

### Winterization **Project**

The cold weather is here and unfortunately for some ele-mentary school chil-dren, they are unprepared for the change in season. While many in Novi are blessed to have all items required for a normal day of learning, still many

do not. Novi Rotary Club, working with Or-chard Hills and Viltary School staff, identified an immediate need of outerwear – coats, ts, snow pants and mittens - and has started the Kids Winterization Proiect to address these

Rotarians are looking to engage the community in sup-

Should you wish to donate new or gently-used items, please bring them to the United Methodist Church (41671 W. 10

### **Black Friday**

Twelve Oaks mall in Novi will open at 8 p.m. Thanksgiving evening and will close at 9 p.m. Frimore than 24 hours of continuous shopping and specials.

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# Novi acquires more park land

City designates five acres of new property near corner of 10 Mile and Wixom roads

By Lonnie Huhman

The city of Novi has acquired a local oil/gas well site and will consolidate it with a surrounding piece of property as a designated park area.

City council members unanimously approved a resolution to designate the five-acre property, formerly leased by Comerica Oil and Gas, for park purposes and for it to be under the Master Plan for land use as well as the Community Recreation Plan.

The property is on the south side of 10 Mile and east of Wixom Road. City Manager Clay

Pearson said it's just east of fire station No. 4. He said it's a small parcel on which the city had the right of first refusal, which it executed. This was part of the original purchase agreement for the city land around the newly designated section.
The location was an oil/gas

well that was recently shut down. Novi acquired the land for \$20,000 in September. "No immediate plans, but obviously this gives us the opportunity that if there is going to be a regional path through some of the property, this would help make it contiguous," Pearson

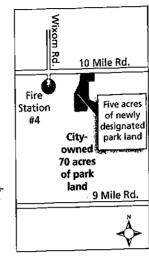
said of the possibilities.

He said this will help make the land eligible for certain grants and opportunities. It's now part of the surroundng city-owned property, which

is 70 acres of designated park land. This larger area was pur-chased in 1999 for \$230,000. The city's Master Plan for Land Use is the document by

which Novi legally designates city land as parkland as well as the planning document for Parks and Recreation use. The Community Recreation Plan is an overall setup adopted by the city council following recommendation by the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Com-

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McDonald's Chef Jessica Foust (right) served as mentor to local culinary students when she hosted a

# Culinary students get a new view



Art Institute culinary student Derrick Rassam cuts up ingredients for a breakfast dish.

Staff Writer

Art Institute of Michigan culinary student Derrick Rassam said he was excited when he heard they would be working with ingredients

from McDonald's last Tuesday.

He's very familiar with the food from the

"Golden Arches" and was looking forward to seeing what new twists he could put on them.

"Honestly, I thought this sounded like a fu idea," he said while cutting up sausage to put in a southwestern breakfast skillet. "This gives me a different look at the culinary in-dustry, a side many of us probably haven't thought much about."

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### Leon serving up another **Thanksgiving** feast

Free meal offered Wednesday, Nov. 27

By Cal Stone

Moe Leon has been serving

up a free Thanksgiving dinner at his Novi eatery, Moe's on Ten, for the past 23 years - and he'll do it again 3-8 p.m. Wednesday. "It'll be a traditional feast roasted turkey, mashed pota-

toes, stuffing, vegetable, rolls, chicken noodle soup, beverages and pumpkin pie," Leon said. Another tradition will be noted that day as city officials like Mayor Bob Gatt and City

Manager Clay Pearson - will The city of Novi will also provide free senior transportation for those in need, beginning

at 3 p.m. Reservations are required at 248-735-5617. "Anybody can come here and eat. No questions asked. It's my way of paying back and saying 'thank you'" Leon said, adding

that he loves to be able to pro-vide the free meal to families that may be struggling financially. He estimates 300 to 500 folks

will come to the restaurant on the south side of 10 Mile Road, just west of Haggerty Road.

And that's just Leon's Novi location. His family's restauwill also be offering free

Thanksgiving feasts. Leon also operates, with his brothers, Leon's Family Dining restaurants in Livonia, Garden City and Westland. They celebrated 30 years in business Oct.

He also owns Leon's of Wix-

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### Chef Jessica Foust, R.D., manager of Nutrition and Culinary for McDonald's USA, served as mentor to culinary students Nov. 12 when

# Share your favorite Thanksgiving tradition The Novi News is looking for your favorite Thanksgiving traditions and we're offering



rewards for the most unusual, most creative,

most heartwarming stories. Do you always go to the America's Thanksgiving Parade downtown? Or do you just watch it on TV? Are you among the thousands of fans who just have to be at Ford Field for

the Lions game? Is there a favorite food that just has to be on your Thanksgiving table? Does your family help feed the homeless or senior citizens? Do you get together and play a fun game of touch football in the yard?

Maybe there's a certain way you cook your

turkey. Or a special entree, veggie or dessert

you just have to have. Whatever the tradition is, we'd like to hear about it. Share your special tradition with readers (send a photo, too, if you'd like; just make sure it's a JPEG image). Your special traditions will be published in our Thanksgiving Day edition (in homes and on the street Wednesday, Nov. 27).

Our panel of editors will select five favorites and award a movie pass for two to any Emagine Theatre. Just email your tradition (and an accompanying photo, if you have one) to Observer editor Karen Smith at ksmith@hometownlife.com by Friday, Nov. 22.



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dinner Wednesday at his Novi restaurant, Moe's on Ten.

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om, which is located across from the former that restaurant's busi ness to jump once two new businesses – Menard's and General RV are up and running in 2014 on the northwest corner of Wixom Road

and I-96. In Novi, Moe's on Ten is a hot spot for lunch with lots of business men and women coming in. As night little older until closing

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brunch anywhere," Leon said, adding that years ago from 8 a.m. to and Sunday, "Our chef. Jose, came from Charley's Crab in Troy."

Leon also does a big catering operation; one of his biggest clients is Detroit Metro Airport.

But it's all about local folks next Wednes day. Although the meal is entirely complimen tary, donations will also be accepted to assist needy families in the area this holiday season. For more information, call 248-478-9742.

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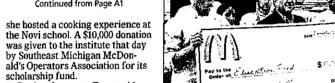
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Judge Brian MacKenzie (center) stops by to chat with newly-elected Novi City Council member Gwen Markham (left) be-

fore he administered the oath of office Nov. 12. Re-elected council member Andrew Mutch looks on. Incumbent Mayor

Bob Gatt and council member Justin Fischer were also sworn in that night, JOHN HEIDER J STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Chef Jessica Foust, along with other McDonald's representatives, presented a financial donation to the school's scholarship fund. LONNIE HUHMAN

by Southeast Michigan McDonald's Operators Association for its During the event, Foust said McDonald's quality ingredients

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will be at center stage with the next generation of industry professionals creating their own dishes from ingredients used daily on the The variety of plates was in-

teresting, to say the least, from using a McMuffin with a hole in it for an egg to cook on top of a slice of ham to using the shredded McWings as a topping along with cheese to a dish of fried tortilla –

the variety was inspiring. Rassam said he has enjoyed McDonald's breakfast before, so had a good idea what he was working with. His skillet came out looking tasty, so you never know if during the next trip through a drive-through you might see his

She said the students know of the typical routes a new chef can take, but they might not know of the possibilities in the world of "fast food."

"This gives them an idea of the various opportunities that are out there for them. Understanding and exploring the different possibilties is part of learning, so we want to help give them another look," Foust said of the workshop.

"McDonald's strives to use the best quality ingredients and that sometimes gets lost in the discussion." Foust said. "We are using more fruits in our menu and have traditionally used only the best meats. There are many directions they can take these ingredients to make a new dish. You never know they might inspire me to think about something new."

Leading culinary developmen for the Menu Innovation Team. Foust provides nutrition subject matter expertise to the McDon-

ald's U.S. food and nutrition strategy. She manages day-to-day rela-tionships with its multiple suppliers and works with a diverse and creative team to generate and develop new menu items for Mc-Donald's 14,000-plus U.S. restau-

Foust discussed McDonald's menu innovations and shared details of her experience working for the largest quick service restaurant in the world. Trained as a chef coached the students as they created a composed plate, ensuring they are preparing dishes that are delicious and nutritionally bal-

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# **Area Dems fete** Schauer in meet-and-greet

The lights were out at John and Mary Bartek's Plymouth Township ie, courtesy of Sunday's high winds and rains that hit southeast Michigan.

But the power outage that turned off the lights did nothing to dim the enthusiasm of the 50 or so members and supporters of the Plymouth Democratic Club gathered for a meet-and-greet

The Democrat gu-bernatorial candidate, who plans to challenge Gov. Rick Snyder in the 2014 election, stopped by to talk to club members eager for a change in

Lansing. He gave them what they wanted to hear.
"I didn't vote for Rick the benefit of the doubt. I thought he'd be this 'business' guy," Schauer told the gathered crowd. I thought we were getting sort of a Milliken, and we got more of a DeVos instead. I've talked with a lot of people around the state who are dissatis-

It was the kind of small-venue meeting Schauer has been doir since announcing his third of five similar events he did Sunday

It's part of the strategy he's adopting in order to beat the perception is. A poll done last year by Public Policy Polling, a Democratic polling group, showed some 72 percent of Michiganians had no idea who Schauer

44-36 lead in a hypothetical race against the incumbent governor.

Schauer said Sunday that polls show the race is a dead heat, with Snyder holding a within-themargin-of-error 36-33 lead. He said groups like the Plymouth Democratic Club are going to make the difference if he is to unseat Snyder.

"This campaign will be won by people in this knock on and the contacts they make," Schauer said, "If people vote to than 2008, I'll be elected governor.

Schauer mingled with club members and sup-porters for about a halfhour, then talked for the ways he'll challenge Snyder's record. He was critical of the governor's handling of the right-towork situation last year. He also criticized Snyder from public education'

from higher education.' He said Snyder has "raised taxes on retirees." "raised taxes on with the elimination of the child-care credit)" and "he's raised taxes on the working poor." Acigan has the fourth-highest unemployment rate in the country and the "highest percentage of

in the Great Lakes re-"You raise taxes on the poor and give a \$2 billion tax break to corporations and it doesn't even create jobs," Schauer said. "Cutting education is mort-

isn't working." Mary Maguire, presi-Democratic Club, said the event is an effort by the club to connect people in the local communi-

want to represent them. portunity for people to connect with (Schauer), Magnire said, "His message is absolutely right values as people around

here and people in the state of Michigan." The Barteks, who hadn't met Schauer be fore Sunday, were happy

"A lot of people don't know a lot about him." of people are disappoint ed with (Snyder). It's not turning out the way they thought it would. This is about helping people get

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# Madonna, Schoolcraft partner to offer dual degree in sign language

Schoolcraft College have announced a unique dual degree program in sign language stud

Beginning fall semester 2014, students majoring in sign. attend both schools at the same time and use their financial aid at both institutions.

Dan McDougall, director of

Madonna's sign language stud-ies program, outlined how this innovative partnership will save students time and money. "Our very specific plan of study outlines which classes students will take at each school: general education requirements will be taken at courses will be taught at Ma dents thousands in tuition costs. Additionally, by meeting with their adviser on a regular basis, students can ensure they stay on track to complete their degree in four years so they can start their careers in a timely fashion.

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fun

Jennifer Barr dances with her

daughter Paytor

during the Nov. 12

According to McDougall,

Madonna University President Sister Rose Marie Kujawa and Schoolcraft College President Conway Jeffress sign the articulation ent for the dual degree sign language studies program.

the demand for interpreters for the deaf and hard of hearing in Michigan will continue to grow over the next 20 years based on a 2006 study by the Division on Deaf and Hard of Hearing. He also noted that a chelor's degree is now re quired for new applicants to apply for national interpreting

As the program's name suggests, students will earn two degrees; an associate's degree in applied science from Schoolcraft after two years of successful study and a bachelor's degree in either interpreting studies or deaf community two additional years of suc-

With Michigan's first and longest-running bachelor's degree program in sign lan-guage, Madonna University also is the only Michigan school that offers more than one bachelor's degree related to sign language. Language courses are taught by culturally-deaf instructors, in a new state-of-the art visual language

responsible. Much of the success that we have as a district can be traced to the support the parents and guardians provide our chil-The adults in our commu-

nity attend parent-teacher

and provide a place for students to study. The parents and guardians of our students check homework, talk to students about what happened in school and communicate clearly to our students

nity that supports and values education. This support is demonstrated through positive support for millage renewals and construction and technology bonds, as well as participation in school activresponsible for creating an environment where students can learn. Together, we have

Our committed and caring staff provides excellent educational opportunities for students in the classroom and through clubs and extracurricular activities. Staff comes in early and stays late. Our staff members collaborate with each other, constantly looking for ways to meet the needs of every student. Our staff members talk with our vate them and encourage them to achieve. Our staff members connect with our students and build relation-

It is appropriate and timely that November rolls around. November encour ages us to be thankful. Here in Novi, we have a lot for which to be thankful. Novi is a wonderful community. Let us give thanks this month and oughout the year.

Novi Community Schools, He can be reached at 248-449-1204 or

# Much to be thankful for in Novi school district

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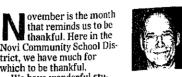
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community. "The Walled Lake

'Shrek - The Musical' Carter Jones is Shrek in Walled Lake Western High School Performing Arts Department's presentation of 'Shrek - The Musical' Nov. 21-24 at the school (600 Beck Road, Walled Lake). Evening performances will begin at 7:30 p.m. and the two weekend matinees will begin at 2 p.m. Tickets can be purchased online at www.wlwmusical.com or by phone at 248-956-4625. Tickets range in price from \$14 to \$20 and

The fourth annual One-Act Festival will be held at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 22, at Novi Middle School. The three comedies - Comic Book Artist, Lionizing, and Some Words With a Mummy are presented by the Novi Middle School

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W.L. Western inducts NHS members

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One-Act Festival

Recently, 89 students at Walled Lake Western High School were inducted into the National Honor Society. This marks the highest num ber of inductees in the past two school years. Of the 89 inductees, 79 were juniors and 10

Each student inhigh level of academic excellence, character, leadership and service Students inducted into NHS will complete a required 60 hours of with most of them going above and beyond the service requirements to help their school and

all tickets are reserved. For more

information, visit www.wlcsticket

or Society induction was an excellent occa sion to make visible Western's commitment to producing wellrounded citizens," Western teacher Krista San-

Western National Hon-

**Great Start** Readiness Program

The Novi Community Education Preschool will be offering the Great Start Readiness Program for 4-year-olds starting in September

To qualify for this state-funded program, children must be age 4 by Oct. 1, 2014, and ria set by the state. The GSRP program is a free preschool and includes lunch and snack. Parents provide transportation.

The all-day class will be held from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and munity School District calendar.

Registration is ongoing beginning Jan. 6. Space is limited and enrollment is not guaranteed.

Parents or guardians should contact the Community Education Pre school office to schedule a registration appointment at 248-449-1713.

# Right-to-work law panel's topic

By Kathleen Gray

Three public school employees appeared before a newly formed Senate committee last week to tell how they wanted to, but have been unable to, leave their unions after right-towork legislation was passed last year.

"I'm not interested in joining the union and I've paid over \$10,000 in dues to the union over the last 11 years," said Susan Bank, a Brighton resident and special education should have informed me or let me know. I don't

She says she was ultimately told by her union that she missed a window during the month of August — to withdraw from the union. And since she wasn't paying her ter could be turned over

feel I was informed of my

rights."

to a collection agency. The Michigan Senate's Compliance and Accountability Committee held its first meeting earlier this month to look into how school districts are complying with the right to-work law which passed in the final frenzied days of the lameduck session last Decem-

ber with no committee

hearings or public input.

Sen. Arlan Meekhof, R-West Olive, is chairthat she hadn't filed the right form during the withdrawal month of

He said he's not sure whether if any legislation will result from the hearings or what other topics might come up, but that he wants to send a message to teachers that, "We've got your back." Amy Breza, a para-

man of the committee.

ston school district, said she also was never told about the August window to withdraw from the "My union president told me she didn't want me to get into trouble

professional in the Clark

with the MEA," Breza said. "I told her you need to talk to my attorney.' Miriam Chanski, a kindergarten teacher in Coopersville, said she signed a form in May

saying she wanted to withdraw from the union, but was told at the beginning of the school year

That information was

not given to us up front," she said. "It was actively hidden from us."
The Michigan Education Association, which is scheduled to testify be-

fore the committee Dec 4, said that about 1,500 public school employees ve left the union since the right-to-work law went into effect. Another "couple hundred" have asked about leaving, but didn't meet the August deadline, said Doug Pratt spokesman for the MEA, which represents about 150,000 employees in

Michigan. "I'm unaware of any membership organization that actively seeks out leave," he said, "Does the send letters to its mem-

you go about not renew The Mackinac Center.

a Midland-based think tank that is a leading supporter of the right-to ing seven teachers and one para-professional in a lawsuit based on the employees' inability to leave the union. Patrick Wright, of the

center's legal foundation told the committee that the center sent 30,000 emails to teachers regarding the right-to-work law and how it gave them the ability to leave the

"We had a situation that there was a new and important law passed that the MEA didn't like,' he said in explaining the

The lawsuit is pending before the Michigan **Employment Relations** 

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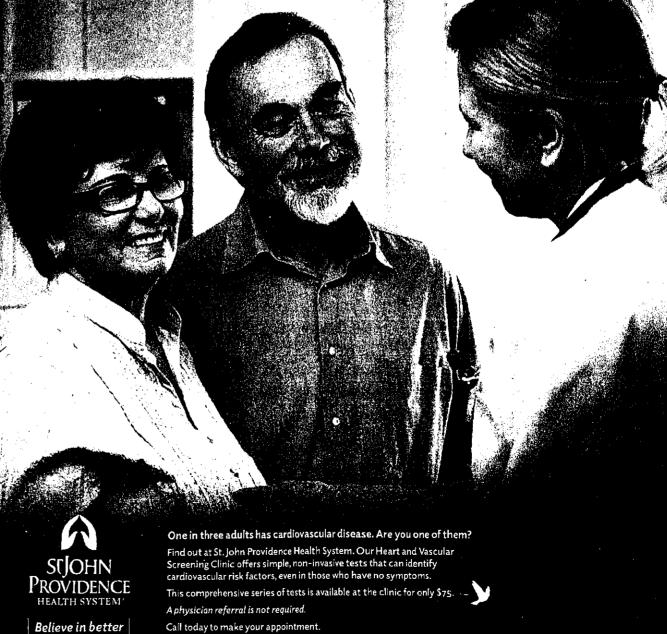
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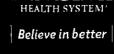












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# Meijer, generous customers boost Novi food bank efforts

On a recent Monday at the Novi Emergency Food Bank, hard work collecting food by local Boy Scouts had shelves full. Volunteers had the food bank, which serves Novi, New Hudson and Wixom resi-

dents, looking tidy. "It's staying about the same. Some of the people have moved away," co-chair Kay Hendricksen of Novi said of the current caseload. Hendricksen, co-chair with Jim Ernst, said the group

serves about 45-50 families now, with that varying throughout the She's working now to

get the word out on the Vixom Meijer store, which has Simply Give cards at some checkout able to support the Novi food bank. "You swipe that when you buy gro-ceries," she said. "Meij er matches every dollar that is donated.

She's grateful and even more so for the Grand Rapids-based

retailer doing double matches through mid December.

The food bank is based at Faith Community Presbyterian Church, on 10 Mile across from the Novi police station.

Hendricksen empha sized regular Meijer gift cards aren't what would-be donors should use, but rather the Simply Give card, "They've done it for a number of years now," she said of the retailer's charitable effort.

### CITY OF NOVI

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Zoning Board of Appeals for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, December 10, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers Novi Civic Center 45175 Ten Mile Road to consider:

CASE NO. PZ13-0061 27070 TAFT RD - GARMO PROPERTY

The applicant is requesting a variance from CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 28-10(11) to allow storage of equipment and trailers with signage advertising his business and business activities. The property is located on Tafk Rd and south of Twelve Milo

CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 28-10(11) prohibits motor vehicle signs to park, place and store vehicles and trailers for the purpose of advertising a business or busin CASE NO. PZ13-0063 25460 NOVI RD - RAVEN INVESTMENTS LLC

The applicant is requesting a use variance from CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCE The applicant is requesting a use variance from CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCE. Section 2001 to allow principal use of the site for outdoor storage when such yard is not obscured by a masonry wall, landscaped earth berm, chain link fence with heavy screen plantings, or combinations thereof, the height, location and extent of which shall be according to the requirements of Section 2509 and Section 2514 of this Ordinance. The property is

located on Novi Road and south of Grand River.
CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 2001, "Principal Uses Permitted" states Outdoor storage yards either as principal use of a site or as a use accessory to a principal use of a site when such yards are totally obscured by a masonry wall, landscaped earth berm hain link fence with heavy screen plantings, or combinations thereof, the height, location an extent of which shall be according to the requirements of Section 2509 and Section 2514 of thi Ordinance, except as hereinafter exempted in Section 2002.1 for a location within a planned industrial park. Whenever outdoor storage is the principal use of the parcel, no outdoor storage shall extend into the required front yard setback of the district and no wall, fence or other screening devices shall extend into the required front yard setback. CASE NO. PZ13-0064 27793 NOVI RD - EYEGLASS WORLD

The applicant is requesting a variance from CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES section 28-5(3) to allow an second wall sign of 21.5 square feet located on the north side of etail tenant suite. The property is located south of Twelve Mile Road and west of Novi Road

in the RC Zoning District. CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 28-5(3) permits a single wall sign for each

business storefront in the RC, Regional Center District.

CASE NO. PZ13-0065 29770 HUDSON DR - HENGST AUTOMOTIVE The applicant is requesting a variance from CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 28-5(2)a.1.i to allow an oversize ground sign of 32 square feet located on the south side of site. The property is located east of Beck Road and north of West Road in the I-1 Zoning District. CITY OF NOVI. CODE OF ORDINANCE, Section 28-5(2) a.1.i permits a ground sign of

CASE NO. PZ13-0066 2214 AUSTIN DR The applicant is requesting variances to allow reduced side yard setbacks of 4 ft., on each side respectively, a front yard setback of 13.3 ft. and maximum lot coverage of 37.9% for a new residence proposed to be constructed on an existing lot. The property is located west of Novi Road and south of South Lake Drive in the R-4 Zoning District.

CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES. Section 2400 requires minimum and aggregate le yard setbacks of 10 ft, and 25 ft, respectively, a front yard setback of 30 ft, and maximum ot coverage of 25%.

# Novi Youth Assistance and Haven getting more money from CDBG

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

Novi will be devoting a more of its Community Development Block Grant funding to help support community ser-vices like Novi Youth

Assistance and Haven. The Novi City Council was scheduled to have a public hearing Tuesday on the recommendations put forth by the city's Housing and Community Development Advisory Committee for this allocation. The proposed 2014 CDRG planning allocation for the city of Novi is

estimated to total \$91,654. The maximum amount Novi is allowed to allocate directly to the public service program (NYA and Haven) category for 2014 is \$27,496, which represents an increase of \$1,419 from the prior

The remainder will be devoted to supporting Novi's Minor Home Repair program.

Some input was given prior to the meeting from some of the stakeholders involved with the funding. The CDBG represents crucial support for

"Due to the ongoing economic downturn, we ber of families requesting worker Tom Swieboda

He said NYA is in a challenging situation financially, but has found ways to meet the demands. The CDBG goes a long way in helping with

"While we have made internal adjustments to stretch our monies as best as we can, continued funding is vital if we are to continue providing programming in 2014-15 to our most vulnerable community members, Swieboda said.

Funding dollars allo cated to NYA are used to provide direct intervention services for Novi youth, which includes counseling, enrichment, skill building and academic support to children who are for various reasons deemed to be at "at

risk" or whose families

have insufficient finan-

cial resources to meet

their needs for these For 2014, NYA is expected to receive \$8.000 n CDBG funds and Haven is scheduled to get \$6,000. Their 2013 awarded CDBG matches those totals, Both requested \$1,000 less than what is

being awarded for 2014.

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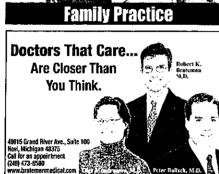
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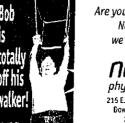
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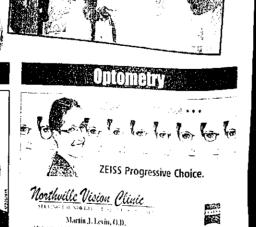
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direct assistance from it by way of shelter assistance, crisis intervention as well as services from Haven's Personal Protection Order Office.

Minor Home Repair The current wait list for those who qualify for the Minor Home Repair program continues to grow, to a total of 71 Novi According to the city, on average, a minor home repair runs approximately \$1,000 to \$5,000 per

In addition to our allo-

cation of CDBG funds,

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Fall colors have jazzed up the woods at Novi's Lakeshor Park JOHN DEIDER I STAFF PHOTO GRAPHER

# 12 Mile Rd. 11 Mile Rd. 9 Mile Rd.

### **NOVI POLICE BRIEFS**

Stolen Hermes handbag

 A woman had her \$3,000 handbag stolen at Twelve Oaks mall while trying on a pair of shoes

She stated she was inside Macy's when she set her handbag down while putting on the shoes and then got up, ment. When she went back to it, she found it missing. Inside was \$800 in cash, \$4,500 in cashiers checks and various

A Macy's employee did spot a possible suspect leaving the store with a handbag that matched the stolen one. The case is under inDrunken driving, police also found marisecond offense

8 Mile Rd

2 A Farmington woman was arrested for drunken through a flashing red traffic signal Nov. 1.

Novi police stoppe the woman at M-5 and 13 Mile Road after observing the erratic driving. was immediately detected upon speaking with the driver. She told police that she had more than

enough to drink.
After having trouble with the one-legged stand field sobriety test as well as the others, she was given a breathalyzer test and was arrested after it came back with a 0.10 percent blood-alcohol content. During a search,

juana and a pipe.

**Drunken swerving**  A man driving a BMW erratically was arrested for drunken driving.

Novi police stopped the man at Novi Road and Nick Lidstrom Drive after spotting him swerv ing in his lane and crossing the center line twice. The odor of alcohol was detected and he was asked to do the field sobriety tests; officers

while standing and performing the tests. He was arrested after his breathalyzer registered 0.10 percent bloodalcohol content.

- By Lonnie Huhman

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The city of Novi pro-moted fire protection officer Ryan Byrne to lieutenant with the Novi was selected after a rigorous, competitive promotional process.

"Lieutenant Byrne

has demonstrated a

proven ability in advision and values of the Novi Fire Department," said David E. Molloy director of public safety/chief of police. "The fire lieutenant is a key leadership position in our public safety team. with our full- and parttime personnel, Lieutenant Byrne will continue to enhance the quality services our community is known for deliver-



Byrne spent four years working closely with the fire marshal tracking and classifying stored or manufactured this information. Byrne developed preincident plans intended to assist an incident commander

fully mitigate potential ly dangerous situations. In addition, Byrne has earned a company citation, two letters of comable mention.

Byrne currently holds state of Michigan Company Officer I, II and III certification. Additionally, he maintains hazardous materi als-operations certification, as well as being an NFPA Fire Inspector II. Byrne attended Marian College, where he studied history and political ing the pursuit of his College and plans to enroll at Eastern Michigan University and study public safety ad-



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# Despite economy, customers still gobbling up local turkeys for Thanksgiving

By David Veselenak Staff Writer

It's the same this year as it has been at many area places selling tur key for Thanksgiving: customers are willing to shell out the money for

"People are always thanking me for being here. They say, 'I don't care if it's \$5 a pound. You can't beat your turkeys," said Christine Roperti, owner of Roper ti's Turkey Farm, 34700 Five Mile, in Livonia. "I love doing it."

Several area sellers of the Thanksgiving fare say they've seen some mpact with the economy taking a nosedive in recent years, but many continue to see customers come back, looking to splurge for the holidays their family's dinner

Huron Turkey Farms, 18910 Merriman, in Huron Township in southern Wayne County, said the farm sees a wide array of customers from the Detroit area, including cities such as Livonia, Gar den City and Westland, as well as Downriver, look-And for this holiday, he said many say the cost is

worth it to have a local, fresh bird for Thanks-"People don't mind

Tom Toth, manager of

spending \$70 for a turkey because it's once a year,' dressed out the day before the person picks it up. You can't get it fresher than that."

customer numbers haven't changed in recent years, the number of companies purchasing

"The feed prices have the economy and the fact been extremely ridicuthat some companies see the turkey purchases as years. They made corn "extras" not crucial to \$7 a bushel," he said. their company, if they "This year, it's \$4 a bush-

### **Demand for local** increases

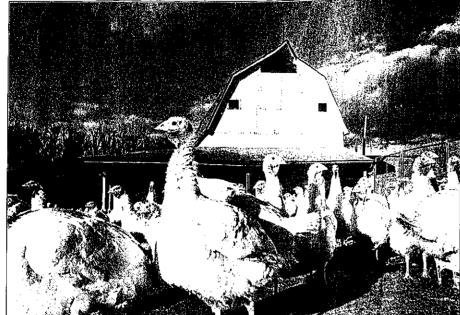
Despite costs, many incal turkey sellers this year are seeing a bigger push toward locallyraised poultry, as well as fewer antibiotics and other substances used to enhance the birds.

Mike Liabenow, man ager of meat and seafood at Joe's Produce, 33152 W. Seven Mile, in Livonia, said his department began carrying organic turkeys raised in Michigan this year for the first

While the price for those birds is more than other turkeys at the store. Liabenow said he's had customers request them in previous years

for Thanksgiving.
"It's something that's been on the rise a couple years in the business," he

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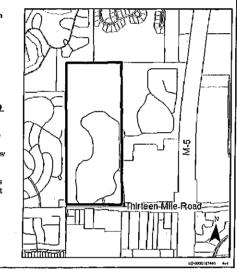
The turkeys will each add a few pounds in weight between now and the last days before Thanksgiving. BILL BRESLER | STAFF

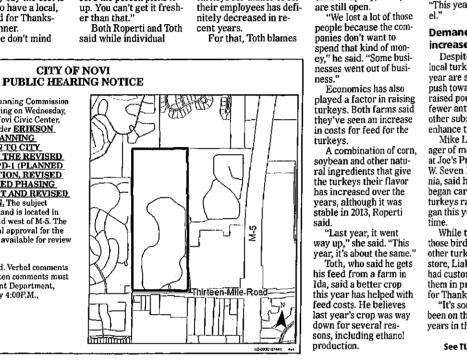
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 11th, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, Mi to consider ERIKSON. LIVING FOX RUN, JSP 13-64 FOR PLANNING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE REVISED PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN WITH A PD-1 (PLANNED DEVELOPMENT RESIDENTIAL) OPTION, REVISED

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All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Community Development Departm 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 by 4:00P.M., Wednesday, December 11th, 2013. Novi Planning Commission Michael Lynch, Secretary





restaurant Thanksgiving afternoon, those not wanting to cook can or der a prepared meal and take it home and those wanting to cook themselves can purchase a fresh turkey and use whatever recipe they Allen has also seen a push for more locally-raised turkeys for the He said a key to a tasty turkey is allowing the bird more freedom while it's at a farm. "The more confine-

as salmonella, something that's talked about a lot with issues about poultry from stores in the news. "This has been going drops if they want." on for four or five years," she said. "There's Allen - Steve and Rocka lot of people from Ann y's, Rocky's Rotisserie in

been going on a while.' Chef Steve Allen of Steve and Rocky's Restaurant, 43150 Grand River, in Novi, said his business is offering three options this Thanksgiving for people to enjoy turkey, which Allen himself raises. Those looking

and get turkeys. So that's

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**TURKEYS** 

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ment, the more stressed they are," he said. "They can get sunshine if they want; they can get rain-Each of the three restaurants associated with

Livonia and Rocky's of

Northville - will serve dinners Thanksgiving. Liabenow said he's seen customers still line up for the Thanksgiving fare with little regard to price. Business has been steady, but as the turkey farms begin to wind month, he and his co-



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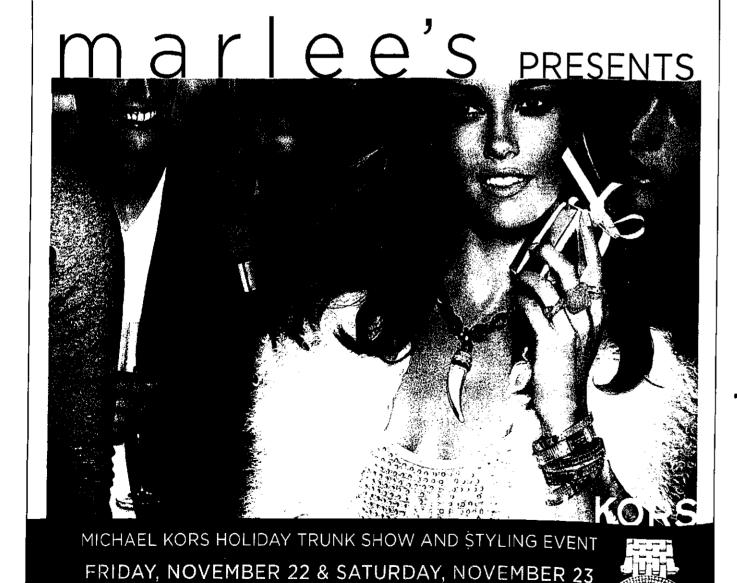
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Florence Baptist (center) is one of the many regulars who show up to the Wednesday afternoon sing-a-longs at the Novi Senior Center. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

### Sing-a-long

George and Caroline Giese lead a Nov. 13 sing-a-along at the Novi Senior Center at Meadowbrook Commons. The husband-wife duo have been hosting the fun afternoon of singing for many years at 1:30 p.m the second Wednesday of each month. JOHN HEIDER STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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# All charged up

Area man among first to buy electric Tesla

By Laura Colvin Staff Writer

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Len Budzen rolls down the driveway of his Highland Township home at the wheel of his brandnew, cherry-red Tesla Model S.

The battery-powered car has no combustion engine, hence no engine noise. It is silent. "I can sneak out at night and no one will

know," Budzen said with

an impish boy-with-a-

new-toy grin sneaking across his face. And then: "Do you want to go fast?" He's happy to demonstrate what the car can accom-

plish and he does. Budzen and his wife Jo took delivery of the car this summer.

The Tesla Model S, introduced as a prototype in 2009 with U.S. deliveries beginning in June 2012, is a full-sized electric four-door hatchback sports sedan produced by Tesla Motors.

The car's claim to fame is its long range: it can travel 160, 230 or 300 miles, depending on the buyer's chosen battery option. Unlike cars such as the Chevrolet Volt, the Tesla has no backup gasoine engine.

The car's performance has gained a lot of attention in the automobile industry since its release.

High ratings

In fact, in a report published last month. onsumer Reports wrote the Tesla Model S is the best car it has tested since 2007, achieving its highest score.

The magazine said the electric sedan achieved a score of 99 out of 100, outperforming every other model this year in every category — from performance to interior High points, according

to Consumer Reports: » Acceleration: The Model S leaps from 0 to 60 mph in 5.6 seconds, on par with top sports cars. Yet it is the quietest car that the magazine has tested since the Lexus.

» Handling: Consumer Reports' engineers compared its "pinpoint handling" to that of a » Interior: The "beauti-

fully-crafted interior calls to mind an Audi." » Practicality: The test car's ability to go 200 miles on a single charge gave it a level of practicality not seen in other electric cars, which are

typically limited to 75 or 80 miles a charge. » Thrift: The test car achieved the equivalent s per gallon of gas. At \$9 in electricity for a full charge, it is like buying gas at \$1.20 a gal-

All those features, plus the 17-inch touch screen that integrates media. navigation, communica vehicle data, sold the Budgens on the car.

**Personal interest** But for Len Budzen, the interest is personal too. After all, he helped ninneer electric vehicles.

It all began in 1969, Budgen said, when he joined the Copper Devel-His job, along with two others, was to explore and expand the use of copper and copper alloys in the U.S., as well as to

Reading the newspa per one day, he came eross a small article

made Renaults and con verting them to electric vehicles

After visiting with the man featured in the story, Budzen enthusiastically reported back to his boss. "He told me I had too

But one thing led to another and before long Budzen found himself heading up a group prototype to examine the

"We found a Cobra chassis in Pennsylvania and had it shipped up," he said. "We used that as the frame at the bottom; the battery was about 4,500 pounds total, so it was

Once the work was done and the car was built, Budgen and his group took it on the road

In winter 1970, Budzen, then CDA's electric products market development manager, along with his Copper Electric Car, were featured on Garry Moore's To Tell the

Everywhere he went with the car, people were fascinated. "We took it to Washing-

ton, D.C., and all the politicians wanted to have their picture taken in it. he said. "Everywhere I stopped, I was mobbed with people who wanted After that, Budzen

went on to other things none of the automakers were taking the concept seriously at that time but he always maintained vehicles. Over the years in fact, he and Jo owned four Toyota Prius hybrid vehicles.

### to Denver

Then, about two years ago, when Budzen stopped to check out the Tesla Roadster in a show room at a mall in Denver, he spotted a photo of the Model S on the wall and ended up in a conversation with the technician.

heard. And for a fully refundable \$5,000 depos it, he could put his name on the list. The cars, the technician told him would roll out in about

said, 'Honey, it's probably the last car you'll ever order, so go for it." Budgen's name was placed at No. 4,498 on the list. That was in 2011. He almost forgot about it.

The car arrives Finally, in July, a call came from the delivery

driver. Twenty minutes later, an enclosed van - coming from a Tesla distribution center in Columbus drove up to the couple's

Ever since, Budzen's been hearing similar words to those he heard

"Where ever I go. people stop me and want to know about it." he said. adding that he's still learning about the car and having a good time

doing so.
"It's fun to drive. Very responsive. I like the performance, the handling, the acceleration. Aerodynamically, it's as good as you can build a

Jo Budzen has her own work toward future de-

much for lunch and I should go home and lie down," Budzen said.

and on television.

Truth show.

### A memorable trip

He liked what he two years. So he called Jo: "She

# sits inside

little touch on the screen car," she said, "People and you can get whatever

you want." The styling, she said, is also at the top of her list "It's such a beautiful

say, 'Oh, you're getting an electric car, how cute. They think of a Smart car or something small. When they see this car, they're

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surprised at how beautiful it is.

Len Budzen adds a final thought: "The other thing is, when I pass the gas station, I give them

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### CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday December 11,2013 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider THE PRESERVE OF ISLAND LAKE (PHASE 8 OF THE ISLAND LAKE OF NOVI) SITE PLAN NUMBER 13:69, TO AMEND THE RESIDENTIAL NIT DEVELOPMENT (RUD) PLAN AND ACREEMENT, AND FOR PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN, WOODLAND PERMIT, WETLAND PERMIT AND STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN APPROVAL. The subject property totals 48.95 acres and is located in Section 19, northeast corner of Ten Mile and Napier Roads. The applicant is proposing to add the 48.95 acres to the existing Island Lake of Novi RUD in order to construct 45 single-family detached homes with associated infrastructure. Plans re available for review at the Community Development Department in the Novi Civic Center



l interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the bearing and any written comments must received by the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MJ 48375 by 4:00p.m., Wednesday, mber 11, 2013.

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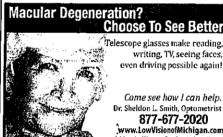
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Novi Planning Commission Michael Lynch, Secretar



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Location: M-5 and 13 Mile, Contact: 248-227-4420 or www.brightmoorchurch.org

Celebrate Recovery Time/Dates: 7 p.m. Mondays Details: Worship, teaching or testimony, and open-share recovery groups. Organizers offer the principles and tool to bring healing for the hurts, deliverance from life-control day's newspaper. ling habits, and freedom from the hang-ups that keep us from developing strong and healthy relations with God and

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Location: 24505 Meadowrook Road Contact: 248-349-8847 or visit

olyfamilynovi.org Mass Schedule Time/Day: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. Monday-Friday; 7 p.m. Monday-Tuesday: 4:30 p.m.

Saturday; 6:30 p.m. Saturday Holy days: 9 a.m. and 7 p.m Reconciliation: beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appoint

Priests: the Rev. Bob LaCroix, pastor, and the Rev. Michael AA: 8 p.m. Wednesdays

### Crosspointe **Meadows Church**

Location: 29000 Meadow brook Road, south of 13 Mile Contact: 248-669-9400, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or Sunday worship: 11:15 a.m.

Bible study classes: 10 a.m. Details: Nursery and older children programs avaitable

Worship blends traditional and nporary elements resi ing in a multi-sensory worship

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MARGRETT

Age 72, passed November 6 2013. She was born on Septem

ber 22, 1941, in Harrisburg, Arizona, 10 the late George

She is survived by her children

Susan Burrell and Terry (Gina)

Fogelsonger; brothers, Lloyd and Cyrus; sister Bonnie; longtime friend and companion, James Thomas; and grandchildren, Em-

ly Fogelsonger, Avery Burrell, Zoe Burrell, and Samantha

Burrell. Visitation will be held

on Thursday, November 21, from 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Fu-neral service Friday, November

22, at 11:00 a.m. at Phillips Fu-

South Lyon, MI 48178. In lieu

flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The Friends of

the Salem-South Lyon District Library, c\o The Salem-South

Lyon District Library, 9800 Pon

tiac Trail, South Lyon, MI 48178. Online guestbook, www.philtipsfuneral.com

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HOSKINS, JOE B.

age 78, passed away November 11, 2013. He was born on No-

vember 20, 1934, son of the late

Beve and Alabam Hoskins, He

joyed his last years working at Three Cedars Farm during the fall season and playing Santa and Mrs. Claus with his wife Johnnie

at Christmas. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Monavee "Johnnie" Hoskins; his loving

daughters, Joanne (Bob) Quall

and Cynthia (Mark) Wildasin

his grandchildren, Sarah (Eric) Immerfall, Lauren, Bobby, Eliz-abeth and Carly; and his great-grandchildren, Quinn and Foster.

granderhuter. William and Poster. He is also survived by his siblings, Fred, Marie Abner, Roy, Frank (Carol), Billie Jean (Jerry) Williams, Christine (Ron) Harlow and Mary Ruth (Jim)

Pelky, and his special friend, Gary Whittaker. He was preced-

ed in death by his son, Gary D. Hoskins and his siblings. Del-bert. Cleo Hatfield and Maggie Clayton. Visitation will be held

on Friday, November 22 from 3

p.m. - 9 p.m. at PHILLIPS FU-NERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake

St., South Lyon, A Funeral Serv

ice will be held on Saturday, No

vember 23 at 11 a.m. at the First

Baptist Church of South Lyon, 60820 Marjorie Ano St., South Lyon, Online guestbook at: www.phillipsluneral.com

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BEMARON SERVICES

### **GET LISTED!**

Submit: Send calendar ubmissions via email to cstone@gannett.com; by fax to 248-685-2892; or by mail to Religion ville, 101 N. Lafavette South Lyon, MI 48178 Items must be received by noon on Monday to be included in Thurs

experience.

### **Destiny Worship** Center

Location: Ridge Wood Ele mentary School, 49775 Six Contact: Destiwww.DW3C.org.

### **Emmanuel Lutheran** Church

Location: 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia Web: www.emmanuel-livonia.org Contact: 248-442-8822

Sunday worship: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Adult special needs worship: 9:30 a.m Youth group: 7 p.m. Wednes-

Women's Coffee Break Rible Study Advent Study: 10-11: 30 a.m. Mondays; "Advent Reflections, Making All Things

### Faith Community Presbyterian Church Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile

Contact: 248-349-2345 or visit www.faithcommunity-novi.org Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. nen's Bible Study: 9:15-10:30 a.m. Saturdays

1-800-579-7355 • fax 313-496-4968 • htwobits@hometownlife.com

Deadline: Tuesday 9:45 a.m. for Thursday

KETOLA, MARIE

Marie Ketola, age 79, passed away Nov. 15, 2013. A memorial service was held on Nov. 20 at

Phillips Funeral Home, S. Lyon.

LaLONDE

Of South Lyon died on Nov

MARIAN ROBERTA

ber 11, 2013 at the age of 89. Marian was a devoted and loving

to her family who will foreve

cherish wonderful memories of a full and rich life. She was pre-

ceded in death by her husbane Russell LaLonde, she died on hi birthday. She is survived by he four children Marie Sheppare (Paul), Suzanne Tooman (Dan

iel), Barbara Tremitiere (Robert

and Russell LaLonde (Penny

dren and great grandchildren. Marian loved being an American

and served her country during WWII. She was a gifted artist

knowledge and enjoyed interest

ing conversations with family and friends. A warm and person-

was held at Solid Rock Bible Church where many supporters of her life celebrated her journey

home to the Lord.

First Baptist Church of Northville

**Passages** 

Contact: 248-348-1020 Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m.

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays Men's Bible Study: 9 a.m. first Saturday of every month

### First Baptist Church of Novi - Family **Integrated Church** Location: 45301 W 11 Mile Contact: 248-349-3647 or

Family Bible Hour: 9:45 a.m. Family Worship: 11 a.m. Bible Study: 6 p.m. Family Movie Night: 5:30 p.m.; fourth Sunday of every

### First Church of the Nazarene Location: 21260 Haggerty,

north of Eight Mile Contact: 248-348-7600 or visit dfcnazarene.org Sunday Schedule: 9:30 a.m

Classic worship service. Adult Children's Sunday School; 11 a.m. Contemporary worship service with Kids Church, Tee Worship Service and Adult Bible Fellowship classes, Café is open from 9:15-11 a.m. Re freshments at 10:30 a.m.; 6 p.m. Evening Traditional Ser

Tuesday: 9:25 a.m. Women's Bible Study (Women of the Word) studying Luke Thursday schedule: 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group and Bible Study

Friday: 9:30 a.m.: Sweet Fri lays -- A Ministry for Moms of All Ages Friends and Family Christ-

Date: December 1 Details: Live nativity from 4:30 -6 p.m.; music and drama from 6-7 p.m.; and cookies and hot

First Presbyterian Church of Northville Location: 200 E. Main

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

### Church Location: 39200 W. 12 Mile

(east of Haggerty), Farmingtor

Walled Lake Livonia Church of Christ Location: 15431 Merriman.

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SMITH, MARGARET August 26, 1919 - November 12 2013. www.obriensullivanfunera

WEBER, HILDEGARD

### RELIGION CALENDAR

Contact: 248-349-0911 or visit www.fpcnorthville.org Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

> First Presbyterian Church Location: 205 E, Lake Street

(corner of Wells and 10 Mile). South Lyon Contact: 248-437-2875

### First United Methodist Church of Northville Location: 777 W. Eight Mile,

Contact: 248-349-1144 or www.fumcnorthville.org Summer Sunday Worship (Memorial Day-Labor Day): 8:30 and 10 a.m. Summer Sunday Schoo femorial Day-Labor Day): 8:30 a.m. - Nursery; 10 a.m. -Nursery - sixth grade

Sunday Worship (Septem ber-May): 8, 9:15 and 11 a.m Sunday School (September May); B a.m. Nursery; 9:15 a.m. Nursery 12th grade: 11 a.m. Nursery sixth grade Cookie Walk Time/Date: 8: 30 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 7 Details: A fundraiser for the

(ASP), a Christian home repair home building ministry through which our volunteers homes for low-income families in rural Appalachia, Local grade, along with adult chap erones, travel and stay for a week in Appalachia each ummer on this mission to make homes warmer, safer, and drier for families in need Purchase fresh, homemade holiday cookies (homemade nut-free and gluten-free cool

### Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Location: 41415 Nine Mile.

Contact: 248-349-0565 **Sundays:** 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Study; 10 a.m.

### **Holy Cross Episcopal Church**

Sunday Worship: 7:45 and 10

# Hope Lutheran

Lakes Baptist Church Location: 309 Decker Road.

Church Location: 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth Township Contact: 734-427-8743 or visit Contact: 734-453-0326, Ext. Sunday Worship: 11 a.m. Our Lady of Victory Bible School: Sunday 10 a.m.;

Meadowbrook Congregational Church

Location: 21355 Meadowbrook Road, between Eight Mile and Nine Mile Contact: the Rev. Arthur itter, senior minister, 248-348 7757, visit mbccc.org or e-mail to office@mbccc.or Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Church School: 10-11 a.m. Fellowship Hour: 11 a.m. Merry Widows Luncheon: 11:30 a.m. fourth Thursday of each month

### **Northville Christian** Assembly

Pilgrim Fellowship: 6 p.m.

Location: 41355 Six Mile Contact: 248-348-9030; ncalife.org Sundays: 9-10 a.m. Sunday School for Adults / Youth / Children: 9 a.m. Contempor

service in multipurpose gymnasium; 1015 a.m.; Contemporary service in worship center; children's super church on the second level (208/210) Wednesday Family Night: 7 p.m.: Adult elective classes: tries; children's programs, Nursery and Preschool Program School (day care; preschool through eighth grade); call 248-348-9031.

### Novi-Northville Center for Jewish Life

Details: Events, programs and activities for all ages throughout the year - children's pro grams, Sunday school, adult Jewish classes, youth clubs, holiday services and programs community social events. Contact: Rabbi Avrohhom 8 Leah Susskind at 248-790-6075 or rabbi@novijewishcer ter.com; www.novijewish

### Novi United **Methodist Church** Location: 41671 W. 10 Mile

Contact: 248-349-2652 or visit umcnovi.com Facebook: https://www.face book.com/pages/Novi-United-Methodist-Church/59782031433 Sunday Worship: 9:45 a.m. Healing Service and Holy on: 9:45 a.m. first Sunday of every month Peace Vigil: noon, first Sunday of every month in front of the church. Members of the con gregation and the community vill stand united in prayer for

### **Oak Pointe Church** Location: 50200 W. 10 Mile

Contact: 248-912-0043 www.oakpointe.org/lifegroups

Worship Services: 5:15 p.m. Saturday; 9:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m. Sunday ReNew Life Group Ministries: 7-9 p.m. Monday (groups

### Women's Life Groups Ministries: 7 p.m. Tuesday: 9:30 a.m. Men's Life Groups Minis tries: 6 a.m. Friday; at the church and various locations

**Orchard Grove Community Church** Location: 850 Ladd Road, Building C, Walled Lake Web: www.orchardgrove.org Contact: Amanda Rehm at 248-926-6584 or aman-

### **Our Saviour** Apostolic Lutheran Church

**Orchard Grove** 

Walled Lake

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all are welcome.

Our Lady of Good

Counsel Catholic

Catholic Church

Contact: 248-349-2621 or

Saturday Worship: 5 p.m.

Sunday Worship: 7:30, 9:30,

Presbyterian Church

Location: 1200 S. Sheldon

Contact: pastor Bill Burke at

Wednesday Bible Study: 7

Sunday Bible Study: 9:30

Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m

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Location: 770 Thayer, North-

da.rehm@orchardgrove.org.

Location: 54899 Eight Mile,

### nington.org Community Church Location: 850 Ladd Road, Contact: 248-926-6584; different topics like religion,

www.orchardgrove.org philosophy, science, health, ocial and political issues. No **Orchard Hills Baptist** Location: 23455 Novi Road Contact: pastor Jon Hix, 248of Farmington Contact: 248-478-7272 or Preschool/Kids Choir: 7-8:15 p.m. every Wednesday Details: For ages 3-6; ongoing

Multi-Generational Ser vices: 6:45 p.m. Fridays Details: Family members of all ages can gather for drumming, chanting, and meditation followed by a brief participa tory worship service which could include stories, songs and sharing. A religious educa-tion activity will follow, such as an art project, music, dance, game or theater. The eve will close with a light snack

### Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Location: 40000 Six Mile Contact: 248-374-7400 or 248-374-5978 Sunday Worship: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Traditional: 9:30 and 11 a.m. Contempo rary. Nursery and Sunday School during the 9:30 a.m.

and 11 a.m. services. Service Broadcast: 11 a.m. 560, The WMUZ Word Station. Single Point Ministries (45 and older): 11 a.m. Sunday fo fellowship and Bible study. Single Point Ministries (35-50 years old): 9:30 a.m. Sunday to deepen your personal relationship with Christ Single Purpose Connexsions

# Location: 54899 Eight Mile

Location: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Contact: 248-697-8158 or visit more. Contact: 248-374-5920

Plymouth St. John's **Episcopal Church** Location: 574 S. Sheldon in Contact: 734-453-0190, Ext. 16.

or visit www.stiohnsplymouth-.org

## Praise Baptist

Church

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

### St. James Catholic Church

Location: 46325 10 Mile, Novi Contact: 248-347-7778 Pastor: Monsignor John Kasza Mass Schedule: 8, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Sunday: 9 a.m. Monday-Tuesday; 7 p.n Wednesday; 5 p.m. Saturdav

### St. John Lutheran Church

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

### St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Location; 201 Elm St., North-Contact: 248-349-3140

### **Unity of Farmington** Hills

Location: 32500 W. 13 Mile, Farmington Contact: 248-737-9191; AdministrativeDirector@unityfh.com

### Unitarian **Universalist Church** of Farmington

Location: 25301 Halsted Road, Farmington Hills Contact: www.uufarming-Youth Interfaith Journey: 9:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday Details: This religious educapublic and currently enrolling new students. Classes are

ped into grades K-5, 6-8 Whitmore Lake education materials for all. Contact: Jennifer Teed at FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH 248-478-7272 or dre@uufai 10774 Nine Mile Road Rev. M. Lee Taylor • 449-2582 Lifelong Learning Forum: 7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursdays Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Details: Six weeks exploring orship, 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

advance registration necessary a \$5 donation is suggested Drop in and pick the class that Highland Unitarian Universalist Church HIGHLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 80 W. Livingston Rd. • Highland, MI 483 248,887, 1311 • www.myhurno.com

### and a short time to socialize ending at 8:30 p.m.

NEW HOPE - A Unitarian Iniversalist Congregatio y Celebration of Life Service 10:30 a.e Rev. Suzanne Paul, Minister

(20-30 years old): 11 a.m. Sunday in the Chapel for singing, Bible study, and fel

Details: For single adults. Active ministry offering various Bible study classes, volleyball, bicycling group, tennis group wed over age 50. ellowship, friendships and

Learner's Bible Study: 7 p.m. Mondays Room A101 Men's Bible Study: 6:30 a.m. Wednesday Single Adult Ministries office Single's Bible Study: 7 p.m. second and fourth Mondays, Room C309

### Workshop on Affordable Care Act

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The city of Novi, together with the Health Insurance Consumer Assistance Program, is offering a free information workshop for those interested in learning more about the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and its impact on the older adult population. The workshop will ake place at 10 a.m. Monday, Nov. 25, at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 10 Mile.

This workshop will provide a facts-only explanation of the ACA sections already in effect and provide a preview of what's to come when the re-

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### **Light Up the Night**

The city of Novi is eager to Light up the Night and cele brate the beginning of the holiday season. The annual Light Up the Night event will take place on the Novi Civic Center Campus 6-9 p.m. Fri-day, Dec. 6. Mayor Gatt and a special visitor from the North Pole will light the holiday tree at 6:15 p.m.

New additions for 2013 include a petting farm from Michigan State University Extension, fire dancing and juggling from Detroit Circus Five Star Entertainment food truck and live performances

dance and many more. Perennial favorites include free food samples from local restaurants, marshmallow roasting, outdoor music throughout the night and the popular holiday craft show. A hay wagon will shuttle people to and from the Novi Public Library to enjoy two magic shows featuring John the Magician at 7 n m and 8 p.m. and Dan Dan the

Choo Choo Man will offer min

iature train rides 6:30-9 p.m.

one. Light up the Night is the perfect event to bring people together. The event showcases the spirit of the holidays and the character of the Novi community," said Jason Mangum, director, Novi Parks, Recrea-

tion and Cultural Services. Light Up the Night is pre-

UPDATES FROM CITY OF NOVI sented in partnership with Bright House Networks, For more information about Light Up the Night and other familynovi.org or call the city of Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department at 248-

### **Holiday Road Rally**

The city of Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department has an exciting course mapped out for six friends and/or family mem bers are encouraged to get in gear Saturday, Dec. 14, for the

Teams will gather at the starting line. Novi Civic Center (45175 10 Mile Road) at 6 p.m. to receive instructions before taking off in their vehicles in

annual Holiday Road Rally.

search of wild and crazy predetermined items to photograph. Immediately following the photo scavenger hunt. bd's Mongolian Grill for heavy appetizers (included). Teams must bring one digital camera Extra points are given to teams in festive attire. Awards will be given and the winning team receives bragging rights for the entire year. Each team must include at least one adult

Preregistration is required and the price is \$95 per team. The deadline to register is Wednesday, Dec. 11. Registration is going on now at cityofnovi.org or in-person at the Parks, Recreation and located inside the Novi Civic

21 years or older.

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Bur Sawler Apostolic Lutheran Church Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m. Children's Sunday Scho 10:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship Service nesday Bible Study (Colossians) at

N. K.

# Sundays 9:15a & 11:15a www.brightmoorcc.org

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

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCI 205 E. Lake (10 Mile) 248.437.2875 Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m. Mid-Week Study Thursday 7:00 p.

# The Church of Christ

9:30 a.m. Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. Praise and Worship esday Midweek Ministries 7 p.: Troy Singleton, Minister Fellowshin Evangetical

Presbyterian Church Rev. David Brown, Pasto

first united 640 S. Lafayer methodist church south Ivon mi (248) 437-076 orship: 8:15 am, 11 am & 6:30 pr Sunday School: 9:40 am Rev. Sondra Willobee, Lead Pasto

Shepherd's Way Lutheran Church, ELCA 304 N. Lafayette Street South Lyon MI 48176 Sunday Worship 9:30 AM

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437-8810 • 486-4335 Adult Bible Study: 9 a.m

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# Livonia

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

# Your Invitation to Olombing

### BRIGHTMOOR HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH 0800 W. 13 Mile Road, No on the corner of M-5 & W 13

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### Rev. Ann Webber, Rector holycrossnavi@gmail.com **OAK POINTE CHURCH**

nday 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.n

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# **Enact FOIA** cleanup without delays

### Legislation would ensure citizen access

State lawmakers are considering legislation to clean up the Michigan Freedom of Information Act. A key point in the proposed law, House Bill 4001, would standardize the rate that can be charged by governments when citizens request

information, at the price of 10 cents per page. It would also prohibit the government from charging citizens for simply reading those docu-

ments in city or township halls.

But most importantly, a second bill, House Bill 4314, would create a nine-member Open Govern ment Commission that would review and investigate citizen complaints about the way a government or agency responds to their FOIA requests The commission would issue a binding opinion regarding fees authorized; the validity or extent of any exemption to an FOIA request claimed by the government; and what documents the act requires a public body to make available upon re-

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It's good legisla-tion and should be put into law quickly government. Simply put, citizens already pay

taxes to support their local governments and that includes the compilation and processing of information inside town halls. Charging them anything more than a reasonable copying fee - 10 cents a page is fair is to double-dip when they want to access informa-

tion they have already paid for once.

Now, there are a few items in the bills that likely need adjustment. Local officials note that it's one thing to charge 10 cents for an 8½- by 11-inch sheet of paper. It's another if the requester wants a huge blueprint. Yes, the fee should be adjusted

to a reasonable sum.

Critics said the bills could make it easier for citizens to abuse the FOIA by requesting large amounts of documents on a frequent basis

It's a valid concern. There are some who make overly large requests for information in a fashion that appears more intended to harass officials than to learn about government operations. It probably happens less than officials claim. Remember, those who request still have to pay a fee, even if it's going to be smaller.

This is where the commission comes in. If leaders make reasonable efforts to follow the law and operate a transparent local government, they can make their case to the commission that the requests were just too big or just too frequent or are asking for documents that are exempt. And the commission can serve as a referee in such fights.

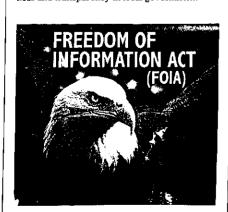
But generally speaking, it is not harassment for citizens to want to know what is going on in their town hall, how the local government is operating or where it is spending the public's money.

So the commission serves as a place citizens can go to get a ruling if the local government turns down a request for information the citizen believes should be available.

Right now, if a government official decides against a FOIA request, the citizen's only recourse is to file suit. That's an expensive way to obtain meeting minutes or a report. So most citi-

The Open Government Commission essential-

ly gives them an appeals process, without having to hire an attorney and start running up legal fees. The proposal is sound. Tweaks may be in order, but the bills take a major step forward for openness and transparency in local government.



Community Editor Susan Rosiek,

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### **COMMUNITY VOICE**

### Should stores should be open Thanksgiving to get a jump on Black Friday shopping?

This question was asked in the parking lot of the Novi Walmart.



other days for that. It's a

prerogative of the store owner. That's a Karen Morris fundamental freedom of Novi being a business."

Daniel Gee



serves a purpose for Thanksgiving."

Michael Kelleher

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Stop texting while

In 2011, at least 23 percent of auto collisions involved cellphones, producing laws that were passed to reduce the num ber of crashes due to texting while driving. However, these laws seem to mean nothing more than an unmade bed to teenagers. We cannot sit back and watch thousands of teens

die each month. Some teens don't think it's a problem. Seventy-seven percent of young adults are very or somewhat confident that they can safely text while driving and 55 percent of young adult drivers claim it's easy to text while they drive. Recent studies show however that 82 percent of Americans ages 16-17 own cellphones: 52 percent say they have talked on a cellphone while driving; and 34 percent say they have texted while driving - not

to mention 15 percent of young drivers have seen their parents text while driving! There are many solutions to this problem. For example, the production of a car that immedi ately turns off texting once the car is entered or a drive cam device which enables parents to see what their child is doing while driving. These ideas would be great to fix this problem because texting while driving needs to be stopped now. We can end this issue by passing more state laws. Thirty-two states do prohibit novice drivers from cellphone use. We need all 50 states. If we don't, instead, we will just need more cemeter

# Not really 'caviar'

Today I received one of those large, glossy postcards in the The sender was identified as

imagine that this is another right-wing front whose job is to make sure all the "prosperity" have it.

Despite his losing Michigan \$600 million under the Afford able Care Act and costing our treasury another \$70 million, this flyer praised Patrick Col beck for his work against expanding Medicaid.

I swear the Tea Partiers are the only organization I know of that could serve up a plate of dog crap, call it caviar, and expect us to dine on it.

Speaking of dog crap, I warned you it was only going to get deeper. James Huddleston

Canton **Questions Common Core** 

With all due respect to recent articles on Common Core selling it as a great new set of standards, all parents should be very concerned. Common Core Standards, which have never been previously tested anywhere, are being implemen in our schools through a radical change in K-12 curriculum. This is all being done with a great deal of secrecy and without the knowledge of most parents. These standards are being pushed by the federal government via the promise of grant money given to individual states that comply. Here are some of the top reasons why parents

should be concerned » CC lowers academic standards. It is an attempt to "dumbdown" curriculum in an effort to standardize workforce preparation. Even supporters of Common Core admit that it is

### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

We welcome your Letter to the Editor. Please include your name. address and phone number fo verification. Letters should be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content. Submit letters via the following formats. Letters must be received by 9 a.m. Monday for Thursday's print

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geared to prepare children for community-college-level studies not four-year college. » CC math and English curri-

culum are already being implemented in our schools and there is a noticeable drop off in the material being taught. Many experts believe that the CC math standards will place our students about two years behind their counterparts in high-performing countries and CC's English language arts standard are such that the reading level will be around seventh grade at

high school graduation. The privacy issues with this are enormous. There are data mining and collection systems being put in place to begin to collect very personal data on all students in grades K-12 that will be sent to and monitored by

the federal government. » Perhaps most importantly, parents, schools and states will lose complete control of what is being taught in schools, essentially turning curriculum content over to the federal govern-

For those of you who think you are immune to all of this because vour children are in Catholic school, think again. Half of the archdioceses across the nation, including our own, have accepted CC as the new standard.

I urge parents to look more carefully at what is really happening in your child's school and with their curriculum. I personally was shocked to see the difference in my children's math as compared to what was being taught just a couple of years ago. For parents that want to read more and learn more about Common Core, please start looking at your children's homework/tests and start asking

The Internet is also full of information on this topic and a great place to start is truthina-

mericaneducation.com. I know there are a lot of people trying to sell Common Core as a great new "one size fits all' national standard. However, it is not unlike the "one size fits all" Affordable Care Act that is being rolled out nationally. It sounds like a great idea on the surface, but when you peel back the layers of the onion, it really starts to stink.

Milford

### Give 'Obamacare' a

chance When an auto company re-calls a million cars because of defects, the general public hardly blinks. If a pharmaceutical company sells a drug harmful to individual users, they recall the drug and continue making other products. Food processors have

inadvertently poisoned people. Trains and planes can be dangerous. And the public, unless personally affected, yawns.

The federal government rolls out an enterprise involving billions of dollars, thousands of workers, a newly created electronic network in an effort to accommodate millions of uninsured Americans by bringing them together with dozens of insurance companies. The trou blesome glitches invariably encountered in any newborn innovation are minor compared to vicious efforts to sabotage

the program by propaganda. The Affordable Health Care Act was declared a failure be fore its first day of operation ended. But it will survive, wounded and repaired, perhaps, and millions of people will enjoy

the benefits. And when Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia recently argued that a \$3.6 million political contribution by a single donor is not "a heck of a lot of money" in today's political environment, he pretty well indicated where most of us stand in the eyes of Republican leaders. **Patrick Downey** 

The gun dilemma The U.S. has become the land of the fearful where violence and killing are rampant. Laws based on racial and ethnic biases have allowed a cowboy mentality of the Wild West to flourish. Citizens have died in many locales throughout our country: a neighborhood in Florida, a movie theater in Colorado. a mall in Arizona, an elementary school in Connecticut, a college in Virginia, several city streets in major cities. One of the latest tragedies happened on a porch

in a large city in Michigan Various types of of guns are poorly regulated and are easily accessible. Mental health issues

People act rashly without think-When will citizens get involved to pressure representatives and other leaders to make changes to help prevent need-less deaths? When will reason and sanity prevail?

Hannah Provence Donigan

### **Obamacare commitment** The Affordable Care Act

needs to succeed. Yet, if frivolous changes are made to this law, it will suffer irreparable damage. Almost every new law has gone through peaks and valleys and needed to be tinkered with to work efficiently While it is true that this legislation can't help every citizen in this country, millions of Americans will receive its many benefits. In other words, with the Affordable Care Act there are a lot more winners then

President Obama and Congress should reflect upon professor Peter Gruber's statement: "It's too early to say any thing useful. And, really, I don't think we can draw any significant conclusions about the effectiveness of the law until March 2014.

Our president needs to stay firm and committed to this landmark piece of legislation.

During the government shutdown, the Democratic Party was united in their support of the Affordable Care Act. It is of the utmost importance that Democommitment to this monumental law of the land.

**lill Farber-Bramson** West Bloomfield

Volunteers are friends of Island Lake

make it better."

preserve the majestic

Lake and other state

parks gave this genera-

tion a gift, Hotchkiss

said, adding that he

a simple mission: Sup-port the park, corral

Main goal

peauty offered at Island

wants to keep the legacy

The Friends group has

### MONTHLY MEETINGS Friends of Island Lake meets the fourth Tuesday of the month, except December, at 7 p.m. at the Island Lake

at 810-229-7067.

range, rustic cabins that

can be rented and a long

list of outdoor classes on

camping, archery, yoga

people a year from all

Brighton, Detroit and

over — Lansing, North-

ville, Novi, Grand Blanc,

Pontiac," said Floyd, who

came to Island Park from

Pontiac Lake where he

saw firsthand the amaz-

group could do "to help fight for the needs of the

park. We always want to

ing things a volunteer

"We draw 1.4 million

When Island Lake Park Manager Karis State Recreation Area headquarters at Kensington and Floyd came to the job two Grand River roads. The street address 12950 E. Grand River years ago, most of the Ave. Meetings are open to any interested in attending.

The cost of joining the Friends group is \$15 for individuals, activities in the recreation area focused on \$25 for families and \$5 for students. riathlons and swimming For more information, visit the group's website at www.islandlakefriends.org or call the park headquarters

Two years later, the list has grown as vast as the outdoors, Floyd also helped launch a Friends of the Island Lake State Recreation Area that currently has 14 volunteers. South Lyon resident Lane Hotchkiss is serving as president. Today, people come to

Island Lake from all over

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Michigan to enjoy the water, trails and pictur esque tree-lined scenery ie park manager said. It has become a destination for radio control clubs, mountain biking, swim ming, volleyball courts. fishing, canoeing, and kayaking. Island Lake

needed and invited to join, Hotchkiss said.

Building a playground at Spring Mill Pond, cultivating an interest among children to tend an orga nic garden near thé park headquarters and cre-ating kiosks to explain some of the park features and promote the natural, historic and recreational features of The people years ago who had the foresight to

Hotchkiss hopes to start a concert series "as entertainment and as a fundraiser to help pay for projects." Jim Fackert, a Friends

ity of maintaining its "Native Americans

unteers of all ages from youngsters to elders are

the park are among the early goals of the Friends

volunteer with his wife Rhonda Fackert, talked bout the rich history at the park and responsibi

Darrell Ramos of Howell enjoys a fall run on one of

used the river as a highway," Fackert said. resident, and Hotchkiss point to Floyd as the dynamo behind the re-

around this area and they

local and regional communities.' JIM FACKERT Friends of Island Lake voluntee "We have the river and the park, and it's a

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huge asset to the

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huge asset to the local and regional communi ties," Fackert said. "The number of groups that use the park is diverse. Floyd said he also wants to make it easier for disabled people to use the park by providing

get more children involved in park programs away from their comput ers and back outside,

amenities like a kayak

launch. Another goal is

Rhonda Fackert said 248-437-2011, ext. 262



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# JFK's limo an enduring symbol of a dark day

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As artifacts of landmark American events go, it's a tragic superstar. "If the 20th century

was the age of the autoiconic car than the JFK rian Douglas Brinkley said. "It's the one artifact of the Kennedy assassination that kind of reigns

The 1961 four-door Lincoln Continental limousine that President riding in Nov. 22, 1963. when shots rang out in Dealey Plaza is one of the Henry Ford's most popular exhibits.

The Dearborn history center - which includes Henry Ford Museum and marking the 50th anniversary of Kennedy's assassination with a free museum day Friday

sponsored by Target The customized Linrefurbished after Kenne dv's death with new features like such as titani-

Michael Lynch, Secretary

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The 1961 Lincoln Continental limousine that President John

. Kennedy was riding in when he was killed has been part of the Henry Ford Museum's collection since 1978. Admission will be free Friday, the 50th anniversary of the assassination, DETROIT FREE PRESS

CITY OF NOVI

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 11th, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider BERKSHIRE POINTE SITE PLAN NUMBER 13-47 FOR PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN, WETLAND PERMIT, WOODLAND PERMIT

AND STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN APPROVAL. The subject property totals approximately 29.2 acres and is located in Section 18, south of Twelve Mile Road and west of Wixom Road. The applicant is proposing an 86 unit single-family residential development, Plans are available for review at the Civic Center.

All Interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be made to the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 during the City's regular business hours, Monday thru Friday, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., and must be received by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, December 11th, 2013.

um armor and a permanent top, has a historic value and emotional pow er that can't be under-

What if the car had

moved faster? What if

the car had accelerated

after the first shot? What

if the driver had swerved

after the second shot?"

Every car tells a story. The one that carried Cennedy on his last day The car evokes hauntalive speaks of tragedy ing what-if's, according to author James L.Swandays of his White House son, whose new book End administration and the of Days is a minute-byeternal truth that, even minute account of that after devastating loss, day in Dallas. "What if the bubble top was on?

A car to match

life goes on. Sleek and confidently odern for the times, the 1961 Lincoln Continental represented a break the very forward-looking

nearly \$200,000. Ford brand-new styling, really a fresh, clean-looking car the limo, leasing it to the compared to the big chrome ducks that had year. Code named X-100. been popular in the '50s," said Matt Anderson, it looked gleaming in photographs with its midnight blue paint with a metallic shimmer at the Henry Ford, "It was just a perfect comjust the ticket for a handplement for the president, because he was a media-savvy leader. young man coming into office and had his bold

vision for the New Fron-

The Lincoln was as-

sembled in early 1961 at

retailed for about \$7,300.

But to fit the needs of a

Eisenhardt of Cincinnati

adding 31/2 feet of length,

jump seats, and redoing

The modifications --

which also included the

portable roof system, a

Secret Service agents.

hydraulic rear seat, steps

the interior with plush

The changes included

which made room for

VIP limousine, it was

Ford Motor's Wixom

plant and would have

painted that color so it black-and-white television in those days, which makes sense because it does look nice if you look at the old news footage, Anderson said. ish car flown to Texas in

1963 for a trip to heal Democratic Party squal bling before the 1964 election was not equipped in those more ocent times with the mandatory security fea tures of future presidential limousines. The convertible's

famous bubble top, "a series of transparent could put on the roof for protection from rain, wind, what have you' was a convenience only, according to Anderson "They were not bulletproof, just meant for

inclement weather.

Kennedy disliked the bubble top and having Secret Service agents riding on the car. Those things got in the way of voters and what other reason was there, really, for having a paradeson, for one, said he could have made a differ ence if it had been used that sunny afternoon in Dallas, even without tainly, when a high-speed bullet strikes any surface, it can shatter and deflect," he said. But what-might-have

beens don't change the

vivable, a moment captured by an amateur camera operator named Abraham Zapruder.

Suddenly, a tour of

Texas cities became the day that changed America forever. And when images from the Zapruder frames and, eventually, the film itself reached the public, the violence that happened in that car was seared into the collective conscious-

Back in commission Clint Hill was reunited this week with the vehicle that he leaped upon to protect a stunned Jacqueline Kennedy, who was sprawled on the rear of the car, reaching, by some accounts, for a piece of her husband's

Later, when the limousine had arrived at Parkland Hospital, the first lady wouldn't move from her crouch over her husband until Hill, sensing her reason, took off his jacket and covered Kennedy's head with it. After the assassina

a turn on the motorcade

windshield, details linked

to the car have continued

route to a crack in its

to be scrutinized and

spiracy theories. The

piece of evidence. The refurbished lim-

ousine was used occa-

until being retired in

Ford Motor Co. to the museum and officially

joined the collection in 1978, according to An-

1977. It was donated by

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original size, shape and

details of the car became and remain — a key

tion, the X-100 returned to Washington, D.C., in its cargo plane. The car was Bell & Evans Turkey \$499 Bave \$1.50 lb. ed for information and clues by the FBI and Secret Service, says Anderson said. From the slowness of

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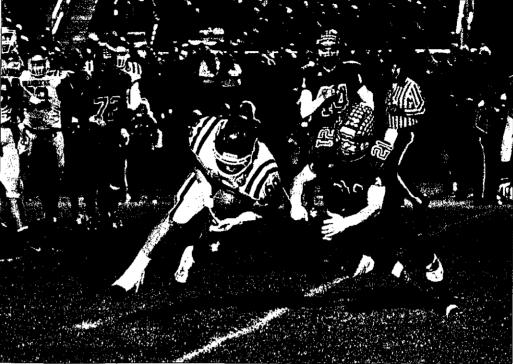
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Catholic Central tight end Nicholas Cococcetta crosses the goal line for the game-winning touchdown against Temperence Bedford DENNI

# **CC** rallies to top Bedford, 34-33

Shamrocks score game-winning touchdown in final minute

By Sam Eggleston

Nicholas Cococcetta is a bit like a Weeble - he wobbled, but he didn't fall

Cococcetta, who was playing on an injured foot, stumbled as he reached out for a 4-yard pass from Detroit Catholic Central quarterback Sean Birney. The ball hit Cococcetta's hands in mid-stumble, but he managed to keep his concentration on the task at hand and completed his only catch of the game in the end zone to give his team a 34-33 lead over Temperance Bedford with less than 30 seconds remaining in the regional championship game Fri-

A couple of plays and an interception later and the title - and the right to play Detroit Cass Tech in a state semifinal contest - was the Shamrocks'.
"We couldn't be prouder of how our

kids kept responding and battled to the very end," assistant coach Michael Mach said. "Bedford deserves a ton of praise. They are a championship-level

Bedford (11-1) and Catholic Central (10-2) were evenly matched throughout the contest. Both teams scored two touchdowns in the first half and went into halftime tied, 14-14, with the Shamrocks scoring on an 80-yard pass from Birney to Alex Bock and a 10-yard scamper by Connor Holton. Bedford had touchdowns on a 55-yard run and an 8-yard pass.

The Shamrocks raise the regional trophy after defeating

### ON TAP

Detroit Catholic Central will play at 1 p.m. Saturday at Troy Athens in the state semifinal game against two-time defending Division 1 tate champion Detroit Cass Tech.

In the third quarter, the Shamrocks fell behind, but fought back to take a 28-27 lead following a missed extra

point by Bedford. Bedford regained the lead on a barger, who scored three on the night 
It's the type of scenario dreams are

the field and scored the final touchdown of the night. Both teams missed two-point conversions on their final

"Our theme for the week was 'The Magic is in Believing' and even when the clock and the score was against us. very end," Mach said. "I'm so proud of the execution of our two-minute drill. We practice that every week, but this is the first time on the year we had to

See SHAMROCKS, Page B2

# **Harding** tops All-Area golf roster

Northville's Childers

earns first-team honor By Jeff Theisen

South Lyon's Caroline Harding was just an incredibly solid golfer

Harding was a top-10 finisher in 17 of 19 matches and medalist eight times, including at regionals. She capped her season with an eighthplace finish at the Division 2 state finals as the Lions went on to clain

The junior earned first team allstate honors and is the 2013 All-Area Golfer of the Year.

Harding averaged 40.1 for nine holes and 80.1 for 18 holes. She card ed a 74 on three separate occasions this year for a new school record.

"Ôn any given day (she) is as good as anyone in the state," coach Dar Skatzka said. "She is a member of the National Honor Society and a very good student. Caroline hopes to play her college golf at Michigan State University."

### First team Gabby Brackrog Milford

The senior put up steady numbers and had huge rounds at big tourna-ments, including a win at the Oakland County tournamen

Brackrog averaged 80.9 for 18 holes and 41.6 for nine. She finished in the top 10 in nine out of 10 tourna-She was also voted Division 1 all-

"She also excels in the classroom with a 3.97 GPA," coach Jim Sander golf at Fiorida Gulf Coast next fall.

holes and 85 for 18, with a low score



# Novi's Subject named PSAC West Player of the Week

week, the third time in five weeks and the fourth time this season, Clarion University setter Laura Subject was the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference Western Division Women's Volleyball Player of the Week. Subject, a junior, helped the

all win streak to seven straight

matches and their conference

win streak to 15 consecutive

matches with a 3-0 week that

Golden Eagles (30-2 overall, 19-1 PSAC West) run their over

and 2.55 digs pe set, while also and 2.55 digs per recording seven kills, seven aces and five blocks. She had two double-doubles during the week with 48 assists and 12

hurst.

For the week,

Subject averaged 11.45 set assists

digs in the 3-1 win over Gannon and 45 assists and 10 digs in the 3-1 win over Mercyhurst. She added four kills vs. Mercyhurst and three blocks vs. Ganshe had 33 assists and six digs in a 3-0 sweep of IUP. On the season, Subject is averaging 11.27 set assists per set and 2.76 digs per set and leads the PSAC in set assists

per set by nearly 1.5 set assists

per set. With Subject leading the way, Clarion has reached 30 wins in the regular season for just the second time in school history (31 in 2002) and for just the third time overall in school history (the 2010 team had 32

wins, including six in the post-

Subject is the first Golden Eagles women's volleyball player to earn four PSAC West Player of the Week honors in the same season (no one else has ever earned more than

West player to earn multiple Player of the Week awards in volleyball this year, while the athletic training major's 3.91 GPA recently earned her a Capital One/CoSIDA Academic All-District player honor

She is also the lone PSAC

Heeter).
"Both players are very deserving of this award," Clarion seventh-year head coach Jen-nifer Mills said. "One of the things we look for in our athletes is that they be good stu-dents as well as good volleyball players. This award epitomizes

Heeter and Subject were also instrumental in helping Clarion achieve the top team GPA award in the PSAC in women's volleyball last year, helping the Golden Eagles to a team GPA of 3.583.



**NOVI SPORTS ROUNDUP** 

roughly 100 students in

grades 9-12, plus another 200 or so in grades K-8.

Novi sends five to

swim state meet

spot at the Division 1

Although Novi's div

ers were set to vie for a

meet with a trip Tuesday

to Ann Arbor Pioneer for

regionals, five Wildcats

secured their spot. Ava

Bianchi, Alexandra Cor-

tez, Dana Kilponen, Lau

ren Kim and Emily May-

University in Rochester

for the state meet Friday

- By Chris Jackett

and Saturday.

oras will head to Oakland

immers have already

# Catholic Central to take on Detroit Cass Tech — again

Semifinal contestwill be rematch of last two Division 1 state championship games

By Sam Eggleston

The third time is the charm.

The Detroit Catholic Central football team not only hopes so, but also plans on proving that defeating a team three times in a row is one of the hardest things to accomplish in

The Shamrocks will be taking a trip at 1 p.m. Saturday to Troy Athens High School. where they will square off

against Detroit Cass Tech.
If the name sounds familiar, that's because the Shamrocks (10-2) and the Technicians (12-0) have some history over the past few years. The two teams squared off in the Divi sion 1 state finals in 2011 and 2012. The end results were

with a 49-13 win the first time the two teams met and a 36-21

"Cass Tech again is a very talented team that has size and speed all across the field," Catholic Central assistant coach Michael Mach said. "We are going to have to play a very good game to beat these guys, but it's the state semifinals and we expect to be playing the best Michigan has to offer at

One thing that will be the focus of practice all week long for the Shamrocks will be elim inating mistakes. Last year, at committed multiple unforced errors early in the game and couldn't overcome them.

And the Technicians don't let too many mistakes get pas them, either. This year, Cass Tech has scored 460 points (38.3 per game average), while the defense has only allowed

82 points (6.8 per game). This game is likely to be a battle of the defenses. Cass Tech has five shutouts this



CC quarterback Sean Birney has helped the Shamrocks reach the

season and allowed just six points in three other contests and hasn't allowed more than 19 points in any game.

Its closest contests were a 20-14 win over Detroit Martin regular season and a 28-19 win defeated Macomb Dakota (11-1), 32-17, in the regional title

The Shamrocks are no slouches on defense, either. Even playing in the highly-School League, Catholic Central has surrendered only 158 points this season (13.2 per game), while the offense has scored 355 (29.6 per game).

"We have to play a tough. physical game and match their intensity," Mach said. "They come in with the champion's

Sam Eggleston is a freelance writer covering sports for the Northville

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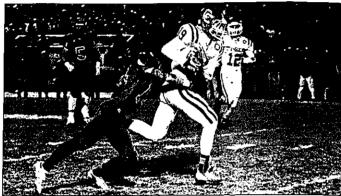


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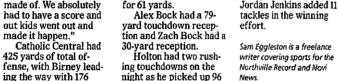


### SHAMROCKS

made of. We absolutely had to have a score and out kids went out and made it happen.' Catholic Central had 425 yards of total of-

resulted in three touchdowns. The final drive of he game he was 6-for-6 for 61 vards. Alex Bock had a 79-

yards through the air on 9-for-15 passing that





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### Six students sign letters of intent

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state record holder for

a single season, Massey

is the first FRC student-

athlete to sign with a Division II school, Others

with Division III schools.

in the past have signed

FRC has three or four

have similar signings

ing sign for the small

later this year, a promis-

private school that hosts

The Novi Parks & Recreation Thunder soccer team celebrates after finishing in first place in

record, outscoring their opponents by a league best nearly 3-1 margin. The Thunder spread

the WSSL Division 1 Girls U12 Fall 2013 league. The Thunder won their division with a 7-1

the scoring around, with 10 girls contributing goals during the season. The Thunder are

Lindsay Boals, Sydney Breier, Ashley Craig, Alexa Griffith, Rachel Jennings, Shannon Jen-

nings, Jillian Pompo, Emma Pompo, Ashley Rager, Emma Roy, Lilian Villeda, Mehreen Singh, Ann Stone and Carly Summers. Over the past five soccer seasons, the Thunder (for

WINTER SPORTS SCHEDULES

merly Wildcats) have won their division four times and are looking forward to indoor

soccer and spring WSSL soccer. The Thunder are coached by Kevin Jennings.

1/7 @ South Lyon East

1/17 @ Plymouth Salem

1/21 Livonia Stevenson 1/24 South Lyon East

1/28 @ South Lyon

2/4 Plymouth Salem

Girls basketball

12/10 Walled Lake Central

12/19 Livonia Franklin 1/4 Fowlerville

1/14 5:30 p.m. @ Northvill

1/17 Plymouth Salem 1/21 @ Livonia Stevenson

1/24 @ South Lyon East 1/28 South Lyon 1/31 S:30 p.m. Northville

2/4 @ Plymouth Salem

12/7 9 a.m. Novi Tournament (@

Wrestling

/7 South Lyon East

1/16 @ South Lyon

12/17 @ Canton

12/13 Walled Lake Northern

All games at 7 p.m. unless note 12/6 @ Pinckney

1/10 South Lyon

other students who may

most free throws made in

join the women's basket-ball team at Malone

Novi Franklin Road

Kristen Massey also signed Nov. 15 to accept a

hometownlife.com

Five Novi High School seniors signed collegiate etters of intent Nov. 13 to become student-athletes at the next level. Lauren Cojei will participate in

women's golf at Siena Heights University, Garret Buckley will compete in men's golf at Loyola University, Isabelle Glancy will compete in wom-en's volleyball at Valparaiso University, Travis Sparling will compete in men's lacrosse at the University of Detroit Mercy and Kerri McMahan will compete in wom-en's basketball at the

advantage, having won it the last two years, so they are confident and ready. But we are playing good football as well and our kids have demonstrated tremendous resiliency and belief all year long. We're preparing for a great game Saturday afternoon at Troy

yards on 18 carries, while Dylan Roney rumbled 88

Roney also led the

team with 12 tackles and

yards on 11 runs.

### Thunder roar to first Performing 'Miracles'

special season

By Brad Kadrich

Jim Kritzman is like being able to watch his son having fun playing America's pastime on a

But until his son Mark started playing with the Miracle League of Plymouth two years ago, Kritzman didn't have much opportunity to do that. Mark, a spe

Now, though, like hundreds of other special-needs kids, he's played four seasons (the league plays two seasons a year) of baseball at Bilkie Field. And Kritzman has done more than sit back and watch.

back and watch their kids play and have fun and have success out on the field," said Kritzman, who actually de veloped a tool to help kids hit the ball. "You don't always get a lot of opportunities for that. The kids get a chance to play when they normally wouldn't. Everybody gets to play, they all and fun on the field. Everybody gets cheered

All meets at 6 p.m. unless noted 1/16 @ Northville ence @ TBA 3/4 TBA @ Regionals Diving

12/18 5:30 p.m. @ Waterford Kettering 12/20-21 TBA Oakland County Championships (@ Lake Orion) 1/4 9:30 a.m. @ Fitzgerald Senior

Tournament 1/8 5:30 p.m. @ Northville 1/11 9 a.m. @ South Lyon Tourna 1/18 9 a.m. @ Tecumseh 1/22 5:30 p.m. South Lyon 1/25 9 a.m. @ Pinckney Tourna

ment 1/29 TBA @ KLAA 2/1 KLAA Kensington Conference @ EMU 2/5 Districts @ Novi

Boys swim & dive

12/7 9 a.m. @ Fenton Invitationa 12/12 Canton 1/7 @ Birmingham Groves 1/11 9 a.m. @ West Bloomfield Laker Invitationa 1/23 @ Plymouth Salem 1/30 Livonia Stevenson 2/6 South Lyon East 2/14 Division Meet Diving @ Novi 2/15 12 p.m. Division Meet Swim 2/21-22 6 p.m./12 p.m. Confer

Competitive cheer All meets at 6 p.m. unless noted

1/11 8 a.m. Novi Cheer Invite

League caps another

of Plymouth just com-

pleted its 2013 seasons

they play spring and

season drew more than

at least that many volun-

Jonathan Weid to the

cession stand and the

with the players.

folks who man the con-

"buddies" on the field

"Every person plays

an important part in the

league," commissioner Deb Madonna said.

"Whether someone vol-

unteers each week or

it's their first time, it's

time. Each of our volun-

their smile and their

teers seems to find a

signed collegiate letters of intent Nov. 13.

any other dad. He loves fine summer day.

cial-needs player, had nowhere to play.

"Parents get to sit

way to get to know each player (and their famly) during the game. How in the world could every single moment of so great if it weren't for all the great people who show up on Miracle

League officials have turned their attention to 2014. Registration for the spring season begins in mid- to late January, with not only player openings, but chances to volunteer as buddies. umpires and game-day helpers. Anyone who

Saturdays?'

email info@miraclelea guenlymouth.org. But as she prepared for next year, Madonna reflected on 2013.

wants to volunteer can

"Dozens of wonderfu things happen every single moment," she said. "Baseball is very but Miracle baseball has extra elements. There's excitement about every player, every play. Everyone gets a chance to play the greatest game be part of a team. And evervone is welcome



### **GOLF**

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**Novi High School** 

11/22 8:30 p.m. Rochester Uni-

11/23 2:30 p.m. Farmington

Unified 11/27 7:30 p.m. @ Plymouth

11/30 6:30 p.m. St. Clair Shores

Lakeview Unified 12/4 6:30 p.m. Northville

12/7 4 p.m. South Lyon 12/10 7 p.m. @ Brighton

troit Skating Club

1/5 1 p.m. @ Marguette

1/15 6:30 p.m. Canto

1/18 4 p.m. Brighton

2/3 8 p.m. Berkley

2/8 12 n.m. @ Chelsea

Lakes 2/18 6:30 p.m. Canton

**Boys basketball** 

12/19 @ Livonia Franklin

All games 7 p.m. unless noted 12/10 @ Walled Lake Central

12/13 @ Walled Lake Northern

1/20 6:30 p.m. Plymouth 1/29 6 p.m. @ Livonia Stev 2/1 6:30 p.m. @ Northville

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2/13-14 TBA KLAA Crossover @

12/13 6 p.m. Livonia Franklin

12/17 6:30 p.m. Livonia Churchill 12/20 7:30 p.m. Davison @ De-

12/21 TBA @ Detroit Skating Club

Ice hockey

Childers was match medalist five of seven matches and finished in the top 10 at eight invites, with a second-place finish at regionals. She cappe her season with a trip to the state finals and a 40th-place

underclassmen on our team look up to her because of that.

Not only is she a great player, she is a 4.0 student as well."

The senior earned all-state

honorable mention after post-

ing a nine-hole average o 42.75 and 84 for 18. Cojei had a

low of 78 and seven top-10

and in many events," coach Deb Harris said. "She tied the

school record for tournament

finishes on the year.

Lauren Cojei

Chloe Page, Northville finish. Childers also picked up all-conference and all-associa tion honors.
"Katie was the clear No. 1

player on our team; she led the team in all categories," coach Lakeland: Megan Dehetre (Jr.), Jo Jo Creviston (So.), Erika Dudley (So.) "She is the hardest work I have seen in a long time. She is never satisfied and is always South Lyon East: Sydney Jones (Sr.), Abigail Bullock (Sr.) South Lyon: Morgan Abate (Jr.), Rachel Cocklin (Sr.) looking to improve. She is a leader by example and all the

> great player who will go on to play college golf." Priscilla Harding

42.1 for nine holes and 85.3 for 18 to help earn all-state honor able mention. She finished in the top 10 on 13 different occasions, including third at region als, before ending the year in "She was a key player for us

### **ALL-AREA GOLF**

PLAYER OF THE YEAR FIRST TEAM

Gabby Brackrog, Milford Katie Childers, Northville Lauren Cojei, Novi Priscilla Harding, South Lyon Allison Ranusch, South Lyon SECOND TEAM

Katelyn Henry, Novi Julia Stevenson, Milford Alex Bernas, South Lyon HONORABLE MENTION

average. She is a captain (and)

South Lyon The sophomore averaged

"Priscilla played as our No. 2 player most of the year be-

# hind Caroline, but would be the

No. 1 player on most teams in like Caroline, a very hard worker. She is also a very good student and carries a very high grade-point average.'

Allison Ranusch South Lyon
The senior also picked up all-state honorable mention honors after averaging 44.8 for nine holes and 86.9 for 18. Ra-

nusch had 11 top-10 finishes, including a fourth-place finish at regionals. She capped the year with a 16th-place finish at the Division 2 state finals. "Allison has been a member

of our varsity for four years and has been to the state finals for the past three years." Skatzka said. "She has verbally committed to playing her col-lege golf at Lake Superior

### Second team Chloe Page

The senior captain earned academic all-state as well as all-conference honors after 89 for 18. Page posted a low nine-hole score of 36. Katelyn Henry

The junior posted low rounds of 37 for nine holes and 78 for 18. Henry finished with



a nine-hole average of 42.43 and 87.55 for 18. She tied the school record for nine-hole Katie Carlson

Milford The senior averaged 45.5 for nine holes and 90 for 18. Carlson placed in the top 10 three times and earned allconference honors. She is planning on playing at Siena in the

Julia Stevensor Milford

The sophomore averaged

93.7 for 18 holes and 47.1 for nine. She had a pair of top-10 finishes at tournaments and earned all-conference honors Alex Bernas South Lyon

The junior averaged 46.4 for nine holes and 93.8 for 18. Bernas carded an 89 at regionals to finish fifth as the Lions set a new school record on the day. She also earned all-conference

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since 2007 and this is the Novi has been honored. The communities were honored Nov. 14 at

UM-Dearborn. Support part by the DTE Energy Foundation, Point and Pay, Oakland County Economic Development and Community Affairs and UM-Dearborn's

### **NOVI BUSINESS BRIEFS** inate an outdated rule and

promote business growth

city has participated in

the eCities program

### Novi allowing temporary signs holidays

as a five-star communi-

ty and Novi as a four-

House Bill 4768, spon-As in years past, in order to assist the Novi y during the holiday shopping season, the Novi City Council has passed a resolution that allows temporary relief of the "temporary promotional event" signage authoriza-

tion in the sign ordinance. Crawford, who in Some requirements include: one sign per business; must be a ground pole or portable sign (freestanding sign not permanently anchored or secured to either a building or the ulations, said he was happy to see this bill moving to the final steps of the legislative process. square feet: not placed on public property or in the "This legislation is a

public road right of way or any roadway easemit starting Nov. 22; and applicant by Dec. 26. For the application and too learn more, visit in vestnovi.org.

to eliminate outdated EPA regulations The House last week

sent legislation to the

House approves bill

trict, eliminates outdated egulations allowing the Department of Environ

sored by Rep. Hugh Crawford-R, 38th Disntal Quality to limit the sodium content in groundwater discharge at waste water treatment

troduced the legislation after he was approached by local businesses that were forced to take costly measures to ensure that they were complying

common-sense change. We need to promote busi ness growth in our comulation is hindering that by fining them over control over," Crawford said. "No surrounding state has this same reirement and all it is doing is costing our local businesses and communi

The Environmental Protection Agency has stated that since sodium

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levels in drinking water are usually low, public water systems are unlikely to contribute to adverse health effects and therefore regulation of sodium content in

health risks. "It is important to note that the EPA does not list sodium on their list of contaminants and the have and are being fined residents," Crawford

significantly impact

### Signature sells industrial space in Commerce

Signature Associates

has negotiated the sale of

41,234 square feet of industrial space located at 4158 Pioneer Drive, Commerce Township Jim Montgomery and Angela Thomas of Signa ture Associates represented the seller, Star

wood Capital, which of fered the property as a result of a foreclosure of Aggressive Marine. Montgomery also represented the purchaser, SERVPRO of Novi, which will expand its restoration storage business to

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The company's Green was developed and pat-ented by Northville resident Dr. Julius Rim. It recovers muffler-wasteheat to generate water bustion temperature. It

IMET's system purports to solve the problem of energy waste within the modern diesel engine. Rim said diesel trucks

waste as much as 40.5 More than half of it is in s where the GreenPower Muffler comes in. It reduces engin friction to save fuel

generate steam to be re-circulated for NOx (an emission pollutant) reduction and fuel saving.

office and Tech Center



Iulius Rim points to a prototype of his Green Power exhaust gas recovery system that he's installed on a diesel Mercedes. Rim, whose system helps to scrub exhaust and use part of it to heat water vapor that's then added back into the combustion process for better fuel efficiency, is hoping to get further into the automotive business. His system is already in

# **Northville company** develops diesel energy saver

By Lonnie Huhman

A small, independentv-owned company in huge strides toward a future of cleaner air through more efficient diesel engines.

International Metals and Energy Technology Ltd., based in Northville Township, has some breakthrough technology that reduces emissions and saves fuel in a costeffective way.

vanor to be re-combusted tion chamber at low comtion by use of the Green-

of Automotive Engineers

It also prolongs the life of the engine. "We have a breakthrough technology that Rim said from his main



Julius Rim points to a an actual-sized model of his exhaust gas recovery his Northville Township office. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER I

"With the coming regulations, this technology important. IMET's technology has been recognized with several honors, including a grant award from the Port of Los Angeles for and in 2011 by the Society

as an Automotive In-Competition Finalist Winner. Through the grant, IMET is commercializing and demonstrating the GreenPower Muffler technology for ocean-

going vessels at the Port of Los Angeles. The market potential for this technology, for marine and land vehicles could exceed \$1 billion starting in 2016, when stricter emission regions go into place in the U.S. Mazda has recognized IMET as a forerunner in diesel emission control technology.

All this from a company that began as a prodnct of the decision by General Motors to drop its case of making diesel engines more popular in U.S. Rim said in Europe, diesel accounts for around 60 percent of the vehicle market. He said it's a cleaner fuel

"We were pioneers at days at GM as an engineer developing diesel engine techno

"But instead of imdiesel in America, GM

So Rim, along with a small team, has worked over the last 30 years to further develop these ideas. IMET has another facility in Jackson. He operations to Northville in order to be closer to nies and related part-

IMET will look to partner with bigger firms and license its technology to help increase its value, with the goal of being a \$100 million company "We are a small, in-

In the coming years,

dependent company, so we need some funding help," Rim said, "But we have a technology that will play a big part in the

IMET is now competing for the Accelerate Michigan Innovation Competition final with the grand prize announced Nov. 14-15. To learn more about

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In addition to practicing only Social Security disability law attorney Bieske has written a book for attorneys about the

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# Walkable towns, mixed use appeal to homebuyers

Traci and Paul Sincock are big fans of walkable communities like Plymouth and Northville. He's a lifelong resident of Plymouth and its city manager, while Traci, associate director of the Northville Chamber of Commerce, has called Ply-

mouth home since 1985.
"A walkable community is a desirable feature to have," she said. "You can walk to your city center. Connectivity is a good

The Sincocks also use their bicycles. She pointed with pride to the nearly completed sidewalk connection along Sheldon Road between Northville and Plymouth, also extending south toward Canton. "It will be entirely connected," she said

of Northville-Plymouth. "A nice infill project that will help people connect to communities. We shouldn't take these Tony Bruscato, operations director for the Plymouth Downtown Development

Authority, said of Plymouth, "I think just about everything you need and want is restaurants. It's just an easy place to be able to reach out to those activities." He noted nearby schools, appealing to

families, as well as the Plymouth Histori-

cal Museum on Main Street. Bruscato, a Canton resident, said some younger people are even moving to the community - and then seeking a job. "Their first priority is a community they want to live in and then they get the job," he said of such "placemaking. It's got placemaking and I hate to overuse that

He was recently at a work-related conference and heard of many younger professionals locating to apartments and condos in walkable downtowns

"I think that's probably one thing we wish we had more of is downtown living," Bruscato said of Plymouth, noting its downtown UBS and Mayflower condo sites are both full.

Choosing a community is one of the most important factors for consumers as they consider buying a home, and research by the National Association of Realtors has consistently revealed that Americans prefer walkable, mixed-use neighborhoods and shorter commutes. According to NAR's 2013 Community Preference Survey, 60 percent of respondents favor a neighborhood with a mix of houses and stores and other businesses that are easy to walk to, rather than neighborhoods that require more driving between home, work and recreation.

The survey findings indicate that while the size of the property does matter to consumers, they are willing to compromise size for a preferred neighborhood and less commuting. For example, although 52 percent of those surveyed prefer a single-family detached house with a large yard, 78 percent responded that the neighborhood is more important to them than the size of the house. Fiftyseven percent would forgo a home with a larger yard if it meant a shorter commute to work, and 55 percent of respondents were willing to forgo a home with arger yard if it meant they could live within walking distance of schools, stores and restaurants as opposed to having larger yard and needing to drive to get to schools, stores and restaurants.

"Realtors build communities and care about improving those communities through smart growth initiatives. Although there is no one-size-fits-all approach, smart growth is typically characterized by mixed-use development, higher densities, and pedestrian friendly treets that acc



ty of transportation modes," said NAR resident Gary Thomas, broker-owner of Evergreen Realty, in Villa Park, Calif. "Growth patterns, economic development and quality-of-life issues are inextricably linked to the success of communities and residents."

When asked to identify their ideal community, the most popular choice was a suburban neighborhood with a mix of ouses, shops and businesses. The least popular was a suburban neighborhood

percent said improving public transnortation would be the best solution while 29 percent would prefer the devel comment of communities where people do not have to drive long distances to work shop, and 20 percent would choose building new roads.

The survey of 1,500 adult Americans was conducted by American Strategies and Meyers Research from Sept. 18-24,

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County Register of Deed		6200 Indianwood Trl	\$450,000	32041 Olde Franklin Dr	\$243,000	25582 Portico Ln	\$172,000
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When we refer to something as being "common sense," we usually mean that it is something we think everyone should know. Often, though, it turns out that what may seem like common sense to one person isn't always so to someone else. For example: Veterinarians spend their days around animals, so they might consider it common knowledge that cats sleep about 18 hours per day; hence the reason your vet seems so amused when you bring Muffin in for a checkup, concerned about her inability to stay awake.

Similarly, because human-resources professionals constantly screen and interview candidates, what may seem like a commonsense interview tip to them might not have crossed a job seeker's mind. Following are "commonsense" interview tips straight from the experts' mouths.

### 1. Be presentable

Wear a suit that fits, and don't cut corners when it comes to ironing or dry-cleaning, says Monique Honaman, CEO of leadership development company ISHR Group. "I knew one guy who was in such a rush the day of his interview that he only ironed the front of his shirt. Later, during the course of his interview day, it was hot and he was encouraged to remove his jacket and get more comfortable and it was clear that he had cut corners and only ironed the front! He was very embarrassed," Honaman says.

always wear deodorant, try to avoid perfumes and colognes. You never know who will be allergic or just downright averse to your scent. "A hiring manager once told me a story of how he didn't select an incredibly well-qualified candidate for a role because she wore the same perfume as his ex-wife," says Danielle Beauparlant Moser, a career coach with Blended

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Learning Team. "He said she walked in the room and his only thought was how to get her out of his office as quickly as pos-

### 2. Don't be too early

While you should always arrive at your interview a few minutes early, try not get there more than 15 minutes before your scheduled interview time, advises Ben Yeargin, a manager at Spherion Staffing, "[Arriving early] will lead to anxiety on the candidate's part because they have to sit and wait for an extended period of time, and it will lead to frustration on the hiring manager's part because they will feel rushed with the project that they are trying to accomplish prior to the inter-

view," he says. If you find yourself getting to the building earlier than you thought, wait in your car or take a walk around the block until it's closer to your interview time.

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### 3. Know whom you're meeting with

"Know the name of the interviewer so that you can ask for that person at the receptionist's desk," advises Cheryl Palmer, president of Call to Career, an executive coaching firm. "It's embarrassing when the recentionist asks, 'Who are you here to see?' and you can't remember. Have this information either in your head or write yourself a note that you refer to prior to arriving in the waiting area," Palmer says.

### 4. Remember: You are being interviewed as soon as you walk in the door

"Most people would never think of the receptionist as being an interviewer, but it's true," Palmer says. "It's fairly common that the receptionist will report back to the biring manager how candidates behaved in the waiting area. Don't be remembered as the one who are all the candy out of the candy dish or spoke disrespectfully to the receptionist."

### 5. Make proper eye contact

"One of the most obvious mistakes interviewees make is with eye contact, and it costs a lot of people a lot of jobs," says Barry Maher, who owns a California-based career coaching firm. "Eye contact is simple," he says. "Any given eye contact should last about five seconds at a time. And if there's one interviewer, make eye contact with him or her about 40 to 60 percent of the time. More than 60 percent is intimidating. Less than 40 percent comes off as

### even dishonest." 6. Eat before the interview, not during it

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Duh? Not according to Yeargin, who has experienced interview-snacking firsthand. "I

was in an interview, no more than 10 minutes into it, and I got called out for two minutes to answer a question," he says. "When I returned, the applicant was eating some sort of granola or other snack bar. Needless to say that individual did not get a job with my company." No matter what the candy bar ads have to say, your hunger

### 7. Make sure that what you do eat beforehand does not involve onion or garlic

You want to be remembered for your professionalism and outstanding skills, not for what you ate for lunch. Advises Palmer, "Don't eat anything that has a strong odor before the interview."

### 8. Don't look at your watch

Block at least two hours of time for the interview, says Cindy Loftus, co-owner of Loftus O'Meara Staffing. Loftus also advises keeping your schedule relatively clear on the day of the interview, to avoid feeling the need to rush. "Don't create distractions to your interview," she says.

### 9. Tell the interviewer you are interested

Don't forget to tell the recruiter you want the job. "If you truly feel the position is a fit, let them know and tell them you would like to get to the next round of interviews, and be prepared to tell them why," Loftus says.

### 10. Get business cards from your interviewers and use them

"Ask for the business cards of all of the interviewers that you have met and make sure you take a second or two to read their card," Loftus says. This will not only be helpful in remembering each person you met with, but will make it easier to send proper thank-you notes and follow up e-mails, which should always be done within 24 hours of leaving the interview.

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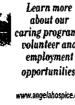
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