effort.

Sometimes our students make poor choices. Administrators have had to listen to students talk about why they made the choices they made and many of the stories over the years have sounded remarkably similar.



Steve Matthews
SUPER TALK

But our administrators know that each student needs to be treated with respect and dignity.

Our administrators can't predetermine the outcome of student discipline based on their preconceived notions.

Our district is a wonderful district. We have wonderful students, staff, parents and community members who care deeply about what goes on here. But life is relentless. Sometimes we get tired because we have to fight the same battles time and time again.

But we cannot afford to give up or give in. Our students deserve the very best we have to offer, every single day. There are times when all of us may wish to take a step back and relax a bit. But life will not allow us to do that.

Every day, we have to commit to each other to do our very best. The students who arrive each day deserve that from us.

I know that my commitment is to work hard each day for the students in our district. My guess is that each of you feel the same way.

Now I have to sort the laundry. Somehow the clothes are dirty again!

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

Deerfield Elementary students present technology showcase to lawmakers

Students from schools from across Oakland County recently joined hundreds of others from across the state to present technology demonstrations to lawmakers at the state Capitol.

Michigan students made presentations on their exciting, important and often trailblazing uses of technology, from robotics and coding demonstrations by elementary school students to the work by one high school class to use technology to combat human trafficking.

Metro Detroit students participating in this week's presentations to lawmakers traveled from schools in Detroit, Livonia, Westland, Shelby Township, St. Clair Shores, Clinton Township, Clarkston, Novi, Royal Oak and



Participants from Deerfield Elementary in Novi include (from left) students Sun Jun Hong and Ryan Choi, teacher JoAnne North and students Lexi Maxton and Madison Lee.

Clawson. The Novi contingent was made up of students from Deerfield Elementary School.

The 14th annual AT&T/MACUL/TRIG Student Technology Showcase took place Dec. 3, in the rotunda of the state Capitol.

Presented by the Michigan Association

for Computer Users in Learning and underwritten by AT&T and TRIG, the 2014 Student Showcase featured demonstrations from students representing 35 different schools.

"Every day, students and educators in Michigan are embracing technology to create new and

exciting opportunities to learn," said Jim Murray, president of AT&T Michigan.

Mark Smith, MACUL executive director, said students are using technology in remarkable ways.

"This week's showcase gives lawmakers just a small taste of the ways schools and students are using technology to impact their education, expand their learning opportunities and to make a difference in the world," Smith said.

The focus of the Technology Readiness Infrastructure Grant, TRIG, is to develop or improve school districts' technology infrastructure while building a statewide interconnected network to support reliable, unencumbered access to online assessments.

Novi Marching Band gives one of its best state championship performances

By Brian Bartlett
Correspondent

The Novi Marching Band completed the fall season with the state championship at Ford Field and finished fifth in the state in Flight I. That is the highest finish for the band in the last eight years and the highest finish for this year's senior class.

This year's show was "Persephone's Passage" and featured classical music by Mozart and Vivaldi. With elaborate field props and the color guard unit, the band told



The Novi High School Marching Band, here at Ford Field, finished fifth at the state championship.

Greek mythology. The goddess Persephone is kidnapped by Hades, causing everything on the Earth to die. Hades is persuaded to release the goddess for half the

year, giving the Earth spring and summer.

The band received very high ratings during fall performances at Plymouth, Clarkston and Troy Athens on its way

to Ford Field. During the state finals, student band leader Jennifer Hepp received a \$1,500 scholarship from the Michigan Competing Band Association. This is a unique accomplishment as the MCBA awards a maximum of four of these scholarships a year from more than 1,000 eligible seniors in competition.

The Novi band, the largest uniformed team at the high school, would like to thank the community for its support of the arts and the band's fundraising activities. Go, Wildcats!

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POLICE BRIEFS

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Camera lens stolen

A wedding photographer/videographer had a camera lens stolen while working a reception Nov. 3 at the Baronne Renaissance hotel in Novi.

The victim said he put down the lens for another and when he went to pack everything up, it was gone. The report said hotel staff could not find any clues on the security video.

The case is closed due to no leads.

Backhoe windows broken

A backhoe being used at a Novi construction site was damaged by an unknown person.

The machine's four windows were smashed while it was parked overnight at a site at 10 Mile and Napier roads. It's being used at the new phase of the Island Lake subdivision. Novi police said there are no suspects at this time.

NORTHVILLE

Drunken driving

A 20-year-old Northville man was arrested for drunken driving after Northville City Police stopped him for speeding Nov. 29 at South Center and Seven Mile. The police report stated the driver was going 41 mph in a 25 speed zone. The police reported smelling intoxicants in the driver.

His preliminary breathalyzer test registered a 0.16-percent blood-alcohol content.

Marijuana paraphernalia

A 23-year-old Northville man was arrested for possessing a grinder with marijuana residue inside.

The arrest happened Nov. 29 at Hutton and Main streets. The Northville City Police stopped the man's car for a broken brake light. The report stated the officer smelled marijuana inside the car. The man was deemed sober enough to drive, but he did tell police the grinder was inside.

Super drunken driving

A 30-year-old Redford Township man was arrested for drunken driving after Northville Township Police found him passed out in a damaged vehicle.

The police reported finding the vehicle Nov. 19 at Six Mile and Cross roads with damage that included a shattered windshield. The police said it looked as if it happened recently. The man did not wake up to the knocks on the window, so the police were forced to use an un-locking tool.

The police reported smelling intoxicants inside the vehicle once contact was made with the driver. He said he didn't know about the damage. His PBT came back at 0.171 percent. He had a previous OWI charge.

Retail theft

A Livonia woman was arrested by Northville Township Police for attempting to steal necklaces and pants from the Kohl's store on Haggerty Road.

According to the police report, the arrest happened Nov. 21. Police were called on the report of a subject in custody of the store's loss prevention, who told police the 18-year-old suspect confessed to the theft attempt.

Store staff told police the woman was spotted taking two necklaces and putting them inside her jacket. She was then spotted taking pants inside a changing room only to exit without them. She was stopped by store security after exiting the store.

- By Lonnie Huhman

Novi's finest brighten children's holidays

By Curtis Drogmiller
Correspondent

The Fraternal Order of Police Southwestern Oakland County Lodge No. 128 held its Annual Cops and Kids holiday event Dec. 4 at the Wixom Meijer store on Grand River Avenue.

On hand were members from ICE-ERO, Homeland Security-OIG, officers from various cities in Oakland County, the Oakland County Sheriff's Department and several firefighters and four members of Novi's Police Department - Officer Tim Harper, Sgt. John Nelson, Officer Scott Woodley and Lt. Erick Zinser.

"I am proud of everyone involved with our Cops and Kids annual holiday event at Meijer in Wixom," FOP 128 President John KirkPat-



CURTIS DROGMILLER

Novi police Sgt. John Nelson (from left), Vincent Shepherd of Novi and Novi police Lt. Erick Zinser.

rick said. "Meijer was the perfect partner and our membership came out in large numbers of local and federal law enforcement officers to make this holiday bright- er for several area chil-

dren."

Cops and Kids invited 30 kids from three organizations: Novi Youth Assistance, Lakes Area Youth Assistance and Huron Valley Youth Assistance. The event

started at 5:30 p.m. with a pizza party; each child received a goodie bag and then it was time to shop.

Each child received a \$200 gift card to shop with an officer. The evening would conclude with an extra surprise for the families, each receiving a bag to take home, filled with various food items to make their holiday feast complete.

The FOP Cops and Kids Holiday event is getting larger each year, spreading joy to 10 more children in the area than last year.

"We had a terrific turnout," event chair John Jacob Sr. said. "There is no greater joy than to see the happiness on the children's faces during our Cops and Kids holiday event."

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FRI/SAT LS 11:30

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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

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 holymilynovi.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

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

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.

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

Christmas Eve Services: 5 p.m. family worship; 7 and 11 p.m. traditional family worship. All services include candle lighting and holy communion

Sunday, Dec 28: one worship service at 9:30 a.m.

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.

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

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.

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 (day care; preschool through eighth grade); call 248-348-9031.

Novi-Northville Center for Jewish Life

Details: Events, programs and activities for all ages throughout the year — children's programs, Sunday school, adult Jewish classes, youth clubs, holiday services and programs, community social events.
Contact: Rabbi Avrohom and Leah Susskind at 248-790-6075 or rabbino-novijewishcenter.com; www.novijewishcenter.com.

Novi United Methodist

Location: 41671 W. 10 Mile.
Contact: 248-349-2652 or visit umc-novi.com.
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Novi-United-Methodist-Church/59782031433>.
Sunday Worship: 9:45 a.m.

Healing Service and Holy Communion: 9:45 a.m. first Sunday of every month.

Peace Vigil: noon first Sunday of every month in front of the church. Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace.

Oak Pointe Church

Location: 50200 W. 10 Mile, Novi.
Contact: 248-912-0043.
Web: www.oakpointe.org/lifegroups.
Worship Services: 5:15 p.m. Saturday; 9:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m. Sunday.
ReNew Life Group Ministries: 7-9 p.m. Monday (groups meet weekly).
Women's Life Groups Ministries: 7 p.m. Tuesday; 9:30 a.m. Wednesday.
Men's Life Groups Ministries: 6 a.m. Friday; at the church and various locations.

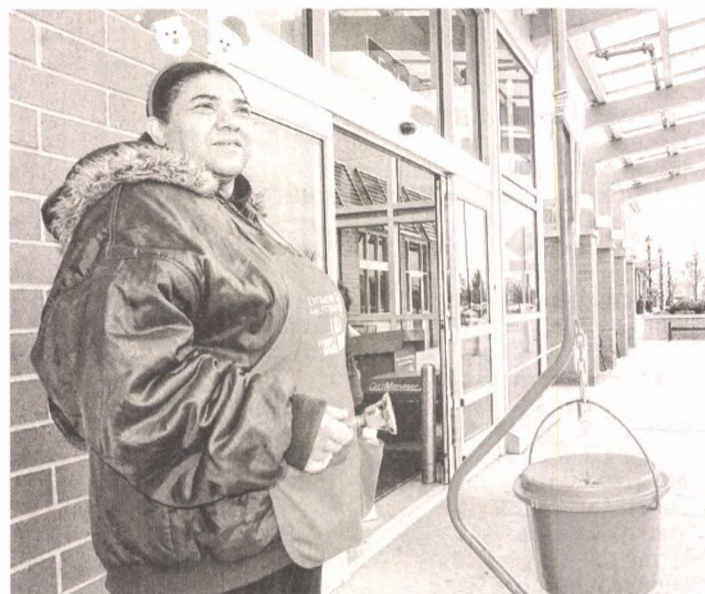
Our Savior Apostolic Lutheran Church

Location: 54899 Eight Mile, Northville.
Contact: 248-374-2268.
Children (5-10) & Adult Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Bible Study: Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

Orchard Grove Community Church

Location: 850 Ladd Road, Walled Lake.
Contact: 248-926-6584; www.orchardgrove.org.

Red Kettle collecting



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Myra Blanding rings the bell Dec. 8 for Salvation Army donations at the Novi Town Center. The group will be collecting funds throughout the holiday season to help in its outreach programs to the homeless and needy. Other Novi bell-ringers for The Salvation Army are located at West Oaks and Twelve Oaks malls.

Get your tickets at www.orchardgrove.org. Event will feature bungee jump, whirly bird, dunk tank, car bash, 3-on-3 basketball, zorb balls, long board course and prize giveaways all night.

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church

Location: 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth Township.
Contact: 734-453-0326, Ext. 221.

Our Lady of Victory

Location: 132 Orchard Drive, Northville.
Contact: 248-349-2621 or olvnorthville.org.
Saturday Worship: 5 p.m.
Sunday Worship: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.

Our Shepherd Presbyterian Church

Location: 1200 S. Sheldon, Plymouth.
Contact: pastor Bill Burke at 734-927-0891.
Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.
Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. with fellowship and food after service.

Our Savior Apostolic Lutheran Church

Location: 54899 Eight Mile, Northville.
Contact: 248-697-8158 or visit www.thepentecostalsofnovi.org.

Pentecostals of Novi

Location: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile.
Contact: 248-697-8158 or visit www.thepentecostalsofnovi.org.

Plymouth St. John's Episcopal Church

Location: 574 S. Sheldon in Plymouth.
Contact: 734-453-0190, Ext. 16, or visit www.stjohnsplymouth.org.

Praise Baptist Church

Location: 45000 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth.
Contact: 734-748-3898.

Prince of Peace Lutheran

Location: 28000 New Market Road, Farmington Hills.
Phone: 248-553-3380
Fall Support Groups: Hosting two separate fall support groups: "Hope for Tomorrow" for those grieving and "Through the Fire" for those needing divorce recovery. These free support groups will meet at 7 p.m. Thursdays in the fellowship hall area. These classes will offer strength, courage and hope to individuals as they go through the process of grief and/or divorce. Space is limited. Please call the church office to pre-register or for more information.
Free monthly movie: "Polar Express" will be shown at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19 with a potluck dinner.
Mid-week Advent services: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 17. Special soup suppers will be hosted prior to the services at 6:15 p.m.

St. James Catholic

Location: 46325 10 Mile, Novi.
Contact: 248-347-7778.
Pastor: Monsignor John Kasza.
Mass schedule: 8, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday-Tuesday; 7 p.m.

Wednesday; 5 p.m. Saturday.

St. John Lutheran Church

Location: 23225 Gill, Farmington Hills.
Contact: 248-474-0584 or visit stjohn-lutheran.com.
Saturday Worship: 5:30 p.m.
Sunday Worship: 9, 11:15 a.m.
Sunday School: 10:15 a.m.

St. Paul's Lutheran

Location: 201 Elm St., Northville
Contact: 248-349-3140
Unity of Farmington Hills
Location: 32500 W. 13 Mile, Farmington
Contact: 248-737-9191; Administrative-Director@unitylfh.com

Unitarian Universalist Church of Farmington

Location: 25301 Halsted, Farmington Hills
Contact: www.uufarmington.org
Details: This religious education program is open to the public and currently enrolling new students. Classes are grouped into grades K-five, six-eight and nine-12 with age-specific education materials for all.

Contact: Jennifer Teed at 248-478-7272 or dre@uufarmington.org
Details: Six weeks exploring different topics like religion, philosophy, science, health, social and political issues. No advance registration necessary; a \$5 donation is suggested. Drop in and pick the class that interests you most at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Farmington.

Contact: 248-478-7272 or uufarmington.org/uucf/re-lifespan
Multigenerational Services: 6:45 p.m. Fridays

Details: Family members of all ages can gather for drumming, chanting, and meditation followed by a brief participatory worship service which could include stories, songs and sharing. A religious education activity will follow, such as an art project, music, dance, game or theater. The evening will close with a light snack and a short time to socialize, ending at 8:30 p.m.

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville (behind the shopping center at the corner of Six Mile and Haggerty)
Web: www.wardchurch.org
Contact: 248-374-7400
Sunday Worship: 8 a.m. Liturgical in the Chapel; 9:30 a.m. Contemporary in the Sanctuary; 11 a.m. Traditional in the Sanctuary; 11a.m. Post-Contemporary in Knox Hall
Sunday Groups and Classes: Nursery, Children's and Middle School programs available on Sunday mornings. High School Sunday night at 6:30 p.m. Sunday Morning Adult Life Classes also available.
FX: A Family Experience: An interactive family production where participants ignite conversations in the home on important topics to help kids and their parents follow God together. First Sunday of the month at 9:30 a.m. In Knox Hall, September-May.
Service Broadcasts: Live at <http://live.wardchurch.org> at 9:30 and 11 a.m. Sundays for live interactive video web-streaming.

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Tips for a safe holiday season

It's no surprise that as the holiday season approaches, family and friends gather to celebrate. With more cooking, decorating and rituals that include candles and open flames, the risk of house fires and pediatric burn injuries increase drastically during the month of December.

These holiday traditions can all lead to a devastating house fire when there are young children in the home. The U.S. Fire Administration reports there are approximately 128,700 fires during this festive month that account for 415 deaths and 1,650 injuries.

Holiday fire safety tips

According to Dr. David Herndon, M.D., with Shriners Hospitals for Children in Galveston, Texas, there are three types of pediatric burns that are common during the holidays. They include scalds from steam or hot liquids, contact with heat or flames and electrical burns. Understanding these common injuries and how to avoid them can help your family to stay safe this season.

Look out for loved ones and prepare for the holiday ahead with these simple fire safety tips from Shriners Hospitals for Children:

Holiday decorations

» Make sure your tree is at least three feet away from heat sources such as fireplaces, radiators, space heaters, candles or heat vents.

» If you have a live tree in your home, keep it well watered and remove it after the holiday or when it becomes dry.

Holiday lighting

» Inspect holiday lights each year for frayed wires, bare spots and excessive kinking or wear before use.

» Connect strings of

lights to an extension cord before plugging the cord into the outlet.

Candle care

» Consider using battery-operated, flameless candles.

» Never leave lit candles unattended. When using lit candles, make sure they are in stable holders and placed where they cannot be knocked down easily.

Holiday cooking

» Cooking is the primary cause of home fires and fire injuries, so keep an eye on what you fry.

» Stand by your pan and turn pot handles toward the back of the stove so children cannot reach them.

» Wear short sleeves or roll up long sleeves when cooking.

» Keep a pan lid or cookie sheet nearby to cover the pan if it catches on fire.

Be prepared

To protect your loved ones, make sure your home is equipped with working smoke alarms and fire extinguishers. The holiday season is a great time to change the batteries in your smoke alarms and to check fire extinguishers.

Have an escape plan for your family and always cook with care. Most importantly, if you or your child experiences a burn, consult a physician immediately.

Expert pediatric burn care

Since Shriners Hospitals for Children entered the burn care field, the survival rate for children with burns over more than 50 percent of their body surface has doubled. Today, patients with burns over 90 percent can survive and go on to lead full, productive lives.

These hospitals provide critical, surgical and rehabilitative burn care

to children, regardless of a family's ability to pay. Each state-of-the-art burn facility is staffed and equipped to provide reconstructive and restorative surgery for healed burns, as well as treatments for various other skin conditions.

The staff focuses on the medical and emotional needs of every child, as well as the needs and concerns of the family throughout the care process. A multi-disciplinary team works closely with the patient and family to provide support during the child's recovery and transition back to school and family life.

The gift of prevention

The holiday season is a great time to spread safety awareness to all of your family and friends. Here are some gift ideas to present to loved ones, stuff stockings or to tuck under the tree:

» **Escape ladder:** The National Fire Protection Association recommends homeowners keep one escape ladder in each room located above the ground floor. Many models are built to stow easily under the bed or in the closet.

» **Smoke detector:** Some new smoke detectors offer advanced technologies, including a text message alert when a risk is detected or batteries are running low.

» **Flameless candles:** While a candle is always a classic gift, a flameless candle is a safer way to add ambiance to a room.

» **Fire extinguisher:** This safety equipment makes a great addition for the kitchen, garage or wood shop.

» **Batteries:** Fill those stockings with plenty of batteries to ensure smoke detectors are in working order for many months to come.

- Courtesy of Family Features

Gas leaks force evacuations at AT&T building and Bagger Dave's

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

The Novi Fire Department was dispatched last week to the AT&T store on 43215 Grand River Avenue on a report of a gas smell inside the business.

The call came in just before 11 a.m. Dec. 3. The Novi Fire Department called Consumers Energy to assist with locating a possible natural gas leak, according to Jeff Johnson, director of fire operations and EMS at NFD.

"After checking the building, a leak was located on the rooftop unit of AT&T and a second leak at Bagger Dave's from a supply line to a gas cooking appliance," Johnson said.

Consumers Energy



AILEEN WINGBLAD

The AT&T store on Grand River Avenue was evacuated last week due to a gas leak.

secured and shut off the gas so that both leaks could be fixed, he said. Both locations were safely evacuated and there were no injuries.

If not detected, the leak could be very dangerous, Johnson said. The gas company puts a sulfur-type odor in the gas so people can smell a "rotten egg" when it's leaking. This normally prompts a call to the local fire department or directly to Consumers

Energy.

Consumers Energy uses a special gas monitor that detects leaks. Johnson said the NFD can monitor for some gases, but Consumers has equipment designed to pinpoint leaks.

According to Johnson, so far this year the NFD shows 21 calls for natural or LP gas leaks.

For more information on natural gas safety, go to <http://www.consumersenergy.com>.

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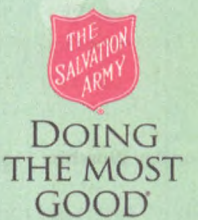
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Pastors reach out to 'Christmas, Easter people' – with love

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

The Rev. Robert Allen of First Presbyterian Church of Northville will see some new faces at Christmas worship.

"You get folks that are tangentially associated with the church," said Allen, a Lyon Township resident and head of staff and teaching elder at the downtown Northville congregation. "The bottom line for me is numbers on a membership roll are less important. It's a family of faith wherever you go. Come as you are, come when you can. 'Folks want to reconnect,' Allen said. "You want to connect them to something. It's not just a ritual, but a relationship. It's all about being present and not trying to put on airs."

He and other pastors see "Christmas and Easter people," infrequent church goers, each year. Christian clergy view the holidays as an opportunity to reach those people. "One of the ways I reach out is moving past the ordinary," Allen said. "The idea is to capture their interest and their intellect." Some see Christmas in simplistic terms, not realizing the strife that existed when Jesus was born.

"The story is much deeper and broader than that. It's a refuge from the rest of the world," Allen added of the modern church. "This promised peace is not something that happens in isolation."

Ancient roots

He said the Palestine-Israel conflict has ancient roots, noting the "Roman imperialism" of Caesar Augustus in Jesus' time.

"People look to government to solve things and



JULIE BROWN
As Christmas nears, local pastors reach out to "Christmas and Easter people," infrequent worshippers.

it's not always helpful," Allen said, referencing the Ferguson, Mo., case that has inflamed racial tensions.

Allen noted that the good news of Jesus' birth was announced to people not accustomed to such good news.

At NorthRidge Church in Plymouth Township, pastors also greet newcomers at Christmas and Easter, said the Rev. Wayne Kurtycz, a regional campus leader. NorthRidge also has campuses at Saline, Grosse Ile and Brighton.

"It really is connected to our power as a church to wake people up to Jesus," said Kurtycz, a Canton resident. "We involve people. We hope to have God take them to that next step, to know God unabashedly loves them. We relevantly show God's truth without compromising it."

At NorthRidge, the celebration is of Christ's birth, not just in the Bethlehem manger, "but to bear our sins on the cross," Kurtycz said. "That's how we really want to wake up our world to Jesus. In all the chaos and sadness of the

world, he loves us."

Celebrating hope

Kurtycz noted some yule worshippers are experiencing loss of a loved one; the Great Recession also hurt many, although he sees that improving. "We celebrate hope," he said. The Rev. Brad Powell and others at NorthRidge preach, with music and technology incorporated.

"It's beyond entertainment, it's inspiration," Kurtycz said. "They are very receptive," he added of newcomers and the message. Many say, "I went to church and I felt better when I left."

"Thousands of people have come through those doors," Kurtycz said. "As we grow larger, we grow smaller. At the end of the day, it's all about relationships," with God and with other people.

NorthRidge is a mega-church, but he noted many opportunities to meet and worship in smaller settings. "That God would bless this place as he has is phenomenal," Kurtycz said. "God's just using this place to touch a lot of loves and touch a lot of people."

At Merriman Road Baptist Church in Garden City, the Rev. Wayne Parker, pastor, said, "At both Christmas and Easter, we do a lot of special programs."

On Dec. 21, his congregation's choir and drama performance will draw people in, as do youth outreach efforts, "knowing that this time of year they're more inclined to think about spiritual things," said Parker, a Garden City resident.

Easter play

Merriman Road Baptist does a passion play at Easter. "Christmas Eve,

there's no seats left," he said of the candlelight service. "It gives us a chance just to share the good news of the Gospel."

Like others, clothing styles don't concern Parker for worship. "Absolutely not. We just want them to come. We take the opportunities that present themselves," including family members introducing newcomers to worship and faith.

Joe Kohn of Northville Township is a spokesman for the Archdiocese of Detroit. "It's a population we understand is there," Kohn said, noting some names used such as "Christmas and Easter Catholics."

"As a church, we are happy to see it's hard to find a seat during the holiday liturgies," Kohn said. "It's a great time to welcome worshippers to the church." Some attend with family members, he noted.

"It's a great time to show the welcoming Christmas spirit," Kohn said. He said area Catholic parishes see attendance swell at Easter, when new members are welcomed or others join in more fully such as through confirmation.

"It's part of the church's life cycle to reach out to people at these times," Kohn said. He said the four Sundays of Advent before Christmas help Christians prepare. "We're supposed to be preparing our hearts for Christ," Kohn said.

The Rev. Gary Michalik, pastor of St. Colette Catholic Church in Livonia, said, "If they feel welcome, they'll come again. It's just a matter of making them feel welcome and they have a good experience. We just want to make sure we provide services. They're welcome to join us."



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The annual Christmas decorations outside of Jeff and Carol Seelenbinder's home at 24023 Elizabeth Lane in Novi are something to see.

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MADD: Avoid drinking and driving this holiday season

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Joshua Clark has traveled all over Michigan, sharing his story of an incident that almost left him dead.

Driving home from playing pickup basketball in 2002 near his home in Lansing, Clark was struck by a woman motorist with alcohol in her system. It left him with severe injuries that could have taken his life.

"Although I had a seat belt on, I still ended up on the passenger seat floor," the Romulus resident said. "That woman decided to drink and drive and make a selfish decision."

Clark was a speaker during the kickoff event for Mothers Against Drunk Driving's "Tie



Joshua Clark of Romulus tells a Schoolcraft College audience of the life-changing injuries he suffered when a drunken driver hit him in 2002.

One On for Safety" event Dec. 4 at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

The campaign, known for its red ribbons tied to car antennas, launches in December each year, a

month where alcohol tends to play a part in holiday celebrations, said Tyler MacEachran, the Michigan executive director for MADD.

"Celebrate the holi-

days, but make sure you're loved ones and yourself survive the holidays," he said.

The U.S. Department of Transportation reports that more than 10,300 fatalities occurred in 2012 as a result of drivers with a blood-alcohol content level of more than 0.08, the legal limit in all 50 states. That fatality figure accounted for 31 percent of all traffic deaths that year.

Clark, who speaks on a monthly basis on panels and other events for MADD, shared his story of spending a month in a coma after his accident, with his family not knowing if he'd survive.

Afterward, Clark experienced some paralysis and had to work for months to regain the

ability to do everyday things he had done for so long.

Fixing people's perceptions is still something that needs to be done regarding drunken driving, Clark said. Incidents involving drunken drivers are something seen "every day in our newspapers," referencing the recent death of Bloomfield Hills School District employee Shelley Lazarus, who died Nov. 30 in Genesee County after her and her husband's vehicle was hit by someone suspected of driving with alcohol in their system.

"It's a socially accepted problem," he said. "Drinking and driving is not common sense."

Photos of individuals who had died after accidents involving drunken

drivers cycled on the screen behind him as he spoke.

Karen Bonanno, program coordinator for the Livonia Save Our Youth Coalition, said it's important to keep those reminders to not drink and drive readily available, even though many in Livonia have heard that chorus since they were children.

"We've all heard the messages to not drink and drive," she said. "We've learned that from a very, very young age."

More information on the MADD campaign can be found at the organization's website, madd.org.

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BATCHELOR, CONSTANCE LOU "CONNIE"

of Highland, formerly of Unionville, Michigan, passed away peacefully on December 8, 2014. She was 71 years old. She is survived by her beloved husband, Dave; son, David; daughter, Diane (Bill) Klingler; grandchildren, Jacob and Samantha Klingler; brothers, Bill Roller, Charlie (Debbie) Roller, Jim (Vickie) Roller; sister, Kris (Tom) Koch. Also survived by many loving extended family members and dear friends. A Memorial Mass will be held at St. Mary Catholic Church, 1955 East Commerce Road, Milford on Friday, December 12, 2014 at 12 O'clock. Father John Budde to officiate. Memorials may be made to Gleaners Food Bank or Community Sharing. For further information please call 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

BURROWS, THOMAS

April 15, 1939-December 3, 2014. Arrangements by Phillips Funeral Home. www.phillipsfuneral.com

DeBLOCK, BOBBY

Age 36, passed away December 6, 2014. He is survived by his wife Jill, son Max James, parents Robert and Maureen, sister Michelle Meyers and his grandmother Jean Sullivan. A memorial gathering will take place on Friday, December 12, 2014 from 3:00-8:00p.m. and Saturday from 1:00p.m. until the time of service at 3:00p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME. www.phillipsfuneral.com



DOIG, ALICE

Of South Lyon, former longtime resident of River Rouge, peacefully passed away on December 4, 2014 at the age of 90. She had been in hospice care at Grace Rae Manor for 21 months. She will be remembered as a strong-willed woman who always saw the best in every situation. Her unconditional love for her children will continue to forever shine through. She has blessed us all by her willful spirit and enduring love. She is preceded in death by her husband, James Doig Sr. and son, Rodney Doig. Loving mother to sons, James (Kay), Gary (Paula), Mitchell, daughter, Angretta (Steve) Opitck and daughter-in-law Janet Doig. Wonderful grandmother to Leah, Kylie (Mike) Bannister, Brian, Alex and Anna Opitck and great grandmother to Tyler Ellis. Visitation was held on Tuesday, December 9 from 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. A Funeral Mass was celebrated Wednesday, December 10, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, South Lyon. In lieu of flowers, family requests donations be made to the American Cancer Society or Elle's Place. www.phillipsfuneral.com

DRZAGOWSKI SANDRA M.

of Northville, May 9, 1941-December 4, 2014. L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, NorthSassaman

DUNCAN, GREGG

August 26, 1957 - December 1 2014. Arrangements by Phillips Funeral Home. www.phillipsfuneral.com

EDMONDSON, KENNETH HAROLD

Age 77 of West Bloomfield, December 7, 2014. www.mccabefuneralhome.com

GAY, DOROTHY K.

December 1, 2014 - Age 93. Dorothy was a remarkable woman. Dear wife of the late Alva A. Gay. Beloved sister of the late Gene Kress. Cherished aunt of Emily Goodwin and Barbara Perry. Stepmother to Christopher Gray, Peter Wells, and the late Susan Ahern. Grandmother and great aunt to 11 and great, great grandmother, great, great aunt to nine. Dorothy graduated from Wayne State University in 1947 beginning her life of service to others. She served the city of Detroit for 25 years as a police woman, retiring as an Inspector and Interim Chief of the Women's Division. In 1973, she joined the Highland Lakes Condominium Association Board of Directors serving for 36 years. Her dedicated service to the Detroit community was recognized by 1960's Detroit Free Press as a "Woman of the Year." And, in 2007, the Michigan House of Representatives made a tribute to Dorothy for "years of loyal service to our community and our country." Memorial service and mass are planned for March, 2015. Tributes to the Women's Resource Center, Schoolcraft College, Livonia, MI.

JERSEY, FRANK "RON"

Age 82, passed away December 4, 2014. He was born on September 7, 1932 in Detroit, son of the late Michael & Agnes Jerzewski. Frank was a devoted Detroit Tiger fan since childhood. He loved attending games in Tiger Stadium at Michigan Avenue and Trumbull. He was an amazing cook and was known for his quick wit and good stories. He could often be found listening to his favorite music by Barbara Streisand, Frank Sinatra or Tony Bennett. Frank will always be remembered as being a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He is survived by his beloved wife of 51 years, Mary; his daughter, Lynn Kemp and his stepchildren: Phyllis Magnant and Michael (Joan) Shroot; his grandchildren: Jennifer (Robert), Andrea (Tom), Cristine (Jacki), Suzanne (Michael), Michael, Terri (Mike), Kelly (Tony) and Kathy. He is also survived by 14 great-grandchildren and his sister, Janet. A memorial service will be held on Thursday, December 11 at 1:00PM with the family receiving friends beginning at 11:30AM at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. www.phillipsfuneral.com



May peace be with you in this time of sorrow.



May you find comfort in family & friends



KEISER, ROGER L.

Age 78, of Levering, passed away at Tendercare of Clare on December 5, 2014. Roger was born on March 17, 1936, in Dearborn, MI, to Leon and Mary (Perron) Keiser. He graduated from Pellston High School in 1955. He worked for Procter & Gamble as a mechanic in Cheboygan until his retirement. He married Thayer Roueche, July 29, 1989, and together they divided their time between their homes in Levering and Florida. He was an active member of the Levering Lions for many years and enjoyed hunting and traveling. He also enjoyed building and flying model airplanes. Roger is survived by his five children: Bambi (James) Perry of Clare; Yvette (Daniel) Majestic of Manchester, TN; Colette (Rodney) Sullins of Lake Orion; Roger C. Keiser and Anita Keiser, both of Parma, OH; Ron (Elizabeth) Keiser of Madison Heights; eleven grandchildren, two great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister Deanna Capen of Melvindale and three brothers: Jerald (Ann) Keiser of South Lyon, Charles (Wanda) Keiser of Melvindale, and Dennis (Evelyn) Keiser of Lincoln Park, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife, Thayer; brother, Ronald and his parents. A memorial service for family and friends is scheduled for Saturday, January 17th at 11:00 am at Nordman-Christian Funeral Home in Cheboygan, MI. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Michigan or The American Cancer Society.



KENDALL, TRIPP

Age 32, of Palm City, Florida, passed away on Thursday, December 4, 2014 in Port St. Lucie, FL. He was born in Howell, MI and has been a resident of Palm City for five years, coming from Okeechobee, FL. He was the owner operator of Kendall Trucking. He is survived by his mother and step father Pamela and George Lambros of Palm City, his brother Cory Kendall of Stuart, FL and his grandparents, Richard and Julie Hamlin of Palm City. He was preceded in death by his father Frederick H. Kendall Jr. There was a Celebration of life at 11 a.m. on December 9, 2014 at St. Forest Hills Funeral Home, Palm City. For those that are considering a floral tribute of memorial contributions the family request live plants. An online registry is available at foresthillspalmcityflorida.com

KILLEWALD, JAMES R.

Of Northville, Dec 12, 1926 - Dec 4, 2014. Services entrusted to L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Northrop-Sassaman Chapel.

LOGIUDICE, MELINDA "Mindy"

Age 52, passed away December 6, 2014. She is survived by her loving husband John, children: Danielle and Johnny, grandson Ryley. Her mother June Bryant and sister Loreeta McEndree also survive her. Please contact PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME for memorial gathering information or visit: phillipsfuneral.com

MARTA, FAY

Of Livonia Feb. 3, 1929-Dec. 8, 2014. Services entrusted to L.J. Griffin Funeral Home-Northrop-Sassaman Chapel.



PILLICIOTTI, ANTHONY J.

Age 92, passed away December 6, 2014. He was born on July 31, 1922, in Detroit, son of the late Joseph and Filamena Pilliciotti. Anthony met Sue Domzalski at the Graystone Ballroom in Detroit. Following his service during WWII with the Army Air Force, Anthony and Sue were married in 1946. They spent 68 loving years together prior to her passing in October of this year. Anthony is survived by his daughters: Christina Pilliciotti and Marcia Pilliciotti; his granddaughter, Heidi (Rob) Posh and his great-granddaughter, Ava. He was preceded in death by his wife, Sue in October and his daughter, Jacquelyn Pilliciotti in 2007. A memorial service will be held on Friday, December 12, at 2:00PM with the family receiving friends beginning at 1:00PM at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St, South Lyon. A memorial luncheon will be held immediately following at Buddy's Pizza in Novi. Memorial donations may be made to Choroideremia Research Fdt., 23 East Brundreth St., Springfield, MA 01109-2110 or to the Wounded Warrior Project. www.phillipsfuneral.com



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PRITULA, NICHOLAS W.

Age 50, passed away December 2, 2014. He was born on January 26, 1964, son of Nicholas J. & Diane M. Pritula. Nick loved being outdoors; he was an avid hunter and was always looking forward to his next fishing trip. He was a talented cook and grill master; he was constantly making meals for friends and family. Nick was a huge Detroit sports fan, no matter the event, he was watching or listening to it, cheering the team along. He was very intelligent and a jack of all trades. He will always be remembered as a loving and devoted husband, father, son and brother. He is survived by his beloved wife of 25 years, Beth (McDonell); his loving sons: Nicholas and Jacob; his parents: Nicholas and Diane and his siblings: Lynn (Fred) Quist, Michael, and Marc (Shannon). He is also survived by his sisters-in-law, his brothers-in-law and many nieces and nephews and dear friends. Visitation was held on Saturday, December 6 from 3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, December 7 from 2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. A Liturgy of the Word Funeral Service was held on Monday, December 8 at 12:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 830 S. Lafayette, South Lyon. www.phillipsfuneral.com

SECOCOME, DOLORES "DODI"

Passed away December 8, 2014. She was born Florence Dolores Hrit on July 23, 1933 in Detroit, MI, daughter of the late James and Florence Hrit. She is survived by her beloved husband of 59 years, Robert; her son Bobby (Karen), daughters: Cindy (Ed) pariseau and Cathy (Chris) Burt; five grandchildren: Jennifer, Kristin, Melissa, Michael, Derek and three great-grandchildren: Kelsie, Karlie, Madelyn. A funeral service will be held on Thursday, December 11, at 11 a.m., at Church of Christ, 21870 Pontiac Trail, South Lyon. www.phillipsfuneral.com



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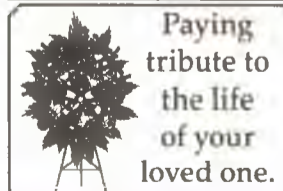
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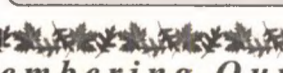
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VIRLEY, ST. NORE PAULINE

Age 92 of Milford, December 5, 2014. Funeral at Lynch & Sons, Milford, December 11, 11 a.m. LynchFuneralDirectors.com



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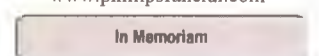


WHEATLEY, IDA JANE

Age 89. Mrs. Wheatley, a longtime resident of Northville Michigan, passed away December 3rd, 2014. Mrs. Wheatley was born in Indianapolis to Esther Sarah (Wacknitz) and Percy Doyle Snipes. Being a child of parents who were missionaries, Ida spent a number of her formative years living in the Belgian Congo Africa before returning to America. Mrs. Wheatley earned Bachelors and Masters Degrees in Education from Peabody College, which is now a part of Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee. It was there that she met her future husband, Charles Wheatley, who attended medical school at Vanderbilt. They were married in 1949. Several years later, they moved to Dearborn, MI and then made their home in Northville in the early 1960's, where they raised their children. Ida was a devoted mother, who along with her husband, worked diligently to provide college educations and travel opportunities for their children and grandchildren. Mrs. Wheatley was the office manager in her husband's cardiology practice in Dearborn and she was also involved in the Northville Mother's Club, Northville Women's Club, Health O' Rama, and as a voting official at elections. She loved to travel, play cards with her bridge group, knit, and read. Ida was preceded in death by her husband who died in 1987. She is survived by her seven children, Ron, Mark (Sue), Charley (Victoria), Alan (Patricia), Mary (Paul) Hubbard, Glen (Annette), and Eric (Valerie Stone) Wheatley; her eleven grandchildren, Michael (Lauren) Wheatley, Daniel (Danielle) Wheatley, Jenny Wheatley, James (Patty) Hubbard, Jenna Hubbard, Peter Hubbard, Max Wheatley, Alexander Wheatley, Isaiah Stone-Wheatley, Christopher Stone-Wheatley, and Madeline Stone-Wheatley; and one great grandson, Jack William Wheatley. She is also survived by her brother, Paul Snipes of Kaneohe, Hawaii, and several nieces and nephews. Mrs. Wheatley spent the last two years of her life both at Angela Hospice Center and Plymouth Inn Assisted Living where she was lovingly cared for by the staff and volunteers. The family is very grateful for their care assistance. A private memorial will take place at a later date. Interment will be at Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville. In lieu of flowers, it would be appreciated if memorial contributions would be made to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Rd., Livonia, MI 48154, or Plymouth Inn, 205 Haggerty Rd., Plymouth, MI, 48170.

WOUGHTER, JON B.

Age 56, of White Lake, passed away Dec. 2, 2014. www.phillipsfuneral.com



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Tipping Point brings new holiday family tradition

Tipping Point Theatre celebrates its "All in the Family" season with Northville's original holiday variety show and a special New Year's Eve event.

The cast will tell classic holiday stories like 'Twas the Night Before Christmas, The Christmas Truce and Yes, Virginia There is a Santa Claus. They'll sing a multitude of songs like It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas, 12 Days of Christmas and Silent Night and so many more of favorites.

There will be prizes to win, a sing-a-long and the warm feeling you get sitting in front of a



Becker and **Yocum** cracking fire and watching the snow fall. Directed by James R. Kuhl with music by Michelle Divine, this one-of-a-kind show is a great way to enjoy the holiday season with friends and family, while supporting live, professional theater, close to home.

Starring Peter Prouty (Ebenezer), Sonja Marquis (Vanya and Sonia

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New Year's Eve event will begin with an 8 p.m. performance of an original production, Home for the Holidays. After the show will be appetizers

and desserts provided by Rocky's of Northville, followed by magician Jeff Jackowski (JJ the magic dude), wine, beer and a champagne toast close to midnight.

Every attendee will also entered into a drawing to win a gift from Orin Jewelers. Tickets are \$75 each (\$50 of which is tax-deductible) and are available through the box office only. The theater is located at 361 E. Cady Street, Northville. Call the box office at 248-347-0003. For more information, go to www.tippingpointtheatre.com or call Lynn Wilde Concannon at 248-347-0003.

Play it again



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Before a Nov. 10 exercise class begins, Meadowbrook Commons resident Bill Deighton sits down at a piano to play a tune or two. Deighton says that he plays violin, too, and he helps accompany Caroline and George Giese at their singalongs at the Novi Senior Center.

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OUR VIEW

Deck the holiday halls safely

It's that time of year, when families deck the halls with plenty of indoor and outdoor lights and wrap their Christmas trees in bright and twinkling bulbs. It's also that time of the year when the potential for accidents and home fires makes the need for safety awareness and working smoke alarms paramount.

There can be no dispute smoke alarms save lives. According to the National Fire Protection Association, the risk of dying in house fires is cut in half when working smoke alarms are installed in a home.

The key phrase is "working smoke alarms." It is incumbent on all property owners to ensure that smoke alarms are operable. The NFPA chalks up smoke alarm failures to missing, disconnected or dead batteries. People are most likely to remove or disconnect batteries because of nuisance activations. Sometimes the chirping to warn of a low battery is interpreted as a nuisance alarm.

Today, smoke alarms are available with lithium batteries, making them maintenance-free and good for 10 years. They can be purchased at most hardware or home improvement stores.

For sure, do not rely on electrically powered smoke alarms. When the power goes out, so does the life-saving alarm. Remember that, according to local code, smoke alarms are to be located in all commons and sleeping areas on each level of the home.

Parents must be sure to share a fire escape plan with children and all holiday guests. It's imperative to have two ways out of the house. Make sure all halls, stairs and doors are illuminated and free of clutter to ensure a safe and speedy escape.

The NFPA conducted a survey that covered 2007-11 and shows that when smoke alarms were present in fires considered large enough to activate them, they operated 86 percent of the time. More than one-third – or 37 percent – of home fire deaths resulted from fires in which no smoke alarms were present at all.

The survey also shows that one-quarter – or 23 percent – of the deaths were caused by fires in properties in which smoke alarms were present, but failed to operate. Smoke alarms operated in fires that caused two out of five – or 40 percent – of home fire deaths. One percent of the deaths resulted from fires that were too small to activate the smoke alarm.

Before a smoke alarm even activates, there are tips that can ensure a safe holiday. Don't burn trees, wreaths or wrapping paper in a fireplace. And before you build a fire or turn on a gas fireplace, be sure that the chimney has been checked and cleaned.

Also remember, never use lighted candles near trees, curtains or any other flammable item in the house. Candles should not be left burning while unattended. That goes for the stove and oven.

According to the National Safety Council, two to three people are treated in emergency rooms during every hour of the holiday season.

While preparing for the holidays, here are a few more safety tips from the National Safety Council to keep in mind:

» Wear gloves while decorating with spun glass "angel hair." It can irritate your eyes and skin. A common substitute is non-flammable cotton.

» When spraying artificial snow on windows or other surfaces, be sure to follow directions carefully. These sprays can irritate your lungs if you inhale them.

» Be especially careful when you choose toys for infants or small children. Avoid toys with small parts that can be pulled or broken off or prove a choking hazard.

» Be aware of dangers associated with coin lithium batteries

» Use designated drivers, people who do not drink, to drive other guests home after a holiday party.

And here is even more from the Electrical Safety Foundation International:

» Avoid overloading electrical outlets, which can overheat and cause a fire. Do not place extension cords where they could cause a tripping hazard, such as doorways. Do not run extension cords under rugs or furniture.

» Keep all decorations three feet away from heat sources, including space heaters and fireplaces. Keep youngsters in mind by placing breakables, candles and other potentially dangerous items out of their reach.

» Turn off and unplug all decorations before leaving home or going to sleep. Use only weatherproof electrical devices for outside activities. Protect outdoor electrical devices from moisture. Make sure live Christmas trees are watered daily.

Holidays are meant to be fun. A happy holiday is a safe one. Be sure to double-check your smoke alarms and be mindful of safety issues while enjoying the hustle and bustle of the holidays.



U.S. FIRE ADMINISTRATION
Candles should not be left burning while unattended.

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COMMUNITY VOICE

What did you think of the Ferguson grand jury decision?

This question was asked at the Northville and Novi libraries.



"I didn't like it, especially after I heard more about the grand jury. I don't think the prosecutor cross examined the police officer thoroughly."

Chris Litka
Northville



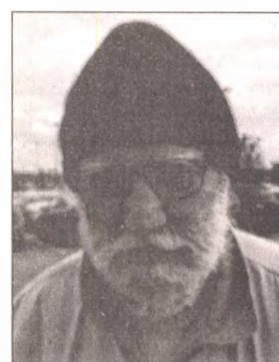
"The courts are there to make decisions like this, but I do feel for all those people who feel like they are victims."

Sister Geri Near
Novi



"I thought it was justified based on the facts that have been presented."

Craig Gonzalez
Northville



"It's a very sorry chapter for that police department. There's no justification for killing that teenager."

Sukhdev Singh
Novi

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Praises president'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

Kudos, Dr. Serra

We wanted to publicly thank Dr. Joe Serra and his team at the Michigan Center for Advanced Dentistry. For the past four years, Dr. Serra has very generously donated custom made mouth guards for the entire Novi High School field hockey program. I was impressed and grateful when he made this generous gesture while his daughter was part of our program. This fall, Dr. Serra's daughter is a college freshman and he still made 35 custom mouth guards as a free service to our team. This incredibly generous donation was more than any of us ever expected.

Every fall, Dr. Serra closes his office for an afternoon (when he could be accepting paying customers). He lets 30-plus high school girls invade his space and he dedicates a team of dental hygienists to serve us. They take the impression of every girl and a week later deliver green and white mouth guards that are a perfect fit for each athlete.

Our on-the-field communication has improved as a result of his generosity. Most importantly,

our parents and athletes feel confident that their teeth are well protected during play and their risk of concussion greatly reduced.

If you are looking for a new dentist, please support this local business that is community focused and repeatedly gives back to the students in the Novi Community Schools.

Thank you, Joe Serra!

Kevin and Amy Kilgore
Novi High School
field hockey coaches

For or against education, Kesto?

Last week, the paper ran an article about the Walled Lake school district receiving a \$10,000 grant from a corporate foundation to assist the district's Drop Out Challenge program. In accepting the grant, the district foundation's executive director stated that the money will make a difference in "bridging gaps created by dwindling budgets and resources that have been stretched beyond effectiveness."

Accompanying the story was a picture of a smiling group of people holding a big check. Front and center in the picture was Klint Kesto, the state House representative for Walled Lake/Commerce. I reread the article to see what Mr. Kesto's involvement was, but couldn't find any – other than creating an appearance that he supports the schools.

Coincidentally, Mr. Kesto voted Thursday to pass House Bill 4539, which is detrimental to public school funding. It phases out the sales tax on fuel, which currently contributes about \$700 million to Michigan's schools. He said in November that this bill was a "smarter choice because it redirects the 6 percent sales tax on fuel to fund roads, which currently goes to schools."

Huh? That's a smart choice? The House sponsors of this bill use ridiculous growth projections to make us believe the sales tax dollars will just be made up from ... other taxes.

Gov. Snyder has said the bill creates "major consequences" for schools and local partners and he opposes it. He prefers the Senate's version of the road-funding bill that doesn't attack public school funding. Unfortunately, in passing this bad House bill, Mr. Kesto was obviously not alone. It passed on a party line vote with support from Novi's Hugh Crawford, Plymouth/Northville's Kurt Heise, Livonia's John Walsh and all but three Republicans.

It's hard not to be cynical when our elected representatives profess their support for our schools and show up smiling for pictures at school events, but then go back to Lansing and vote over and over again to cut funding for and undermine our great public schools and the communities they serve.

Kathleen Hood
Novi

Voters haven't spoken

It used to be after an election, I would say to myself that the people have spoken, live with it. Whether my candidate won or lost. But now, with PACs, like labor unions and the Koch brothers, spending billions of dollars on elections, the people have not really spoken. The special interests have.

Now we have lost any chance of compromise in Washington, we have to live with every decision or lack thereof that comes out of Lansing and the 2016 political ads start next week. Let the fun begin.

Skip Wehrle
Garden City

GUEST COLUMN

Technology solutions help Michigan courts work smarter

Did you know there is a smart phone app to calculate the likelihood of a snow day at your child's school? I have a feeling that app is going to get a workout this winter. New technologies are helping every aspect of our lives, from avoiding traffic jams to managing our finances. In this regard, Michigan judges are putting technology to work, improving service to the public and being more efficient.

For example, many of us have given up stamps and envelopes in favor of paying our bills online. Courts are keeping up with this trend. Across Michigan, 118 courts offer the convenience of paying tickets online and 85 percent of Michigan citizens have access to online payment. In addition, several courts are beginning to offer online ticket resolution programs that allow eligible drivers the opportunity to reduce or eliminate points without having to take a day off work and go to court.

Businesses have long used video-conferencing to reduce travel costs and increase efficiency. Many families use online applications for phones and computers that allow for video chats with friends and relatives. Mich-



Milton
L. Mack Jr.
GUEST
COLUMNIST

igan courts are putting this technology to work by equipping 215 "virtual" courtrooms so that hearings can be done via video-conference

In 77 counties, every courtroom with an assigned judge now has this equipment. The result? Over the past year, the Michigan Department of Corrections has made 4,058 "video" transports, saving more than \$2.6 million compared to the cost of physically transporting prisoners for hearings. Local governments save even more.

Technology also provides critical and timely access to information that courts and other government agencies need to make decisions. To this end, nearly every court in the state contributes to the 45 million records stored in the online Judicial Data Warehouse. Courts, law enforcement and other agencies like the Secretary of State accessed this database nearly 400,000 times in 2013.

Online access to information

is also the driving force behind improvements to the state's award-winning "One Court of Justice" website (courts.mi.gov), as more than 800,000 people visited the site last year. In addition, there are more than 14,000 visits each week to MichiganLegalHelp.org, a website dedicated to helping state residents solve their legal problems. Already one of the top three websites of its kind in the nation, a Spanish language version of the site was launched in September.

The Michigan Supreme Court is committed to identifying, evaluating and encouraging the adoption of technology solutions to improve the efficiency of local courts and increase access and convenience for the public. Future innovations range from e-filing — so documents can be filed from anywhere at any time — to mobile apps that allow potential jurors to find out if they should report for duty. Here in Wayne County, we are dedicated to implementing technology solutions that help us work smarter.

Milton L. Mack Jr. is chief judge of Wayne County Probate Court. He was appointed probate judge in 1990 and has served as chief judge since 1998.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

NORTHVILLE

Van Dam's boutique Men's Night

Van Dam's (111E. Main Street, downtown Northville) will have food, wine and free gift wrapping during its Men's Night from 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11. Ladies, stop in to fill out your wish list. It's a fun night for the men in town.

Film fest deadlines

The deadlines for the 2015 Rock Hard Film Fest 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/rockhardfilm and www.instagram.com/rockhardfilmfast.

Northville Rotary activities

Northville Rotary is initiating the installation of Little Libraries, small book depositories where community members can exchange books. The Rotarians would like to establish six locations throughout the Northville community and seeking suggestions as to where the locations might be. Rotarians are encouraging other organizations to volunteer and assist in this effort as well.

Northville Rotary conducts the annual Goodfellows paper sale and this year the event will be Dec. 13. City and township fire departments and Rotary members staff the event, but others are invited and sought to participate in the rewarding event. Volunteers will help in many features of the event, including

sale of papers and event facilitation, and need to be over the age of 18 years.

For more information on either activity, contact John Kelly at john@kellykellylaw.com or 248-348-0496.

Farmington Community Chorus concerts

The Farmington Community Chorus, directed by Steven SeGraves and accompanied by assistant director, Susan Garr, will present its annual holiday concert, 35 Years of Holiday Cheer, featuring a variety of holiday favorites along with a few lesser known gems. This year the chorus is celebrating its 35th year of singing. As always the chorus will be accompanied by a top-notch rhythm section of drums, bass and piano plus woodwinds.

Both concerts will start at 8 p.m. Dec. 19-20 at Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road. The concert will include performances by the full chorus, soloists and smaller ensembles.

Advanced discount tickets (\$12) can be purchased at www.farmingtonchorus.com or from chorus members. Tickets will also be available at the door for \$15 on the evenings of the concerts.

Blues @ The Elks

Plymouth-Ann Arbor Elks Lodge No. 325 in Plymouth will present Blues @ The Elks the second Tuesday of each month in partnership with the Detroit Blues Society and Jazz @ The Elks the last Tuesday of each month. The Lodge is located at 41700 Ann Arbor Road, in Plymouth Township. The events run 7-10 p.m.

For more information call 734-453-1780 or visit www.plymouthelks1780.com.

NOVI

Choralaires recruiting

Do you love to sing? Would you like to meet new people and take part in sharing the joy of music within our community? Join the Novi Choralaires, a community chorus of men and women from Novi and the surrounding area, who perform concerts for the public and at many community events. The current season is January through May, with rehearsals 7:30-9:30 p.m. each Tuesday.

The Choralaires are seeking new members for all voice parts. Open rehearsals for the 2015 January through May season will be held at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 6 and 13 at the Novi Middle School choir classroom (4900 W. 11 Mile at Wixom Road).

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Turkey time



With a smile, Kristin Kolasa delivers pumpkin pie to diners at the Nov. 19 Thanksgiving Luncheon at the Northville Community Center. The afternoon meal, with the traditional turkey and all the fixings, also featured the Mike Wolverton Band, which provided tunes for listening and singalongs.

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The Choralaires spring show will be at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 9, at the Novi Middle School Auditorium.

The Novi Choralaires holiday performances include 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.

Join the Novi Choralaires as they celebrate their 40th season of music. For more information about the Choralaires and their concerts, visit www.novichoralaires.org or www.facebook.com/novichoralaires

Addicted to Games, Not Drugs

Looking for something for your kids to do over the winter break? Kick off the first day with a visit to Lucky Strike Lanes.

The Novi Youth Council is partnering with the Novi Fire and Police Departments and Lucky Strike to present the annual Addicted to Games ... Not Drugs event from 9 a.m. to noon Monday, Dec. 22.

Hosted by Lucky Strike, located in Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk, this event offers students in kindergarten through sixth grade access to all the games, bowling, interactive entertainment, food and soft drinks they can handle.

"Addicted to Games is a great event that allows kids to make new friends," said Ashna Jain, Novi Youth Council representative. "Kids always have a lot of fun and the turn-out is amazing. I love going to the event because kids are always

excited and happy."

Members of the Novi Youth Council, Novi Fire and Police Departments and Lucky Strike staff will be on hand to supervise the event. However, parents are encouraged to join the fun. Proceeds will go towards local anti-drug initiatives in Novi schools.

The permission slip and registration are both available online at www.cityofnovi.org. Payment of cash or check (made payable to city of Novi) may also be made at the city of Novi clerk's counter, located at the Novi Civic Center (45175 W. 10 Mile). Tickets are \$10 per student.

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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 offer-

ings 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.

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Kelly Smith works with her son Blake, 3, at a Nov. 24 preschool art session at the Novi Public Library. The library's full slate of offerings can be found on its website, www.novilibrary.org

a minimum donation of \$50 to The Arc of Oakland County. As a thank you, donors will receive \$200 off the price of any recliner from Gorman's 10 best brands or \$400 off select, world-famous Stressless recliners.

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

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Blood donations often decline this time of year

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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. 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.

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BOYS SWIM PREVIEW



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Catholic Central's Jack Walsh was Division 1 state champ in the 100 backstroke and runner-up in the 200 IM a year ago.

CC SWIMMER WALSH 'JACK OF ALL TRADES'

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Due to his versatility, Jack Walsh certainly can be labeled a "Jack of All Trades" when he's competing in the pool for the Novi Detroit Catholic Central swim team.

The senior, who recently signed with Stanford University, is the defending MHSAA Division 1 state champion in the 100-yard backstroke (49.08) and was state runner-up in the 200 individual medley (1:48.54).

"Jack's real diverse; he has options," CC coach Shannon Dunworth said. "However, he's going to be thinking about where he's going to be swimming collegiately events-wise. And you can swim a few more in college than you do in high school. But nonetheless, he's

Stanford signs defending backstroke state champ



Catholic Central's Jack Walsh just returned from the USA Swimming Winter Nationals.

got some pretty lofty goals and I assume they're going to be in the same events. But he's prepared to do any of them. IM and backstroke are his gifts. He's a tremendous flyer and he's a great freestyler and his breaststroke is vastly improved. I think at the end of the year we'll see him in the IM, for sure, or either the back or the fly."

Walsh, representing the Plymouth Canton Cruisers, just returned from the USA Swimming AT&T Winter Nationals over the weekend in Greensboro, N.C., where he competed in four events: 100-yard backstroke (75th overall, 51.23), 200 backstroke (70th, 1:50.57), 200 IM (81st, 1:53.12) and 400 IM (64th, 4:03.15).

His times were somewhat off,

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

Wildcats spoil homecoming for Haggerty

Wildcats batter Hazel Park in opener, 59-7

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

It was not the homecoming Jessica Haggerty envisioned, especially after coming out on the wrong end of a 59-7 girls basketball decision Friday night against her alma mater.

But the former Novi guard, the new varsity coach at Hazel Park, could stomach the loss a little better since it was against her former mentor, Wildcats head coach Bill Kelp.

"It is special to come back," said the former Haggerty, whose last name is now Wieseler. "I learned so much from him, so it's nice to come back."

The game was decided early as host Novi, playing in its season opener, jumped out to a 26-3 first-quarter lead while taking advantage of 20 Hazel Park's turnovers.

Kelsey Miller and Alex Felice each tallied six points

as the Wildcats made 11-of-23 shots from the floor during the first eight minutes.

Novi continued its surge into the second quarter, outscoring the Vikings 16-2 to take a 42-5 advantage into the dressing room.

The 40-point running clock started with 6:21 left in the third quarter on Ellie MacKay's free throw that made it 47-7.

MacKay and Miller each finished with nine points, while Cara Ninkovich added seven. Allie Lipson and Felice each contributed six.

Haggerty-Wieseler, who spent two years as Grosse Pointe South's JV coach after one year as Kelp's assistant at Novi, could only sit and watch helplessly from the bench as the clock ran down.

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BRAD EMONS

The former Jessica Haggerty (left), now the varsity coach at Hazel Park, was a four-year player at Novi and point guard for two years under coach Bill Kelp (right).

COLLEGE WOMEN'S SOCCER

Mustangs' '4' spark Grand Valley to 2nd straight national title

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

The Grand Valley State University women's soccer team's motto this season was "The Relentless Pursuit."

And thanks to four Northville High grads, the Lakers were able to fulfill that mantra Saturday by repeating as NCAA Division II national champions with a 3-0 victory over No. 8 Rollins (Fla.) College in the finals at B. Frazier Stadium in Louisville, Ky.

Freshman forward Gabrielle Mencotti, who led the No. 11-ranked Lakers (22-2-2) in scoring this season with 16 goals and 11 assists, assisted on what proved to be Jenny Shaba's game-winning goal at 6:16 of the first half.

Mencotti, a 2014 Mustangs grad who helped Northville to an undefeated season and an MHSAA Division 1 state championship in June, was one of four GVSU players named to



SHELLY BUSH

Northville High grads (from left) Alexis Mencotti, Gabbie Guibord, Emily Bush and Gabby Mencotti helped Grand Valley State repeat Saturday as NCAA Division II women's soccer champion.

the all-tournament team. She was also named to the Daktronics/Division II Conference Commissioners Association All-America second team along with earning NSCAA second team all-region accolades.

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PREP BOWLING

Shamrocks place third at Early Bird tourney

Krzywonos leads boys field with a 734 series

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Novi Detroit Catholic Central's Joey Krzywonos rolled an individual best 734 series Saturday to lead the Shamrocks to a third-place boys team finish Saturday in the Farmington Early Bird Tournament Drakeshire Lanes. Wayne Memorial captured the team title with 4,221 total pins. Krzywonos posted a high game of 268 to go

along with games of 201 and 265. Teammate Joe Alvord was seventh with a 702 series, including a 248 high game. Brian Hohentanner (26th, 582) and Jordan Jenkins (35th, 560) rounded out the CC scorers. Meanwhile, Northville (3,717) tied for 12th as senior Jarod Hilborn was 19th overall with a 593 series, including a high game of 212. Junior Collin Fowler placed 22nd with a 583 series, including a

high game of 236. Sophomore T.J. Newman also rolled a 203. Novi was 16th (3,234) led by junior Scott Pryson (35th, 549 series and senior DiAndre Moreland (36th, 544 series). On the girls side, defending Division 1 state champion Westland John Glenn, led by Julia Hurren's 629 series, captured the 14-school girls field with a total of 3,989 pins. Northville (3,297) placed eighth as senior Ashley

Schiffer led the way in 20th with a 507 series, including a high game of 189. Junior Beatrice Nayh was 22nd with a 506 series, including a 190 high game, while senior Rachel Kemp was 28th with a 168 high game. Senior Meagan Hicks also rolled a 192 high game. Novi (2,481) placed 11th, led by junior Heather Gregory (34th, 399) and sophomore Madison Murphy (188 high game).



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Northville's Jarod Hilborn took 19th overall in a boys field of 103 at the Farmington Early Bird Tournament.

PREP BOWLING CAPSULE OUTLOOK

BOYS PREVIEWS

NOVI
Head coach: John Osborne, ninth year.

League affiliation: KLAAs (Central Division).

Home lanes: Novi Bowl.
Last year's finish: 6-9 overall, 4-8 KLAAs Central (fifth place); 11th, KLAAs Association; 13th, Division 1 regional.

Notable losses to graduation: Brendan Snow.

Leading returnees: Scott Pryson, Jr. (90 average), DiAndre Moreland, Sr. (181 average).

Promising newcomers: Scott Rush, Soph.; Brendon Tally, Fr.; Peter Koomen, Fr.; Alex Chiu, Fr.; Chris Fisher, Soph.

Osborne's 2014-15 outlook: "We have three solid returnees, but need to find two varsity bowlers from the inexperienced newcomers."

NORTHVILLE

Head coach: Jerry Harris, 15th year.

League affiliation: KLAAs (Central Division).

Home lanes: Novi Bowl.
Last year's finish: 0-15 overall, 0-12 KLAAs Central (seventh); 11th, Division 1 regional; 14th, KLAAs Association.

Notable losses to graduation: Adam Gilechman.

Leading returnees: Liam Munro, Jr.; Simon Long, Jr.; Collin Fowler, Jr.; Jarod Hilborn, Sr.; Angelo Vitali, Sr.

Promising newcomers: Justin Morgan, Sr.; Patrick Brennan, Sr.
Harris' 2014-15 outlook: "It looks better. The whole team looks pretty good. We had a tournament this weekend (Farmington Early Bird). We didn't place high in the tournament, but they did show some improvement in that tournament and we had some good scores."

CATHOLIC CENTRAL

Head coach: Al Bridges, 10th year.

League affiliation: Catholic League.

Home lanes: Woodland Lanes (Livonia).

Last year's finish: 8-1-1, Catholic League, first Division regional champs, MHSA Division 1 quarterfinalist (second in qualifying block).

Notable losses to graduation: Brad Conlitti, Chris Wilson, Gerrit Hartwig.

Leading returnees: Joey Krzywonos, Sr. captain (ninth at regional); 46th, Division 1 singles); Joe Alvord, Sr. captain (third team all-state).

Promising newcomers: Jordan Jenkins, Sr.; Sean Ajluni, Sr.; Jason Bley, Jr.; Brian Hohentanner, Jr.

Bridges' 2014-15 outlook: "I still think we're going to be a force to be reckoned with. Joe Alvord was third team all-state last year and Joey Krzywonos was a candidate for all-state. Both of those kids are going to be outstanding this year, so I have high hopes for the team. I think we'll be very competitive in both the Catholic League and in the state playoffs."

GIRLS PREVIEWS

NOVI

Head coach: John Osborne, ninth year.

League affiliation: KLAAs (Central Division).

Home lanes: Novi Bowl.
Last year's finish: 13-2 overall, 10-2 KLAAs Central (second place); Division 1 regional runner-up; 14th, Division 1 finals; 12th, KLAAs Association.

Notable losses to graduation: Sara Schute (seventh regional, 14th, Division 1 singles); Evie Plaetnick, Megan Engels, Abby Ranks, Lizzy Malear.

Leading returnees: Madison Murphy, Soph.; Heather Gregory, Jr.

Promising newcomers: Marissa Huth, Soph.; Megan Hartmus, Jr.; Nicole Kilkevicus, Jr.; Megan Hrit, Sr.; Lauren Wahman, Sr.; Emily Jennings, Sr.

Osborne's 2014-15 outlook: "It will be a complete rebuilding year, but we have a solid group of newcomers to build from."

NORTHVILLE

Head coach: Jerry Harris, 15th year.

League affiliation: KLAAs (Central Division).

Home lanes: Novi Bowl.
Last year's finish: 6-9 overall, 5-7 (KLAAs Central (fourth place); sixth, Division 1 regional; eighth, KLAAs Association (lost in quarterfinals).

Notable losses to graduation: Chai Gilbert.

Leading returnees: Ashley Schiffer, Sr.; Samantha Sugiyama, Sr.; Rachel Kemp, Sr.; Meagan Hicks, Sr.; Beatrice Nayh, Jr.

Promising newcomers: Claire O'Meara, Jr.; Lauren Sargent, Jr.

Harris' 2014-15 outlook: "We have a couple of strong teams in our division, Wayne Memorial and (Westland) John Glenn. Other than that, I think our girls will fare well. I see some improvement in the younger girls like Bea (Nayh), Lauren (Sargent) and Claire (O'Meara). And Ashley (Schiffer) was second in the state in the JV (tournament) and also made it to the varsity states that year (2012)."

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Mustangs cruise in season opener; 8th-grader lifts Hawks

Northville used a balanced scoring attack and overcame some opening-night jitters Friday before romping to a season-opening 62-34 girls basketball victory at Dearborn High. Nine of the 10 Mustangs who played scored, led by senior Emily Marsh, who tallied 12 points. Freshmen Ken-

dall Dixon and Mariah Modkins added 10 points apiece, while seniors Katie Kalass and Christina Minna each chipped in eight. Dearborn (1-1) was led by Harper Vanderbosch's game-high 14 points. The Pioneers hit a 3-pointer to end the first quarter and trailed by only two, 12-10, before

Northville went on a 20-7 second-quarter run to open up a 32-17 halftime advantage. The Mustangs then outscored Dearborn 20-10 in the third quarter to take a commanding 52-27 advantage. "I thought we came out a little too amped up and tried to force things offensively," Northville

coach Todd Gudith said. "We settled for long, quick shots. Our girls spread the ball around and got everyone involved. Our freshmen played very well and showed that they are ready to play at the varsity level. Overall, it was a nice way to get our season started." FRANKLIN ROAD 59, HURON

VALLEY 50: Eighth-grader Alexis Johnson made quite the splash Dec. 4 in her varsity debut, scoring 21 points and grabbing nine rebounds as Novi Franklin Road Christian (1-0) opened its season with a win at Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (0-2). The 5-foot-9 forward also added four steals and three assists as Franklin Road was able to rally from a 25-22 halftime deficit. Junior Hannah Rayburn added 11 points, nine rebounds and four assists, while sophomore Danielle Fusco contributed 10 points, six assists and three steals for the Warriors. Huron Valley Lutheran got a team-high 16 points from Sam Golchuk, while Julie St. John and Taylor Rea contributed 10 apiece.

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"It's nice to come back, it's weird being back, but it was good," said Haggerty-Wieseler, whose team slipped to 0-2 overall. "We got a young team and we'll better next time around. We were very short-handed. I had a couple of starters out and a couple others injured. We're a little battered right now.

"I always wanted to be a varsity head coach. This is always the goal. We're starting pretty low, but it's going to be mine to build. We're very young, they're committing to it. We're making some big strides. It's going to be a long-term goal. It's baby steps. I have no seniors. I have everybody for two years. We're doing things slowly trying to do everything right." Kelp believes Haggerty-Wieseler has the met-

tle to be a successful head coach. "She was ahead of her time when she was in high school," he said. "She was a coach on the floor. She was my point guard the first two years coaching the girls. You could just tell that she was going to become a coach someday because of the passion she had. We scheduled this game ... it really wasn't about who is going to win or who is going to lose so much because she's

building a program." Freshman center Emme Redmond had five of Hazel Park's seven points. The Vikings shot only 3-of-24 from the floor and committed a whopping 42 turnovers. "She's got four kids hurt and her ball-handler got stitched up," Kelp said. "That will hurt any team out there. But it was about honoring her, getting a varsity coaching job and needing a game, coming over here and to just honor her because of what she gave and what she meant to our program." A lot of things went right for the Wildcats as 12 of 13 players scored. Novi, getting mostly layups off steals, made 29-of-62 shots from the

floor (46.7 percent) and had just eight turnovers. The lone negative statistic was 8-of-20 from the foul line (40 percent). The Wildcats are also young team as they feature five sophomores and three freshmen. "They're going to make a lot of mistakes, but all we ask of them is to play hard and that's what they did," Kelp said. "Each of them got in the game and we had a freshman, Ally Kobakof, take a charge with a second to go. That's all we want. People say it's a building year and hopefully we'll surprise some people."

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Meanwhile, sister Alexis Mencotti, a red-shirt freshman defender who graduated from Northville in 2013, played all 90 minutes in the final and appeared in 22 games this season. "We had a lot of players in and out of our back line due to injury the first half of the season," GVSU first-year coach Jeff Hosler said. "Today, we had Alexis (Mencotti), who has started the last 11 games and hadn't had a start until that point, step up when Katy Woolley tore her ACL." Also figuring prominently in the victory was sophomore midfielder

Gabbie Guibord, who came off the bench to play 49 minutes in the national final. Guibord, a 2013 Northville grad, also logged 66 minutes in Thursday's 2-1 triple-overtime shootout victory over No. 6 Saint Rose (N.Y.). Emily Bush, another sophomore from Northville, appeared in six games this season and 16 last season for the Lakers, who celebrated their second straight NCAA Division II national title. The Mencotti sisters, who reside in Novi, and Bush have played soccer together since the third grade. This past summer, the trio captured the 2014 Michigan State Youth Soccer Association Under-19 Cup playing for their club team.

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PREP GYMNASTICS PREVIEW



LAURA BREEN

Northville sophomore Claire Cotter competes on the balance beam in the Dec. 2 opener against Canton.

PREP WRESTLING

Schoenheide Mat Challenge boosts strong tourney field

Plymouth going for three-peat featuring state-ranked grapplers

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

There will be plenty of tough matches to spread around in Saturday's eighth annual Todd Schoenheide Challenge wrestling tournament at Northville High School.

A total of 10 schools will vie for the title in a round-robin team dual match format. Action begins at 9 a.m. with four mats going simultaneously. Admission is \$5.

Tourney host Northville will be paired in Pool 1 along with Ann Arbor Skyline, Saline, Carleton Airport and Dearborn Edsel Ford, while Pool 2 features two-time defending Schoenheide champion Plymouth, Dearborn, Clarkston, Monroe and Caro (ranked No. 8 preseason in Division 3 by MichiganGrappler.com).

The pool champions will then square off for the championship. Northville will be led by senior Shunhe Wang (125 pounds), who was a Division 1 state qualifier a year ago while posting a 35-16 record.

Among the Division 1 wrestlers ranked in the top 10 preseason individually by MichiganGrappler.com are: Plymouth's Brandon Harris, 119 (fifth) and Hussein Youssef, 189 (third); Monroe's Carl Antrassian, 112 (fourth), Logan DiCarlo, 145 (fifth) and Tyler Hammack, 171 (fifth); and Saline's Daniel Paupore, 103 (eighth) and Kyle Boxeth, 112 (ninth).

Also ranked third in Division 2 at 285 pounds is Carleton Airport's Jon Morris.

Caro, meanwhile, has seven members ranked in Division 3, including Patrick Ford, 112 (seventh); Trevor O'Connor, 119 (eighth); Daniel Rocheleau, 130 (10th); Marshall Conley, 135 (fourth); Chance Eremia, 145 (fourth); Brett Green, 152 (eighth); and Tyler Deming, 189 (fifth).

The tournament is in memory of former Northville wrestler Todd Schoenheide, who was tragically killed April 10, 2005, while returning from a bike trip to Ann Arbor.

Proceeds from the tournament will go toward the Todd Schoenheide Memorial Scholarship fund.



Wang

Northville gymnasts expect better results this season

Frosh trio bolsters Mustangs lineup

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

All signs are already pointing toward a much improved Northville gymnastics team for 2014-15.

The Mustangs opened their season Dec. 2 against defending MHSAA state champion Canton and Waterford United by scoring 131,900 points, which surpassed last year's best 131,650 at the Kensington Lakes Activities Association meet.

Canton won the meet with 145,975, followed by Northville and Waterford (126,975).

Erin McWatt, in her 11th season as Northville's head coach, is optimistic her team can improve upon last year's seventh-place finish at the regional (126,975) and eight-place showing in the KLAA.

Northville, which did not have a senior on its roster a year ago, finished 1-4 (fourth) in the KLAA's Kensington Division and 3-3 overall. The Mustangs last qualified for the team state finals in 2010, when they finished fifth.

"We have already, for the most part, exceeded where we were last year, so we're starting off really strong," McWatt said. "We were without Brooke (Stecker). And we have an injury. Emily Statetzny is not competing right now. She's probably going to have to undergo thumb surgery, so she'll probably not be competing under after the new year's start. But we're scoring really well even without a couple of our girls, so it was really nice start for us. It was really a big confidence-booster for us."

Among the leading returnees for McWatt are Alyssa Breen, the only senior and a captain; Maddie DeGroff and Stecker, both juniors; and Claire Cotter and Statetzny, both sophomores.

Immediate help, meanwhile, is expected from freshmen Maddie Dragon, Grace Jankowski and Erin McCallum, all of whom train at Northville's home practice facility at Euro Stars Gymnastics in Plymouth.

"Our goal this year is to have as many girls as possible qualify to regionals and to make a strong team showing at our postseason meets," McWatt said. "I'm very happy with our start and look forward to what the season will bring for our 'newbies.' Our veterans may be few in number, but their leadership abilities are very strong, so I know they'll be able to pave the way for our upcoming season."

In the opening meet, Canton swept the top six places on the balance beam and floor exercise and five of the top six on the uneven bars and vault.

First-place finishers for the Chiefs included Maddie Toal, vault (tied at 9.1) and floor (9.65); Allison Kunz, bars (9.25); Hailey Hodgson, vault (tied at 9.1); and Jocelyn Moraw, beam (9.4).

Kunz (36.75), Toal (36.6) and Hodgson (35.225) swept the first three places in the all-around.

Meanwhile, Jankowski was able to post Northville's best individual finish on the night, tying for sixth on the vault with 8.6. Other top scorers for the Mustangs included McCallum, uneven bars (8.425); Dragon, balance beam (8.4); and DeGroff (8.475). The top all-around scorers were DeGroff (33.45) and Jankowski (32.35).

Northville's returns to KLAA action at 6:30 p.m. Friday at Brighton in a tri-meet that includes Howell.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL
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.
Tuesday, Dec. 16
Novi at Canton, 7 p.m.
Northville at Franklin, 7 p.m.
O.L. Lakes at Franklin Road, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 18
Franklin at Novi, 7 p.m.
Churchill at Northville, 7 p.m.
Detroit CC at Lincoln Park, 7 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 19
Franklin Road at Everest Coll., 7 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 20
Windsor CC at Detroit CC, 3 p.m.
BOYS HOCKEY
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.
Wednesday, Dec. 17
Novi vs. Churchill
Stevenson vs. Northville
at Edgar Arena, 6 & 8 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 19
Novi vs. Davison

at Detroit Skating Club, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 20
Novi vs. Macomb Dakota
at Detroit Skating Club, 2:30 p.m.
GIRLS BASKETBALL
Friday, Dec. 12
Franklin Road at Genesee, 6 p.m.
W.L. Central at Northville, 7 p.m.
Pinckney at Novi, 7 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 15
Northville vs. Plymouth
at Novi Ice Arena, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 16
Canton at Novi, 7 p.m.
Franklin at Northville, 7 p.m.
Franklin Road at Everest, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 18
Novi at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Northville at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 20
Detroit CC vs. P.H. Northern
at Compuware Arena, 5:30 p.m.
PREP WRESTLING
Saturday, Dec. 13
Northville Invitational, 9 a.m.
CC at John Glenn Duals, 9 a.m.
Novi at Romeo Invitational, TBA.
Friday, Dec. 19
Oakland County Meet, TBA.
Saturday, Dec. 20
Oakland County Meet, TBA.
Wayne Co. Invitational, TBA.
BOYS SWIMMING
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.
Tuesday, Dec. 16
Novi, Cranbrook at Troy, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 18
Brother Rice at Northville, 6:30 p.m.
GIRLS HOCKEY
Sunday, Dec. 14
Northville vs. Ann Arbor Pioneer
at Livonia's Edgar Arena, 5 p.m.
PREP BOWLING
Thursday, Dec. 11
Northville vs. Hartland
at Striking Lanes, 3:30 p.m.
Novi vs. Brighton
at Novi Bowl, 3:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 17
Canton at Novi (Bowl), 3:30 p.m.
Northville vs. Plymouth
at Super Bowl, 3:30 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 18
Novi at Wat. Kettering, 3:30 p.m.
Northville vs. Howell
at Westland Bow, 3:30 p.m.
PREP GYMNASTICS
Friday, Dec. 12
N'ville, Howell at Brighton, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 18
Northville at Plymouth, 6:30 p.m.
COMPETITIVE CHEER
Saturday, Dec. 13
CCCAM Invitational, TBA.
Wednesday, Dec. 17
N'ville at W.L. Northern Quad, 6 p.m.
Novi, Churchill, Grand Blanc
at Waterford Mott, 6 p.m.
TBA - time to be announced.

Helping the needy



BRANDON LANGSTON

For the third straight year, members of the Northville High boys and girls track teams, coached by Brandon Langston, volunteered Nov. 25-26 to set up and serve needy families a Thanksgiving meal through Westminster Church in Detroit. The Mustangs will also be involved in another service project this month when they'll be adopting two families in need for Christmas through Volunteers of America.

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BOYS HOCKEY

Shamrock icers complete sweep; Novi snaps skid

Evan Rochowiak finished with a hat trick and one assist Saturday as Novi Detroit Catholic Central completed its weekend sweep of visiting Orchard Lake St. Mary's with a 9-5 win at Plymouth's Compuware Arena.

The defending Division 1 state champion Shamrocks, who improved to 6-0 overall and 5-0 in the Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League's North Division, broke a 1-1 first-period deadlock by outscoring the Eaglets 5-2 in the second period.

CC, which racked up 53 shots on goal, also got two goals and one assist from Kyle Mulka, along with two goals and one assist from Ryan Burnett.

Other Shamrocks goal scorers included Alex Kreutzer (with an assist) and Brian Kearns. Other assists went to Nick Macari (two), Alex Smith, Dillon Jones and Andrew Lane.

Vince Marino and Nick Borellis each tallied a goal and assist for St. Mary's (3-2, 2-2).

Eaglets starting goaltender Alex Garmo gave up six goals on 31 CC shots, while backup

Alec Pero allowed three goals on 22 shots.

Spencer Wright went all the way in goal for CC.

NOVI 6, SOUTH LYON 1: Six different players tallied a goal and goalie Ryuta King made 18 saves Saturday as the Wildcats (3-3, 1-2) snapped their three-game losing skid with a KLAAs Central Division triumph over host South Lyon Unified (1-4, 0-2) in a game played at Kensington Valley Ice House.

The Wildcats jumped out to a 4-0 first-period advantage on goals by Nick Tewillager, from Brennan Martin and Alec Wells (at 2:13); Ryan Baxter, on a power play from Brad Hofelich (at 7:28); Cam Czapski, from Brandon Kour and Andy Mizerowski (at 11:19); and Ryan Fonda, from Hofelich and Baxter (at 12:57).

At 3:32 of the second period, Joey Tairioli scored for South Lyon off assists from Kris Rygiel and Nathan Smith.

But Novi countered with two more second-period goals by Brendon Wexler (from Jimmy Hole at 7:33) and Wells (from Wexler and Fonda at 15:37).

The Wildcats outshot South Lyon, 50-19.

NORTHVILLE 8, BAY AREA REPS 0: Alec Morgan recorded two goals and two assists, while Jack Meacham added a goal and three assists as the Mustangs (5-0) invoked the mercy rule midway through the final period against Bay Area Reps (1-2-1) in a game played at Centre Ice Arena in Traverse City, Northville, which led 2-0 after one period and 5-0 after two, also got a goal and assist each from Brendan Hicks and Riley Brass.

Kevin O'Connell (game-winner), P.J. Schnepf and Cam Layne (varsity first) added the other Northville goals, while Nick Strom and Alec Melucci each finished with three assists. Petar Elless also had an assist as Northville outshot Bay Area, 51-9.

Junior goalie Kevin Onofrio, who made nine saves, recorded the shutout and his first varsity victory.

DETROIT CC 5, ST. MARY 2: Evan Rochowiak and Joseph Mancinelli each tallied a pair of goals Friday as Catholic Central (5-0, 4-0) posted an MIHL North Division triumph at Orchard Lake St. Mary's (3-1, 2-1).

CC scored three times in the opening period before the Eaglets could answer as Brendan Cleary led off with a power-play goal from Mitch Ossowski and



Novi's Alec Wells (right) looks for an opening against the South Lyon's Spencer Stanley during Saturday's KLAAs Central clash.

Ryan Burnett, Joseph Mancinelli followed for CC from Dillon Jones and Eric Marson, while Rochowiak notched his first from Owen Kipke.

Nick Borellis also scored for St. Mary's in the first period.

Rochowiak scored again in the second period from Nick Macari, while Mancinelli's third-period goal from Jones and Luc Krasicky iced the victory.

Spencer Wright was the winning goaltender for CC.

NORTHVILLE 3, TRAVERSE CITY WEST 0: Kevin O'Connell scored twice and Alec Melucci added another Friday as the Mustangs (4-0) blanked host Traverse City West (2-2) in a non-conference game at Howe Arena.

Northville senior goalie Chance Boutin turned aside

all 10 shots to post the shutout, while Brendan LaCharite had 21 saves for the Titans.

PLYMOUTH 5, NOVI 3: On Dec. 3, Plymouth (4-1, 3-0 KLAAs South) struck for a pair of goals during the final four minutes to earn a Kensington Conference crossover win over Novi (2-3, 0-2 KLAAs Central) at Arctic Edge in Canton.

Plymouth got the game-winning goal from Josh Smith with only 3:51 remaining. He finished the game with a goal and three assists, Alex Bump's goal with 1:51 remaining secured the victory for Plymouth.

Senior Brad Hofelich tallied all three goals for Novi.

Kyle Kozler scored at 3:21 of the first period to give Plymouth a 1-0 lead, but Hofelich tied it at 8:34 of the same period from Pat Wojtylo and Brennan Martin.

Plymouth's Mitchell Lopetrone then scored with 5:35 left in the second period to make it 2-1 heading into the third.

Hofelich's power-play goal from Ryan Baxter and Brandon Kour tied it at 46 seconds of the third, but only 27 seconds later, Kozler notched his second to make it 3-2.

Hofelich then tied it up at 3:06 from Jimmy Hole and Baxter to knot the game at 3-3, but the Wildcats were unable to score again, dropping their third straight game of the young season.

Andrew Jossey chipped in two assists for Plymouth, while goaltender Jared Maddock made 22 saves.

Novi goaltender Manny Legace had 29 saves in the setback.

BOYS HOCKEY

Shamrocks able to stave off big Trenton rally, 6-5

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

They say a two-goal lead is the worst thing in hockey.

But Novi Detroit Catholic Central may taken it to another level in a match-up of defending state champions Dec. 3 at Plymouth's Compuware Arena.

The Shamrocks built a 5-0 lead through the first 19 minutes and 20 seconds of play, only to hang on for dear life as Trenton stormed back within a goal twice during the final period before CC was able to sweat out a 6-5 triumph.

With the victory, Catholic Central improved to 4-0 overall and 3-0 in the Michigan Interscholastic Hockey's League's North Division.

"I guess we proved that it's not safe," CC interim coach Danny Veri said. "When we got the fifth goal, I think every-

body thought the game was over. Even though there were roughly 27 minutes to go, I just think they felt it was over. Trenton is a great club, a lot of heart, they never quit and brought us all the way to the end."

CC, the three-time defending MHSAA Division 1 champion, impressed during the opening period, building a 3-0 lead.

Andrew Spiegel got it rolling with a goal from Dillon Jones and Kyle Mulka at 8:52, followed by a pair of Mitchell Ossowski goals, the first coming at 11:20 (from Brian Kearns) and the second at 12:39 (from Andrew Lane and Kearns).

The Shamrocks continued their surge early into the second period, as Evan Rochowiak scored at 0:55 from Ryan Burnett and Lane. Paul Hildebrandt's goal at 1:20 from Kyle

McCullough made it a 5-0 CC advantage.

"We kept it really simple," Veri said. "We got pucks deep, just outworked them, got things to the net. Once we got the fifth goal, we stopped playing simple ... in a nutshell."

That's when Trenton, the defending MHSAA Division 2 state champ, decided to make a goaltender change to shake things up as Anthony Lemerand came on for starter Jacob Seeley.

"Trying to battle back, a couple of our guys were a little bit down and then the two quick goals at the start of the (second) period," Trenton first-year coach Chad Clements said. "When we made the goalie change, it seemed at least to energize our team a little bit. We went to a different fore-check and we had a little more success with that."

stronger," said Clements, whose team was outshot 33-21. "In defensive zone coverage ... we left the slot open the whole night and I think they scored two of their first three goals in the first period."

The loss dropped Trenton to 1-3 overall and 0-3 in the MIHL's South Division.

"You always try and take positives from games," Clements said. "Obviously, coming back from a 5-0 lead, the guys didn't give up. They didn't quit, so it showed a lot of heart. Obviously, any loss is disappointing, but you take the positives and you learn from the mistakes and you move on. Playing in this league is very grueling and it doesn't get any easier, so you just try and improve each and every day. We'll go back, watch the film and makes some changes and see what we can do."

BOYS SWIMMING CAPSULE OUTLOOK

NOVI

Head coach: Brent Pohlonksi, 22nd year.
League affiliation: KLAAs Kensington Conference (Central Division).

Last year's finish: third, KLAAs Central and Kensington Conference (3-4 overall).

Notable losses to graduation: Tanner Vincent (fourth, 200 IM; seventh, 100 butterfly, Division 1 finals); Jake Robins, Nathan Louie, Kyle Kilponen.

Leading returnees: Siddhardha Kareddy, Soph. (state qualifier, 100 butterfly); Gordy Williams, Sr. (state qualifier, 100 backstroke); Arthur Shi, Sr. (state qualifier, three relays); Toraki Maehata, Sr. (state qualifier, 200 freestyle relay); Jame Ciolli, Jr. (state qualifier, diving); Nathan Pellerito, Jr. (regional qualifier, diving); Trey Richman, Soph. (regional qualifier, diving); James Popyk, Sr. (200 freestyle, all-conference).

Promising newcomers: Joe Bertram, Soph. (distance freestyle); Ryan Katulski, Jr. (freestyle); Narayan Manivannan, Jr. (breaststroke); Phillip Billiu, Soph. (backstroke); Joel Kotyk, Soph. (IM); Alexander Yuan, Fr. (freestyle); Max Williams, Fr. (butterfly); Brian Son, Fr. (butterfly).

Pohlonksi's 2014-15 outlook: "We are looking to build on our success in the championship meets at the end of the 2014 season. Although it will be difficult to replace the great seniors we had last year, we are excited about our incoming class of freshmen. Our captains - Popyk, Maehata, Shi and Williams - have done an outstanding job motivating our athletes for this coming season. Most of our swimmers have come back in excellent condition and they are well ahead of where they were a year ago. We are hoping to be in the hunt for the KLAAs (Kensington) Conference title and we are striving to be the academic state champions. We are very excited about our chances at this season's state championships in March. We will be taking a much more experienced team than we had last year. We are also expecting big things from our divers. We return three regional qualifiers (Ciolli, Pellerito and Richman). And Ciolli's state meet experience from last year should pay off for us."

NORTHVILLE

Head coach: Rich Bennetts, 16th season.
League affiliation: KLAAs Kensington Conference (Central Division).

Last year's finish: co-KLAAs Central Division champs (8-7 overall), second, Kensington Conference, 16th, Division 1 state meet.

Notable losses to graduation: Andrew Westphal (fourth, 100 freestyle; fifth, 50 freestyle; 12th, 200 freestyle relay, Division 1 finals); Josh Liu (16th, 100 breaststroke; state qualifier, 200 IM); Alan Ruan (state qualifier, 100 breaststroke); Nick Dufresne (state qualifier, 500 freestyle).

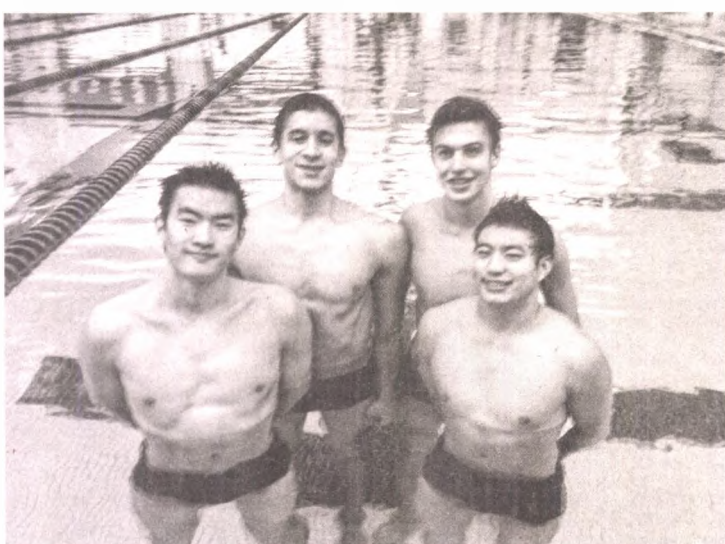
Leading returnees: James Xue, Jr. (eighth, 400 freestyle relay; 12th, 200 freestyle relay; state qualifier, 200 freestyle; 100 butterfly); Chris Geng, Jr. (15th, 100 breaststroke); Yash Bajaj, Sr. (state qualifier, 100 breaststroke); Mark Kaminski, Sr. (eighth, 400 freestyle relay; 12th, 200 freestyle relay; state qualifier, 200 freestyle); Fred Schulz, Sr. (distance freestyle); Matt Schaffer, Sr. (distance freestyle).

Promising newcomers: Kirk Malbach, Fr. (sprint freestyle-butterfly); Trevor DeGroot, Fr. (backstroke); Orion Shi, Fr. (freestyle); Cameron Heaven, Fr. (backstroke).

Bennetts' 2014-15 outlook: "Not the way we wanted to end the season last year. It was tough not to be able to win the conference meet, especially in the way that we lost it. Hopefully the boys will be motivated to try to win it this year. We have no shortage of quality competition in our division, so we will have to be much better than we were last year if we want to accomplish our goals for this season."

CATHOLIC CENTRAL

Head coach: Shannon Dunworth, 10th season.
League affiliation: Catholic League.



Novi will rely on seniors (front, from left) Arthur Shi and Toraki Maehata, along with (back, from left) Gordon Williams and James Popyk.



Northville swimmers (from left) Yash Bajaj, James Xue and Mark Kaminski were all state qualifiers a year ago.

Last year's finish: first, Catholic League, third, Oakland County; sixth, Division 1 state meet.

Notable losses to graduation: Colin Brinkman (fourth, 200 freestyle; ninth, 500 freestyle, Division 1 finals); Neil Robinson, 13th (100 backstroke); Simon Shanks (state qualifier, 100 backstroke); Zach Wagner (state qualifier, 100 butterfly); Gavin Spisak (sixth, 200 medley relay).

Leading returnees: Jack Walsh, Sr. (state champion, 100 backstroke; runner-up, 200 IM; fourth, 200 medley relay; sixth, 400 freestyle relay); Grayson Arnold, Sr. (12th, 50 freestyle; sixth, 200 IM relay); Daniel Long, Sr. (state qualifier, 200 IM, 100 backstroke); Matt Loniewski, Jr. (state qualifier, 100 backstroke); Andrew Connor, Jr. (state qualifier, 100 breaststroke).

Promising newcomers: To be determined.

Dunworth's 2014-15 outlook: "As far as the newcomers, in the past we've had some individual studs come to CC for swimming. I don't think we have one kid that's all ready to go to the state meet, but we have very deep freshman class that I'm really excited about their potential. We just want to get better. I'll use the scorecard as measure of better or position as a measure of better. Swimming is a little more complex than that. Certainly we want stand up better against our competitors, but there's so much work to do between then and now. Our focus on what's going to happen in the next five minutes will matter three months from now."

WALSH

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but there was a reason. He was sidelined for nearly 3½ months with a stress fracture in his back.

And Walsh has been trying to make up for lost time.

"I couldn't swim from June until the middle of September," Walsh said. "The first month, I was kind of building back and now I've been able to train full time for about over a month now. I've been working hard trying to get back into shape. This past meet at (Winter) Nationals, I just kind of wanted to see where I was because I hadn't competed since March before that. I'm about at the same times I was at this time last year, so that was kind of encouraging to know that I'm kind of getting back on track somewhat quickly."

The injury might have been caused by a couple of factors.

"The doctors think it's just a lot overuse and tightening of the muscles in my back," Walsh said. "And with the dolphin kick, it puts a lot of stress on my back. Or it could have been something I had done in the weight room. I'm not quite sure. The doctors said they've seen it quite often in swimmers. It's not an uncommon thing, but I think just doing a lot of dolphin kicking is probably the main cause of it. I just had to rest the whole summer, but I'm feeling really good now."

Dunworth is confident Walsh can quickly get back up to speed for the Shamrocks, who return five other Division 1 state qualifiers from a year ago, including state placer Grayson Arnold.

Last season, the Shamrocks placed sixth in the state finals with 126 points as Walsh was also a member of CC's fourth-place 200 medley (1:34.73) and sixth-place 400 freestyle (3:10.62) relay teams.

"We've had a number of

dedicated and talented competitive kids and he's another one of them," Dunworth said. "A lot of kids end up in the sport because they've done it and had success in it, but when you get those kids that are truly predisposed to be a swimmer and they have the attitude of a swimmer and they have the aggressiveness of any other athlete out there - that's a very dangerous combination. And Jack, like many, many others that I've had, happens to be special among the boys. He's the latest that has that make-up."

Walsh, a scholar-athlete who enjoys subjects from business to chemistry, visited Michigan, Notre Dame and Texas before signing with Stanford.

"Stanford has always been my dream school, so I was always excited about hearing from them," Walsh said. "Just based on the visit, I just felt like I got along with the guys on the team the best at Stanford and academically it was the best of those schools. I just fell in love with the campus and everything about it. So I'm really excited about being able to go there next year."

Dunworth feels Walsh fits the Stanford profile.

"Highly recruited, he could have gone anywhere," the CC coach said. "I would have been happy wherever he ended up, but it's so exciting he's going to go to one of the premier swim schools in country, let alone premier academic schools as well."

Walsh puts not only a lot of mileage in the pool, but on the highway as well.

At least three days a week, he starts from his home in Ann Arbor, drives to Farmington Hills Mercy (CC's home pool) for a morning workout, heads back to Novi for school, then drives back to Mercy again for an afternoon workout. Then it's back home again in the early evening to Ann Arbor.

"It's not too bad, it's about 15 to 20 minutes," Walsh said of each destination.

ALL-AREA VOLLEYBALL

Novi's Iacobelli area's leading lady

By Jeff Theisen and Brad Emmons
Staff Writers

Though only a junior, Novi's Victoria Iacobelli played the 2014 volleyball campaign like a seasoned senior.

The 5-foot-9 outside hitter, a three-year varsity starter and captain, was instrumental in leading the Wildcats to a 54-6-1 overall record and all the way to Class A state championship game before losing in five sets to Romeo.

Iacobelli, who was selected Division 1 first team all-state by the Michigan Interscholastic Volleyball Coaches Association, also earned area Player of the Year honors as well.

Iacobelli finished with a team-best 624 total kills (.302 hitting percentage) and ranked third on the team in total digs with 539 as the Wildcats also captured KLAAs Central Division, Kensington Conference, KLAAs Association, district and regional tournament titles.

"Victoria's control on all aspects of the game was so critical for our success," Novi coach Jen Cottrill said. "Her ability to contact the ball twice and do so with such ease and court awareness was impressive. Many times, she had a double block slammed in her face and she still found a way to score. She also is an elite defender and very consistent passer. Her leadership and competitiveness was spot on as she knew when the team needed to be fired up or calmed."

First team
Paulina Iacobelli
Novi

The 5-9 junior, Victoria's identical twin sister, earned Division 1 second team all-state honors as she finished with 500 total kills and 624 digs to rank second on the team in both categories.

"Paulina always seemed to find a way for us," Cottrill said of the all-region and all-KLAA choice. "If we needed a

kill, a serving run, a perfect pass or spectacular dig, she was there to do it. She was very reliable and consistent and a great competitor."

Erin O'Leary
Novi

The 5-10 freshman moved to setter early in the season and adapted quickly to her natural position as she earned Division 1 all-state honorable mention honors with a total of 1,405 assist-to-kills, 322 digs, 179 kills and 62 aces.

"The most impressive thing about Erin is her charisma on the court, always smiling, having fun and just enjoying the game," Cottrill said of the all-KLAA and all-region pick. "As a freshman and only being 14 years old, she was able to keep her composure in high-pressure situations. Erin has an uncanny knack for this game. Her court awareness and vision is phenomenal and that helped us to run our offense from pin-to-pin and get our attackers one-on-one looks."

Jordan Massab
Novi

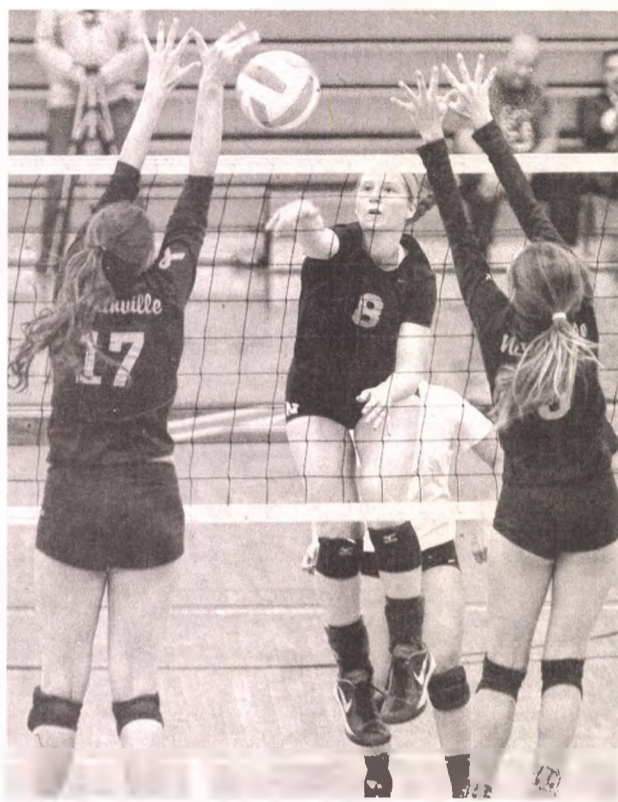
The 5-4 senior libero paced the Wildcats with 688 total digs and amassed 1,581 for her career.

"Jordan was the heart and soul of our team and program as she was an amazing leader, teammate and young lady," Cottrill said of the all-KLAA and all-district selection. "Jordan's ability to keep our team composed on the court, as well as staying competitive and battling, was unmeasurable."

Emily Martin
Northville

The 5-10 sophomore outside hitter, named all-KLAA, Division 1 all-region and honorable mention all-state, finished with a team-best 477 kills (2.92 percent) to go along with 280 total digs.

"Emily grew into a court leader and took on the role of the primary terminator as a sophomore," Northville coach Amanda Yaklin said.



Novi junior outside hitter Victoria Iacobelli (middle) was named area volleyball Player of the Year.

"She gained the experience all season long and played with grace in our final match of the season and arrived as our primary hitter. I'm excited to see the next two seasons, as she is one of the top sophomores in the state. Her collegiate potential is through the roof."

Amanda Leonard
Lakeland

The senior right-side hitter will take her talents to NCAA Division II West Liberty. She earned all-state honors after leading the team in kills and placing second in assists. She also carries a 4.06 grade-point average.

"Amanda is a fantastic setter, but also a dangerous hitter," Lakeland said coach Jean Dukic.

"There were many times during the season that she was able to take over on offense and help us get the win. I look forward to seeing what she brings at the college level."

Stephanie Leonard
Lakeland

The senior middle hitter earned all-confer-

ence and all-region honors while leading the team in blocks and being second in kills. She will also be attending West Liberty next season and currently has a 4.03 GPA.

"Stephanie is one of the hardest working players I had," Dukic said. "She is always trying to do her best and she also had the ability to take over a game offensively. Stephanie especially loved it when she was up against another great middle, then she really turned it on."

Jillian Butsavich
Milford

The senior middle hitter was a force for the district champion Mavericks. She finished with 375 kills and 40 blocks. She was also team captain.

"Jillian has an athletic ceiling that she's nowhere near touching," Milford coach Mary Shelton said. "A great leader on and off the court."

Maddie Harris
Milford

The senior outside hitter provided another

strong option for the Mavericks. She totaled 375 kills with 400 digs and 55 aces for an outstanding all-around season.

"Maddie Harris is a perfectionist in her play," Shelton said. "She can handle high-pressure situations and we counted on her a lot on the back line and defending in crucial situations."

Second team
Brooke Campos
South Lyon

The four-year varsity setter finished her final season by dishing out 946 assists with 181 digs, 42 aces and 40 kills. She also earned academic all-state and all-region honors.

Jessie Ignace
South Lyon

The right-side/middle hitting junior finished her third season on varsity with 293 kills, 76 blocks and 34 aces. She earned all-conference and all-region honors.

Emily Wolfenbarger
Lakeland

The senior setter and captain earned all-conference and all-region honors while leading the team in assists. She is planning on playing in college, but remains undecided.

Callie Coffin
Lakeland

The senior captain led the back row in digs and earned all-region and all-conference honorable mention honors.

Anna Swanson
Milford

The senior outside hitter provided 315 kills and 80 aces for the Mavericks.

Mackenzie Watson
Milford

The junior libero was the leader on the back line for Milford with 556 digs.

Kiera Borthwick
Northville

The 5-6 sophomore libero and secondary setter, a two-year varsity player, finished with a team-best 496 total digs to go along with 49 aces. She was also the best serve-receive passer at 90 percent en route to all-KLAA and all-region

ALL-AREA VOLLEYBALL TEAM

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Victoria Iacobelli, Novi

FIRST TEAM

Paulina Iacobelli, Novi
Erin O'Leary, Novi
Jordan Massab, Novi
Emily Martin, Northville
Amanda Leonard, Lakeland
Stephanie Leonard, Lakeland
Jillian Butsavich, Milford
Maddie Harris, Milford

SECOND TEAM

Brooke Campos, South Lyon
Jessie Ignace, South Lyon
Emily Wolfenbarger, Lakeland
Callie Coffin, Lakeland
Anna Swanson, Milford
Mackenzie Watson, Milford
Kiera Borthwick, Northville
Makenna Strunk, Northville

HONORABLE MENTION

Novi: Olivia Bradford (sr.), Ally Cummings (soph.), Jennifer Kulie (sr.)
Northville: Emily Hogan (sr.), Olivia Boisineau (sr.), Elizabeth Hansell (sr.), Bryce Quick (soph.)
Franklin Road Christian: Reagan Mumford (soph.), Danielle Fusco (sr.)
South Lyon: Carlie Fernandez (sr.), Callie Harper (soph.)
South Lyon East: Savannah Turner (sr.), Mackenzie Travis (sr.), Nicole Dowdell (jr.)
Lakeland: Amanda Lock (sr.)
Milford: Maddie Appleton (fr.)

honors.
Makenna Strunk
Northville
The 5-6 senior, a three-year varsity player who signed with Lawrence Tech, played both the outside and the middle, finishing with 245 kills (.243 hitting percentage) and 187 digs as she made all-region

'Top Cat' honoree



DONNA VANANTWERP

Paul VanAntwerp (left), pictured with family members (including a stand-in for one unable to attend), was honored last month as the "Top Cat" for his significant contributions to the advancement of youth hockey in the Novi community. VanAntwerp was recognized in a ceremony at the Novi Youth Hockey Association's 13th annual Game Day, which featured 17 games with more than 400 players and 100 coaches at the Novi Ice Arena. The long-time Novi resident, who began coaching in the NYHA in 1998, coached all four of his children, including Michael, Madison, Max and Mickey (currently with 2001 Ice Cats), from house and travel to mini-mite and midget teams. VanAntwerp's squirt team captured the Michigan Amateur Hockey Association 2006-07 title and he has also guided teams to Little Caesars Amateur Hockey League playoff and numerous tourney titles the past 16 years.

GIRLS HOCKEY

Struggling Northville icers still searching for first victory

By Brad Emmons
Staff Writer

It's been a tough start to the season so far for the Northville girls hockey team.

Emma Frame notched a hat trick, while Carson Dennis contributed a pair of goals Saturday as Grosse Pointe South pulled away with six goals in the final period en route to a 10-1 Michi-

gan Metro Girls High School Hockey League victory over Northville at the Grosse Pointe Community Rink.

Abby Carrier added a goal and two assists, while Elizabeth Sullivan, Ava Russano, Libby Erickson each chipped in a goal and one assist. Genie Martin also had three assists for the Blue Devils, now 2-0 in Division 1.

"Our kids were out-

matched, but played hard all night," Northville coach J.D. Damrath. "We trailed 1-0 after the first period and came close to tying it."

South scored three times in the second period after Northville goaltender Isobel Bush had to leave the game with injury. The Blue Devils then scored six goals on just nine shots in the final period.

Grace Healey had the lone goal on a breakaway assisted by Nadia Ismail for Northville, now 0-3.

"Whereas Grosse Pointe South carried much of the play, giving up 10 goals on 38 shots is not going to win many hockey games," Damrath said. "Our defensive zone coverage needs lots of work."

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

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For more information, got to www.haegerbaseballtraining.com or contact Charlie Haeger at 734-545-2018 or haegerbaseballtraining@gmail.com.

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By Greg Mullin
Staff Writer

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Project Senior Heat



Thirty-one volunteer heating and cooling contractors representing the Southeast Michigan Chapter of the Air Conditioning Contractors of America teamed up Dec. 6 to offer free furnace inspections and tune-ups to 56 senior citizen homeowners in metro Detroit. The homeowners were selected by the local Area Agencies on Aging from Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. This event has been taking place for 28 years. Some homeowners had their furnaces repaired or replaced, depending on the condition of the existing furnace. Some homeowners have suffered without gas heat for lengthy periods of time while waiting for repairs. Each technician left behind a free carbon monoxide detector. All parts and equipment are donated by local heating and cooling suppliers, members of SEMIACCA, while the labor is donated by contractors. Pictured, Al Keats Day volunteers meet and line up at Day & Night Heating & Cooling in Novi.

Jaghabs continue their community giving via Adopt-A-School program



Most of the Jaghab Dental Team is represented in this photo (from left): Meghan Pollington, Krystal Harris, Kerry Valeri, Stephanie McCaffrey, Dr. Jeffrey Jaghab, Dr. Stephanie Jaghab, Patricia Robertson, RDH, Danielle Stinson, RDH, Janet Wilson, RDH, Sue Steinkemper, Michelle Reid, RDH, and Rosanne Yuhasz.

Doctors Jeffrey and Stephanie Jaghab own Northville Cosmetic Dentistry at 416 S. Main Street. While they provide an essential service in a caring, family-oriented environment, they also found a way to give back to the local community they love.

"We live two miles from the office," Jeffrey Jaghab said. "We can walk to downtown Northville from our house with our kids. People know us and wave out of their cars. Living here is like small-town America and it's perfect for us."

The Plymouth Whalers and Compuware Arena provided the connection for the Jaghabs to reach out to the community.

Since 2009, the Jaghabs have been part of the Plymouth Whalers Adopt-A-School program. In the program, local businesses buy ticket vouchers and donate them to schools, giving children of all ages and their parents a chance to go to Plymouth Whalers games.

"We have always supported the school system," Jaghab said. "It is part of what makes Northville so great."

The Jaghabs have four children: Peter, 12, Hannah, 10, Alexander, 9, and Samantha, 8.

After supporting their children's specific schools over the years through the Adopt-a-School Program, the Jaghabs upped the ante this season in a big way. They adopted every school in the Northville system.

"Our kids all go to Northville schools and they love the Whalers," Jaghab said. "We have had parents thanking us for the tickets, because they had so much fun. People really enjoy the games. It's close to home, safe and comfortable."

In the past, they did the Whalers Adopt-A-School for their children's elementary school (Moraine Elementary School) and middle school (Hillside), but this year the Jaghabs decided to do the same for all the schools in Northville.

The Whalers are pitching in to help the Jaghabs to reach their goal. Members of the Plymouth Whalers staff hit the streets of Northville this week to assist the Jaghabs in the distribution of the vouchers to each principal at each adopted school.

The Jaghabs believe in the Northville community that has supported them over the years.

"Compuware Arena, the Whalers and our dental office are very similar - we all give back to the community as much as we can," Jaghab said. "Northville has been very good to us and we're very happy to be here."

The Whalers are looking for other business to get involved with their Adopt-A-School Program.

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Erickson picks Machicote for senior VP

Erickson Living, developer and manager of Novi's Fox Run retirement community, has named Joseph Machicote as senior vice president, human resources. In this role, Machicote is responsible for all aspects of



Machicote

HR throughout the enterprise, which include leadership and employee development, succession planning, employee relations, talent acquisition, personnel policies, corporate communications and compensation and benefits.

Machicote has more than 25 years of experience working in HR and has held several leadership and hospital roles throughout his career. Most recently, he served as vice president of HR and organizational development with Snyder's-Lance, Inc., and served in several leadership positions with the Compass Group, North America, a food service management and support services company.

"We are excited to welcome such an experienced and respected human resources executive to our leadership team," Chief Operating Officer Debra B. Doyle said. "Joseph is a forward-thinking leader who is committed to cultivating employee engagement, a diverse workforce and business results. His proven track record of driving organizational efficiency and effectiveness, while fostering professional and personal growth opportunities, will undoubtedly help us fulfill our important mission."

Machicote holds a bachelor of arts in business from Manhattanville College.

Scheuren named Quinn shareholder

Craig C. Scheuren has become a shareholder in Quinn Law Group, PLLC, based in Novi.

He joined the firm in 2005. Scheuren concentrates his practice on the preparation and prosecution of domestic, international and foreign patent applications in a variety of technical areas, including the electrical, software and mechanical arts, as well as IP-related client counseling.

"Craig is a very smart patent lawyer and clients appreciate his enthusiasm and the depth of understanding he brings to their cases," said Christopher Quinn, founder and principal of the firm.

Prior to joining Quinn Law Group, Scheuren gained extensive experience in robotics, vehicle systems,

power generation, nanotechnology and compressed air and gas filtration. He worked for Parker Hannifin Corp. as a territory manager and applications engineer and has also been a product engineer for Solectron Corp.

Scheuren also served as an intelligence operations officer in the U.S. Air Force, where he specialized in remote sensing.

Scheuren

He earned a bachelor of science in electrical engineering from Michigan Technological University, where he specialized in automatic control systems. He received his juris doctor from Wayne State University and was elected to the Order of the Coif. Scheuren is admitted to the State Bar of Michigan and is a member of the Michigan Intellectual Property Law Association.

He lives in White Lake and grew up in Shelby Township.

Schrah chosen as VP of women's association

The American Business Women's Association elected Sandy Schrah of Linden to the position of District V vice president during the association's 65th National Women's Leadership Conference in Overland Park, Kan.

Schrah will maintain a position on ABWA's National Board of Directors and the

Schrah

Stephen Bufton Memorial Educational Fund Board of Trustees. One of nine ABWA national officers, Schrah will work with members in Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, West Virginia and Kentucky to facilitate the ABWA mission.

Schrah works at General Motors Customer Care and After-sales, Grand Blanc, as Global Business Process Documentation lead for an SAP Implementation Project. She is a member of the Novi Oaks Charter Chapter, the largest ABWA chapter in Michigan.

Throughout her 16-year ABWA career, she has grown with the ABWA experience, earning numerous local chapter and regional offices and awards. Schrah recently served as secretary of Novi Oaks and was the chapter's nominee for 2015 Top 10 Businesswoman of ABWA.

Schrah holds a bachelor of business leadership degree in business and a master's of business administration from Baker College in Flint.

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Realtors support Forgotten Harvest at holiday party

Real estate professionals from the Detroit Metro area filled the dining hall of the Plum Hollow Country Club in Southfield on Dec. 2 for the Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors (GMAR) fourth annual Holiday Party. Attendees gathered to celebrate the end of another busy year in the real estate business by indulging in fresh food catered by Plum Hollow, dancing to live music provided by the Shawn Riley Band of Northville and regaling one another with their tales of 2014.

This event aligns with GMAR's mission to unify the real estate community and strengthen the image of Realtors through the sale of 50/50 raffle tickets, the GMAR family raised almost \$500 to be donated to Forgotten Harvest. This is in addition to the over \$3,000 donated from Golf Outing proceeds held this past September. Combining donations collected at the General Membership Meeting last month and the Holiday Party, eight heaping crates full of nonperishable food items have been contributed to the cause of feeding the hungry in the Detroit area through Forgotten Harvest.

"We are so grateful for the support of our Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors," said Forgotten Harvest CEO Kirk Mayes. "With nearly one in five people facing hunger or food insecurity in our area, it is vital that we work with our corporate and community partners to be certain that no child, no senior or no family go hungry in metro Detroit."

"I am very amazed and proud of the commitment and involvement of our Members. GMAR is a true leader in the industry having the members and support for such a great event," said GMAR Member Services Committee Chair James Iodice.

Committee Liaison Elaine Gatlin stated, "The success of our programs this year is the result of the support we've received from our members, our sponsors and the Member Services Committee."

The Greater Metropolitan



Fun was found at the GMAR party, along with support for Forgotten Harvest, which works to fight hunger in Metro Detroit.



Dancing to live music provided by the Shawn Riley Band of Northville was part of the fun at the Dec. 2 party.

Association of Realtors provides services and support to the real estate profession and the communities they serve. With over 6,000 members, GMAR is the largest local Realtor association in the state. GMAR provides many

benefits to its members, such as access to the Realcomp MLS, over 220 quality continuing education and designation courses per year, the ToolShop™, Metropolitan Minute weekly newsletter and Metropolitan REALTOR®

monthly electronic magazine. GMAR's mission is to be the leading resource for the real estate community in Southeast Michigan. Visit www.GMARonline.com to learn more.

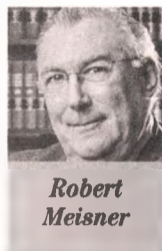
Check with attorney on enforcement of rules

Q: Our homeowner association board has not been enforcing various rules for a number of years. Now we have a more active board who wants to start doing so. What do you suggest that we do to help with this situation?

A: It is important that you don't abruptly start enforcing previously overlooked rules since reviving these rules may be delicate matter. I would remind members of the value of rules, tell the members that previously overlooked rules will once again be enforced, but only do so with your lawyer's advice. Say that the board won't necessarily enforce rules retroactively, and explain that the board will give members a grace period in certain circumstances. Again, this is a precarious area and you may not even want to concede that you were not enforcing rules previously. That is why a legal opinion is in order.

Q: Our association manager may have violated the Fair Housing Act by denying a lease extension without the board's knowledge. Do you think the manager has any liability?

A: Yes, particularly if there is a situation where he did not seek approval from the Board of Directors in terms of the direction and there is any type of discrimination on the basis of familial status. Indeed, in a recent case out of Florida, the court denied the management company's request to be dismissed from the case determining that it could be "vicariously" liable if the manager is found liable for what he did. Since the plaintiff in that case adequately stated a claim against the manager, the claim against the management company was also viable and there may be indemnification rights by the association against the managing company and agent if the contract was properly reviewed to begin with counsel for the association.



Robert Meisner

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HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of July 28 to Aug. 1, 2014, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

City	Address	Sale Price
BEVERLY HILLS		
	165 Charrington Ct	\$363,000
	12 Riverbank Dr	\$600,000
	200 Turnberry Ct	\$875,000
BINGHAM FARMS		
	23140 Hickory Hollow Dr	\$368,000
BIRMINGHAM		
	731 Chapin Ave	\$365,000
	1638 Hanley Ct	\$282,000
	1551 Holland St	\$626,000
	1059 N Old Woodward Ave	\$279,000
	1736 Pierce St	\$550,000
	947 Puritan Ave	\$1,150,000
	1336 Ruffner Ave	\$244,000
	1978 Sheffield Rd	\$355,000
	722 Wallace St	\$1,200,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS		
	4383 Ardmore Dr	\$501,000
	244 E Berkshire Rd	\$162,000
	905 W Harsdale Rd	\$828,000
	42160 Woodward Ave	\$102,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP		
	3530 Bloomfield Club Dr	\$450,000
	2626 Bridle Rd	\$243,000
	376 Concord Pl # 4	\$62,000
	4090 Cranbrook Ct	\$368,000
	5574 Fieldston Ct	\$450,000
	6465 Maple Hills Dr	\$160,000
	928 Mitchell Ct	\$1,190,000
	1631 S Hill Blvd	\$127,000

42160 Woodward Ave Unit 18	\$130,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP	
3100 Brookneal St	\$111,000
5290 Carroll Lake Rd	\$71,000
5290 Carroll Lake Rd	\$130,000
3222 Edgewood Park Ct	\$225,000
8219 Hearthstone Ct	\$287,000
5886 Majestic Oaks Dr	\$440,000
5667 Ottingshire St	\$165,000
3645 Sandbar Dr	\$315,000
8644 War Bonnet Dr	\$175,000
FARMINGTON	
35451 Heritage Ln	\$135,000
22800 Lake Way	\$200,000
36641 Lansbury Ln	\$200,000
34986 Oakland St	\$231,000
36436 Vicary Ln	\$223,000
FARMINGTON HILLS	
29154 Aranel St	\$190,000
27825 Berrywood Ln Unit 47	\$76,000
34262 Commons Dr	\$308,000
27690 E Echo Vly Unit 224	\$65,000
22775 Glenmoor Hts	\$122,000
22775 Glenmoor Hts	\$55,000
29889 Harrow Dr	\$445,000
21184 Larabee Ct	\$370,000
21704 Middlebelt Rd	\$18,000
29530 Mirron Dr	\$242,000
28927 Oak Point Dr	\$301,000
26025 Pillsbury St	\$245,000
22290 River Ridge Trl	\$154,000
36492 Rutherford Ct	\$217,000
23042 Watt Dr	\$300,000
26228 Westmeath St	\$209,000
22172 Wingate Ct	\$250,000
HIGHLAND	
298 Carnoustie	\$410,000

637 Edinburgh Cir	\$290,000
4020 N Hickory Ridge Rd	\$214,000
3230 Ramada Dr	\$403,000
3720 Woodland Dr	\$160,000
LATHRUP VILLAGE	
18450 San Jose Blvd	\$165,000
18150 Wiltshire Blvd	\$163,000
MILFORD	
625 Hickory St	\$360,000
3300 Quinney Trl	\$365,000
1444 Rowe Rd	\$280,000
647 Sleepy Holw	\$425,000
464 Village Ln	\$125,000
NORTHVILLE	
22043 Lujon Dr	\$125,000
914 Pond Island Ct	\$560,000
999 Shannon Ct	\$481,000
NOVI	
22142 Antler Dr	\$395,000
27318 Benjamins Way	\$340,000
42914 Brookstone Dr	\$310,000
28323 Carlton Way Dr	\$195,000
21992 Clover Ln	\$298,000
22099 Clover Ln	\$255,000
27633 Cromwell Rd	\$253,000
22635 Evergreen Ct	\$199,000
22527 Havergale St	\$390,000
26420 Island Lake Dr	\$325,000
25804 Lochmoor Ln	\$440,000
25840 Lochmoor Ln	\$439,000
41500 Mitchell Rd	\$200,000
23369 Mystic Forest Dr	\$200,000
25476 Sullivan Ln	\$400,000
22833 Summer Ln	\$555,000
22926 Talford St	\$88,000
23408 W Le Bost	\$182,000
45578 White Pines Dr	\$435,000
46000 White Pines Dr	\$520,000
SOUTH LYON	
1035 Arabian Ct	\$315,000

26960 Bluegrass Ct	\$379,000
1143 Chestnut Ln	\$270,000
23190 Cheyenne Ct	\$458,000
26162 Cornell Dr	\$387,000
57275 Hidden Timbers Dr	\$342,000
58251 Holland Dr	\$77,000
58392 Holland Dr	\$327,000
456 Orchard Rdg	\$150,000
24580 Padstone Dr	\$77,000
24245 Ravine Dr	\$2,000
24384 Ravine Dr	\$2,000
24522 Ravine Dr	\$2,000
972 S Parkwood Dr	\$255,000
23360 Spy Glass HI N	\$400,000
58480 Well Cress Ct	\$80,000
58504 Well Cress Ct	\$96,000
935 Wood Run	\$289,000
SOUTHFIELD	
27450 Aberdeen St	\$140,000
17521 Alta Vista Dr	\$291,000
23224 Cornerstone Village Dr	\$65,000
24393 Evergreen Rd	\$88,000
28106 Fairfax St	\$68,000
19308 Greenwald Dr	\$178,000
21634 Hidden Rivers Dr S	\$24,000
15682 Jeanette St	\$250,000
17090 Jeanette St	\$275,000
28606 Regent Ct N	\$60,000
20350 Rodeo Ct	\$110,000
17361 Roseland Blvd	\$57,000
36500 McKinney St	\$120,000
16075 Stratford Dr	\$136,000
WHITE LAKE	
1869 Crystal Ln	\$278,000
8775 Eastway Dr	\$45,000
8876 Tackles Dr	\$185,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Aug. 18-22, 2014, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON		
	42658 Colling Dr	\$198,000
	7051 Epping Dr	\$252,000
	997 Foothill Rd	\$255,000
	43672 Gatehouse Ct	\$225,000
	50131 Harding St	\$113,000
	7474 Haverhill Ln	\$449,000
	1248 Lasalle Rd	\$490,000
	401 S Ridge Rd	\$230,000
	3635 Shepherd Ln	\$220,000

43787 Sweet Cherry Ln	\$156,000
42172 Tonquish Ct	\$176,000
51159 Upland View St	\$50,000
GARDEN CITY	
6868 Harrison St	\$66,000
LIVONIA	
30791 Six Mile Rd	\$169,000
32565 Six Mile Rd	\$150,000
19167 Augusta Dr	\$295,000
27709 Bobrich St	\$150,000
32949 Brookside Cir	\$230,000
9811 Doris St	\$132,000
32446 Hees St	\$147,000
8955 Henry Ruff Rd	\$143,000
16694 Levan Rd	\$256,000
14056 Mayfield St	\$220,000

19847 Merriman Rd	\$135,000
17555 Middlebelt Rd	\$155,000
29117 Perth St	\$170,000
34804 Summers St	\$265,000
18377 University Park Dr	\$99,000
30941 Wentworth St	\$199,000
15152 Yale St	\$185,000
NORTHVILLE	
19527 Dartmouth Pl	\$114,000
16664 Lyonhurst Cir	\$268,000
48344 Manorwood Dr	\$830,000
19580 Northridge Dr	\$102,000
16131 Oakwood Ct	\$300,000
16538 Sherwood Ln	\$573,000
39780 Walker Ct	\$244,000
PLYMOUTH	
9090 Brookline Ave	\$75,000

10205 Creekwood Cir	\$369,000
41890 E Ann Arbor Trl	\$158,000
500 Ford St	\$65,000
43808 Joy Rd	\$250,000
40869 Newport Dr	\$100,000
REDFORD	
26409 Clarita	\$74,000
18656 Lennane	\$26,000
WAYNE	
38514 Laurenwood St	\$144,000
WESTLAND	
36500 McKinney Ave	\$238,000
251 S Christine	\$85,000

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Investors

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Members are free, guests \$20, which will be applied to their membership. The Red Lobster is next to 7-11, near Trenton Road.

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| 1 Persistent Dr. Seuss character | 49 "Revolver" or "Tapestry," e.g. | 87 Maladies | 1 Pops | Arg. | deg. |
| 7 Total stupidity | 50 Lose iciness | 88 Author Zola | 2 Smart — | 40 24-hr. cash dispensers | 82 "No big —" |
| 13 — faire | 52 Run through small holes | 91 Rights org. since 1920 | 3 Thurber's | 42 — Tin Tin | 84 Homecoming attendees, e.g. |
| 20 Actress | 56 "GoldenEye" Bond girl | 92 Scratched (out) | 4 "— done it!" | 43 Verbal test | 85 Suffix with poison |
| 21 Fifth U.S. president | 58 Open courts used by opera singers? | 94 Arrange meals neatly in a picnic basket? | 6 Fred of "My Three Sons" | 45 Britain's Tony | 89 Former Sprint rival |
| 22 Writer | 62 Delayed | 97 Dance with dips | 7 "That's my cue!" | 46 Suffix with Euclid | 90 Tina's ex |
| 23 Dissuade people from using a bridge? | 63 "— be back" | 100 Shooting marble | 8 Shot amount | 47 Time when DST starts | 93 Decked in a boxing ring |
| 25 "Look, Ma" follower | 66 Poet Edward | 102 "... — in | 9 Tech. school | 50 Merry refrain | 94 Foyer sofas |
| 26 Be a thespian | 67 Drink in | 103 Actor | 10 "... — quit!" (threat ender) | 51 A eunuch guards it | 95 Josephine of mysteries |
| 27 Impressionist | 68 Stiller of film | 104 Feldman after a bad fight? | 11 Hold | 53 Like liver, nutritionally | 96 Hide-hair link |
| 28 Frogs' relatives | 69 Predicament experienced by humans? | 106 Feisty fish | 12 "Holy moly!" | 54 Like offenses one can get canned for | 97 Some steaks above 7.0 |
| 30 Destroy the interior of | 73 Unused, in Ulm | 110 Endorsed | 13 Ivan of tennis | 55 Perfume since 1931 | 99 Little bump |
| 31 Azure | 74 Self-evident statements | 111 Take the loss | 14 Came up | 57 "— at 'em!" | 100 Day after Fri. |
| 34 Horse riders' shop? | 76 107, in old | 112 Put at 000 | 15 Suffix with amateur | 59 Vintage song | 101 Threefold |
| 37 Above, in odes | 77 Rome caused by a "Great" czar? | 115 "Nice one!" | 16 Jamaican pop music | 60 Architect I.M. | 104 Granny on "The Nanny" |
| 38 Twofold nature | 78 With 33 | 116 Zeros | 17 Honor with a tune | 61 Beilite | 105 Ship parts |
| 41 Errand boy | 80 Moistens meat while drunk? | 119 Stress | 18 Tough out | 64 Rank above maj. | 106 Diem lead-in |
| 42 Thieving Fink? | 83 Puerto Rico's — | 120 Middy naps | 19 Flind-cutting tool | 65 Molten flows | 107 Adjectives modify them |
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| | | | 36 Raises one's glass to | 79 Mimosas-family tree | 117 U.S. fighters |
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What makes zoos and aquariums so special? Sure, they make great recreation spots, but that's only the beginning. According to the Association of Zoos & Aquariums, research shows that zoos and aquariums boost scientific literacy and attract groups traditionally underrepresented in the sciences.

They also study, rehabilitate and care for animals with a mind for conservation and preserving and protecting endangered species. Another major public benefit of zoos and aquariums: They pack a mean economic punch. The AZA reports that the facilities it accredits generate \$16 billion in economic activity each year and support more than 142,000 jobs. For budding scientists and animal lovers, these jobs are true passion professions, each with its own unique challenges and rewards.

Human fascination with wild-life starts young and can last a lifetime, which is precisely why zoos and aquariums attract such a wide range of visitors. And behind every exotic creature and meticulously planned exhibit is a team of dedicated workers. The AZA notes that not all zoo and aquarium jobs are particularly glamorous. Some require a great deal of physical strength and the kind of dedication needed to carry workers through round-the-clock shifts, even in the crummiest weather. The payoff, of course, is that the work can also be incredibly rewarding, and from a scientific or conservation standpoint, downright important.

Here are just some of the jobs found at zoos and aquariums, along with their typical education requirements.

1. Zookeeper or aquarist

Those who want to work closely with animals might consider becoming zookeepers or aquarists. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, these professionals tend to much of an animal's daily care. They feed

6 wild jobs for



animal lovers

and monitor animals, clean and maintain habitats and may even work directly with the public answering questions or giving demonstrations. The BLS reports that most zoos and aquariums require keepers to hold at least a bachelor's degree in an area such as biology or animal science. Susan Danhauser, director of human resources at the Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens, told the University of Florida that even when a degree is not required, it can give candidates an edge in what can be an incredibly competitive job market.

2. Animal trainer

Animal trainers in zoos and aquariums have important jobs. Yes, they train animals for public performances, but they also work with scared and even dangerous animals so that they can safely co-exist with the keepers, veterinarians and other professionals who care for them. The BLS notes that though some animal

trainers are not required to earn college degrees, requirements vary. Marine mammal trainers, for instance, usually possess at least a bachelor's degree in marine biology, animal science or a related field.

3. Zoologist

The AZA lists scientific research as one of the primary benefits of both zoos and aquariums, and this is precisely where zoologists come in. According to the BLS, zoologists study animals, their behaviors and their habitats -- as well as the impact humans have on them. Many specialize in one particular kind of animal. Cetologists, for instance, study marine mammals, while herpetologists specialize in amphibians and reptiles. Entry-level zoologists must have at least a bachelor's degree in zoology or a related field, though they will likely need a master's to advance. Some even hold a Ph.D.

4. Veterinarian

Veterinarians in zoos and aquariums provide the same services as they do for the public, but the animals tend to be more exotic. They examine animals for overall wellness and diagnose and treat those who are sick or injured. The BLS reports that all states require veterinarians to earn a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree and become licensed to practice. Licensing requirements vary, but invariably require candidates to pass the North American Veterinary Licensing Examination.

5. Veterinary technician

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bachelor's. Like vets, vet techs must be licensed to practice.

6. Curator

Zoo and aquarium curators are perfect examples of professionals who play a vital role in their organizations, but rarely, if ever, work directly with animals. Curators plan, acquire and direct exhibits and may at times oversee or conduct research or educational activities. The AZA reports that while general curators oversee an institution's entire animal collection, animal curators manage a specific portion of its collection, say, mammals, birds or reptiles. The BLS notes that most curators earn at least a master's degree in a discipline relevant to the field, though some employers prefer candidates with doctoral degrees.

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