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Flashlight Egg Hunt

The City of Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department will host the annual Flashlight Egg Hunt from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, March, 28 at the Novi Civic Center. Children ages 3 to 12 should bring a basket and flashlight to gather eggs filled with candy, goodies, and special prizes from partners such as Lucky Strike, the Novi Ice Arena, and Novi Youth Assistance.

In addition to the hunt, children will enjoy indoor activities including an inflatable bouncer from Paradise Park, pictures with the bunny, crafts, and food items from Aubrey's and Biggby Coffee. BuildnBreak will also be there with creative stations.

The online registration fee of \$8 per resident and \$13 per non-resident is for the child only; there is no charge for parents. Please note the starting time may be delayed due to sunlight. In the case of inclement weather, the hunt will be held inside the Novi Civic Center.

For more information regarding the Flashlight Egg Hunt, contact the Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department at (248) 347-0400.

Gracefully Old

Life lessons learned from patient experiences will serve as the discussion platform for Leonard Rosen, M.D. as he leads the Opening Minds interactive program. Growing Old Gracefully at the Novi Public Library at 45255 W. 10 Mile Road from 1-2:30 p.m. Thursday, March 22.

The free program offers a unique opportunity for older adults and their caregivers to learn about new aging and scientific advancements that are contributing to the longevity revolution. Participants will be encouraged to reevaluate preconceived opinions about ageism, and also address fears about the uncertain future. Rosen specializes in geriatric psychiatry, and is the medical director at OCCMHA. For more information about Opening Minds or to register for Growing Old Gracefully, contact Debbie at (248) 858-0929 or visit www.occmha.org.

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Businesses brace for needed construction on Grand River

Work to start Monday, run until Sept. 14

By Nathan Mueller
Staff Writer

The city of Novi and Road Commission for Oakland County helped ease some concerns regarding the upcoming Grand River Avenue rehabilitation project at an informational meeting Tuesday at Steve and Rocky's.

The nearly 50 people in attendance were given project details,

told how signage was going to work and received contact information in the event of any issues.

Keith Wilson, community and corporate development with Feldman Automotive, said the dealership has been on Grand River since 1981 and the last 10 years the road has been in really bad shape. He said they are excited about the finished product and happy to be in Novi.

"The short-term impact is a lit-

THE WORK

The \$4.1 million project calls for resurfacing the asphalt, some isolated base repairs where there are major problems, repairs to curbs, gutters and the drainage system, extension of the right-turn lane on westbound Grand River just east of Novi Road and updating the pedestrian crosswalks throughout the area to be ADA-compliant.

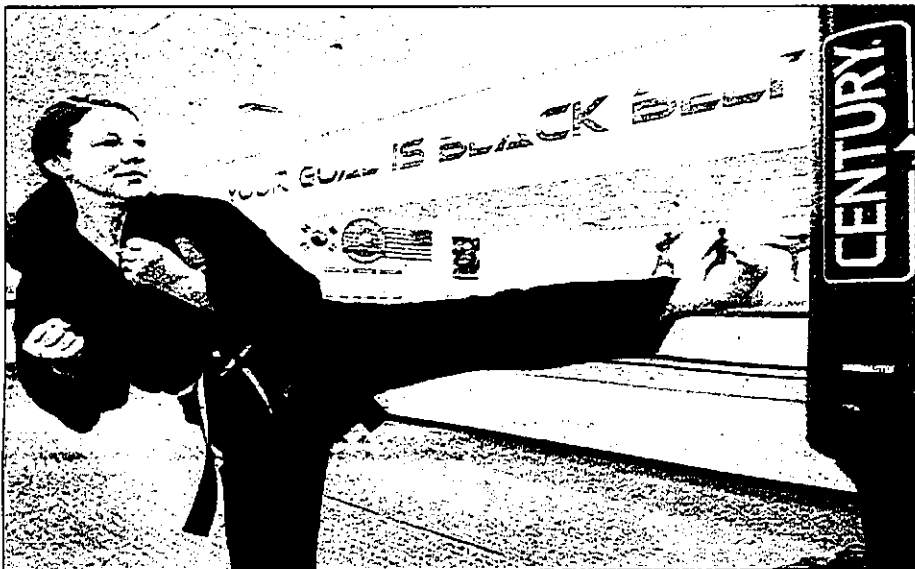
tle pain, but the end result will be beautiful for sure," he said.

RCOC officials said construction will start Monday and crews will be working from west to east. The construction will take place between Novi Road and

Haggerty Road, and one lane will be open in each direction.

Rob Hayes, director of Novi's Department of Public Services, said the road has a Pavement

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Sarah DeRoeck and her husband, Robb, will be teaching karate at Novi's Pro Martial Arts center at 41430 Grand River. The facility's grand opening celebration featuring demonstrations and activities for kids is slated for this Saturday.

New martial arts business focuses on whole person

Grand opening celebration set for Saturday

By Nathan Mueller
Staff Writer

Robb DeRoeck was looking for a new career that would bring him and his wife, Sarah, fulfillment when he came across the Pro Martial Arts franchise.

The business not only aimed to help students physically, but also prepare them for life challenges. And when DeRoeck heard that, he was hooked.

"I got drawn in because it's about helping children build character and confidence," he said. "And I want to

DETAILS

The grand opening celebration runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at 41430 Grand River Avenue. There will be free food, karate demonstrations, chances for kids to break their own boards and more.

For more information about Pro Martial Arts, visit www.promartialarts.com or call (248) 344-9444.

make a difference."

The DeRoecks will open their own Pro Martial Arts center Saturday in Novi, and the couple cannot wait. Martial arts is obviously the foundation of the business, but confidence, self-discipline and self-esteem are focused on a great deal.

Each session features

"mat chat," where students and the instructors talk about issues affecting them. Students also are given a "good jobs" sheet and "self-discipline" sheet they must take home and complete.

"It's mainly about character development," said

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NEF fundraiser important to Novi schools

Tickets still available for Green Gala

By Nathan Mueller
Staff Writer

The Novi Community School District prides itself on being able to offer top-notch programs and opportunities for its students.

But with constant cuts to state funding over the years, and an uncertain future, it has become much more difficult to manage it all.

That is where the Novi Educational Foundation steps in. The foundation

hosts two annual fundraisers each year, none bigger than Saturday's upcoming Green Gala.

The Green Gala this year revolves around the theme "All Things Detroit," and tickets to the event at Lyon Oaks have become a hot commodity.

"It's becoming more and more important every year with what is going on in this state,"

NEF Executive Director

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Kiersten George, an eighth-grader at Novi Middle School, designed this necklace that will be part of the silent auction at the Green Gala. The necklace was made by Brian Larson, owner of Larson Jewelry Design in Novi.



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GALA

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Bob Schram said of the foundation's impact on the district. "Obviously the school district would exist without it, but the competition for funds would be greater and they would have to decide what to cut and what to keep."

"Who knows what the options would be, but it would be a lot less than they have now."

Former Supt. Pete Dion brought the idea of a gala event with him from his previous job in Grosse Ile six years ago, and Sch-

DETAILS

The Green Gala "All Things Detroit" starts at 7 p.m. Saturday at Lyon Oaks and features casino games, strolling dinner and desserts, silent auction, raffles, special room to watch NCAA basketball games, live music, dancing and games.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call (248) 449-1206 or visit the office of any school in the district. Tickets are \$75 per person.

ram said it has turned out to be a "wonderful event for people in Novi."

Schram said 320 people attended the event last year, raising \$42,000 for the foundation. He hopes to exceed both numbers this weekend.

"It's a great night out

for people in Novi to get together," he said. "And it's great to see parents, teachers and administrators joining together for a common cause and having a great time."

One program the foundation has put a lot of focus on is the Seven

Habits of Highly Effective People that is being taught at the elementary school level.

"We firmly believe in it and would like to expand it," Schram said.

The NEF has provided more than \$230,000 in educational grants that support and recognize many new teaching concepts and ideas over the last 16 years, and has also given students nearly \$500,000 in financial assistance over the past 15 years through scholarship funds.

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Baby Joshua's fundraiser



A spaghetti dinner fundraiser to help pay the medical expenses of Joshua Retherford, a one-year-old South Lyon boy, will take place from 3-7 p.m., Sunday, March 25, at St. Michael Lutheran Church in Canton (7000 Sheldon Road). Joshua was born with a congenital heart defect known as Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome (HLHS), which is characterized by the lack of development of the heart's left ventricle, and the diminished development of the aortic arch. In his short life he has had several open heart surgeries and many other invasive medical procedures to deal with the condition. He has constantly fought hospital borne infections including pseudomonas, strep pneumoniae and sepsis; constant battles with fluid in his right lung and dependency to sedatives like morphine and Ativan. Joshua is also on many medications, including blood thinners, anti-acids and blood pressure medicines. Through it all, Joshua has never stopped smiling. Joshua's parents, Dan and Julia Retherford, who grew up in the Plymouth-Canton community, need help to pay for the medical costs associated with his condition. The fundraiser will feature dinner, a silent auction, face painting, music and prizes. Suggested donation is \$20 for adults, and \$5 for children 10 and under.

Also people who sign up for classes are not locked into a contract.

"We want to run it the way we like to be served," Sarah said.

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GRAND RIVER

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Surface Evaluation and Rating 2 on a scale of 1-10, with 1 being a pavement in a failed condition. It has also been a good 20 years since anything more than patch work was done on the road, he said.

"It's a long-awaited and long-overdue product, and I know everyone is looking forward to it," he said.

Businesses along Grand River also will have an opportunity to put

one additional sign in front of their location as long as city council approves a resolution set to come before it Monday night.

At no point will the road be closed to traffic, and there is no detour route planned because of that. The project is expected to be fully completed by Sept. 14.

Tim Herrington, owner of Keford Collision, said he is worried about some issues with the construction, but the road work has been a long time coming as the condition of the road has put a lot of wear and tear on everyone's vehicles.

"The obvious concern is our customers having access to our business and dealing with traffic when it backs up," he said.

Sheryl Walsh, director of communications for the city of Novi, encouraged those along the construction route to sign up for project updates via e-mail and take advantage of free television commercial spots.

For more information about the project and to sign up, visit www.cityofnovi.org.

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Sarah, who will also work as the program director. The program caters to children ages 5-12, but there also are classes

available for adults. Yoga classes also are expected to be available in the next month.

Bullying prevention also is a major part of the program, as they not only address issues with students individually, but

offer free seminars for schools.

"We want to prepare children so they can protect themselves," Robb said. "They need to take what they learn and take it out into the world."

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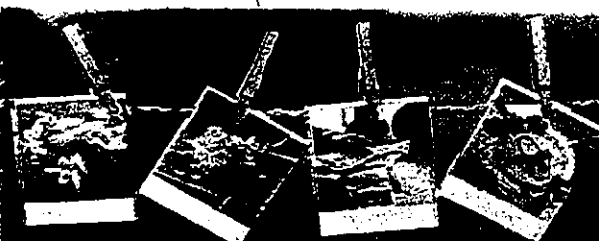
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Area students take stand against cancer

Student-run Relay is one-of-a-kind

By Nathan Mueller
Staff Writer

Rubini Naidu is one of the fortunate people who doesn't have any family members or close friends that have had to deal with cancer.

But that doesn't stop the Novi High School senior from being involved in the annual Relay for Life event to raise money for the American Cancer Society.

"For me, I just don't want to hear the words that one of my loved ones has cancer," she said.

Naidu started participating in Relays four years ago at the community-wide event in Novi. She said the luminary ceremony, where people told stories of their personal struggles, got her hooked, and she now is the event chair of the only student-run Relay event in southeast Michigan.

This is the third year of the combined Novi-Northville student relay which takes place on March 24-25 — and the fundraising goal this year is to exceed \$50,000.

Sarah Evitts, community representative at the American Cancer Society, called the students "vital" to Relay.

"It's so important because they are the next generation," she said, "and hopefully they keep Relaying for years to come."

Naidu, who also is a member of team Think Pink, said the event is "rewarding," and understands the importance of finding cures as one-in-three people her age will be diagnosed with cancer.

"You never know when cancer will hit you," she said. "And it's awesome, high schoolers have the opportunity to be connected with the American Cancer Society at a young age."



Northville High School students Kali Maisano, Carly Oosten and Savanna Cureton go over some of the details for the Novi-Northville Student Relay for Life that takes place this weekend. This is the only student-run Relay event in southeast Michigan, and the entire community is invited.

Kali Maisano, a junior at Northville High School, has been involved in Relay for nearly eight years, and continues to do so in memory of her mother who died from pancreatic cancer.

She said there are many reasons why people should attend the event. "Everyone is wel-

come at relay, if you want to celebrate a survivor, remember someone who you have lost to cancer, or fight back to find a cure, or help others with their fight," she said.

"Even if you have not been affected by cancer, doesn't mean you can't be involved. Relay is our community, and

competitions to see who can win the most awards and bring in the most money."

She also said they are really pushing to get community members involved as anyone is welcome throughout the day. "We are trying to bring that competitive edge to help promote it," she said.

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District, students must adapt to compete in changing environment

By Steve Matthews
Guest Columnist



Super Talk
Steve Matthews

Last week was a difficult week in our house as our 4-year-old Siberian Husky has glaucoma and it is progressing.

For the past several weeks her right eye was the major focus, but last week her left eye quickly deteriorated.

We have been to the vet several times and have been faithfully giving her eye drops of various sorts. While the drops seem to keep the swelling down, the glaucoma continues to progress. Last week, we faced the fact that Kaya was probably losing her eyesight.

It has been interesting to watch Kaya adapt to her new state of life. When this first started many weeks ago, there was hardly any noticeable difference in the way she behaved. As it grew worse she started to be more cautious and appeared to be a little frightened. She would bump into doors, walls and furniture, and when we tried to go for a walk she was very tentative and not very eager.

However, now that it appears that she will have limited, if any, eyesight, she has begun to adapt. In just a few short days, she has learned how to navigate through our house. She can go outside and manage to get down the two short steps to the sidewalk without assistance. She

to have a good time. Change happens in life. The one constant that we all face is that things are not going to stay the same.

In 1973, there were 91 million people in the workforce. Of those 91 million people, 32 percent were high school dropouts and 40 percent only had high school diplomas. Over 70 percent of the workforce in 1973 had only a high school diploma or less.

By 2018, there will be 166 million people in the workforce. The Center for Education and the Workforce at Georgetown University predicts that over 60 percent of the jobs in 2018 will require a college education. The graduating class of 2018 is this year's sixth grade student.

The question worth asking is whether or not public schools have adapted to this change. More specifically, is the Novi Community School District preparing students to be successful after they leave our high school?

In our district we say that we are "developing

each student's potential with a world-class education." As the world changes this requires our district to ensure every student is prepared to be successful in education beyond high school.

It is no longer reasonable to expect that adults can find good jobs without at least some college education. Our district has a duty to ensure that every student is prepared to be successful in that environment.

Life changes. It used to be that you could get a good job and live a middle-class life with a high school diploma - or less. That is no longer the case.

Our district is committed to preparing students to be successful in college through our International Baccalaureate course, and rigorous curriculum expectations.

My dog Kaya is learning to adapt to a new environment. The world in which we now live is more competitive than it has ever been. Our district has adapted and will continue to adapt so that we can continue to "develop each student's potential."

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Author's Luau



Fourth-graders at Novi Woods celebrated with an Author's Luau. The students had a chance to celebrate writing by sharing their favorite pieces they have published throughout the year. Show (clockwise, starting at 12 o'clock) are Harman Tur, Laura Lee, Emily Dai, Mackenzie Magliocco, Julia Mena, Amanda Berisaj, Avery Fenchel, Jennifer Lypka, Morgan Taulbee, Clarissa Rogers, Haruna Hosotani and Bianca Palicha.

Novi High inducts 66 into National Honor Society

At total of 66 students from Novi High School were inducted into membership of the National Honor Society in a ceremony held at the school on March 15. Members were selected by a Faculty Council for meeting high standards of scholarship, service, leadership, and character.

He emphasized 1) the importance of developing and maintaining relationships, 2) learning to differentiate oneself, 3) not being afraid to fail, and finally 4) being thankful and taking nothing for granted. Many students and parents commented on the excellent points made by Minke in his speech.

A list of the inducted students is attached. Of the 66 students, there were 55 sophomores, and 11 juniors. The new inductees join a group of 117 previous members of the organization at Novi High School.

The Novi High School Chapter has been active since 1968. The National Honor Society ranks as one of the oldest and most prestigious national organizations for high school students. Chapters exist in more than 60 percent of the nation's high schools and, since 1921, millions of students have been selected for membership.

"National Honor Society members are chosen

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District proposes changes to math curriculum at high school

By Nathan Mueller
Staff Writer

Changes in the math department over the last 10 years have the Novi Board of Education considering new ways to better meet student needs. The proposed changes, presented to the board on March 8, call for the elimination of higher level International Baccalaureate math, as well as adding a regular calculus class and creating two standard level math classes.

Maggie Laine, IB diploma program coordinator, said the issue is not as simple as they first thought it would be when adopting the program.

"We think this is a much more viable path for our students," she said.

This is the second year for the IB program in the district, and Laine said they are still working through some bumps in the road.

She feels these changes will help smooth those out, and better prepare students for the future.

According to district officials, more students are receiving Algebra 1 at an earlier age, allowing for more advanced topics to be taught at the high school level.

The proposed calculus class would be one semester, taught over the course of an entire year with precalculus support tied in.

"It's slow enough and comprehensive enough that it would really do the trick for our kids," Laine said.

The startup cost for the calculus course is estimated at \$7,903.50 for 60 textbooks, and \$2,872.50 for the 30 textbooks needed for the standard level IB courses.

The board is expected to review and approve the course this spring, with implementation to take place in the fall.

ON CAMPUS

Saginaw Valley State University

The Deans' List for the fall 2011 semester includes the following local students. To earn a place on

the Deans' List, an undergraduate student must be enrolled in at least 12 credit hours of accepted classes and maintain a grade-point average between 3.4 and 3.99 on a 4.0 scale.

Novi: Lauren E Cheaney, Colleen E McClure, Jacqueline M Spearman, Scott C Stanford, Andrea H Stinar, Julia S Thomas and Jordyn P Trux; Wixom: Kelly K Larges.

Choirs and director excel in first test

By Dana Corbit Nussio
Correspondent

Claire Gibbons knew she had a challenge ahead of her when she took the helm of Novi High School's choral program, which had faced two leadership changes in just two years, but the vocal music teacher accepted the task with determination.

That determination and hard work from Gibbons and her 80 students paid off as her choirs excelled in their first test of the competition season at the Michigan School Vocal Music Association District Choral Festival March 13 and 14 at West Bloomfield High School.

"Every single group stepped up and delivered powerful musical performances, truly exemplifying what teamwork and dedication look like," said Gibbons, a 2010 graduate from the Michigan State University School of Music. "It was like there was a buzz about Novi after the groups performed. They earned and established their own reputation at Festival, and I know they'll only solidify that even more at State's."

Gibbons, who taught one year at Lakeville Community Schools before accepting the position at Novi, accepted the position after band/choral teacher Jon Thomann resigned to accept a band position with Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

At Festival, three of Gibbons' choirs - Concert Choir, Novi Singers and Women's Chorale received overall "I" ratings - the top rating given to choral groups - after being graded for their performance and sight-reading skills. Novi's fourth choir, Varsity Men's Choir, performed as well but couldn't be scored because the choir had fewer than the minimum number of participants.

The Novi Singers, the school's elite ensemble made of 13 male and 14 female upperclassmen, competed first for Novi on March 13, performing "Ballade to the Moon" by

Daniel Elder and "Sing a Mighty Song" by Daniel Gauthier. The Concert Choir, comprised of 18 girls, gave the final performance of the day, performing "Heart, We Will Forget Him" by David Dickau and "Come, Ye Makers of Song" by Ruth Watson-Henderson.

The Women's Chorale, featuring 22 freshmen and sophomores, took to the stage March 14, performing "The Circles of our Lives" by David Brunner and "Hota-ru Koi" by Ro Ogura. The Varsity Men's Choir, made up of 13 boys, performed "Abendlied" by

Felix Mendelssohn and "A Red, Red Rose" by Emily Crocker to round out the Novi groups.

Because of their high ratings, Novi Singers, Concert Choir and Women's Chorale will have the opportunity to participate in the MSVMA State Choral Festival May 1-2 at Rochester High School. Additionally, several students from Novi's choral department will participate in the MSVMA State Solo and Ensemble competition on March 23-24 at Walled Lake Central High School. Participating will be Asawari Kanitkar and Chetali Jain, Lauren Matson, Lindsey Vaughan,

Calvin Liberati, Victoria Pedri, Alexana Steak, Kathleen Koomen, and the Novi Singers Women.

"I cannot begin to express the amount of pride I feel for the individual and group efforts in both of these competitions," Gibbons said. "It is amazing the amount of growth I have seen take place both in their musicianship as well as their cohesiveness as groups. I am so lucky to get to work with these musicians on a daily basis, and I am very proud to have these groups and individuals representing Novi High School as well as the Novi community."

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Novi pastor thankful for Girl Scout experience

Organization celebrates its 100th anniversary

By Nathan Mueller
Staff Writer

The Girl Scouts of the USA celebrated its 100th anniversary on March 12, and Novi United Methodist Church Pastor June Smith is proud to be part of the organization's rich history.

Smith, who started in Girl Scouts with a troop in Harrison Township when she was in elementary school, credits the organization for helping shape her into the woman she is today.

"Scouting was expected in our family, and scouting was one of the major positive influence factors in my life," she said. "Scouting taught me self-sufficiency, creativity and leadership."

Founder Juliette Gordon Low organized the first troop on March 12, 1912, in Savannah, Ga., and the organization now features more than \$3.2 million members worldwide.

Smith said many of her childhood memories involve Girl Scout experiences — most notably summer camps. Also as a senior Girl Scout, she earned her Gold Award

for her project on inspiring local municipalities to recycle and conserve resources.

"In the 1970's this was not an initiative," she said.

She even continued to stay involved in Girl Scouts as an adult until she returned to school for seminary and was working at the same time.

According to the organization's website, the mission is to "build girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. Through activities in science and technology, business and economic literacy, and outdoor and environmental awareness, Girl Scouting provides girls with opportunities for fun and friendship while fostering the development of leadership skills and self-esteem."

And for Smith it did all that and then some.

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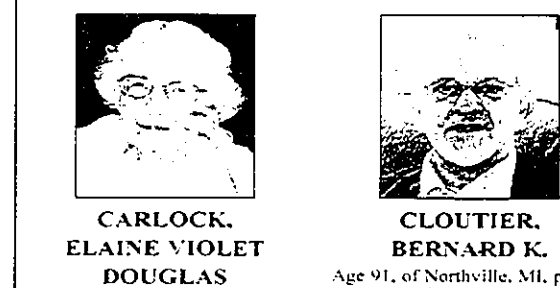
Novi United Methodist Church Pastor June Smith was involved with Girl Scouts from 1963 until 2001 and practices one of the organization's aims in the church kitchen — leaving things better than you found them. The national organization celebrated its 100th anniversary on March 12.

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CARLOCK, ELAINE VIOLET DOUGLAS

A long time resident of White Lake Twp., died peacefully in the company of her family on March 17, 2012. She was 96 years old. Elaine was born in Toledo, Ohio on August 20, 1915, the daughter of Robert Douglas and Virginia Engel Douglas. She studied art at the Dayton Institute of Art where she met Vernon Howard Carlock who was also studying there. They fell in love and married on September 6, 1936. They started their family in Dayton and later made their home in Greenville, Ohio. In 1951 they moved to White Lake, Michigan and the family has made their home in this community since then. Elaine worked as an artist and sculptor throughout her life. In the early years she created original clay figurines for Coover's. She also made a series of well loved small babies based on her observations of her own young children. During the 1970's she set up her own Cranberry Hill Studios in White Lake. In addition to doing the original sculpture, she developed her own unique clay blends and glazes to achieve the natural look of her figures. Her handcrafted stone and clay figurines of children were sold and collected around the country and abroad. When she wasn't in her studio she was ever and always a loving mother and grandmother to her large family. She had seven children spanning eighteen years in Michigan and Ohio. She gave only love and acceptance, with a special concern for each of them. She brought everyone together for Sunday dinners, trips to the Detroit Institute of Art and various museums and art exhibitions on Sunday afternoons, and summer picnics on Lake Huron and always complete with her famous apple pie and biscuits. She will be dearly missed. She was preceded in death by her husband, Vernon, in 2001, her son Douglas, and her sister Eleanor Douglas. She is survived by children David (Dill) Carlock, Michael (Merilyn) Carlock, and Stephen (Steph) Carlock, Suzanne (the late Stephen) Lewis, Daniel Carlock, and Merrie (Frank) Parkkari; twenty grandchildren, and sixteen great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held at Cedar Crest Lutheran Church in White Lake, on Tuesday, March 20, 2012, with burial in West Highland Cemetery. Memorials may be made in her name to the Parkinson Foundation.

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CHAMBERS, RICHARD A.

Age 81, passed away March 17, 2012. He was born on March 24, 1930, in Detroit, son of the late Arthur and Margaret (Dor) Chambers. He is survived by his beloved wife of 56 years, Viola; his loving children: Cynthia (Kim) Coulter, Karen Lee (Bryan) Bishop, Richard Jr. (Conception) Chambers and Terri-Anne Chambers. He is also survived by his grandchildren: Cherie, Danielle, Christopher, Katie, Adam, Erin, Samuel and Kim; his great grandchildren: Adrianna, Neveah, Anella, Coulter and one great granddaughter expected in August and one brother Douglas Chambers. He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Robert and his best friend Spike. Visitation and funeral services were held on Tuesday, March 20, at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online Guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

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LOVELL, BERTHA MAY WATSON

Age 91, passed away March 14, 2012. She was preceded in death by her husband Earl Lovell. She is survived by her daughter Suzann (Hank) Smith; grandsons Douglas Smith, Aaron (Sarah) Smith, granddaughters Teresa Smith, Rebecca (Evert) Main and ten great-grandchildren. Bertha was born in Earlinton, KY of mostly Scottish, Irish heritage and worked in an Aircraft factory in Evansville, IN during WWII. She was one of the many "Rosie the Riveters" who went to work to help the war effort. She enjoyed growing a large vegetable garden, canning and feeding everyone with delicious southern fare. Bertha was also a prolific seamstress and quilter. Visitation and a funeral service will be held on Friday, March 16th at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Bertha will be laid to rest next to her husband in South Lyon Cemetery. Online Guestbook at www.phillipsfuneral.com

CLOUTIER, BERNARD K.

Age 91, of Northville, MI, passed away March 18, 2012. He was born on October 14, 1920, in Louisville, KY, son of the late Bernard and Estelle Cloutier. He is survived by his loving daughter, Sandra Cloutier; his grandchildren: Damon (Leslie) Aljony and Darcel (Bili) Broadwick. He also survived by his great grandchildren: Drake, Trent, Jenna, Cole and Ava; his brother Elizabeth (LeRoy) Lange and his nieces and nephews and their families. He was preceded in death by his wife Edna and his sister Trish Downs. Visitation will be held on Friday, March 23, from 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. A Liturgy of the Word funeral service will be held on Saturday, March 24, at 11:00 a.m. at the funeral home. Online Guestbook at www.phillipsfuneral.com

MANCINI, THERESA

Age 79, passed away at home on March 16, 2012. She was born on Sept. 4, 1932, in Detroit, to the late Joseph and Constantina (Machowski) Krenieski. She was a former board member of the Salem-South Lyon Library. Theresa is survived by her beloved husband of 58 years, Ray Mancini; her loving daughter Suzanne Mancini; her grandchildren: Claire (Justin) Kwolek, Ava Wegner; and her great-granddaughter Elizabeth Wegner. She was preceded in death by her daughter Elizabeth Wegner, 4 brothers and 1 sister. A memorial service will be held in the near future. Please contact PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME for further information, 248-437-1616.

GRAHAM, ROBERT S.

Age 75, of South Lyon, passed away March 18, 2012. He was born on October 18, 1936, in Steubenville, Ohio, son of the late Robert and Eula Graham. Mr. Graham was a trustee of the Yankee Air Museum in Belleville, a trustee of the Western Wayne County Conservation Club and a trustee and dedicated member of the Meadowbrook Congregational Church in Novi. In his spare time, Robert enjoyed hunting and could often be found shooting skeet and occasionally shooting competitively. He is survived by his beloved wife of 44 years, Reola; his two sons: Richard Graham and Robert Graham and his special daughter-in-law Carol. He is also survived by three grandchildren: Nicholas, Samantha and Alex. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, April 21, at 2:00 p.m. at the funeral home. He will be buried in the family plot in the Meadowbrook Road in Novi. Online Guestbook at www.phillipsfuneral.com

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OUR VIEWS

Who's in charge? Gamesmanship with commission seats

Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson and his Republican brethren in the Michigan state Legislature figured they could effectively do an end-around the established process to draw up new county commission districts after the 2010 Census was released.

Republicans were unhappy because the new maps were drawn last year by the five-member Oakland County Apportionment Commission comprised of three Democrats and two Republicans. And, of course, the new map favored Democrats, which isn't a big surprise considering the party with the short end of the stick always complains when the rival party is in charge of drawing up voting districts.

Republicans challenged the district maps in court last year, but the Michigan Court of Appeals and Michigan Supreme Court both rejected the challenge.

So, Patterson looked to Lansing, currently dominated by Republicans, for help.

It didn't take long for the Legislature to craft a law that stripped the county's own apportionment commission of its power. The new law, which applies only in Oakland County, reduced the number of county commissioners from 25 to 21, and turned over redistricting duties to the Republican-controlled Oakland County Board of Commissioners.

Gov. Rick Snyder, who signed the bill into law in December, said it created greater transparency to the redistricting process. Patterson said the new law will save the county lots of money because it reduces the size of the board of commissioners.

The move enraged Democrats, who called it a blatant Republican power grab. Ingham County Circuit Court Judge William Collette agreed, striking down the new law (Public Act 280) back in February. The judge based his opinion on three issues: a need for a two-thirds majority vote for approval, because it dealt with a local matter, limited time for county voters to request a judicial review of a new apportionment; and a violation of the Headlee Amendment as it relates to an unfunded mandate.

Patterson attacked the decision because, as he said, "Ingham County Circuit Court has a long record of ruling in favor of Democrats, only to be overturned by higher courts."

Earlier this month, the Michigan Court of Appeals agreed with Judge Collette by a 2-to-1 vote. While they didn't agree with all three of his reasons, the decision essentially restores the maps drawn by the county's apportionment commission and the board of commissioners back to 25 members.

Republicans are not happy. Patterson said the appeals court is stacked with Democrats. So they will appeal it to Michigan Supreme Court, where Patterson and fellow Republicans apparently feel like they will have a better shot.

Of the seven justices on the Michigan Supreme Court, four were nominated by the Republicans. Forgive us if we sound a bit cynical here, but you almost know how this thing is going to end up. Apparently our legal system has become like the other branches of government, a tool of political partisanship.

The reality is the Oakland County Apportionment Commission drew up its districts exactly the same way it is done in all of the state's 83 counties — and the way Oakland County has done it in the past. The big difference this year, of course, is that Democrats for the first time controlled the apportionment commission. They did nothing illegal. There was no reason for Public Act 280 — other than to suppress the current law and to maintain Republican power over the redistricting process. If Democrats pulled a similar stunt, Republicans would be howling about their power grab. And they would be right.

This delay is unfair to residents and potential candidates. It's less than two months until the filing deadline, and commissioner-hopefuls have yet to know for what race they would be campaigning. We can only hope that the Supreme Court will see past its own partisanship to recognize this new law for what it is — a partisan move by Oakland County Republicans and their supporters in the state Legislature. If the Supreme Court comes down on the side of Republicans, it will make a mockery of the redistricting process not only in Oakland County, but the entire state of Michigan.

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What's your perfect rainy day activity?



"Just watching a movie."
Janelle Moore
Novi



"I actually like riding my bike outside in the rain. That or going on the computer."
Alex Gillman, 13
Novi



"Just hanging out with the family under a pile of blankets watching TV."
Janet Flores
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"Just stay in and watch the rain and relax."
Sam Lee, 16
Novi

LETTERS

The new Republicans

Presidential "availability" formerly referred to the prerequisite traits of a prospective candidate that would more or less measure or indicate his chances of eventually winning the presidency (e.g. geographic background, voter appeal, experience, military record, TV image, support groups as well as presumed opposition, financial patrons, personal foibles or hidden skeletons, etc.).

The modern Republican party has narrowed the definition. The only prerequisite to becoming their contender is the potential to beat President Obama.

If any candidate would guarantee victory, a newborn Hitler, a smooth-shaved Charles Manson, or Howdy Doodly could possibly win their nomination. A Joe McCarthy would be a sweep.

Hyperbole? Perhaps. Nevertheless, character, quality, ability, integrity are, sadly, no longer the prerequisites for the Republican candidate.

Extreme? They cannot deny that "win at any cost" is their battle cry.

Patrick Downey
Novi

Bowling for youths

Thank you to all those bowlers, businesses and sponsors who made the 30th annual Novi Youth Assistance Bowl-A-Thon a success.

I would like to thank our sponsors: Providence Park Hospital, Ah Wok, City of Novi, Diamond Jim Brady's of Novi, Dick's Sporting Goods, Gina Agosta Salon, Hotel Baronette, Huron-Clinton Metroparks, Joan Morris, Little Flower Shop, Lucky Strike, No. VI Salon, Novi Bowl & Recreation, Novi Community Education, Salon Agape, Sylvan Learning Center, Oakland County Parks, Choi Kwang Do of Novi, Origins #715, Kathy Smith-Roy, Target, Novi, Gina Agosta Salon, Dr. Andrew & Dr. Elfring Jr., D.D.S., Dave & Kim Ascher, Lee BeGole, Dr. Robert K. Brateman, M.D., PC, Dick's Doin's — Richard Whitney, Dan Wood Plumbing & Heating, Gina Agosta Salon, The Nicholson Family.

Novi Community Education, O'Brien Family O'Brien / Sullivan Funeral Home, Progressive Dental Group of Novi, Spillane & Reynolds Orthodontics, Sylvan Learning Center, Novi Auto Parts, Dermatology Assoc. of Macomb-Oakland, PC, Telcom Credit Union, Novi Community Schools district, Novi Bowl, Marbelite Corporation, Novi Goodfellows, Novi Lions Club and Stephen J. Minns, D.D.S.. Thanks to our caseworker Tom Swieboda and our office manager Barbara O'Neill.

Thanks again to all those that support Novi Youth Assistance in our efforts to build strong families and allow Novi Youth Assistance to bring the Jeanne Clarke Summer Teen Center, Camp, Mentors PLUS, Youth

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Recognition, Alcohol & Drug Awareness and Scholarships to the families of Novi.

John P. O'Brien
Novi Youth Assistance

Derby build kudos

Winchester Cub Scout Pack 903 would like to share a sincere thank you to store manager Brian Fitzgerald; millwork specialists Chris Caloia and Richard Bragiel (who is also a member of the Boy Scouts Great Lakes Council Sunset District) at the Home Depot on Five Mile in Plymouth for putting on two spectacular Pine Wood Derby build nights for our Cub Scouts. Northville Troop 755 had Boy Scouts help the younger ones with ideas, so with appreciation of your time — Aaron Kowalczyk, Tony Volk, Connor O'Meara, Travis & Spencer Compo & Hamilton Wilson — we thank you.

Stephanie Bednarz
Pack 903 Committee chair,
Popcorn Kernal and Wolf Den leader

Silver Springs fundraiser thanks

On March 8th at the Northville Sports Den, parents and staff from Silver Springs Elementary School came together with community members for a wine- and beer-tasting auction to support the school's new leadership initiative, known as The Leader in Me. Based on Stephen Covey's classic book and program called "The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People," the program is designed to help students take control over their own decisions, attitudes, and habits. Despite the steep start-up costs, the program is being adopted by several schools in the district.

The event, sponsored by The Silver Springs Elementary Parent Lighthouse Committee and Silver Springs Dad's Club, was extremely successful, raising \$15,884 to fund Silver Springs' Leader in Me Program. Through a key partnership among Northville Square owners, Bob and Margene Buckhave, as well as Northville Sports Den manager

Phil Martinez and Silver Springs parents, the evening was a complete success with 31 different wines to try, three Michigan craft beers, a silent auction with more than 80 items to bid on and an amazing live auction hosted by Silver Springs Principal Scott Snyder. With the cooperation of the Buckhaves, various local car dealerships parked several new cars inside the corridors of the mall. Tom Holzer Ford parked a brand new black Mustang convertible just outside the doors of the Sports Den to be auctioned off for a weekend loan.

Thank you to everyone who pulled together to help: Bob & Margene Buckhave (Northville Square owners), Phil Martinez (Northville Sports Den), Lon Connery (National Wine and Spirits), and Mike and Mary Spaven (Rave Associates). Thank you to corporate sponsors, including platinum sponsors Baha Fresh, Cadillac of Novi, Marty Feldman Chevrolet, O'Brien Law Office, Little Caesars, Tom Holzer Ford, Gina Agosta Salon, Varsity Lincoln, Victory Honda, Suburban Chrysler Jeep, Joe's Produce, Fifth Third Bank, Patti Mullen (Remerica); gold sponsors Center Stage Dance Company, PKSA Karate, Rehmann, GMA Asset Management, Kid's Kingdom Sports Center, Kumon, Andrea Valle (Keller Williams Realtor); and silver sponsors Denise Bondoni (Coldwell Banker Realtor), Justice Brian Zahra, Aubree's Pizzeria & Grill, Svoboda McDaniel Group, Auto Glass Service, Precision Print & Label. There are countless numbers of parents and community members to thank for auction items which were donated.

A celebratory dinner was held at the Northville Sports Den on March 18. A check was presented by Phil Martinez in the amount of \$5,660.03, which greatly contributed towards the \$15,884 raised.

Dana deMink and Laura Budweg
event co-chairs

Good news on Nix

The report of Bob Nix announcing his candidacy for township supervisor is great news for our community. As a friend and neighbor for over 25 years, we have a unique opportunity to elect an individual with a proven commitment to the community including his dedication to the planning commission.

The combination of those efforts over the past decade and his professional legal expertise, especially in real estate matters, creates a unique opportunity for us to support and elect a proven leader. Future township planning, and development in particular, will require a leader who will effectively and aggressively represent township residents, not special interests. We are fortunate that Bob Nix is ready for that responsibility.

John P. O'Reilly
Northville

By Tyler Bullock
Correspondent

Novi Bowl was packed with smiling faces on March 10. The familiar bowling alley aroma of pizza and bowling shoes drifted throughout the building, the sound of laughter and falling pins filled the air. But this was no ordinary day at the local bowling alley; this was the day of the annual Novi Youth Assistance Bowl-A-Thon.

The Bowl-A-Thon is always a hit with the community and one of the most anticipated Novi charity events of the year — and the 30th annual Bowl-A-Thon was no exception. It is one thing to send out letters to potential sponsors and have them write you a check, but every year the Novi Youth Assistance takes charity to another level. Every year the Novi Youth Assistance Bowl-A-Thon proves that charity should be about more than money by providing an event that inspires a sense of community and raises money for a great cause at the same time. The fact that this event has been running for 30 consecutive years is proof enough of the importance of getting involved in the causes the organization cares about.

The 30th annual Bowl-A-Thon had all of the features that we have come to love about it. From the goodie bag filled with prizes and donations from local businesses (this writer especially liked the paper-clip dispenser he found in his bag courtesy of Novi School District) to the delicious pizza, the fourth



The winning Providence Park team (from left, back): Mark Matchulat and Bob Vanbuskirk and (front) Sister Xavier Ballance, DC and Sister Marillac Grabinski, DC.

decade of this awesome Novi Youth Assistance event stood up to its name and more.

There was an excited murmur as all of the attendees started throwing those balls down the lane. From the competitive bowlers, with their elegant hooks and strikes across the board, to the amateurs who silently wished they could have bumpers put up on their lane, everyone had a great time playing the all-American game of bowling. It may be overstated, but there really was a sense of Novi community in the air. It was a blast to hear the main sponsor, the Novi Providence Hospital team, hooting and hollering and having a great time. And man,

those doctors could bowl. The Bowl-A-Thon transcends mere bowling; the event is made in the little things that make it so special. The 50/50 raffle drew a lot of buzz, as always. It's just another way in which charity and sponsors mutually benefit through an entertaining game. And anyone that has attended a Bowl-A-Thon in the last 30 years can tell you that there are few things more exciting than digging through your goodie bag and finding an envelope alerting you that you won a prize. Whether gift cards to local businesses, a day at the spa or a gift basket full of good food, the Bowl-A-Thon prizes never disappoint.

Rachel Lawrence rolled high female game with a 277 and high series with a 798. Ron Steven rolled a perfect 300 Game and also took men's high series with a 815. But let's step back from the event itself and take a look at what really matters about this event: The Novi Youth Assistance. This organization is one of the best Youth Assistance programs in the area. It offers so much to the youth of our city and really represents what it means to be a Novi resident. In our world full of drugs, violence and temptations, there is nothing more refreshing than a committed organization like this to help keep our children occupied with wholesome programs

and events. And keeping that organization alive is what the Bowl-A-Thon is about and why it has been such a successful part of Novi's history.

Aristotle once said, "Good habits formed at youth make all the difference." The Novi Youth Assistance is the embodiment of this belief. The organization serves this idea on many different levels. They recognize youthful achievement by giving special recognition and even scholarship grants to youth who con-

tribute positively to the Novi community. They provide wholesome activities like summer recreation and mentor programs to keep children occupied and uninterested in the temptations that surround them on a daily basis. But this fight goes beyond prevention, the Novi Youth Assistance is perhaps most successful in keeping hope alive through their professional counseling and family education for youth that may have taken some wrong turns. This organization is so great because it believes strongly that children are our future and it's entire purpose is to make sure that future is as great as it can be.

Those bowling balls flying down the lane were about more than a day out with friends at the bowling alley — it was about making a statement as a community that we care about the youth and are dedicated to giving them the best possible opportunities and environment that we can give them.

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Diamond Jim Brady's happy to be back

By Nathan Mueller
Staff Writer

Diamond Jim Brady's owner Mary Brady said she cannot help but feel "rejuvenated" since she reopened her restaurant six months ago in the Novi Town Center.

It was September 2010 when Brady was told she had to vacate her previous location in the center to make way for Walmart, and the state of the now 58-year-old family business was in serious jeopardy. Brady said she did not want to reopen if it was not in the center. It took time, but her plan worked.

Since welcoming their first customers in October, business has been booming. Brady and chef partner Sharon Juergens are excited about the future.

"There is a lot of excitement, energy and action in here and it rubs off on everyone," Brady said.

"It makes me very proud I was able to reopen and carry on a 58-year-old tradition."

The new place, while

FOOD FOR PETS

Recently Diamond Jim Brady's has teamed up with Meals on Wheels to provide clients with food for their pets.

Brady said she heard from a close friend that clients were either feeding their food to their pets and not eating, or were unable to buy pet food on their own.

Customers filled the restaurant lobby with food items over the last three weeks, and Brady said this is something she plans on expanding in the future.

"We are all animal people," Juergens said. "We have a soft spot for pets."

Brady is looking for someone to name the program, and if the selection is chosen, the restaurant will donate \$100 worth of food to the cause.

smaller, still maintains the friendly atmosphere that makes it a popular destination for both regulars and newcomers. Plans also are in the works to create year-round outdoor seating for at least 20 people as weekend crowds continue to grow.

"We have had some pretty long waits, so we hope it will cut those wait times down," Juergens said.

One of the issues that concerned Brady the most when she had to close was that her employees were going to

have to search for new jobs.

Said Juergens: "She reopened so people could have a livelihood again."

And it looks like it will pay off for everyone involved as the Novi Town Center, which in recent years has had issues finding tenants, appears to be loading up on new businesses with Walmart's pending arrival.

Brady said wanting to stick it out at the center through tough times was being a "visionary."

"We are part of the resurgence," she said.



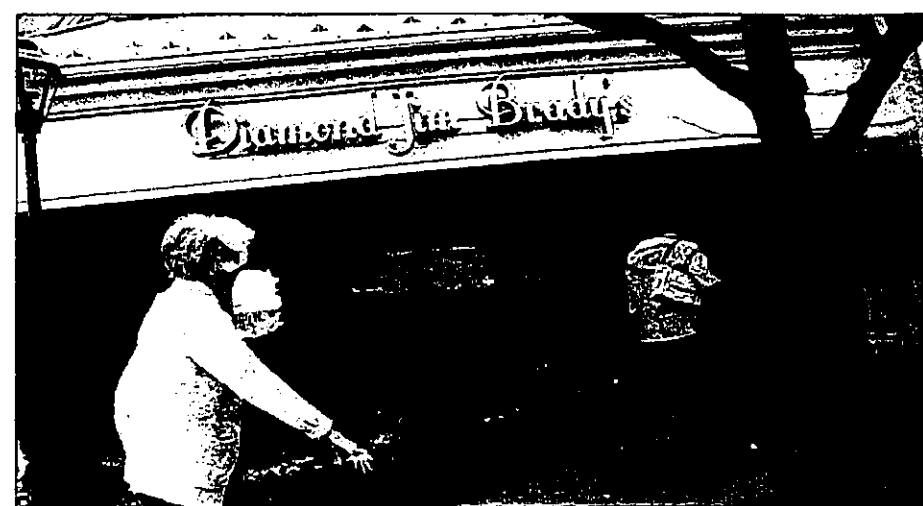
Sharon Juergens, Mary Brady's business partner at Diamond Jim Brady's, enjoys a momentary rest behind the bar on a busy lunch hour on March 11.



Joining their mom, Joan Harper, left, on her birthday at Diamond Jim's are her daughters Lisa Clark, Jennifer Bean and Sue Coscarelli.



Beverly Ricci and Phil Ingram enjoy a lunch at Diamond Jim Brady's at the Novi Town Center on March 11. The pair have been coming to Diamond Jim's for years — even at its former location in the Town Center.



A pair of diners heads into Diamond Jim Brady's at the Novi Town Center.



Diamond Jim Brady's employee holds the Novi Town Center restaurant's St. Patrick's Day themed beverage — a "Dublin."



A pretty busy lunch hour on March 11 at Diamond Jim Brady's.

Local pet store owner gives stray cats a second chance

By Diane Gale Andreassi
Staff Writer

Known around town as the man with the big heart who gives cats a second chance at life, Dave Pasek traded cars and the corporate life for furry adoptions and pet food when he retired as a logistics manager for Roger Penske working with General Motors, Chrysler and Ford and opened Market Place Pets in South Lyon.

Cats that might otherwise be left homeless to roam the streets, be euthanized or sold to be used as research are finding new homes because of Pasek's generosity. Furry Friends Animal Rescue makes the cats available for adoption at Pasek's Market Place Pets whenever the Pontiac Trail



From left, Caitlin Hickey, owner Dave Pasek and Mike Peters of Market Place Pets show off some of the cats available for adoption at the store through the Furry Friends Animal Rescue.

shop is open.

The \$25, \$50 and \$100 charged goes to veterinarian fees and all the felines leave spayed, neutered and with a chip. Pasek offers the new cat

owners a discount on supplies to make their homes pet ready. More than a dozen cats have been adopted through the store since Christmas. Adoptable cats remain

in cages while they're in the store, which is usually for two week stints; then they go to a Furry Friends foster home and back at the store for another chance at being adopted.

"If they don't find a forever home, they go to the foster family so they aren't in cages all the time," Pasek said. "There's so many animals who need homes. That's why I love having a pet store. I'm an animal lover. I have very little turnover, because we're all animal lovers."

Many of the employees who started with Pasek when he opened the 5,500-square-foot shop in the summer of 2003 are still with him providing food and supplies for dogs, cats, small animals, reptiles, fish and birds. Market Place Pets

is also home to Scuttles, a Sun Conure bird, who lives in the store with a big bearded dragon lizard and two cats, Little Bea and Millie.

Furry Friends is a no-kill organization and members keep cats in their homes or in the pet store until they are adopted. Cats and dogs usually come to Furry Friends when someone loses their

home and can no longer care for their pets and from elderly pet owners who are physically unable to handle being a pet owner.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Zoning Board of Appeals for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, April 10, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers Novi Civic Center 45175 W. Ten Mile Road to consider:

CASE NO. 12-009 2022 AUSTIN

The applicant is requesting an exception from Section 2400 of the Novi Zoning Ordinance to allow a reduction in the 10 ft. min side yard setback to 1.25 ft and a reduction in the required 25 ft. min aggregate side setbacks to 2.25 ft. for an addition to an existing residence. The property is located west of Novi Rd and south of South Lake Dr in the R-4 Zoning District.

CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 2400 of the Novi Zoning Ordinance requires a minimum side setback of 10 ft. and aggregate side yard setback of 25 ft in the R-4 Zoning District.

CASE NO. 12-010 THE HEIGHTS OF NOVI

The applicant is requesting exceptions from Sections 2503.2.B and 2503 of the Novi Zoning Ordinance and 28-7(a)(5) of the Novi Sign Ordinance to allow relocation of (2) 30 ft flagpoles within 4 ft and 10 ft respectively of the proposed right-of-way line where 37.5 ft. is required and to allow display of (1) 50 sq ft commercial flag where a maximum 24 sq ft is allowed. The property is located west of Haggerty Rd and south of Nine Mile at 22123 Solomon Blvd in the RM-1 Zoning District.

CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 2503.2.b of the Novi Zoning Ordinance requires a minimum flagpole setback of one-half the distance between the right-of-way and the principal building. Section 2503 requires that the height of a flagpole shall not exceed the distance to the nearest property line; and Section 28-7(a)(5) of the Sign Ordinance restricts the area of commercial flags to 24 sq. ft.

CASE NO. 12-011 COLLEX COLLISION

The applicant is requesting exceptions from Section 2400 of the Novi Zoning Ordinance to allow a reduction of the 100 ft required front yard parking setback to 61 ft and a reduction in of the required 20 ft interior side yard parking setback to approximately 5 ft; an exception from Section 2503.3(b) to allow waiver of the parking area berm along the Novi Rd right-of-way and Section 2505 to allow a reduction from the required 300 parking spaces to 140 spaces. The property is located at 25100 Novi Rd., north of Ten Mile Rd and east of Novi Rd in the I-2 Zoning District.

CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 2400 requires a minimum 100 ft parking front setback for front yard parking and 20 ft. minimum side yard parking setback. Section 2503.3(b) requires a minimum 3 ft high berm or landscape wall to screen parking and Section 2505 requires minimum parking areas based on useable building floor space.

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NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

Drunk stopped after cutting off cop

1 A 23-year-old Detroit woman was arrested for drunk driving at 2:11 a.m. on March 17 after she was stopped on Novi Road near I-96.

According to the police report, the woman did not stop for the blinking red light at the off ramp of I-96, pulling in front of a marked police car.

When the officer approached the vehicle, it smelled strongly of intoxicants. The woman admitted to drinking and failed field sobriety tests.

A preliminary breath test registered a blood alcohol content of .12 percent. The legal limit for adult drivers in Michigan is .08 percent.

She was arrested and transported to the Novi

Teens caught with alcohol

2 A pair of 16-year-olds, one from Northville and the other from Plymouth, was arrested for minor in possession after they were caught on Barclay with alcohol in the truck they were sitting in.

According to the police report, police were dispatched to the area on account of a suspicious vehicle seen running in front of a home for nearly two hours. The teens said they were at a friend's house and were going to sleep in the car. Police conducted a search of the car, finding a Gatorade bottle with alcohol in it.

The teens each submitted to preliminary breath tests, blowing .061 and .063 respectively. They were arrested and transported to the Novi Police Department and received citations for MIP.

Thief breaks into home

3 An unknown suspect broke into a home under construction on Equestrian Trail on March 4 and stole a 22 inch television from inside.

According to police, the man was seen on video surveillance backing his car into the driveway and walking up to the front porch. He entered the home through the front door and left with the TV. He put the TV in his trunk and drove away heading eastbound.

The suspect is believed to be in his 40s with short brown hair. He was wear-

Woman stopped for drunk driving

4 A 31-year-old Dearborn woman was arrested for drunk driving after she was stopped for speeding on Novi Road near I-96 on March 17.

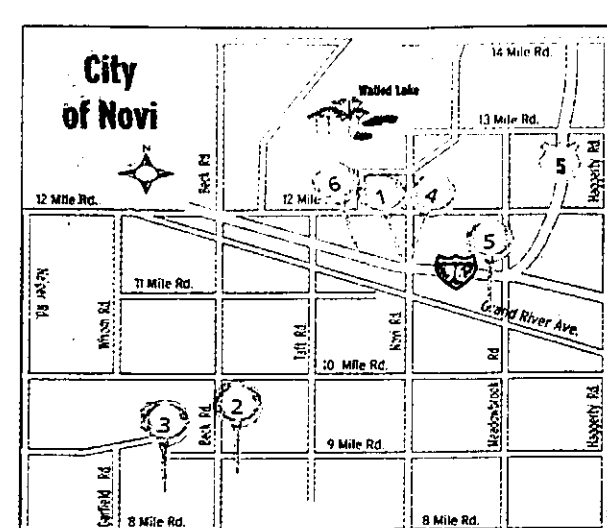
According to police, the woman was coming from Bar Louie and was traveling 53 miles per hour in a 40 mph zone.

The officer could smell the odor of intoxicants coming from inside the car when he approached and the woman admitted to drinking three martinis. She failed field sobriety tests and a preliminary breath test registered a blood alcohol content of .15 percent.

The suspect was arrested and transported to the Novi Police Department where she was issued a citation and released when sober.

Wallet taken from unlocked car

5 A 27-year-old Commerce woman had her Coach wallet stolen from inside her car while it



was parked at Total Soccer on March 15.

According to the police report, the woman left her car unlocked before going inside the building. When she returned her wallet, valued at \$100, was missing. The wallet contained roughly \$91 worth of gift cards.

Mother, daughter caught stealing

6 A 48-year-old Wixom woman and her 21-year-old daughter were arrested on March 14 for stealing items from Kohl's in West Oaks.

According to the police report, the women were seen on surveillance video taking the sensors off several items and concealing them in their purses or sweatshirt pockets.

The two tried to leave the store by paying for some other items and walking out, but they were stopped as soon as they exited.

The total value of the items taken was roughly \$185. The two women were arrested and transported to the Novi Police Department where they were issued citations for retail fraud third degree and given trespass warnings to Kohl's.

—By Nathan Mueller

SOCIAL SECURITY

Many people are wrongly rejected when they apply for Social Security Disability benefits. Money was taken out of their paychecks for Social Security taxes to ensure that they would receive disability benefits if they could no longer work full-time. Sadly, the government denies approximately 60% of those who apply for disability benefits.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS



Bergeson & Fleming

Scott Albert Bergeson, of Novi, and Meredith Renee Fleming, of Richmond, Va., are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Douglas & Sheila Fleming, of Richmond. She is a 2005 graduate of Douglas S. Freeman High School and has a bachelor's degree in business administration from James Madison University. She is pursuing her juris doctorate at the University of Richmond School of Law and plans to graduate in May.

The groom-elect is the son of Bruce & Alice Bergeson, of Novi. He is a 2004 graduate of Novi High School, and he is a graduate of Michigan Technological University in Houghton, Mich., where he received his degree in chemical engineering. He is also pursuing his juris doctorate from the University of Richmond School of Law and will graduate in May.

An Aug. 18, 2012, wedding in Richmond is planned.



Cavanaugh & Worthing

Catherine Elizabeth Cavanaugh and Eric Nathan Worthing announce their engagement. The bride-to-be, daughter of Michael and Theresa Cavanaugh of Dexter, is a 1998 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School, a 2003 graduate of Grand Valley State University, and 2008 graduate of Michigan State University's College of Osteopathic Medicine. She is currently employed as a physician.

Her fiancé, son of Mark and Rita Worthing of Brunswick, Maine, is a 2001 graduate of Brunswick High School and a 2005 graduate of Bowdoin College. He is a medical student and will graduate this year from the University of Vermont's College of Medicine.

A September 2012 wedding is planned in Portland, Maine.

Smith & Barnauskas

Tim and Cindy Smith, of Novi, announce the engagement of their daughter, Alexandra Therese Smith, of Northville, to William Charles Barnauskas, of Livonia, son of Bill and Peggy Barnauskas, of Clinton.

The bride-to-be earned a bachelor's science degree in nursing from Madonna University and is a labor and delivery nurse at St. Mary Mercy Hospital Livonia.

The groom-elect earned a bachelor's degree in engineering from Michigan State University and is a process engineer at ACH - Automotive Components Holding in Saline, Mich.

A June 2, 2012, wedding at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church in Northville is planned.

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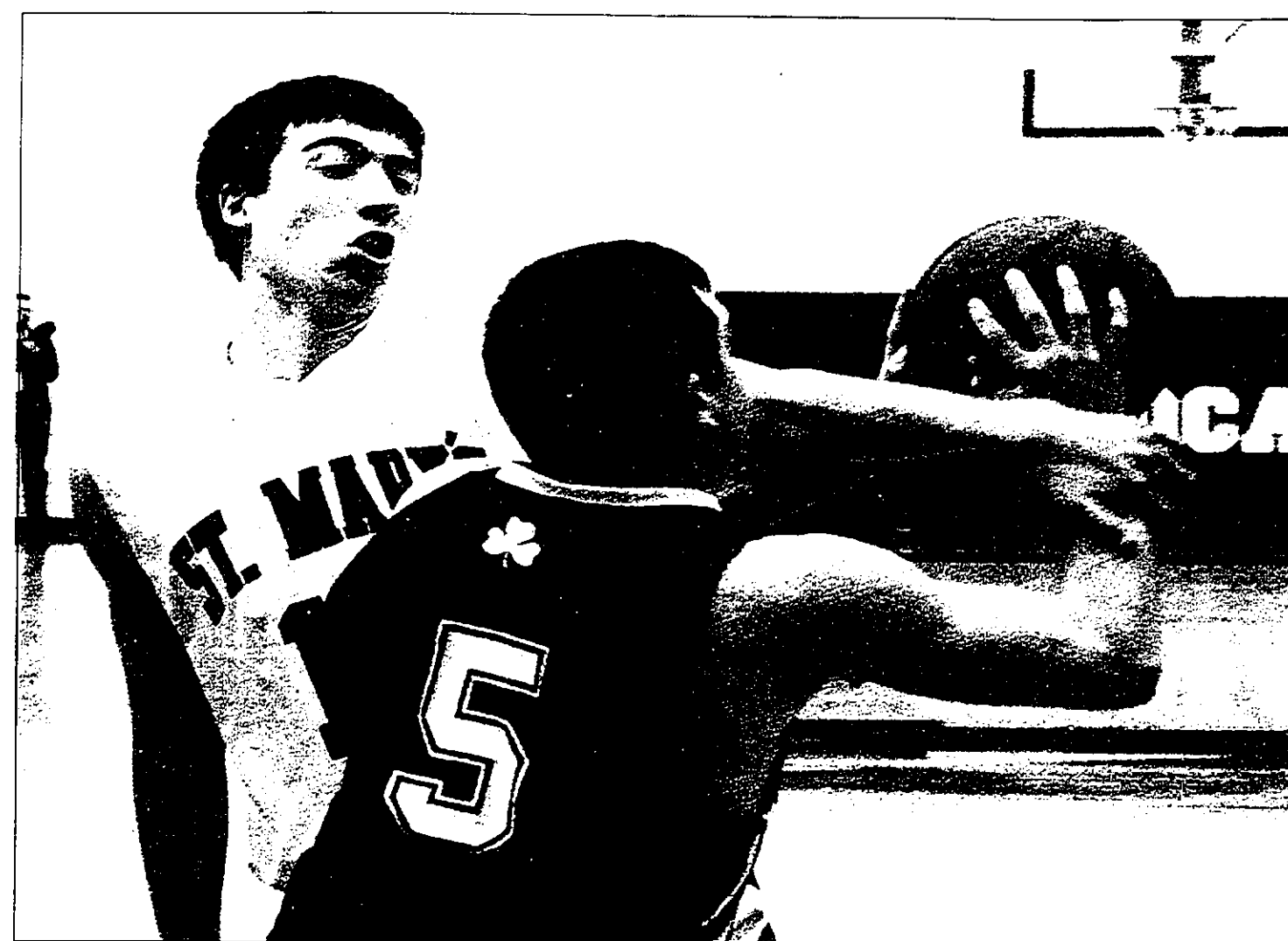
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Shamrock David Racey gets hacked by Orchard Lake St. Mary's Matthew Linehan on March 14.

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CC bows in regional tourney

Squad falls to CHSL rival Orchard Lake St. Mary's

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

The difference was a single shot—but what else would you expect when two Catholic High School League teams square off in a winner-takes-all contest?

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks had the last shot in their regional tournament title tilt against rival Orchard Lake St. Mary's. Unfortunately for the blue and white, that shot didn't find the bottom of the net and the Eagles celebrated a 48-46 victory in Novi last week.

Richard Katkic pulled up in the corner of the gym, firing a long-range shot toward the bucket with time expiring. It clanged on the rim, a sound repeated as fellow

Shamrock Kyle Cooper tried to tip the rebound back into the basket.

"I don't really think we wanted a three-pointer, but we told Ritchie to slip off the backside in case they cheat in," Catholic Central coach Bill Dyer said. "He had a good look and, gosh darn it, it looked good. I wanted him to have that shot again. I wanted it to go in."

The victory for the Eagles marks back-to-back seasons in which St. Mary's ended the Shamrocks' season in the playoffs.

Catholic Central was the favorite on paper, having won the CHSL title, the city championship and marched through the district tournament and to the regional title game. They had an 18-7 record heading into the game while the Eagles had

a 14-10 mark. But what else would you expect in a game between rivals?

The Shamrocks had to come back from a nine-point deficit in the fourth quarter and managed to cut the Eagles' lead to just one point with 2:27 left in the game, 47-46, mainly thanks to the play of Jack Dillon, who scored five points in just 10 seconds to slice the lead down. He ended with a team-high 16 points.

The Shamrocks were forced to foul St. Mary's in order to keep in the game—a strategy that worked in their favor thanks to 1-for-5 shooting from the charity stripe by the Eagles over the final minute and a half.

Please see REGIONAL, B3

New coach hopes to lead 'Cats back

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

Last spring was one of the best seasons in the history of Novi's boys lacrosse program and hopes are high to keep the high standard going this year.

However, after falling short of their first state title since 1995 at 16-2, with both losses to the same team—Forest Hills Eastern knocked the Wildcats out in a Division I semifinal before losing the state title to Bloomfield Hills Brother Rice—Novi is missing a few key players and will have to adjust to a new head coach, as well.

"(Our) biggest challenge is implementing new systems and changing philosophy of the program, building for long term and sustainable success," first-year coach Nick Zoroya said.

Zoroya, a 2007 alum of the Novi program, spent the past three seasons coaching Ann Arbor Skyline. He inherits a program that just graduated its top defender, top scoring threat, an offensive leader and the state's top face-off specialist.

However, there are a lot of key pieces returning. Seniors Curtis Herzog and Kent Burnett combine nearly 100 points of offense from last season with Herzog also providing key leadership as a co-captain.

Other co-captains are senior midfielder Adam Haynes, senior defend-

Please see LACROSSE, B3

Two-time defending champs take shape without four All-State standouts

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

After winning three-straight Division I titles from 2006-08 and two more in 2010-11, talk among fans of Novi's girls soccer program has been hopeful for another three-peat. However, there are some very large holes that need to be filled to get to that point.

After finishing 22-0-2 in 2011, the Wildcats graduated six seniors, including five starters, four which were All-State players.

Two of those, Nikki Greenhalgh and Nicki Caruso, were also on the Michigan Dream Team roster after combining for 43 goals and 87 points last season. The others were center midfielder Molli Krick and goalkeeper Gabby Gauruder, who had 15 shutouts, 11 goals against through 24 games and a 0.46 goals against average.

"By far our biggest challenge will be replacing the 50-plus goals Nicki and Nicki combined for," Novi coach Brian O'Leary said. "We do not have a player that is going to score 30 goals this year, so we will all have to chip in to boost our scoring."

The 'Cats do return four players who score nine or more goals last season. Senior midfielder Kelli Timar will likely shape the offense after recording nine goals and 12 assists last season. Many of those passes will land on the feet of

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Pictured (l to r, top row) are Angela Mascari, Cecilia Orlowski, Julie Kurdziel (Coach), Erika Standhart, Erin Gries; (second row) Isabelle Brumley, Danielle Mersch, Sabrina Sherman; and (third row) Lauren Bifano and Anna Herzog.

SCA cheerleader shares success story of her team's first season

By Erin Gries
Correspondent

St. Catherine of Siena once stated, "Nothing great is ever achieved without much enduring." This explains what it has felt like to be on the first-ever SCA competitive cheerleading team. We have given our all at a sport more than half of us have never tried before. This meant we had to learn all of the basic techniques and skills of the sport when all of our competitors were working on perfecting these skills. Overall, when it came to competitions and our expectations, we didn't have any. We started from scratch with our arms sloppy and timing off, but with a confidence that we didn't even know we had.

Going into our first competition we had heard that the people we were up against had been doing this for many years. This was an all-star competition that the best of the best had attended all looking for first place. We heard this and immediately we just wanted to get out on those mats, yell, "Ready, set," and shock everyone. We wanted them to be asking, "What IS this school? Where are they from? Who are they?" That is exactly what they did.

Our hearts pumping, waiting for the final tallying of the scores, we knew that we had exceeded our expectations the moment we were done with our first performance on the mat. We had high

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Novi junior Kelli Timar (left) and Northville sophomore Gabby Guibord fight for the ball April 12, 2011, during a 1-1 tie at Meadows Stadium.

ON TAP

The Novi girls soccer team (22-0-2 in 2011) kick off the season 7 p.m. Monday when Plymouth comes to town. The 'Cats then host Ann Arbor Pioneer 5:30 p.m. Wednesday and visit Canton 7 p.m. March 29 before spring break.

Former Wildcat tearing up the greens down south

Mallo's involvement in PGA program earns him prestigious club internship

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

When Charles Mallo was a sophomore at Novi High, he picked up a set of golf clubs and fell in love with the game. In a few short years, he's gone from novice to hopeful collegiate varsity walk-on and future golf club manager.

Mallo, 20, is a 2009 graduate of Novi High and a current junior at Methodist University in North Carolina. He was recently named one of the six interns for the inaugural group at the three-year-old prestigious Trump National Golf Course in Loudoun, Va., 27 miles northwest of Washington, D.C., along the Potomac River.

"There's a lot going on. It's a very broad internship," Mallo said. "It's a big operation. This place is massive and has 200 members."

"This is their first full year with all the amenities of the club. This is their first year of having interns. They've completely redesigned this thing from the ground up. They have two 18-hole golf courses. There's an 18-foot fountain. (Donald Trump) basically went in and said none of this is acceptable."

This summer's internship will be both larger than Mallo's past two while also providing him with added responsibilities. His previous two were spent during the past two summers at Brookfield Country Club near Buffalo and The Oak Park Country Club near Chicago.

"My first two internships were definitely on different ends of the spectrum," Mallo said. "The first internship was on the larger end of the golf spectrum. Sophomore year, I kind of gained a little bit more responsibility. I've kind of added more pieces to the puzzle. I think it'll be a good opportunity



Novi High alumni and golfer Charles Mallo is studying the management of the sport in Fayetteville, North Carolina. He returned to Novi High on March 9 to see his old school.

for me to prove myself."

Mallo's major is business administration, but his minor is the PGA golf management program. Only 20 schools in the entire country offer this PGA-certified program. The first was Ferris State University in 1976, which is still the only school in Michigan with it. The next closest locations are Ohio State and Penn State universities, Mallo said.

"I think, from day one, it's a lot more of a career-focused path. Second week as a freshman I was writing resumes and cover letters," Mallo said of the program. "We're taught professionalism almost from day one and there's no real breaking in."

"The internships and having our work study program gets us

used to working around the golf course. A lot of kids will do the work study (unpaid) just to get the experience. When you graduate, your resume already has four different clubs and you have networking."

In addition to the 15 1/2 credits and four internships, another feature of the PGA golf management program is the Playing Ability Test, which requires the students to be quality golfers.

"You play 36 holes. You have to shoot 15 over the course rating," Mallo said.

He said the course rating at The Links of Novi is a 68.7 average, meaning golfers would have to score a 152 or under to pass the PAT during either one 36-hole day or two consecutive 18-hole days.

Mallo took the PAT at Oakland University last semester and missed it by three strokes. He plans to take it again March 24. He said 70 percent of students pass it by their junior year and he would like to be part of that group.

Passing the PAT is a program requirement and also a requirement to try out for the varsity golf program at Methodist University, which has a long history of success on the course. The women's team has won 14-straight NCAA Division III golf titles (and 15 of the past 16 since 1996), while the men won in 2010 after winning nine of 10 years from 1990-99 and regularly finishing in the top five for the past decade. The men's team is also

captained by an All-American, Mike Wesko from New York. "I play with a lot of kids on the golf team and can go stroke for stroke with them," Mallo said. "It's a really competitive atmosphere. Everyone's trying to set yourself apart."

Although he's far from home, Mallo isn't the only Michigander at Methodist University, let alone in the PGA golf management program. He said he has a pair of classmates from Troy and Midland, as well as Pittsburgh native Ben Boyle, who moved to Bloomfield Hills for his senior year of high school before joining the Methodist varsity golf team.

"I definitely want a future in the resort golf business," Mallo said of his ever-growing passion. "Customer relations has been my strong point. I can have a five-minute conversation with just about anyone about anything."

He said the PGA affiliation with the program, the year-round playing conditions, the internships and the quality golfers he calls classmates have all helped him develop from that year novice on Novi's junior varsity squad to a player who is optimistic about his chances at making the varsity team of a prestigious program as a senior next year.

"It's an honor to get the opportunity to work under the golf professionals I've worked under at the university," Mallo said. "I've kind of learned you can never stop learning. You never know when you might learn something that'll change how you view things."

For more information on the PGA golf management program at Methodist University, visit www.methodist.edu/PGM.

Chris Jackett is a freelance writer and former staff writer for the Novi News.



Wildcat defenseman Bepin Serraj, right, scrimmages against the JV with his varsity teammates on March 19.

LACROSSE

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er Chris Diacono and junior goaltender Mitch Adams. Each will play a key role in their position with a combined nine years of varsity work.

Adams became the full-time starting netminder midway through last season and stepped up to lead the 'Cats to a finish among the final four teams in Division I after a 13-12 overtime victory against Detroit Catholic Central.

Also slated to be a key player for Novi is sophomore defender Travis Sparling, who is already catching the eyes of college recruits as Novi's top

defender after being selected to the All-Star game at the Blue Chip 225 Rising Sophomore summer camp last fall.

Zoroya said others expected to have an increased role this season include junior Scott Schramm, sophomore Chris Kennedy, junior Lucas Buck, junior Jason Sheeran and freshman Tommy McMaster.

With a mix of 12 seniors, 12 juniors, eight sophomores and one freshman, the 68-man roster is the largest the program has ever seen. Zoroya also brings on the program's largest coaching staff with five assistants.

Hoping to repeat as both KLAAs Kensington Conference and regional champions, Zoroya said Northville

ON TAP

The 'Cats (16-2, No. 5 in 2011) started their season off last night at Flint Powers Catholic (14-6, No. 22) and plan to continue 7 p.m. tomorrow at Walled Lake Central (4-14, No. 79) before hosting Hartland (10-8, No. 49) Monday.

(10-8 and No. 19 in 2011) and Holt (15-6 and No. 8 in 2011) will be Novi's biggest competition at the league and non-league levels.

Chris Jackett is a freelance writer and former staff writer for the Novi News.

SOCCER

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senior forward Jessica Jarvis, who had 13 goals and seven assists last year.

"Overall, we should be very good, but how good depends on if we can find a way to score some goals to make up for those 50-plus that we lost due to graduation," O'Leary said.

Adding to the offense will be junior midfielders Natalie Krygier (10 goals, seven assists) and Erin Dircks (nine goals, four assists).

However, a good offense starts with a good defense. The Wildcats are returning senior defenders Katie Rudzinski, Katie Seelenbinder and junior defender Kaylin Hoomaia in the core.

With Temperance Bedford transfer Sam Pavlika taking over the starting netminder job, the defensive line may have a little extra work in front of them early on as they adjust to having someone other than Gauruder in net, who played every game for the past two seasons.

The Wildcats hope to get a bit of a boost from returning seniors Shelly Yusko, Andrea Rybicki, Lauren Polard and sophomores Gabby DeLeon and Kendall Krammer.

Along with Haustein,

junior Jade Antolec and sophomore Jacqui Kozlowski are both back from injuries that kept them sidelined all of last season. O'Leary also called up juniors Kelly Cauchi, Aubrey Soave, Caterina Nussio and sophomores Natalie Greenhalgh, Karissa Koomen and Jessie Parvana from the junior varsity squad while adding sophomore transfer Taylor Pavlika.

With a slightly different look to the starting lineup, the defending state champs will be under pressure right off the bat against teams like Plymouth and Ann Arbor Pioneer before diving into tough division play against the likes of baseline rival Northville.

"Our league is one of the best in the state," O'Leary said. "As always, Northville will be an outstanding team, while (Plymouth) Salem and (Livonia) Stevenson are both quality teams and South Lyon continues to improve, and those are just the teams in our division. Our non-league schedule is loaded with top 10 teams, including Plymouth, Ann Arbor Pioneer, Canton, (Ann Arbor) Skyline, Saline and Okemos."

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CHEER

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hopes, and from the scores of the previous rounds (there are three rounds in a cheer competition) we had gotten excellent feedback. When we got the results, we got to see the looks on our fans' faces when we had gotten fourth instead of one away from third. As we tried our absolute best, there was nothing else we could have asked for.

Over the last three months of cheer, we have completely surprised everyone who has seen us perform, ourselves being at the top of the list. We had come from not knowing how to count off the cheer, to shocking people with the result of fourth place in our first competition.

We had not known what to expect, and we didn't think we were going to do that great. We had been practicing with our hearts on our sleeves trying to make our team work. Because of all of the work that we had been doing, we just wanted everyone else to think that we had done great also.

Now not afraid of whom we face in our next competition, we are ready to set the cheer mats ablaze as we rock the floor in the next competitions to come and show them who we are. Who is that you may ask? Stars.

Erin Gries received the All League Award for Competitive Cheer, and she is the first-ever Student Council president at St. Catherine of Siena Academy.

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The Shamrocks looked to take the lead with 2.7 seconds but a block by St. Mary's forced the Shamrocks to inbound the ball from the baseline and take the outside shot by Katkie Cooper pitched in 11 points in the losing effort while Matt Doneth added

nine. "We had a lot of chances under two minutes," Dyer said. "A lot of chances. We played great there for a long stretch in the fourth quarter. We had a shot to win and we just didn't do it."

Sam Eggleston is a freelance writer and former staff sports writer for the Northville Record and Novi News.

NOVI SPORTS BRIEFS

Pom pon clinic, tryouts

Northville High School pom pon program is sponsoring a spring clinic for girls who would like to improve their pom skills. It is open to any age and all skill levels. The cost is \$40.

Clinic dates are from 6:30-8:39 p.m. Monday-Wednesday April 2-4 at the high school.

Participants will receive instruction from coaches and senior members of the Northville High School team. Instruction will focus on proper form and placement, along with the specific skills required for pom pon. Pom pons will be available for use each day.

Please mail your registration form and check (payable to NHS) to Karlyn Jones, 16239 Oak Forest Court, Northville, MI 48168; phone (248) 912-5645 for more information.

Also, a program information night will be held at 7 p.m. April 19 at the high school.

Tryouts will be Tuesday-Friday, April 24-27.

Novi pom girls earn pair of scholarships

Mid American Pompon, which provides in pompon competitions, summer camps and training for pompon teams in middle school through the collegiate level, has awarded \$3,000 worth of scholarships to six high school seniors from throughout Michigan. Each student will be presented with a \$500 check made payable to the college or university that they will attend. The organization has donated more than \$60,000 worth of scholarships over the last 24 years.

Mackenzie Kelley and Ashley Wojtylo, senior members of the Novi High School pompon team, were recipients of the scholarships.

To be eligible for the scholarship, students must meet the following criteria: is a graduating senior with a 3.2 or above GPA; has attended two or more Mid American Pompon events as a participant or competitor; composed an essay in an anonymous format which described how pompon has enriched their life and how they have contributed to the sport, and submitted a letter of recommendation from a coach. A scholarship committee, comprised of a Mid American Pompon coach advisory board, selected the finalists. The awards were presented at the Mid American Pompon State Championship at Eastern Michigan University on Sunday, Feb. 12.

"We created the scholarship fund to give deserving graduates financial assistance to help make the transition to college a little more comfortable," said Julie Hobbs Julian, director of pompon. "The girls are chosen based on their academic and leadership abilities in addition to their dedication to the sport of pompon."

AAU Girls Basketball

All high school girls interested in trying out for the AAU Novi Motion basketball program should tryout March 22 at Village Oaks Elementary School, 23333 Willowbrook.

Tryouts for freshmen and sophomores is 6:30-8 p.m., while juniors and seniors will tryout 8:30-9 p.m.

Cost is \$20. Players should arrive 10 minutes prior to start with shoes, shirts and shorts ready to go. A parent or guardian will need to fill out forms.

For more information, call Ron Valente at (248) 349-5464.

Boys Cross Country

Novi High School's boys cross country team will hold tryouts Aug. 14, but those who are interested and did not run on the team last year are asked to contact coach Robert Smith by the end of March.

Potential student-athletes must have a completed MHSA physical exam card brought to the tryout and be prepared to run a time trial to qualify for the team.

Contact Smith at crosscountrycoachsmith@hotmail.com by March 31.

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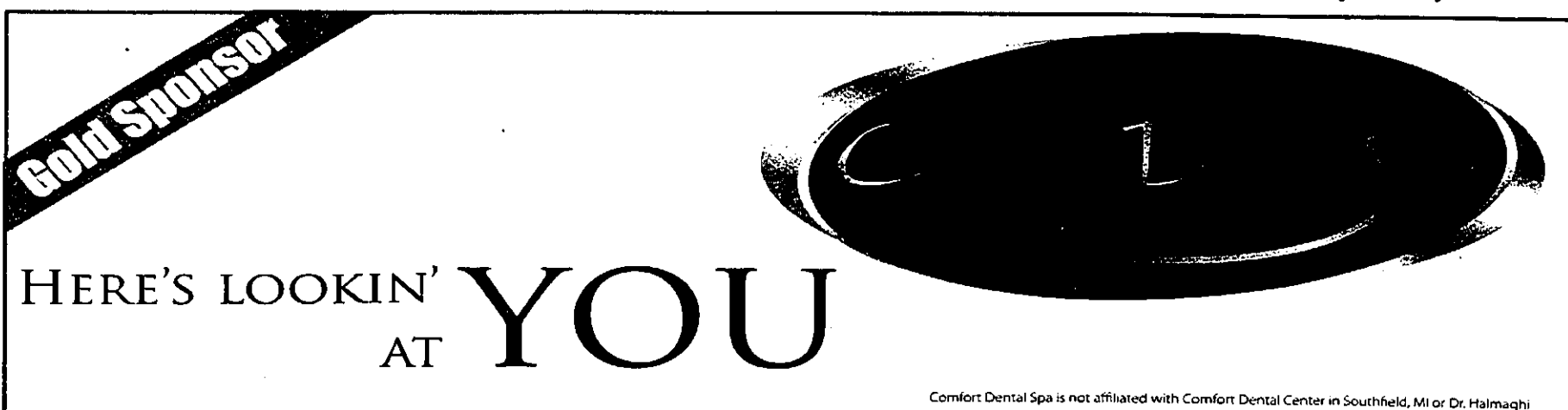
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Walsh Summit



Gail D. Cober, director, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), Detroit Field Office, answers questions from participants of Walsh College's Third Annual Human Resources Summit. Cober was the keynote speaker at the event where she dispensed practical advice to employers about dealing with the EEOC and shared insight of what the EEOC looks for when they investigate. Held March 8 at Walsh College, the program brought together industry experts and professionals to discuss the role of management in inspiring, motivating and cultivating employee performance. Approximately 100 CEOs, CFOs, HR professionals, managers, marketers and business advisors attended the summit which included a lively panel discussion of best practices moderated by Walsh Professor of Management Dr. Lee Meadows.

NOVI BUSINESS BRIEFS

Twelve Oaks introduces Fox Movie Mall

When "Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked" sails into shore this month on DVD and BLU-RAY, shoppers at Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi can access it instantly through a Fox Movie Mall virtual storefront, the result of a groundbreaking partnership between Taubman Centers and Twentieth Century Fox Home Entertainment. The exclusive year-long partnership also includes a home entertainment lounge and Easter set tie-in, providing convenience and perks for shoppers.

With the help of the new Fox Movie Mall app available at the iTunes Store and Android Market, shoppers at Twelve Oaks can now visit the Fox Movie Mall virtual storefront and simply stop, scan and shop. An industry-first innovation, shoppers visit a wall-size and can choose films from Twentieth Century Fox Home Entertainment; they then use their smart phones to scan a QR code and are instantly taken online to make their purchases and have them shipped right to their doors. Those who download and launch the Fox Movie Mall app can save up to 50 percent on their purchases and have access to the RIO coloring app plus additional games, trailers, movie and TV clips and more.

In addition to the virtual storefront, a home entertainment lounge on the Upper Level near Center Court features comfortable seating and large, state-of-the-art HDTVs for relaxing and enjoying footage from "Chipwrecked" and a variety of other family-friendly Fox feature films.

"The Fox partnership is a natural for our center, because it entertains and rewards our shoppers and gives them a convenient new way to shop for their favorite home entertainment products," said Peggy Hayes, Marketing & Sponsorship director.

Twelve Oaks is one of 18 Taubman-owned shopping centers across the country to launch some or all of the partnership elements - Fox Movie Mall virtual storefronts, home entertainment lounges and/or Easter set tie-ins.

Community Financial asks residents to give a Thumbs Up For Charity

When a job is well done, a common sign of approval is a thumbs up. Now, Community Financial Credit Union is offering the community a chance to give a collective thumbs up and \$25,000 to its favorite charities.

From March 5 through March 30,

Community Financial will be accepting nominations from individuals sharing which charitable organization deserves a "Thumbs Up" and a donation in recognition of the good work it does in the community.

Nominations can be made at www.cfcu.org/ThumbsUpForCharity.

The nominations will result in five finalists being chosen and put to a vote on the website for a chance to win the \$10,000 grand prize. The charities that finish in second and third place will receive \$5,000 each and the fourth and fifth place finishers will each receive \$2,500.

"The nonprofit groups in our communities do an amazing job and we are proud to support them throughout the year," said Bill Lawton, Community Financial president/CEO. "However, we wanted to provide the residents of our communities a chance to tell us which groups they think deserve recognition, and 'Thumbs Up for Charity' gives them that opportunity."

To stay connected with Community Financial and keep up-to-date on the latest financial news and information as well as Community Financial's community involvement, please "like" us on Facebook at www.Facebook.com/CommunityFinancial or follow us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/CFCreditUnion.

For complete contest rules, visit www.cfcu.org.

Capitalizing business opportunities in Michigan and Asia

The APACC 2012 East West Business Connection will be held at Suburban Collection Showplace (Diamond Center) from 1-9 p.m. Thursday, March 22.

It will be a two-part event focused on the trends for business growth and opportunities in the Asian Pacific region and locally in Michigan followed by a procurement Meet the Buyers showcase with corporate buyers, minority-owned businesses, U.S. and Asian-owned businesses.

Buyers confirmed to-date include Aisin World Corporation of America, Beaumont Health System Chrysler Group LLC, Comerica Bank, Delphi Corporation, DENSO International America, Faurecia, Federal Mogul, Ford Motor Company, General Motors Company, Honda of America Manufacturing, Martinrea, Ogihara America Corporation, ThyssenKrupp Bilstein of America, Toyota Gosei N.A., Toyota Motor Engineering & Manufacturing and Yazaki North America, Inc.

Call (248) 844-4100 for more information and registration details.

OAKLAND COUNTY BUSINESS WORKSHOPS

Business owners and entrepreneurs who need assistance are invited to attend seminars in February offered by the Oakland County Business Center. Business Basics workshops are now offered in the evenings on alternating months.

Unless otherwise noted, all programs take place at the Oakland County Executive Office Building Conference Center, 2100 Pontiac Lake Road, west of Telegraph, Waterford. For pre-registration and location specifics, visit online at oakgov.com/peds/calendar, or call (248) 858-0783.

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Thursday, March 29, Session I 9-11:30 a.m. Session II 12:30-3 p.m.

Session One: \$40/person, Session Two: \$40/person, Both Sessions: \$75/person. Laptop highly recommended.

The business of education

By Rick Radners
Guest Columnist



Takin' Care
of Business

Rick Radners Jr.

It strikes me that people don't like to use the words business and education in the same conversation. I often find myself stepping out of an awkward exchange because people don't like to mix these two subjects. With some fore thought, I find that not only do the two models fit together, but also putting them side by side can teach us a great deal. I'd like to talk about the two ideals within this paired concept and see what kind of conversation I can spark with others.

First is the concept of charter schools. It is no mystery that many of our public school systems have been struggling under ineffective curriculum and stressed leadership. Public schools find it hard to make the grade in subjects such as math and science compared to other districts or countries whom spend a considerable amount less per student than the United States. Therefore, what is the answer in fixing our public school issues? Arguments can be made for more community involvement, greater spending in regressed areas both urban and suburban, and stronger curriculum development however, these ideas take time, money, and people.

Now switch to business for a second and ask yourself the same question. If a business is struggling, what concept forces it to improve or close its doors? The answer is competition. Competition is the one tool that forces us to

improve or leave the market field and the same concept can work for public school districts via charter schools.

Public school districts have a history of fighting the charter schools based on competition for head count alone. Primarily because a charter school can act as a business in that, it can release ineffective staff, change its model to suit the needs of its customers, and close its doors if it can't meet the needs of the public it serves. Charter schools have a history of enrollment waiting lists and better than average graduation rates to prove their worth. There are some minor drawbacks however, charter schools are in demand, and the public school districts aren't at all happy about it. Ask yourself why.

The second concept is the community college funding announced several months ago by President Obama at the University of Michigan. Any one that knows me states that my political views are personal to me and I don't usually share them unless necessary. I always have respect for the Presidents' office based on the job that it carries and that someone will ultimately know more than I do about a given situation. With that, the funding proposal for community colleges has me a bit puzzled.

In a struggling economy like ours, jobs are needed for college graduates. I heard a statistic the other day that 13 out of 100 college graduates will begin work in their field of study within 12 months of graduation. Back when I was in business school, the business concept of supply and demand was delivered repeatedly. Learning this concept meant that you understood how to pull back supply to stabilize a price and effectively meet market demand.

Now back to community colleges, why is it important to make funding for training/education of more people when ultimately they will have no jobs to go too? Somehow, the simple concept of supply and demand is being met. I'm certainly not saying that the funding shouldn't be put forth however, spend it on job placement services or create programs between areas business and community colleges that use interns or word study concepts. In short, the supply is growing every December and June with every college graduation. This country needs paid career tracks for these skilled graduates. Keep tuition in check and work on job programs; it's one of the simplest equations in business of education!

Rick Radners Jr., EdD, has worked for Ford Motor Co. for 13 years and has taught quantitative methods at Walsh college for a over six years. Radners can be reached at rradners@walsh-college.edu.

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Local nonprofits make cut in 'Aprons in Action'

Jewish Family Service's Project Build! program, winner of the January Aprons in Action contest, The Home Depot Foundation's yearlong Facebook voting program, will compete against 10 other monthly winners for \$250,000 in the final round of the contest. Voting began March 1 and runs through March 31 at www.facebook.com/homedepotfoundation. The organization with the most votes at the end of the month will win the \$250,000 grand prize. Organizations with the second and third most votes will receive \$150,000 and \$100,000 from The Home Depot Foundation, respectively.

During the Aprons in Action Contest, which began in April 2011, The Home Depot Foundation's Facebook fans have already helped 11 nonprofit organizations win \$25,000 each to better their communities. In the March 2012 round of the competition, Jewish Family Service is competing against 10 other monthly winners from across the country. Competing finalists include:

- April 2011: Great Falls Children's Receiving Home (Great Falls, Mont.)
- May 2011: Ronald McDonald House of Detroit (Detroit)
- June 2011: Jerusalem House (Atlanta, Ga.)
- July 2011: New Orleans Area Habitat for Humanity (New Orleans, La.)
- August 2011: Northwest Hospital Fdn. (Seattle, Wash.)
- September 2011: Taylor VFW Post #422 (Taylor)
- October 2011: Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans (Wheaton, Ill.)
- November 2011: Utah State Veterans Home (Salt Lake City, Utah)
- December 2011: Lifebuilders of Detroit (Detroit)
- January 2012: Jewish Family Service of Metropolitan Detroit (West Bloomfield)
- February 2012: Veterans Guest House (Reno, Nev.)

"Winning \$250,000 from The Home Depot during the first round of Aprons in Action was such an honor, and we are so thankful for the recognition," said Perry Ohren, CEO of Jewish Family Service. "If we actually win the grand prize of \$250,000, we would be able to grow this essential program and help hundreds of people in Southeast Michigan live in safe and functional homes for many years to come. So we encourage everyone to go to Facebook and vote for us."

Working together, Jewish Family Service's Project Build!, The Home Depot Foundation and the local The Home Depot Commerce Township store recently teamed up to complete an extensive home repair. It took seven days over a period of three weeks to replace rotted flooring, paint all of the walls, replace the lighting and oven, and repair the gutters outside. In the end, JFS's Project Build! and The Home Depot turned the client's house into a home.

"Everyone at work tells me how happy and healthy I look these days," said the client. "I tell them that every day I walk into a new home. I'm not worried about anything anymore."

Across the country, The Home Depot Associates give back to their communities by volunteering their time and talents with local nonprofit organizations, like Jewish Family Service. The Aprons in Action Program recognizes these successful partnerships and gives each of the featured nonprofits the opportunity to do additional work with Team Depot volunteers to better their communities.

"Aprons in Action is our \$1 million effort to support the most active and engaged nonprofit organizations across the country," said Kelly Caffarelli, president of The Home Depot Foundation.



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Jewish Family Service recently renovated a Huntington Woods home. The agency is involved in an effort to win \$250,000 from The Home Depot Foundation, to support its Project Build! program providing home repairs for those in need.

"Through Aprons in Action, we have already distributed \$440,000 to 44 deserving organizations from across the nationwide Team Depot network, allowing them to continue their great work serving our communities." For more information and to view the program rules, visit The Home Depot on Facebook or go to www.homedepotfoundation.org.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Dec. 5-9, 2011, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.			
CANTON		274 Shana St	\$130,000
43838 Applewood Rd	\$126,000	GARDEN CITY	
43860 Arlington Rd	\$165,000	28945 Birchlawn St	\$26,000
427 Belvedere Ct N	\$137,000	12118 Block St	\$140,000
2184 Camco Ct	\$330,000	291 Brandt St	\$116,000
1836 Century Ct	\$140,000	29020 Cambridge St	\$38,000
41760 Creston Ct	\$85,000	414 Lathers St	\$83,000
41770 Creston Ct	\$113,000	6303 Lathers St	\$55,000
39718 Deepwood St	\$80,000	6948 Venoy Rd	\$100,000
39649 Dorchester Cir	\$200,000	LIVONIA	
44820 Geddes Rd	\$125,000	36780 Six Mile Rd	\$66,000
50070 Grand St	\$161,000	14315 Burnside St	\$140,000
49135 Ivybridge Way	\$113,000	14575 Bainbridge St	\$110,000
418 Merrimack Rd	\$100,000	36265 Dardanelia St	\$235,000
48138 Piccadilly Ct	\$332,000	36332 Fairway Dr	\$30,000
46470 Polo Dr	\$267,000	18091 Floral St	\$59,000
		34672 Grove Dr	\$180,000
		32612 Lyndon St	\$153,000
		32940 Lyndon St	\$176,000
		36017 Lyndon St	\$149,000
		20235 Maplewood St	\$35,000
		9351 Merrimack Rd	\$70,000
		24666 Munger St	\$200,000
		37486 N Laurel Park Dr	\$105,000
		37677 Newburgh Park Cir	\$148,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Nov. 28 to Dec. 2, 2011, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.			
BIRMINGHAM		BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
16947 Kinross Ave	\$155,000	4063 Cranbrook Ct	\$375,000
22166 Valley Oaks Dr	\$415,000	5096 Forest Way	\$775,000
18451 Warwick St	\$125,000	1281 Fox Chase Rd	\$510,000
507 Lewis St	\$195,000	1781 Lone Pine Rd	\$645,000
1661 Maryland Blvd	\$350,000	1895 W Tahquamenon Ct	\$200,000
133 N Old Woodward Ave	\$230,000	5118 Woodlands Rd	\$275,000
1890 Oak Ave	\$869,000	920 Yarmouth Rd	\$900,000
565 Pligim Ave	\$695,000	COMMERCIAL TOWNSHIP	
406 W Frank St	\$790,000	8038 Barnsbury St	\$149,000
		4045 E Commerce Rd	\$145,000
		5005 Fairgrove Ln	\$170,000
		8633 Hibbing St	\$95,000
		8228 Himmelfarb Dr	\$223,000
		FARMINGTON	
		2119 Saint Mary Ct	\$136,000
		21429 Archwood Cir	\$127,000
		25476 Briarcliff Ln	\$247,000
		31037 Cedar Creek Dr	\$178,000
		33501 Colony Park Dr	\$225,000
		38876 Greenway Cir	\$72,000
		5114 Woodlands Ln	\$112,000
		28014 Green Willow St	\$83,000
		35501 Johnston Rd	\$209,000
		25533 Kilreigh Dr	\$130,000

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

New location, good works

RE/MAX Classic of Canton office has made the move to its new location at 42078 Ford

Road from the previous long-term home at 43435 Joy Road. The new space has allowed the Classic office to expand their Realtor staff and the location is accommodating with close access directly from the I-275 freeway.

"We are up, running and settled in and continue to actively

sponsor the Cell Phones for Soldiers program," said Carol Boji, broker/owner. As a supporter for the Cell Phones for Soldiers program, area residents and businesses can now drop off and donate their unused cell phones and accessories at the new Ford Road location Monday through Friday until 6 p.m.

and Saturdays until 5 p.m. "Calling cards are also available to those who have service personnel stationed overseas or in the states upon request," said Boji. Families with friends or family in the military can visit RE/MAX Classic in Canton or visit www.detroitmetrealestate.com.

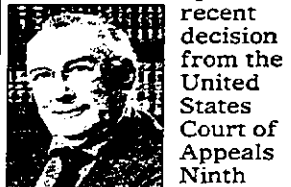
Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and author of Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition, available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping/handling. He also wrote Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping/handling. Call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmmeisner.com.

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