#### SHAMROCKS WRESTLERS WIN SIXTH STRAIGHT COUNTY TITLE SPORTS, B1



## Tennis for children

The city of Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department has partnered with Todd Beyer Tennis and Funstart Tennis to offer winter tennis programming for the beginner to advanced player, ages 6-15.

6-15. Todd Beyer Tennis will take place at Novi Woods at 6 p.m. each Thursday. Participants will learn the fundamentals of the game while enhancing their preexisting skills. Registration is going on now for the January, February and April sessions.

**Funstart Tennis** takes place at both Village Oaks and Parkview. The program is for those 6-10 years old who want to experience tennis in a relaxed atmosphere. Racquets are provided. Tennis at Village Oaks takes place 6-6:55 p.m. each Monday, while the Parkview lessons take place 4:05-5 p.m. each Wednesday. Funstart offers sessions starting in January and March. To register and for a complete listing of all the sessions, visit www.cityofnovi.org.

## City council approves update to Emergency Operations Support Plan

#### By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

The city of Novi Emergency Operations Support Plan has only changed slightly, but it's an important change that helps public safety better identify terrorism threat levels.

"The major changes to the plan are the updating of the system that we use to identify and quantify the terrorism threat level to the United States," said David Molloy, Novi public safety director.

He said the system has been changed from the Homeland Security Advisory System to the Nation-

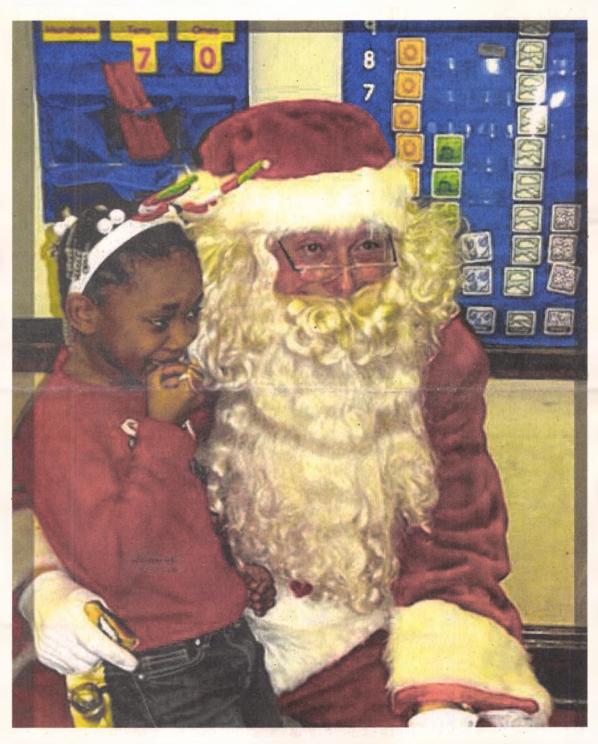
"The NTAS is simpler to interpret than the (HSAS), which had several complex



The Novi City Council approved the Emergency Operations Support Plan, supporting the Oakland County Emergency Operations Plan. By adopting this plan, the city agrees to manage its disasters and major emergencies in compliance with Michigan Emergency Management Act 390 and utilizing the National Incident Management System, according to Molloy.

The other change to the Emergency Operations Support Plan is the updating of the resource list. The resource list names and places into categories all assets possessed by the city that could be used in the event of a disaster or major emergency. The list includes

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## Tata envisions move from Novi to Royal Oak

By Nathan Mueller Staff Writer

Schostak Brothers received a second extension from the Royal Oak Downtown Development Authority earlier this month to continue to work on a development agreement for the I-696 and Main property.

Schostak Brothers is the preferred developer of the site and is working with Indiabased Tata Technologies on a plan that would relocate Tata's North American headquarters from Novi to Royal Oak. The parties have been working on the agreement since May; the first extension was granted in October.

Initial plans call for a fourstory building that is roughly 114,000 square feet, with a parking deck and surface parking. Building costs are estimated at \$37 million, according to Jeff Schostak, vice president of corporate real estate for Schostak Brothers. "This is a first-class, class A office building," Schostak said. "It is really a signature building that has a great brand and great presence on Royal Oak's gateway site." Schostak said the company has had discussions with the Michigan Economic Development Corp. to see "what incentive packages the state can provide" and plans to follow up on that in January. "It will give us a better sense of what the state is going to contribute to fill in the gap of making this project economically feasible for Tata Technologies to move their headquarters to Royal Oak," he said Joe MacLellan, associate vice president of partner management at Tata Technologies, said it is a "people business" and its interest in the site stems from the promise that it could help the firm attract some of the state's best talent. 'For us, this project is about helping Tata position itself as a preferred employer in one of our most important markets, metro Detroit," he said. Royal Oak DDA member Bill Harrison said he was glad to hear some assurances that the interest from Tata was real

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Charlie Nemes dresses as Santa Claus and heads to a school where the rate of homelessness and families living in shelters is around 30 percent to sing songs and pass out gifts to the children.

## LOCAL COMPANY MAKES COMMUNITY SERVICE A PRIORITY

#### By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

Nemes Rush Private Wealth Management of Novi looks to make a difference in one family's life by taking part in a sponsor-a-family holiday program through help from the Church of the Holy Family.

According to Heather Sheridan, operations manager at Nemes Rush Private Wealth Management of Raymond James and Associates, the expectation was to reach out to the community to help purchase gifts for a family in need – and it was a very successful effort.

"This is our first year doing this; however, with all of the outpouring of support we received in making this a reality for this family, we have decided to make this an annual thing and hope to help multiple families next year and many to follow," Sheridan said.

As a team, she said they decided to make it an initiative to reach out and help those in the community. Members not only work in Novi, but all of them live or grew up in Novi. So they decided to contact an organization in the Novi community to help them and chose Holy Family church and its Christmas Sponsor-a-Family program.

Sheridan said the family that was helped lives within a couple of miles from her office. Because of privacy reasons, the family will not be named or pictured.

"We reached out to other companies in our building and

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"After hearing from the

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equipment and personnel with special skills

Molloy said the **Emergency** Operations Support Plan can be utilized whenever Novi experiences a disaster or major emergency that creates a serious disruption of the functioning of the city involving widespread human, material, economic or environmental losses and impacts, which exceeds the ability of the city to cope using its own resources.

He said this plan has never been implemented in response to a disaster or major emergency.

"However, there are aspects of the plan that are used by the city of Novi on a regular basis to help manage day-to-day emergencies. Examples of this are the Incident Command System, Mitigation, Preparedness, Response and **Recovery strategies** and National Weather Service watches and warnings," Molloy said

The city consistently performs drills and exercises on an annual basis using the Emergency Operations Support Plan.

This agreement makes Novi eligible to receive assistance and funding from Oakland County and the state of Michigan Homeland Security Divisions, along with assistance and funding from the Federal **Emergency Manage**ment Administration.

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have been very pleased with the turnout!" Sheridan said. The company works in the

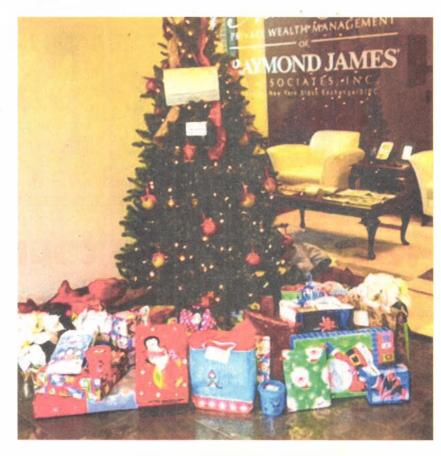
financial industry and sees a lot of success stories, but this time of year employees reminded of those who are less fortunate.

"What is the point of building wealth if you can't share it?!" Sheridan said.

Reaching out to the community and helping is a priority. Senior Vice President Charlie Nemes dresses as Santa Claus every year (through Bridgepointe nonprofit in Northville) and heads to a school where the rate of homelessness and families living in shelters is around 30 percent. He sings songs and passes out gifts to the children.

Sheridan said Raymond James as a corporation has set up ways to help the community as well through United Way and Focus Hope, which it has been a part of over the years. The company has plans to add more community projects in 2015

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Nemes Rush Private Wealth Management of Novi collected gifts to make a difference in one family's life by taking part in a sponsor-a-family holiday program through the Church of the Holy Family.

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Tata folks, I have much more confidence this is real and not just Schostak dreaming," he said. 'I'm pleased to hear at least the board in India is aware of it so it gives more substance to the project."

However, one thing that was missing from the discussions was the residential portion of the project.

The preferred developer status also included the caveat that Schostak Brothers work with Versa Development/C.G. Emerson on a mixed-use plan with residential.

Schostak said it is "still in the plan" to have the residential portion, but he wants to get the Tata part figured out first

"Tata is the driving



SCHOSTAK BROTHERS

The conceptual site plan for the I-696 and Main property calls for a four-story, 114,000-square-foot building that would house the North American headquarters for Tata Technologies.

force behind the project," he said. The extension from the DDA gives Schostak

**Brothers until March 18** to finalize the agreement. There also will be more on the residential component at that time.

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## Annual Christmas Day dinner relocates to new church

#### **By Sue Buck** Staff Writer

Although there's a new location for a popular free Christmas Day dinner, the traditional loving sentiments remain

The Christmas Day dinner held for more than 10 years at St. Dunstan Parish will now be incorporated on the site of the new St. Thomas Apostle Parish.

In June, both St. Dunstan and St. Raphael parishes closed to be-come St. Thomas the Apostle Parish. The holiday dinner is scheduled to be held in the former St. Raphael building located at 31530 Beechwood, west of Merriman, in Garden City.

"After being a parish-ioner since 1958, I don't have to tell you how

heart-breaking it was," said Judy Larry, a Realtor and church member affectionately known by all as Judy "O."

She and her husband Bruce, along with countless volunteers, have provided a turkey dinner every year complete with all the fixings. They took over the dinner responsibilities years ago from John and Mary Surge

"We are trying to make the new church our home," Larry said. "We are getting accli-mated."

The mission of the dinner hasn't changed. It will be provided to individuals who would otherwise be alone Christmas Day. These people don't have families nearby. It is not meant for families.

Last year, Larry and her volunteers served

dinner to about 125 people. Until the final numbers are known – reservations are a must - it is unknown whether the dinner will take place in the Resurrection room, which is attached to the church, or in the gym, located across the street from the church.

"We will be having our dinner like we did at St. Dunstan on Christmas Day," Larry said. "It will start at 1:30 p.m., doors open at 1 p.m. It is a wonderful dinner of turkey and all the trimmings. We have never

turned anyone away." The full sit-down dinner includes turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, salad, rolls, butter and an assortment of desserts.

Guests will be treated royally and all who attend will receive a special surprise gift to take

with them.

She also appreciates anybody who can help out, make cookies or offer a donation.

Members of the Larry family, which consists of six children and 22 grandchildren, also roll up their sleeves and work that day. The event has grown so large that they celebrate their own special family time now **Christmas Eve rather** than Christmas Day. Christmas Day is

devoted to helping others. To make reservations, call Judy "O" at 734-595-3049 and leave a message. Participants must provide their name, phone number and in-

dicate how many people

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will attend.

### **Holiday luncheon**



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Mary Drzewiecki smiles moments after she lit up her LED multicolored necklace at the Dec. 11 holiday luncheon at the Novi Senior Center. The packed house enjoyed a warm lunch with dessert, Christmas trivia and door prizes and then a live band with caroling thrown in at the end.

## **Salvation Army Thrift Stores** welcome year-end donations

As the new year approaches, The Salvation **Army Southeast Michi**gan Adult Rehabilitation Center is seeking yearend donations at the nonprofit's 34 metro Detroit family thrift stores. Through Dec. 31, patrons are invited to drop off their gently used clothing, linens, home goods and more to receive a 2014 tax receipt.

"As we reflect upon the year, many of us will be seeking ways to give back to the community," said Merle Miller, administrator of The Salvation Army Southeast Michi-gan ARC. "By donating your gently-used goods to The Salvation Army family thrift stores,

you're helping provide hope to men and women struggling with substance abuse.'

Completely self-funded, the ARC operates two voluntary, six-month residential rehabilitation centers for men and women that draw their working budgets from the revenue of the nonprofit's 34 thrift stores.

"Donating at The Salvation Army thrift stores is super easy," said Jac-qulynn Idzior, director of operations at The Salva-tion Army Southeast Michigan ARC. "Each of our stores has a conveniently located donation center with drive-up access, so patrons don't even need to get out of

their car."

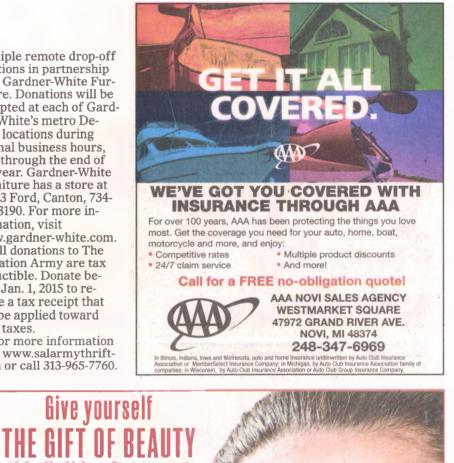
Contributions of gently used clothing, linen, household appliances, furniture, toys, shoes, purses and house wares are accepted at all Salvation Army donation centers. Nearby thrift stores include: 532 Highland Road, Highland, 248-887-3047; 730 N. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake, 248-669-1443; 9434 Highland Road, White Lake; and 3600 Plymouth Road, Livonia, 734-425-7573.

For specific hours of local Salvation Army thrift store donation center, visit www.salarmythrift.com.

**Community** members will also have the option of donating to the ARC at multiple remote drop-off locations in partnership with Gardner-White Furniture. Donations will be accepted at each of Gardner-White's metro Detroit locations during normal business hours, now through the end of the year. Gardner-White Furniture has a store at 39453 Ford, Canton, 734-844-3190. For more information, visit www.gardner-white.com.

All donations to The Salvation Army are tax deductible. Donate be-fore Jan. 1, 2015 to receive a tax receipt that can be applied toward 2014 taxes.

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## Enjoying holidays, while preparing for the new year

e have lived in Michigan since 1987 **Every Christmas** when our boys were young, my wife's sisters, who live in Seattle, would send a huge box to our house. The "Auntie's box" was the highlight of our Christmas preparation. It was not officially Christmas until the box arrived.

On the day the box arrived, it would not be opened until everyone in the family was home. Typically, I arrived last. The boys would greet me at the



door, smiles on their faces, and shout, "The box has arrived!" I knew what that meant.

Before I was in the door, they would be opening the box. The aunts would have already wrapped the presents. Each boy would carefully handle their gifts and then set them

under the tree.

It was a wonderful time. All of us have holiday memories. No matter what holiday we celebrate, we have special memories of time spent with family, special moments, gifts we treasure.

We have spent four months in school. Students, teachers and staff have been busy this year. There have been assignments, homework, tests and papers. Students have completed projects.

Many students have partici-

pated in co-curricular and extra-curricular activities. Bands, choirs and orchestras have performed on fields, in parades and on stages.

Athletic teams have spent weeks in preparation for their seasons and then worked hard to represent our community with grace and honor.

Our staff has come in early and stayed late. They have cared for the children in our community in a respectful and loving way.

The first four months of

school have flown by. But everyone was ready for some time to relax and prepare for the new year.

My hope is that your holiday season has been and will continue to be filled with special moments, special friends and special memories. I look forward to the new year and new activities and new memories.

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

## Novi's Fischer honored at Aquinas

"Students re-

Aquinas College senior Anna Fischer has been named Aquinas' October 2014 Student of the Month. The Novi native is one of six students selected for the award throughout the academic school year.

Fischer works as a consult-ant in Aquinas' Writing Center, helping to assess various learning and writing styles and to put together individualized strategies for approaching writing tasks and assignments.

"Anna goes above and beyond the call of duty in her position at the Writing Center," said Julie Bevins, Aquinas Writing Center coordinator.

### **Space trip**



to detail and how she customizes Fischer her advice based on each person's needs. We regularly receive positive feedback from both students and faculty members who are grateful for Anna's work."

In addition to her work at the Writing Center, Fischer was lead presenter at a conference session on "Consulting with Writers on the Autism Spectrum: A Model," hosted by the Michigan Writing Centers Association in October. Fischer has also made the dean's list for five semesters.

Aquinas' Student of the Month is chosen by a committee composed of faculty and overseen by the associate vice president for student affairs. This award is given out in September, October, November, February, March and April. The qualifications are based upon a student's academic record, research and leadership. Winners of the award receive either a \$25 bookstore or food service gift card.



second-graders sing songs from their fall musical, "A Trip to Space." The musical, coordinated by music teacher Matt Ownby, was attended by families and friends and featured such space-themed tunes as "Inter-planet Janet," "I Don't Want to Live on the Moon" and "The Gravity Blues.

### Service project



Novi High School juniors and National Honor Society members Aastha Dharia, Aria Thakore, Swathi Sampath and Sruti Ganesh pose Dec. 13 at Lord and Taylor at Twelve Oaks mall. The school's National Honor Society has once again chosen Salvation Army Kettle Drive as one of its fall service projects. The 127 members of the club are volunteering at either this site or Busch's market in Novi for this worthwhile cause. In addition, many other Novi High students are also volunteering at this event, too.

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## Livonia Civic Chorus: A goldmine of fun music for 50 great years

Back in 1845, pros-pectors found gold in Michigan's Up-per Peninsula – then they all went to California.

There's been plenty of gold, of other kinds, for the finding throughout our state. In western Wayne County, for example, there's the Livonia Civic Chorus, this year observing its golden anniversary of 50 years. It was first discovered in January 1965 on the stage of Franklin High School at its first concert and has been glowing golden ever since.

The chorus was formed by members of Livonia's St. Maurice Catholic Church Choir, which was forced to disband in 1964. Coincidentally, Catholic church choirs around the country were faced with abrupt changes at about this time when, after centuries, they had to switch from Latin to English in their Mass services. St. Maurice has since combined with St. Genevieve Church.

Also about this same time, the city's Parks and **Recreation Department** advertised in the Observ-er its call for sponsoring a community chorus. Choir member Joyce Winter saw the ad, her group immediately responded and soon, as a secular choir, they were providing artistic gold for Livonia and surrounding suburbs.

Ever since that first year, the Livonia Civic Chorus has been a handsfree show chorus, its members memorizing every song in the repertoire while dancing their way across the stage for two main shows - around Christmas and early spring.

#### Members come from all over

Chorus membership has been as high as 65 and currently is at 56. They come mostly from Livonia, but also Ann Arbor, Canton, Farmington Hills, Northville, Novi, Oak Park, Pleasant Ridge, Plymouth, Redford, Westland and Wixom, with smiles on their faces and songs (memo-



convey a central theme, such as "How The West Was Sung," "Island Mag-ic," "Bond and Beyond" and more recently "A Tribute to Motown" with songs like Ain't No Mountain High Enough and What a Wonderful World and Thoroughly Modern Broadway, including numbers from Mama Mia and Les Miserables.

Last spring's show, "Touch the Sky," included 20 songs about the sun, moon and stars and the weather, from Blue Moon to Singin' In the Rain.

Seldom is the chorus seen in typical tuxedos and formal gowns like other choral groups with music in their hands. "The idea is to get the audience to laugh, look and listen ... and it works," chorus director Donna Gleason said. Choir historian Hank Kanar seconds the notion, saying: "After our shows, people come up and say, 'You folks really look like you're enjoying yourselves.'''

Gleason, a music school graduate of the University of Maryland, has been director since 2003. She is accompanist at Walled Lake Western High School and vocal director for its musicals. She directed the Redford **Baptist Church Choir for** 22 years.

Accompanist since 2004 is Rimma Stolbov, a piano teacher for 25 years and a native of Latvia and graduate of its musical college. Rimma also is an accompanist at Walled Lake Western and a member of Farmington Musicale.

Livonia Chorus' past directors, starting with its first, are Bob Slusarski (choral director at St. Maurice), Ed Mead, Don Large (director of the **University of Detroit** Chorus for more than 25 years), Gordon Limbaugh, Kris Korjath. Karen McDaniel, Jim Whitten and Carol Spinacchio

one of the funniest things that occurred during a show. It happened that first year at Franklin High. It was hot and humid and the school had no air conditioning, so the doors were kept open. A strong wind blew the accompanist's music away and the show was delayed while the audience gasped.

At a later show, an artificial fog machine went crazy and covered the orchestra pit, putting the performance on a horrifying hold until the clouds of fog were cleared.

Chorus members for 25 years or more are altos Kim Alderman, Geri Leiter and Melinda Thornton and sopranos Pat Dierks and Eleanor Smith. Ten-year members are Sue Cassidy, Robin Diedrich, Linda Gibson, Jim Komiensky, vice president and show choreographer Jennifer Perry, Diane Schlaeffer, Carol Verkennis and Janet Watson.

This season, Kim Alderman will have had three generations of her family in the chorus when niece Nicole and nephew Zachary join them for the 50th season Kim's father, Phil Meyer, was a member in the 1970s.

the chorus' past is tenor Bill Hill. During World War II, Hill was wounded several times, once while rescuing a fellow soldier from the battlefield. He was awarded many medals for his feats of bravery and valor.

#### **Clarenceville High** is concert home

After the nation's bicentennial in 1976, the chorus found a permanent venue for its Christmas and spring shows at **Clarenceville High** School, Livonia's first high school and auditorium with 900 seats. Built in 1940, Clarenceville High will be observing its 75th anniversary this year.

In addition to its main shows at Clarenceville, the chorus has had many other venues - at Livonia City Hall for the city's annual tree lighting and Greenmead Historical Village's annual Christmas walks for more 20 years and Christmas caroling at Greenfield Village for the past 12 years. It has also sung at GM's Industry Sings, Plymouth's Fall Festival, Selfridge Air Force Base, Gaylord and the University of Michigan.

can't get around much anymore.

For many years, the chorus has had a special mission of helping Livonia high school vocal music students continue with their training through its scholarships program.

Currently, students are selected for scholarships to Madonna University and Blue Lake Music Camp near Muskegon. Several past winners have gone on to successful musical careers. This past year's winners were Anna Dresinski, Jasmine Fernandez, Stephanie Powell and Jack Welcher. Coordinator for this program is soprano Sharon Kroll.

Busy behind the scenes to keep it all together is chorus president Peggy Gaskill, a seven-year alto member who is a consultant in educational reform for middle schools and program development manager at Michigan Virtual University. Before that, she was associate dean at Walden University and a teacher education professor at Central Michigan University.

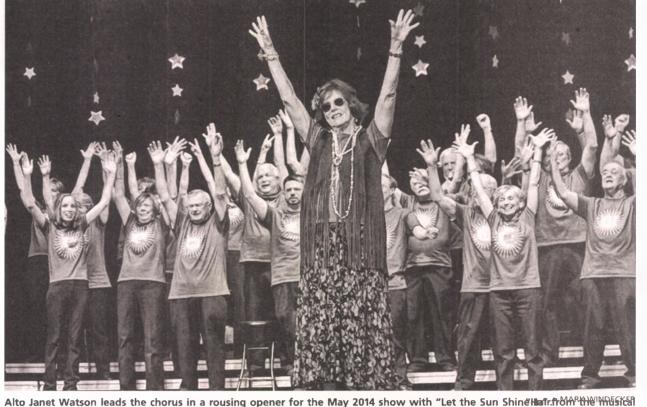
A final note: Maybe those gold prospectors in

#### **AUDITIONS**

Chorus president Peggy Gaskill has sent out invitations to 84 former chorus members to come back for the fun, but anyone who likes to sing can join. Auditions are for voice placement only. Rehearsals are held at 7:30 p.m. each Tuesday at **Emmanuel Lutheran** Church, 34567 Seven Mile, west of Farmington Road. The fee is \$50 each for the chorus' winter and spring sessions. This helps pay for the cost of the music, costumes, stage sets and props, printing, practice and video recordings, etc. Livonia Parks and Recreation pays for the director and accompanist.

Help with other expenses comes from the chorus' three additional sponsors: AlphaUSA, an engineering and production development firm: Melissa Pilzner/Raymond James, financial consultants; and St. Mary Mercy Hospital.

To join the chorus or get tickets or other info, visit www.livoniachorus.org or write 37637 Five Mile, Ste. 156, Livonia, MI 48154 or call 734-542-9071.



rized) in their hearts.

Soprano Linda Gibson comes from farthest away - Bois Blanc Island in Canada.

The chorus' perfor-mances usually include a variety of songs from popular musicals and movies. Occasionally, they have written and scored their own Broadway-style show. Its first show, at Franklin High in 1965, was "Around the World with Livonia Civic Chorus," with 39 members on stage.

Most often performed, especially at the spring concerts, are shows that

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#### **Multi-generational**

Current and past chorus members have spanned four generations in age, from teenagers to great-grandpas and great-grandmas, and many walks of life including doctors and dentists, nurses, engineers, clergymen, housewives and even an undertaker (a bass, of course).

Two chorus members have been with the group for 50 years – Henry (Hank) Kanar, baritone, and tenor Dominic Lucca (most years).

Kanar vividly recalled

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**Public Hearing Notice** 

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Zoning Board of Appeals for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, January 13, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Council Chambers Novi Civic Center 45175 Ten Mile Road to consider:

The applicant is requesting a variance from CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 28-10 to allow installation of an awning sign located on model home. The property is

CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 28-10 prohibited awnings signs within

CASE NO. PZ14-0058 30001 CABOT DR The applicant is requesting variances from the CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES,

Section 2503, to allow construction of a 450 square foot Guardhouse in the front of the

CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 2400 requires all accessory buildings

The applicant is requesting variance from the CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES,

provided). The parcels are located east south side of Eleven Mile Road, west of Beck Road

CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 2403 requires that lot widths between

The applicant is requesting a variance from the CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, and Section 2400 to allow construction of a new single family home with a reduced front

setback of 30 ft. (45 ft. required) and a reduced aggregate side setback of 48.58 ft. (50 ft.

CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 2400 and the Maybury Park Estates

of the R-A zoning district have a minimum front yard setback of 45 ft. and a minimum

RUD (Residential Unit Development) approval requires that structures designated as part

aggregate side setback of 50 ft. <u>CASE NO. PZ14-0062 1705 EAST LAKE DR</u> The applicant is requesting variances from the CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES,

first floor footprint on an existing lot with a reduced northwest (west) side yard setback of

CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 2400 requires minimum side yard setbacks of 10 ft. and a minimum aggregate of 25 ft. respectively, and a front yard setback of

Sections 2400 and 2503.1(g) to allow construction of a new second floor addition over existing

4.0 ft., a reduced aggregate side setback of 12.0 ft., a reduce rear yard setback of 28 ft., and a

separation distance of 0 ft. from the existing detached accessory (shed) building. The property

required). The property is located west of Beck Rd and north of 8 Mile Rd.

the proposed building and minimum front yard setback cannot be less than (71.4 ft.) 90%

Section 2400 to allow reduce lot widths of lots 14 and 70 (64.28 ft. required, 43 ft. and 50 ft.

property. The property is located on the north side of 13 Mile Rd and east of M-5.

CASE NO. PZ14-0059 LOTS 14 & 70 PARCEL 50-22-20-200-002

shall not be erected in any required front yard or in any required exterior side yard.

Perhaps best known of its guest performers is "Fat Bob" Taylor, who sang with the chorus in the late 1970s. He was promoted as the "Singing Plumber" when he did several local radio shows, including many with WJR-AM personality J.P. McCarthy. Closest to that today is singermusician Jim Hovey, who entertains at local watering holes and restaurants with his Delivery Boys Acoustic String Band. An unsung hero from

More recently, it has sung with the Livonia Symphony Orchestra and often has had the "Classical Bells" ringers, children's choirs and dance groups as part of its Christmas or spring shows.

Also recently, the chorus has hit the road to entertain at local senior citizen residences and nursing homes, bringing heartfelt hope and joy to home-bound folks who

the U.P. should never have left Michigan. Just beyond where they were looking were iron and copper mines that since have yielded many times more than all the gold ever found out west.

Down here in lower Michigan though, we have a music gold mine in Livonia Civic Chorus. Break a (musical) leg, LCC ... and happy 50th.

Gene Scott has been a Livonia Historical Society member for about 12 years. He is a retired editor and teacher who has published four books on the histories of Michigan towns. The most recent is "Michigan Shadow Towns." He and wife Barb have lived in Livonia for 23 years.

#### **CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE** NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS 2015 BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETING DATES

Please take notice that the Board of Trustees Regular Monthly meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at 44405 Six Mile Road. The public is invited and welcome to attend

#### The 2015 Regular Meeting Dates are:

| January 15, 2015  | April 16, 2015 |
|-------------------|----------------|
| February 19, 2015 | May 21, 2015   |
| March 19, 2015    | June 18, 2015  |

July 16, 2015 August 20, 2015 September 17, 2015

October 15, 2015 November 19, 2015 December 17, 2015

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> Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk Charter Township of Northville LO-0000225024 3x3

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#### **CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE Notice to the Residents 2015 HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSINGS**

The Administrative offices at 44405 Six Mile Road, including the Water & Sewer Department on Beck Road, will be closed for business on the dates listed below in 2015. The Department of Public Safety (Police & Fire) will be staffed and remain open 24/7 on the dates listed below. Holiday Office Closings:

> Thursday, January 01 Monday, January 19 Monday, February 16 Friday, April 03 Monday, May 25 Friday, July 03 Monday, September 07 Wednesday, November 11 Thursday, November 26 Friday, November 27 Thursday, December 24 Friday, December 25

New Year's Day Martin Luther King Jr.'s Presidents' Day Good Friday Memorial Day Independence Day Observed Labor Day Veteran's Day Thanksgiving Day Day after Thanksgiving Day **Christmas Eve** Christmas Day

Visit the township's web site at <u>www.twp.northville mi.us</u>

Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk Charter Township of Northville

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30 ft. Section 2503.1(g) requires all detached accessory building shall not be located closer

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than ten (10) feet to any main building. Publish: 12/25/14

(Section 20).

(64.28 ft. required).

is located west of Novi Rd and south of 14 Mile Rd.

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## Flu forces Beaumont to set visitor restrictions

#### By Sandra Armbruster Staff Writer

Flu season is here in Michigan and doctors at south Oakland County hospitals, say it's already one of the most intense in recent history.

"We're setting now a record of one of our busiest months



Harris

Southfield. And the source of the overload is the flu.

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Hospital in

"Influenza is at the top of our list. We're seeing lots of children and people at risk," he added.

Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak is reporting a similar experience.

During the week of Dec.15, doctors there treated a record number of patients in the emergency center.

"We are experiencing four times the number of cases in our community than is typical for mid-December," said Dr. Jeffrey Band, M.D., Beaumont Health System chairman, epidemiology. "One of the reasons for the marked uptick in cases is because it has been relatively quiet over the past several years. Every few years, we experience a marked upsurge."

As a result, visitor restrictions are now in place for all three Beaumont Health System hospitals.

For the safety of patients and staff, people with flu-like symptoms and children younger than 13 may not visit patients in the hospital. Flu-like symptoms include fever, cough, sore throat, runny/stuffy nose, muscle aches, chills and fatigue.

While Providence as of last week had not restricted visitor access to the hospital, visitors were being monitored upon entry and those with any symptoms are being required to wear a mask, Harris reported.

#### Do you have the flu?

To help area residents identify flu symptoms and select a treatment option, Beaumont Health System has launched a free community Flu Hotline. Staffed by Beaumont registered nurses, the hotline is a toll-free, 24hour-a-day community resource for timely, accurate information about flu symptoms and when and where to seek medical attention. The Flu Hotline can be reached at 888-375-4161.

Harris identified symptoms of the flu as including upper respiratory problems, sore throat, coughing especially at night, wheezing, fever of 100-101 degrees and muscle and headaches.

"Children do run a bit hotter," he added about the fever.

A cold is different than the flu, because it does not include the same "shaking chills and fever," Harris said.

The flu strain has drifted from what experts originally predicted. As a result of this unexpected drift, Band says the vaccine is significantly less protective against nearly half of the flu viruses in circulation.

"Breakthrough cases of influenza are occurring due to this mismatch. However, the vaccine still may modify the degree of illness in affected persons with the drifted strain. In addition, the vaccine remains quite effective against the other 50 percent of flu circulating in the community. Therefore, it is still best to be vaccinated. It is not too late," Band said.

"We missed it a bit," Harris agreed. He explained that the Centers for Disease Control decides, in part, on what the vaccine should target by looking at what strain has shown up in the Southern Hemisphere, which experiences the flu ahead of the Northern Hemisphere.

#### Treating the flu

If you do get the flu, don't hesitate to call your doctor, Harris advised. Doctors can prescribe Tamiflu, which must be taken within the first 48 hours to be effective, he said, noting that there are reports that Tamiflu medicine is becoming scarce in the area.

Other than that, use Tylenol or ibuprofen to control the aches and fever, Harris said. But also important is preventing the spread of the disease by coughing into your arm, drinking lots of fluids and washing your hands.

And stay home from work, something Harris said he knows is tough. "Employees need to think about their co-workers," he said.

Those who do get the flu are finding the symptoms are lasting about a week, he said.

"It's nothing to fool around with," especially since the flu can hit those people hardest who are already at risk, according to Harris.

Flu season typically extends to late March. People who develop severe influenza are more prone to develop complications such as ear infections, sinus infections and bacterial pneumonia. Vaccination remains the best method of preventing flu and other complications, according to Beaumont staff.. Every year, at least 30,000 people are hospitalized in the United States with complications due to influenza. Vaccination reportedly can prevent most of these complications.

Some people have fears or concerns about the safety of vaccinations. As a result, Band said America is experiencing an increase in many childhood diseases that were almost eradicated in the United States such as measles, mumps and pertussis.

#### Vaccine safety

The cases are primarily occurring in non-vaccinated children and adolescents and can be spread to older adults who have lost immunity due to aging or diseases like cancer. These diseases can cause severe illness and death.

"Vaccination is effective and safe. All the vaccines used today are highly purified," he said. "There are two types of vaccines used for prevention of diseases: a killed, purified subunit of the virus or bacteria that produces antibodies to help prevent disease or a live, weakened vaccine that does not cause disease, but does produce protective antibodies to prevent disease when administered."

For more information about preventing infectious diseases, visit the Centers for Disease Control flu website.

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Santa (Fred Moschetta) and Mrs. Claus (Marilyn Schunemann) surrounded by Christmas elves played by (from left) June Lark Owen, Lorraine Blaty, Eddie Rayborn, Beth Conway, Megan Smith and Cindy Candela.

## SANTA CONSIDERS RETIRING TO FOX RUN

Santa, accompanied by Mrs. Claus, came Dec. 11 to Novi to consider retirement at Fox Run. They were part of "Santa's Dilemma," a five-scene comedy play performed by Fox Run residents and staff that opened to rave reviews and a standing ovation by more than 300 people in the audience. Residents Geri Angel and Helen Weingarden produced, directed and wrote the play and chose other residents and staff to do the acting. Each actor took on their role with gusto and added something uniquely special to the character he or she portrayed. A total of 15 Fox Run departments were

represented by staff actors.

Santa and Mrs. Claus toured Fox Run before eventually deciding they are not yet ready to retire. "Christmas will go on as usual – for this year anyway," Angel said.

way," Angel said. "I can't remember the last time I laughed so hard," Fox Run Executive Director Michael McCormick said in post-production remarks. "The lines performed were brilliant with many overt and subtle jokes to enjoy. These types of events underscore the magic of Fox Run with residents and staff partnering together to do extraordinary things for the community."

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

#### The Frederick And Ruth J Beard Living Trust Agreement TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Your interest in the Trust may be barred or affected by the following

The decedent, <u>Ruth J Beard</u>, who was born on <u>9-21-30</u> and whose last known address was <u>41130 Fox Run</u> **#321 Novi. MI.** died on 11-29-14.

#321 Novi, MI, died on 11-29-14. The decedent was the grantor of the Frederick H And Ruth J Beard Living Trust ("Trust") dated April 19,1996 as amended.

To, 1990 as amended. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the Trust will be forever barred unless presented to the current acting trustees (whose names and address appear below) of the Trust within four (4) months of the date of publication of this notice.

The current acting Successor Co-trustees are:

Pat Larivee 19133 28 Mile Rd. Rav. MI 48096 Jean Cartwright 246 Wainwright Novi, MI 48377

Notice is further given that the Trust will be thereafter assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

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Novi Fox Run resident and writer Arnetta Whitehouse first got involved with the Unity in the Community group when she joined her neighbors to put pins noting their countries of ancestry on a large world map in the retirement community's clubhouse. She proudly placed her pin on Germany.

Since then she has participated in a holiday cookie exchange project whose theme is, "Like most cookie recipe ingredients, we are all basically the same." And she has used, and con-



tinues to use, her writing and volunteerism to connect people

Whitehouse with one another and na-

ture.

Unity in the Community's mission is to cultivate an environment where people embrace, accept, value and celebrate the unique qualities of each individual. Whitehouse would not have it any other way.

"We promote an atmosphere that encour-

ages equality and mutual respect," said Whitehouse, who worked in the tax planning business prior to moving from her home in Farmington Hills to Fox Run more than four years ago.

She, her husband and her father live in the same apartment, along with their two cats.

Whitehouse enjoys the sharing of ethnic cuisines and the celebration of diverse cultures at Fox Run.

A German dance troupe and Mexican Lindo Folk Lore Dancing performances – and the glorious dance of butterflies outside her apartment – have served to be her muses as she has reincarnated herself in the past few years with new-found creativity.

She writes monthly columns for Fox Run's newsletter and is now exploring web-based outlets for her Henry David Thoreau-esque essays on eclectic subject matter such as "The Mourning Dove," "Trees and Shrubs" and Pond Life."

She researches extensively, always thematically aligning her writing with "unity."

"Every life – human and animal – is precious and is a reason to celebrate," said Whitehouse, who leads the Creative Writer's Group at Fox Run.

"I want do what I can to make a positive difference and always do something worthwhile."

She would say more, but her actions speak more effectively. Besides, there is a Native American flute music concert in the offing and far too many frogs, ducks, geese and foxes yet to be heard from through her writing.

#### CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 14-124.19

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF NOVI CODE OF ORDINANCES, AT CHAPTER 11, "DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS," ARTICLE XI, "BICYCLE PATHS," AND ARTICLE XII, "PEDESTRIAN SAFETY PATHS," IN ORDER TO AMEND THE EXISTING DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS TO INCORPORATE THE ENGINEERING DESIGN MANUAL STANDARDS FOR OFF-ROAD NON-MOTORIZED FACILITIES AND TO REPEAL CONFLICTING DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS FOR BICYCLE PATHS AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY PATHS.

The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, December 8, 2014 and the provisions of the ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its adoption. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 Ten Mile Road, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., prevailing local time.

Maryanne Cornelius, City Clerk

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#### CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 14-45.30

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND APPENDIX C OF THE CITY OF NOVI CODE OF ORDINANCES, ARTICLE VI, "DESIGN STANDARDS," SECTION 4.05, "PEDESTRIAN SAFETY PATHS, BICYCLE PATHS AND PUBLIC WALKWAYS," IN ORDER TO AMEND THE EXISTING DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS TO INCORPORATE THE ENGINEERING DESIGN MANUAL STANDARDS FOR OFF-ROAD NON-MOTORIZED FACILITIES AND TO REPEAL CONFLICTING DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS FOR SAFETY PATHS, BICYCLE PATHS AND PUBLIC WALKWAYS.

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## Police respond to Thornton Creek on a domestic disturbance call

#### By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

A domestic dispute outside Thornton Creek Elementary School led school administrators to call the Novi Police.

In an email letter sent Dec. 17 to the school community, Thornton Creek Principal Alison Epler wrote, "The safety of students is our highest priority. You may notice an increased police presence in Thornton Creek's parking lot, particularly during arrival and dismissal. The Novi Police Department is providing this support strictly as a precautionary measure resulting from a disturbance in our parking lot last Friday (Dec. 12) involving a dispute between family members."

According to the Novi Police Department, during dismissal, officers responded to a domestic disturbance call between a husband and his wife. The dispute was over who the child would go home with. The suspect left the scene prior to the arrival of police.

The suspect has not been named to protect the child's identity. Novi

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#### Police have jurisdiction over that part of the Northville Public Schools district.

"The school requested extra patrols because the incident was possibly witnessed by several children," said Victor Lauria, Novi's assistant chief of police.

Epler said the regular daily security protocols remain in place, "as we continue to take the necessary steps to ensure the safety and security of our students."

Lauria said, "We work closely with all of the schools within the city

#### **NORTHVILLE POLICE BRIEFS**

#### Washer fluid stolen

The Mobil gas station on West Eight Mile Road was robbed Dec. 6 of road salt and washer fluid bottles.

A station employee called Northville City Police to file a report. The employee found a door lock damaged and the items missing while reporting to work. The security camera was unable to help identify a suspect.

#### School carnival theft

A Hillside Middle School mother said the reported theft she was allegedly involved in was an accident.

Northville City Police responded Dec. 5 to the school on Center Street for a report of a larceny. A parent attending the school's annual carnival was spotted on video grabbing a pair of shorts and a gift card without paying the vendor.

The items were returned and the vendors did not want to press any charges. and to help ease their concerns we have asked our officers to be in the area during drop-off and pick-up."

He added, "The incident is still being investigated to determine what, if any, laws were violated."

Epler said the school is thankful for the Novi Police for their ongoing support. If parents have any questions, they can contact Thornton Creek's office at 248-465-2350.

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#### **Prostitution ring?**

A 30-year-old Commerce Township woman was arrested for disorderly conduct and obstruction of police after Northville Township Police were called to her Hampton Inn hotel room.

The arrest happened Dec. 1 at the hotel on Haggerty Road. A hotel employee called police for a guest removal on the suspicion prostitutes were using the room. The employee told police the woman had been staying there for a couple of days and was letting different men, who visited for a short time, through the rear door and then seeing them out the same way.

When police arrived, the woman did not answer the door for 10 minutes, according to police. Police reported hearing the toilet flush several times before the door was opened. The woman refused to answer questions when she did let police in.

– By Lonnie Huhman

## H.E.A.T. offers 10 tips to stay safe over holidays

Holiday shoppers are often easy targets for vehicle thieves and carjackers. Help Eliminate Auto Thefts (H.E.A.T.), Michigan's statewide auto theft prevention program and tip line, urges shoppers to consider a few simple safety tips to protect themselves and their property during the holidays:

» Be alert. Always be aware of your surroundings. As you approach your vehicle, avoid talking or texting on cell phones, digging for keys or juggling multiple packages.

» Parking. If you can, avoid shopping alone after dark. But if you must, park in a well-lit area with pedestrian traffic or in a lot with an attendant. If possible, avoid parking near objects that block your view of the surrounding area, such as dumpsters, bushes and large vans or trucks. Also avoid parking next to cars with tinted windows that you cannot see through.

» Remember where your car is parked. Walk directly to your car and do not spend unnecessary time wandering around the parking lot. Walk confidently and with purpose.

» Always ask. If you're alone and don't feel comfortable walking to your car, don't hesitate to ask retail security personnel for an escort.

» Place items in trunk. If you must leave something in your vehicle, lock it in the trunk or place items out of sight. Do not leave packages on the seat of your car.

» Move your car. Move to another area of the parking lot if you return to your car in the middle of a shopping trip, even if it means giving up a prime spot. This will deter a thief who may have been watching you unload your purchases.

» Úse common sense. Even if you are just going into a store for a quick errand, never leave your car unlocked or your vehicle running unattended.

» Keep passengers safe. Criminals are not timid about approaching people in their driveways. Take children and the elderly into the house first, then immediately unload all purchases from your car. Never leave vulnerable loved ones alone in a vehicle, even if you will only be gone "for a minute."

» Don't argue. If a carjacker wants your vehicle, let him have it. A vehicle isn't worth your life. According to Terri Miller, executive director of H.E.A.T., most carjackings involve a weapon. So don't resist or argue, instead get a good look at the carjacker and what he or she is wearing.

» Call the police immediately. If you witness an auto theft or carjacking, call 911 immediately. After you have informed local law enforcement, call H.E.A.T.'s 24/7 confidential tip reward line (1-800-242-HEAT) if you have any information regarding auto theft, insurance fraud or carjackings. H.E.A.T. works with

H.E.A.T. works with Michigan law enforcement agencies to follow-up on tips. Tipsters are awarded up to \$1,000, if the tip leads to the arrest of or issuance of a warrant for a suspected car thief or a person suspected of auto theft-related insurance fraud.



#### NOVI POLICE BRIEFS ng ring driver had driven over a

### Wedding ring stolen

A wedding ring is missing from a Novi home on Island Lake Drive.

According to the police report, the alleged theft was reported Nov. 29 to the Novi Police, but the owner said it may have been taken some time between Oct. 29 and Nov. 29. The ring is made of white gold with 2.5-carat diamond and is valued at \$5,500.

The owner told police that someone on the cleaning crew that was in the home during that time period may have been responsible.

#### Super drunken driver

The Novi Police arrested a driver for having a blood-alcohol content more than twice the legal limit after responding to a report of reckless driving.

According to the police report, police responded Nov. 29 to the Taco Bell on Haggerty Road after a caller phoned to say another

was slurred. When asked to perform the field sobriety tests, the man declined to recite the alphabet from E to T. He was then given a preliminary breathalyzer test, which registered 0.172 percent. Hub caps stolen Four center caps

were stolen from a vehicle parked outside Twelve Oaks mall. The larceny from auto was reported Nov. 28 to Novi Police. The caps were valued at \$200. A similar incident was reported around the same time and security video captured that one, but suspects could not be identified because they were too far away.

– By Lonnie Huhman

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Jake Tryban carries a Christmas tree for a customer. The Trybans have about six varieties of trees for sale.

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## Christmas trees are a family affair

Fourth generation of former Farmington family man sells at 10 Mile and Orchard Lake

By Joanne Maliszewski Staff Writer

Probably for as long as folks can remember, the vacant lot at 10 Mile and Orchard Lake has been filled with Christmas trees this time of year.

And believe it or not, members of the Tryban family — formerly of Farmington and Livonia — have been there faithfully selling Christmas trees grown on their farm in Cheboygan. "It's always been a family operation," Cash Tryban

said.

a real estate agent and carpenter.

"That seemed to be the thing to do at the time," said Tryban, who was raised on a farm. "It was a natural for us. I had an uncle in the nursery business."

Along the way, they bought another parcel and today have about 30 acres with some 20,000-25,000 trees. At the farm, the family cuts the trees, bales them and in Farmington Hills they are put on stakes to keep them standing upright for display, Tryban said.

The family is continuing a worldwide tradition



Cash and his wife,Pat, who now live in Cheboygan, are sort of handing the retail side over to their son and grandson, whom shoppers will see manning the 10 Mile/ Orchard Lake lot. "We have the fourth generation doing it now."

With Čash's father, the Trybans bought the tree farm almost 50 years ago. Eventually, Pat and Cash bought the farm from his dad while they lived first in Farmington and Livonia — Pat was a nurse at Botsford Hospital — and Cash worked as that began in the 1500s with the first written record of a decorated Christmas tree in Riga, Latvia. Men of the local merchants guild decorated a tree with artificial roses, danced around it in the marketplace and then set fire to it. The rose was used for many years and is considered to be a symbol for the Virgin Mary, according to the National Christmas Tree Association.

In 2013, Americans spent \$1.16 billion on real Christmas trees, with JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Jake Tryban and his grandfather Cash Tryban, 74, check a tree for sale.

about 33 million sold. On the other hand, Americans also spent \$1.19 billion on fake trees with 14.7 million sold, according to the association.

Despite sales of fake Christmas trees, Tryban said, he sees people today coming back to the real thing. "They want to get away from the rat race and have a traditional Christmas. Real people have real trees."

On their farm, the Trybans grow — and sell — Fraser firs, white pines, Scotch pines, blue spruces and concolor firs. "The concolors are a different type of fir. They have a different smell to them," Tryban said.

Also this year at 10 Mile and Orchard Lake, the Trybans offered white trees, made that way with a special process: "They have a white aura," Pat Tryban said.

Over the decades, the Trybans have seen the same families come back annually. The family also sells tree stands. "We have more stands than we ever had before," Tryban said.

The lot, which opened Thanksgiving Day, remained open until about 1 or 2 p.m. Christmas Eve.

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Grandson Jake Tryban readies a tree for a good shake-out.

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Made from small amounts of natural Timothy grass pollen, GRASTEK treats the grass allergies that cause eye and nose symptoms. Starting treatment early may give your body time to become less sensitive to grass pollen in preparation for the allergy season. It's recommended that you start taking GRASTEK at least 12 weeks before the grass pollen season. Make an appointment with an allergy specialist soon. To find a doctor near you, go to grastek.com/thinkspring.

GRASTEK is a prescription medicine used for sublingual (under the tongue) immunotherapy to treat Timothy and related grass pollen allergies that can cause sneezing, runny or itchy nose, stuffy or congested nose, or itchy and watery eyes. GRASTEK may be prescribed for persons 5 through 65 years of age who are allergic to grass pollen.

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- Do not take GRASTEK if you or your child has severe unstable, or uncontrolled asthma; had a severe allergic reaction in the past that included trouble breathing, dizziness or fainting, or rapid or weak heartbeat; had difficulty with breathing due to swelling of the throat or upper airway after using any sublingual immunotherapy before; has ever been diagnosed with eosinophilic esophagitis or is allergic to any of the inactive ingredients contained in GRASTEK.
- For home use of GRASTEK, your doctor will prescribe epinephrine if you or your child has a severe allergic reaction after taking GRASTEK. Talk to your doctor or read the epinephrine patient information.
- The first dose of GRASTEK must be taken in the doctor's office. After taking the first dose, you or your child will be watched for at least 30 minutes by a healthcare professional for symptoms of a serious allergic reaction.
- Children should be given each tablet of GRASTEK by an adult.
- You should tell your doctor about any medicines you or your child take.
- Stop GRASTEK and contact your doctor if you or your child has any of the following after taking GRASTEK: Any type of a serious allergic reaction; heartburn, difficulty swallowing or pain with swallowing, or chest pain that does not go away or worsens; any mouth surgery procedures (such as tooth removal), develop any mouth infections, ulcers or cuts in the mouth or throat.
- The most commonly reported side effects were itching of the mouth, lips, or tongue, swelling under the tongue, or throat irritation. These side effects, by themselves, were not dangerous or life-threatening.

You are encouraged to report negative side effects of prescription drugs to the FDA. Visit www.fda.gov/medwatch, or call 1-800-FDA-1088.

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#### 2015 State of the **City Address**

Novi Mayor Bob Gatt will deliver the 2015 State of the City Address on Thursday, Feb. 12, providing Novi citizens and business

partners an opportunity to reflect upon the 2014 accomplishlearn



ments and Gatt

about the goals Novi will strive for in 2015. The event, in partnership with the Novi Chamber of Commerce, begins with a 7:30 a.m. breakfast at the Suburban Collection Showplace

Interested parties can register online at cityofnovi.org (\$23 per person) or mail a check (\$20 per person, made payable to city of Novi) to Community Relations, city of Novi, 4517510 Mile, Novi, MI 48375

Contact 248-347-0416 for more information.

#### **Civilian pistol safety** class

The Novi Police Department will be offering a civilian pistol safety class from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, at the Novi Police Department Training Center 45125 10 Mile The course fulfills both the classroom and shooting requirements to obtain a **Michigan** Concealed Pistol License.

**Registration forms** are available online at www.cityofnovi.org and at the Novi Police Department. Completed registration forms and the \$150 course fee (cash or money order), may be returned to the Novi Police Department. Class size is limited, and all participants are subject to a criminal background check

After lunch, partici-

pants will move to the Novi Firearms Training Center to complete the course. Students must bring their own equipment, including a personal handgun, 100 rounds of ammunition, safety glasses, shooter's earmuffs or ear plugs, a pen or pencil, a baseball cap, and wear loose comfortable clothing to participate in the course. Participants must be 21 years old and do not have to be a Novi resident to attend.

For more information, visit www.cityofnovi.org or contact Sgt. Michael Warren at mwarren@cityofnovi.org or 248-921-9843.

#### 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).

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

For more information about the Choralaires and their concerts, visit www.novichoralalires.org or www.facebook.com/novichoralaires

#### **Gorman's partners** with Arc

It is estimated that nearly 4.6 million Amer-



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

Customers can participate in this communitygiving program by visiting any of Gorman's four southeast Michigan showrooms in Novi, Troy, Southfield or Lakeside (Shelby Township) through Jan. 19 and make a minimum donation of \$50 to The Arc of Oakland County. As a thank you, donors will receive \$200 off the price of any recliner 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.

For more information about The Arc of Oakland County, visit http://thearcoakland.org/.

#### **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: Jan. 10 and 24; Feb. 14 and 21; March 7 and 21; and April 4 and 18. The market will show-

ingredients contained in GRASTEK are: gelatin,

What should I tell my doctor before taking GRASTEK? Your doctor may decide that GRASTEK is not the best treatment if:

- You or your child has asthma, depending on how severe it is.
- You or your child suffers from lung disease such as chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)

#### call 248-347-0414.

#### **Clothing recycling** program

For Walled Lake residents, recycling unwanted clothing is now as easy as a walk to the curb with the free curbside collection program offered

by Simple Recycling. The program is simple and convenient since pickup occurs on the same day as recycling service, collection bags are provided and replacement bags are left each time full bags are set out for curbside pickup.

While the focus is on recycling clothing, Simple Recycling will also accept shoes, accessories, toys, books and small home goods in working condition such as kitchen ware and tools.

Residents who live in communities not serviced by the Simple Recycling program are encouraged to donate unwanted clothing to their favorite charity or thrift shop. A list of local organizations, including those that offer pickup, is available on the RRRA-SOC website at www.rrrasoc.org.

#### Give blood, platelets

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

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

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.

#### NORTHVILLE

#### **Becoming a Love & Logic Parent**

Love and Logic is a philosophy of raising and teaching children that allows adults to be happier empowered, and more skilled in the interactions with children. Love allows children to grow through their mistakes. Logic allows children to live with the consequences of their choices.

Northville Youth Assistance is presenting a series of three Love and Logic four-session workshops (select one):

» Thursdays, Jan. 8-29, 9:30-11 a.m.; Northville Community Center 303 W. Main

» Wednesdays, Feb. 4-25, 2-3:30 p.m.; Silver **Springs Elementary** School, 19801 Silver Springs Dr.

» Wednesdays, March 4-25, 7-8:30 p.m. Silver **Springs Elementary** School.

The fee is \$20 per person. Contact the NYA office at 248-344-1618 if this presents a financial hardship. Pre-registration is required.

#### **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.plymouthelks 1780.com.

• Wash hands after taking the tablet.

Take the first tablet of GRASTEK in your doctor's office. After taking the first tablet, you or your child will be watched for at least 30 minutes for symptoms of a serious allergic reaction.

If you tolerate the first dose of GRASTEK, you or your child will continue GRASTEK therapy at home by taking one tablet every day. Children should be given each tablet of GRASTEK by an adult who will watch for any symptoms of a serious allergic reaction.

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#### Tablet for Sublingual Use 2800 BAU

Carefully read the Medication Guide before you or your child start taking GRASTEK and each time you get a refill. This Brief Summary does not take the place of talking to your doctor about your medical condition or treatment. Talk with your doctor or pharmacist if there is something you do not understand or you want to learn more about GRASTEK.

#### What is the most important information I should know about GRASTEK?

GRASTEK can cause severe allergic reactions that may be life-threatening. Stop taking GRASTEK and get medical treatment right away if you or your child has any of the following symptoms after taking GRASTEK:

- Trouble breathing
- Throat tightness or swelling
- Trouble swallowing or speaking
- Dizziness or fainting
- Rapid or weak heartbeat
- Severe stomach cramps or pain, vomiting, or diarrhea
- · Severe flushing or itching of the skin

For home administration of GRASTEK, your doctor will prescribe auto-injectable epinephrine, a medicine you can inject if you or your child has a severe allergic reaction after taking GRASTEK. Your doctor will train and instruct you on the proper use of auto-injectable epinephrine. Talk to your doctor or read the epinephrine patient information if you have any questions about the use of auto-injectable epinephrine.

#### What is GRASTEK?

GRASTEK is a prescription medicine used for sublingual (under the tongue) immunotherapy to treat Timothy and related grass pollen allergies that can cause sneezing, runny or itchy nose, stuffy or congested nose, or itchy and watery eyes. GRASTEK may be prescribed for persons 5 through 65 years of age who are allergic to grass pollen. GRASTEK is taken for about 12 weeks before grass pollen season and throughout grass pollen season. GRASTEK may also be taken daily for 3 years to provide a sustained effect for a fourth year in which you do not have to take GRASTEK.

GRASTEK is NOT a medication that gives immediate relief for symptoms of grass allergy.

#### Who should not take GRASTEK?

You or your child should not take GRASTEK if:

- You or your child has severe, unstable or uncontrolled asthma
- You or your child had a severe allergic reaction in the past that included any of these symptoms:
- o Trouble breathing
- o Dizziness or fainting
- o Rapid or weak heartbeat
- You or your child has ever had difficulty with breathing due to swelling of the throat or upper airway after using any sublingual immunotherapy before.

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- · You or your child has ever been diagnosed with eosinophilic esophagitis.
- You or your child is allergic to any of the inactive ingredients contained in GRASTEK. The inactive

- You or your child suffers from heart disease such as coronary artery disease, an irregular heart rhythm, or you have hypertension that is not well controlled.
- You or your daughter is pregnant, plans to become pregnant during the time you will be taking GRASTEK, or is breast-feeding.
- You or your child is unable or unwilling to administer auto-injectable epinephrine to treat a severe allergic reaction to GRASTEK
- You or your child is taking certain medicines that enhance the likelihood of a severe reaction, or interfere with the treatment of a severe reaction. These medicines include:
- o beta blockers and alpha-blockers (prescribed for high blood pressure)
- o cardiac glycosides (prescribed for heart failure or problems with heart rhythm)
- o diuretics (prescribed for heart conditions and high blood pressure)
- o ergot alkaloids (prescribed for migraine headache)
- o monoamine oxidase inhibitors or tricyclic antidepressants (prescribed for depression)

o thyroid hormone (prescribed for low thyroid activity). You should tell your doctor if you or your child is taking or has recently taken any other medicines, including medicines obtained without a prescription and herbal supplements. Keep a list of them and show it to your doctor and pharmacist each time you get a new supply of GRASTEK. Ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice before taking GRASTEK.

#### Are there any reasons to stop taking GRASTEK?

has any of the following after taking GRASTEK:

- Any type of a serious allergic reaction
- Throat tightness that worsens or swelling of the tongue or throat that causes trouble speaking, breathing or swallowing
- Asthma or any other breathing condition that gets worse
- Dizziness or fainting
- Rapid or weak heartbeat
- Severe stomach cramps or pain, vomiting, or diarrhea
- Severe flushing or itching of the skin
- · Heartburn, difficulty swallowing, pain with swallowing, or chest pain that does not go away or worsens

Also, stop taking GRASTEK following: mouth surgery procedures (such as tooth removal), or if you develop any mouth infections, ulcers or cuts in the mouth or throat.

#### How should I take GRASTEK?

Take GRASTEK exactly as your doctor tells you. GRASTEK is a prescription medicine that is placed under the tongue.

- Take the tablet from the blister package after carefully removing the foil with dry hands.
- · Place the tablet immediately under the tongue. Allow it to remain there until completely dissolved. Do not swallow for at least 1 minute.
- Do not take GRASTEK with food or beverage. Food and beverage should not be taken for the following 5 minutes.

Take GRASTEK as prescribed by your doctor until the end of the treatment course. If you forget to take GRASTEK, do not take a double dose. Take the next dose at your normal scheduled time the next day. If you miss more than one dose of GRASTEK, contact your healthcare provider before restarting.

#### What are the possible side effects of GRASTEK?

In children and adults, the most commonly reported side effects were itching of the mouth, lips, or tongue, swelling under the tongue, or throat irritation. These side effects, by themselves, were not dangerous or life-threatening. GRASTEK can cause severe allergic reactions that may be life-threatening. Symptoms of allergic reactions to **GRASTEK** include:

- Trouble breathing
- Throat tightness or swelling
- Trouble swallowing or speaking
- Dizziness or fainting
- Rapid or weak heartbeat
- · Severe stomach cramps or pain, vomiting, or diarrhea

 Severe flushing or itching of the skin For additional information on the possible side effects of GRASTEK, talk with your doctor or pharmacist. You may report side effects to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) at 1-800-FDA-1088 or www.fda.gov/medwatch.

This Brief Summary summarizes the most upportant information about GRASTEK. If you would like more information, talk with your doctor. You can ask your doctor or pharmacist for information about GRASTEK that was Stop GRASTEK and contact your doctor if you or your child written for healthcare professionals. For more information go to www.grastek.com or call toll-free at 1-800-622-4477.

#### The Medication Guide has been approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

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## BUSINESS

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Oxford Inn on Main Street in Royal Oak is set to close and will be replaced by Jim Brady's Detroit.

## Jim Brady's to replace mainstay

**By Nathan Mueller** Staff Writer

ROYAL OAK - Acknowledging they have "big shoes to fill," Royal Oak Mayor Jim Ellison welcomed the owners of Jim Brady's Detroit to Royal Oak.

Jim Brady's Detroit will be replacing the well-known Oxford Inn on Main Street. Oxford Inn was one of the first investors in Royal Oak's rebirth, according to Ellison, and owner Bob Higgins and the restaurant were "an institution in this community for a very long time.

"Although we are sorry to see Bob and his family go, we are excited to see Jim Brady's land in Royal Oak," Ellison said. "We are deserving of you and you are deserving of us."

Jim Brady's has a storied history dating back to 1954, when James Brady opened a bistro on Seven Mile Road in Detroit. It then relocated to Southfield before moving to Novi in 1991, where it was called Diamond Jim Brady's.

The Novi location remains in operation at the Novi Town Center, run by Mary Brady.

Tom Brady, along with his step-mother

**Novi Business** 

Mary Brady and Darin Dingman, will own and operate Jim Brady's Detroit. They pur-chased the business for \$435,000 and property for \$960,000. They also expect to spend approximately \$800,000 on renovations.

Tom Brady said the name Jim Brady's Detroit stems from the Detroit pride seen back when the business first started.

"There was a pride in our community at that moment we are shooting to come back to now," he said. "It is really that moment in time we look to create."

The business will operate as a gastrolounge, serving high-end beer and food. The hours will remain the same as the Oxford Inn and, while the total seating capacity shrinks slightly, the outdoor seating will increase.

It is expected to take three to four months for the renovations to be complete.

"It's very appealing," City Commissioner Kyle DuBuc said. "I think it works. I'm excited and I wish you the best of luck."

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**IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A** 

# Santa: Year-long effort makes Christmas magical

**O&E:** How hard is it to get ready for Christmas? How early do you have to start planning?

Santa: Oh it's very hard. After Christmas, Mrs. Claus and I take a couple of weeks off for a well-earned vacation. Then, we gather all the elves to start planning for Christmas next year!

O&E: Why do you only check the list twice? Does anyone else proofread it first?

Santa: I only have to check it twice because, well, I know you have heard of Bernard, my head elf? He is an overseer of all the other elves. So when I get the list, he and the other elves have already looked at it many times. It certainly makes my job easier! Ho, ho, ho. O&E: Do you get fre-

quent flier miles?

Santa: Oh no, I don't get frequent flier miles! Ho, ho, ho. It's my sled and reindeer, so I don't have to worry about that sort of thing!

**O&E:** How did you get started in the Santa business?

Santa: Well, the Santa business is all about giving to others and not worrying about getting back. I have always been a giving person, so I fit right in!

**O&E:** What do you like best about being Santa?

Santa: What I like best is all the smiles on all the boys and girls when they come and see me and especially on Christmas morn, when they open their presents.

O&E: What's the biggest challenge?

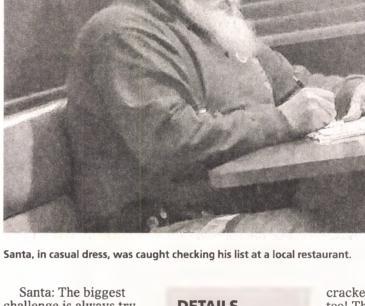
challenge is always trying to make sure that every child everywhere receives a much deserved gift. **O&E:** What's the worst

part? Santa: I think the worst part is when a

child is sick and not feeling well! **O&E:** Do you like all those cookies or do you like some variety, maybe some vegetables or

crackers and cheese? Santa: Of course, I am partial to milk and cook-

#### **BUSINESS BRIEFS**



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#### crackers and cheese, too! That's how I keep such a "round" belly! Ho, ho, ho!

ANGIE KHALAF

O&E: Have you and the elves gone high-tech and created a database to keep track of everyone in the world?

Santa: Oh, yes! What with the smart phones and, of course, all of the elfin dolls around the world, I know what "ev-eryone" is doing in a moment's notice! Merry Christmas!

TechNews.com. "That not only includes what's happening with Oakland County's technology start-ups, but also any companies developing great technology prod-

#### Certification from the **Central Station Alarm Recognition Awards** Association. For more information on Bright Nominations are now open for the Novi Cham-House Networks Home Security & Control, go to ber of Commerce 2014 **Business Recognition**

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2014, and by the end of the fiscal year amounted to \$610,000. Fee relief for both loans \$150,000 and under, and for Veterans Advantage, was extended through fiscal year 2015.

s.com has partnered to enable Oakland County technology companies to reach a wider Michigan audience with a flip of the switch. By submitting press releases to bren-

Awards. This is an opportunity for Novi companies to be recognized for their great work as community builders, excellent employers or providing phenomenal customer service. Nominations are open until Jan. 5.

Award winners will be honored Feb. 27 at the Toast of the Town Gala at the Baronette Renaissance hotel, with Chuck Gaidica as host.

Visit novichamber.com for more information and to obtain a nomination form.

#### **Bright House** introduces security, control

Bright House is now offering its Bright House Networks Home Security and Control, a next generation system that puts customers in control of their home security and comfort no matter where they are — at home, at the office or on the go.

It offers centrally monitored and self-managed security, as well as energy, light and home appliance management via an in-home touch screen, the web and smart phones. With cellular and battery backup over Bright House Networks' advanced network platform, the system's secure website allows customers the ability to customize settings for their individual homes.

**Bright House Net**works Home Security and Control is supported by a 24/7 Emergency Response Center, ensuring the utmost reliability, including intrusion and fire, through a state-ofthe-art UL approved central monitoring center. Bright House Networks Home Security and Control has also received the Five-Diamond curity.

#### SBA hits lending record

The U.S. Small Business Administration 7(a) Loan Program reached another lending record in fiscal year 2014 (ending Sept. 30), approving 52,044 7(a) loans for \$19.19 billion, an increase of 12 percent in number loans and 7.4 percent in dollar amount over fiscal year 2013.

The 7(a) program is designed to provide small businesses with the most comprehensive type of financial assistance to cover the vast majority of business expenses, such as short and longterm working capital, exports, and refinancing existing debt under certain conditions.

SBA had been authorized \$17.5 billion in the FY 2014 lending program. It became clear that lending would exceed that amount; therefore the agency secured an increase for the 7(a) program in the Continuing Resolution that was approved in mid-September.

Other SBA loans that did well in fiscal 2014 were those \$150,000 and under. Spurred by the fee relief implemented at the beginning of the fiscal year (fees were set to zero), these loans saw an increase of 23 percent in number of loans (30,675) and 29 percent in approved dollars (\$1.86 billion) over fiscal year 2013 (24,923 and \$1.44 billion respectively).

Fee relief was also instrumental in helping veteran small business owners through the Veteran Advantage initiative (zero fees on loans \$150,000 to \$350,000 to veterans.) Fee relief for veterans began Jan. 1,

#### **Wright & Filippis** re-brands offices statewide

Wright & Filippis — a family-owned provider of prosthetics, orthotics, custom mobility solutions and accessibility solutions — is undergoing a statewide office rebranding, including the Novi location at 26750 Providence Parkway, Suite 125.

A.J. Filippis, chairman and CEO, said refreshing the locations reflects the company's focus on its primary business lines. The locations undergoing changes will feature new signs and logos.

While each facility is tailored to the patients it serves, changes across the state include new exterior window displays, renovated waiting areas and product displays.

"We are continually evaluating our business and making adjustments to accommodate our patient's needs. As we continue adapting to the ever changing health care environment, rebranding our locations is one of the many changes we're making to improve our services," Filippis said.

Additionally, the company recently launched a new website design which featured new branding, a streamlined view of the four core business lines, better navigation menus, easyto-read content, detailed staff profiles and better visuals of all services and products provided.

#### **Oakland County** helps tech companies

Oakland County, through its tech248 initiative, and MITechNew-

nan@mitechnews.com, Oakland County technology companies will reach a dozen Michigan technology news outlets at one time.

Four technology news websites, three technology news podcast channels, two eNewsletters, an Internet radio station, a Clear Channel radio station and the Michigan

tAdvisor.net), Michipreneur.com and ITintheD-.com. Collectively, they reach more than 133,000 tech news consumers each month.

"We're looking to cover what's happening in Oakland County, one of the hot beds for technology activity in Michigan." said Mike Brennan, editor and publisher of MI-

ucts.

Tech248 is a new initiative by Oakland County to promote its 2,000 technology companies and attract high-tech jobs. In addition to helping technology companies promote themselves, Tech248 will host monthly meet-up events. For more information, go to MItech248.com.

|               | ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID   |
|---------------|---|
| DATE:         | December 18, 2014   |
| PROJECT:      | Project No. 14-NPS-SCS-01, Structured Cabling System, District-Wide   |
| OWNER:        | Northville Public Schools<br>Business Office – Third Floor<br>501 W. Main Street<br>Northville, MI 48167-1576   |
| DESIGNER:     | Wright & Hunter, Inc.<br>818 W. 11 Mile Road<br>Royal Oak, Michigan 48067<br>Phone: 248 594-5850<br>Fax: 248 594-5851   |
| BID DUE DATE: | Until <b>2:00 PM EDT on January 28. 2015</b> the Owner will receive sealed<br>Bids for the work as set forth in the Bid specifications and proposal forms<br>("RFB documents") at:  |
|               | Sealed Bid Enclosed for Structured Cabling System, District-Wide  |
|               | Northville Public Schools<br>Attn: Michael Zopf<br>Business Office – Third Floor<br>501 W. Main Street<br>Northville, MI 48167-1576   |
|               | Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at this time. Bids received<br>after the above date and time will <b>not</b> be accepted. Bids that do not<br>include a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial<br>relationship between the Owner and the bidder as defined in Michigan |

relationship between the Owner and the bidder as defined in Michigan Public Act No. 232 of 2004 will not be accepted. RFB documents will be available on or after January 6, 2015 and can be obtained by

registering at the following website: <u>http://www.vlbp.com/launch/wrighthunter/home.php.</u> Bidding details may be obtained electronically at: http://www.vlbp.com/launch/wrighthunter/ home.php

A bidders' meeting is scheduled for January 14, 2015 at 2:00 PM EDT at:

Hillside Middle School All visitors must sign-in at the Main Office 775 North Center Northville, Michigan 48167

All bidders are strongly encouraged to attend.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check, money order or bid bond made payable to Northville Public Schools in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the base bid as a Bid guarantee.

Withdrawal of any bid is prohibited for a period of ninety (90) days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids, either in whole or in part, to reject a bid not accompanied by the required bid guarantee, or by other data required by the RFB documents and Michigan law or to reject a bid which is in any way non compliant with the bid requirements. Submitted bids may be adjusted by unit prices included by the bidder to ensure all bids submitted are compared on the same basis with respect to required materials.

The Owner reserves the right to accept alternates in any order or combination and to determine the low bidder on the basis of the sum of the base bid and the alternates accepted. Publish: December 18, 2014 LO-0000224361 3X7

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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.brightmoorchur-

ch.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 holyfamilynovi.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 crosspointemeadows.org.

Sunday worship: 11 a.m. Bible study classes: 10 a.m. for all ages

Details: Nursery and older children programs available. Worship blends traditional and contemporary elements resulting in a multi-sensory worship experience.

#### **Destiny Worship** Center

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

nia.org Contact: 248-442-8822 Sunday worship: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Youth group: 7 p.m. Wednes-

days **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

### A Holiday Happening



The combined seventh- and eighth-grade Novi Middle School choirs perform Christmas songs during their A Holiday Happening presentation Dec. 4 at the Novi Rotary holiday party.



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Christina Rohm gets a hug from Santa during the Dec.

4 Novi Rotary holiday party at Novi Middle School. The late morning activity for local seniors was filled with musical and choral performances by Novi Middle School students, lunch, strolling carolers, visits by the Jolly Old Elf and lots of good cheer.

#### **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.

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: 41671 W. 10 Mile. Contact: 248-349-2652 or visit umcnovi.com

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ery and Preschool Program on

of Northville Christian School

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**Novi-Northville** 

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**Center for Jewish** 

Details: Events, programs and

activities for all ages throughout

the year — children's programs,

Contact: Rabbi Avrohhom and

Leah Susskind at 248-790-6075

www.novijewishcenter.com.

**Novi United** 

**Methodist** 

or rabbi@novijewishcenter.com;

Sunday school, adult Jewish classes, youth clubs, holiday

services and programs and

community social events.

Sundays and Wednesdays Home

eighth grade); call 248-348-9031.

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

#### 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.

#### **Emmanuel Lutheran**

Location: 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia.

Web: www.emmanuel-livo-

Location: 205 E. Lake St. (corner of Wells and 10 Mile), South Lyon

Contact: 248-437-2875.

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#### How to reach us:

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#### Deadlines: Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. for Thursday papers Holiday deadlines are subject to change.

#### **BOWERS, JR.,** HARRY F.



88, passed away December 18, 2014, with his wife Audrey by his side in Ann Arbor side in Ann Arbor, Michigan Harry was born July

20, 1926, in Toledo, Ohio to Harry and Helen Bowers. Harry's mother Helen raised him until her untimely death in 1945 Harry was a graduate of Redford Union High, served in WWII and was honorably discharged from the army in 1946. In addition, Harry served in the Navy and was honorably discharged in 1953 and was a graduate of Western Michigan College. He was an accountant with Consumer's Power Company for nearly 31 years, retiring in 1985 as accounting controller at their Traverse City branch. Harry was blessed to have married Doris Wendland of Novi, Michigan in 1954 and together they had three children, Greg Bowers, Harry Bowers, and Lynn Moody. After the untimely death of Doris in 1985, Harry was fortunate to have met and later marry Audrey Dowen of Traverse City, Michigan. Harry and Audrey have spent the past 30 years entertaining, golfing, traveling and enjoying life. Mr. Bowers is survived by his wife, Audrey Bowers; children, Greg Bowers, Harry Bowers, and Lynn Moody; step-children, Sybil Poage, Terri Wolfe, Cherri Ballantine, and Scott Dowen; and 12 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his brothers, Raymond Bowers and Warren Bowers. A Memorial Service was held Mon-day, December 22 at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. www.phillipsfuneral.com.



FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATION SERVICES

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CLARK, IDA H. May 1, 1920 -December 16, 2014. L.J. Griffin Funeral Home-Northrop Sassaman Chapel.

#### FELTER, RUTH S.

June 30, 1921 -December 18, 2014 L. J. Griffin Funeral Home Northrop Sassaman Chapel

#### **FIX, ROBERT**

March 18, 1936-December 9, 2014. www. obriensullivanfuneralhome.com.

HENRY, LISA MARIE Of Milford, passed away peacefully at her home in the loving care of her family on Wednesday, December 17, 2014 after a courageous battle with cancer. She was 43 years old. She leaves her husband, Darrick Henry; their children, Megan and Clay Henry; her parents, Rick and Jeanne Seymour; her brother, Kevin (Melissa) Seymour and many extended family and dear friends. A Funeral Service was held at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Walled Lake on Saturday, December 20th, 2014. Rev. Paul M. Moldenhauer officiated. Burial Milford Memorial Ceme-Memorial contributions tery. may be made in her name to Girl Scouts of America. For further information phone Lynch & Sons, Milford at 248-684-6645 or visit

LynchFuneralDirectors.com Lynch & Sons Funeral Directors

McMILLAN, GERALD March 11, 1925 December 11, 2014. www.

Sundays: 8:45 a.m. Sunda School and Bible study; 10 a.m. worship.

#### **Holy Cross Episcopal**

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SCALCO, ROBERT V.

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SMITH, JEANETTE

July 27, 1924 - December 18,

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**TERRANA, CHARLES** 

obriensullivanfuneralhome.com.

WILSON, DANIEL

November 28, 1980-

December 9, 2014. www.

April 22, 1920-

www.phillipsfuneral.com

December 14, 2014. www.

November 29, 1981-

April 21, 1992-December 7, 2014. www.

Contact: 734-427-8743 or visit www.livoniachurch.net.

Location: 15431 Merriman

Livonia

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: Wednes-August 31, 1955 -December 17, 2014. Phillips Funeral Home. day 7 p.m. www.phillipsfuneralhome.com

#### 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.

**Christmas Eve Worship:** 6 p.m. (children's message and nativity scene) and 9 p.m. (adult choir and harp).

#### NorthRidge Church

Location: 49555 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth Phone: 734-233-3621. Email: pheaton@northridge church.com.

#### **Northville Christian** Assembly

Location: 41355 Six Mile. Contact: 248-348-9030; ncalife-

School for adults/vouth/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 minisFacebook: 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.

#### **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 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

#### **Our Shepherd Presbyterian Church**

Location: 1200 S. Sheldon,

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.

St. James Catholic

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

#### St. John Lutheran Church

Wednesday; 5 p.m. Saturday.

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.

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.org.

Sundays: 9-10 a.m. Sunday

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In Memoriam

December 11, 2014. www. obriensullivanfuneralhome.com.



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**BRIAN** 

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Your Family

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#### **BURNS, RITA** September 2, 1951-December 10, 2014. www. obriensullivanfuneralhome.com.

LOCAL NEWS

### RELIGION

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Contact: 248-737-9191; AdministrativeDirector@unityfh.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-5, 6-8 and 9-12 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/relifespan.

#### **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. Also, the Traditional Service is broadcast every week on WRDT-AM 560 at 11 a.m.

## Check us out on the Web every day at hometownlife.com

## Your Invitation to

### Brighton

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

## Livonia

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

## Whitmore Lake

FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH 10774 Nine Mile Road Rev. M. Lee Taylor • 449-2582

Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Worship, 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening, 7:00 p.m.

Highland

## Milford

**CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH** Preschool, Pre-K & Kdg. - Mo. Synod 620 General Motors Rd., Milford Church office: (248) 684-0895 Worship Services: Sunday 8:30 am & 11:00 an Bible Study: Sunday 9:45 am Nursery Available Rev. Martin Dressler

**FIRST BAPTIST OF MILFORD** VISITORS WELCOME 133 Detroit St., Milford • 248-684-5695 Pastor Steve Swayze nday School (all ages) 9:30 a.m. • Sunday Worship - 11 a.m Young Adults Dinner/Bible Study, Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. Wedneedays, 6:45-8:15 p.m. Awana, 3 yrs old thru 5th grade (Sept - March) and Youth Group for 6th grade and older Website: milfordbaptist.org

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



#### Novi BRIGHTMOOR CHRISTIAN CHURCH 40800 W. 13 Mile Road, Novi

on the corner of M-5 & W 13 Sundays 9:15a & 11:15a www.brightmoorcc.org something for the entire family

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

MEADOWBROOK **CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH** 21355 Meadowbrook Rd. in Novi at 8 1/2 Mile 248-348-7757 • www.mbcc.org Sunday Worship 10 a.m. Rev. Arthur Ritter, Senior Minister 0219793

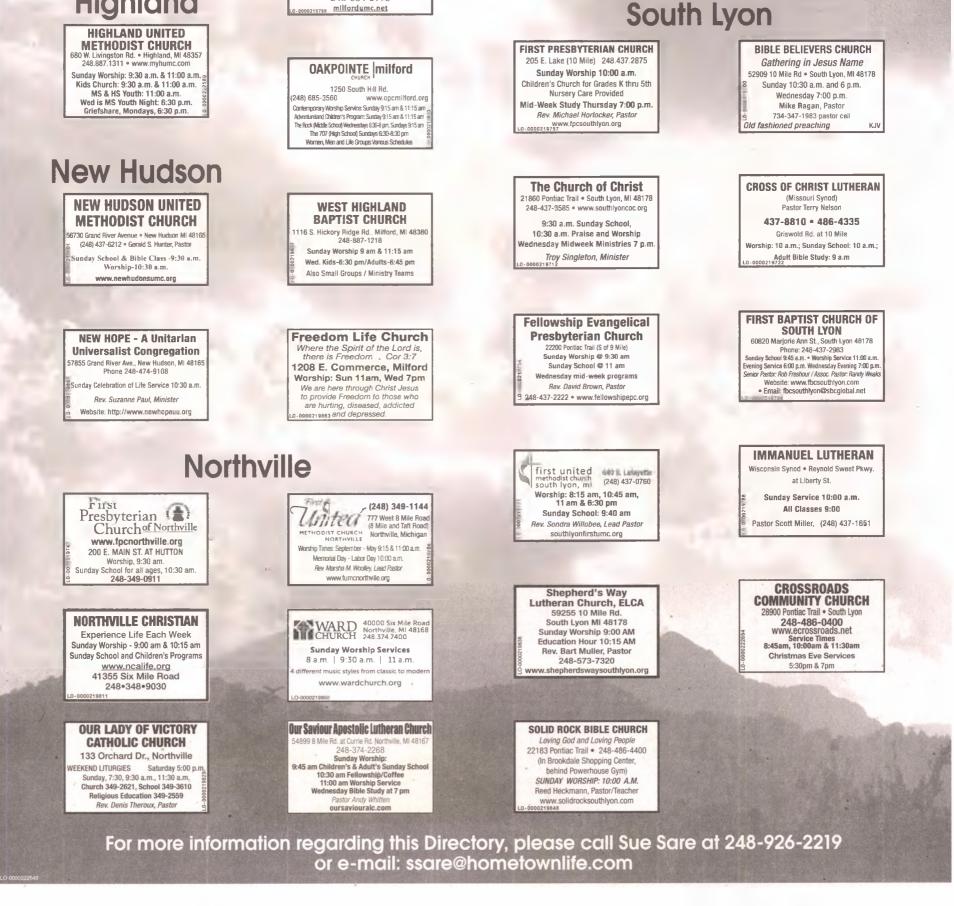
**ST. JAMES ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH** NOVI 46325 10 Mile Rd. • Novi, MI 48374 Saturday 5:00 p.m. Sunday 8, 9:30 & 11:30 a.m. Msgr John Kasza, Pastor Parish Office: 347-7778

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH 24505 Meadowbrook Rd., Novi, MI 48375 turday: 4:30 p.m. (English) & 6:30 p.m. (Spanis Sunday: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Fr. Bob LaCroix, Pastor Fr. Beto Espinoza, Associate rish Office: 349-8847 • www.holyfamilynovi

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

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





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## OPINION

Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the hometowns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

#### **OUR VIEWS**

## Have faith in making peace on Earth real

As we celebrate another Christmas, wars and terrorism continue to make peace on Earth still a wistful and somewhat distant hope.

Nevertheless, the fact that we live in a country where, yes, even satanists can set up a controver-sial display at the state Capitol speaks to the U.S. being a country where tolerance is epitomized.

Throughout the metro area, tolerance morphs into the recognition that this holiday season is celebrated religiously and culturally by groups out-side of Christianity. Not only is that multiplicity to be celebrated, the values embedded in those celebrations should be recognized as well.

For Jews, Hanukkah began Dec. 16 and ran through Dec. 24. Known as the Festival of Lights, it commemorates the occasion when one bottle of oil, enough for only one night, was used to keep the menorah burning for eight days for the re-dedica-tion of the Holy Temple after it was descerated. The celebration of Kwanzaa, from Dec. 26 to

Jan. 1, is a celebration of family, community and culture in the African-American and Pan-African community. Values celebrated include the dignity of people, the well-being of families and the health of the environment.

For Christians, the year end time has been appropriated to celebrate the birth of Jesus, a savior who came to the world not as a great king, but as a baby born to humble parents in a stable. The circumstances of Jesus' birth give profound weight to his later message of love and human kindness.

Pilgrims in early America thought the meaning of Jesus' birth so immense that they banned the frivolity of feasting and gift giving on Dec. 25 as somehow not in keeping with the day's importance.

But that dignity and well-being celebrated throughout the world still faces challenges.

The very site of Christ's birth has been a place of contention and violence. Even here in the world's most prosperous country, many are in need as the economy slowly recovers.

Local charities report a decline in contributions and an increase in requests for help. The Arab American and Chaldean Council, as

part of its twice-monthly Pantry of Plenty food distribution program, provided more than 1,500 meals for needy residents Christmas Eve.

The Christmas dinner, which will be available for pick-up starting at 10:30 a.m. at the ACC Youth Recreation and Leadership Center, 62 W. Seven Mile in Detroit, is made possible through donors and the ACC's partnership with Forgotten Harvest

We must resolve to do more throughout our communities. Each year we rouse ourselves during the holiday season to listen to the better angels of our nature. We reach out to others during this special time and promise to carry our concern forward into the new year. Sometimes we do and sometimes we get caught up again in our own too

#### **COMMUNITY VOICE**

#### What do you want for Christmas?

This question was asked at different locations in downtown Northville.



"For my family to be happy and healthy." **Carol Webster** 

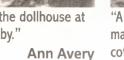


"For my loved ones to be healthy."

Stephanie Acho-Tartoni Chocolates by Renee (Main Street)



"I want the dollhouse at Baby Baby."



Northville

"A new Keurig coffee maker. The taste of my coffee is different every day, so I need some consistency."

**Carol Bernardo** Northville

#### **LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

Northville

#### **Attack on Christmas**

Christmas used to be a joyous occasion celebrated in schools, cities, churches, synagogues and homes across the nation and most of the world since the year 336. It still is joyous for the vast majority, but that joy is increasingly tempered each year as various secular minorities ramp up their assault on the Judeo-Christian principles on which America was founded

I'm getting tired of hearing "separation of church and state" and the Constitution used in the same sentence. Show me where those words exist in the docu-ment and I'll shut up. It's equally tiresome listening to agendadriven interpretations of what someone thinks the founders really meant. The founders meant exactly what they wrote with no restrictions, exceptions or limitations, period, end of story

Explain to me how a nativity scene or menorah on public property qualifies as the government making a law "respecting the establishment of religion." Show me the law and I'll shut up. If you're atheist or anti-Christian, nobody is going to hassle you about your non-beliefs. When it comes to the belief of others, kindly return the favor and be quiet.

If you're offended by public Judeo-Christian expressions of faith that have been embedded in the fabric of this nation for more than two centuries, just ignore them. It's the Christian thing to do.

thorough vehicle inspection will help avoid the inconvenience and potential safety hazards of breaking down miles away from home.

The nonprofit Car Care Council recommends a check of the following, often overlooked, items: tires and tire pressure, brakes, hoses and belts, air filters, wipers, exterior and interi-or lighting and fluid levels, including engine oil, windshield washer solvent and antifreeze/ coolant. A pre-trip inspection provides the opportunity to have service repairs made at home by your own trusted technician who knows the vehicle.

The council also recommends that drivers keep important telephone numbers in their cellphone or glove box in case of a breakdown or travel emergency. Vehicles should have a roadside emergency kit that includes items such as a first aid kit, a tire-changing jack, a tire pressure gauge, jumper cables, a flashlight and a blanket.

Motorists can order a free copy of the recently updated 80-page Car Care Guide for the glove box at www.carcare.org/ car-care-guide.

**Rich White** Car Care Council executive director

#### **Building peace on Earth**

This time of year, many of us pray for and sing about peace on Earth and goodwill to all. The hopefulness we feel, however, does not match the violence in many of our communities and around the world. Before our government supplies countries with weapons and military advisers and eventually our brave men and women in uniform, I wish they would increase the funding for peacebuilding efforts. There are some programs in the federal government that have shown that real peace building can be done with incredible results.

The Bureau of Conflict Stabilization Operations, part of the Department of State, engages in conflict prevention and responds to crisis around the world to address the underlying causes of destabilizing violence.

The Complex Crises Fund managed by the U.S. Agency for International Development, provides violence-prevention and post-conflict support in countries and regions at high risk of conflict. The CCF funds civilian solutions in times when humanitarian and diplomatic assistance are needed to prevent escalating violence. The Office of Conflict Man-

agement and Mitigation works within USAID's Bureau for Democracy, Conflict, and Humanitarian Assistance. Their "Peopleto-People Reconciliation Fund" brings together individuals of different ethnic, religious or political backgrounds from areas of civil conflict and war. They create opportunities for adversaries to resolve conflicts, reconcile differences, and promote greater understanding.

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busy lives.

Perhaps we expect too much of the holidays for the world and for ourselves. It is probably better to remember the holidays' small gifts through all the rush, including the rewards of an outpouring of charity.

For most of us, once we get past the colored lights and glittery packages, the holidays are about family, friends, home and love. As in the song that Judy Garland first sang so plaintively in Meet Me in St. Louis, we all long to be together "if the fates allow."

We know that separations will come, troubles will come, but through the simple gifts of family, friends and faith, we can determine our own fate.



A young boy lights Kwanzaa candles.



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#### Safe holiday travel

Before packing up the car to head home for the holidays, make sure your vehicle is ready for the journey. Conducting a

gress and share your commitment to building peace on Earth. Ann Abdoo Livonia

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#### **GUEST COLUMN**

## No more excuses, let's fix Michigan's crumbling roads

ur state's economy is recovering, people are moving back to Michigan and our small businesses continue to grow and create more jobs.

But we have a glaring problem that we have waited too long to address. Michigan's roads continue to worsen every day that we fail to pass a comprehensive long-term solution to improve our roads.

No more excuses. We need more money to fix the roads.

It's a long-running joke among Michiganders that when you take a family trip and you're driving south, you don't need a "Welcome to Ohio" sign to know when you've crossed the state line – you can just tell because the roads are suddenly smooth.

Why is it that Ohio seems to have so much better roads than Michigan? Are they just designing better roads? No. It's because Ohio, as well as every other state in the country, invests more per capita in road funding every year than Michigan does.

The joke isn't funny anymore. The average Michigander pays \$539 annually in additional vehicle repairs because of our poor roads. We've been underinvesting in Michigan's infrastructure for decades. Today, Michigan ranks dead last in the



United States in per capita spending on infrastructure. That's unacceptable for the state that's known for putting the world on wheels

And the roads will only get worse without a road-funding solution. If we choose to do nothing – again – eventually we will need to completely reconstruct every single road in the state, costing us almost 10 times as much as it costs to maintain them now. In fact, back in 2004, the cost of returning all of Michigan's roads to "good" condition was \$3.68 billion.

By 2011, because we chose not to fix our roads, the cost had ballooned to \$11.5 billion. Every day we wait, it becomes more and more expensive to fix Michigan's roads.

If we choose to invest more in our roads today, we would actu-ally save money in the long run. For every dollar invested in maintaining our roads and bridges, we save at least \$6 in reconstruction costs.

For too long, we've used Band-Aids to fix our roads, but that is not an acceptable answer anymore.

Some 48 percent of major roads in Michigan's largest cities are in poor or mediocre condition; 27 percent of Michigan bridges are in need of repair, improvement or replacement.

Michigan families deserve safer and more reliable roads and it's time we take action.

Passing Gov. Rick Snyder's plan and fixing the roads needs to be a top priority for Michigan's Legislature before the end of the year. If we pass the bill to fix the roads, we'll create more and better jobs, save money and save lives.

We'll either pay now or pay more later. We've already waited too long. As we continue the comeback of Michigan, increased funding for roads and bridges is critical to building and maintaining a 21st century road system that will meet the demands of Michigan's growing economy.

**Every Michigander deserves** better infrastructure and needs to call or email their state representative and encourage them to support Gov. Snyder's plan to enact a comprehensive and longterm solution to fix Michigan's roads.

Mike Nystrom is executive vice president of the Michigan Infrastructure and Transportation Association.

### LETTERS

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### Equal rights for all faiths

It is always interesting to me how hard it is to actually see and understand both sides of any proposition or argument. And it usually seems that the more adamant someone is in their position, the less they understand of the details or even the foundation of their own position, much less of the opposition.

I've been amazed by how often things I thought were so, or had been taught, turned out to be either completely different or my understanding significantly changed, when I really looked into them and tried to deepen my knowledge. With that in mind, I'd like to share some thoughts on the recent letter about "Attack on Christmas."

The author states that "secular minorities ramp up their assault on Judeo-Christian principles" this time of year. That is interesting, because I have never seen or heard any such thing, and it's actually a proverbial red herring. The only thing that any of these type groups have ever asked is that government be neutral when it comes to religion. That, in essence, my tax dollars and the laws are not used to support your religious position, and likewise – that your taxes and the laws do not go to support my particular religion.

When it comes to "separation of church and state," it's true that these exact words do not appear in the Constitution. But then again, neither do the words "Trinity" or "Rapture" actually appear in the Bible, but

we all know about them and understand their sources in the Bible. However, James Madison (the "father of the Constitution") said "Strongly guarded ... is the separation between religion and government in the Constitution of the United States," and Thomas Jefferson wrote "Believing with you that religion is a matter that lies solely between man and his God, that he owes account for none other for his faith and worship, that the legislative powers of government reach actions only, and not opinions, I contemplate with solemn reverence that act of the whole American people which declared that their legislature should 'make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof' thus building a wall of separation between church

and State." Thus, it is evidently clear that our Founding Fathers actually, and definitively, did mean to separate religion and government.

In this spirit, there is nothing wrong with having a nativity scene on government property, as long as the use of our common land, that we all pay for and support, is neutral to all faiths. This, however, means that it has to be open to every faith, even those with which we may disagree, and even those with none at all. Yes, the majority of our country may be Christian, but this does not mean that it's legally right to ignore or disregard other people's beliefs, and we should protect their rights as strongly as you would want your own rights protected. After all, that is certainly the Christian thing to do. **Alex Grant** Highland

#### COMMUNITY VOICE

#### What do you want for Christmas?

This question was asked at the Novi Public Library.



"My wife's continued good health." Ken Bixby

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"A new Samsung phone." Michael Hammond Novi "For my granddaughter to have a nice Christmas. It's her second one." Jack Gurney Novi

## 'Pure Michigan?' Only if we act on climate

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We are under threat from climate change. We've seen toxic algae blooms, unprecedented flooding and severe storms. Climate disruption is here and it's affecting us now. It isn't a faraway concept affecting only our grandchildren. Regardless of political leanings, we must be smart and follow the science. A great way to start is to move away from coal and toward more renewable energy sources.

As our weather events become more intense, we will see more flash flooding. Our own climatologists warn of harder, faster rainstorms. This new type of torrential rain overwhelms our



storm water and sewage systems, resulting in partially treated sewage overflowing into our rivers and streams, lowering the quality of our water. Toxic algae blooms become far worse. Combined with fertilizer runoff from cities and farms, we then see crisis events such as the poisoning of drinking water in Toledo. The

solution is to take action. We need to dramatically reduce carbon pollution. The federal government already recognizes this priority. The Clean Power Plan, which sets statewide targets for reducing carbon emissions, will mandate that Michigan come up with new ways to generate power. It is a good beginning but Michigan needs leadership and vision to make this happen..

We need to hold ourselves accountable and follow best practices. Other states have taken the lead and are reducing emissions by creating higher requirements for renewable energy use. Michigan now lags behind a majority of states in this field. We also need to retire and retrofit dirty, aging coal plants.

Transitioning away from coal would easily help us fulfill our share of reducing emissions. We in southeast Michigan live in a coal-burning land. Nationwide, burning coal produces 37 percent of electricity. But our own DTE Energy still gets 75 percent of its electricity from coal. This is a tremendous burden on our climate.

Coal is so last century. It is expensive, dirty and holds our economy back. It must be dug up and transported and produces toxic smoke and ash. Coal is rust-belt technology. Our electricity rates have also been trending upward because of our reliance on coal.

Michigan should show leadership and move more quickly to cleaner energy. Let's retire our coal plants. We can create new jobs, reduce carbon pollution and all breathe easier.

Jim Nash is Oakland County Water Resources commissioner.





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## Family time can be stressful time; ways to cope

#### By Julie Brown Staff Writer

Families love each other, but can also get on each others' nerves.

"Absolutely. It's almost like a given that's going to occur," said Janet Terry, clinical manager for the Pontiac office of Oakland Family Services.

"We see everybody all at this time of year," said Terry, who holds a M.S.W. degree from Wayne State University as well as a bachelor's degree in social work from Madonna University. "It can bring up unresolved issues in the family. There's always stress. There's going to be stress when you have interaction with other people."

Talking over differences is key, said White Lake resident Terry. Families can outline their strengths and weaknesses. Changing traditions is often helpful.

"Maybe you're the one who hosts the party all the time," she said. Someone else could host this year, prepared food could be used instead, or food tasks could be delegated. "It's really about the gathering," Terry said.

Michele Potter does therapy for Heron Ridge Associates of Plymouth and is a licensed master social worker. Potter holds bachelor's and master's degrees in social work from Michigan State University.

"We tend to put more pressure on ourselves because we have these unrealistic expectations," said Plymouth resident Potter, in the field since 1987. "We get angry, we get frustrated. You need to acknowledge your feelings both to yourself and the other people you may have a connection with."

In some cases, Potter said, you may need to take a breather and get away, "anything to restore an inner calm."

Unresolved grief can be an issue at the holidays, as it's readily apparent that person is no longer here. If grief hasn't been processed, Terry said, it can add to depression

depression. "Stress is just one of those symptoms," she said. Professional help may be needed if you have ongoing irritability, lack of energy, or sleep disturbances. Suicidal thoughts should immediately prompt an emergency room or Common Ground response, Terry emphasized.

"Go out and take a walk. Literally take a big breath," she said of coping skills for everyday use.

Potter said it's good to set aside family differences, recognizing others also face stress, "even if they (family members) don't live up to your expectations. And understand that if mistakes happen it's not ruining the holiday. It's quite possibly making new memories for your family."

Good health habits such as exercise all year long should continue



Feeling the pressure of the holidays? You can learn ways to cope.

through the holidays, the women agree. "You don't want to abandon your healthy habits just because it's the holiday season. That just adds to your stress and your guilt," said Potter.

Terry, who has 10 years of experience, is also a certified addiction counselor. She noted some people have relapses with alcoholism or drink more than normally during the holidays.

"It's not going to be good for your body or your mental health," Terry said. She also sees abuse of marijuana and prescription drugs. "We've definitely seen an increase in prescription pills, the abuse of those."

Coping skills can range from listening to music, taking a walk or reading a book. Some people do need professional help, she said.

Potter is seeing clients worried about another rough winter. "Last winter was so horrible," she said. "They're just dreading another winter and the depression that can set in with that. It may not be the horrible winter we had last year," added Potter, who also reminded clients to enjoy fall.

Terry agreed unrealistic images of the holiday season in our heads are a problem. "We all have a picture in our mind. We need to step back and lower those expectations."

Laughter when something goes wrong, such as with food, can help, she said. "Just step back and enjoy the moment. This is not a time for rigidity in the way we think about things," Terry said.

Potter noted that sometimes "no" is the magic word. "There are so many demands on us in the season," she said. "Be willing to turn down some invitations if it's going to overwhelm you. And remember what's important, what the season is truly about. It can help you keep things in perspective."

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## St. Nicholas Institute founder: 'Everyone needs a Santa'

#### By Jill Halpin Correspondent

Forget about the North Pole: Santa — or St. Nick, that is — may be closer than you think.

In what may be the area's best-kept holiday secret, a local priest has opened a school aimed at educating Santas — and those who love them — on the truth about the man behind the myth: St. Nicholas of Myra, the model for modern-day Santa.

The Rev. Joseph Marquis is a Catholic priest serving as pastor of Sacred Heart Byzantine Catholic Church in Livonia. He is also founder and executive director of the St. Nicholas Institute, which he began three years ago with the purpose of spreading the message of St. Nicholas, whom he calls "the first true philanthropist."

"Everyone needs a Santa," Marquis said. "Santa is based on St. Nicholas, who is known for spreading peace, joy and love — the fruits of the Holy Spirit — and for



selfless giving."

Drawing people from across the country and even Canada, the St. Nicholas Institute conducts a four-day seminar each year at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat and Conference Center in Redford Township for would-be Santa Clauses — even Mrs. Clauses have been known to attend.

Designed to give would-be Santas the tools needed to convincingly portray both St. Nicholas and/or Santa Claus in a wide variety of venues either religious or secular — the seminar covers topics such as active listening, responding to common children's questions with ease and poise and the appropriate use of makeup and beard care.

"Voice, stage presence and much more — it is all taught in the context of the traditions and spirituality of Christmas," Marquis said. "These are all important if you want to Santa Claus and St. Nicholas experience. If you are from the area and attended Detroit's Thanksgiving Day parade as a child, you may recognize him. From 1977-89, Marquis was the official Santa for the parade, waving to children along Woodward Avenue from atop his sleigh.

Marquis said that many people don't realize that our modern-day Santa Claus — and even his red suit and cap trimmed in snowy-white fur — has roots in history dating back to the third century.

"St. Nicholas was born to wealthy parents in what is present-day Turkey. His father was in textiles and he was educated, something that was rare in those days," Marquis said.

St. Nicholas had a strong desire to follow Christ, giving away his inheritance to focus on helping others and giving to those in need anony-



The Rev. Joseph Marquis, pastor of Sacred Heart Byzantine Catholic Church in Livonia, founded the St. Nicholas Institute three years ago to teach those who portray Santa Claus about the original St. Nicholas, whom he calls "the first true philanthropist."

continuing his focus on self-effacing philanthropy, tossing money into the windows of those in need under the cover of darkness in order to remain an anonymous donor.

It is Marquis's personal experience that led to a lifelong devotion to St. Nicholas, known the world over as the patron saint of children. sanitarium, leaving his mother, pregnant with a third child, struggling to find money to feed her young boys.

"It was Christmas Eve and both of our parents were very, very sick," he said. "We didn't know if my mother would make it through the night. Some of my father's co-workers knew our situation and brought us a tree, but we were so poor we didn't even have any decorations. I remember an aunt came to stay with us and took us down the street to the dime store to buy a cardboard Nativity so we could say a prayer for our mother and father.

Upon waking the next morning, he learned that not only had his mother survived the night, he also had a new baby brother. Soon after that, his father was healed one of only a few who escaped the fate of other TB patients — and made it home.

His devotion to St. Nick, he explained, is his way of expressing his gratitude — and to show others the importance of trusting God. "It is the child in each of us that brings him to life," he said.

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play the part accurately."

He should know: A 2011 inductee into the Santa Claus Hall of Fame in Santa Claus, Ind., Marquis has more than 40 years of professional mously, Marquis added.

He became a bishop at age 19 and, after suffering persecution for his faith for seven years, his life was spared and he made his way to Holland, Growing up in metro Detroit more than 65 years ago, he and his twin brother were struck with adversity. His father was losing a battle with tuberculosis in an area



## Families find fun outdoors, inside in winter

#### By Julie Brown Staff Writer

When winter comes, Beth and Josh Haynes of Plymouth Township don't necessarily stay inside.

The couple, parents to Andrew, 6, Caleb, 3, and Joanna, 1, find fun stuff to do outdoors in winter. They go geocaching.

"Geocaching is just all over the place. There are geocaches in Miller Woods down the street," she said, as well as Plymouth Township Park and in downtown Plymouth. "We bundled up our kids over Thanksgiving and went out. We didn't do a lot last winter."

In geocaching, a hidden container/box with contents is usually in a park, with GPS coordinates guiding geocachers. Beth Haynes has an app on her smart phone for that, which helps with number of feet away and what direction.

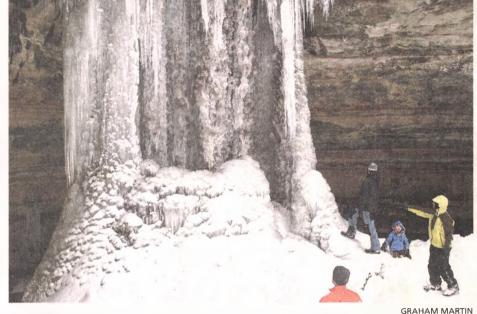
She comes by her love of the outdoors naturally, having grown up the daughter of Graham and Mary Martin of Plymouth Township. The Martins for years ran the Upper Peninsula Bible Camp, so a little snow and cold doesn't bother them.

"One thing we do is we go snowshoeing up in the Upper Peninsula," Graham Martin said. They enjoy seeing frozen waterfalls there and he often photographs them.

"When the snow's on the ground, you can put on your snowshoes and go just about anywhere," he said. They also enjoy dogsled races in the U.P., which cover great distances.

#### **Retreat center**

"There's downhill skiing; of course," he said. "The kids love to make snow forts." The Martins have four married children and 12 grandchildren ranging from 9 months to 9 years



Frozen waterfalls up north are a winter highlight for Graham and Mary Martin of Plymouth Township and their family.

#### of age.

There's now also a Woodlands of Upper Peninsula Bible Camp, which the family will sometimes rent the cabin on site. There had been another camp nearby UPBC which a man donated, complete with 60 acres with a dining hall and winterized lodge, as well as a 100-year-old church.

There's a retreat center that sleeps 38, too, and fundraising's underway to add on a sleeping wing.

Visitors can do tubing in the snow, including church youth groups that come up to visit. "That's a lot of fun," he said. "They play broom hockey on the ice. A lot of fun for kids to get involved with."

Martin is a retired teacher from the Plymouth-Canton district who taught 38 years, including art. He does winter photography "around here, too, but up north as well. You can get into some areas because the lakes are frozen over."

In addition to art, he taught Earth science,

physical science, computers, physical education and a junior high careers class.

The family hikes around Hogback Mountain and Sugarloaf Mountain in the Marquette area. "You can look out over Lake Superior," he said.

#### Sometimes indoors

They enjoy ice caves in the Leelanau Peninsula and seeing the ice balls formed and washed up on the beach. "And pulling the grandkids on sleds," he added.

The family's outdoorsy, but also enjoys time together inside, with Mary Martin saying, "I'd stay inside and read a book." Her husband agreed: "Sitting in front of a wood stove with a book is a good activity.

"It didn't slow us down much," he said of last winter and the infamous "polar vortex." "I snowblowed a lot of snow."

Their extended family likes to play the Rook card games together, as well as board games, with the younger children going to bed and the older kids joining in the board game fun. "It's kind of a family tradition to play games," he said.

Daughter Beth agreed: "One indoor thing we like to do in the winter is play board games. Andrew is getting old enough."

The Haynes family – Josh is pastor of student ministries at Lake Pointe Bible Church – also has several bird feeders outside the kitchen window. "We see several different species of birds in one day," she said. "It really helped me enjoy the outdoors even when it was too cold to go outdoors."

Last winter was their first with suet feeders and they saw nuthatches and woodpeckers. In fact, little Joanna's first word was "bird."

Andrew, a first-grade home schooler, was able to do a science project on the birds, too.

"The hard part for me was that it was so cold," Beth Haynes said of last winter. She normally likes winter and the outdoors. "You just even didn't want to do those



**GRAHAM MARTIN** 

Graham and Mary Martin of Plymouth Township explore ice caves up north in the winter with their family.

winter sports type of things."

What helped her last year was the Mothers of Preschoolers group at the Plymouth Township church, as well as Bible Study Fellowship.

#### **Ready for winter**

"We put our snow stakes (for plow measuring) in our driveway this week," she said Dec. 2. "I guess so," she added, when asked if she's ready for another winter.

Bevis and Ralph Richardson of Canton are both retired, she as an Oakwood registered nurse, he from a Ford Motor subsidiary. "We used to cross country ski," Bevis Richardson said. "Since I got a new hip I'm afraid of falling."

They do snowblowing for themselves as a team as well as for a 93-yearold widow neighbor. "We sort of look out for her," Bevis Richardson said. "He plays volleyball with Canton Seniors. We both swim at the Summit in the winter. We do a six-

month membership." The Richardsons have four grown children and five grandkids. Bevis is ready for another winter: "We made sure the snowblower's in working condition," she said.

As a nurse, she knows the importance of year-

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round fitness. "I would say it's important to keep moving. The younger ones seem to know it," but some seniors struggle with health.

"It's easier to sit than move," Richardson said. "You have to keep moving."

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## Mustangs' brother act silences Churchill

#### By Brad Emons Staff Writer

Teams have been geared to stop Northville's 6-foot-3 senior sharpshooter David Morrissey, but now they have to worry about his little brother Kevin, a 6-0 sophomore, too.

One shoots right-handed (David) and the other left-handed (Kevin). They combined for 31 points Dec. 18 in the Mustangs' 59-47 boys basketball victory over previously unbeaten Livonia Churchill.

"With Kevin, it's funny, he doesn't carry himself like a sophomore, either how he plays or mentally," Northville coach Todd Sander said. "He is much older mentally than a sophomore. He never really gets rattled. He does a lot of stuff that also doesn't get noticed. He makes big catches, he bails some of his teammates out."

David, meanwhile, finished with a game-high 18 points, including 10 in the first half, to stake Northville to a 21-19 lead. He added eight more in the third quarter as the Mustangs extended their advantage to 35-30.

The Mustangs then outscored Churchill 24-17 in the final quarter as Kevin came off the bench to tally six of his 13 points.

Northville connected on 18-of-20 free throws in the

fourth quarter to secure the win.

David Morrissey, the team's leading scorer this season, took one brief break while playing all but 18 seconds as Northville improved to 3-1 overall.

"He had a pretty good night shooting and he's going to draw a lot of attention, which should open up a lot of other opportunities for other guys on our team," Sander said. "David was very solid. I thought he carried us for much of the first half. We looked a little bit lethargic, everybody except him. He was rebounding the ball and real active on defense."

Junior guard Justin Zimbo added 14 points, while another junior guard, Justin James, also made a contribution with 12 off the bench for the Mustangs.

Jon Hovermale, a 6-1 junior guard, paced Churchill (4-1) with 13 points, while Brett Bonarek and Jalen Davis added 10 and eight, respectively.

Kevin Morrissey was responsible for trying to contain Hovermale, a third-year varsity player.

"And he's who we stuck on Hovermale down the stretch to lock him down and he did a great job with that," Sander said.

Northville was outstanding from the free-throw line, going

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JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Northville's Justin James (right) looks to get the wrap-around pass by Churchill's Robert Steward.

## N'ville's big line stymies Spartans

Morgan, Meacham each get five points in 5-2 win

By Brad Emons Staff Writer

Northville's boys hockey team is heading into the holiday break feeling pretty darn good about itself.

That's because the state-ranked Mustangs ventured Dec. 17 into Eddie Edgar Arena and walked out with a 5-2 victory over perennial state power Livonia Stevenson. Northville rallied from a late 2-0

Northville rallied from a late 2-0 second-period deficit with five unanswered goals to improve to 8-1 overall and 3-1 in the KLAA's Central Division.

The last time the Mustangs beat Stevenson was in overtime during the 2011-12 season.

"The guys wanted it," said North-



ville coach Clint Robert, whose team is now off until Jan. 5. "It was a big one for the boys. We've had guys who have played here against Livonia Stevenson that were 0-for-2 and didn't want to graduate 0-for-3."

Senior forward Alec Morgan enjoyed a huge night, figuring in all five Northville goals while notching his second hat trick in three games to go along with two assists. Linemate Jack Meacham, also a senior, finished with a goal and four assists

Northville's Kevin O'Connell (left) and Stevenson's Alec Allen vie for the puck along the boards.

MARK HICKS

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## Six-peat: CC grapplers rule county

#### Shamrocks garner four individual crowns

#### By Brad Emons Staff Writer

Coming off finals week, Novi Detroit Catholic Central's wrestling team still had to take another exam over the weekend.

And the Shamrocks passed with flying colors by winning Oakland County tournament for the sixth consecutive year.

CC, boasting four individual champions and one runner-up finisher, was down 10 points heading into the final round Saturday at Lake Orion, but managed to score 293.5 points and overhaul runner-up Walled Lake Central (280) for the team title.

The Shamrocks, who did it by winning 9-of-10 placements, highlighted by seven falls, now join select company as they match both Hazel Park and Clarkston for the most team titles in the history of the tournament.

"It's a great accomplishment for our school and program," CC coach Mitch Hancock said. "To me, Oakland County is a hotbed of wrestling in the state of Michigan and to win six straight crowns is impressive."

The Shamrocks were led by senior co-captain Trevor Zdebski, who pinned Kajuan Caldwell of Bloomfield Hills in 3:30 in the 135-pound final to claim his third straight county title.

Not to be outdone was senior co-captain Myles Amine, who repeated as county champ, this time at 160 pounds when he pinned Thor Wardell of Ortonville Brandon in 5:40.

Senior co-captain Nick Giese won the 189 title with a 12-4 major decision over Alex Sovel of Walled Lake Central.

"Those guys (Amine, Giese, Zdebski) are expected to dominate like that," Hancock said.



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Catholic Central 135-pounder Trevor Zdebski (right) pinned Kajuan Caldwell of Bloomfield Hills for his third straight Oakland County title.

"They are three of the best wrestlers in the state and they showed why this weekend." Catholic Central's fourth champ was 112-pounder Aaron Rehfeldt, a junior, who pinned

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#### LOCAL SPORTS

## Northville runs into tidal wave

#### Defending champion Brother Rice scores big win vs. Mustangs

#### **By Brad Emons** Staff Writer

**Birmingham Brother** Rice isn't only know for its football prowess.

The Warriors have also emerged as a state swim power and that was never more evident than Dec. 18, when the defending MHSAA Division 1 state champions captured 10-of-12 events to defeat host Northville in a dual meet, 116-64.

'They are the best team in the state and they came into our place tonight and showed us why," said Northville coach Rich Bennetts, whose team is 1-1 overall. "We were trounced, plain and simple. Our guys had some good swims. The relays are a major concern at this point.

Rice (3-0 overall) has loads of state meet experience, led by senior Gust Kouvaris, who captured first in the 100and 200-yard freestyles with times of 48.99 and 1:47.11, respectively. He also teamed up with Riley Page, Rudy Aguilar and Bobby Powrie for a victory in the 200 freestyle relay (1:32.64).

Sophomore Patrick Olmsted captured the 200 individual medley (2:01.34) and 100 backstroke (56.28). He also teamed with Jack Kennedy, Chris Nodland and Drew Grady for first in the 400 freestyle relay (3:25.39)

Other Rice individual winners included Powrie, 50 freestyle (22.84); Aguilar, 100 butterfly (54.9); and Mark Blin-straub, 500 freestyle

(4:54.03). The Warriors, Division 1 state champs in all three relay events a year ago, also took the



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Northville's Larry Zhao swims the backstroke leg as part of the 200-yard medley in the loss to **Brother Rice**.

200 medley relay as Blinstraub, Grady, Aguilar and Dylan Page were clocked in 1:39.78

Able to break the **Rice** domination was Northville junior Chris Geng, who captured the 100 breaststroke in 1:02.66. Junior Christain Field won the 1-meter diving with 164.39 points.

Adding second for the Mustangs were Kirk Maibach, 50 freestyle (22.93); Thomas Rys, diving (130.96); and Matthew Schafter, 500 freestyle (5:03.99)

The Mustangs' 200 freestyle relay team of Maibach, James Xue, Yash Bajaj and Mark Kaminski was runner-up in 1:34.76, while the foursome of Kaminski, Maibach. Xue and Fred

Schulz earned second in the 400 freestyle relay (3:30.56).

"We have to continue to work hard and, as long as the kids are seeing progress, we should continue to improve from week to week,' said Bennetts, who guided the Mustangs to a 14th-place finish in Division 1 last year.

### DUAL MEET RESULT BIRMINGHAM BROTHER RICE 116 NORTHVILLE 64

Birkminisgham Briother Rrice The NORTHVILLE 64 Dec. 18 at Northville 200-yard medley relay: 1. Rice (Mark Blinstraub, Drew Gray, Rudy Aguilar, Dylan Page), 1:39.78; 2. Rice (Mason Wildczewski, John Luttman, Patrick Olmsted, Joe Edwards), 1:47.13; 3 Northville (Larry Zhao, Chris Gen, John Duan, Yash Bajaj), 1:47.22. 200 freestyle: 1. Gust Kouvaris (Rice), 1:47.11; 23. Jake Zalinski (Rice), 1:52.70; 3. Matthew Schafer (N), 1:54.126; 5. Mark Kaminski (N), 1:56.54. 200 individual medley: 1. Olmested (Rice), 2:03.57; 4. James Xue (N), 2:07.09; 5. Wilczewski (Rice), 2:07.96.

50 freestyle: 1. Bobby Powrie (Rice), 22.84; 2. Kirk Maibach (N), 22.93; 3. Alex Margherio (Rice), 23.7; 4. D. Page (Rice), 23.8; 5. Tom Davis (Rice), 24.34. T-meter diving: 1. Christain Field (N),
 164.39 points; 2. Thomas Rys (N), 130.96.
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 54.90; 2. Powrie (Rice), 55.3; 3. Xue (N),

57.32; 4. Duan (N), 58.88; 5. Davis (Rice), 58.91 100 freestyle: 1. Kouvaris (Rice). 48.99; 2. Grady (Rice), 50.47; 3. Maibach (N), 50.79; 4. Kaminski (N), 52.93; 5. Riley Page (Rice), 53.28.

500 freestyle: 1. Blinstraub (Rice) 4:54.03; 2. Schafter (N), 5:03.99; 3. D. Page (Rice), 5:11.1; 4. Jack Kennedy (Rice), 5:15.19; 5. Blake Segel (Rice), 5:15.52. 200 freestyle relay: 1. Rice (Kouvaris, R. Page, Auilar, Powrie), 1:32.64; 2. Northville (Maibach, Xue, Bajaj, Kaminski), 1:34.76; 3. Northville (Nirek

Sharma, Geng, Fred Schulz, Schafer), 38.66 1:38.66. 100 backstroke: 1. Olmsted (Rice), 56.28; 2. Margherio (Rice), 56.65; 3. Zhao (N), 59.64; 4. Trevor DeGroot (N), 1:01.48; 5. Timmy Page (Rice), 1:02.12. 100 breaststroke: 1. Geng (N),

100 breaststroke: 1. Geng (N), 1:02.66; 2. Zalinski (Rice), 1:03.59; 3. Bajaj (N), 1:06.35; 4. Roman Grossi (N), 1:08.89; 5. Andrew Biskup (Rice), 1:09.4. **400 freestyle relay**: 1. Rice (Kennedy, Chris Nodland, Grady, Olmsted), 3:25.39; 2. Northville (Kaminski, Maitach, Xue, Schulz), 3:30.56; 3. Rice (D. Page, Segel, Luttmann, T. Page), 3:37.19. Dual meat records: Rother Rice Dual meet records: Brother Rice 3-0 overall; Northville, 1-1 overall

## Wildcat bowlers still searching for first win

The Novi boys and girls bowling squads go into the holiday break in search of their first victory of the season.

Waterford Kettering swept the boys (25-5) and the girls (30-0) matches Dec. 18 at Vision Lanes to drop the Wildcats to 0-4 overall.

Kettering's boys cap-tured both Baker sets (alternating shots), 187-142 and 255-150, along with both regular games, 1,021-881 and 945-842.

Scott Pryson scored two points for the Novi boys with games of 216 and 236, while DiAndre Moreland and Ryan Rush each added a point with a 222 and 182, respectively.

The Kettering girls, who improved to 5-0 overall, took both Bakers, 160-132 and 147-134, along with both regular games, 919-653 and 864-594

Megan Hartmus paced Novi with a high game of 160.

#### **Chiefs trips Novi**

In the KLAA Central Division opener Dec. 17 at Super Bowl, host Canton defeated the Novi boys (0-3, 0-1) and girls (0-3, 0-1) by identical scores of 29-1.

Moreland scored the lone point for the boys with a 198 game as Novi fell in the Bakers, 174-127 and 143-139, along with both regular games, 1,033-603 and 802-679. The Canton boys im-

proved to 4-0 overall and 1-0 in the Central.

Emily Jennings shot a 155 for Novi's only point as the Wildcats dropped both Bakers, 114-109 and 159-80, along with both regular games, 809-640, 643-530.

The Canton girls improved to 3-1 overall and 1-0 in the division.

Novi returns KLAA action at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 6, at Novi Bowl when it faces rival Northville in a Central Division match.

### **Mustang girls second**



DIANA SHANAHAN

Northville's Maddie DeGroff (pictured ) scored 8.525 on floor exercise Dec. 18 as the Mustangs posted a team total of 129.20 to place second behind host Plymouth (138.70) in a tri-meet which also included Waterford United (126.90). Northville teammate Erin McCallum added a second on balance beam with 9.0 and a 8.075 on the uneven bars. Freshman Maddie Dragon scored 8.65 on vault. Northville returns to action at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 6, vs. host Livonia Red at Churchill H.S.

#### SIX-PEAT

Continued from Page B1 Oxford's Sergio Borg in the finals (5:51).

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Moscovic (103) and Blake Bueter (215); fifth; and Aidan Wagh (130), seventh.

Rounding out the top 10 teams in the 39-school field were Oxford (200), **Ortonville Brandon (193** 

Avondale. Sophomore Travis Davis (112) added an eighth after falling to Carsen Cuthbert of Holly, 8-1

Jackson went 6-2 over two-day tourney, while Smith and Benkarski

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ible job of managing his weight and the task of taking exams this week, which isn't easy at CC, Hancock said. "He is really starting to turn the corner and show that he's one of the best 112-pounders in the state."

Meanwhile, unseeded Nick Joseph (145) of CC made it all the way to the finals before falling to Waterford Kettering's Tim Hagelin, 1-0. Joseph, a junior, is a nationallyranked judo competitor.

"Nick is an incredible athlete who is starting to become a solid wrestler," Hancock said. 'For him to make the finals of this tournament, as an unseeded wrestler, is a testimony of how dangerous he is from any position. We're proud of him."

Other top finishers for CC included Conor Cox (171) and Tommy Herrmann (125), third; Stone

White Lake Lakeland (166.5), Rochester Adams (157), Kettering (135), West Bloomfield (128.5), **Birmingham Seaholm** (122) and Novi and Lake Orion (121 each).

#### Wildcats place 4

Novi, led by fifthplace finishers Willy Jackson (125) and Kyle Benkarski (152), had eight wrestlers make it to the second day of the tournament, which started Friday at both Southfield and Lake Orion high schools.

Benkarski, a senior, defeated Cody Blackburn of Lakeland, 5-2, while Jackson, a junior, scored a 9-1 major decision of Kyle Gray of Auburn Hills Avondale.

Also placing for the Wildcats was junior Cooper Smith (215), who took seventh after winning on a injury default over Stephan Jackson of

both finished 4-2. Davis was 3-3 and senior Jared Engebretson (285) went 3-2. Chase Sparling (140) went 2-2.

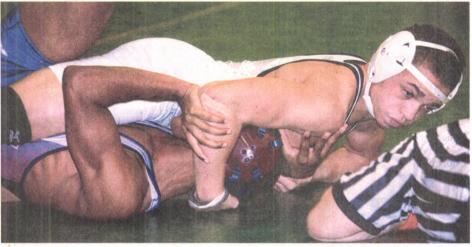
#### **Mustangs place 3**

Southgate Anderson edged Plymouth, 156-150. to win Saturday's 29team Wayne County Invitational held at Wyandotte Roosevelt.

Rounding out the top 10 were Woodhaven (119), Dearborn Heights Annapolis (111.5), Riverview (102), Dearborn Edsel Ford (101), Westland John Glenn (97.5), Belleville (90) and Dearborn Heights Crestwood (77).

Northville, 22nd in the team standings with 22.5 points, received sixthplace finishes from Conrad Landis (112) and Shunhe Wang (125), while Chris Koumariotis (152) added an eighth.

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Novi's Willie Jackson (top) took fifth place at the Oakland County tournament.

CATHERINE WRIGHT

#### THE WEEK AHEAD

#### **BOYS BASKETBALL** Saturday, Dec. 27 (Country Day Roundball Classic) Detroit CC vs. 5'field Bradford, TBA.

(Northville Holiday Tourney) Warren Cousino vs. G.P. South, 1 p.m.

Northville vs. Saline, 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 28 Northville Tourney, 3 & 7 p.m. GIRLS BASKETBALL Saturday, Dec. 27 (Northville Holiday Tourney) Dexter vs. Warren Cousino, 3 p.m

 Northville vs. Troy Athens, 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 28
 Northville Tourney, 1 & 5 p.m.
 PREP WRESTLING Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 27-28 Detroit CC at Medina (Ohio), 8 a.m. TBA - time to be announced.

## Goal binge: Novi rolls to Holiday crown

#### Hofelich scores 4 in 7-1 win vs. Clarkston

#### **By Brad Emons** Staff Writer

Novi put together another dominating performance Saturday at the Detroit Skating Club in Bloomfield Hills to capture the Clarkston Holiday Hockey Tournament with a 7-1 victory over the host Wolves.

Senior Brad Hofelich, coming off a hat trick in Friday's 8-0 semifinal victory over Davison, notched four more goals to raise his season total to 16 as the Wildcats won their fourth straight and improved to 7-4 overall.

Ryan Baxter, Alec Wells and Bryan Fegert added the other

goals for the Wildcats, who outshot the Wolves 33-9.

"The Baxter line has stepped up for us, they are becoming Novi's production line," Wildcats coach Mark Vellucci said. "Our team defense is getting better and our special teams are clicking. Everyone is accepting their roles now and you are seeing the result."

Danny Grohs' power-play goal at 2:34 of the final period spoiled the shutout bid by Novi goaltender Josh Richardson (eight saves).

Clarkston (3-7) got 27 saves from goaltender Justin Selke.

Novi, which has scored three 23 goals in its last three games, doesn't return to action

until Friday, Jan. 9, at Calumet. 'We have a tough secondhalf schedule that will take us

into a tough state playoff," Vellucci said. "We'll be ready." DETROIT CC 5, P.H. NORTHERN 1: Ryan

Burnett tallied a goal and two assists Saturday as Novi Detroit Catholic Central (9-0, 6-0) downed Port Huron Northern (5-4, 1-4) in a Michigan Interscholas-

Computer State A (14) in a microgan intestituas-tic Hocky League North Division game at Plymouth's Compuware Arena. CC, ranked No. 1 and the defending MHSAA Division 1 state champion, tallied three power-play goals on the night while outshooting the Huskies 33-7.

Catholic Central led 2-0 after one period on goals by Nic Macari (from Owen Kipke and Evan Rocho-wiak) at 12:32 and Eric Marson on a power play Wiak, at 12:32 and Eric Marson on a power play (from Burnett and Andrew Lane) at 16:59. The Shamrocks went up 3-0 on Kyle Mulka's goal from Andrew Spiegel at 4:19 of the second period, but Northern's Joey Zappa answered with a power-play goal at 6:57. CC's Mitch Ossowski made it 4-1 with a power-play goal from Burnett and Marson at 11:49 of the second and Burnett cannod the scoring with 90d remaining.

and Burnett capped the scoring with 9:04 remaining in the third on a power-play effort from Ossowski and Luck Krasicky.

Port Huron goalie Andrew Adolph made 28 saves, while CC's Alec Calvaruso had to make just six stops **NOVI 8, DAVISON 0:** Brad Hofelich notched a hat trick and added three assists Friday as the Wildcats (6-4) took just two periods to mercy the Cardinals in the Clarkston Holiday Hockey Tourna-ment at the Detroit Skating Club in Bloomfield Hills. The Wildcats also got a pair of goals and one assist from Bryan Fegert, while Ryan Baxter and Brendan Wexler each chipped in with a goal and two assists. Nik Tewilliager also added a goal, while Jimmy Hole collected two assists. Other assists went to Alec Wells, Ryan Turner and Brennan Martin as the Wildcats scored five times in the second period after

getting three goals in the first. The Wildcats outshot Davison 33-9 as Novi goaltender Ryuta King notched his second straight

NOVI 8. CHURCHILL 0: Goals came fast and furious – all by the Wildcats (5-4, 3-3) – in a rout Dec. 17 against host Livonia Churchill (3-4-1, 2-3) at Edgar Arena. The Wildcats ended the game with 10:49 left in the

final period on Nik Tewilliager's goal from Erick Czekaj and Alec Wells.

Czekaj and Alec Wells. Bryan Fegert finished the night with a hat trick and one assist, while Brad Hofelich chipped in with pair of goals and two assists. Bryan Baxter also had a four-point night with four assists.

four-point night with four assists. Novi led only 1-0 after one period on Hofelich's goal from Baxter and Patrick Wojtylo. "The first period I wouldn't say we let up, but we just didn't play like we could," Novi coach Mark Velucci said. "I didn't say much between periods. I just said let's keep working hard and we did. Our top lines stepped up, especially the (Ryan) Baxter line. We took control of the game in the second and finished it off in the third."

off in the third." The Wildcats added four more goals in the second period and scored three more in the third. Other top performers offensively for Novi included Tewilliager (one goal, two assists) and Wells (one

goal, one assist). Goalie Ryuta King posted the shutout for Novi.

## Warriors' late hoop by Hearns earns win

#### Catholic Central, Novi boys secure victories

Austin Hearns' old-fashiioned three-point play with only 12 seconds remaining lifted Novi Franklin Road Christian to a 58-56 boys basketball victory Friday at Clarkston Everest Collegiate.

The junior guard, who led all scorers with 21 points, made the go-ahead layup and added a free throw to provide the final margin of victory as the Warriors evened their rec-ord at 2-2.

Hearns also had four steals and two blocks, while 6-foot-5 junior Joshua Bause contributed 13 points, 17 rebounds and five blocks. Junior Joshua Betcher chipped in 13 points, 14 rebounds and two blocks, while Gavin Harris scored 11 points.

Luke Allen and Danny McMahon paced the Moun-taineers (0-2) with 16 and 13 points, respectively. The two combined for seven 3-pointers.

Franklin Road led 34-28 at the half and by double digits in the second half before Everest took the lead with a minute to go.

"We're happy with the win. We needed that," Franklin Road coach Renardo Brown said. "Our team showed a lot of passion and hung in there down the stretch.'

Both teams struggled at the foul line, with Franklin Road going 8-of-18 (44.4 percent) and Everest Collegiate only 4-of-13 (30.7

Percent). WINDSOR CC 62, DETROIT CC 40: Eriq Jenkins scored 18 points and Najee Brown Henderson added 17 Saturday to spur host Windsor-Essex Catholic Central (12-3) past Novi Detroit Catholic Central (1-2) in a cross-border clash. clash.

Malique Calloo added 13 points for the Malique Calloo added 13 points for the Comets, who jumped out to a 20-2 first-quarter advantage and led 33-10 at halftime. Sophomore forward C.J. Baird scored 15 for the Shamrocks, while sophomore guard Gio Genrich

DETROIT CC 61, LINCOLN PARK 46: The little hustle plays made all the difference Dec. 18 as host Novi Detroit Catholic Central (1-1) was

as host Nov Detroit Carloit Central (1-1) was concerned as the Shamrocks notched their first victory of the season. Sophomore guard Gio Genrich paced CC with 13 points, while sophomore forward C.J. Baird and junior guard Tyler Laurentius each added 10. Senior forward like Marchie also contributed nine (all on 3-opinters) (all on 3-pointers).

tied 22.22 at h scoring the Railsplitters 18-14 in the third quarter and 21-10 in the decisive fourth. "It was the first time this year where we got the 50-50 balls," CC coach Bill Dyer said. "We beat them to some loose balls and did a pretty beat them to some loose balls and did a pretty good job off the glass. It kind of gave us some added possessions, which helped us out a lot. We have a senior role player, Danny Diederich, who got three loose balls in a row off the glass. Once he got those free balls, that kind of separated the game for us." Lincoln Park (2-1) got a team-high 13 points from Derrick Fields, while Chris Cornett and Steven Glenn added 11 and 10, respectively. The Railsplitters made only 4-of-14 free throws (28.5 percent) percent). Catholic Central made 14-of-22 free throws (63.6 percent) and connected on six 3-pointers. NOVI 75, FRANKLIN 48: Senior Max Yanke paced a balanced scoring attack with 17 points Dec. 18 as the host Wildcats (2-2) downed points Dec. 18 as the nost Wildcats (2-2) downed winless Livonia Franklin (0-4). Junior forward Kam Hankerson added nine for Novi, which led 37-17 at halftime and 59-31 after three quarters. Charles Keith and Nick Curtis each tallied eight for the Patriots, who made just 13-of-28 foul shots (\$3.5 percent). "Our pressure was exceptional," said Novi coach Brandon Sinawi, whose team was 14-of-25 from the free-throw line (64 percent). "We got some turnovers, which led to some easy baskets. I wished we had used the size we had on them a little bit more to our advantage, but it was a good win before the break." NORTHVILLE 62, FRANKLIN 40: The visiting Mustangs (2-1) got out of the gate quickly Dec. 16 and never looked back. Northville got a game-high 26 points in only three quarters from 6-foot-3 senior guard David Morrissey, who connected on four 3-pointers. Junior guard Justin Zimbo chipped in with 16, including four triples, as well as the Mustangs led 32-18 at halftime and 52-24 after three quarters.

## N'ville girls put clamps defensively on Churchill

Novi pounds winless Livonia Franklin, 68-47

Northville's girls basketball team stayed unbeaten Dec. 18, holding host Livonia Churchill scoreless from the field over the final 12 minutes on its way to a 44-22 triumph.

The Mustangs, who im-proved to 4-0, got a gamehigh 15 points from senior center Emily Maresh. Freshman point guard Mariah Modkins added 11 points.

Northville led Churchill 22-13 at intermission, but the Chargers (4-1) came out to start the third quarter with a 6-0 run to cut the deficit to 24-19.

'They're probably the biggest team we'll face this season and we knew we had to play a physical game and battle their post players,' Northville coach Todd Gudith said.

Senior guard Natalie Spala paced the Chargers, who made 5-of-12 free throws, with eight points.

The Mustangs, who out-scored Churchill in the final quarter 8-1, made 8-of-12 from the line. NOVI 68, FRANKLIN 47: Ellie Mackay

scored 16 points and Allie Lipson had a doub double with 14 points and Ame Lipson had a double-the Wildcats (4-1) to a win Dec. 18 over host Livonia Franklin (0-4). Novi, which led 45-27 at intermission, also got 14 points from Jenna Lowney, while Kelsey Miller contributed eight. The Wildcats made 32-of-46 field goal attempts (47.8 percent) and hit 19-of-28 free throws (67.8 percent). Senior Sarah Cramton led the Patriots with 13 points, while Tyonna Tate recorded a doubleouble with 12 points and 10 boards. NORTHVILE 56, FRANKLIN 24: After

## Canton's 1-2 punch wards off Novi

**By Tim Smith** Staff Writer

Canton's big guns had a little extra firepower Dec. 16 than Novi's did and the host Chiefs eked out a 56-50 boys basketball victory.

Leading the way for Canton, off to a 3-0 start, was senior guard Greg Williams, who poured in 26 points. Contributing 20 points was junior forward Logan Ryan.

Novi (1-2) was sparked by 6-foot-6 junior forward Naji Ozeir, who scored 20 points while being a thorn in Canton's collective side throughout the Kensington Conference crossover.

"I think we found a way to win in the second half," Canton coach Jimmy Reddy said. "I don't think by any means we played our best basketball. We talked about giving a great effort and having great concentration.

Novi coach Brandon Sinawi gave kudos to Canton's hardnosed defensive effort, noting that his team is still trying to find itself offensively.

'We're struggling offensively, we're trying to get guys going," Sinawi said. "We have a new system, we got a couple new players and just trying to figure each other out. I thought we made a couple nice inside plays, we got the ball to the basket with our two bigs (Naji Ozeir, Jay Duarte), but just too many turnovers, too many bad mistakes on our part on the offensive end led to some easy

baskets for them." Duarte and Nick Hankerson Vying for a rebound Tuesday night are Canton's Greg Williams (front) and

one quarter and did not relinquish the advantage until Ozeir connected on a trey with 40 seconds to go in the first half, putting the Wildcats up 23-22 at the intermission.

Ozeir's put-back in the first minute of the fourth quarter made it 33-33, after which Reddy called a timeout. The Chiefs came out of that break and Williams immediately was fouled on a triple try. He canned all three free throws to put Canton up 36-33 and the Chiefs maintained their lead the rest of the contest.

The closest Novi would get fter that was 49-44 with 1:45 to go, on a trey by Ozeir. "We didn't get the bounces tonight," Sinawi said. "Loose

the plays when they had to. We

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balls definitely didn't go to us. Hard-fought game, but I give

Ozeir, a third-year varsity

"To his credit he's worked

Novi's Naji Ozeir..

Canton all the credit."

player, continued his strong play despite the loss.

hard, we just got to get other guys going around him," Sinawi said. "We're not connecting the dots just yet. Hey, we're going to be all right. This is a tough non-conference schedule. We had Walled Lake Western that first game and a tough game tonight against a good Canton team. They only had two big scorers, but they made



leading 23-11 at halftime, the host Mustangs (3-0) got things cranked up in the third quarter and rolled Dec. 16 as freshman point guard Mariah Modkins scored a game-high 16 points.

Sophomore forward Jessica Moorman added 10 as Northville went on a 26-5 third-quarter run

to put the game out of reach. Senior Sarah Cramton paced the Patriots (0-3)

CANTON 39, NOVI 26: On Dec. 16, senior Alana Brown scored 14 points and sophomore Erin Hult added 13 to lead the Chiefs (1-2) past the Wildcats (3-1) KLAA crossover. Junior guard Natalie Winters also chipped in

with eight points for Canton

with eight points for Canton. "The girls payed really well, really cleaned up the turnovers on the offensive end, we really tightened up on defense," Canton first-year coach Kevin Palmer said. "We had a really strong defensive showing." Allie Lipson, a 5-foot-11 junior center, paced Novi with 10 points. Ellie Mackay added six points as the Wildcats shot only 9-of-40 from the floor (22.5 percent) and 5-of-12 from the foul line (41.6 percent).



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Northville's Emily Maresh (left) tallied a game-high 15 points in a 44-22 win over Livonia Churchill.

tallied eight points apiece for the Wildcats.

The Chiefs led 12-11 after

#### MUSTANGS

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to also get five points.

But it was Stevenson (5-3-1, 2-1-1) that enjoyed an early 1-0 lead thanks to Vince Glenn's goal assisted by Joe Alcantara just 1:31 into the opening period.

The Spartans then went up 2-0 at 11:39 of the second on Ben Kowalske's power-play goal from Michael Sinclair and Adam Olson.

But despite being down, there was no panic on the Northville bench.

"We really liked how we were playing," Robert said. "We thought the first period was a pretty even-up period. I thought both teams had some

chances. We liked our forecheck. We thought if we kept pressure on them, we could kind of wear them down a little bit. I thought in the second period that we were really wearing them down. We were spending a lot of time in the offensive zone, just not getting a lot of quality scoring chances because there was a lot of perimeter play."

The tide eventually turned when Northville struck for pair of late second-period goals. Meacham scored from

Morgan with just 1:12 left to cut the deficit in half, then Morgan's wrister just off the left circle with only 10.6 seconds left from Meacham and Alec Melucci evened the game at 2-2.

"Just stay out of the box." Morgan said of his team's mind-set going into the third. "We knew we were taking it to them because we had a huge momentum shift off of those two late goals in the second period and we thought we could bury them in the third."

The Mustangs did just that, scoring the go-ahead goal with 11:37 to go on Morgan's second of the game, assisted by Meacham. The other assist went to the unheralded third member of that line, senior Kevin O'Connell.

"We knew when we were down 2-0 that we were really taking it to them, just a couple of bad bounces and we knew that just if we got one it was all going to come in," Morgan said. "Huge momentum shift in the game. Going into the third period 2-2 instead of 2-0 was huge. We just took it to them off the first shift of the third period, which pretty much sealed the game."

There was at least one dicey moment during the final period after Northville defenseman P.J. Schnepp was whistled

didn't."

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for a five-minute major penalty for boarding with only 8:37 to go.

But the Mustangs weathered the storm, as they were aided by a holding penalty to Stevenson's Alex DeFlorio just 67 seconds later and were able to kill off three of the five minutes.

Stevenson pulled goaltender Andrew Rozenbaum (25 saves) with under two minutes remaining to try to score the equalizer against Northville senior Chance Boutin (30 saves).

But the Mustangs responded with a pair of empty-net goals, the first coming from Brett Ridener with 49.5 seconds left (assisted by Morgan and Meacham) followed by Morgan's third of the night with only six seconds remaining (assisted by Meacham and O'Connell).

Although Stevenson outshot the Mustangs 32-28, it came up on the short end of the scoreboard.

"They didn't quit," Stevenson coach David Mitchell said of Northville. "We got up two and they kept going and kept battling and that's what good teams do. They have a couple of high-end players over there and they showed it tonight."

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Senior forward Charles Keith paced the Patriots (0-3) with 12 points. OUR LADY 59, FRANKLIN ROAD 46:

Senior forward Nick Robak poured in a game-high 27 points Dec. 16 to spark Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes (3-0) to a non-league victory at Novi Franklin Road Christian (1-2). Cliff Curtis added 10 for the Lakers, who led

2-22 at halftime and 45-29 after three quarters. Junior guard Austin Hearns paced the Warriors with 15 points, four assists and two blocks.

with 15 points, four assists and two blocks. Joshua Bause added 11 points and 10 rebounds, while Gavis Harris also tallied 11 points. "For a good team like Lakes, 1 thought we played them well," Franklin Road coach Renardo Brown said. "We played man-to-man (defense) in order to get them to buy in and to get in shape. That will teach us going forward and 1 thought we did pretty well." Our Lady of the Lakes made 5-of-8 foul shots, while Franklin Road was 1-for-1.

### BROTHERS

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23-of-26 (88.4 percent). The Mustangs made 16-of-34 from the floor (47 percent).

Churchill, meanwhile, hit just 18-of-49 from the field (36.7 percent) and 4-of-7 from the stripe

"We've been making shots in our four wins," Churchill coach Jim Solak said. "We were shooting the ball really well. We were making timely shots to

stop runs to extend the lead, but we weren't making the big shot tonight. We weren't executing on the adjustments to the defense they were playing and it's disappointing."

Northville committed 20 turnovers (13 in the first half), while Churchill had just nine, but the free-throw differential told the tale.

"Our guys really did a nice job finishing the game and winning the game down the stretch," Sander said. "It's not something we can hang our hat on or expect (23-of-26), but I

was proud, especially with our junior Justin James, a guard, who showed up tonight. He's continued to better and better, but he showed a lot of poise down the stretch."

Kevin Morrissey made 4of-4 from the foul line in the final quarter.

"I think he stepped up big, he did pretty good for just be-ing a sophomore," David Morrissey said of younger brother. "He played his role very well, made all the shots he needed to and made free throws down the stretch. He learned everything

from me (laughing), but the key to the win was everybody making their free throws, both in the first half and down the stretch, to seal the game off."

Kevin Morrissey admits he leans on his older brother's advice ... for the most part.

"I usually take his lead," the sophomore said. "He's my older brother, so I got to follow him. In basketball he does (give advice), but not so much in life (laughing). But I like talking to him.

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JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Northville's Kevin Morrissey (left) tries to keep possession of the ball against Churchill's Jalen Davis.

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## Huge sale going on now at Varsity Lincoln of Novi

#### By Greg Mullin Staff Writer

Varsity Lincoln of Novi is clearing the lot with a huge year-end sale going on now. More than 150 Certified Pre-Owned Lincolns are on-site, ready to drive off the lot for as low as \$12,995.

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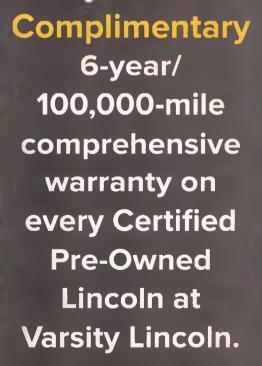
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## For Now, Jeep and Ram Carry Heaviest Weight as Fiat Chrysler Creates New Brand Expectations



three-part series. As Fiat Chrysler heads into a new year full of anticipation,

after knocking **By Dale Buss** a home run

in the sales department in 2014, company executives are hoping that future success is fueled by the best combination of sterling products and attractive brands that the auto maker ever has presented.

At first after the 2009 bailout of Chrysler and takeover by Fiat, the new company had no choice but to rely on the marketing and branding wizardry of CMO Olivier Francois and his associates, and on the wherewithal of what was left of its dealer network, to sell sheet metal that mostly wasn't competitive.

That worked, to a stunning extent.



**Fiat Chrysler CMO Olivier Francois** 

And now, over the last year or so, Fiat Chrysler has been able to bring out a series of truly worthy vehicles that have begun to match the strength of its brands. Now it's up to the entire management team to wring new synergies out of this winning equation.

Over the last week or so, we've been reviewing how Francois has set up a new brand architecture for the stable of Fiat Chrysler marques. We've saved the two that arguably are most important, for last:

#### Jeep: "Global"

This brand is performing gangbusters for Fiat Chrysler, with sales up a whopping 44 percent through November compared with 2013. In fact, Automotive News calculated that Jeep's sales increase alone is responsible for about 25 percent of the total improved 2014 sales performance of the entire U.S. market.

To a great degree, this boom reflects the huge success of the first-year entry of the new Jeep Cherokee into the crucial compact segment of the SUV market. Cherokee sales in November were up 67 percent over early in its launch a year ago.

But just as clearly, the Jeep brand per se is benefiting from a huge downhill roll. All of its older nameplates — Compass, Patriot and Wrangler --- also are posting strong double-digitpercentage sales increases for the year to date over 2013. This means that Francois and his team are connecting heavily on the make as well as the model level.

"We're not fixing anything with the Jeep brand, just seizing an opportunity," Francois said. That includes not only coming out with great new products and consistent advertising but also better leveraging Jeep's "CRM," or existing customer base, as the object of marketing initiatives.

And the brand is likely to get another boost in early 2015 when Jeep begins selling the all-new Renegade, an even more compact crossover that will be made in Italy along with Fiat 500 X. In this way will Fiat Chrysler finally begin honing the brand for the increasingly important, and even definitional, global role that the company has assigned to Jeep.

"We're thinking out everything globally for Jeep now," Francois said. "The DNA of Jeep is totally American, of course. Now we want to sell America to the world. And the fact that it's American means



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Ram's heavy-duty models are competitive with any.

Ram: "Challenger"

that this role won't hurt Jeep's

performance in the U.S. market."

Fiat Chrysler did a good job of quickly putting together an enhanced new version of its Ram pickups a couple of years ago so that the new ones would be in sync with recently introduced overhauls of the Chevrolet Silverado and GMC Sierra and would still be credibly fresh as Ford now introduces its new aluminumbodied version of the segmentleading F-150.

So far through November, Ram



The all-new Jeep Cherokee has been a huge winner for the brand.

has proven up to this task, one that is being made easier because of a surge in business purchases of pickups and because of a lull as the market awaits volume production of the new F-150. Ram sales were up by 27 percent for the year to date

Also easily forgotten in this arc of success is that Fiat Chrysler took somewhat of a risk by almost immediately separating the Ram brand and product line from Dodge five years ago.

"The first chapter is over for Ram," Francois said. "We said, 'Let's make a name for this brand' And we did. It was all about creating and emotional connection for the brand. Now what we need to do is climb the mountain, conquest, challenge the leadership in the segment."

And the way to do that, he said, is to build a rational case for the superiority of Ram vehicles on a rational basis with product comparisons.



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## 15 jobs that pay <sup>\$</sup>30 an hour

#### By Debra Auerbach CareerBuilder writer

Want to know some fun facts about the number 30? Four months of the year have 30 days. A U.S. senator must be 30 years or older in order to serve in the position. Thirty is the number of minutes in a half hour, and it's a common length for TV programs. The standard size of a basketball in the NBA is about 30 inches in circumference.

You may or may not find those facts interesting, but here's a fact about 30 that will surely get your attention.

The following 15 jobs pay around \$30 an hour:

#### 1. Accountants and auditors

...prepare and examine financial records. They ensure that financial records are accurate and that taxes are paid properly and on time. They also assess financial operations and work to help ensure that organizations run efficiently \*

Typical education level: Bachelor's degree Median hourly pay: \$30.55

#### 2. Aerospace engineering and operations technicians

...operate and maintain equipment used in developing, testing and producing new aircraft and spacecraft. Increasingly, these workers are using computer-based modeling and simulation tools and processes in their work.

Typical education level: Associate degree Median hourly pay: \$29.58



#### 3. Arbitrators, mediators and conciliators

...help resolve conflicts outside of the court system by facilitating negotiation and dialogue between disputing parties.

Typical education level: Bachelor's degree Median hourly pay: \$29.46

#### 4. Chiropractors

...treat patients with health problems related to their nerves, bones, muscles, ligaments and tendons. They use spinal adjustments, manipulation and other techniques to manage patients' health concerns, such as back and neck pain.

Typical education level: Doctoral/professional degree *Median hourly pay: \$31.81* 

#### 5. Diagnostic medical sonographers and cardiovascular technologists and technicians.

...including vascular technologists, operate special imaging equipment to create images or conduct tests. The images and test results help physicians assess and diagnose medical conditions. Some technologists assist physicians and surgeons during surgical procedures.

Typical education level: Associate degree Median hourly pay: \$29.02

#### 6. Environmental scientists and specialists

...use their knowledge of the natural sciences to protect the environment and human health. They may clean up polluted areas, advise policy makers or work with industry to reduce waste.

Typical education level: Bachèlor's degree Median hourly pay: \$30.56

#### 7. Fashion designers

...create original clothing, accessories and footwear. They sketch designs, select fabrics and patterns, and give instructions on how to make the products they designed.

Typical education level: Bachelor's degree Median hourly pay: \$30.22

**8. Insurance underwriters** ...decide whether to provide insurance and under what terms. They evaluate insurance applications and determine coverage amounts and premiums.

Typical education level: Bachelor's degree Median hourly pay: \$30.22

#### 9. Landscape architects

...plan and design land areas for parks, recreational facilities, private homes, campuses and other open spaces.

Typical education level: Bachelor's degree . Median hourly pay: \$30.86

#### 10. Microbiologists

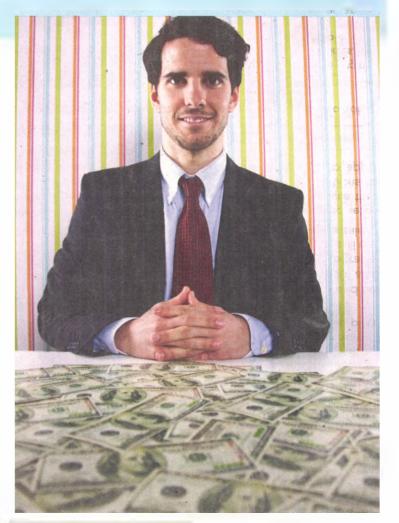
...study microorganisms such as bacteria, viruses, algae, fungi and some types of parasites. They try to understand how these organisms live, grow and interact with their environments.

Typical education level:: Bachelor's degree Median hourly pay: \$31.86

#### 11. Multimedia artists and animators

...create animation and visual effects for television, movies, video games and other forms of media.

Typical education level: Bachelor's degree *Median hourly pay: \$29.50* 



#### **12. Registered nurses**

...provide and coordinate patient care, educate patients and the public about various health conditions and provide advice and emotional support to patients and their family members.

Typical education level: Associate degree Median hourly pay: \$31:48

**13. Technical writers**, ...also known as technical communicators, prepare instruction manuals, journal articles and other supporting documents to communicate complex and technical information more easily. They also develop, gather and disseminate technical information among customers, designers and manufacturers.

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### 14. Urban and regional planners

...develop plans and programs for the use of land. Their plans help create communities, accommodate population growth and revitalize physical facilities in towns, cities, counties and metropolitan areas.

Typical education level: Master's degree **Median hourly pay: \$31.36** 

#### 15. Web developers

...design and create websites. They are responsible for the overall look of the site. They are also responsible for the site's technical aspects, such as performance and capacity, which are measures of a website's speed and how much traffic the site can handle.

> Typical education level: Associate degree Median hourly pay: \$30.05

\*Job descriptions, education level and pay from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Debra Auerbach is a writer and blogger for CareerBuilder.com and its job blog, The Work Buzz. She researches and writes about job search strategy, career management, hiring trends and workplace issues.

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