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Benefit hockey game

The Novi Police & Fire Benevolent Association will take on the Detroit Red Wings Alumni Association in a Victory 2013 Benefit hockey game at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 17, at Novi Ice Arena.

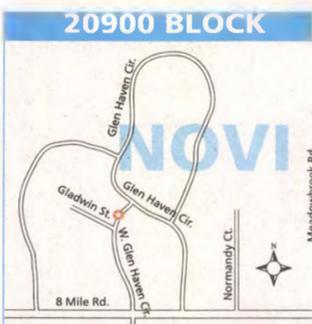
Tickets are \$10 each or \$150 for a bundle of 20 and may be purchased at the Novi Police headquarters at 45125 10 Mile, Novi Fire Station No. 1 at 42975 Grand River or by calling Sgt. Kevin Rhea at 248-444-2921.

Win the sugar game

Renee Heigel, a board certified holistic health and nutrition practitioner, will offer a free seminar at the Better Health Market (42875 Grand River, Novi) at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 25.

Heigel will discuss how to quit sugar cravings and give tips to help kick a sugar addiction while losing weight in this 60-minute talk with a Q&A at the end.

WOMAN FOUND DEAD IN CONDO



Police make arrest in case

By Cal Stone
Staff Writer

Novi police said an 84-year-old woman was found dead in her condo Monday afternoon and by Tuesday morning they had a suspect in custody.

Around 2:43 p.m. Monday, a 9-1-1 caller told police there was an unresponsive female in the 20900 block of West Glen Haven Circle in the Country Place con-

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Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact the Novi Police Department at 248-348-7100 or anonymously by calling Crime Stoppers at 1-800-SPEAK UP.

Police and fire department personnel discovered the deceased woman in her residence and her injuries were consistent with a homicide.

Novi police investigators were assisted by forensic scientists from the Michigan State Police Northville Crime Laboratory in processing the scene. The Oakland County Medical Examiner's Office was to conduct an autopsy late Tuesday.

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Major anchor Walmart has helped bring in customers as well as new tenants to the Novi Town Center.

POSITIVE IMPACT

Walmart's effect opposite of naysayers' predictions

By Cal Stone
Staff Writer

When it was announced a few years ago that Walmart was coming to Novi, to many it meant the end of small businesses in the area. The big box retailer, they said, would crush the competition that was here already and make others businesses look elsewhere to locate.

Guess what? That didn't happen. In fact, the exact opposite has taken place in the year and a half since Walmart opened its doors in Novi Town Center. It's not the sole reason for the complex being near capacity, but it's definitely a big part of it.

The shopping complex on the east side of Novi Road between I-96 and Grand River Avenue has recently done a



The former Borders bookstore in the background is one of the only vacancies in the Novi Town Center since the complex underwent a total redesign. PHOTOS BY CAL STONE

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Suspect arrested in Novi CVS robbery

Novi police on Friday arrested Bryan David Stovel, a suspect in the Jan. 8 robbery of the CVS store on the southeast corner of 14 Mile and Novi roads.

"Stovel also faces additional felony embezzlement charges which will be obtained early this week by Novi police detectives," said David Molloy, Novi's director of public safety/chief of police. "He has a prior criminal history consisting of liquor law violations and multiple counts of operating while intoxicated."

According to Molloy, a white male entered the store just after 3 p.m. Jan. 8, pro-

duced a knife and demanded money from the sales clerk.

The money was given and the suspect ran in a northwesterly direction into the Lake Village Condominium complex on the northwest corner of Novi and 14 Mile roads in the city of Walled Lake.

"No one was injured during the robbery," Molloy said. "Novi police investigators worked on this case from the onset and were able to develop a potential suspect very early on in the investiga-

tion."

Stovel was taken into custody Friday as investigators were interviewing his family members at their Neptune address in Walled Lake. Investigators executed a search warrant and recovered several items which Molloy said directly link the suspect to the CVS robbery, as well as an embezzlement from a Novi retail establishment. It is believed the suspect obtained just over \$300 from the CVS robbery.

The case was presented Sunday to the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office and

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Author to share stories of racial struggles

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

It's been some 20 years since Jean Alicia Elster of Detroit gave up her legal career to be a professional writer.

"Once we got married and had a family, I wanted to do something home-based," the former attorney and Detroit resident said. She also has her B.A. in English from the University of Michigan.

The author of *The Colored Car* and *Who's Jim Hines?*, both published by Wayne State University Press, began with editing and ghost-writing others' work. She'll discuss her newest, *The Colored Car*, published last fall, in a 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 20, presentation at the Novi Public Library, 45255 W. 10 Mile. Call 248-349-0720 to register.

"This is a companion book to that volume," she said of *Who's Jim Hines?* "Both of the books are based on real events in my maternal family's history."

The Colored Car, recently named a 2014 Michigan Notable Book by the Library of Michigan, tells of Patsy Ford, 12, and family members taking the train from Detroit to Patsy's grandma's in Clarksville, Tenn.

Family ties

Elster uses "lines of time" and oral histories from her family in her writing. Memorable lines or sentences become the basis of chapters.

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Artist Lauren Castillo did the book's cover artwork.

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WALMART

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complete 180. Just prior to Walmart coming, there were far more vacancies than tenants. Now there are only four spaces available and 48 tenants open for business, according to Jim Clear, general manager of Novi Town Center.

The turnaround began in 2011, with a total reconfiguration of the complex that included the demolition of about 170,000 square feet of retail space and the addition of almost the same.

It coincided with Borders filing for bankruptcy and closing its doors and Bally's shutting down in August 2012.

The reconfiguring process allowed for better traffic flow and made the center more convenient, which led to a better shopping experience, Clear said.

So what is the difference before Walmart and after Walmart? "Typically, we do not comment with regard to occupancy numbers, but as you can see ... we added 25 stores in the last two years," Clear said, adding that 16 opened in 2012 and nine more in 2013.

Those 2012 openings were in conjunction with Walmart's opening, which occurred in August that year.

"More business has come to our area as a result," Clear said. "If you look at our project and the surrounding area, there are fewer and fewer dark storefronts. Of course, not all as a result of Walmart, but it has been astonishing in the turnaround of our project."

Shoppers' reaction

Novi Town Center enjoyed steady customer traffic on a sunny mid-November afternoon when folks like Novi resident Mike O'Brien were taking advantage of

having a Walmart nearby. "To me, it's great," he said. "It's got everything I need all in one spot." O'Brien likes the fact that the big box retailer is in the same complex with other stores that he frequents, not to mention the fact that it's located between his home and his work commute route, I-96.

"It works out perfect for me," O'Brien said as he loaded several Walmart bags into the back of his SUV.

Danielle Flores moved to Novi from California in June for a job with General Motors. She said she shops at Walmart twice a week.

"I'm used to it," she said on her way into the store. "It's convenient for me."

Even people who aren't fans of Walmart can appreciate what it's done for the center.

Novi resident Pat Hansen dropped off her car nearby for repairs and went into Walmart for the first time, but she was aware of the store's impact before.

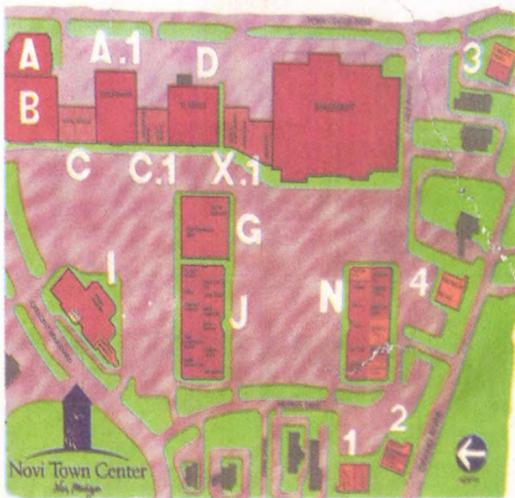
"If that's what they did to this center, good for them," she said, "because this was going to tank, no doubt about it."

Hansen also hit the Dress Barn and TJ Maxx that day and was sitting on an outside bench enjoying the sunshine. She said she doesn't shop at Walmart because of the retailer's "employee record," but noted that "they've tried to improve their image."

Still, her first Walmart visit "was great," she said. "The prices weren't any different than Meijer, but it's clean and very, very nice."

Business reaction

Mary Brady was running her restaurant, Diamond Jim Brady's, on the east side of the Center long before Walmart was even considering a store there. She relocated to the northwest side in the early stages of the reconfiguration about a year



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Novi Town Center general manager

ago. "It's been awesome for the complex," she said of Walmart's arrival. "It's full and it was empty for years. Obviously, it caused hardship on people initially, but the long term of it has been good for the area."

Brady couldn't verify if Walmart specifically has meant more customers for her restaurant, but she did say the move has turned out very well

for her. "Our business has been pretty steady before and after Walmart," she said. "The biggest thing Walmart did for this area was attract other tenants, which is obviously great for everyone."

Lauren Royston is now Novi's economic development director, but when Walmart was considering moving to the city, she was just a resident.

"I probably had the same concerns with Walmart coming to town," she said. "But we're very pleased with Walmart locating here. The Town Center may have had to shut down because the vacancy rate was so high."

She said the city is very pleased, despite initial concerns, that things have worked out so well. The center has been restored, there is increased traffic to the entire shopping area and there really haven't been any traffic issues around there to note.

Royston said there have been no major problems with traffic along 11 Mile or Grand River Avenue and no additional congestion caused by Walmart's presence.

"The roads around there support it," she said. "It's working well."

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Dress Barn X.1
Lane Bryant J
Maurice's X.1
Plato's Closet J
Rue 21 N
Torrid N

What's next?

Currently, all of the center's outbuildings are full and several new tenants are on their way. Shoe Carnival is taking over 9,600 square feet previously occupied by Christopher Banks and Sally Beauty (which is relocating to a space between Dress Barn and Maurice's).

Pure Barre just opened a workout space in 2,100 square feet next to Tony Sacco's Pizza near the center's south entrance near Town Center Drive and Grand River.

Although Clear wouldn't say who, a new tenant will soon be occupying the space between Bonefish Grill and Massage Luxe. And Charles Schwab investment services will be taking over 6,000 square feet at the

end of the building. Clear's management office is in on the center's north side and next to Casual Male DXL.

That just leaves two smaller vacancies on both sides of Diamond Jim Brady's and two major ones - the former Borders at 36,000 square feet and Bally's Fitness at 27,000.

"We're currently redeveloping both of those, either for single or multi-tenant use," Clear said.

Novi Town Center initially opened in 1987. The managing and leasing agent of the center has been Simon Properties since September 2009, taking over the 460,000-square-foot complex from General Growth Properties.

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AUTHOR

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The prologue of *The Colored Car* addresses the term "colored" as it referred to black people in the 1937 book setting. The word wasn't considered derogatory at that time.

Elster is pleased with the cover by New York

City's Lauren Castillo, with the artist showing the young girl looking at the train car. The books are geared to ages 8 through adult.

"I always assume I'm going to have an adult audience, in addition to my young readers," Elster said.

Clarksville was Elster's maternal grandmother's birthplace and the author set her books

in the 1930s in part because it was an important time for her family's history.

"I do want to make sure that young people of this generation are aware" of earlier racial injustice, she said. "I do want to make sure this part of our history is appreciated and remembered." She was at a book fair in Rockford and a girl around 12 recognized the reality of Jim Crow segregation. Elster asked if she'd learned that in school and the girl said: "My mother makes sure I understand about things like this."

Elster's husband is a historian and they gave their own son and daughter, both now in their 20s, extensive history lessons growing up. The couple's son is a copy editor for the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, their daughter a school social worker.

Elster likes to visit communities "that are not quite as diverse racially or ethnically." She's usually invited by a teacher or librarian who realizes the importance of such learning.

Novi trek

She'll be at the Novi library on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, her first

appearance there.

"I look forward to meeting members of the Novi community," she said.

The day will also include a related storytime at 1 p.m. and crafts and activities at 1:30 p.m., with information at 248-349-0720.

Who's Jim Hines? tells of a 12-year-old boy who's African American in 1935 Detroit.

Elster also wrote about 10 years ago the *Joe Joe in the City* four-volume series (Judson Press) for ages 6-10.

That series offers life lessons on African-American heroes. "I try to choose figures that aren't quite as well-known," she said.

Elster noted the many good things about living in Detroit.

She grew up in the city and she and her husband raised their family there.

"I do not think we would have done that if we did not have an optimistic viewpoint," she said, adding there have long been core good things about Detroit.

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A person of interest was identified shortly into the investigation, which continued through the night. A search warrant was executed Tuesday morning at a Novi residence. Items seized included

valuables believed to be from the victim's residence, leading to the suspect's arrest.

According to David Molloy, Novi's director of public safety/chief of police, his department was to present its case investigation Wednesday morning to the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office for an arrest warrant review.



A view of West Glen Haven Circle in the Country Place condominiums. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

ROBBERY

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felony armed robbery charges were authorized against the 34-year-old.

Stovel was arraigned in front of duty Magistrate Clement Waldmann and bond was set at \$15,000 cash. He was due back Wednesday

in 52-1 District Court for a pre-exam conference.

"I would like to recognize and thank Detective Jon Zabick, Detective Mike Wilson and Detective Jeff Brown, who did an outstanding job investigating this robbery and embezzlement case," Molloy said. "It was a great team effort by all. Thank you."

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Novi Police vehicles going from Ford to Chevy

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Staff Writer

From Ford to Chevy, the Novi Police Department is getting some new patrol vehicles that further implement its transition to a new manufacturer.

The Novi City Council approved the purchase of six replacement marked patrol vehicles from Berger Chevrolet in Grand Rapids in the amount of \$164,013 through the Oakland County cooperative purchasing contract.

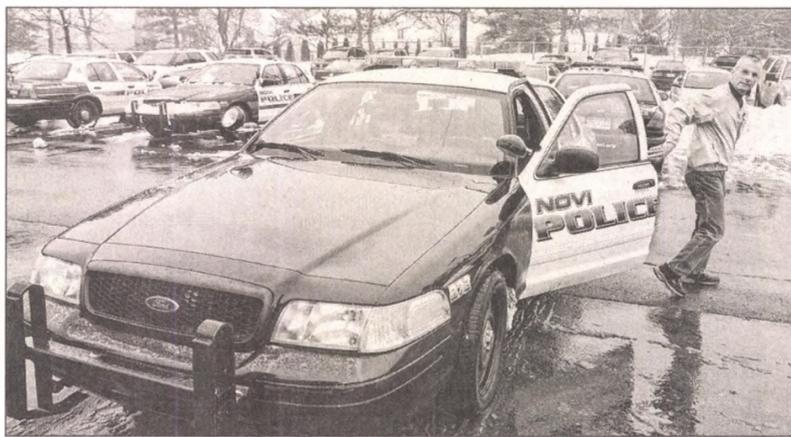
This is a typical replacement of older vehicles, but it is another step in the department going away from its traditional Ford Interceptor. The new vehicles will meet

all the specifications desired by the department.

During 2013, the police department began the transition from the discontinued Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor to the Chevrolet Caprice Police Package. According to Police Chief/Public Safety Director David Molloy, the department has eight Chevrolet Caprices in the fleet.

"The Chevrolet Caprice has proven to be a reliable police vehicle and a suitable replacement for the Ford Crown Victorias," Molloy said.

"In an effort to standardize the balance of our patrol fleet, we anticipate remaining with the Chevrolet through the



Novi Police Department 9-1-1 manager Rick Mitchell exits one of the department's older cars, a Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor. Novi is beginning to replace the bigger cars with Chevrolet Caprices modified to its specifications. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

next several budget cycles." This purchase is part

of the 2013-14 budget. According to Molloy, federal forfeiture funds

were approved to purchase six marked patrol replacement vehicles. He

said the current contract requires that patrol vehicles be removed from emergency service at 100,000 miles.

"The replacements will be for older vehicles in the fleet that have reached the 100,000 mile threshold," he told council.

Upon removal from service and depending on the condition of the vehicle at the time, the retired vehicles will either be designated as a pool car, absorbed by other departments within Novi or placed on the Michigan Inter-governmental Trade Network surplus auction.

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NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

Disorderly conduct

A man was arrested Dec. 29 for disorderly conduct at the Busch's in Novi.

Novi police were called to the supermarket at 10 Mile and Meadowbrook roads on a report of a suspicious person. Upon arrival, police found a man sitting on a bench near the entrance who appeared to be highly intoxicated. The man was reportedly slurring his speech and using profanities.

As the police walked him out, it was reported, he continued to hurl profanity at others in the store, leading police to arrest him. A breathalyzer test indicated the man had a blood-alcohol content of 0.21 percent. It was further reported the man continued to be combative during his booking at the police station.

Beer sign stolen

A Coors Light decorative mirror in commemoration of the hockey Winter Classic was stolen Dec. 31 by unknown suspects from the Applebee's in Novi.

The police report indicated a group of Canadian visitors staying nearby did express interest in it and an employee said it went missing around the time they left. However, they

were not found in a follow-up and neither was the mirror. The mirror was going to be raffled off.

Ring stolen

A woman's engagement ring worth \$2,000 was stolen from a restroom inside Twelve Oaks mall.

Novi police were told of the incident Dec. 27. The victim said she was washing her hands and took the ring off. She did not see who took it and said the room was full of people.

Accident

A Novi man was arrested for drunken driving and leaving the scene of an accident Jan. 4 after hitting a speed limit sign on Meadowbrook Road.

The accident occurred near Eight Mile and involved the driver possibly losing control and running over a 30 mph sign.

Police found the vehicle empty. However, they tracked the vehicle to a home and the man's wife told them their son had picked him up.

The man was eventually found in the parking lot of the Library Pub, where he attempted to get some food. His blood-alcohol content was at 0.13 percent.

— By Lonnie Huhman

Insane Clown Posse fans sue feds, say FBI gang label is 'un-American'

By **Niraj Warikoo**
Gannett Michigan

The U.S. government claims that fans of the Detroit-area rap group Insane Clown Posse, known as Juggalos, are members of a criminal gang.

But in a lawsuit filed Jan. 8, fans blasted that label, saying they're a peaceful, fun-loving group that has been unfairly hurt by the 2011 designation. They say that some fans have been harassed by police, interrogated, denied admission into the U.S. military and lost custody of their children just for liking the eccentric musical group. And they now fear losing their jobs and gaining criminal records.

Filed in Detroit against the FBI and Department of Justice, the lawsuit says the government's designation of the group's fans as a "hybrid gang" has targeted innocent people across the U.S.

"It's un-American," said Farris Haddad, a Southfield attorney who's a longtime fan of the band and helping with the lawsuit. "It's as if we're living in the Soviet Union."

The ACLU, whose attorneys are helping with the case, announced the lawsuit last Wednesday at its Detroit office along with the two members of the Insane Clown Posse: Joseph "Violent J" Bruce and Joseph "Shaggy 2 Dope" Ulster. The group has been derided by music critics and magazines and is sometimes the butt of jokes, like a 2010 *Saturday Night Live* sketch that parodied them. But they have a loyal fan base who connect with their off-beat image. They have had two million-selling albums, five that sold more than 500,000 and an annual summer gathering in Illinois that draws fans tens of thousands of fans.

But in 2011, the Department of Justice included Juggalos on its National Gang Threat Assessment, saying members have engaged in criminal activities. The DOJ estimated there are about 1 million Juggalos in the U.S.

While there have been Juggalos who have committed crimes, supporters say those are isolated incidents and not part of any gang culture. The two members of the Insane Clown Posse said

they are a peaceful group that brings together misfits of society. Like the rock band KISS, the duo wears face paint; another tradition is spraying the crowd with Detroit-made soda Faygo.

Violent J said, "There's never been any fights at our concerts ... Juggalos feel a kinship to each other."

At concerts, Juggalos "got their arms around each other. They're chanting. They love to be together. It's what we do. I don't know any street gang like that."

The FBI's designation has hurt the band, causing them to cancel a concert in 2012 after the Royal Oak police shut it down due to the gang designation. Also, some fans are now reluctant to attend the summer festival in Illinois for fear of police harassment. And ICP is facing problems finding distributors for their merchandise because of the designation.

Spokesmen for the FBI and Department of Justice declined to comment on the lawsuit, which comes after the group's attorneys filed a Freedom of Information lawsuit last year seeking more information about why the group's fans

were labeled as gang members.

Fans, too, are facing consequences. Brandon Bradley, 20, who attended Wednesday's press conference in Detroit, said he's been pulled over by police because his Juggalo tattoos and clothes. One time, a police gang squad made Bradley pose for photos of his face, clothes and tattoos.

Mark Parsons, a truck driver and longtime fan, said he was once pulled over by police because he had a trailer with a logo of the Insane Clown Posse.

Scott Gandy, another longtime fan, said he wanted to continue his family tradition of joining the U.S. military, but was told by Army recruiters he couldn't because of his Juggalo tattoos.

Violent J said he's concerned because even before the FBI designation, fans were seen as outsiders.

The group was created in 1991 because we were "feeling like outcasts, feeling like a clown. When we started out, we really didn't fit in anywhere."

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Novi elementary school evacuated after smell of smoke

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Staff Writer

Smoke at Orchard Hills Elementary School led to an evacuation Jan. 10, but the problem was quickly resolved in a safe manner by the Novi Fire Department and school maintenance.

According to Dr. Steve Matthews, superintendent of the Novi Community School District, in the Orchard Hills media center "there was the smell of smoke — although no smoke was seen."

He said Principal Pam Quitiquit called the Novi Fire Department, which quickly ar-

rived on the scene.

"The on-site firemen thought that it smelled potentially like an electrical problem, so he asked that the building be evacuated until they could identify the problem," Matthews said. "Buses from our transportation office were dispatched to the building to provide a warm location to temporarily shelter the students and staff."

Novi schools' director of maintenance, Mike Dragoo, was called to the scene and worked with the fire department to locate the problem. Initial indications were that a belt on a fan overheated, Mat-

thews said.

"The fire department and Mr. Dragoo determined that the students (could) return to the building safely," Matthews said.

Things went so well that students and staff were back in the classroom in no time after the exact problem was found.

"The problem was located in the computer lab and is being fixed," Quitiquit said later that day. "The students did a great job and have been reassured that they are safe."

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Novi Fire Department personnel responded Friday to Orchard Hills Elementary after they received a report of smoke in the building. All the school's staff and students evacuated and stood outside while the scene was investigated. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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County treasurer seeks 'financial literacy' art submissions

The Treasurer Meisner Financial Literacy Multimedia Arts Contest is accepting student submissions through the week of Jan. 27 of drawings, paintings, photography, mixed media and videos/DVDs. Winners are awarded as much as \$1,000 in scholarships or cash.

"Students need financial literacy skills to control their finances, instead of their finances controlling them," Oakland County Treasurer Andy Meisner wrote in a release.

"My hope is that students can use their favorite art form to think in new ways about money and finances and that we can increase awareness of financial concepts, like budgeting, improving your credit score and saving for college."

Participating students are required to incorporate learning benchmarks from Michigan's public school curriculum

on financial literacy into their artwork. Benchmarks include:

- » Take responsibility for personal financial decisions
- » Make financial decisions by systematically considering alternatives and consequences
- » Develop a plan for spending and saving
- » Develop a personal financial plan

"We're using the power of the arts to promote financial literacy," Meisner stated. "I hope participating students gain confidence about how to handle their finances."

The Treasurer Meisner Financial Literacy Multimedia Arts Contest has awarded almost \$30,000 in scholarship and cash prizes from the support of sponsors Flagstar Bank and Genisys Credit Union.

For more information, contact Ross Gavin at 248-858-0627 or by email at gavinr@oakgov.com.

Poetry brings Fox Run residents, Franklin Road students together

By Lonnie Huhman
 Staff Writer

Lasting friendships and fun times, all in the name of inter-generational outreach, has left a significant impact on some students and senior citizens in Novi.

The relationship that has developed over the years between students from the Franklin Road Christian School and residents from Fox Run has been a shining example why reaching across generations to connect is so important.

"We learn a lot from each other. It's been fun hanging out and getting to know each other," fourth-grader Shannon Mautz said of the events they've had with the Fox Run residents since school started.

Last week, the two groups got together again for a day of Winter Poems. Around 30 students and 20 or so seniors partnered up to write poems of their own and then have some refreshments — all the while, laughing and talk-



Fox Run resident Nancy-Lou Hunt works with Franklin Road Christian School student Peyton Trinosky on a poem. Residents and students occasionally meet to work on their writing skills. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

ing with each other. Many of the poems were funny, with lines like, "If I drink cocoa I go loco" while some set a visual, like "Trees are bare and flowers are rare."

It really was a learning experience with a smile.

"This is a fabulous idea and it brings back a lot of memories for me," said Fox Run resident Hilda Edwards, who is a

former teacher. "Everyone is so engaged and excited to be here that we really end up learning from each other."

The program was led by Franklin teacher Geri Yost and Fox Run resident Helen Weingarden. Both say this program has been nothing but positive and has produced lasting friendships.

"To be able to interact like this has been great

for both groups," Weingarden said. "It's always a treat when we see the students."

Yost said the idea for this program started out years ago, with the school giving some plants to the senior community, which is a neighbor of the school. From there, the relationship turned into a variety of planned events throughout the year that culminates with the planting of a spring garden in May.

"It's really surpassed our expectations," Yost said. "To see them bond and have conversations is just awesome. This really challenges the students to look outside of themselves and connect with an older generation."

The next event will be Feb. 7 and it's called "Who am I?" It will involve the students performing historical figure presentations for their friends from Fox Run.

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NOVI SCHOOL BRIEFS

Sustaining excellence

Community meetings for sustaining excellence in the Novi Community Schools will be held at 7 p.m. Jan. 23 and 27 and at 10 a.m. Jan. 27 at the Educational Services Building, located at 25345 Taft Road.

A Sustaining Excellence Committee has started discussing the future of the school district.

This committee is reviewing buildings and programs to identify

needs and direction. The district would like to share with the community ideas that have been developed and receive feedback.

Call 248-449-1204 for more information.

Calling all 2014-15 kindergarteners

It's time for kindergarten registration for children who will have reached age 5 by Oct. 1.

Please contact your neighborhood Novi elementary school office for more information.

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Three Novi students — Rachael Dooley, Valerie Fraser and Krista Tice — were named to the fall 2013 Dean's List.

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John Pispidikis of Novi graduated from the Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing during fall commencement and earned a master of science in nursing.

Pasadena participants



Seven former Novi High School students participated in activities Jan. 1 at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, Calif. Senior starter Tyler Hoover played in the game. Six members of the MSU Marching Band were chartered out Dec. 29 to march the 5.5-mile Tournament of Roses parade New Year's Day morning. The band performed a pregame and halftime show at the Michigan State vs. Stanford football game in the afternoon. MSU Marching Band members shown are (from left) Alison Trainor, freshman, color guard; Cammi Cameron, freshman, mellophone; Harrison Halley, freshman, tenor saxophone; Lizzie Sheeran, freshman, color guard; and Ainsley McNamara, freshman, color guard. Fame Tata, senior and leader of the Big Ten Flag Corps, carries the MSU flag.

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Take time to thank your Novi school board

In the United States, we have declared January as "Family Fit Lifestyle" month, "Financial Wellness" month, "Healthy Weight Awareness" month and "Mentoring" month. It is also "Volunteer Blood Donor" month and "Glaucoma Awareness" month.

Evidently, there is a lot to recognize in January.

Not to be forgotten, January is also School Board Recognition month.

In Novi, this is an opportunity for us to take a moment to say thank you to the seven members of the Novi Community School District Board of Education. Dennis O'Connor, Bobbie Murphy, Shari Lebo, Ann Glub-



Steve Matthews
SUPER TALK

zinski, George Kortlandt, Jason Manar and Tracey Cadwell serve as our Board of Education. They serve without pay and without benefit. They serve because they have a deep commitment to the students in our district.

What is the responsibility of the Board of Education? The Board of Education's responsibility is to ensure that the schools in Novi provide a quality education for our students. The parents in our community live here because they value our

schools. It is the Board of Education's responsibility to make sure that our schools remain strong and offer a quality education.

How does the Board of Education fulfill its responsibility? The primary role of the Board of Education is to create a direction that will guide the staff. The Board of Education creates this direction through the development of goals and policies. These goals and policies then guide the staff and help the staff understand where we are headed.

In Novi, the Board of Education has established four district goals.

1. The Novi Community School District will ensure that each stu-

dent will make no less than one year's growth in one year's time.

2. The Novi Community School District will ensure that all students achieve at a high level. (There will be no achievement gaps.)

3. The Novi Community School District will evaluate and enhance opportunities for students while maintaining a minimum 10-percent fund balance.

4. The Novi Community School District will improve organizational quality and customer service by creating common standards, systems and principles.

The Board of Education then holds the superintendent responsible to ensure that we achieve these goals. The superintendent

works with the Board of Education and the staff to create programs and opportunities that will help the district achieve its goals.

The Novi Board of Education meets twice a month. Before each meeting, members receive an electronic board packet that contains information on the topics for the meeting. At times, these packets can be more than 100 pages in length. They may include financial statements and board policies, as well as information on curriculum and assessments. The board spends time reading and preparing for the meetings.

More importantly, the board listens to the

community. As the administration brings to the board recommendations for action, the board must have an understanding of how this will help the district achieve its goals and meet the expectations of the community.

Members of Novi's Board of Education would state that serving is an honor and a privilege. It is also a lot of hard work. During January and, really, during any month of the year, I would encourage you to thank the members of Novi's Board of Education for their service.

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

WALLED LAKE SCHOOL BRIEFS

W.L. Board of Education

New Board of Education officers were elected at the Jan. 9 Walled Lake Consolidated School District board meeting. The 2014 officers are Greg Janicki, president; Denise Bither, vice president;



Janicki

Nancy van Leuwen, treasurer; and Kathy Lyall, secretary. Peggy Casagrande, Marc Siegler and Chris Titus will serve as trustees.

The district also thanked the Board of Education and recognized members for their service, dedication and commitment.

"They give tirelessly of their time and energy to Walled Lake Consolidated School District. Mostly, they care about our students, staff, community and everyone we serve," Superintendent Kenneth Gutman said.

The Walled Lake Schools Board of Education serves for a six-year term, attending monthly meetings and many

district events.

Six selected for state event

Six Walled Lake Consolidated School District band and orchestra students have been selected to perform in the 2014 Michigan Schools Band & Orchestra Association all-state ensembles: Ryan Servis, trumpet, Sarah Banks Middle School; Lauren Glomb, oboe, Northern High School; Alex Alcorn, clarinet, Northern High School; Perry Lee, trumpet, Western High School; Sho Dembinski, trumpet, Western High School; and Ryan Malburg, euphonium, Western High School.

The MSBOA all-state ensembles will perform Saturday, Jan. 18, at the Michigan Music Conference in Grand Rapids.

"Both the left and right sides of the brain are engaged when learning and practicing instruments and through music education. These six Walled Lake Schools students are prime examples for those extolling the benefits of music education. I applaud the level

of excellence they have achieved and wish them well in the MSBOA performance in January," said Kenneth Gutman, superintendent.

More than 2,000 students from across the state auditioned for the all-state program. The audition required students to perform difficult etudes, a list of memorized scales and sight-read a piece of music they had never seen before.

Only the top performers for each instrument were selected for the all-state program.

District hosts King Day celebration

The Walled Lake Consolidated School District invites the community to the 15th annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration at 5 p.m. Monday, Jan. 20, at Walled Lake Northern High School (6000 Bogie Lake Road, Commerce).

The evening's events will include a multi-cultural dinner 5-6 p.m. with ethnic food from around the world prepared by 12 different local restaurants and an exhibition

of student work 5-6:30 p.m.

The program will feature keynote speaker Steve Spreitzer, interim CEO of the Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion, who will speak on "Dr. King's Dream 50 Years Later: Continuing the Journey Together." The program will begin at 6:30 p.m. and will also include performances by student choirs from around the district.

This event is free and open to the entire community; however, donations of canned and/or boxed foods will be accepted for the Focus: HOPE food pantry in Detroit.

Commerce Elementary hosted Diversity Day

Commerce Elementary hosted a Diversity Day on Dec. 20, where students were able to visit different classrooms and learn about different cultures. Throughout the course of the day, students were able to travel to Mexico, then on to Brazil, a quick stop in Scotland and down to Africa, all without having to buy a plane ticket. Parent and community volunteers came in to

speak with students on the various cultures throughout the world. Students learned about ethnic dishes, traditional dances and even how children in other countries celebrate the holidays this time of year.

Each classroom served as a different country and students visited each country with their classmates. The students were given a Diversity Day Passport that they were able to fill with stamps to show everyone all of the different countries they traveled to in one day.

"Diversity Day at Commerce is a special opportunity for our students to learn about the diversity in our community," said Christina Carlin, Commerce Elementary principal. "It promotes understanding of different cultures, clarifies misconceptions and celebrates both our uniqueness and our similarities. We couldn't do it without our wonderful parents who generously give their time to plan each and every session. The result is a day filled with exciting and engaging learning opportunities for our students."



Submitted photos
Milford Attorney Jack W. Bolling loves the historic surroundings of his office now located in a renovated 130-year old home at 334 Union St. in downtown Milford.



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An avid history buff, Milford attorney Jack W. Bolling is passionate about keeping the past alive for future generations.

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As an estate/legacy planner, Bolling has trademarked his approach to the estate planning process and accompanying legal services as Legacy LifeLines™. This process includes three steps: 1) counseling and plan design; 2) funding of the revocable living trust; and 3) an on-going maintenance plan that is unique to Bolling's practice.

Bolling encourages his clients to think beyond their financial matters and look into their own life's fulfillment by asking themselves questions like: What really matters most to me? What would I really like to accomplish? What legacy

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These important life questions are all the more reason that Bolling has expanded his practice to include Medicaid planning.

He believes that estate planning and Medicaid planning go hand in hand.

"Through proper planning, it is possible to provide for your long-term care while preserving assets for you and your loved ones," Bolling said. "Why should you give up something that you've worked your whole life for when

your spouse becomes ill?"

Bolling is also an accredited VA attorney and can help people who have either served or whose family member has served in the U.S. military. "There are many veterans' programs available, but you need to know who to ask and what to ask," Bolling said. "I am the person who can help you sort through these issues."

While helping people on a one-to-one basis with their legacy planning, Bolling reaches an even broader

audience as a guest columnist for Gannett Newspapers, including The Milford Times. He is also a guest speaker for many local groups and organizations.

With a deep respect and passion for history, Bolling is pleased that his practice is now housed in a 130-year old Victorian home at 334 Union St. in downtown Milford, which has been renovated to the period of time in which it was built.

Original pine wood planked floors, a cupalo, winding staircases, tall ceilings and etched glass front doors are just a few of the features that drew Bolling to this location in November 2008.

"History comes alive to me while conducting my practice in this historic home," Bolling said. "It gives me a sense of the past and a vision for the future — exactly what I want to bring to my clients."

— By Sally Rummel

Accredited Veterans Affairs Attorney. Member: National Network of Estate Planning Attorneys; National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys; President, Michigan Forum of Estate Planners and the Michigan Conference of Estate Planners

GM sweeps Car and Truck of the Year awards

By Jay Grossman and Nathan Mueller
Staff Writers

General Motors flexed its muscles Monday and proved it's still king of the hill when it comes to making quality vehicles, as the company swept the North American Car of the Year and North American Truck/Utility of the Year honors at the Detroit auto show.

"This is not going to let up," Mark Reuss, president of GM North America, said of the dual success. "We believe we can continue to produce some of the best products in the world."

The 2014 Corvette Stingray used a combination of sophistication, speed and power to win North American Car of the Year.

"We took a few risks on the Stingray and they obviously paid off," Reuss said of the redesigned Corvette with its upgraded interior and sturdy aluminum frame. "I want to thank our assembly team — really guys, this is for you."

The new Stingray checks in at a base price of \$51,000 and boasts a 6.2-liter V8 engine that delivers 455 horsepower under the hood. Reuss said it's one of the fastest Corvettes ever produced



Chevrolet's Tadge Juechter poses for a few photos after the Chevrolet Corvette Stingray was named the 2014 Car of the Year. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

— and one of the most refined.

"I don't think the Corvette is purely a muscle car anymore," he said. "I think it's moved into a new level of sophistication."

Fred Gallasch of Franklin village is a former Corvette brand manager who played a key role in developing an earlier generation of Corvettes. In 2010, he was inducted as a Hall of Fame member into the National Corvette Museum. He currently has seven Corvettes parked in his garage.

"It is always an exciting time when Chevrolet launches a new Corvette," Gallasch said after the announcement was made. "Enthusiasts and the media have had a fondness for Corvettes

throughout its history and launch of C7 is no exception. When the new Corvette makes major advancements, like was done with the fifth generation, it wins awards.

"C7 brings new technologies, an advanced power train and European design to Corvette. It deserves recognition. I thank and congratulate chief engineer Tadge Juechter and his team for giving us a new Corvette and continuing the tradition."

Silverado built to win

The redesigned 2014 Chevrolet Silverado was not introduced to the market last year to be just another truck.

It was built and designed to be the top truck, a recognition that

was confirmed with the honor of North American Truck/Utility of the Year.

"When we go into play, we go in to win," said Jeffrey Luke, executive chief engineer for full and mid-size trucks and SUVs. "This validation here today at the North American International Auto Show is just a tremendous addition."

This marked the fourth time GM has had a truck take home top honors, with the Silverado also winning in 2007. It beat out the Acura MDX and Jeep Cherokee.

Sales person Mike Damico at Hargreaves Chevrolet in Royal Oak expects the Silverado to really take off in 2014.

"It's a great vehicle," Damico said. "They did an incredible job with the new design. They gave it a new look while making it better ... they added a lot of new features that are really cool. We expect things great things from it — the buzz on the street is already phenomenal."

The Silverado's EcoTec3 V8 engine provides 355 horsepower and up to 23 miles per gallon on the highway, making it the most fuel-efficient V8 pickup ever, while the V6 offers 305 pounds per foot of torque, the most of any standard V6 in its

class.

It checks in at \$25,575 and features two- and four-door models.

"It's a great combination of great styling, performance for towing and payload, versatility of the box, intuitive nature of the capabilities, fuel economy and quietness as there is no quieter truck in this segment," Luke said. "It's about refinement. Customers expect these things, so we are really excited to be able to deliver it and meet the customer's expectations."

Luke said expectations are always high because trucks are a "part of the key DNA of our country" for the millions of people who use them from everything to getting their jobs done to recreational activities.

General Motors has prided itself on meeting those needs for 100 years, making the award extra special for Luke.

"These customers I feel are like my extended family, that is how personal it is with our customer base," he said. "For me to be able to stand here with this trophy on behalf of this team at General Motors and truck team and on behalf of our customers

and dealers, I'm just so excited."

'Success breeds success'

The awards are chosen by 49 automotive journalists from Canada and the United States. The Corvette beat out the Cadillac CTS and Mazda3. It also won the North American Car of the Year award in 1998.

It's the second year in a row GM won car of the year at the auto show, with the Cadillac ATS taking the honors last year. Reuss said he expects GM to continue this pattern of success.

"It's getting fun for us again," he said. "This industry is all about momentum and right now we're moving in a really great direction. We keep demonstrating that success breeds success. General Motors is filled with people who believe in success."

Reuss then pointed to the 2014 Cadillac CTS on display next to the Stingray. Throw in the Silverado and it's a true testament to the strength and quality of the GM brand.

"This is the car I drive every day," he said of the Cadillac. "It's a great car — the type of car our customers have come to expect from General Motors."

Aisin makes most of prime spot on main floor at NAIAS

By Nathan Mueller
Staff Writer

It's hard to believe the fifth largest automotive supplier in the world has a problem with visibility.

But that is one of the many areas the Plymouth Township and soon to be Northville Township-based Aisin is focused on as it enjoys main floor space at the 2014 North American International Auto Show.

"I think one of the issues for us in North America is the supply base is very well-established for the Detroit customers," said Chuck Sanders, vice president of sales and marketing. "They aren't necessarily looking for a new supplier, so we have to bring them new technologies and new ideas that put us to the forefront in their mind."

The company hopes

the move of its North American headquarters to Northville Township, with the benefit of a \$1.2 million Michigan Business Development Grant, will help with that as it will allow the company to expand its research and development and create more than 50 new jobs.

Officials expect to invest nearly \$8 million into the facility and have additional room to expand.

Growth has been steady for the company over the years, trending up from between \$400 million to \$500 million in sales 20 years ago to an estimated \$2.4 billion. Globally, sales are about \$3.5 billion and still growing.

Sanders said the company's facilities are "nearly running at full" and expansion is happening globally to meet the needs of the customer.

"As fast as (the economy) came back and as fast as things have grown for us, it has been a little hard to keep up so we have to be continually looking for where we are going to expand additional production," he said.

Aisin serves as the largest transmission supplier in the world, but still that only makes up about 40 percent of the company's sales. It also makes products for the

drive train, engine, electronics, body, brakes, chassis and more.

On a personal level, Sanders said he enjoys seeing all the new cars, concepts and technologies on display.

"Even if it never goes into production, some of the ideas out there and the way we can keep advancing always continues," he said.

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Lou LaRiche Chevrolet: 'Keep the foot on the pedal'

By Jay Grossman
Staff Writer

It didn't take long for Lou LaRiche Chevrolet to announce it has plenty of Stingrays and Silverados in stock.

The two vehicles were named 2014 North American car and truck of the year at the North American International Auto Show this week. Ron Chaudoin, general manager of the dealership, applauds the choices.

"They're two outstanding vehicles and I think it's just great they received this recognition," Chaudoin said. "The Corvette is the only true American sports car made – and who wouldn't want a Silverado in their driveway? It rides like a car, but can do just about anything."

Just in time for the auto show, the family-owned dealership at 40875 Plymouth Road in Plymouth announced \$500 rebates for purchases or leases on the Traverse, Equinox, Cruze or Malibu.

"They're our four core products – that's 80 percent of our volume," Chaudoin said. "That means 80 percent of our customers will get an additional \$500 off between now and the end of the month. That lowers a monthly lease payment by \$15 to \$20."

As the business climate is expected to continue improving, Chaudoin said the dealership anticipates an increase of 15 percent or greater in sales for the upcoming year.

"We just renovated the entire dealership," he said. "We ordered a significant number of vehicles, so we're keyed up. We believe this economy will seriously start to percolate."

Asked what makes the dealership so successful, Chaudoin credits the LaRiche family for being involved in the daily operation of the business.

"They're here on the premises, so I don't have to wait on a decision – I can get an answer for a customer right away," he said. "The eyes are on the customer. When you come in, we'll get you some coffee and a snack. We'll introduce you to the store and make it a completely good experience. We've got some great products and we're very excited to show them off."

Chaudoin said the auto industry just survived an incredibly brutal economic downturn, leaving it leaner and better positioned for a successful turnaround.

"I'm still amazed that GM, Ford and Chrysler made it through," he said. "I think it shows we can build a car that's equal or better to any car imported. The challenge now is to remain ahead. We fell behind the eight-ball because we stopped paying attention to the competition – we're ahead of them now, so we have to keep the foot on the pedal."

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ZF Group fine-tunes its growth

Northville Township firm continues to add employees, increase revenue

By Nathan Mueller
Staff Writer

It's getting a little cramped in the Northville Township offices and North American headquarters of ZF Group, as the German company's worldwide success continues into 2014.

The big news last year for the automotive supplier was the introduction of the new nine-speed automatic transmission and, as a result, the news this year is the growth of the company in North America.

Currently, Chrysler and Land Rover have applications with ZF Group for the transmission and CEO Stefan Sommer said a third customer will "launch a big project this year."

"We are at close to 8,000 employees in North America, so that is a significant growth for us," said Bryan Johnson, a Canton resident and manager of marketing and communications for ZF Group. "In our Northville office, we have seen a lot of growth there in different areas and are almost at capacity in our facility, which is a good thing."

Sales revenue for ZF Group, which develops and produces transmissions, steering systems, axles and chassis components, as well as complete systems for passenger cars, commercial vehicles and off-road machinery, increased by almost 10 percent in 2013 to \$23 billion — including \$4.2 billion in North America — and almost 5,000 jobs were created worldwide.

It has 121 production companies in 26 countries and eight engineering centers in four countries.



Bryan Johnson, manager of marketing and communications for ZF Group. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

"The North American market in the future will be even more important," Sommer said. "We are seeing it now as a very successful and growing market with a huge de-

mand for high technology and very efficient cars."

And as demand is increasing and the market has stabilized, Johnson said it is important for suppliers like ZF Group to have "controlled growth" and be targeted about the market.

"We have all learned lessons about growth and growing too fast and that is part of the problem everyone had," Sommer said.

"Now everyone is going to be a little more cautious with their growth and are finding better ways to be more efficient with their production so you can produce with the same capacities."

ZF Group has a spot on the main show floor at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit and hopes to use it to create partnerships

and improve relationships.

"And then when the public comes, it allows them to understand what technology might be coming," Johnson said.

The Detroit-based auto show also has a more intimate feel because it is the Motor City.

"For me, it's more about the people than the cars," Johnson said. "I'm so emerged in the car thing every day and this is my industry and these are my people and it's great getting all these people in one place."

Johnson joked that he has colleagues who won't even walk the show floor with him because he stops and talks to someone every 10 feet.

"The way relationships work, that is how you do business," he said.

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Novi bridges scheduled to receive spring repairs

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Staff Writer

Three bridges over Ingersol Creek, including the currently closed pedestrian one at Brookfarm Park, will be repaired or replaced in the coming months as the city of Novi works to address some of its infrastructure points.

The Novi City Council approved a construction contract for the 2014 Bridge Rehabilitation Project to RCL Construction Co., Inc., the low bidder, in the amount of \$115,102.

Novi is required to perform inspections on

each of the four bridges under its control (Cranbrooke Drive, Willowbrook Drive, Meadowbrook Drive and West Park Drive) every two years.

According to the Novi Public Works Department, the bridges at Cranbrooke Drive and Willowbrook Drive came up for repair after the inspections were conducted in 2012. None of the recommended repairs identified in the report are critical to the bridge structures.

However, the bridge at Brookfarm has been included in the project because of its complete



The city of Novi is planning on performing maintenance on a number of small bridges in the community, including this one on Willowbrook near Village Oaks Elementary. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

disrepair. It was closed in August due to safety concerns, so it will be replaced.

"During routine main-

tenance on the bridge, an inspection by city staff revealed that the main beams beneath the bridge were significantly deteri-

orated due to rust," Novi engineering manager Brian Coburn said.

The pedestrian bridge provides a non-motorized connection between Ripple Creek Drive and Village Oaks School and is used by school children in the area to get to school.

According to Coburn, in order to expedite the replacement of the pedestrian bridge, it was added to the nearby bridge rehabilitation work on Willowbrook Drive and Cranbrooke Drive to be completed as one project, "with an expedited schedule to reopen the pedestrian bridge as soon as possible."

Work on the Cranbrooke bridge will include replacement of the settled concrete pavement sections on the bridge as well as joint and crack sealing on the bridge deck on the south-bound side.

At Willowbrook, among other things, there will be the completion of a five-foot wide sidewalk along the west side of Willowbrook from the south side of the bridge over Ingersol Creek to the north property line of Brookfarm Park.

Construction is scheduled to begin in the spring and completion is anticipated spring or summer.

Novi's Pearson finalist for city manager job in Texas

By **Cal Stone**
Staff Writer

Novi City Manager Clay Pearson is one of three finalist for the same position in Pearland, Texas, and is to be interviewed the weekend of Jan. 24.



Pearson

"I shared with Mayor (Bob) Gatt and the (Novi) City Council members

that I had been approached by an executive search firm (Strategic Government Resources) for an open position with the city of Pearland, Texas," Pearson said. "After much review and consideration, I applied and have been advised that I am a finalist and will be a part of their competitive search process for that opportunity."

Pearson came to Novi as assistant city manager to Richard Helwig,

who retired in February 2006. Pearson served as interim city manager until he officially assumed the role in July of that year.

Prior, Pearson worked for the city of Elgin, Ill., in a variety of positions beginning in 1991, including assistant to the city manager, director, budget director and, lastly, assistant city manager.

He holds a master of public administration degree from the University of Kansas.

Mayor's thoughts

"When I learned the news about Clay being a finalist for a manager position elsewhere, I certainly was not shocked," Gatt said. "I have told folks for several years that Clay Pearson is a brilliant young man and that everyone in the city is fortunate that he is at the helm. We are really just 'renting' his services because he would no doubt move on to a bigger, more chal-

lenging position one day."

Gatt said that during Pearson's tenure here, Novi has thrived under some very adverse economic conditions. Pearson and his team, working in conjunction with a very fiscally-minded city council, made some extremely difficult decisions that set Novi on the straight and upward path that it is now on, the mayor added.

"Clay's leadership and vision was the guiding light that directed us all toward where we are today," Gatt said, "and it's those leadership qualities that have won him a finalist position in a much larger city in Texas."

Texas opportunity

"I had not been looking," Pearson said, "but Pearland is a great city with lots of potential, one of few places that would entice us to consider as a professional and per-

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UPDATES FROM CITY OF NOVI

Tech Talk classes

City of Novi Older Adult Services is offering Tech Talk classes for adults 50 years and older who would like to become more tech-savvy by learning how to use tablets, smart phones and applications.

One-day classes are held 6:15-8:15 p.m. each Tuesday at the Novi Civic Center (45175 10 Mile). Each class is \$15 per resident and \$18 per non-resident. Registration is required and available at cityofnovi.org or in person at the Older Adult Services office located inside the civic center.

Upcoming topics include:

iPads and iPhones - Tuesday, Jan. 21, Feb. 11 and March 11

What Do I Do with This Smart phone? - Tuesday, Jan. 28, and March 18

All about Apps (Applications) and Tablets - Tuesday, Feb. 4, and March 25

E-book Readers: concept, comparison and how to operate - Tuesday, Feb. 18, and April 1

For those who already understand the basics of

technology and are looking for new uses and helpful hints, the Bits and Bytes Café offers the opportunity to gain valuable information, free of charge. Once a month, on Thursdays, the café is open to adults 50 and older to play games, investigate new websites and learn from others. Refreshments are provided. The Bits and Bytes Café is located at the Meadowbrook Activity Center, 25075 Meadowbrook Road. The café will be open 10-11:30 a.m. Jan. 16, Feb. 20 and March 20.

For more information regarding Tech Talk classes or the Bits and Bytes Café, contact Older Adult Services 248-347-0414. To learn more about other classes for adults 50 and older, visit cityofnovi.org.

Group travel fair

Winter has arrived in full force, bringing cold temperatures and snow along with it. For those interested in getting away, discovering new and exciting locales and making new friends, the city of Novi Older Adult Services Division will

host a group travel fair at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 23, at the Novi Civic Center (45175 10 Mile Road).

At the fair, a number of travel agencies will showcase their opportunities and answer questions. The fair will also include an interactive presentation about upcoming adventures. The fair is free of charge and includes refreshments and door prizes.

For more information about the Older Adult Services Travel Program and other upcoming events and programs, please visit cityofnovi.org, call 248-347-0414, or like city of Novi Boomers and Beyond on Facebook.

Daddy Daughter Dances

The city of Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department, in partnership with Sweet and Sassy, will host Daddy Daughter Dances 7-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7, and Saturday, Feb. 8, at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 10 Mile Road. Tickets are on sale

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I-96 shutdown now planned for March

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Livonia resident Amy Dowell was happy to see the length of the shutdown of I-96 this year projected to last for about eight months compared to the possible 10 months it could have been closed.

Dowell, who commutes to Farmington Hills using I-96 and I-275, said she plans on finding alternate driving routes to get to work this year after the freeway shuts down March 24 for a seven-mile stretch of the reconstruction work through Livonia and Redford Township.

It's a small price to pay for an improved driving experience, she said.

"Once I get (to I-275), I've got lots of options," she said. "It'll be well worth it in the long run."

Dowell was one of many area residents who attended the final public meeting on the project Thursday evening at Thurston High School in Redford. After several days of back-and-forth regarding the final shutdown date, the Michigan Department of Transportation announced that Shelby Township-based Dan's Excavating had won the contract for the project and decided the freeway could be shut down later than anticipated.

Original projections showed the freeway, from Telegraph to Newburgh, could have shut down as early as the end of January.

The shutdown is expected to last until sometime in October.

Jeff Horne, a project engineer and communications representative for the project, said there were two prime contractors bidding on the pro-



Derek Stratelak lives in Grosse Pointe and works on Ford Road in Canton. Traveling I-96 is part of his daily commute. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

ject and Dan's Excavating was not only the most economical choice, but submitted the bid that closed the freeway for the shortest amount of time, a priority for MDOT.

"They said they could get it done," he said. "It was still the low bid."

The contract awarded to Dan's Excavating will cost about \$148.4 million for the I-96 reconstruction project that will see 37 bridges repaired and the road reconstructed both eastbound and westbound.

The meeting also had some other area traffic announcements, including one that will affect drivers that come from Ann Arbor and Plymouth.

Drivers coming toward I-96 from M-14 in Plymouth Township will have to merge onto I-275 as they approach I-96. Then, those drivers wanting to reach Newburgh will be able to get onto the small stretch of I-96 between Newburgh and I-275 that will not be closed and exit at Newburgh from there.

Horne said some ramp widening will also take place on the Redford/

Detroit border at Telegraph for vehicles there.

No bridge schedule yet

One detail that was not announced was the schedule of the bridge closings that will take place along the freeway.

"MDOT does not have that information at this time," Horne said. "This is going to be major; you're going to see a lot of construction workers."

The only major road bridges that will be shut down completely during the project include Stark, Merriman and Inkster. All other major roads will have at least one lane open in each direction for the duration of the project. Signs will be posted near the bridges several days before the shutdown to inform drivers.

To deal with the additional traffic on mile roads and other main roads in the area, MDOT is looking at signals at MDOT-controlled intersections, including those at Telegraph and Grand River, to help alleviate traffic problems, said Aaron Raymond, a mobility engineer.

"We are working on signal timings," he said.

He also said while some neighborhoods may see an initial increase in traffic, he anticipates drivers will abandon those routes when they find it is slower than they expected.

MDOT has opened an office in Livonia for the project and encourages those with questions to contact it as the project comes closer.

The local office is at 34400 Industrial Drive, in Livonia. The phone number to the office is 734-261-0560 and the email address is MDOT-96fix@michigan.gov.

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Pearland is located about 15 miles southeast of downtown Houston. According to the city's website, its population has increased from 19,000 to more than 100,000 in the last two decades.

The Pearland position reportedly pays between \$200,000 and \$250,000 annually; Pearson's base salary in Novi is just over \$135,000.

"Novi remains my place and passion as I simultaneously look to another first-class, high-quality place like Pearland that is vibrant leader in their Houston metropolitan area," Pearson

said.

What if?

Gatt said he has had an opportunity to review the process that was used when Helwig left Novi and he believes the same format would be followed if Pearson gets the Pearland job.

First, there would be a search for a firm that Novi would employ to conduct a national search for a new city manager. City council and key department heads would be involved, according to Gatt.

"As for time lines and who the interim manager would be if Clay leaves, that may be putting the cart before the horse and I really don't have any thoughts on that subject yet," Gatt said. "However, I know for a fact that there are several well-qualified individuals who could step up and be the

interim city manager if the need arises."

The mayor said Novi and all its residents and staff members are lucky to have Pearson as city manager and wished him the very best.

"Just as we are always trying to do what's best for ourselves and our families in our personal lives, how can anyone blame Mr. Pearson for doing the same thing?" Gatt said. "Clay is one of Novi's biggest and greatest cheerleaders. Personally, as the mayor of Novi, I am rooting for him and praying that whatever is best for him and Jennifer (Pearson's wife) happens. If he stays in Novi, we will all applaud that outcome. And if he leaves for Texas, he should expect visitors from time to time!"

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now and available via cityofnovi.org.

Dads (or significant male adult in the child's life) and daughters will spend "A Night in the Spotlight" with some surprises from the upcoming Novi Civic Theatre production of Disney's *101 Dalmatians Kids*. The fun will continue with Night and Day Productions playing today's hits along with some older favorites. Refreshments include breadsticks from Aubree's of Northville, a giant chocolate fountain and a snow-cone machine. At the end of the evening, 800 balloons will fall from the ceiling.

The price is \$14 per person for residents and \$17 for non-residents. Wrist corsages and charms are available for preorder for \$8 each and will be available for pickup at the dance. Each couple will receive a free

photo, with additional packages available for purchase at the event. Each child will receive a commemorative gift.

To purchase tickets and order corsages and charms, visit cityofnovi.org or stop by the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Office inside the Novi Civic Center. Tickets sell quickly. Any remaining tickets available at the door will be \$5 additional.

Please call the Novi Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services office at 248-347-0400 with any questions.

Civilian pistol safety class

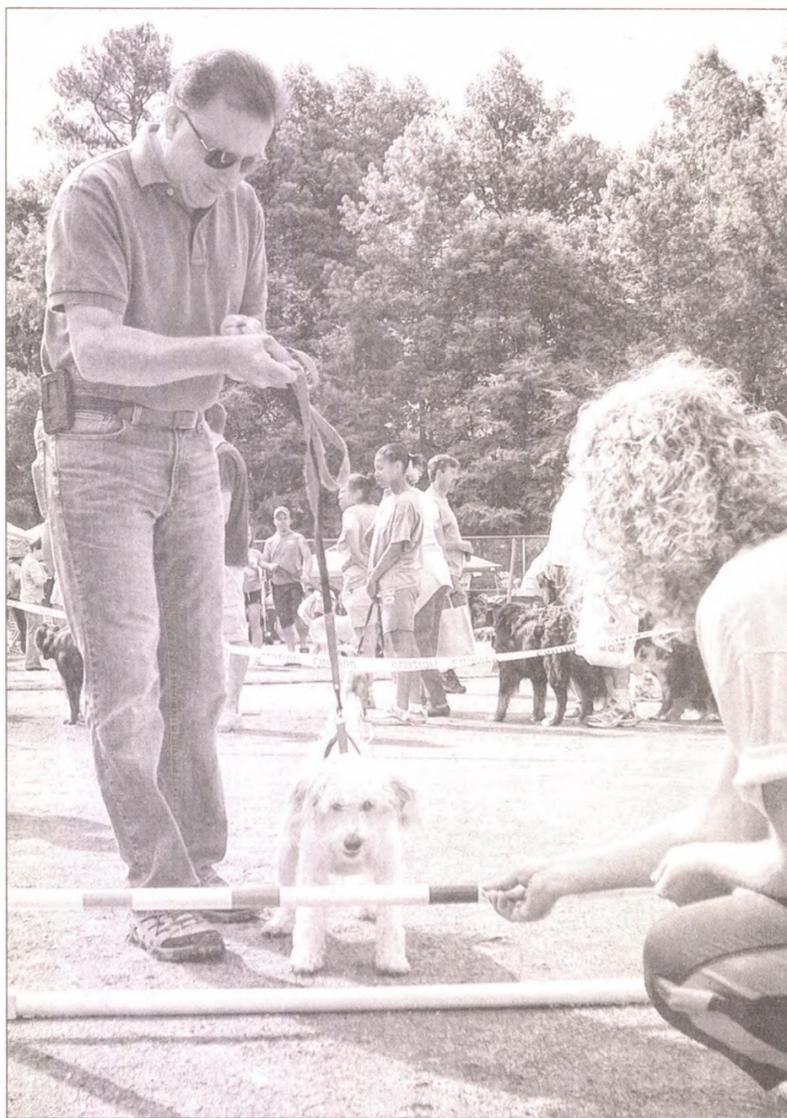
The Novi Police Department will be offering a civilian pistol safety class from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8, at the Novi Police Department Training Center (45125 10 Mile). The course fulfills both the classroom and shooting requirements to obtain a Michigan Concealed Pistol License. Registration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

are available online at cityofnovi.org and at the Novi Police Department. Completed registration forms and the \$200 course fee (cash or money order), may be returned to the police department. Class size is limited and all participants are subject to a criminal background check.

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

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

Dogs take center stage at The Showplace



A dog owner tries to coax his pooch over a hurdle with the help of a trainer during My Dog Can Do That, an event sponsored by the American Kennel Club.

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Alan Dorfman says he turned a few heads when he took on chairmanship of the Oakland Kennel Club's annual Michigan Winter Dog Classic six years ago.

"I had people in dog costumes and the kids loved it. I had face painting. I've seen some shows fall by the wayside. I want to make sure our show remains. That's why I wanted to open it up and make it a family event," said Dorfman, club vice president. "It's the first family show of the New Year held in the Detroit area."

It's the only dog show of its size in the metro area this year. The Detroit Kennel Club canceled its winter show at Cobo Center because of a lack of sponsorship.

Dorfman says the Michigan Winter Dog Classic in Novi may draw more vendors this year because of the Detroit cancellation, but stressed that it has always drawn more dogs than the Cobo event.

The Oakland Kennel Club and Livonia Kennel Club have presented the Michigan Winter Dog Classic together for the past four years and will team up again from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday, Jan. 16-19, at The Suburban Collection, 46100 Grand River Ave. Admission is \$10 for adults; \$8 for

seniors and children, 7-12; and free for youngsters 11 and under. Family passes for two adults and three children are available for \$35. Parking at Suburban Collection costs \$5.

More than 7,000 dogs are expected to compete in the show, which includes conformation — where judges size up dogs according to a breed standard — agility, obedience and rally trials. Vendors, selling everything from motorized dog treadmills to photo portraits and antler chews and local animal rescue organizations will be on hand.

Duck herding demonstrations, weight pull contests, Canine Good Citizen testing and the My Dog Can Do That events return to the show this year.

"I invite people who have been going to the Cobo show to come to our show and take a look. All the events are under one roof. It makes a complete show," Dorfman said. "I've been asked to speak to clubs around the country on putting on a successful show."

Unbenched show

The Detroit Kennel Club show was a benched event, meaning that the dogs stayed on public view before and after competing in the judging ring. Dorfman and Lee Patten, show chair from the Livonia Kennel Club, don't intend to incorpo-

rate that element into the Michigan Winter Dog Classic.

"The handlers don't like it. You get a 6-month-old puppy being stuck in a crate all day and it's tough," Dorfman said. "It's a real long day."

Patten said most exhibitors agree to stay at the show beyond their dog's judging time and many participate in "Meet the Breed" events Saturday and Sunday, enabling visitors to ask questions about the dogs and see different breeds up close.

The Livonia Kennel Club presents the Thursday and Friday portion of the show that includes duck herding and weight pull demonstrations. The Oakland Club also includes duck herding in its portion of the show Saturday and Sunday, along with Meet the Breeds and the interactive My Dog Can Do That event.

"Weight pull — those are the huskies and other dogs with a sled that's loaded down with bricks or bags of dog food," Patten said. "I owned a collie years ago that did weight pull. He wasn't all that big, but was strong and powerful. The dogs either have it or they don't."

Interactive

Show visitors can't test their own dogs out on the heavy sleds, but they can sign up for an introduction to agility at the My Dog Can Do That program.

The American Kennel Club introduced the event in 2011 at a show in Houston, Texas. When the AKC offered to run the program at the Michigan Winter Dog Classic last year, Dorfman didn't hesitate.

"I jumped on it immediately. There are still a lot of purists out there who say there should only be pure-bred dogs at the shows. But it's 2014, not 1940, and things advance. Sometimes change is good," Dorfman said. "The AKC brings trainers in. They set up weave poles, jumps, hoops, tunnels and people bring their pets, at no charge, to participate. They go in the ring and a trainer shows the owner how they can do competition events."

"We set a new record with 371 signed up over two days last year. It has really opened up the dog world to the public. Last year, we had people lining up around the room waiting to get into the ring with their dog. I've had 5-year-old kids take their dog in the ring at My Dog Can Do That. At other shows you're not allowed to come in with your dog, but we're doing it."

Patten and Dorfman say visiting dogs were well-behaved last year. They are allowed to see the rest of the show with their owners, in addition to trying the My Dog Can Do That event. Dogs must be at least 6 months old, have their rabies certificate on hand and wear a buckle collar — no prong collars are allowed. Harnesses and leads from four to six feet in length are permitted, according to Hillary Prim, public relations spokeswoman for the AKC.

"Attending dogs should be social, good around strange people and dogs and noises, but no prior training is required," Prim noted in an email. "The trainers will give each owner/dog team a mini agility lesson and also will give all owners a list of dog training schools in the area."

Trainers use positive reinforcement. Owners may bring treats and toys to motivate their dogs.

For more information on the Michigan Winter Dog Classic, visit themichiganwinterdogclassic.com.

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BANDKAU, FREDERICK W.

Margaret Bandkau, loving daughter, acknowledges the recent passing of her dad, who is thankfully now at peace.

BANDKAU, FREDERICK W.

The family of Elizabeth Bandkau Jaspersen (Otto) want to express their deepest sympathy at the passing of her dad Frederick Walter Bandkau. We rejoice in the love and knowledge he freely shared throughout his gifted life and are grateful for the peace that came to him on Saturday, January 4, 2014. You are forever in our hearts.



DICKENSON, MARGARET "MEG"

Age 74, passed away January 11, 2014. She was born on March 22, 1939, in Highland Park, daughter of the late LeRoy & Beatrice Dickinson. She was employed with Michigan Bell for many years prior to her retirement in 1988. Meg was a chaplain with St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Ann Arbor and attended St. Joseph Catholic Church and the First United Methodist Church of South Lyon. She is survived by her sister, Judy Hendrian, six nieces and nephews and many great-nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, one sister and two brothers-in-law. Visitation will be held on Friday, January 17, from 3:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. A funeral service will be held on Saturday, January 18 at 1:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church of South Lyon, 640 S. Lafayette, South Lyon. Online guestbook at: www.phillipsfuneral.com



DZIECKZOWSKI, SYLVESTER "CORKY"

Of South Lyon peacefully passed away on January 4, 2014. Corky was born Dec. 25, 1928, in Detroit and was very proud of being a U.S. Marine veteran. He was the loving father of Diane, Leanora (Mike), Roxanne, and Jeffery (Renee). He was the proud grandfather of seven and the great-grandfather of six children. A Memorial Service will be scheduled at the Memorial Gardens in Plymouth, Michigan, in the spring. Please share a memory at: www.cremationmichigan.com.

FLETCHER, ALBERT

Age 79, passed away at home, surrounded by his loving family, on January 7, 2014. He was born on January 6, 1935, in Hurst, Kentucky, son of the late Samuel and Reva Fletcher. He was a longtime South Lyon resident and spent 30 years with Michigan Seamless Tube prior to his retirement. He is survived by his loving wife of 57 years, Olema; his children: Glenn Fletcher, Kaye Fletcher-Brewbaker and Vickie (Tim) Alan; his grandchildren: Matthew Brewbaker and Rosalee Alan and one great-grandson Matek Brewbaker. Al was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers: Arnold and Vernon. Visitation was held on Friday, January 10, from 3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. A funeral service was held on Saturday, January 11, at 11:00 a.m. at the funeral home. Online guestbook at: www.phillipsfuneral.com

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HANLON, PATRICIA L.

Age 85, of Fowlerville, Michigan, passed away on November 9, 2013. She was well loved and deeply missed. Survivors include children, Joseph and Brenda Hanlon, Dennis O'Hanlon, Jeanne and Richard Russo, Cynthia and Timothy Mays, and Peter Hanlon; and grandchildren Jacob (Kamie) Russo, Samantha (Robert) Ballard, John, Grace, Ryan, and Eric, Katherine and Sean, McKinley, Ryan, and Jada. Memorial Service will be held Saturday, January 18 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Agnes Catholic Church, 855 E. Grand River Ave., Fowlerville, MI. Interment will be Sunday, January 19 at 12:00 p.m. in Rock Falls Cemetery, Harbor Beach, MI. She loved her family and the Lord with all her heart.



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JAFFRAY, SUSAN J.

Age 62, of Milford, passed away Sunday, December 8, 2013. Beloved wife of Mark for 28 years. Daughter of Patricia and the late Thomas. Susan, who was loved by all, will be missed by Pita, Divot and numerous friends. Seldom without a smile. Susan could always light up a room. Memorial Visitation will be held Saturday, January 18, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. until the time of the Memorial Service at 11:00 a.m. at Cornerstone Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 9455 Hilton Rd., Brighton. Memorial contributions can be made to Love INC of Greater Livingston County or Cholangiocarcinoma.org. Share a memory at www.elftonblackandsonhighland.com.

KARPENKO, JEROME

Age 85, died January 12, 2014. Funeral was on January 15 at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

KAYFES, JOYCE (MILLER)

Died on December 24, 2013 in Hubbell, Michigan. She was born December 18, 1933 in Mohawk, MI. She was married to Edward Kayfes in 1953 and he died in 2012. They lived in South Lyon, MI until retiring in 1994 and moving to Laurium. Surviving are two sons: Michael (Ellen) Kayfes of South Lyon, MI and Dan Kayfes of South Lyon, MI; grandsons, Kristopher and Gregory; great-grandson Nicklaus; siblings, Kenneth Miller, Betty Taipalus of Southfield, MI, Jannette Peterson and Clayton (Carol) Miller. Funeral services were held December 26, 2013. Online condolences can be left for the family at ericksoncrowleypeterson.com

KELLER, MORAIG

Passed away peacefully Sunday, January 5. Preceded by her loving husband Harry and son James. Survived by sons Layne of Farmington Hills and Thomas (Marilyn) of South Lyon. Beloved Wife, Mother, Musician, Teacher (West Bloomfield), Congregation President and Deacon (St. Olaf Lutheran Church), Artist and Gourmand. Donations in Memory to Antioch Lutheran Church (Farmington Hills) and Seedlings Braille Books for Children (Livonia).

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with you in this
time of sorrow.



LIZZET, CHARLES J.

Longtime resident of Milford area and Detroit, died peacefully on January 12, 2014 surrounded by his family at the age of 87. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Lynn and leaves his beloved wife of 66 years, Barbara; children, Larry (Gayle), Linda (Lee) Marble, LuAnn (John) McKay, Chip (Sheri); 12 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; sister, Marjorie (Jack) Still; son-in-law, Dan (Pat) Sorvari and many extended family and dear friends. A Funeral Service will be held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty, Milford on Saturday, January 18, 2014 at 11 a.m. with gathering beginning at 10 a.m. Friends may visit the funeral home on Friday, January 17th from 3-9 p.m. Memorials may be made to Alzheimer's Association, American Cancer Society or Seasons Hospice. For further information phone 248-684-6645 or visit:

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MADIGAN, WILLIAM P.

August 17, 1940-December 28, 2013. Bill Madigan of Jackson, MI, passed away with his loved ones by his side, December 28, 2013 at the age of 73. He is survived by his mother Mildred, sister Patricia Van Bonn, and brothers Dennis and Kerry. He is also survived by his sons Brent (Kimberly), Bryan (Lara), Bruce; and his grandchildren who meant so much to him, Ian, Nathan, Molly, Sean, and Sara. Bill was preceded in death by his father William and his brother Michael. Bill was born in Hastings, MI and raised in Northville, MI. He was a 1959 graduate of Northville High School and served in the U.S. Army from 1960-1966. Bill retired from The Country Club of Jackson after 36 years of service as the Golf Course Superintendent and was an active member of the GCSSA. He loved the outdoors, hunting, fishing, golfing, and the family cabin in Cedarville, MI. Bill enjoyed time spent with friends and was always there to lend a hand. A Funeral Mass will be held at Our Lady of Victory Church in Northville, MI on Saturday, January 18 at 10:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or the Michigan Audubon Society.

MANZO, BEATRICE V

Age 92, of Hartland, formerly of Detroit, passed away on January 2, 2014. Preceded in death by her beloved husband, Sam, and her daughter, Nancy Durfee. Survived by her loving children, Bernice Collura, Shirley (Walter) Macklin, John (Martha) Manzo, Linda Gore, Sandra (Joe) Waling; 14 grandchildren and 26 great grandchildren. Also survived by several nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. A Funeral Service will be held at West Highland Baptist Church, 1116 S. Hickory Ridge Rd., Highland, Saturday, January 25th at 11 a.m. Friends may visit at the church one hour prior to service. In lieu of flowers, memorials are encouraged to a charity of choice. For further information please contact Lynch & Sons Funeral Home in Milford 248-684-6645 www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com.

NUNN, REGINA A.

Age 61, of Howell, passed away January 7, 2014. Full obit and online condolences at www.casterlinefuneralhome.com

SIMS, DANIEL J.

Age 22, passed away January 5, 2014. He was born October 13, 1991 in Livonia, son of John and Catherine Sims. Dan will always be remembered as being intelligent, kind, and considerate of others. He was known for his great sense of humor and for being a huge Detroit Lions fan. Dan enjoyed riding motorcycles with his Dad and spending time with his family. He was and always will be a loving and devoted son, brother, and grandson. He is survived by his loving parents, John (Wendy) Sims, and Catherine (Gary) Weir; his sister, Kari Sims; his grandparents, Archie and Faye Sims, and Eleanor Jarosz. Dan is also survived by many aunts, uncles, cousins, and loving friends. He was preceded in death by his grandpa, Marion Jarosz and his aunt, Caroline Seman. Visitation was held on Thursday, January 9 from 3:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. A Funeral Service was held on Friday, January 10 at 11:00 a.m. at the funeral home. A gift of hope may be made to Dawn Farm - Ypsilanti, 6633 Stony Creek Road, Ypsilanti, MI 48197. Online guestbook at www.phillipsfuneral.com.

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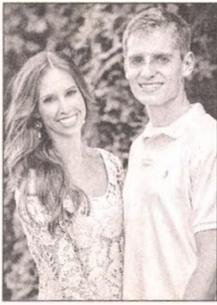
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with you in this
time of sorrow.



ENGAGEMENT

Patrick-Deighton

Andrea Patrick of Northville and David Deighton of Novi are engaged to be married. Andrea is the daughter of Don and Diane Patrick of Northville. She is a 2008 graduate of Northville High School and 2012 graduate of Grand Valley State University. She is currently employed as a third-grade teacher at Tipton Academy in Garden City.



Andrea Patrick and David Deighton

David is the son of Daniel and Mary Jo Deighton of Novi. He is a 2006 graduate of Novi High School and a 2010 graduate of

Grand Valley State University. He is currently employed with Jr. AFM-EMC in Farmington Hills. A July wedding is planned in Northville.

'Downton Abbey'



Detroit Public Television broadcast the long-anticipated Season 4 premiere of Julian Fellowes' 'Downton Abbey' Jan. 5. Season 3 ended with a birth and the shocking death of beloved Matthew. Season 4 opens six months later after the tragedy. Now, for some 200-plus DPTV supporters, they were already in-the-know of the story lines and outcome of the Season 4 opener. The donors, many of whom are members of the DPTV Downton Abbey Society, attended an exclusive, sold-out screening Dec. 16 at the Maple Theater in Bloomfield Hills. Shown are Novi residents Mary and Dennis Block, who came as Lady Cora and Lord Grantham. JULIE YOLLES

NOVI COMMUNITY BRIEFS

BlackLight Dance for students

The Dance Project is hosting the annual BlackLight Dance - a one-of-a-kind dance experience including demos and lessons for all the best dance moves (grade 7 and up) - 8-11 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 25, at Novi Christian Community Center, 45301 W. 11 Mile.

Glow-in-the-dark bubbles and white attire "pop" at this event, attended annually by more than 350 students from more than 70 area private, public and home schools. A swing dance lesson will be given at 7:30 p.m. Snacks and beverages will be provided.

Admission is \$5 per person at the door. Dress code will be enforced. Proceeds benefit Novi's own Epic Events and The Dance Project, a nonprofit group with a mission of "changing the culture by promoting positive dancing" to area schools.

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Brighton

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

Milford

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

Novi

BRIGHTMOOR CHRISTIAN CHURCH 40800 W. 13 Mile Road, Novi on the corner of M-5 & W 13 Sundays 9:15a & 11:15a www.brightmoorc.org something for the entire family

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

Walled Lake

CROSSPOINT COMMUNITY CHURCH 1850 S. Commerce Rd. Walled Lake, MI 48390 Sunday Services: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m. Wednesday Evening: 7 p.m. All Ages Rev. Kenneth Warren - 586-531-2021 www.cpcnaw.com

FIRST BAPTIST OF MILFORD VISITORS WELCOME! 133 Detroit St., Milford • 248-684-5695 Pastor Steve Swazey Sunday School all ages 9:45 a.m. • Sunday Worship - 11 a.m. • Young Adults Dinner/Bible Study Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. • Wednesdays, 6:45-8:15 p.m. • Awana beginning Sept. 11, 3 yrs old thru 6th grade and Youth Group for 7th grade and older Website: milfordbaptist.org

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

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

Whitmore Lake

FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH 10774 Nine Mile Road Rev. M. Lee Taylor • 449-2582 Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Worship, 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening, 7:00 p.m.

MILFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Pastor Bryan Anderson 238 N. Main Street, Milford MI (248) 684-2805 www.milfordpc.org Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m. Sunday School age 3 thru 5th grade @ 10 a.m. Youth Group 10 am - Grades 6-12 A heritage of area worship since 1836

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

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

Highland

HIGHLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 680 W. Livingston Rd. • Highland, MI 48357 (248) 437-6212 • Gerako S. Hunter, Pastor Sunday Worship: 9:30 & 11 a.m. Kids Church: 9:30 & 11 a.m. MS & HS Youth: 11 a.m. MS Youth Night Wednesday 6:30-8 p.m. Grief Share Monday 6:30 p.m.

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

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

NOVI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 41671 W. Ten Mile Road • Novi, MI 48375 Sunday Worship 9:45 a.m. Rev. Janet M. Smith, Pastor 248-348-2652 www.umcnovi.com *Loving God, loving each other and living our core values*

South Lyon

NEW HUDSON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 56730 Grand River Avenue • New Hudson MI 48165 (248) 437-6212 • Gerako S. Hunter, Pastor Sunday School & Bible Class 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. www.newhudsonumc.org

OAKPOINTE Milford Church 1250 South Hill Rd. www.opcmilford.org Contemporary Worship Service: Sunday 9:15 am & 11:15 am Adventland Children's Program: Sunday 9:15 am & 11:15 am The Rock (Middle School) Wednesdays 6:30-8 pm Sunday 9:15 am The 707 (High School) Sundays 6:30-8:30 pm Women, Men and Life Groups Various Schedules

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 205 E. Lake (10 Mile) 248.437.2875 Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m. Children's Church for Grades K thru 5th Nursery Care Provided Mid-Week Study Thursday 7:00 p.m. Rev. Michael Horlocker, Pastor www.fpcsouthlyon.org

BIBLE BELIEVERS CHURCH Gathering in Jesus Name 52909 10 Mile Rd • South Lyon, MI 48178 Sunday 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Mike Ragan, Pastor 734-347-1983 pastor cell Old fashioned preaching

New Hudson

NEW HOPE - A Unitarian Universalist Congregation 57855 Grand River Ave., New Hudson, MI 48165 Phone 248-474-9108 Sunday Celebration of Life Service 10:30 a.m. Rev. Suzanne Paul, Minister Website: http://www.newhopeuu.org

WEST HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH 1116 S. Hickory Ridge Rd., Milford, MI 48380 248-687-1218 Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Wednesday All Ages: 7:00 p.m. Also Small Groups / Ministry Teams

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

CROSS OF CHRIST LUTHERAN (Missouri Synod) Pastor Terry Nelson 437-8810 • 486-4335 Griswold Rd. at 10 Mile Worship: 10 a.m.; Sunday School: 10 a.m.; Adult Bible Study: 9 a.m.

Northville

First Presbyterian Church of Northville www.fpcnorthville.org 200 E. MAIN ST. AT HUTTON Worship & Church School 10:00 am 248-349-0911

United Methodist Church NORTHVILLE (248) 349-1144 777 West 8 Mile Road (8 Mile and Taft Road) Northville, Michigan Worship Times: September - May 8:00, 9:15 & 11:00 a.m. Memorial Day - Labor Day 8:30 and 10:00 a.m. Rev. Marsha M. Wooley, Lead Pastor www.fumcnorthville.org

first united methodist church south lyon, mi 640 S. Lafayette (248) 437-0760 Worship: 8:15 am, 11 am & 6:30 pm Sunday School: 9:40 am Rev. Sondra Willabee, Lead Pastor southlyonfirstumc.org

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN Wisconsin Synod • Reynold Sweet Pkwy. at Liberty St. Sunday Service 10:00 a.m. All Classes 9:00 Pastor Scott Miller, (248) 437-1651

NORTHVILLE CHRISTIAN Experience Life Each Week Sunday Worship - 9:00 am & 10:15 am Sunday School and Children's Programs www.ncalife.org 41355 Six Mile Road 248-348-9030

WARD CHURCH 40000 Six Mile Road Northville, MI 48168 248-374-7400 Sunday Worship Services 8 a.m. | 9:30 a.m. | 11 a.m. 4 different music styles from classic to modern www.wardchurch.org

Shepherd's Way Lutheran Church, ELCA 59255 10 Mile Rd. South Lyon MI 48178 Sunday Worship 9:30 AM Education Hour 8:30 AM Rev. Bart Muller, Pastor 248-486-4404 www.shepherdswaysouthlyon.org

CROSSROADS COMMUNITY CHURCH 28900 Pontiac Trail • South Lyon 248-486-0400 www.ecrossroads.net Sunday Services: 8:45, 10 & 11:30 am

OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH 133 Orchard Dr., Northville WEEKEND LITURGIES Saturday 5:00 p.m. Sunday, 7:30, 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. Church 349-2621, School 349-3610 Religious Education 349-2559 Rev. Denis Theroux, Pastor

Our Savior Apostolic Lutheran Church 54899 8 Mile Rd. at Currie Rd. Northville, MI 48167 248-374-2268 Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Fellowship/Coffee 11:00 a.m. Worship Service Wednesday Bible Study (Colossians) at 7 pm Pastor Andy Whitten

SOLID ROCK BIBLE CHURCH Loving God and Loving People 22183 Pontiac Trail • 248-486-4400 (In Brookdale Shopping Center, behind Powerhouse Gym) SUNDAY WORSHIP: 10:00 A.M. Reed Heckmann, Pastor/Teacher www.solidrocksouthlyon.com

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

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OUR VIEWS

MLK Day a reminder of challenges remaining

The year 1968 was a watershed year in American history. In a span of two months, the country lost two charismatic leaders — Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Robert F. Kennedy — to assassins' bullets.

The losses came at a time when the fabric of life in the country was being ripped apart. Opposition to the Vietnam War was increasing and confrontations over the push for civil rights were escalating. Americans in their 50s and older, who lived through those turbulent times, remember the rallies and marches, the mass of people who descended on Washington, D.C., to demand jobs and equal treatment.

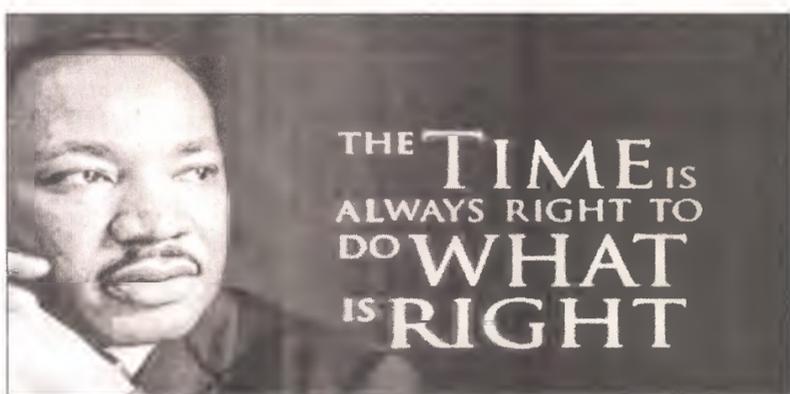
But for the younger generations, there is a disconnect. Everything that happened is simply information found in history books. King and Kennedy are names under photographs and what they did or hoped to accomplish are just words on a page.

An advocate of non-violence, King was a

transformational figure in American history. He sought "to make real the promises of democracy." He called on the country to "rise up from the dark and desolate valley of segregation to the sunlit path of racial justice ... to lift our nation from the quicksands of racial injustice to the solid rock of brotherhood. Now is the time to make justice a reality for all of God's children."

He challenged America to fulfill the promise of liberty and justice for all. Under his leadership, change came and blacks experienced more progress toward racial equality than had been seen in many, many years. He came to forefront with the Birmingham, Ala., bus boycott and stayed there until his death, leading blacks and whites in peaceful protests to end segregation.

His August 1963 speech given on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial during the March on Washington was a defining moment of the American civil rights move-



ment. The 1963 rally on the mall in Washington was instrumental in the passage of the Civil Rights Act in 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

In looking back, it appears that segregation as it was existed in the 1950s and 1960s is all but gone. People of all colors live and work together. They attend the same schools and colleges. There is no separate seating in public places or on public transportation or separate bathrooms and drinking foun-

tains.

But before we pat ourselves on our backs for a job well done, we need to ask ourselves what King would think. Would he see us at the end of the journey he started? Or would he tell us we need to do more? Would he say that segregation has not gone away, that it has taken on a new form, fueled by poverty and lack of access to a quality life?

On Monday, the nation will pause to remember King. There will be marches, there will be

speeches about his life and his vision of social and economic justice for all people. There will be ceremonies remembering what he did so many years ago.

Monday is MLK Day. It isn't a black holiday, it's an American holiday, a time to reflect on the commitment of one man to bring equal opportunity to all people. Through his words and his actions, we now can step up to the ballot box and vote without the fear of threats and intimidation. We cannot be discriminated

against because of who we are, what we believe in or the color of our skin.

Communities from Northville and Canton to Southfield and beyond are holding events to celebrate the life and work of King. Let them be the opportunity to reflect on King's vision of liberty and justice for all and recommit to making that happen.

At the Novi Public Library at 7 p.m. Monday, author Jean Alicia Elster, who wrote *The Colored Car*, will make a special appearance during an event that will include MLK-themed activities. Elster will describe her story's plot, reveal powerful glimpses of everyday life in 1930s Detroit and explain how she creates her wonderful works of fiction. Books will be available for purchase and signing by the author.

Let Monday be the starting point for change, not another day off from work or school. King did not tolerate inequality and we shouldn't, either.

LETTERS TO EDITOR

More on Bright House

Thanks for the story on Bright House Networks on Dec. 19. I hope you'll follow up during their negotiations with Novi and Farmington Hills, and let us know:

When can we see financial statements of Bright House Networks relating to Novi?

What kind of business organization is this and who are the owners and officers?

Is the outrageous length of 15 years normal for other cable companies across the country?

Bob Moreillon
Novi

Political couples part of the problem

While reading the Novi News about some of our locally elected officeholders (the Crawfords and Kowalls), it reminded me of an editorial in your paper Oct. 3, "Time for redistricting reform." I wondered if that subject came up in the interviews as these individuals were in office and obviously benefited from the gerrymandering by the Republicans your editorial condemned.

While it is not clear if any of them had a direct hand in the gerrymandering at the state level, it is widely known that they were all involved in gerrymandering done here in Oakland Co. At the behest of County Executive L. Books Patterson, they crafted legislation

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

We welcome your Letter to the Editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for 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 edition.

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applying to Oakland County only, allowing the sitting county commissioners to draw new districts. Why was this changing of the rules after the fact necessary? Because in the 2008 election, two countywide offices (treasurer and prosecutor) went to Democrats for the first time in decades, resulting in a Democrat majority of the committee that normally handles redistricting. Evidence of this power grab was found in an email by state Rep. Eileen Kowall questioning what their excuse would be for bringing out this

late legislation. This newspaper and many others denounced this legislation and all those involved, but our Republican governor signed it in to law and our Republican-dominated Supreme Court let it stand.

Your editorial stated to obtain reform would be "asking Republicans to give up an advantage," but the fact that this paper continued to endorse them shows no repercussion for doing what was said to be wrong. Seems quite similar to those who continued to support Kwame Kilpatrick, saying "he's the best Detroit has" even as more corruption charges were brought.

Also, as some of these officeholders are term limited this year, one of the theories of term limits could come into play. And with no fear of losing re-election, they would be free to do the right thing. That seems highly unlikely though since they are all looking to swap offices and are already showing the spouse who to cozy up to (lobbyist).

So I think it's fair to say these people are part of the problem not part of the solution. If district reform is to come it will no doubt be brought by the voters, perhaps by petition. Some of these politicians are familiar with voter anger and petitions to stop them. But we had better act fast as we are losing more local control of our

government every day.

Chuck Tindall
Novi

Common Core's bad

In the Our Views section of your Jan. 2 edition, I was surprised to read that you considered the adoption of Common Core education a good thing. I have done some investigation of Common Core and am dismayed at what I have found. According to the information provided by professor William McCallum, one of the three authors of Common Core's math standards, our "overall standards wouldn't be very high and not up to the standards of other nations." Along with not teaching cursive writing, etc., that information is just the tip of the iceberg.

Is this what we want for our children and grandchildren? I think not. Please, everyone, investigate Common Core for yourselves.

Barbara Rodda
Northville

Political spouses troubling

Articles on Hugh and Kathy Crawford, and Eileen and Mike Kowall planning to "switch seats with their spouses" in the next election are very troubling.

The article paints them as folksy, moderate officeholders. The truth is that H. Crawford and the Kowalls have voted: 1 - to tax the retirement pensions of Michigan's

elderly; 2 - to cut over a billion dollars from education funding; 3 - to cut funding for higher education; 4 - to jeopardize women's reproductive health; and 5 - to disallow Medicaid expansion past the Jan. 1 deadline. This cost the state over \$70 million in federal health care dollars.

Their failed policies have not resulted in job creation. College students today have to take on more debt than their parents did. They then face a job market that can't hire them. Sen. Kowall's committee killed the bridge to Canada project, against the desires of our governor. This project would have brought tens of thousands of jobs to Michigan.

We have the power to fight back against these destructive decisions. We use the ballot box to stop these and other disastrous policies.

We don't need tax cuts for the powerful and connected who rig the rules against hardworking Americans.

We do not need to take money away from our elderly, our students and from hardworking Americans who are downsized and displaced. It is said that politics makes strange bedfellows, but in the case of the Crawfords and Kowalls, bedfellows make strange politics.

Colleen Crossey, M.S.W.
Novi

Tide turning for women

If I were a young man, I would view with trepidation the likely composition of future legislative bodies in our states and Washington, D.C. Inevitably they will reflect the actual majority that exists - more women voters!

Can you imagine future legislative dockets with women in control?

Legislators might be deciding whether psychological testing should be required before eligibility for Viagra usage. (Compulsory ultrasound tests before an abortion wouldn't make it out of committee.)

Potential legislation could range from castration for sex offenders to compulsory vasectomies for abusive husbands.

Some legislators might feel that Monday Night Football interferes with the educational development of children (daddy unavailable for helping with homework).

How would the votes add up if these bills surfaced? No topless joints within 100 miles of a church, school or party store. Rifle hunting confined to rabbits, squirrels and chipmunks? Medical coverage for sports injuries would not be covered by Obamacare.

Go for it, ladies! The tide is turning.

Patrick Downey
Novi

GUEST COLUMN

ENDA's passage honors our nation's founding ideals

This nation began not as merely a plot of land or as a group of people united by language or ethnicity. It began with an idea: "That all men are created equal." Our story since Thomas Jefferson wrote those words has been a story of progress toward honoring what has been called "the immortal phrase."

A few weeks ago, the Senate voted to move our



Carl Levin
GUEST COLUMNIST

nation one important step forward in honoring the truth of those words by finally passing the Employment Nondiscrimination Act or ENDA. This legislation would ensure that no American is deprived of the opportunity

to work - the opportunity to succeed as all of us want to succeed - merely because of sexual orientation or gender identity, just as we have acted to protect that opportunity against discrimination based on age, race, color, religion, national origin or disability.

This legislation is carefully crafted to protect the sincere religious beliefs many Americans hold. It embodies a simple but powerful American ideal: On the job, what matters is your work, not your gender or skin color or faith or your sexual orientation, any other extraneous matter.

There may have been times in the past when the Congress pushed Americans into new and perhaps uncomfortable territory in the march

toward equality. But today, the law lags public opinion in this area. Public opinion polls show that roughly seven in 10 Americans believe workplace discrimination against gays, lesbians and transgendered individuals should be against the law. In fact, they think it already is - according to one poll, 80 percent of Americans believe such discrimination is already a violation of federal law.

And support for ENDA is not confined to one region of the country - polls show that majorities in every state in the union support it, including Michigan, where more than 30 municipalities already have local statutes prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation. So passage of ENDA is not

some bold social experiment or engineering process. It is what the American people want and are ready for.

That is as true today as it was in 1996, the last time the Senate held a vote on this measure. Even then, a majority of Americans supported it, and just as today, it enjoyed the support of a diverse group of religious and business organizations. Then, as today, American businesses recognized that discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity is just bad business.

This is also not a partisan issue.

But the ultimate reason I have supported this legislation for decades now is not related to public opinion polls or endorsement letters

from churches and corporations, though those are heartening and welcome. Simply, it is wrong to deny employment to anyone who can do the job, just because of their sexual orientation. "All men are created equal" means giving every American the opportunity to earn what their talents and dedication allow, to provide for themselves and their families.

I was proud to vote for this legislation. I have urged the leaders of the House of Representatives to recognize just how far behind the American people they have fallen on this issue and bring the Employee Nondiscrimination Act to the House floor for a vote.

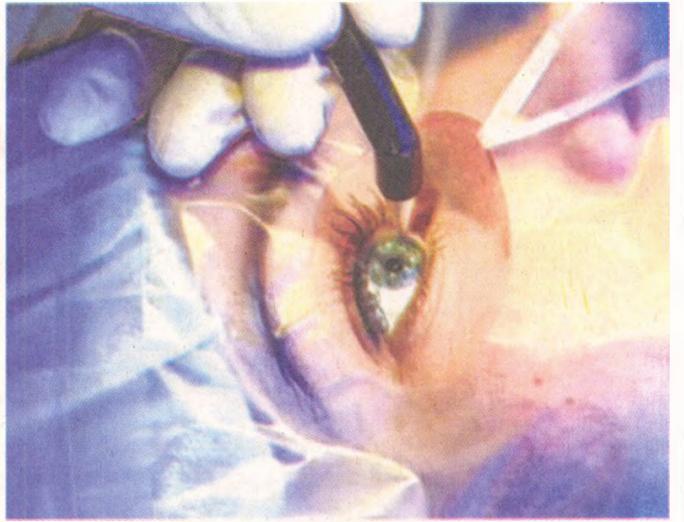
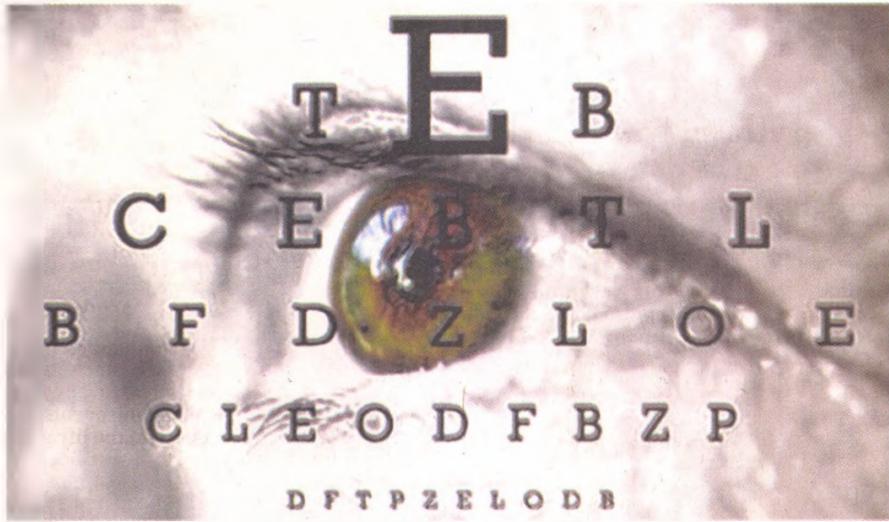
Carl Levin is the senior U.S. senator from Michigan.

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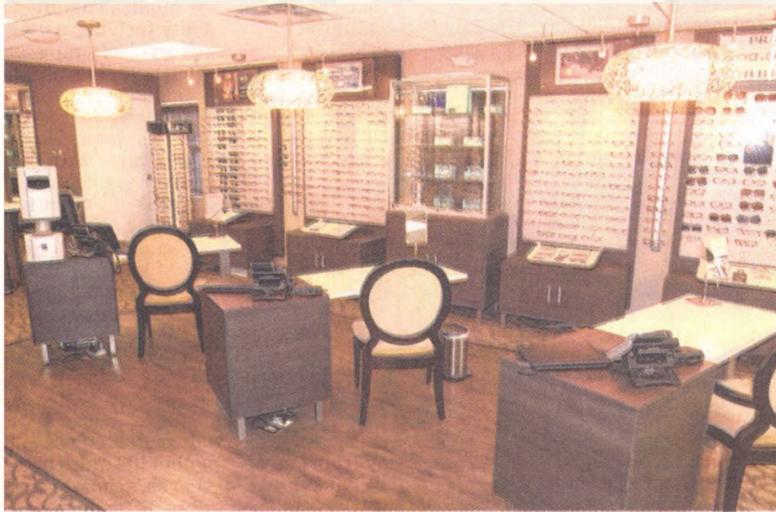
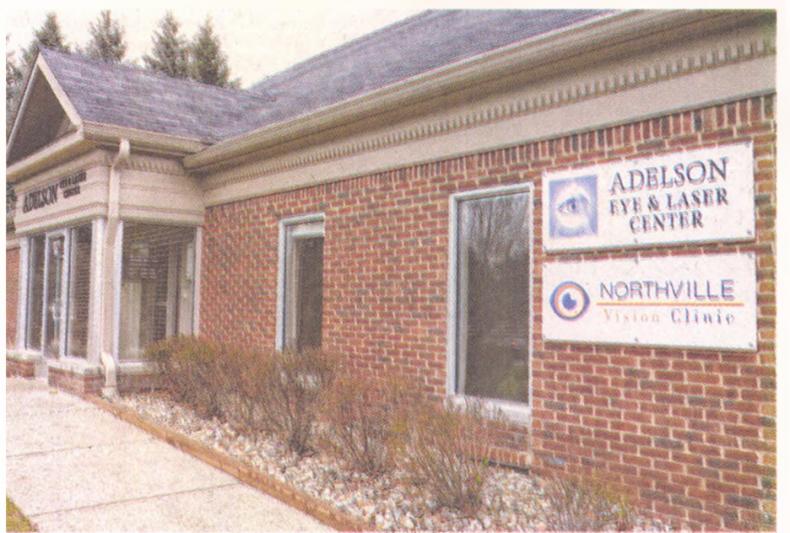
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Northville Vision Clinic plus Adelson Eye & Laser Center equals a 20/20 Solution

Northville Vision Clinic is excited to announce we have moved to 42000 6 Mile Road into a brand new, state of the art facility with Adelson Eye & Laser Center. According to Dr. Martin Levin who started Northville Vision Clinic, "We are a full service family eye clinic that stresses individualized personal care. We have been providing the Northville area professional care for over 40 years." Our clinic offers examinations for adults and children and is a leader in the fitting of all types of contact lenses. Many types of ocular disease including infections and dry eye syndrome are treated at Northville Vision Clinic. All of our staff are trained opticians who have a combined total of over 100 years in the optical industry. We are constantly looking for the most current and fashionable eyewear to assure the patients have the best selection in the area. The full service on premise lab can guarantee the fastest service possible for eyewear. Priding ourselves on using the latest equipment including the Zeiss I Terminal for precision frame and lens measurements, allows the opticians to produce the most exact glasses possible. The I Terminal will also take four pictures of the patient trying on eyewear, so they can



view themselves with the new frames. This eliminates the guesswork in selecting your eyewear. The optical department consists of 1000's of frames in all price ranges, including Tiffany and Co., Prada, Tom Ford, Dolce & Gabbana, Maui Jim, Oakley and Willy X. Our knowledgeable and experienced technicians will guide you in the selection of frames based on your style preference, budget, and functionality. Constantly updating equipment has allowed Northville Vision Clinic to continue being a leader in the field and recognized as one of the most comprehensive clinics in the area. By the addition of Adelson Eye and Laser Center, an incredible state of the art facility has been created. Our clinic can now offer services extending from examinations, contact lenses, treatment of diseases, cataract surgery and Lasik. Our staff and Dr. Levin extend a personal invitation to you and your family into our new home.

Adelson Eye & Laser Center is pleased to introduce our new and expanded location located at 42000 Six Mile Road in Northville as well. After almost 10 years of service at our Main Street location in downtown Northville, we have an all new

full service center. This center offers the same comprehensive eye care, including the management of glaucoma, diabetic retinopathy, macular degeneration, dry eye syndrome, cataracts, corneal diseases, conjunctivitis, retinal and vitreous abnormalities, and most other eye related difficulties.

Adelson Eye & Laser Center is additionally very excited to announce our new partnership with LASIKPlus.

LASIKPlus currently has more than 50 centers throughout the United States and the LASIKPlus surgeon network has completed more than 1 million laser vision correction procedures. We are ecstatic that LASIKPlus has picked us to bring their services to our hometown of metropolitan Detroit. As ophthalmologists who are fellowship trained in advanced cataract and LASIK surgery and who have already performed thousands of procedures, we feel that the resources that LASIKPlus offers are invaluable. Most importantly, we now have our own laser center located onsite at the new Northville location. This allows us to offer all of the most advanced laser vision correction procedures, including all laser LASIK surgery, within the confines of our own surgical suite. Along with the assistance of LASIKPlus, we have brought all of the "latest and greatest" technology for laser vision correction right into our office

Adelson Eye & Laser Center will also continue to provide cataract surgery, including the use of premium lenses which allow correction for nearsightedness, farsightedness, astigmatism, and presbyopia. We have performed thousands of these procedures and continue to evolve with the recent advances in cataract surgery. Additionally, we will also continue to provide blepharoplasty procedures (eyelid surgery) for droopy eyelids and age related changes. In fact, the cosmetic component of our practice continues to expand as we now perform many cosmetic modalities including laser resurfacing procedures around the eyes and throughout the face.

With Northville Vision Clinic, we have attempted to create a comprehensive eye care experience at our new location where we are able to offer quality care and services for everything from eyeglasses and contact lenses to eye health-related issues to laser vision correction, cataract surgery, and multiple cosmetic modalities.



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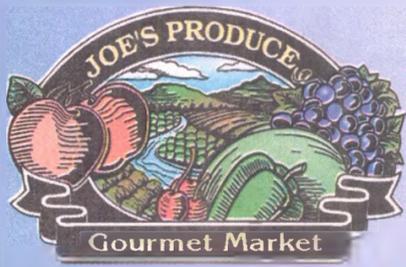


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Core group keeps Novi grapplers competitive

Wildcats fall to 0-2 in division

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

With league competition under way, Novi's wrestling team found itself on the wrong end of the score sheet against both Plymouth Salem and Northville last week.

The Wildcats (4-6, 0-2 KLAA Central) headed Jan. 9 to Northville for back-to-back dual meets against the Mustangs (8-8, 1-1 Central) and Rocks (11-5, 2-0 Central), neither of which ended well. Northville got the 38-22 edge in the rivalry match-up and Salem won a 48-15 contest.

Four high points for Novi against Northville were an 11-2 major decision

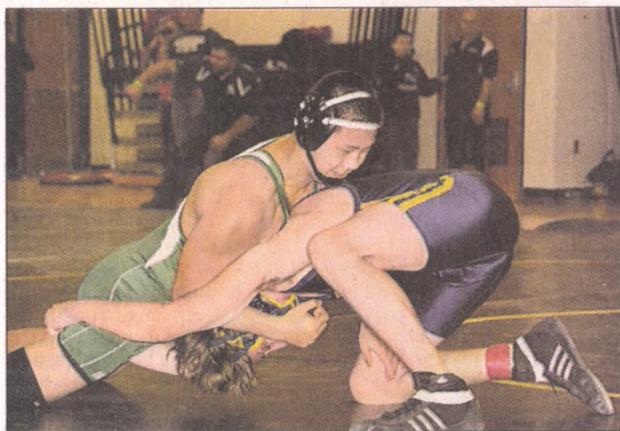
ON TAP

Novi (4-6, 0-2 KLAA Central) is scheduled to compete at 9 a.m. Saturday in Tecumseh before hosting South Lyon (1-1, 1-0 Central), South Lyon East (0-3, 0-1 Central) and Livonia Stevenson (6-8, 1-1 Central) at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday.

for sophomore Willy Jackson (112 pounds), a pin by senior Ben Wright (152), a 1-0 decision by senior John Hood (160) and a 2-0 decision by sophomore Cooper Smith (171).

Wright and Hood both won their matches against Salem, too, both with a 5-2 decision. Freshman Scott Latham

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Novi sophomore Cooper Smith (left) had a good week for the Wildcats at 171 pounds.

Novi edges hosts for Laker Invite title

Team depth rises above individual star power

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

Novi's boys swim and dive team got the new year started off the right way, with a five-point victory in the Laker Invitational over host West Bloomfield.

"We had some key swimmers out of the lineup and our younger swimmers were able to step up and get the job done," Novi coach Brent Pohlonski. "A lot of the credit goes to our divers for giving us a 12-point cushion."

With a four-heat format where depth mattered, the Wildcats (1-2) showed that they had some despite the injuries and illnesses that plagued them, rattling off 233 points to West Bloomfield's 228 and North Farmington's 170, among a field of six teams.

Although Novi took first in only two of the 12 'A' heats, the Wildcats second-, third- and fourth-tier swimmers in each flight were strong, taking first place in 19 of 27 individual heats, including clean sweeps of the lower three tiers in each the 200 free, 1-meter dive and 500 free, plus a four-heat sweep in the 100 backstroke.

Tanner Vincent led the way there, winning the 100 back in 57.21 seconds. Vincent also took second in the top heat of the 100 butterfly in 55.07 seconds, behind North Farmington's 54.97.

Nathan Louie took second in both the 200 individual medley (2:14.09) and 100 breaststroke (1:06.23), behind a pair of North Farmington opponents who finished in 1:56.23 and 1:00.25, respectively.

Sid Kareddy also performed well in two of the top flights, taking fourth in both the 50 free (24.37) and 100 free (53.33), behind North Farmington's 23.66 and West Bloomfield's 51.63. The toughest events for Novi, the 'Cats won only one of the eight heats between these two free-style events.

James Ciolli gave the 'Cats a second-place finish in diving with 286.05 points, behind the host Lakers' 290.05 score.

Joey Berman took third in the 500 free (5:12.59) and Ryan Katulski third in the 200 free (1:55.98), behind West Bloomfield's times of 4:59.98 and 1:50.91, respectively.

Novi won just two of the 12 relay heats, but none of the 'A' heats. The 'Cats took second in the 200 medley relay (1:46.97) behind North Farmington's 1:41.27, third in the 200 free relay (1:38.80) behind North Farmington's 1:31.63 and fourth in the 400 free relay (3:38.76) behind West Bloomfield's 3:27.52.

ON TAP

Novi (1-2) is scheduled to visit Northville (1-0) at 6 p.m. today and Plymouth Salem (0-0) at 6 p.m. Jan. 23.



Novi celebrates after winning the Laker Invitational at West Bloomfield last weekend. SHONA VINCENT

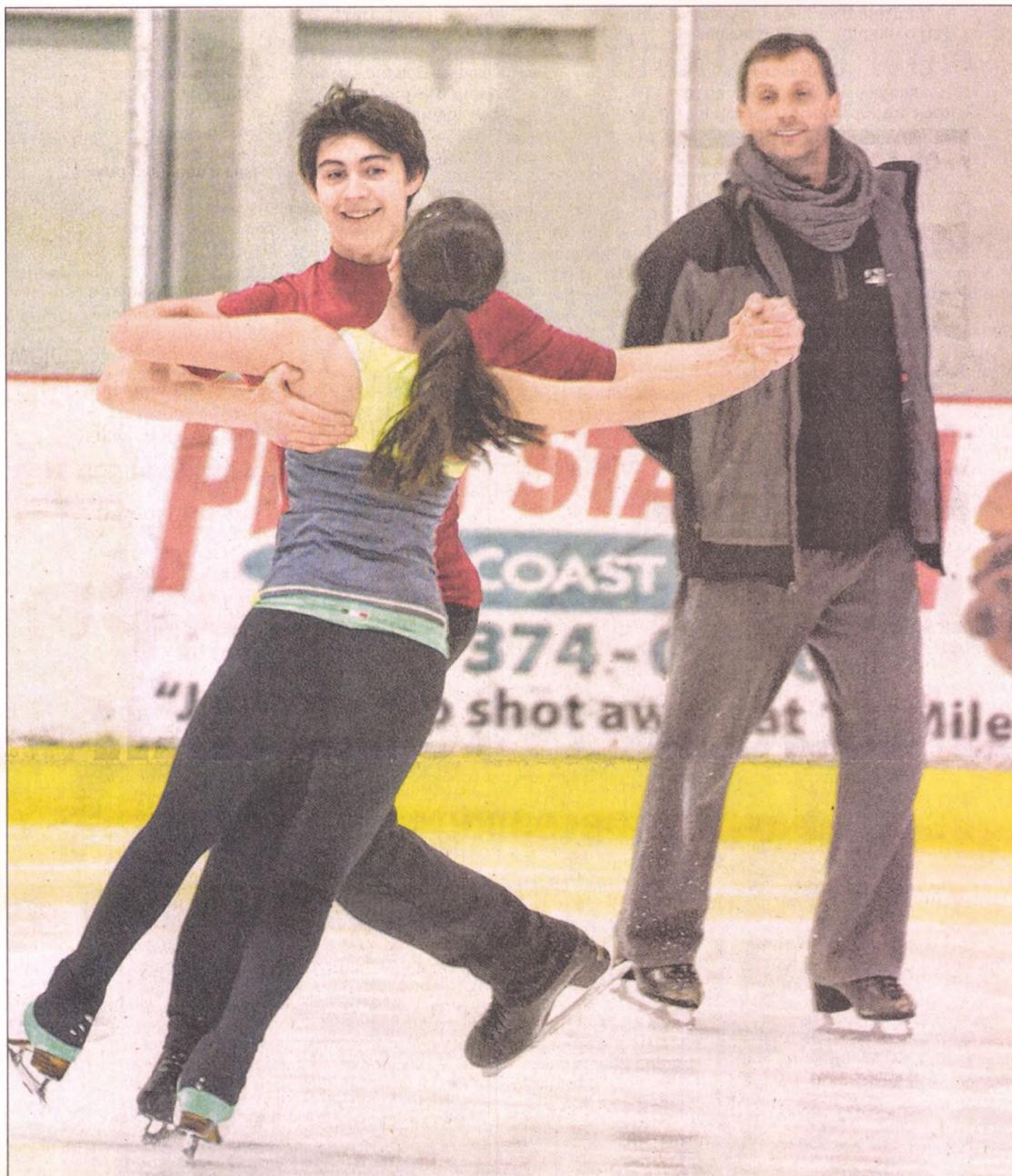


Figure skating coach Igor Shpilband (right) watches over a couple of his students during a practice at the Novi Ice Arena. Shpilband, a former Olympic skater for the Soviet Union, defected to the U.S. in the late '80s, currently lives in Novi and has been coaching many ice dancers who are Olympic hopefuls at the Novi Ice Arena. Shpilband said that of approximately 24 pairs of skaters who will perform at this year's Olympics in Sochi, Russia, about nine of them are currently training in Novi.

Olympic skaters find a home in Novi

Local ice arena welcomes hopefuls from around the world

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

Olympic-level figure skating has found a home in Novi, with world renowned coach Igor Shpilband training some great talent from around the world at the Novi Ice Arena.

With nearly 15 countries represented during some of his training sessions, Shpilband has been a resident of Novi for some time and began working out of the local arena nearly two years ago.

"We are really happy to be here. It's worked well for us and each team," he said.

Skaters also utilize the sports club next door to further enhance their preparation for a big year in competitive ice dancing, which includes the 2014 Winter Olympics being held Feb. 7-23 in Sochi, Russia.

Shpilband came to Michigan more than 20 years ago after he defected from the Soviet Union, where he had been a former Olympic skater. He has turned into a go-to coach for skaters wanting to compete at the



A board in the lobby of the Novi Ice Arena has a countdown calendar for the Sochi Olympics and also shows photos and the different nationalities of the various skaters training at the arena. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Olympic level.

There's been a lot of talent like this training in Novi for the last year or so, including 2010 Novi High graduate Madison Chock.

"Novi is my home and it's been great to learn from a coach like Igor in such a familiar setting," she said.

She, along with her partner Evan Bates (a graduate of the University of Michigan), made the U.S. Olympic team (see infobox). They're in their

third season together and have finished well in previous qualifying events, including the top three at the U.S. Nationals.

This level of high achievement has become the norm at the arena on Nick Lidstrom Drive.

According to Shpilband, of the 24 pairs of skaters who will perform at this year's Olympics, about nine of

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Former CC hockey player Halash killed in car crash in Kansas



Peter Halash was a captain and all-league forward for the Shamrocks. DENNIS BARNES

By Cal Stone
Staff Writer

Peter Halash, a former hockey standout at Detroit Catholic Central High School, was killed Jan. 5 in a car crash in Kansas, according to Aaron Babicz, athletic director for CC.

"Peter was such a great young man," Babicz said. "His personality would light up any room. Another young man gone way too soon."

The Shawnee County Sheriff's Office said that a 2000 Jeep Cherokee left the roadway and struck a tree. One person, believed to be the driver, was pronounced dead at the scene.

The crash remains under investigation, but speed and hazardous road conditions may have contributed, according to Lt. Jay Simecka.

Originally from Novi, Halash was a captain and all-league forward for the Shamrocks. The 19-year-old played hockey for the Topeka Road-

Runners – a Tier II Junior A team – and had 20 points this season, scoring seven goals and 13 assists for his 21-11 team (second in the North American Hockey League South). The 6-0, 180-pound forward played briefly with Tri-City before moving to Topeka in the 2012-13 season and scoring five goals with nine assists in 36 games.



Halash

"In Memory of Peter Halash," written by RoadRunners staff, was posted this week on the website www.juniorhockey.com:

"He was loved and respected among his teammates for his joyful approach to the game, work ethic, pregame locker room rituals and in-game mannerisms, to name a few. Sometimes seen as quiet and reserved, his teammates knew him as quick-witted and energetic. He was a player who loved everything about the

game and his enthusiasm was infectious.

"On the ice, his game grew from being a skilled forward who was strong on the boards to being a complete two-way hockey player who was equally at home in the defensive zone. His tenacity and creativity were inspirational and through his play he motivated those around him to be the best they could be.

"Peter's absence leaves a gaping hole in the RoadRunners line chart, locker room and collective heart. It's a loss that transcends the boundaries of divisions and competition and the RoadRunner organization is grateful for the outpouring of support not only from across the league, but from the sport as a whole. The pain reverberates throughout the hockey world. Peter will be missed greatly, but the lives he touched along the way will forever treasure his memory."

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Novi wins Central Division contests

South Lyon, East ousted

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

It was another strong week of basketball for Novi's girls cagers, who picked up a pair of victories over both high schools from the neighboring South Lyon district.

The Wildcats (7-1, 2-0 KLA Central) started off with a storm-delayed Jan. 9 victory 58-38 over South Lyon East (5-3, 1-1 Central) before stomping South Lyon (2-5, 0-1 Central) on the road in a 52-25 game Friday.

Novi shot 45.8 percent (22-for-48) against the Cougars and 47.6 percent (20-for-42) against the Lions, who combined to go 21-for-78 (26.9 percent) against the Wildcats' defense. Novi's defense also combined for seven blocks, 27 steals, 27 deflections and 44 defensive rebounds (62 total), allowing the two opponents a combined 12 offensive rebounds (42 total).

Coming out of the gates quickly, East trailed only 19-13 after the first quarter, but found itself in a 34-18 hole by halftime that it

would not recover from.

Senior Kerri McMahon led the way with 21 points on 10-of-19 shooting, but also added eight rebounds, five assists and three steals. Senior Taylor Pavlika scored an additional 10 points in to go with her three rebounds, four assists, three steals and one block, while senior Rachel Whitens had seven points and four rebounds.

Also chipping in were Alex Felice (four points, eight rebounds, four deflections), Mallory Daschke (four points), Bailey Baumbick (four points), Kristen Schubring (three points, three rebounds, one block), Allie Iacobelli (three points) and Diana Fawaz (two points).

Against the Lions, Novi rolled out to quarterly leads of 16-2, 30-7 and 44-15 before turning it over to the reserves.

A senior, Schubring shot 6-for-6 from the field and 5-for-8 from the line to lead the 'Cats with 17 points, three rebounds and three steals. McMahan was right behind with 16 points, six rebounds, four steals and five deflections.

ON TAP

Novi (7-1, 2-0 KLA Central) was scheduled to visit Northville (8-0, 2-0 Central) two nights ago before hosting Plymouth Salem (5-3, 0-2 Central) at 7 p.m. Friday and visiting Livonia Stevenson (3-2, 0-1 Central) at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

Nicole Solakian added six points, while Pavlika (four points, three rebounds, four assists, four steals, three blocks), Allie Lipson (three points, five rebounds, two steals), Felice (two points), Daschke (two points), Fawaz (two points), Baumbick (one point) and Iacobelli (five rebounds, three steals) all chipped in.

The Wildcats look to continue improving on their free throws, as the team went 9-for-19 (47.4 percent) against the Cougars and 11-for-24 (45.8 percent) against the Lions. In the case of the South Lyon game, Novi shot a higher percentage against defenders (47.6) than from the free-throw line (45.8).

Chris Jackett is a freelance writer covering Novi High School sports for the Novi News.

Novi's girls bowlers improve mark to 4-0

Boys fall to 1-3 after loss against Canton

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

Due to the weather, Novi's bowling teams didn't start their week of competition until Saturday, when they headed to Plymouth for a tournament.

The girls (4-0) finished sixth with a score of 2,815 through three regular games and four Baker games, while the boys (1-3) finished 11th with a score of 2,994.

Sara Schulz led the way for the girls with games of 191, 177 and 185 for a total of 553, while Evie Plaetinck's 451 and Megan Engles' 423 helped the team out greatly, as well.

On the boys side, Ryan Moore tallied a 544 with games of 180, 191 and 173, while DiAndre Moreland's 485 and Brennan Snow's 474 offered support.

The Jan. 8 Canton match at Super Bowl took place Monday and had very different results.

The girls won 24-6 after winning the first Baker game 217-144 and losing the second one

ON TAP

With the Jan. 7 contest against Northville rescheduled for Jan. 28, the Wildcats (4-0 girls, 1-3 boys) will play Westland John Glenn (5-0 girls, 2-3 boys) Wednesday and Wayne Memorial (2-3 girls, 5-0 boys) Jan. 23.

181-171, but winning both regular games 851-773 and 747-692 and scoring eight match game points (Novi's first bowler vs. Canton's first bowler, etc.).

Schulz led the way with games of 258 and 203 for a total of 461, while Plaetinck (156, 125), Abby Ranks (173, 154) and Lizzy Malear (123, 119) each scored two points for Novi.

The boys saw the opposite happen, as they dropped a 29-1 decision to the Chiefs after losing both Baker games 190-181 and 258-138. The 'Cats also lost both regular games 1,053-769 and 971-905, as Moore scored Novi's only point with a 197 game. Tommy Warner also added a 194 game.

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Pay-to-play fees becoming necessary evil

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

In this day and age, one thing is for certain: School districts are not flush with funds and budgets are as tight as ever.

What that often means is extracurricular activities are the first to be brought up when budget talks come down to what will have funding cut in order to keep ex-

penses down. The end result, typically, is a pay-to-participate program that requires student-athletes to pay a fee in order to play athletics in the district. This covers the costs of running the programs and varies from school to school – and there are plenty of districts participating in such funding programs.

According to the Michigan High School Athletic Association,

the 2012-13 school year found more than 50 percent of districts requiring pay-to-play fees.

In a press release issued last month, the MHSAA indicated a recent survey of its member institutions discovered that 249 of the 450 districts that responded to the questions – or 55.3 percent – charged participation fees. In total, there are 758 schools participating in MHSAA sports.

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Jack Johnson, of the Kensington Valley Rebels 2K2, waits to go back to a three-on-three hockey game Dec. 31 at the Novi Ice Arena. The arena, in conjunction with the Winter Classic hockey games in Detroit and Ann Arbor, hosted a three-on-three tourney that day with youth leagues from all over the area competing. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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CC ROUNDUP

Shamrocks go 3-1 at Super Duals

It was a high school wrestling extravaganza on display in Novi this past weekend when Detroit Catholic Central hosted the annual DCC Super Duals. Attending were six of the top 50 teams in the country and on those rosters were some of the top grapplers at the high school level.

When all was said and done, the top team in attendance was Oak Park (Ill.) River Forest, which went 4-0. The Shamrocks went 3-1, taking their only loss against River Forest in a 42-13 decision.

The Shamrocks did have a much better showing against Brecksville, which is ranked 20th in the nation. Mitch Hancock's team picked up a 40-34 victory in the opening round.

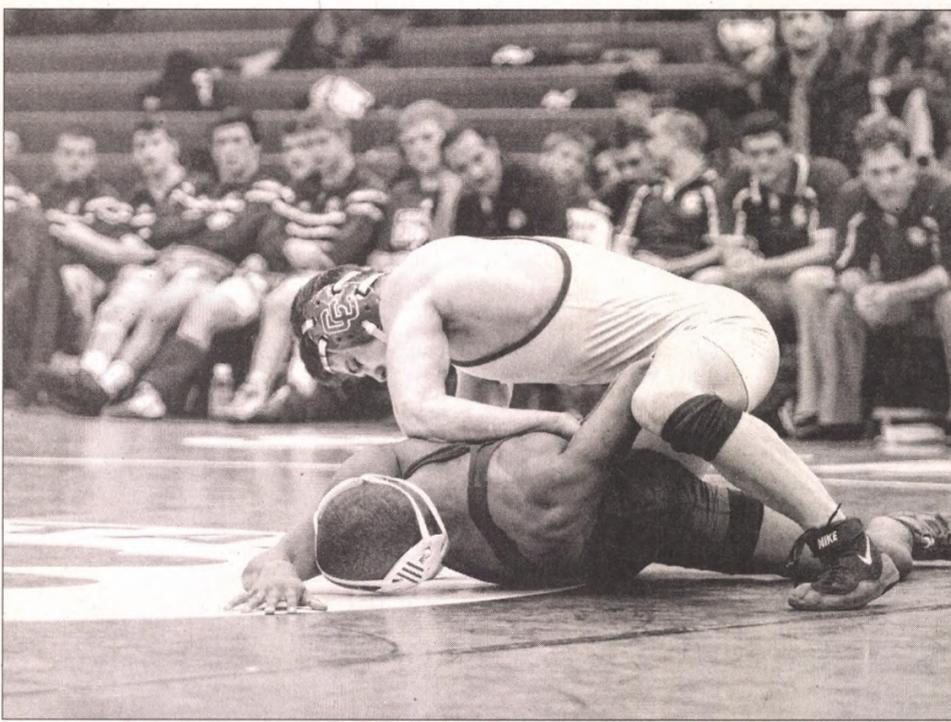
CC then went on to defeat Montini, ranked 11th in the country, 44-25.

Catholic Central's final victory of the day came against Hudson, the four-time defending Division 4 state champion, with a 49-22 score.

"I thought we wrestled the best we have all year as a unit," Hancock said. "We're getting better and starting to get somewhat healthy. This was a great day for our team; we beat three really good teams and it felt especially good to beat a very good Montini team that beat us up pretty good last year. We are a dangerous team and can compete with anyone in the country when we have everyone on the same ship."

Several Shamrocks stood out and three of them went undefeated.

Jimmy Russell went 4-0, including a win over junior freestyle All-American Edgar Ruano of Montini. Also going 4-0 was Nick Bennett, who picked up a match over nationally-ranked Larry Early of River Forest and collected a



CC's Nick Bennett (top) went 4-0 with a big win over nationally-ranked Larry Early of Oak Park (Ill.) River Forest in what many say was the match of the day. He also pinned nationally-ranked Chris Garcia of Montini at 145 pounds. DENNIS BARNES

pin against Montini's Chris Garcia, who is nationally-ranked as well.

The final undefeated Shamrock was Logan Marcicki, who returned to the team from an injury in time to pick up two pins.

Also returning to the team was Trevor Zdebski, who has been out with an injury. Zdebski picked up two wins.

"I think Trevor is a spark plug for us," Hancock said. "He adds a lot of intensity and emotion to our team add a much needed time. It's nice to have him back."

Nick Giese, Ty Morland and Drew Garcia all went 3-1. Giese picked up a big win over Montini's Anthony Ferraro,

who won a state title in Illinois last year. Morland, a freshman, defeated Montini's Luke Fortuna, who is state-ranked in Illinois. Garcia, a co-captain for the Shamrocks, picked up two pins.

Other big individual wins included Myles Amine over Brecksville's Sony Lucas, who is state-ranked in Ohio, and Evan Toth pinning Issac Duseau, a state champion grappler from Hudson.

Basketball team wins one, drops one

The Detroit Catholic Central basketball team picked up a win and a loss recently, bringing its overall record to 4-2.

The team, coached by Bill

Dyer, outpaced Detroit Loyola, 74-67, in a non-conference contest, but couldn't get the best of rival University of Detroit Jesuit and fell, 78-35.

In the game against Loyola, the Shamrocks were led by Noah Lee and Ryan Megillivary, who scored 15 points apiece. Charlie Ryan added 12 points. Loyola was led by Demarco Dickerson, who put up 20 points.

Against U-D, the Shamrocks were led by Ryan, who put up 13 points. Unfortunately for Catholic Central, its foes had four players in double digits as Cassius Winston scored 21, Noah King had 17, Billy Thomas added 11 and Gary Collins scored 10.

Shamrocks hockey team falls in OT

It looked like the Detroit Catholic Central had its hands full in the opening period against Cranbrook when the two teams squared off last week.

Cranbrook jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the first two periods and managed to stave off a Shamrocks comeback before scoring in overtime to secure a 3-2 victory.

In the first period, the Shamrocks fell behind, 1-0, with a goal by Blake Rogow with 8:57 off the clock. Sean O'Leary and Noah Gilreath assisted.

Cranbrook extended its lead to 2-0 just two minutes into the second period as Austin Alger took assists from Christopher Brown and Sam Miletic and put the puck past Catholic Central goalie Spencer Wright.

But the Shamrocks were far from being finished and proved it with a two goals in the third period to tie the game. Both came off the stick of James Considine.

The first, just 10 seconds in to the period, came on a power play with an assist from Mitchell Ossowski. The second, 10 minutes later, was assisted by Ryan Burnett.

In overtime, it was Cranbrook that scored just under three minutes in.

The game was rather clean, with Catholic Central getting called on four penalties for eight minutes and Cranbrook getting whistled for three for six minutes. There were no penalties in the third period or overtime.

Wright faced 20 shots on goal and stopped 17, while Austin Movinski earned the win for Cranbrook, stopping 19 of 21 shots.

Catholic Central is now 9-2-1 on the season.

—By Sam Eggleston

Hope-ful



Tyler Whitehead, a senior left-hand pitcher from Novi High School, has verbally committed to play baseball for coach Stu Fritz at Division III powerhouse Hope College in Holland. Whitehead, who will study business at Hope, had offer opportunities from more than 25 colleges from Michigan, North Carolina, Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Iowa. Whitehead had recently reached 86-85 mph velocity at a local college winter camp. He was selected to participate in the Perfect Game World Wood Bat Championship in Jupiter, Fla., this past October. He represented the Marucci Elite Houston team, which went 3-1-1 in the tournament as Whitehead pitched 4½ innings, gave up one earned run, two walks and three hits while striking out three. Whitehead received the MVP Award at the University of Michigan Wolverine Prospects Baseball Camp (a four-day camp) in Ann Arbor from U-M coach Erik Bakich.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Lions nip Wildcats

After dropping a Jan. 10 contest 61-50 to South Lyon (4-3, 1-0 KLA Central), the Wildcats (2-5, 1-1 Central) were hoping to get things on track when they visited Northville (4-4, 1-1 Central) two nights ago.

Next up is a trip 7 p.m. Friday to Plymouth Salem (7-2, 3-0 Central) and then hosting Livonia Stevenson (1-6, 0-2 Central) at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

Benefit hockey game

The Novi Police & Fire Benevolent Association will take on the Detroit Red Wings Alumni Association in a Victory 2013 Benefit hockey game at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 17, at Novi Ice Arena.

Tickets are \$10 each or \$150 for a bundle of 20 and may be purchased at the Novi Police headquarters at 45125 10 Mile Road, Novi Fire Station No. 1 at 42975 Grand River Avenue or by calling Sgt. Kevin Rhea at 248-444-2921.

A variety of sponsorship levels are currently available, as well as program advertisement opportunities. Call or email krhea@cityofnovi.org for more information.

W.L. Northern wrestling team hosts Military Night

The Walled Lake Northern High School wrestling team will be hosting a Military Night at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 23, as part of its quad meet that evening. Walled Lake Western, Walled Lake Central and Waterford Mott will also be participating in the meet.

The purpose of this second annual event is to honor all active and retired military members and thank them for their service. To help make this event possible, the team has partnered with the Michigan National Guard.

"The National Guard has given the team special singlets that they will be wearing during the meet to honor the military. The boys are really proud to be a part of this event," said Mike Fortenberry, Walled Lake Northern Wrestling Boosters.

The event is free for all active and retired military personnel to attend and the teams will be honoring them during the meet.

In addition, coaches from all four high school teams will choose one of their wrestlers that shows exemplary leadership through sportsmanship, academics and contributions to the community. The National Guard will recognize each of them and present them with an award.

Hockey classes for youths

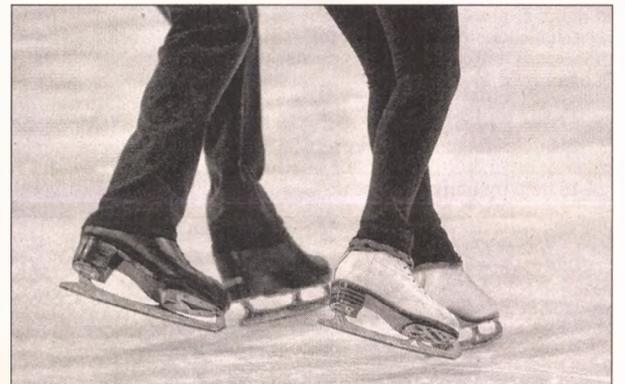
The Novi Ice Arena (42400 Nick Lidstrom Drive) has skilled instructors gearing up to teach hockey to boys and girls in the 4-11 age group — everything from putting on hockey equipment to taking their first shot on goal and working in a team environment — in their upcoming "Learn To Play Hockey" classes.

This program is for kids who have a basic knowledge of skating. It will be broken into two sessions of nine classes each, running 6-6:50 p.m. each Wednesday.

Session 1 runs through Jan. 22. Session 2 runs Jan. 29 to March 26. Sign up for both sessions now and save with a discounted price.

The emphasis of the class is to create a fun and challenging environment for players to learn the beginning stages of balance, skating in equipment and stick handling.

Each skater will receive a hockey jersey as a part of the class, but will be required to have their own hockey equipment.



A pair of ice dancers hits the surface of the Novi Ice Arena under the watchful eye of coach Igor Shpilband. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

U.S. OLYMPIC TEAM

The Sochi Olympic Games team for the U.S. has been announced and the positions follow the results Saturday of the U.S. Championships in Boston's TD Garden.

Meryl Davis and Charlie White, who train at the Arctic Edge Ice Arena in Canton, won the dance title at the U.S. Championships for a record sixth time.

Madison Chock and Evan Bates, who train at the Novi Ice Arena, took second place with 181.44 points.

"I'm so over the moon and completely thrilled," Chock said. "This has been a lifelong dream. We're so happy and we couldn't be in better company. We're just so thrilled."

Chock and Bates have been together since July 1, 2011. As their chemistry has improved, so has their skating. They took fifth at the 2012 U.S. Championships and were second in 2013.

Maia Shibutani and her brother Alex, who also train in Canton, skated a program to Michael Jackson music. They finished in third with 170.44 points.

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SKATERS

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they are currently training in Novi.

This includes teams from France and Lithuania.

"This is a big year coming up, especially because of the Olympics," he said. "But it's always big when these world competitions take place."

He trains the skaters with a team of professionals and specialists, which includes his fiancée Adrienne Lenda,

who is also a former figure skater.

"Igor is the heart of the coaching team," she said. "He has patience, great skating knowledge and skills that are a benefit to all who train with him."

Shpilband said Michigan has become a great place for the figure skating world and he expects Novi to remain a place for high-level talent to train for years to come.

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WRESTLING

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(130) earned a pin, junior Kyle Benkarski (140) earned a 6-4 decision and junior Stevie Davis (285) capped the night with a 5-1 decision in the heavyweight division.

The 'Cats spent Saturday in South Lyon for a dual tournament, where they faced a variety of schools, including Southgate Anderson, Chelsea, Fowlerville, Woodhaven and host South Lyon.

Highlights against Anderson included sophomore Brent George (125) earning a 3-1 victory, Wright winning a 4-1 decision, Hood picking up a pin and Smith winning a 6-4 decision.

Against Chelsea, Novi got pins from junior Evan Davis (135), Benkarski and Wright.

Fowlerville had similar results, as the Wildcats got pins from Jackson, Benkarski, Hood and Smith, who bumped up a weight class to 189. Evan Davis also picked up a 4-2 decision.

Woodhaven allowed only four Wildcat wins via Latham and Jackson pins, an 11-0 major decision by Evan Davis and an 8-1 decision for Stevie Davis.

The hosts weren't even that gracious as Novi's victories against South Lyon were pins by Wright and Benkarski.

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ACO re-brands as Ace Hardware

Novi store part of second phase

By Joanne Maliszewski
Staff Writer

While Farmington Hills-based ACO Home, Garden & Hardware will re-brand its stores as Ace Hardware, the corporate headquarters will remain in the city on Commerce Drive.



Vandenberg

Stores that will be a part of the first phase of becoming Ace stores include: Auburn Hills, Brighton, Center Line, Clarkston, Clawson Clinton Township, Farmington Hills, Lake Orion, Macomb, Port Huron, Rochester Hills, Roseville, two stores in St. Clair Shores, Shelby Township, Sterling Heights, Union Lake, three stores in Warren and two in Waterford.

The remaining ACO locations will be part of a second transition cycle, with dates of inventory sales yet to be announced.

The Novi store is on the north side of 10 Mile Road, just west of Meadowbrook Road.

"This is a very good thing for ACO," said Mark Vandenberg, ACO's CFO. "Part of our strategy is to go back to being a hardware store more than we have been in the past few years."

ACO, however, is not being sold to Ace but will use many of the global hardware company's retail services, Vandenberg said. "We are buying some of the Ace stock so we will be an owner."

The planned conversion of ACO stores was announced Tuesday and will affect all 52 Michigan stores. ACO has long been Michigan's largest independent home and hardware store chain. Ace Hardware, which is based in Illinois, is the largest hardware cooperative in the U.S.



Novi's ACO Hardware store is located at 10 Mile and Meadowbrook roads. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Vandenberg said he is still uncertain whether the change will close some of the ACO stores. "We are still evaluating this. The vast majority will become Ace stores," he said.

Market share
The conversion of ACO stores will greatly increase the market share for Ace Hardware in southeast Michigan, said Sasha Bigda, Ace spokeswoman.

Ace is a global cooperative of independently owned and operated stores with a total of some 70,000 employees.

ACO stores, on the other hand, are owned and operated by the corporation, which employs 850, including in the stores. "They will still be owned that way," Bigda said. "They will just be branded as Ace Hardwares."

A total of 26 locations, including Farmington Hills, Southfield, Milford, Royal Oak and Highland will be among the first to transition to Ace Hardwares.

The transition to Ace, which will be under Vandenberg's direction, will take place over six months. "After months of research and due diligence, we are confident we have selected the best organization with which to align and grow. Ace Hardware offers our stores a world class brand, top notch merchandise opportunities and a supply chain network second to none."

The converted stores will operate under the new name, Great Lakes Ace, according to ACO.

"We get to hang the Ace banner in southeast Michigan," Bigda said. "We will focus on growth and investment in the area."

As part of the transition, ACO stores are offering major sales, which began Jan. 8, to clear out existing inventory. SB Capital Group, LLC, has been retained to operate transitional sale events in the ACO store locations.

The length of the major sales depend on location. In the last couple of weeks of the sale, each store will be closed for up to one week to change the interior and match the Ace configuration, Vandenberg said.

Access
ACO was originally founded in 1946 as Traskos Brothers Hardware Depot in Dearborn. The transition will allow ACO to continue as an economic driver in the Detroit market. "This will allow us to grow and expand in Michigan," Vandenberg added.

Under the Ace Hardware banner, ACO consumers will have access

to nationally recognized brands such as Craftsman®, Valspar® as well as exclusive lines such as Clark+Kensington® and more than 10,000 Ace-branded products. Some ACO-based products that are popular with customers will remain in the stores, Vandenberg said.

Among the retail services of which ACO stores will take advantage is the Ace rewards card. "It allows customers to get the rebates instantly at the cash register," Vandenberg said.

Other stores that will be a part of the first phase of becoming Ace stores include: Auburn Hills, Brighton, Center Line, Clarkston, Clawson Clinton Township, Lake Orion, Macomb, Port Huron, Rochester Hills, Roseville, two stores in St. Clair Shores, Shelby Township, Sterling Heights, Union Lake, three stores in Warren and two in Waterford.

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NOVI BUSINESS BRIEFS

Tognum now MTU America

Novi-based Tognum America Inc. has changed its name to MTU America Inc.

The company is responsible for the manufacture, development, sales and service of MTU engines, propulsion and drive systems and MTU Onsite Energy distributed energy systems in North and Latin America. The company also maintains manufacturing facilities in Aiken, S.C., and Mankato, Minn.

The corporate name change aligns the company more closely with its manufacturing facilities and sales offices located throughout North America. MTU America's holding company, the former Tognum AG, has also been renamed Rolls-Royce Power Systems AG.

Pure Barre opens studio at Novi Town Center

Pure Barre has opened a new studio at Novi Town Center. Pure Barre offers a total body workout that utilizes the ballet barre to perform small, isometric movements which burn fat, sculpt muscles and create long, lean physiques.

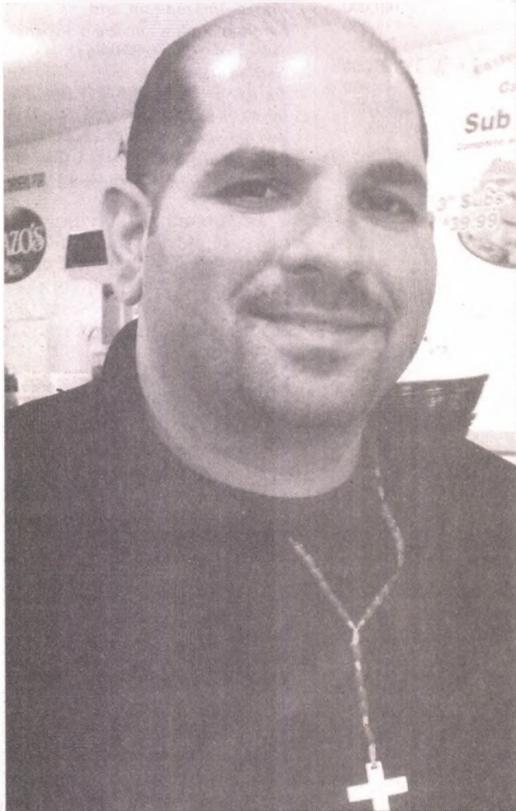
This extremely effective technique (which transforms the shape of a woman's body in record-breaking time) is presented in a friendly, high-energy atmosphere with fun, motivating music.

"Pure Barre offers a whole new approach to fitness and well-being," NTC general manager Jim Clear said.

The new studio is located at 42972 Grand River Avenue; phone 248-596-0002. Website (with listing of class times) is www.purebarre.com. Studio hours are 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday; 7-11 a.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. to noon Sunday. Pure Barre also offers DVDs, equipment and apparel.

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Marvin Jarbo, Owner of Eastern Market of Canton speaking about advertising success in Observer & Eccentric Media



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Thomas Sidlik

Novi-based Cooper Standard Holdings Inc. (NYSE: CPS), a global supplier of automotive sealing, fuel and brake and fluid transfer systems, appointed Thomas W. Sidlik to the company's board of directors.

"We are delighted to have Tom join our board of directors," said Jeffrey S. Edwards, Cooper Standard's chairman and CEO. "With his broad and extensive experience in the automotive industry, Tom is a strong addition to our board."

Sidlik retired from the DaimlerChrysler AG board of management in 2007 after a 34-year career in the automotive industry.

He previously served as chairman and CEO of Chrysler Financial Corporation, chairman of the Michigan Minority Business Development Council and vice chairman of the National Minority Supplier Development Council.

Sidlik serves on the board of directors of Delphi Automotive LLC. He previously served on the board of regents of Eastern Michigan University, including service as chairman, and the board of directors of the Detroit Institute of Arts. He received a bachelor of science degree in economics and finance from New York University and a master of business administration degree from the University of Chicago.



Sidlik

Roger Hernandez

BrassCraft Manufacturing appointed Roger Hernandez territory sales manager for Ohio and Kentucky. In this newly created position, Hernandez will play a key role in increasing sales and strengthening customer relationships among wholesalers and contractors within this region.

"We're delighted to have Roger on our team," said Ken Kemmerling, sales manager Central Region. "We're confident that his depth of sales experience will greatly contribute to enhancing customer service and to growing our business in this territory."

Hernandez brings over 10 years of sales experience and holds a bachelor's degree in business from the University of Toledo.

"I'm excited for the opportunity to cultivate and grow customer relationships," said Hernandez. "I'm also very proud to work for an American-based manufacturer and industry leader."

Jacqueline Dedo

The Piston Group appointed Jacqueline (Jacqui) A. Dedo president of the Detroit-based automotive supplier, effective Jan. 30. As the company continues to grow and diversify customers and industry segments, this new position fulfills a critical leadership role. Vinnie Johnson will remain as CEO and chairman of the Piston Group.

"I am honored to join the Piston Group team," said Dedo. "They are dedicated to customer

satisfaction and employee empowerment and highly focused on their core competencies.

These attributes, along with a strong management team, have contributed to recent growth and success, and I'm thrilled to be a part of it."

Dedo brings more than 25 years of automotive leadership to her new role at the Piston Group. Most recently, she served as chief strategy officer of Dana Holding Corporation, where she contributed to the turnaround and subsequent growth of the company.

While at Dana, she led the development and delivery of its global business plans across the organization's four business units, including portfolio and process development and key joint ventures and acquisitions. Before that, Dedo was president of The Timken Company's \$1.5 billion Global Automotive Group. Prior to that, she served in leadership roles at Motorola, from 2001-04; Covisint LLC, from 2000-01; Robert Bosch Corporation, from 1987 to 2000; and Cadillac Motor Car Company, from 1983-86.

Dedo is a member of the board of directors for Kettering University in Flint and the Michigan Science Center in Detroit. She is the immediate past chair of the Original Equipment Suppliers Association and former board member of the Society of Automotive Engineers.



Dedo

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Top Lawyer

The Meisner Law Group, P.C., announced that Robert M. Meisner was selected as a 2014 Top Lawyer in Metro Detroit in the field of real estate law. This is Meisner's second Top Lawyer selection.

The 2014 Top Lawyer selection process involves a Peer Review Survey, where 18,200 attorneys in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Washtenaw, and Livingston counties were polled. Each attorney was asked to nominate lawyers among 47 legal specialties. The selection was conducted by the *dbusiness* Journal.

Meisner is the founding member of The Meisner Law Group, P.C., and a practicing attorney specializing in condominium law, real estate law and commercial litigation for over 40 years. He holds a B.A. from the University of Michigan and a J.D. from the U-M Law School.

Short sales

If you owe more than what your house is worth, you may be interested in a free informational seminar on short sale procedures. Many sellers are misinformed or not sure about how the procedures work. Organizers will also discuss the internal workings of short sales and the different steps involved.

Bonnie David, broker/owner of Quantum Real Estate, is the presenter. It will be 6-7 p.m. Thursdays at 129 N. Lafayette, downtown South Lyon.

Additional parking across the street in back. Please call the office at 248-782-7130 or email june.quantum@gmail.com for your reservation or additional information.

Awards point to improved home building industry

The Home Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan announced its 2013 Industry Leadership Award honorees. Awards were presented on Dec. 4 at the first dedicated "Awards Night" celebration the association has held since 2009. Over 250 members and guests attended the event held at Greektown Casino and Hotel in Detroit, an indication that the economy has improved for local builders, land developers, remodelers and suppliers to the home construction industry.

Award honorees include:

- 2013 HBA President** - Sam Palazzolo, Palazzolo Brothers
- Hall of Fame** - Peter Burton, Core Partners
- Builder of the Year** - Rich Kligman, Superb Custom Homes
- Young Builder of the Year** - Brian Szliter, Arteva Homes
- Developer of the Year** - Scott Jacobson, S.R. Jacobson Development Corp.
- Development of the Year** - Woodland Ridge by Norm Finkelstein, Norwood Homes Ltd.
- Samuel Kreis Award For Distinguished Service To The Building Industry** - Lynne and Don Pratt, CECS of Michigan, LLC
- Distinguished Service To The Housing Industry** - Senate Majority Leader



Kligman



Palazzolo
Randy Richardville
Distinguished Service To Government - Mayor Dave Bing, Mayor, City of Detroit



Szliter

- Thomas Ricketts Award to The Region's Outstanding Building Official** - George R. Kilpatrick, building official, Bloomfield Township
- Distinguished Service For Urban Home Building** - Bruce Beresh, Beresh Group, Inc.
- Distinguished Service to HBA's Charitable Endeavors** - Ron Jedwab, Lincorp Construction
- Distinguished Service to HBA's Professional Women In Building Council** - Debra Ball, Daniel Investments, Inc.
- Remodeler of the Year** - Ben Templeton, Templeton Building Co.
- Distinguished Service To The Remodeling Industry** - Spencer Roed, Multi Drywall & Partition, LLC
- Subcontractor Of The Year** - Jo Golda, Jo's Cleaning & Organizing
- Associate of the Year** -

Bob Veresan, DTE Energy
Recognition Award: Green Building - Brian Halprin, Green Building of Michigan

Recognition Award: Convention Connection - John Bolland, Jr., Bolland Building Company

This year, sales awards were also added to the program including:

New Home Sales Professional of the Year, Gold Award - Robin Jonecuc & Dawn Rippy, MJC Companies

New Home Sales Professional of the Year, Silver Award - Lisa Compo, Compo Builders, Inc.

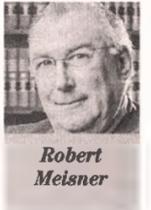
New Home Sales Manager of the Year, Gold Award - Erik Morganroth, Cranbrook Custom Homes

New Home Sales Manager of the Year, Silver Award - Elaine Herbst, Hunter Pasteur Homes

Headquartered in West Bloomfield, the Home Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan and the Apartment Association of Michigan are trade associations representing 700 builders, remodelers, multi-family property owners, developers and suppliers to the single family and multi-family residential construction industry. HBA is affiliated with the Home Builders Association of Michigan in Lansing and the National Association of Home Builders in Washington, D.C.

Lawyer can advise on deal details

Q: We put a down payment on a house and now wish to back out of it. There were no contingencies, other than real estate financing and an inspection, both of which have been approved. Do we have any basis to get out of the deal?



Robert Meisner

A: Based on what you have told us, it may be very difficult since the conditions precedent to you being obligated to close have been met. However, there may be other issues that come up including issues concerning title, and maintenance of the home during the period between the time you sign the purchase agreement and the time of closing and, perhaps, other issues that a lawyer may be able to ascertain when he or she reviews the contract, presuming that you have not had legal advice up until now. You should not give up, because you may have a bargaining position if for nothing more than the fact that getting some of your money back from the seller may be better for him than trying to keep it and be involved in litigation and vice versa.

Q: Our board is concerned about the holiday season and violating the Fair Housing Act in regard to decorations. Do you have any advice?

A: The fair housing laws, both state and federal, can apply with regard to architectural restrictions on religious symbols. For example, a Chicago case found that there was a violation of the Fair Housing Act where the rule prohibited the display of a Jewish religious symbol, but in another federal case, where the association banned all religious services in a common room, the action was upheld. More importantly, the concept that communities may exercise nondiscriminatory control over the use of the common areas obviously pertains to holiday displays erected by the association. Associations that install Christmas decorations, but refuse to allow similar displays by or for other religious groups are treading on potentially dangerous grounds. They cannot discriminate against particular religious groups. Accordingly, I would get an opinion from legal counsel before dealing with any holiday decorations and issues arising from it.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of "Condo Living 2: An Authoritative Guide to Buying, Selling, and Operating a Condominium." It is available for \$24.95 plus \$5.55 for tax, shipping and handling. "Condo Living 2" is available in both print and e-book editions. The e-book is available for download through iTunes, Amazon.com, and barnesandnoble.com. He is also the author of "Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track," second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$2.20 for tax, shipping and handling. Call 248-644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-law.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Aug. 26-30, 2013, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS

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| 32240 Auburn Dr | \$288,000 |
| 16360 Beechwood Ave | \$262,000 |
| 18275 Birwood Ave | \$250,000 |
| 21891 Hampton St | \$345,000 |
| 17824 Kirkshire Ave | \$340,000 |
| 22200 Orchard Pl | \$200,000 |
| 16197 Reedmere Ave | \$253,000 |
| 32425 Sheridan Dr | \$212,000 |
| 19710 W 13 Mile Rd # 103 | \$136,000 |
| 18760 Walmer Ln | \$353,000 |

BIRMINGHAM

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| 833 Benville Ave | \$546,000 |
| 551 Bird Ave | \$243,000 |
| 2100 Bradford Rd | \$243,000 |
| 1653 E Maple Rd | \$175,000 |
| 975 Fairfax St | \$765,000 |
| 754 Henrietta St | \$520,000 |
| 700 Larchlea Dr | \$549,000 |
| 425 Lewis Ct | \$295,000 |
| 1039 N Old Woodward Ave Unit | \$135,000 |
| 1047 N Old Woodward Ave Unit | \$169,000 |
| 1115 N Old Woodward Ave Unit | \$278,000 |
| 734 Rivenoak St | \$700,000 |

BLOOMFIELD HILLS

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| 2565 Alveston Dr | \$255,000 |
| 1861 Brookview Cir | \$270,000 |
| 2383 Hickory Glen Dr | \$455,000 |
| 60 Quarton Ln | \$850,000 |
| 1061 Stratford Ln | \$178,000 |

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP

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| 4121 Antique Ln | \$415,000 |
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| 1650 Apple Ln | \$1,125,000 |
| 1185 Banbury Cir | \$605,000 |
| 3163 Berkshire Dr | \$380,000 |
| 659 Brockmoor Ln | \$265,000 |
| 4039 Cranbrook Ct | \$359,000 |
| 2189 Devonshire Rd | \$250,000 |
| 1035 E Long Lake Rd | \$575,000 |
| 2021 Klingensmith Rd Unit 82 | \$70,000 |
| 2648 McClintock Rd | \$275,000 |
| 775 N Valley Chase Rd | \$440,000 |
| 4756 Pickering Rd | \$375,000 |
| 839 Rock Spring Rd | \$550,000 |
| 567 S Cranbrook Cross Rd | \$264,000 |
| 3772 Thornbrier Way | \$508,000 |
| 2840 W Maple Rd | \$420,000 |
| 4043 W Maple Rd # D101 | \$83,000 |
| 42160 Woodward Ave Unit 70 | \$80,000 |
| 6025 Worlington Rd | \$251,000 |

COMMERCE TOWNSHIP

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| 3255 Adele Ter | \$315,000 |
| 2256 Brigantine | \$269,000 |
| 3504 Buell Ct | \$318,000 |
| 4307 Creedmore St | \$650,000 |
| 2129 Glen Iris Dr | \$193,000 |
| 3313 Glen Iris Dr | \$364,000 |
| 8242 Golfside Dr | \$198,000 |
| 4975 Greenview Dr | \$252,000 |
| 5630 Huron Hills Dr | \$283,000 |
| 5079 Parkgate Dr | \$50,000 |
| 1272 Penarth St | \$130,000 |
| 2500 Wixom Rd | \$175,000 |

FARMINGTON

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| 33030 Annewood St | \$192,000 |
| 21212 Birchwood St | \$195,000 |
| 33234 Kingslane Ct # 4 | \$35,000 |
| 22843 Manning St | \$150,000 |

FARMINGTON HILLS

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| 29239 Aranel St | \$164,000 |
| 33512 Argonne Rd | \$240,000 |
| 22930 Ashley St | \$145,000 |

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| 25345 Briarwyke Dr | \$260,000 |
| 22261 Buckingham Dr | \$300,000 |
| 30965 Cedar Creek Dr | \$216,000 |
| 38351 Evonshire | \$131,000 |
| 37869 Glengrove Dr | \$312,000 |
| 34055 Hillside Ct | \$150,000 |
| 35307 Hillside Dr | \$150,000 |
| 37781 Hollyhead Dr | \$238,000 |
| 30402 Knighton Dr | \$226,000 |
| 29762 Linden St | \$224,000 |
| 22103 Malden St | \$60,000 |
| 30840 Running Strm | \$80,000 |
| 30633 Sunderland Dr | \$371,000 |
| 22182 W Brandon St | \$119,000 |
| 29350 Wellington St | \$309,000 |
| 25468 Wyckshire Rd | \$225,000 |

LATHRUP VILLAGE

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| 18551 Santa Ann Ave Unit 70 | \$205,000 |
| 3058 Berkshire Ct | \$348,000 |
| 625 East St | \$275,000 |
| 2919 Hampikian Dr | \$150,000 |
| 719 Panorama Dr | \$118,000 |
| 2136 Wildflower Ln | \$353,000 |

NORTHVILLE

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| 729 Horton St | \$305,000 |
| 22233 Innsbrook Dr | \$285,000 |
| 20870 Normandy Ct | \$205,000 |
| 37632 W Greenwood Dr | \$282,000 |
| 44138 Wyngate Dr | \$395,000 |

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| 46306 Cordoba Dr | \$450,000 |
| 39514 Country Ln | \$123,000 |
| 28373 Declaration Rd | \$86,000 |
| 44679 Ellery Ln | \$206,000 |
| 44767 Ellery Ln | \$144,000 |
| 50955 Glades Ct W | \$50,000 |
| 50983 Glades Ct W | \$605,000 |
| 47595 Greenwich Dr | \$478,000 |
| 29073 Hearthstone Dr | \$278,000 |
| 25976 Island Lake Dr | \$492,000 |
| 24525 Jamestowne Rd | \$230,000 |

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| 23648 N Rockledge | \$79,000 |
| 30863 Palmer Dr | \$180,000 |
| 24360 Pinecrest St | \$117,000 |
| 24236 Simmons Dr | \$291,000 |
| 27291 Victoria Rd | \$331,000 |
| 27303 Victoria Rd | \$324,000 |
| 41985 Waverly Dr | \$190,000 |

SOUTH LYON

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| 58613 10 Mile Rd | \$247,000 |
| 715 Cape Cod | \$93,000 |
| 25015 Carriage Ln | \$372,000 |
| 58762 Castle Ct | \$372,000 |
| 52105 Copperwood Dr S | \$362,000 |
| 24483 Glenwood Dr | \$351,000 |
| 24507 Glenwood Dr | \$467,000 |
| 59810 Mallory Ln | \$379,000 |
| 24711 Padstone Dr | \$81,000 |
| 136 S Hagadorn St | \$235,000 |
| 60673 S Lyon Trl | \$270,000 |
| 53742 Springwood Dr | \$220,000 |
| 53812 Springwood Dr | \$252,000 |

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| 27870 Devonshire St | \$198,000 |
| 26475 Franklin Pointe Dr | \$53,000 |
| 21410 Lathrup St | \$105,000 |
| 21741 N Tuller Ct | \$66,000 |
| 25230 Southfield Rd # A104 | \$50,000 |
| 29809 Spring River Dr | \$123,000 |
| 17228 Sunnybrook Dr | \$47,000 |

WHITE LAKE

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| 9267 Camelot St | \$238,000 |
| 9790 David Ln | \$140,000 |
| 832 E Oxhill Dr | \$135,000 |
| 880 Farnsworth Rd | \$75,000 |
| 8700 Gale Rd | \$300,000 |
| 8523 Huron River Dr | \$145,000 |
| 238 Lisa Cir | \$190,000 |
| 1941 Margie Dr | \$208,000 |
| 9474 Thames Blvd | \$174,000 |

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CANTON

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| 42629 Boulden Ct | \$180,000 |
| 4110 Brighton Ln | \$174,000 |
| 1577 Brookdale Dr | \$255,000 |
| 43283 Candlewood Ct | \$240,000 |
| 44264 Cherbourg St | \$170,000 |
| 43442 Cherrywood Ln | \$263,000 |
| 276 Constitution St | \$96,000 |
| 322 Cornell St | \$215,000 |
| 46809 Creeks Bnd | \$265,000 |
| 6763 Devonshire Dr | \$230,000 |
| 41890 Echo Forest Ct | \$340,000 |
| 352 Elmgton Ct | \$403,000 |
| 47317 Fairlawn Ct | \$235,000 |
| 45194 Forest Trail Dr | \$170,000 |
| 46133 Gainsborough Dr | \$200,000 |
| 45184 Glengarry Rd | \$280,000 |
| 42102 Greenwood Dr | \$207,000 |
| 1464 Hampshire Dr | \$135,000 |
| 45299 Indian Creek Dr | \$170,000 |
| 1370 Knightsbridge Rd | \$230,000 |
| 2283 Liberty St S | \$295,000 |
| 568 McKinley Cir | \$280,000 |
| 1243 N Cavalier Rd | \$192,000 |
| 3315 Niagara Ave | \$251,000 |
| 49145 Northampton Ct | \$450,000 |

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| 7338 Oakmont Dr | \$350,000 |
| 41667 Quail Ct | \$272,000 |
| 1732 S Pennfield Ln | \$435,000 |
| 8125 Sandpiper St | \$265,000 |
| 42343 Saratoga Cir | \$147,000 |
| 47577 Scenic Circle Dr S | \$230,000 |
| 39815 Scottsdale Dr | \$181,000 |
| 3694 Shepherd Ct | \$222,000 |
| 45700 Spinning Wheel Dr | \$230,000 |
| 49073 Stanton Ct | \$400,000 |
| 7015 Stonebrook Ct | \$117,000 |
| 41643 Strawberry Ct | \$230,000 |
| 1735 Thistle Dr | \$240,000 |
| 41831 Wayside Dr | \$165,000 |
| 7025 Willow Creek Dr | \$173,000 |

GARDEN CITY

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| 657 Arcola St | \$107,000 |
| 31032 Birchlawn St | \$145,000 |
| 28538 Block St | \$28,000 |
| 6830 Burnly St | \$105,000 |
| 30629 Florence St | \$68,000 |
| 6749 Gilman St | \$69,000 |
| 33218 Hennepin St | \$115,000 |
| 6429 Henry Ruff Rd | \$95,000 |

LIVONIA

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| 32911 Allen St | \$175,000 |
| 39375 Annrhein Rd | \$90,000 |
| 38920 Amr Arbor Trl | \$175,000 |
| 19364 Antago St | \$52,000 |
| 11405 Arden St | \$143,000 |
| 14290 Blackburn St | \$225,000 |
| 29523 Bobrich St | \$55,000 |
| 36265 Club Dr | \$37,000 |

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| 36269 Club Dr | \$37,000 |
| 17546 Country Club Dr | \$218,000 |
| 9948 Deering St | \$122,000 |
| 30934 Dorais St | \$161,000 |
| 38132 Elsie St | \$160,000 |
| 14627 Fairway St | \$154,000 |
| 15585 Fitzgerald St | \$95,000 |
| 18306 Gillman St | \$86,000 |
| 36603 Grove St | \$172,000 |
| 9959 Hambleton St | \$163,000 |
| 8921 Harvey St | \$140,000 |
| 28370 Joy Rd | \$41,000 |
| 17790 Lathers St | \$85,000 |
| 19801 Liverpool Ave | \$360,000 |
| 29859 Lori St | \$147,000 |
| 30020 Lyndon St | \$155,000 |
| 14149 Marie St | \$174,000 |
| 18151 Mayfield St | \$185,000 |
| 14892 Park St | \$165,000 |
| 35573 Parkdale St | \$132,000 |
| 18615 Parklane St | \$230,000 |
| 34257 Pembroke Ave | \$283,000 |
| 16110 Penn Dr | \$219,000 |
| 35535 Richland St | \$127,000 |
| 15698 Riverside St | \$340,000 |
| 29987 Robert Dr | \$136,000 |
| 32509 Scone St | \$163,000 |
| 31645 Summers St | \$173,000 |
| 29636 Trancrest St | \$200,000 |
| 29636 Trancrest St | \$140,000 |
| 9049 Woodring St | \$146,000 |
| 17524 Woodside St | \$170,000 |
| 14245 Yale St | \$160,000 |

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| 14657 Yale St | \$170,000 |
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| 26341 W Seven Mile Rd | \$19,000 |
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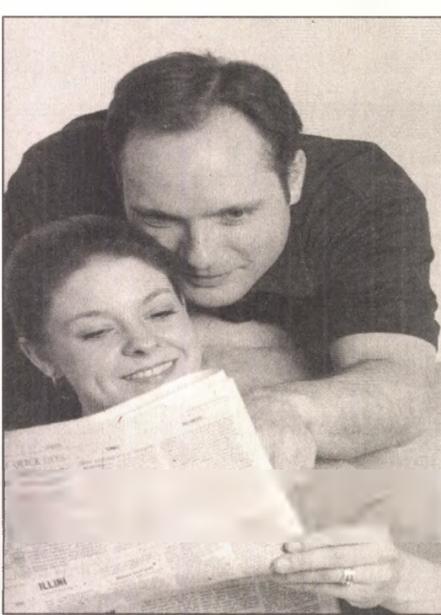
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11 ways to help your job search...

By Susan Ricker
CareerBuilder writer

You may not think you have enough time to make progress in your job search. But if you've got five minutes, you can move your search forward with any of these 11 actions:



1. Replace the objective statement

"Replace the objective statement at the top of your resume with a branded headline that conveys your value to the reader, i.e., 'Registered nurse committed to providing safe, effective patient care,'" says Laurie Berenson, certified master resume writer and founder of Sterling Career Concepts LLC.

2. Connect with your network

"Connect with one person from your network with whom you haven't spoken in at least one month," Berenson advises. "Pick up the phone, too -- don't rely on emailing."

3. Update social profiles

"Update your LinkedIn profile content for two reasons: First, to keep it current, but also so the activity puts your name in front of every one of your contacts as a network update on their home page," Berenson says.

4. Conduct research

"A lack of basic understanding of the agency's mission and/or philosophy shows a lack of preparation and interest," says Natasha R.W. Eldridge, founding partner and director of human resources for Eldridge Overton Educational Programs.

5. Make your voicemails more professional

"Remove ringtones and silly voicemail recordings from voicemail," Eldridge says. "I am not going to leave a professional message on the voicemail of an applicant that has music blasting as a ringtone. It shows me that job searching is not a priority."

6. Prepare for the interview

"Preparation is everything," says Bruce A. Hurwitz, president and CEO of Hurwitz Strategic Staffing Ltd. "Make up a list of the questions you do not want to be asked; then answer them in the company of a friend. Tell the friend you want honest feedback to make certain that you are giving confident, credible and professional-sounding answers. Once you are comfortable with the difficult questions ... you will be more than prepared for the 'easy' questions."

7. Join industry associations

"Contact and join a local professional association," says Raina Kropp, HR talent partner at Vistage International. "Sometimes you can get student or in-transition discounts. Don't be afraid to ask. These are the people you want to network with since they could be your future manager or colleague."

8. Clean up your resume

"Remove irrelevant experience from your resume," says Katie Niekraash, senior managing director of the recruitment firm Execu-Search. "While the summer after college that you spent scooping ice cream may have been the best [time] of your life, it doesn't really apply to a career in finance. Pick and choose your relevant experience, and tailor it to the job you're applying for."

9. Get your references ready

"Prepare your list of references before the interview," Niekraash says. "Once you have confirmed your two to three references, create a simple document that lists all the relevant information the employer would need to know about them; name, title, contact info., etc. Bring this document with you to all your interviews, so this way, if the hiring manager asks you for your references, you'll be prepared and look organized."

10. Stay organized

"Create a master list for all the jobs you apply for. The key to a successful job search is organization," Niekraash says. "To do this, create an Excel spreadsheet that contains a row for each job you apply for, and include these columns: the date you applied;

the company; the contact; the position for which you applied; how you applied; if, when and with whom you interviewed; when you should next follow up or what your next steps are; and the current status of the application. Creating this document should only take a few minutes, and updating it as you proactively apply for jobs should only take a few seconds."

11. Proofread your materials

"Read your LinkedIn profile, resume and other job-search materials backward," says Karen Southall Watts, business consultant, coach and speaker. "That's right -- read from the last sentence to the first sentence. This editing technique forces you to examine each sentence separately and keeps you from skipping over mistakes because you know what you meant to say next. By reading your materials backward, you can avoid those common typos and errors that plague all of us when our brains go faster than our typing skills."

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