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Holiday closings

Last week, the *Record* erroneously indicated Northville Township Hall will be closed Dec. 31. Township offices will be actually be open that day — the last day for residents to pay their tax bills. Township hall will be closed Jan. 1.
Northville City Hall will be closed Dec. 31 and Jan. 1.
The Northville District Library will also be closed for the holidays — Dec. 31 and Jan. 1. The library resumes normal hours at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 2.

Hines closure

Hines Drive, between the Merriman Hollow Area to Warrendale, will be closed from 5 p.m. to midnight each night through Dec. 31 for the Wayne County Lightfest. The Lightfest will be open 6-10 p.m. every day through Dec. 31. For more information about the Lightfest, visit the county's website at www.waynecounty.com.

New hours

The Northville satellite location for the Wayne County clerk's office, located at 44405 Six Mile, will be holding new office hours beginning Jan. 1 because of budget constraints. Beginning Jan. 1, the office will only be open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each Thursday. The office offers a number of services, including providing birth and death certificates, marriage licenses, assumed names, notary publics and concealed weapons permits. Individuals interested in extended hours can visit the downtown Detroit location, which will continue offering "late hours" from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. each Thursday. For more information, visit www.co.wayne.mi.us/clerk.htm.

Township officials say more must be done to keep schools safe

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

Northville Township officials believe more can be done to protect local school children from potential violence and it needs to be a community effort. After examining the tragedy in Newtown, Conn., the Northville Township Public Safety Department is hoping to build upon its partnerships to address any new concerns that have arisen from this latest school shooting.

Public Safety Director/Police Chief John Werth said the important thing for the community in going forward is to work as one in partnership to address the issues surrounding school violence. He said it's unfortunate to have gone through this, but it's important to remember this is a community-wide issue. Werth said his department "has the tools, has the capabilities and has the resources of the other communities that are around us."

"We can't do it by ourselves," he added. "We're all in this together." He cited the partnerships the department has with Northville Schools and the cities of Northville and Novi, as well as other western Wayne County communities. From mutual aid to yearly drills and practicing for emergencies, these partnerships give local law enforcement much needed preparation and capability. However, he said, it can get better.

The department is actively involved with the schools and its security consultant Patriot Services. It has practiced different scenarios in the past to prepare for situations at the schools. The department will meet with the schools in the next month to review procedures and potential issues. There is also a school liaison police officer at Northville High School, but just one for

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What move Santa would make?



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Moraine Elementary School student Victoria Brown, 8, contemplates her next move during the Dec. 12 Northville elementary school chess tournament. The afternoon tournament was held at Thornton Creek and had competitors from all of Northville's elementary schools.

Travel through time with the family at Northville Nite

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

On New Year's Eve, millions of celebrations take place around the world, but in Northville there really is just one, and that's the Northville Nite Family New Year's Eve Party. The theme this year for the traditional New Year's Eve party is traveling "Through the Decades." Party-goers who will be entering through gates

will start by traveling back in time to the Roaring '20s and then through the decades all the way into the future. The event will take place 4-7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 31, at Hillside Middle School. It should be quite a sight and a lot of fun. The event, which will be held at the Northville Parks and Recreation Center at Hillside, has really become popular over the years. Around 600 people attend-

ed last year. Parks and Recreation Director Jason Spiller said it's a great opportunity to invite friends and family from out of town and spend New Year's Eve celebrating with the rest of the community. "It's a signature event," Spiller said. What makes it special is that it's truly something all ages will enjoy. There will

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Standing for community, service and friendship

New Kiwanis club wants to help enrich lives

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

The new Northville Kiwanis club has two big goals: to grow and give back to the community. Traditionally, Northville has been served by two Kiwanis clubs, but for the past year it had only one. That's changed after Northville Kiwanis Club was recently formed with support from the Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth and its members. The new local group has 11 members, but needs four more to charter. Northville resident Doug Herriman Jr. has also helped get the group off the ground. He wants to get the word out that a new Kiwanis group has picked up the mantle in the community. "We've had some big help from our supporters (Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth), so now we want to build," Herriman said. He said the goal of the new Kiwanis club is to provide, "opportunities for our members to enrich their lives and the lives of others through community service projects, luncheon meetings, distinguished speakers and a network of individuals who have roots in the Northville community." Standing for community, service, friendship and networking, the group has in its short time held some events and luncheons to let everyone know it's here. It had an informational event at Brick's in downtown Northville. Members have also already got into supporting local charitable causes. Members have volunteered for Northville's Jingle Bell Run, which was held Dec. 1 at Northville Downs. The club contributed by setting up, supporting and tearing down the

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all the middle and elementary schools. Werth said it's their top priority to ensure the community's safety, but he's asking all staff members at the schools to be aware of their surroundings and security procedures in place.

Throughout this past week, Northville Township officials have discussed the shootings at Sandy Hook Elementary that led to the killing of 26 people, including 20 children.

Township Manager Chip Snider brought up the issue at the Board of Trustees meeting Thursday and said they would be remiss if they didn't. He said he and new Supervisor Robert Nix discussed the matter, and now want to take an affirmative role by taking a look at their current, past and future responses for emergencies like this.

He said these incidents are difficult to stop and it is a police problem to eliminate problems like

this. However, he also said it's a school problem.

"But the way they're getting in there I think is a school problem," Snider said of the reports on how previous shooters attained access into a school building, in particular in the Newtown incident.

He said the schools and police need to look at the perimeters and entrances into the schools, and determine if upgrades in security need to be made. Calling for a community forum on this subject is a possibility, he added.

Werth said ultimately it will take working together. The police can't be everywhere all the time, so a community-wide effort is required.

"The police department is not going to do it all by themselves," he said. "I preach this all the time that we need involvement from the citizens, and the size of our agency is that we are not going to handle this by ourselves. We are going to handle it with our partners."

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Goodfellow sale nets \$7,000 for Civic Concern



Northville Rotarian Derek Saxby (left) and Rotary President Ryan Cooper present a check for \$7,000 to Marlene Kunz of Northville Civic Concern. Rotary raised the money during their annual Goodfellows Newspaper Sale at various locations around town on Dec. 8. Rotarians presented the check to Kunz at their Tuesday luncheon at the Presbyterian Church.

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only water/aide station on the 5K course, Herriman said.

It was a great experience for him.

"Many of us also served as course marshals," he said of Jingle Bell Run. "It's amazing to see what a tremendous impact a few volunteers can have on such an event."

Members also recently dedicated their time to assist in the Salva-

tion Army's bell ringing for its annual Red Kettle Campaign.

The club is inviting anyone in the community to join it for biweekly luncheons held at Rocky's of Northville. For more information, go to its website at www.northvillekiwanis.org.

To get involved, learn more about the club and/or to request information, contact Herriman at djrherriman@herriman.net or (734) 660-7463.

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Members of the new Northville Kiwanis Club include (left to right) Vice President Dan Ferrara, Treasurer Jim Tesen, and President Doug Herriman, Jr. They club meets bi-weekly at Brick's and is looking for new members.

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be activities like crafts, huge inflatable games, entertainment and a lot more. Refreshments will come from the Northville

Rotary Club, which will be selling hot dogs, pizza and beverages.

"We anticipate another 600 to attend," Spiller said.

Pre-registration is recommended, but because time is running short, interested people can buy

tickets at the door starting at 4:30 p.m.

The big moment for Northville Nite comes at the end. At 7 p.m., there will be New Year's Eve countdown.

For more information, contact Northville Parks and Recreation for tick-

ets at (248) 349-0203. Pre-registration will be \$2 for ages 1-2, \$10 for 3-17 and \$5 for 18 and up. On the day of the event it will be \$3, \$13 and \$7, respectively.

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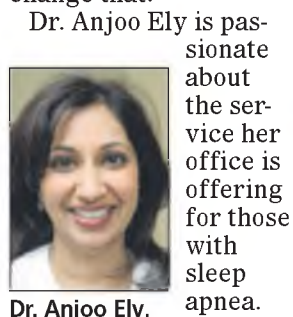
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Novi Oaks Dental wants to bring awareness of sleep apnea

Office offering help to those suffering from disorder

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Staff Writer

Sleep apnea is a health issue a lot of people struggle with and many don't seek out help because they don't know where to start. Novi Oaks Dental wants to change that.



Dr. Anjoo Ely.

Dr. Anjoo Ely is passionate about the service her office is offering for those with sleep apnea. "We want to help them out, that's the key thing," Ely said. "So increasing awareness on what this issue is and how it can be helped are our goals."

According to WebMD.com, sleep apnea is a serious disorder that occurs when a person's breathing is interrupted during sleep. People with untreated sleep apnea stop breathing repeatedly during their sleep, sometimes hundreds of times. This means the brain, and the rest of the body, may not get enough oxygen.

Ely said there are two types of apnea: Obstructive Sleep Apnea and Central Sleep Apnea. The first one is the more common. She said during the night the upper airway can become blocked due to something and can stop air for at least 10 seconds. This will happen throughout the night.

"This disorder can take years off one's life,



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Dr. Ely holds a tray with some of the mandibular positioning devices in her Novi office.

so it's important it is diagnosed and treated," she said.

It can present itself in several ways with the most common being snoring and sporadic breathing. These inadequate breathing patterns can cause restless sleep, as well as fatigue during the day. Other symptoms include constant fatigue, irritability, headaches, insomnia, difficulty paying attention and depression.

"Most cases go undiagnosed and when untreated sleep apnea can increase or worsen the risks of developing cardiovascular disease, strokes, diabetes and an irregular heartbeat," Ely said.

Her office provides patients with help for sleep apnea in Novi and the surrounding areas. Treatment usually starts with a diagnosis. She said further treatment for the disorder is non-invasive and does not require surgery.

Novi Oaks offers oral appliance therapy,

which uses a customized mouthpiece to open airways and prevent apneas. The appliances are worn during sleep, but are capable of holding the jaw open to make breathing easier for the patient, according to Ely.

"It is important to seek assistance in remedying the problem from a dentist experienced in oral appliance therapy as soon as possible," Ely added. "Finding the right type of therapy can mean immediate relief not only for those affected by it, but also better sleep for bed partners as well."

For more information call (248)347-3030 or complete an online form to make an appointment to meet with Dr. Ely about sleep apnea treatment at the web site at www.novicosmeticedentist.com.

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Updating a classic

State-Wayne offers vintage theater experience with latest technology

By Kurt Kuban
Staff Writer

The marquis at the State-Wayne Theater has been a landmark in the city of Wayne and a beacon to those driving by on Michigan Avenue for decades. Like the theater itself, the marquis radiates a little brighter these days.

The theater, built in 1945, is now being managed by the Farmington-based Phoenix Theatres group, which also operates theaters at Laurel Park Place in Livonia and The Mall of Monroe in Monroe. Since the company took over back in August, more than \$60,000 has been spent to renovate the vintage four-screen theater in downtown Wayne. They've given the State-Wayne a noticeable face lift, adding new carpet, paint, redoing the candy bar, and updating the unique marquis. According to Phoenix Theatres President Cory Jacobson, more than 500 of the marquis's 1,600-plus lightbulbs were not working when they took over. Getting it fixed up was a priority.

"The marquis is so cool. It's kind of the identity of the theater," he said. "You can't help but notice it when you drive by."

Probably the most important change to the theater, however, has been the installation of modern digital projection and Dolby sound equipment, which now gives the theater the ability to show



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From left, Phoenix Theatres President Cory Jacobson, of Southfield, and Vice President of Operations John Scanlan, of Northville, discuss the changes they've made since taking over management of the historic State-Wayne Theater in downtown Wayne, including cleaning up the murals in the lobby.

first-run films the way they are intended, including in 3-D when warranted.

At the same time, the theater maintains its unique art-deco design and many features patrons have come to expect from the classic theater, including the locally-famous mural of a neon dragon, who is affectionately known as "Puff".

"The old theater we first stepped into had mono sound and 35mm film. It was the same equipment they had in the late 60s and early 70s," said Jacobson, a Southfield resident. "When someone comes in here now, they have the best of both worlds — this wonderful old theater experience along with high-quality digital movies and the latest Dolby 7.1

sound system. We've gone from being behind the times to being the most up to date theater in the community."

Phoenix has also brought in a new culture to the theater, which has been owned by the city of Wayne since the early 1990s. And that is exactly what Wayne City Manager Robert English was hoping when cementing a multi-year management contract with the company earlier this year. The company took over operations Aug. 1.

Whole nine yards

English said the city was facing the prospect of either having to update the theater or close it down because the major film studios were no longer going to be issuing

films in 35mm, meaning the State-Wayne's old film projectors would soon be obsolete. So English approached the Phoenix group about a year and a half ago to get their advice on converting to digital and the relationship kind took off from there.

"We knew something had to be done if we were going to make a go of it," English said. "The city leaders decided this theater is too important to the community. We didn't want that building to be dark. If we were going to make a commitment to the theater, we realized we needed to go the whole nine yards. We've updated everything. The only thing we couldn't do was add stadium seating."

Before Phoenix agreed to the deal, however, management spent a good deal of time looking over the theater, and even bought tickets to some movies so they could get an idea of how it operated. It didn't take long for them to figure out there was a lot of work to do, but also tremendous potential.

"I fell in love with it. It reminds me of the theaters I used to manage in Milwaukee, and the theaters I grew up with," said Jacobson. "It's a unique theater. You don't find theaters like this anymore in our state, and frankly in the country."

Jacobson has managed theaters big and small, and has been in the industry for decades. He left



The State-Wayne Theater in Wayne features a historic marquis that has 1,600 light bulbs and dates back to 1946.

Milwaukee for Detroit back in the 1990s while working for United Artists Theaters. He decided to start his own company back in 2001 because he felt the industry could be improved. Some of the changes he has implemented include moving the ticket purchasing inside where patrons also purchase popcorn, soft drinks and candy. He said it saves customers time. Another change was moving the candy out from under the traditional glass counters and into racks located in the lobby, which also speeds up the process.

"We've treated candy bars like Rolex watches for years. It's not that kind of product," Jacobson said.

Customers also fill their own soft drinks, like in most stores and fast food restaurants. He says they were the first theaters in the state to do this.

Thumbs up

John Scanlan, who is vice president of operations for Phoenix, said people have definitely noticed the difference.

"Customers have given us the thumbs up. A lot of them have commented on the sound system, and the changes," said the Northville resident. "Now we just have to get more bodies in here."

Scanlan said the hope is that they will have the same kind of success they've had at Laurel Park, where revenue is up more than 60 percent since they took that theater over in 2009.

That is music to the ears of Wayne leaders like English, who realize a well-run theater could be a catalyst to bringing people into the city and a big part of a downtown revitalization. They point to the recent opening of the latest *Twilight* film, which was the most successful opening weekend the theater has had since the city took ownership nearly two decades ago.

"I am overly pleased with what Cory and John have been able to do. They've done an outstanding job," he said. "If we can get people back in there, I'm confident they'll keep coming back."

The State-Wayne Theater is located at 35310 Michigan Avenue in Wayne. For the movie line, call (734) 384-1200. The customer service line is (734) 326-4602. Visit www.phoenixmovies.net/index.asp for showtimes. Tickets can also be purchased in advance via the website.

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Veteran champions recognition of military dogs

By Susan Steinmueller
Observer Staff Writer

A few years ago, Kenneth Reynolds would have been an unlikely champion for having a special day to celebrate the service of military dogs.

"I was afraid of them," said Reynolds, speaking of dogs in general.

That changed in the '90s, after his wife, Janet, brought home a rescued dog.

"She turned out to be such a great pet, you couldn't help but love her," said Reynolds, 70, of Farmington Hills. Now retired from the U.S. Army, he was stationed at Selfridge Air National Guard Base at the time.

It changed even more in 2010 when he began volunteering to restore a war dog memorial and pet cemetery in Lyon Township.

In doing research about military dogs, he read about the many who have lost their lives while in military service.

He found that the U.S. sent 4,000 dogs to Vietnam and only 235 returned. Many lost their lives while sniffing out landmines ahead of troops. They are credited with saving 19,000 lives.

"At the time, the military viewed dogs of war as equipment," he said. After the conflict the majority were left behind and most were euthanized.

"That just broke my heart," he said.

Deserving of recognition

Reynolds began to work tirelessly to have March 13 designated by states and nationwide as "K-9 Veterans Day," in order to recognize and improve the treatment of military working



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Kenneth Reynolds is all smiles with his dog, Mandy.

dogs.

His efforts build on those of the late Joseph White, founder of a national effort to mark March 13 as K-9 Veterans Day. The day marks the official birthday of the United States K9 Corps, formed in 1942.

"Military working dogs served to save and deserve to be recognized for their achievements and sacrifices," said Reynolds.

Reynolds said war dogs were also there in the trenches of France in World War I, the slopes of Iwo Jima in World War II, and in Korea.

Because of the 9/11 attacks, many more dogs today are associated with the term "war dogs," he said.

Police, customs, border patrol, secret service, airport police, and the FBI

all have K-9s working daily, he said. Some died at Ground Zero.

Privately handled dogs that serve include search and rescue dogs, bomb sniffing dogs and security dog teams in Iraq and Afghanistan, he said. Also, private therapy dogs help to heal troops, and service dogs assist returning soldiers to have a more meaningful live. Unofficial war dogs called mascots have helped in keeping spirits high in recent overseas conflicts.

The special day would recognize all of those dogs, he said.

'The quiet Americans'

Reynolds said much of his work is spreading awareness. He writes columns and articles for online newspapers all over the

MORE

To learn more about the grassroots effort, go to: <http://www.k9veteransday.org/>; or <http://www.youtube.com/user/mrken-reynolds>.

To contact a legislator, go to: www.house.gov or www.senate.gov. Reynolds can be contacted at: janetandkenneth@yahoo.com

country.

His grassroots effort is conducted from the home where he and Janet Reynolds reside with their fourth dog, Mandy.

They settled in Farmington Hills after moving around the country for

two decades as a result of his military service, which included serving in the Signal Corps.

Reynolds said he's had a good response. Many didn't know anything about military dogs until reading his articles.

"That's why we call them the quiet Americans," he said.

Reynolds has contacted governors of every state asking them to issue a proclamation, and many have done so, including Michigan.

He met U.S. Rep. Gary Peters at a town hall meeting. Peters subsequently introduced a resolution in Congress.

While Reynolds said the chances of House resolution 740 being passed during the current lame duck

session are "not too good," he's hopeful about the future.

"If we can't get it passed through Congress, we are going to celebrate it every year anyway," he said.

Reynolds and fellow U.S. Army veteran Phil Weitauf, project director of the Michigan War Dog Memorial, organized this year's ceremony at the South Lyon Memorial.

Reynolds believes the national recognition day will come about, based on the positive response he's received.

"I didn't realize it was going to be such a success as it was," he said.

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Weary travelers find a friend with airport Ambassadors

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

Tom Beyersdorf remembers well the day he stood in a Tokyo train station looking at a dazzling display board when a voice said, "Can I help you?" The assistance he received was much appreciated and led to an important decision — someday he would "pay it forward."

The retired executive director of Gift of Life Michigan, Beyersdorf has traded in his business suit for the red vest of an ambassador at Detroit Metropolitan Wayne

County Airport, helping travelers and guests navigate the 17th busiest airport in the country.

"Airport junkies like me like hanging out here, it's fun out here," the Northville resident said. "I get to help people who are confused or distressed or even blind. You have to put yourself in their frame of mind to do it."

Beyersdorf is part of a cadre of 65 volunteers who belong to the Travelers Aid Society of Metropolitan Detroit's Airport Ambassador Program. They work an average of four hours a week, manning five booths — two in

the North Terminal and three in the McNamara Terminal — and serving as an information conduit for travelers.

"I think the ambassadors are very important," said James Kelly, executive director of the Travelers Aid Society of Metropolitan Detroit. "They're on the front line of customer service at the airport. They're here to serve the public and help the airport to achieve its goals."

There to help

More than 30 million people pass through the Detroit Metropolitan Air-

port each year, and it is the ambassadors who are there to help them. Seniors, people with special needs, children traveling alone, business and foreign travelers can count on the ambassadors for assistance. They also connect lost passengers and families and provide resources for people who are stranded at the airport.

"Any holiday is a busy time and bad weather can have an impact," Kelly said. "Our people help people get to where they can be comfortable."

The program also is part of an international network. The ambassadors wear a red vest so people can find them, Kelly said. He added that the ambassadors get more than 200,000 requests each year for assistance. With Metro Airport serving as a primary gateway to Asia for Delta Airlines, a lot of requests come from China. One request came several weeks ago to help a couple who spoke no English and faced a three-hour layover in Detroit. Photos were supplied so the ambassadors could locate them quickly.

"We've been asked why we get so much contact from China," Kelly said. "Our name pops up in a blog over there."

The Travelers Aid Society has been around since the early 1900s. It helped families during the Depression, worked with the USO during World War II and is now helping those who are homeless. It's been involved with the airport since 1948, serving as a link between travelers, Wayne County Airport Authority and the entire airport community.

"The airport has something designed for

AMBASSADORS PROGRAM

Volunteer airport ambassadors are needed by the Travelers Aid Society of Metropolitan Detroit to assist people at Detroit Metropolitan Airport.

Volunteers can work as much as they want. The information booths are open 12 hours a day, seven days per week, 365 days per year. Most volunteers work four hours per week. A lot of what they do is answer basic questions, such as "Where do I claim my luggage?" or "How do I get to my rental car agency?" but they also help a lot of very stressed travelers who have much bigger issues.

Among the benefits is free parking, even when a volunteer isn't working. Volunteers also receive an airport badge that not only gets them through security without a boarding pass, but provides discounts on food and at the gift shops at any airport in the country. Discounts can range from 10 to 20 percent.

For more information on the Airport Ambassador Volunteer Program, contact the Travelers Aid Society of Metropolitan Detroit at (313) 962-6740, toll-free at (800) 207-1771 or by email at volunteer@tasmd.org. The organization's website is www.TravelersAidDetroit.org.

returning veterans," Sharon Kelly said. "It was something we did, but we couldn't keep it up. A group of veterans has created a lounge for returning veterans."

'Love people'

Many of the volunteers are retirees like Beyersdorf and Sharon Kelly of Trenton. Kelly has been an ambassador for more than eight years. She worked in fleet service for Northwest Airlines and decided to come back to the airport after retiring.

"I love people, I love helping people," she said. "It's what makes me feel good. You have to like people and have patience. If you don't, don't volunteer."

Good was how she felt after recently helping a woman who had lost her passport. Kelly went with her to look for it all over the airport.

"We found it in the nick of time," she said. "She was from India and wanted to go home. She was

in tears, and when she found it she was so happy and grateful. She hugged me.

"Instead of telling her what to do, I went with her," she added.

Kelly admits she has learned a lot from Beyersdorf. He's good at giving directions and looking up things on the Internet.

"He's taught me a lot about bus schedules," she added.

And being a part of the Ambassadors Program doesn't preclude a person from getting help.

James Kelly was on his way back from a conference and was in Chicago when he was approached by a Travelers Aid volunteer.

"I was coming home from a Travelers Aid conference and after 14 hours, I wanted to get home," he said. "I heard someone tell me, 'You look like you could really use some help.'"

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Age 60, of Byron, formerly of Milford died November 5, 2012 in the comfort of his home surrounded by family and friends. He will be deeply missed by all the lives he touched with his gentle nature. He leaves behind his wife Peggy of 42 years, daughter Shawna, sons Billy and Timmy, father Floyd, brother Mark, 7 grandchildren, loving in-laws, several nieces and nephews and many friends. He will always be in our hearts.

BUMGARDNER, DONALD L.

Age 75, passed Dec. 18, 2012. Private family service was held at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens. Phillips Funeral Home

CLAREY, RUTH ANN

Dec. 9, 1938 - Dec. 16, 2012. On line condolences www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com



HOLCOMB, RUTH PRICE

Age 96, passed away at her daughter's home in Dexter, MI on December 14, 2012. She was born Emma Ruth Erwin in Nashville on December 13, 1916 to the Mary (Hunter) and Frank Erwin. She resided in Nashville until she married Arthur Price on January 8, 1944 and moved to Fremont, Michigan where she lived for the next 52 years. Arthur preceded her in death in 1984, and she married Lloyd Holcomb in 1985. Ruth loved photography, travel, flower arranging, and attending her garden club. She was a proud and active member of the United Methodist Church in Fremont and then in South Lyon, MI where she moved in 1998 to be near her children. She was a devoted mother to Judith (Daryl) Wright of Dexter, Richard (Elizabeth) Price, Linda (Steve) Albers, and Pamela (Glenn) Quackenbush. She was stepmother to Harold Holcomb, Philip Holcomb, and Judith (Calvin) Young. She was a loving grandmother to fourteen children, a great-grandmother to nineteen children, and a great-great-grandmother to one. She is preceded in death by her parents, her husbands Arthur Price and Lloyd Holcomb, and her sisters Lillian (Guy) Drake, Brownie (Fred) Harvey, Billie (Rocky) Orsi, Dorothy (Clyde) Cooksey, and Mary Frank (Clyde) Roussin. A memorial will be held on January 20, 2013 at 1 p.m. at the WK Smith Community Center in South Lyon. Interment will be at Maple Grove Cemetery in Fremont, MI.

NEWTON, ALICE C.

Of Birmingham, MI died December 20, age 79. Alice was a daughter of the late J. Vernon and Caroline Newton. As a recipient of a Ford Scholarship, she received her Bachelor and Master degree from the University of Michigan majoring in education. She was a reading specialist for the Birmingham schools retiring in 1996. She is survived by three brothers: Cleon (Sara) of Saline, Walter (Julia) deceased of St. Louis, MO, Elvin (Sue) deceased of Ft. Wayne, IN; two sisters: Ila (Kenneth) deceased, Pioch of Kalamazoo and Cecilia (Ronald) Grabowski of Northville, ten nieces and two nephews. At her request, cremation has taken place and there will be no service.



KANGAS, PAULET J.

Age 68, December 20, 2012. Beloved wife of Michael for 48 years. Loving mother of Kelly (Ken) Johnson, Kimberly (Jim) Lehr and Kris (Larry) Nabors. Cherished grandmother of Cameron, Madison, Bethany, Jacob, Allison, Brandon, Heather (Jesse), James (Kori), and Logan; and great-grandmother of Elizabeth, Emily and Ryan. Dear sister of Patsy Wiater, Barb Dorscht, Judy Schmidt, John Jackovich and the late Carol Daignault and the late Janet Jackovich. Dearest daughter of Pauline and the late John Jackovich Sr. Paulet retired as a cashier at Farmer Jack after 20 plus years. She was a resident of South Lyon for the past six years. Funeral Service 11:00 a.m. Saturday, December 29, at: Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, 33603 Grand River Ave., Farmington, (1 block W. of Farmington Road). Visitation Thursday 3-9 p.m. and Friday 1-9 p.m. Memorial Tributes may be made to St. Jude Tribute Program. www.Thayer-Rock.com

LaLONDE, TIMOTHY H.

Age 55, passed away Dec. 18, 2012. A private family service was held. Arrangements by Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon.

LAUDICINA, VITINA

Age 96, of Dearborn, died Dec. 18, 2012. Visitation 12/26, 5-8pm. Funeral 12/27 11am at Casterline Funeral Home of Northville. Online condolences: www.casterlinefuneralhome.com

MARTIN, MARY

Age 89 of Rose Twp., Dec. 18, 2012. Funeral Services were held at Highland Hills Baptist Church, Dec. 22, 2012. For further info: 248-684-6645 or visit: LynchFuneralDirectors.com

MEANS, JEANIE

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SITEK, JOSEPH F.

Age 84, passed away December 20, 2012. He was born on Dec. 17, 1928, in Detroit, to the late George and Pauline (Tomecek) Sitek. Joseph was a master plumber and a 63 year member of the Detroit Plumbers Local 98. He loved to fish and golf. He was a devoted father, husband, grandfather and great-grandfather. He was very proud of his family, especially his grandchildren. Joseph is survived by his wife Mary Doupe Sitek; children: George (Judy) Sitek, Sharon (James) Morin, Patricia (Robert) Lent, James (Robin) Sitek, Gerald Sitek (Cathy), and Mary Ellen (Brian) O'Connell; siblings: Mary (Fred) Dietrich, Theresa Nelson, George (Rhoda) Sitek, John (Teri) Sitek; and 13 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. Visitation was held on Dec. 21, Friday, from 3:00 - 8:00 p.m. with a Scripture Service at 7:00 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. A funeral Mass was celebrated on Dec. 22, Saturday, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, South Lyon. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com



RIDDERING, ALI ANNA (Drijver)

Age 90, died peacefully on December 4, 2012. A resident of Ionia, MI, formerly of Salem, MI and Santpoort, The Netherlands, Ali was a lifelong biologist, wife, mother, and friend. Born in Velsen, The Netherlands on April 26, 1922, she spent her childhood between Santpoort and the island of Texel. After enduring World War II, she continued her education in biology at the University of Amsterdam, where she met the love of her life Donald Lee Riddering. They were married in Den Hoorn on the island of Texel on December 19, 1950. In a letter to her yet-to-be-met in-laws on December 11, 1950, Ali wrote "To be quite honest, I must confess that in the beginning I was a bit afraid of going away from Holland to a new strange country with unknown people. But now the U.S. are no longer strange country to me, and the people not unknown. I want you to know how grateful I am for the warm welcome you gave in your letters. And you must know, too, that I am the happiest girl in the world to be Don's bride." Don and Ali returned to Michigan in 1952 with their oldest daughter, eventually moving to Salem where the rest of their daughters were born and raised. Ali's respect for life and nature was always evident in organic gardening, bread making, and caring for her family. She honored her roots by operating the Dutch Craft Shop from her Salem home, featuring the pewter, delftware, and arts she loved from Holland.

She is survived by: daughters Martha (Brad) Segura of Breauz Bridge, LA, Julie (Dave) Worthington of Portland, MI, Emily (Randy) Mattran of Chanhasen, MN, and Hannah Riddering of Austin, TX; grandchildren Alison Segura, Tim (Katie) Mattran, Kelly Mattran, Kate (Kevin) McCarthy, Andrew (Jen) Tavis; great-grandchildren Ava and Morgan McCarthy, Maggie Tavis; sister-in-law Mary (Chuck) Beyette of Cass City, MI; brother-in-law Albert Riddering of San Juan PR; sister-in-law Alice Drijver-Kamp and nieces Marjon and Karin of the Netherlands; numerous relatives and friends in the U.S. and the Netherlands.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Don, her parents Jan and Grietje Drijver and her brother Dick Drijver.

A memorial service celebrating the lives of Ali and Don Riddering will be planned for in the spring. Donations in Ali's name may be made to Ionia Area Hospice, 601 E. Washington St.; Ionia, MI 48846 or the Salem Area Historical Society, P.O. Box 75011; Salem, MI 48175. The family would like to thank the staff of Green Acres Assisted Living and Ionia Area Hospice for the loving care provided during her last three years.
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Organizations offer advice to help people get through the holidays

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

The holiday season is a time of nostalgia and family gatherings, a time for fond memories and making new ones. For many people, however, this time of year can be difficult for those very reasons because they are reminded of loved ones lost.

The death of a family member or friend can be even more difficult during the holidays. Laughter may trigger a memory, a plate of food or even

a particular movie can make a person remember a moment from the past.

Grief is difficult during the holidays, especially when the spirit of the season is jovial and filled with parties, gifts and fun.

Things aren't hopeless though. There are helpful methods a person can use to get through the grieving and experience the happiness of the holiday season again.

"Be gentle with yourself and remember your own well being," said

Donna Hogan, whose husband passed away 13 years ago and who now volunteers with New Hope Center for Grief Support in Northville.

She said it was very painful at first, but after she was connected with New Hope she began to feel a more positive outlook. For her the opportunity to connect with people in similar situations was a big step.

"It's important to surround yourself with people who are supportive," she said. "During the holidays it can be difficult,

but listen to your heart and do what's comfortable for you."

She said each holiday season she honors her husband's memory by lighting a candle or hanging a wreath in remembrance.

"Do something to honor them," she said as a helpful tip in coping with grief.

On Dec. 7, New Hope held its holiday party and it was a time for friends and supporters of the center to have some fun, and also remember their loved ones.

For Birmingham resident Alan Walthall, a New Hope member, the holidays always present moments of grief. He has lost multiple people in his life, including his wife.

"People are different in coping and overcoming grief. I pushed myself, but some don't and shouldn't. So it's important to listen to oneself," he said.

Both Hogan and Walthall were remarried after meeting their husband and wife through New Hope.

A community resource for grieving people is Compassionate Care Hospice in Canton. There Ann Christensen is the bereavement coordinator and works with helping people deal with grief. She said the holidays can be a tough time, but they can also be a helpful distraction.

"The anticipation can be the hardest part of the season," she said. "Especially if one is still in the active phase of grieving and there's a lot of anx-

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Make New Year's resolutions you can keep

Local experts say resolutions are doable

By **Kate Phillips**
Correspondent

This is the time of year when folks reassess tight waistbands and houses full of clutter. Some make a New Year's resolution to change things.

"I make New Year's resolutions but I don't stick with them," admitted Carol Glenn, director of Michigan Rehabilitation Specialists in South Lyon. "It is very hard to make changes in our lives."

Local experts said that it is possible to make resolutions that will last long past Jan 1. Here's how:

Fit it in

Those who like to spend evenings in front of the TV aren't going to turn into marathon runners overnight.

"Choose things that

already fit into your lifestyle," said Glenn. "Find ways to do things that will improve your life without taking up a lot of time."

Those who want to begin an exercise program could start by parking at the far end of the parking lot, lifting hand weights during favorite TV programs and working on balance exercises while brushing teeth.

"Even small changes will add up to a healthier lifestyle," said Glenn.

Write it down

Putting goals in writing will help internalize them and provide a reference for checking progress later.

"The brain processes things differently when we are writing stuff down," said Noelle Cotter, MSW, who is a therapist in Highland Township.

After goals are in writing, record the daily behaviors that are being worked on — such as work-outs, smoking or type of food consumed.

"Make three columns and write down what you are doing, how you are feeling and the time of day," said Cotter. "That way you can pick up on your patterns and make improvements. There are always multiple reasons why we do things."

Cotter suggests finishing the day with a gratitude journal. That's an opportunity to record positive thoughts and make new plans for the following day.

"Your mind is more powerful than people give it credit for," said Cotter.

Work with others

When classes meet at Divine Yoga Company in South Lyon, the students exchange stories like old friends. It helps to find a place where others are working on making similar improvements.

"It's really nice to walk into the room and be surrounded by friends," said yoga instructor Cheryl Wickham. "There's people there to support you, hold you accountable and help guide you along your journey."

"We all need that human connection. We need to know that others will be there every week, waiting for us."

Aside from exercise classes, support groups are available through local hospitals, churches and non-profit organizations.

Cotter suggests that some people would benefit from a life coach or therapist to use for support in combating negative behaviors. Both may be available at little or no cost through employee assistance programs that are offered with health benefit packages.

Start gradually

Every January, trainers see gym members sweat-



Erin Geis of Highland works with personal trainer Lisa Ryan at the Carls Family YMCA. Trainers at the YMCA suggest starting gradually to make New Year's Resolutions stick.

PHOTOS BY KATE PHILLIPS



Lauren Gasparotto practices yoga with classmates Stephanie Rife (left) and Melissa Bryant at Divine Yoga Company in South Lyon. Experts suggest finding a support person or group for better success in keeping New Year's Resolutions.

up to seeking a healthier lifestyle in general," explained Clines.

Health Emporium owner Doug Moore suggests reducing stress and improving overall health as the first step to feeling better — mentally and physically.

"Try to eat more raw foods and choose fresh foods instead of canned," said Moore, who spends his days consulting with customers at the South Lyon store.

He recommends that everyone use a quality vitamin and mineral supplement to bring the body closer to good health and reduce negative cravings.

"Most cravings are related to mineral deficiencies," he said.

Keep trying

While some people have given up on making resolutions, as many as 45 percent of Americans still make New Year's resolutions, reports the University of Scranton Journal of Clinical Psychology.

While there are no quick fixes, those who continue to revisit the same goals will eventually see results they can live with.

"Meet that challenge and stay with it," said Wickham. "You need to keep trying to find out what works for you."

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SUPPORT

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ity. But there are ways people can work through this."

She said planning ahead as to where and how you will spend your time during the holidays is important. In addition, if need be don't worry about letting yourself scale back on activities or parties if

you want to. But if you feel like making plans, get help from supportive family or friends.

"Creating a memory is a great way to make the holidays new again," Christensen said. "And it can be done through a way to remember that loved one."

She said making an ornament with a photo of that person on it or making their favorite food dish are two ways to

remember and honor.

New Hope Director Cathy Clough said if a person is grieving then he or she doesn't have to ignore those feelings. The same goes for those around that person. She said many times those who have lost a loved one want to remember or speak about them, so it's alright to tell stories and memories.

"Plan ahead, be around supporters and find a

way to remember," she said of working through holiday grief.

To find out more about these local support resources go to New Hope's web site at <http://www.newhopecenter.net> or call Compassionate Care at (734) 983-9050. Both have support groups and resources to address any situation.

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Location: Northville Fire Dept., 45745 W. Six Mile
Time/Date: 1-6:45 p.m. Jan. 2
Location: Novi Public Library, 45255 W. Ten Mile
Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Jan. 2
Location: Busch's Market/Caribou Coffee, 15185 Sheldon Road
Time/Date: 7:30 a.m. to 7:15 p.m. Jan. 7
Location: Providence Park Hospital, 47601 Grand River Avenue, Novi
Time/Date: 8 a.m. to 7:45 p.m. Jan. 13
Location: St. James Church, 46325 Ten Mile, Novi
Time/Date: 2:30-8:15 p.m. Jan. 14
Location: Meads Mill Middle School, 16700 Franklin Road, Northville
Details: The Red Cross Nationally needs 17,000 blood donations each day for patients in need. This holiday season, the Red Cross encourages people to give someone hope by donating blood. It's a gift that doesn't cost a thing but can offer patients another holiday season with family and friends. Blood donations typically drop during the winter months. Every day, patients count on generous volunteer blood donors to give the gift of life. All who come will be entered into a monthly raffle for a \$500 Visa Gift card
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and enter your zip code to find the drives below or call Diane Risko at (313) 549-7052 to set up an appointment.

STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS & LUNCHEON

Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 17
Location: Baronette Renaissance
Details: The City of Novi, in partnership with the Novi Chamber of Commerce, invites you to join Mayor Bob Gatt and City Council members for the State of the City Address and Luncheon. Cost is \$30 per person.
Reservations be made by sending a check made payable to: City of Novi, attention Sue Fodor, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375; or online at <http://www.novichamber.com/>. Seat-

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Northville

Hospital trespassing

Five Oakland County teens were ticketed for trespassing after a Northville Township police officer noticed two of them on the roof of the former Northville Psychiatric Hospital on Seven Mile.
 According to police reports, the officer observed two of the teens on the roof around 6:40 p.m. on Dec. 17. After he commanded them to come down, they walked out of the building with the other three teens. All five of the 17 year olds (from Royal Oak, Clawson and Pontiac) complied with the officer, and were ticketed for trespassing. They told the officer they were in the building "checking it out" after hearing about it on the Internet and radio.
 They were released at the scene, and given a Jan. 9 date in 35th District Court.

Christmas grinch

There were two reports in Northville Township of Christmas decorations being tampered with on the night of Dec. 15.
 One occurred on the 16300 block of Johnson Creek Drive. A 49-year-old resident called police to report three lighted reindeer decora-

tions had been removed from his front yard and damaged. One was crushed and found on his driveway, and another was found damaged in a neighbor's yard. The third reindeer couldn't be located.
 The second case took place on the 39700 block of Eagle Trace Drive. A 73-year-old resident reported somebody stole his lighted angel ornament from his yard. He told police he didn't hear or see anything suspicious during the night.

Marijuana possession

A 25-year-old Livonia man ended up getting arrested for marijuana possession after pulling a U-turn in front of a Northville Township police officer on Dec. 11 around 6 p.m.
 According to police reports, the officer was driving behind a silver Ford traveling southbound on Haggerty Road approaching Five Mile. The Ford driven by the Livonia man turned westbound on Five Mile and then immediately made the U-turn to travel eastbound — right in front of the police car. In his report, the officer said he had to slam his brakes to prevent a collision with the Ford. The officer also noticed the driver was talking on his cell phone.
 The officer pulled the man over and immediately smelled a strong

odor of marijuana when he walked up to the car. The man admitted to smoking some marijuana earlier in the day. When asked if he had any in the car, the man said he didn't think so. He told the officer he previously had a medical marijuana card, but that it had expired. The officer placed the man in the back of his squad car, and then conducted a search of the man's car. He found two roaches in the center console tray area, as well as one on the floorboard next to the driver's seat. The officer also found Zig Zag rolling papers and some loose marijuana on the floor. All the marijuana found in the car was field tested and came back positive.
 The man was arrested, booked and held in the Northville Township Police Department jail. He was issued a citation for impeding traffic, no operator's licence on his person, and possession of marijuana. He was released from jail the next day, and given a Dec. 26 date in 35th District Court.

Novi

Assault at Tin Fish

A man was arrested in the parking lot of Tin Fish recently after a drunken assault.
 On Dec. 15, Novi Police responded to the parking lot at 27602 Novi

Road on the report of a fight. The report stated when police arrived they found a man to be highly intoxicated and falling down. The man did not fully remember he had been in a fight.
 The preliminary breathalyzer on him registered a .17 blood-alcohol content. The victims of the incident said the man rushed up on them in the lot and pretended to have a gun. After that, he began punching one of them.
 The man ended up vomiting in the back of the police car.

Construction site B&E

A Novi construction site at Maple Manor of Novi was robbed recently of tools and wire.
 On Dec. 17, it was reported to Novi Police that someone had broken into the site by punching out a window in a door that was being covered temporarily by a piece of wood. Once inside the perpetrator pried open the door to the electrical room.
 There are no suspects at this time.

Drunken Driving/BAC of .17 percent or more

A driver was arrested for driving impaired after Novi Police spotted swerving and crossing over the road lines.
 On Dec. 16, police stopped the man on eastbound I-96 at Haggerty Road after observing the man turn right on to northbound Novi Road by taking a really wide turn and crossing the center line.
 Police followed the man and he was further observed crossing the fog lines on I-96. Upon making contact with the driver police stated he had rolled down his back window instead of his front to talk with them.
 The breathalyzer registered a .191 percent. The man also had an open bottle of Jim Beam inside his vehicle.
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Time/Date: 8:30-9:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 17

Location: Novi Senior Center, 25075 Meadowbrook Road

Details: Join for breakfast and January's discussion, "Busting the Myths of Hearing Loss", presented by David Wizgird of Hear Clear. Cost is \$3 for residents; \$4 for non-residents; pre-registration is required.

Contact: (248) 347-0414 or visit cityofnovi.org for more information.

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Time/Date: 1:30 and 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 19

Location: Northville High School Auditorium, 45700 Six Mile Road

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Time/Date: Noon every

Thursday

Location: Novi Methodist Church 41671 W. 10 Mile Road

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Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., every first and third Tuesday

Location: Novi Civic Center, Activities Room, 45175 West 10 Mile Road, Novi

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Mass
Time/Date: 10 a.m. Jan. 1
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Contact: (248) 349-2345 or visit www.faitcommunity-novi.org
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.
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Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and 9:30 a.m. Wednesdays
Details: Come and learn what John is writing about, what the symbolism means, and how this book still speaks to us today.
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Date: Third Sundays
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Location: 217 N. Wing
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Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays
Men's Bible Study: 9 a.m. first Saturday of every month
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NOVI-FAMILY INTEGRATED CHURCH
Location: 45301 W. 11 Mile Road
Contact: (248) 349-3647 or firstbaptistchurchofnovi.org
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Family Worship: 11 a.m.
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Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m. Family Meal, \$5 per person, \$15 per family;
Currently on Wednesday nights: 6:30 p.m. Children's VBS/Caravan, Club 56, Bible Study, Quilting, Adult Classes, Youth Group
Thursday Schedule: 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group
Sunday Schedule for December: 10 a.m. donuts/coffee 10:30 a.m. worship service/kids church



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Georgie Kardasz smiles and applauds at the singing efforts of the Harmony Town Barbershop Chorus during the Dec. 12 Novi Senior Center holiday luncheon.

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December 24: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 6:30 p.m.
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 Contemporary - Held in the Sanctuary - 9:15 a.m.
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Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.
Church School: 10-11 a.m.
Fellowship Hour: 11 a.m.

Merry Widows Luncheon: 11:30 a.m. fourth Thursday of each month

Pilgrim Fellowship: 6 p.m. Sundays

NORTHVILLE CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY

Location: 41355 6 Mile Road

Contact: (248) 348-9030

Sundays 9-10 a.m.: Sunday School for Adults / Youth / Children

9 a.m.: Contemporary service in multi-purpose gymnasium

10:15 a.m.: Contemporary service in worship center; children's super church on the second level (208/210)

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Location: 41671 W. 10 Mile Road

Contact: (248) 349-2652 or visit umcnovi.com

Sunday Worship: 9:45 a.m.

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

Peace Vigil: noon, first Sunday of every month

Location: In front of the church

Details: Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace.

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Location: 850 Ladd Road, Walled Lake

Contact: (248) 926-6584; www.orchardgrove.org

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Contact: Orchard Grove

Communications Director Amanda Rehm, amanda.rehm@orchardgrove.org

ORCHARD HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH

Location: 23455 Novi Road

Contact: Pastor Jon Hix (248) 349-5665

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OUR VIEWS

Be smart and safe Don't let alcohol ruin holidays

Let's start this off with a very sobering statistic: In 2010, 17 million people admitted to driving drunk. If they had their own state, it would be the fifth largest in the U.S.

Yes, this is that editorial that most media companies feel obligated to write every year around this time. Frankly, by now we were really hoping to be preaching to the choir. Unfortunately, that's not the case.

The holiday season, which is considered Thanksgiving through New Year's Day, is a tradition of families and friends getting together to enjoy food, laughs, fellowship, gifts, memories and love.

Often, alcohol is included in these celebrations. We don't condone or condemn it. But when those who imbibe decide to get behind the wheel and risk ruining and taking lives, that's a different story.

Yes, it's true that overall the number of annual drunk driving deaths has been cut in half since Mothers Against Drunk Driving formed in 1980.

However, MADD also reports that there has been an increase in the proportion of drunk driving deaths around the holidays. The percentage of Christmas holiday highway deaths jumped from 32 percent to 37 percent from 2008 to 2010. Likewise, New Year's holiday deaths went from 41 to 48 in that time period.

For some reason, people still aren't getting it - especially those who have already been down that road. About one-third of all drivers arrested or convicted of driving while intoxicated or driving under the influence of alcohol are repeat offenders.

Statistically, we know that males are more likely than females to drive under the influence of alcohol. And we know that the ages of 21-25 make up the highest percentage, with rates declining after 25.

But, regardless of gender or age, the average person metabolizes alcohol at the rate of about one drink per hour. It doesn't matter what you're drinking, either. A 12-ounce beer, a glass of wine, a standard mixed drink - they all contain about .54 ounces of alcohol. Impairment is based on amount of alcohol, not type.

And alcohol, unlike food, doesn't have to be digested slowly. If you drink faster than alcohol can be eliminated, it accumulates in your body, which means higher levels of alcohol in your blood.

Now this part is important to remember -- only time will sober a person up! So don't fool yourself into believing that drinking strong coffee or energy drinks, exercising or taking a cold shower will help. Neither will eating a pizza, turning up the car radio or rolling down the windows.

If you know you're going to be drinking, plan ahead so you're not driving. Designate a sober driver. Take alternative transportation (i.e. a cab, a limo, a bus). Call a relative or friend to pick you up.

Or, just stay where you're at. Hosts who throw parties with alcohol should be prepared to offer lodging to their guests who have had too much to drink. (In fact, it's a good idea to gather car keys when guests arrive.)

Recent events have made all of us realize just how precious is life. Every day, about 28 people die as a result of drunk driving crashes. The time to end this is long overdue. Simply stated: Enjoy the holidays, but please don't drink and drive.

TYPES OF CHARGES

According to Michigan law, violations for Operating While Intoxicated include:

- Alcohol or drugs in your body substantially affected your ability to operate a motor vehicle safely.
- A bodily alcohol content (BAC) at or above 0.08. This level can be determined through a chemical test.
- High BAC means the alcohol level in your body was at or above 0.17. This level can be determined through a chemical test.



COMMUNITY VOICE

What's one thing you'd like to accomplish in 2013?

(Posed to City of Novi leaders)



"In 2013, I hope to see Main Street's continued development. In 2012, we were able to untangle all the red tape that was complicating development at that sight. 2013 should see building and a real rebirth of the project!"

Mayor Bob Gatt
Novi



"To increase resident involvement in Boards and Commissions and to find additional opportunities to gain resident feedback. Novi is full of talented people who could help make a difference in our city, and having a diverse set of voices involved in the community helps to make it stronger."

Laura Marie Casey
Novi City Councilmember



"I would like to make sure the residents of Novi receive the most value possible for each tax dollar spent."

Wayne Wrobel
Novi City Councilmember



"I would like to see us accomplish some progress on the redevelopment at Grand River and Novi Roads (specifically the old Expo Center and Trans X areas)."

Justin Fischer
Novi City Councilmember



"Building a well informed and cohesive team of Board members, appointed officials and staff to meet the challenges facing the Township in 2013. These include implementing a plan for the demolition and remediation of the hospital property as soon as possible with available tax increment revenue from the REIS Project and renovating the Prison Property without cost or financial risk to the Township."

Robert Nix
Northville Township Supervisor



"I'd like to have the Downtown Strategic Plan reviewed and updated."

Chris Johnson
Northville City Mayor



"Improving the city's long-term financial outlook."

Patrick Suiivan
Northville City Manager

LETTERS

Christmas gift to voters

I think we all, Republicans and Democrats, need to recognize the work our elected representatives do for us in Lansing.

In this hectic last few weeks Kurt Heise (20th House District) and Pat Colbeck (7th Senate District) and their Republican team have worked overtime and through the night to pass an amazing number of bills. These bills will no doubt prove to be a fine Christmas gift to the voters of Northville, who sent them to Lansing.

Among the bills are:

- Right-to-work without paying union dues.
- Regional Transit Authority to seek millages two run public transportation.
- Concealed weapons use in formerly forbidden places like schools and churches.
- Emergency manager law helping distressed local units of government.
- Detroit Lighting Authority to issue bonds to repair city lighting.
- Downtown Development Authority bill allows them to capture funds to help pay for the new Red Wings arena and entertainment district.
- Personal Property Tax repeal, saving Michigan businesses hundreds of millions of dollars.
- Abortion bills requiring providers to upgrade facilities to hospital standards, and ensure the patients have not been coerced.
- Cell phone bill prohibits young drivers from talking on cell phones while driving.
- Elections and recalls of office holders is made more difficult.

Let's all recognize Kurt Heise and Pat Colbeck for this huge effort and remember them for it in the next election.

Bob Moreillon
Northville

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Officer gives thanks

I retired from the Northville Township Police Department in August after 25 years of service. It was a pleasure to serve the community for that many years. I was lucky enough to have a wide variety of assignments. They ranged from Child Watch, DARE Instructor, bicycle officer, Community Emergency Response Team coordinator, reserve supervisor, accident investigation, Detective Bureau and sergeant. I enjoyed every minute of my 25 years of service to the community. I chose many of my assignments to have direct contact with residents. These community assignments were the highlight of my career.

Three other police officer retired with me in 2012, Lt. Raymond Garbarino, Detective William Helke and Officer Charles Cole. All three served the community with distinction

and pride. Northville Township was very lucky to have these three individuals protecting the community for so many years. There are many situations throughout these officers' careers where they put their lives on the line to keep the community safe.

The community is very lucky to have a current group of front line officers that are among the best in the state. I never lost focus of who I worked for. Thank you again for allowing me to serve Northville Township.

Matthew Mayes
Livonia

Mantra changes slightly

During this past campaign year, an uncanny trait of the Republican hierarchy has become more blatant each time one of them steps before a microphone (knowingly or unknowingly). Their tendency to utter racist, misogynistic and, most often, mendacious statements is often shocking. Yet, when confronted, they seem able to look the public straight in the eye and deny they intended any harm by their hate-filled statements. They remain as self-righteous as a God who has bestowed his blessing upon the target group of his wrath.

Ronald Weiser, finance chairman of the Republican National Committee, clearly has demonstrated this despicable trait by his recorded comments about Detroit and its residents. (*Detroit Free Press*, Dec. 16)

The Republican Party is undoubtedly intent on waging class warfare. Its recent legislative antics leave no room for doubt.

Win at any cost even when you lose is their new mantra.

Patrick M. Downey
Novi

OTHER OPINIONS

HB5711 provides for abortion safety and cleanliness

By Rebecca Mastee
Guest Columnist

Toward the end of this legislative session the Michigan House and Senate passed a significant number of bills that will have an impact on communities across the state. Some were more contentious than others. One piece of legislation mischaracterized as "controversial" would protect the health and safety of women who, regrettably, choose the path of abortion.



Rebecca Mastee

While most Republicans and many Democrats supported the bill, a small number of opponents preferred to employ over-the-top hyperbole in order to taint the point and purpose of House Bill 5711. This was unfortunate.

Public policy matters pertaining to abortion tend to be divisive. But HB 5711 is not about pro-life or pro-abortion rights politics. That's because the bill does not prohibit a woman from obtaining an abortion nor does it create a barrier for that path.

What the legislation does do is make sure that any woman who pursues an abortion would enter a facility that is both licensed and inspected by the state of Michigan for health and safety standards.

Currently, those requirements are lacking. Of the 32 locations in Michigan that perform abortions, only four are licensed by the state as surgical facilities. As such, the other 28 clinics are not licensed and are rarely, if ever, inspected for basic standards related to cleanliness and a safe, sterile environment.

The reforms found in HB5711 are overdue. No person would want to see a loved one, a female relative or friend,

walk into a surgical facility where sanitation, cleanliness and confidentiality are, at best, questionable. The public demands better. Women deserve better. Ensuring a safe environment upholds the dignity women expect.

Additional measures included in the bill are both sound and reasonable. Under the legislation, a woman will be informed that coercion to abort is illegal, yet the abortion could proceed provided the patient is aware of the law.

The legislation also provides for the humane disposition of an aborted child. Never again will an abortionist be allowed to dispose of aborted children as "medical waste," which is what took place in Eaton County last year when 17 victims of abortion, along with patient names and medical records, deplorably, were found in a common trash dumpster.

In March, this and several other abortion industry abuses emerged during a Senate Licensing and Regulatory Affairs subcommittee hearing. The Bureau of Health Systems testified that the state provides minimal oversight of abortion facilities because "so few clinics are licensed."

HB5711 will remedy this problem. Elected officials on both sides of the aisle agreed and supported the bill to ensure facilities meet basic health and safety standards.

Regardless of one's position on abortion, there is no reason why an abortion facility should be any less clean or safe than a tattoo parlor or a veterinary clinic. HB5711 is good public policy that makes sure a woman's health and safety is placed ahead of the financial interests of the abortion industry.

Attorney **Rebecca Mastee**, is a policy advocate with the Michigan Catholic Conference, which is the official public policy voice of the Catholic Church in Michigan.



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Specialty courts create local solutions to local problems

By Cal Stone
Staff Writer

Physically, your local court is housed in one building, but inside there are probably a wide variety of 'specialty courts' operating with jurisdiction over one specific area of criminal activity.

Michael Bryce, director of University of Detroit Mercy Law Clinic, says the movement is about 10 years old, and Michigan has been involved in it at least eight years if not more.

These courts include Drug Court, Juvenile Court, Elder Court, Domestic Court, Tribal Court, Homeless Court, Gun Court, Teen Court and others.

"The specialty court movement, to some degree, was the Renaissance Lawyers Society trying to figure out ways to resolve problems and issues that weren't necessarily litigation-based," said Bryce, director of University of Detroit Mercy Law Clinic. "It was a different approach than the standard I'm-against-you-and-you're-against-me approach. That movement grew and is



Parker

Lowe

also connected to therapeutic jurisprudence, which has a similar kind of ultimate goal."

The 52-1 District Court in Novi was one of the first on board, and 18th in the country.

"That really is remarkable," said Bryce. "If you look at Sobriety Courts, you'll see that the prosecutor, defense attorney and judge take a different approach and try to help people with these situations in a way that's different."

Veterans Court, Bryce said, deals with different issues. "We helped create the one in Ingham County, which I think is the first in the state that adopted that kind of approach," he said. "It's not intervention. Attorneys aren't juxtaposed against each other,

but rather trying to work out a particular result."

Ingham County's was formed in February 2010, according to Tammy Kudialis, director of Project Salute and the Veterans Appellate Clinic at UDMercy.

"Instead of punishment, you get treatment," she said.

The veterans get a mentor and access to Veterans Administration programs to help them deal with issues. They also get oversight, which means they come before to court at regular intervals to meet with the judge and make sure they're on the right track.

They also get connected to pension and disability benefits through Project Salute which provides outreach and assistance for veterans and trains attorneys to handle benefit claims pro bono. Now in its fifth year, Kudialis says Project Salute has helped more than 4,000 veterans, trained some 1,200 attorneys, and currently has 120 cases placed throughout the country.

Localized

"The concept behind specialty courts is that local courts should try and come up with local solutions to local problems," said Judge Ronald Lowe, who has served the 35th District Court for seven years. "What you've seen with Sobriety Court is a variety of things — some use it primarily for alcohol, some use it for some type of drug."

He said the drug and alcohol courts are doing "remarkable things" and even noted a Meth Court to deal specifically with that drug.

The 47th District Court in Farmington operates a Sobriety Court, and Judge Marla Parker calls it one of the most rewarding aspects of her job.

"People's lives change right in front of you," she said.

Parker noted that at a recent Sobriety Court graduation ceremony, the guest speaker was a graduate in 2007.

"He's still sober," she said.

"He talked about how much his life has changed, and it was pretty amazing."

But not every court can afford to offer a wide variety

of specialty courts and may just have one or two, according to Judge Brian MacKenzie, of the 52-1 District Court. "Novi has a lot," he said. "The breadth of our programs is pretty unique."

52-1 District Court serves the communities of Novi, South Lyon, Wixom, Walled Lake, Milford, Highland, Commerce Township, Lyon Township, and Wolverine Lake.

Lowe noted that some judges have agreed on a system of "sharing" their specialty courts, sending offenders to a specialty court they might not operate and in return taking offenders from other courts to go through their specialty court.

"That is in infant stages and having a lot of growth problems," said Lowe. "If I send them to jail, who is paying? There are a lot of logistical problems. But it's demonstrative that District Courts are trying to find solutions."

"But," he added, "there is a story in each one of them."

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Probation officer Michael McGlown speaks at the Veterans Court graduation held in November 2011 at the Novi Civic Center. The court aims to keep veterans out of jail for nonviolent offenses through a supervised counseling and mentor program. Also pictured (from the right) are Judge Dennis Powers, 52-1 District Court; Will A. Gunn, General Counsel Department of Veterans Affairs-Washington, D.C.; Patricia Crane, retired director of Probation; Judge Brian MacKenzie, 52-1; and Robert McDivitt, director Veterans Affairs Health Care System-Ann Arbor.

Veterans Treatment Court helps those who have served our country

By Cal Stone
Staff Writer

The 17th District Court in Redford operates a variation on Sobriety Court with its Veterans Treatment Court, offering veterans who are involved in the criminal justice system a coordinated response to the unique problems they are facing.

Military personnel often face intense and traumatic war experiences while they fight for our country. Sadly, the trauma continues even after they return home as they relive the war-zone — fear, horror and feelings of helplessness persist. Anxiety, irritability and emotional numbing are often experienced by veterans. As a result, problems with alcohol and drug use are common as a way of coping.

Dedicated in November 2011 by Judge Karen Khalil, it became the fourth Veterans Court in the state and the first in Wayne County's suburbs. Khalil works closely with the VA and local veterans groups, prosecutors, veterans' defense counsel as well as probation staff and mentors to provide veterans with the tools they need to lead produc-



Probation officer Mike McGlown (left) shakes hands with Vietnam veteran Kurt Mosher at the Veterans Court graduation ceremony in November 2011 at the Novi Civic Center.

tive and law abiding lives.

Judge Brian MacKenzie, of the 52-1 District Court in Novi, says unlike Sobriety Court, Veterans Court is "not pure addiction; it's a hybrid of addiction and mental health."

He said most of the participants have suffered PTSD, brain injuries, or are paranoid schizophrenics.

PTSD (post traumatic stress syndrome) is an anxiety disorder that

can occur following traumatic events. Military combat is most definitely traumatic. Estimates of PTSD from the war in Afghanistan are between 6 and 11 percent and 12 to 20 percent in Iraq. Many of our returning vets are at risk of homelessness, broken families and substance abuse.

"One guy got a virus in Iraq and it ate his brain," said MacKenzie. "He was on meds and reacted to

alcohol and got arrested. He's a really great guy, and we got him all balanced out now."

Every participant in Novi's program has to get a physical, which MacKenzie says has resulted in three lives being saved.

The Veterans Administration is a big player in this specialty court, and a VA rep is at every meeting in Novi with a secure

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Teen Court lets offenders hear it from peers

By Cal Stone
Staff Writer

Northville's Brian Morrow, deputy chief of the juvenile division in the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office, has seen first-hand the positive effects of handling cases in different specialty court formats like Teen Court.

Teen Court is a juvenile diversion program in which trained, high school-age jurors sentence real delinquency cases that have been screened by the Prosecutors Office specifically for this program.

In every case, the juvenile offenders that are selected to come before the Teen Court have no prior records of delinquency and have committed relatively minor misdemeanors.

Earlier this year, Morrow received the county's Anthony C. Wayne Award for developing the award-winning juvenile program that is having a positive effect on reducing recidivism among first-time offenders.

"Unfortunately in Wayne County, we have a lot of juveniles that are committing crimes on that high end of the spectrum," he said. "That program has taught me that alternative forms of retribution can work."

The teen jury is totally responsible for fashioning an appropriate sentence. It will typically include requirements such as the payment of any restitution, community service, letters of apology and individual and substance abuse therapy when facts necessitate it.

The offender cannot commit any new offenses while under the term of supervision dictated by the teen jury, which usually lasts three to six months. If the offender successfully complies with the jury's sentence, the case is dismissed without him/her having a juvenile record for the

offense.

Under Morrow's supervision, the Prosecutors Office began the Teen Court program in 2006 and currently operates four teen courts — one in the 34th District Court in Romulus and three which are held in Detroit Public high schools (Denby, Southeastern and Central).

District Courts

Judge Ronald Lowe, of the 35th District Court (includes Plymouth, Canton and Northville), oversaw the creation of a Sobriety Court, but he also implemented the jurisdiction's Teen Court.

"The advantage is simple — it's a positive use of peer pressure," said Lowe. "I tell them straight up that hearing it from their friends is far better than hearing from an old fart in a black robe."

He says it's an empowerment of teens, who end up coming out stronger proponents of what the court is doing than someone who hasn't been through it.

Lowe, who is the president-elect to the Michigan District Judges Association, said that when he first took the bench, district courts didn't handle juvenile cases. Rather, they were assigned to probate judges on a juvenile docket. But there has been much growth, especially in western Wayne County.

At John Glenn High School in Westland, a classroom has been transformed into a courtroom — including a judge's bench, jury box and witness stand — and 18th District Court (jurisdiction is Westland) judges go there to listen to selected cases in Teen Court.

Paul Motz, director of Westland Youth Assistance, finds actual misdemeanor court cases — everything from shoplifting to assault — that are

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Sobriety Courts lead the movement

By Cal Stone
Staff Writer

One of the most successful types of specialty courts is the Sobriety Court, and the 52-1 in Novi has one of the oldest in the country. When it was created in 2001, it was only the 18th in the U.S.; now there are 16 in Michigan alone.

Harvey Hoffman in Eaton County is the longest serving Sobriety Court judge in Michigan, and the 52-1's Judge Brian MacKenzie is second.

MacKenzie calls his Sobriety Court a "straight-up addiction program" for offenders with high blood alcohol content arrests and/or second-time offenders. And, simply put, the Sobriety Court's role is to make the community safe.



MacKenzie

"Out here," explained MacKenzie, "drunk drivers are the most dangerous people in terms of who is most likely to kill your family."

Offenders can receive a regular sentence or volunteer to participate in the 18-month program and sign an agreement and waiver of rights.

Although the second nine months are more normal, those first nine months are an intense phase, said MacKenzie.

Participants are tested for alcohol every day; they attend a 12-step counseling program twice a week; and they meet with their probation officer once a month in a group setting.

"It's a challenge for them to get tested by 8 a.m.," said MacKenzie.

Those who fail to are 'sanctioned,' which usually means jail time — "and we will go through your house (to check for alcohol)," said MacKenzie. "It hasn't been done a lot, but it's been done."

Those who succeed are given positive reinforcement — maybe tickets to a sporting event or movie passes.

"It may not be much, but it's something," said MacKenzie. "Some of these people have never succeeded at anything."

The 52-1 District Sobriety Court operates under a 'team' concept — the Sobriety Court Advisory Board — consisting of the judge, prosecutor, probation officers, defense attorney, coordinators, law enforcement officer, treat-

ment counselors and a victim/community advocate.

This team communicates and tries to reach a consensus on the offenders. The judge leads the discussion and, if need be, is the deciding vote.

"It's easy unless they're (participants) not doing well," said MacKenzie. "Our team is good, and there's always consensus."

Sobriety Court participants who successfully complete the program are recognized at an annual graduation ceremony.

35th District Court

Judge Michael J. Gerou handles the Sobriety Court in 35th District Court which serves Canton and the cities and townships of both Northville and Plymouth.



Gerou

While the Sobriety Court staff in the 52-1 court is partially funded by grants, the 35th receives no grant funding.

"And quite frankly, we don't want any," said Gerou. "We didn't want to set up a program that's dependent on grant money. We've prioritized cases we think need more attention."

More resources are dedicated to repeat offenders, and there is an intensive probation fee. The 35th Sobriety Court, unlike the 52-1's, does not do home checks for alcohol either.

Again, participants volunteer for the Sobriety Court, and begin with suspended jail time. There are four stages, and as each is completed, the daily requirements and testing decrease.

"In the first stages, they get a grip on sobriety and testing," said Gerou, "and the latter parts they have to complete community service."

Likewise, participants see the judge in the first two stages and then the court's probation officer, Jim Hand, in stages three and four.

"Our program was designed to take 15 at a time, but that has tripled and quadrupled in its nine years," said Gerou.

One of the reasons is that legislation that went into effect last year allows offenders to get a restricted driver's license.

"Before, we didn't have as many (participants) because it's a lot of work," said Gerou.

MADCP

Karen MacKenzie, wife of 52-1 District Court Judge Brian MacKenzie, is the executive director of the Michigan Association of Drug Court Professionals. At the MADCP's website (<http://madcp.dreamhosters.com/>) you can find an interactive map of all the Michigan Drug Courts.

Like the 52-1, the 35th district court program utilizes the team concept and behavioral modification system.

"You control the keys to the jailhouse," said Gerou. "If you have a good report, you earn credit off your jail time. You come back and see me monthly and sign an agreement of what you'll do the following month. Then it's reviewed the following month with the probation officer."

Gerou said consequences for failure typically are predictable at first — jail for a few days and longer if it happens

again. The third failure usually results in the participant being discharged from the Sobriety Court program and serving whatever time is remaining on their initial sentence.

Gerou said the program is going "very well," especially considering the high-risk population it deals with. At last check, the success rate was over 70 percent. Compare that to a 55-percent success rate for all the offenders the 35th puts on probation.

"We have had some great success stories," said Gerou.

And those are noted at a monthly day-long event with a certificate, congratulations, sharing of stories, and passing of wisdom along to those entering the program and those who have slipped up and went to jail.

47th District Court

Farmington Judge Marla Parker's Sobriety Court has been operating

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New directors, physicians at St. Mary Mercy

St. Mary Mercy Hospital welcomes four new directors of various programs and departments.

Misha Strauss Moore, PhD, has been named director, Program Development for Ambulatory Services for St. Mary Mercy Hospital. Strauss Moore will manage two new St. Mary Mercy services, the Senior Assessment and Resource Institute, and the Center for Integrative Health. Greg Sears has been named as executive director, Ambulatory Services for St. Mary Mercy Hospital. In this role, Sears will develop and implement alignment and growth strategies with physician networks and integrate primary care and multi-specialty physicians within a unified health network that serve Western Wayne County. Sears joined St. Mary Mercy Hospital in 2005 as the administrator for Surgical Service. Mark Steffanina has been named as director, Strategic Performance Improvement. Steffanina joined St. Mary Mercy in 2010 as a Performance Improvement Leader before assuming the role of director. He has also served



Strauss Moore



Sears



Steffanina

as a leader in initiatives through the Behavioral Medicine, Maternal/Child, and Surgery Performance Improvement committees. Carol Crowley, PhD, has been named as director, Spiritual Care. Crowley has more than 25 years experience as a hospital chaplain, most recently working at Providence Hospital, Southfield. She is a National Association of Catholic Chaplains (NACC) certified chaplain and clinical psychologist in private practice at the Northwest Counseling & Psychotherapy Center in Farmington Hills. John J. O'Brien, MD, has been named physician director, Graduate Medical Education and Designated Institutional Official. O'Brien will manage the Graduate Medical Education programs as well as continue to practice gastroenterology at St. Mary Mercy Hospital. Daniei R. Harber, DO, Cardiology, recently joined St. Mary Mercy Hospital's medical staff. He received his degree at Michigan State University in Lansing. He completed his residencies at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills and University of Michigan Medical Center in Ann Arbor.



Crowley



O'Brien



Harber

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since 2005 and has graduated 56 participants in twice-a-year ceremonies. "The difference in ours is we have a two-year probation," said Parker. "I think every court is a little different. Some of it is the court's culture; some is how the program was initially designed and structured."



Parker

The key similarity in all three of the court's programs, however, is accountability and the goal of giving more applause than sanctions to the participants. For a long time, the 47th District Court boasted of no-recidivism among participants, but that ended a month or so ago.

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laptop containing the offender's records. Farmington Judge Marla Parker said the 47th District Court has an interest in the Veterans Court area but not enough volume to run a full program. They're keeping statistics on their veteran offenders, working with the VA, and will refer individuals to a Veterans Court if necessary. Like the Sobriety Court in Novi, Veterans Court operates on a team concept in the 52-1 and is also 18 months long. The probation officer is different, however. He's Mike McGlow, a former lieutenant in the Army. The fees attached to all drunk driving cases in the 52-1 help cover the staffing of both its Sobriety Court and Veterans Court. Any additional costs in either specialty court, such as the \$13 tests taking at facilities like Jail Alternatives for Michigan Services (JAMS), are up to the offender to cover. Participants have interlocks in their cars which forces them to breathe into a camera-equipped machine that registers alcohol. There's a home version, too, as well as tethers that test for alcohol and

"Still, it's much better when you look at the rate for people who don't go through a program. It's 60 to 80 percent (recidivism). It's really high," said Parker. Like, the 52-1 and 35th Sobriety Courts, participants in the 47th District Court have to volunteer. "You do have to agree to be part of it," said Parker, "but the other options aren't so hot!" She said her Sobriety Court has very specific eligibility requirements. At the time of arrest, the offender's blood-alcohol content must register .15 percent or greater. They must also have a prior record of alcohol related offense(s). A key requirement is that the drunken drivers must be residents of Farmington or Farmington Hills. Parker said that's because many offenders don't have licenses, and it's not realistic for people to commute long distances to appear in her court. "And we want to serve citizens of our community first," she said.

16th District Court

The 16th District Court in Livonia uses drug and sobriety courts to get offenders' lives back on track. Judges Kathleen McCann and Sean Kavanagh are involved in overseeing the progress of offenders, according to Probation Director Natalie Stojcevska. Judges and probation officers examine whether the offenders are considered "high risk." "That is if they have a high blood alcohol content or run a high risk of re-offending," Stojcevska said. "That can be a first-time offender with a high BAC or a repeat offender." The court also employs a program geared toward 17- to 21-year-old at risk offenders who are involved in drug and alcohol use. "It is run outside of those other programs and it puts the younger offenders under intense supervision," Stojcevska said. The program provides guidance and education. stone@hometownlife.com (248) 437-2011, ext. 237 | Twitter: @Cal_Stone

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appropriate for Teen Court. The majority of the offenders, called respondents, are middle schoolers and there are some high schoolers. Students in the high school's business and personal law class serve as the jury, questioning the defendant and witnesses and then coming up with a sentence after defendants admit their guilt to juvenile authorities. As part of the sentence handed down by the Teen Court jurors, the respondent is placed on diversion. If he or she complies with the terms of the diversion, the case is dismissed and doesn't appear on the respondent's juvenile record. "This is a great partnership certainly between the court and the school district," said Greg Baracy, Wayne-Westland schools superintendent. "I'm impressed by the students' questions and their maturity level. This is a great learning opportunity." Staff writer Sue Mason contributed to this story. stone@hometownlife.com (248) 437-2011, ext. 237 | Twitter: @Cal_Stone

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Northville junior Ryan Bloom (left) pulls back for a shot around Novi junior Josh Ward Dec. 17 during the Mustangs' 3-1 victory. Bloom had a hat trick in the rivalry contest.

Girls cagers suffer first season loss

Potential to beat Canton there, Northville just doesn't capitalize

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

Prior to their match-up last Tuesday, the last time the Mustangs girls basketball team squared off against the Canton Chiefs ended with a good memory and a district championship.

Unfortunately, memories don't help get baskets, and the Northville Mustangs found themselves on the wrong side of a 45-36 contest with the Canton cagers.

"This was a disappointing game because we have the talent to match up and beat them," said Northville coach Todd Gudith. "Offensively, even though we missed some opportunities, 36 points against Canton is enough if we defend better. We played well in spurts but never sustained it. We weren't very good defending in the post early on and they took advantage of that."

Northville trailed just 13-11 after the first quarter, despite falling behind 8-0 to begin the game, and maintained that distance through the second stanza thanks to an 11-5 run in the final four minutes to trail by just two, 19-17, heading into the locker room.

The Mustangs came out in the second half looking to get back into the game and take the lead, opening up the third quarter with three-point field goals by Brittany Berehulka and Kendra Brenner to take a three-point lead, 26-23. Unfortunately for Northville, they weren't able to keep the pace and the Chiefs rallied back, taking advantage of two crucial Mustangs' turnovers.

"I thought we did a little better job in the second half," said Gudith. "Too many times we would stop them only to get out rebounded."

By the end of the third, Northville and Canton were tied, 31-31, but the Chiefs regained the lead and didn't look back as they outscored the Mustangs, 14-5, in the final stanza.

The Mustangs completed more field goals on the day than Canton, 14 and 12, respectively, but Canton hit 20-of-28 from the free-throw line whereas Northville shot just 3-for-7 from the charity stripe.

"Anytime you let a team get to the foul line that much it just makes you have to work that much harder on the other end to score," Gudith said. "That's what Canton does a good job of from an offensive standpoint, getting to the rim and the foul line. We didn't shut that down enough."

The Mustangs were led by Brenner, who put up 12 points, and Berehulka, who chipped in 11 in the losing effort.

Northville is now 3-1 on the season.

ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs girls basketball team will be back on the hardwood when they host Harper Woods tomorrow at 5 p.m. in their annual holiday tournament. The consolation game is 1 p.m. Saturday with the championship game being played at 5 p.m. The other two teams in the tournament are Dexter and Ferndale.

Bloom goes the dynamite

Junior Mustang leads Northville hockey team past Novi

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

The hockey rivalry between the two teams that call Novi Ice Arena home was in full bloom Dec. 17.

An empty net goal with 16.6 seconds put the cap on an exciting game where Northville junior Ryan Bloom scored a hat trick to lead the host Mustangs (5-3-1, 2-2-1 KLAA Kensington) to a come-from-behind 3-1 victory over Novi (4-6-1, 2-3-1 Kensington).

"It's a rivalry game and Novi's had our number, we have it written down as 1,466 days since we beat them," Northville coach Clint Robert said. "(Novi coach Todd) Krygier is a hell of a coach and he's got his team always prepared and we knew it would be a battle. I think in the last seven years that Todd and I have been involved here, this is the most even these two teams have showed up here. It's a great rivalry."

A high-paced first period went nearly four min-



Novi sophomore Bryan Fegert (center) tries to shield the puck from Northville senior Joe Chase as Mustang netminder Jake Pawloski looks on. Northville came from behind to win 3-1.

utes before the first stoppage in play. The baseline rivals were also aggressive along the boards, which led to Novi senior Carl Faraon being carried off the ice by his teammates 6:30 into the game after a nudge into in the back that send him into the boards in front of the Mustang fan section.

"Northville's got a nice team," Krygier said. "They worked hard. I was actually happy with our team tonight. They worked hard. One or two mistakes cost us, but I thought we had good goaltending (and) our defense played well. Although things didn't work out the way I would've liked, I was a lot happier this

ON TAP

Novi's No. 31-ranked hockey team (4-6-1, 2-3-1 KLAA Kensington) is off until their annual trip to the Upper Peninsula to play No. 19 Calumet (6-2-0), No. 10 Houghton (7-0-0) and No. 33 Marquette (2-5-0) Jan. 4-6. The 'Cats return home 6:30 p.m. Jan. 18 against No. 34 East Kentwood (6-1-1).

Northville's No. 24-ranked squad (5-3-1, 2-2-1 Kensington) next visits No. 29 Plymouth Salem (4-2-0, 3-2-0 Kensington) 8:30 p.m. Jan. 4.

game than I was the last couple games."

Faraon would return in the second period and help spur the Wildcats' offense, which struck first when senior Luke Bageris was behind the Mustang goal and played the puck toward sophomore Bryan Fegert at the top of the crease. However, along the

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CC wins Tim Horn Memorial Tournament

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

There was no doubt in the minds of wrestling fans and pundits alike that the line-up at the 42nd Annual Tim Horn's Windmill city Wrestling Classic in Holland was going to be one of the best gatherings of talent in the state during the regular season.

Out of the talented teams that participated, the Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks, the No. 1 ranked Division I team in the state, proved to be the most talented.

The Shamrocks finished 4-0 on the day, defeating St. Johns

ON TAP

The Shamrocks wrestling team is scheduled to be back on the mat when they compete tomorrow and Saturday in the Medina Invitational Tournament in Ohio.

—the No. 1-ranked team in Division II—in the championship match, 33-31. Hartland, St. Johns and Rochester all went 3-1. Going 2-2 on the day was Allegan, Clarkston, Rockford and Tecumseh while East Kentwood, Fremont and Greenville went 1-3 and Holland went 0-4.

In the championship match,

the Shamrocks found themselves trailing against the talented Red Wings, 22-6, but the team stepped back into the lead over the final seven matches and held on for the win thanks to a gutsy performance by Catholic Central's Myles Amine.

The Shamrocks won five of the remaining matches, including three by pin, and the team went up with a win by Evan Toth in the 125-pound division to give his squad a 33-28 advantage heading into the final match. Amine, wrestling one of the top wrestlers in the state in Zac Hall, took a loss but gave up just three points

in the process to help secure the victory by avoiding a pin.

The Shamrocks also defeated East Kentwood, 74-6, Allegan, 54-16, and Hartland, 55-15. Hartland is the No. 4-ranked team in Division I, a ranking also held by Allegan in Division II.

The Shamrocks also competed in the Oakland County championship wrestling tournament last weekend, after the sports section's early holiday deadline. Results will be in next week's edition.

The Shamrocks are currently ranked No. 1 in Division I in Michigan and ranked 12th in the nation.

ON TAP

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Glenn girls beat Novi at the buzzer

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Christmas came a week early for Westland John Glenn senior guard ShaKeya Graves.

With the Rockets trailing Novi 56-55 following Kerri McMahan's clutch basket Tuesday night, Glenn coach Eric Kovatch called a timeout with 6.42 seconds left.

After taking a handoff on the inbounds play and forced to go the length of the court, the 5-foot-8 Graves zig-zagged with her dribble, stopped at the top of the key and banked home the game-winning shot just as the buzzer sounded to give host Glenn the dramatic 57-56 win in a battle of unbeaten teams.

"My mindset was to get to the basket originally," said Graves, a DePaul University signee. "But when I looked up there, it was like one second left and I was at the 3-point line, so I had to shoot it because I couldn't dribble it anymore because the time would have run out."

"So I just shot the ball." And Graves, who finished with a game-high 24 points, was going to use the backboard.

"My intention was glass and that's what it did, it went off the glass," she said. "I was so focused getting to the rim. There was a timeout and that was my focus was — get to the rim. Basically that's what I was trying to do and when I looked up we had one second, shot the ball, hit the glass and went in."

McMahan, the standout junior point guard for the Wildcats (5-1), gave her team a 56-55 advantage when she drove down the lane and scored almost uncontested with 5.28 seconds left to put Novi ahead by one.

But game officials



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Glenn senior guard ShaKeya Graves (right), who made the game-winning shot at the buzzer, makes the drive on Novi defender Alex Felice during Tuesday's game.

decided to put 1.14 seconds back on the clock.

"The explanation was that when (the official) blew the whistle, she looked at the clock and there was an extra second on there," Novi coach Bill Kelp said. "That was it. I wasn't staring at the clock. I looked at it when the whistle blew and the clock was stopped. We came out of the timeout and there was a second added."

Kelp then used the Glenn timeout to set up a last-ditch stop.

"The defensive set-up was to pick them up and not let anybody get

behind us, and make them turn," the Novi coach said. "I think we turned (Graves) a couple of times ... you've got to give her credit. It was a tough shot — two or three kids around her — and she banked it in. And obviously that last second helped."

Senior guard Raven Bankston, who added 16 points, broke a 54-54 tie with only 16.82 seconds left by splitting a pair of free throws, but Novi answered on McMahan's basket to go back on top by one.

Taylor Pavlika paced a balanced Novi scor-

ing attack with 15 points, while Amanda Geiger added 13 and McMahan 11. Dina Fawiz also contributed eight.

Novi shot a blistering 19-of-34 (55.8 percent) from the field, including nine 3-pointers.

"I knew they shoot it," Kovatch said. "We weren't getting through the screens and they had wide-open shots and they were nailing them."

"That's an excellent, excellent basketball team. They're undefeated, getting victories by 30 and 40 points all season. We've played three undefeated teams so far and this

was by far the best one. They're well-coached, their girls play hard and they're talented."

Novi, however, turned the ball over 19 times, including six in the decisive fourth quarter.

"I think our pick-and-roll defense is what hurt us in the first half," said Kelp, whose team was tied 28-28 and up 42-38 after three quarters. "They got half their points on pick-and-roll defense and then they didn't miss their free throws. I think those were the two things and we had a couple of unforced turnovers."

Glenn made only 12 turnovers and hit 18-of-44 shots from the floor (40.9 percent), but the Rockets nailed 16-of-19 free throws, including 7-of-8 in the final quarter.

"I think our girls might have underestimated Novi," Kovatch said. "It's a shame somebody had to lose this game — one of the few games you'll see two game-winning shots because, Kerri's shot easily could have won it for them, then ShaKeya, a big-time player, makes a big-time play and seals the victory for us. That was a dogfight and it's a shame anybody had to lose that one."

Kovatch said Graves was the first option on the final play.

"We basically just said, 'Get the ball to ShaKeya and stay wide, and

ShaKeya look for your shot, kick it if you see an open girl,'" Kovatch said. "But I have the confidence she's going to make the right decision. She's going DePaul, a Division I player, one of the best in the state. Who else would you want the ball in your hand than her? I've got a couple of other girls I'm comfortable in with the twins (Raven and Raine Bankston) and Kaira Barnes. We're very blessed to have a bunch of good kids that are ball-players."

Despite the loss, Kelp said the one-point setback can only be a benefit.

"We told them that this game, this loss, is only going to make us better," he said. "They had goals before the season and I don't think any of them wrote a goal to beat John Glenn on December 18. It was to win our division and win districts. I think this game will hopefully help us achieve those things."

But the holiday cheer belonged to Graves, who bought herself an early yuletide present.

"That was a big win for us," she said. "I guess we have to practice and work a little bit harder for games like this because there are better games down road. We just have to learn each other's game and play together."

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Rockets shoot 96 percent in victory over Wildcats

Cagle drops in 22 on late comeback attempt

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

With league play on the horizon, Novi's boys basketball is still working out a few kinks.

The Wildcats (2-3) have been trying out a few different things against teams with a variety of styles, most recently running into Westland John Glenn (3-1) Dec. 18. The host Wildcats fell behind 30-23 by halftime and 41-28 after three quarters, but were nearly able to make a game of it late.

"We played very well in the fourth," Novi coach Brian Tass said. "Press caused them to turn it over and we scored on those."

However, the clock ran out before Novi could complete the comeback and the Rockets won 56-52 despite a 24-15 Wildcat run.

Junior Nelson Cagle led the way with a game-high 22 points of 7-for-14 shooting. Senior Charles McKinney dropped in 13 points, primarily on 9-for-13 (69.2 percent) free throw shooting. The duo combined for 35 of Novi's 52 points.

"Cagle got hot last night

ON TAP

Novi's boys basketball team (2-3) are off until starting league play 7 p.m. Jan. 4 at home against South Lyon East (0-4).

and we kept trying to get him the ball. He played a very nice second half on offense," Tass said. "McKinney was aggressive with the ball toward the basket, so he picked up some free throw situations."

The Wildcats shot 15-for-29 (51.7 percent) from the field, which no match for a dominant shooting performance from the Rockets. Glenn shot 23-for-24 (95.8 percent), with just three shots coming from outside the paint. Novi had 16 shots for three, compared to 13 for two.

"Their scoring came from inside and offensive rebounds. Pretty high percentage shots," Tass said. "We are killing ourselves with simple things like traveling and moving screens. A few poor passes, but the main thing is we stop unforced errors."

The Rockets were led by 6-foot-6 junior James Pruitt, who netted a team-

high 21 points, including 10 in the fourth quarter. Senior guards Richard Roberts and Nick Daniels, who will play collegiate ball at Oakland University, added 10 points apiece.

Other pieces of Novi's puzzle struggled to get through the Glenn defense. Senior Tre Cadwell had eight points and senior Jionni Ivy three points and four rebounds.

"Ivy was in foul trouble the past two games a little. He's not scoring since he's had less rebounds on offense," Tass said. "Cadwell was pretty well defended."

Also chipping in for the Wildcats was Erik Biberstein (four points) and Billy Ulle (two points), as Blake Brown was held to zero points and one rebound.

"We've been moving guys around in the lineup," Tass said. "We've played almost everyone in every game. We have a pretty good idea of guys who are giving us meaningful minutes now."

The 'Cats won the rebounding battle 11-7, but lost the turnover battle 22-8.



COURTESY OF NOVI WRESTLING PARENTS

Novi junior Ben Wright (right) prepares to lock up with a 145-pound opponent from Canton during a Dec. 19 loss.

Plymouth, Canton get best of Novi

Roush picks up pair of victories against highly touted squads

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

Novi's grapplers got a reality check last week against some tough competition, giving them an idea of what they'll have to overcome to become an elite team this season.

The Wildcat wrestlers (4-2) headed to Plymouth Salem for a quad meet Dec. 19, taking on powerhouses Canton and Plymouth, who each have four wrestlers ranked within their weight classes top 10 in the state. As such, the Chiefs beat Novi 45-21 and the other Wildcats beat Novi 42-25.

The night started with a battle of the Wildcats, as Novi got a quick 15-0 lead with three quick victories from sophomore Jared Engebretson (189 pounds), senior Zach Roush (215) and

ON TAP

Novi's wrestlers (4-2) were set to head to the Oakland County Championships last Friday at Southfield and Saturday at Southfield-Lathrup before competing in this Saturday's 10 a.m. Plymouth Salem Invitational. The 'Cats are then off until the Manning Vieau Invitational 9:30 a.m. Jan. 5 at Brighton.

sophomore Dorian Haney (heavyweight), the first two by pinfall.

However, Plymouth took the next two matches to cut the lead to 15-7 before a major victory by the senior Andrew Park (119) gave Novi a 19-7 lead.

It was all Plymouth for the next seven matches, who pulled far ahead before junior Joey

Dominguez (171) pinned his opponent to give Novi a few more points and stop the bleeding during the final match.

The second match-up, against Canton, took a similar route with Roush winning his second match of the night to give the Wildcats a 3-0 lead. Novi then lost the heavyweight battle before senior Dan Denova (103) won 18-1 for a six-point technical fall. Together with a 4-3 victory by sophomore Jacob Vidra (112), the Wildcats took a 12-6 lead.

However, as before, their opponents won seven of the next eight matches to pull away. The lone Novi victory in the middleweights was sophomore Griffin Burr (130), who came from behind to capitalize on an opponent's mistake for a pinfall victory.

HOCKEY

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way the puck took a hop off the Northville defense and went into the back of the net for a 1-0 lead with 5:20 remaining in the second stanza.

After the offensive drought was broken, the Mustangs responded. A holding penalty 43 seconds later allowed Bloom to notch his first goal 31 seconds into the power play, knocking one into the Novi goal from the right circle with 4:06 to go. Senior Tyler Gardiner and junior Alex Shuart assisted.

The 1-1 tie held until the second intermission as Northville senior Jake Pawloski (33 saves) and junior Austin Petty (24 saves) each made stop after stop on golden opportunities by their rivals' forwards. Novi had a 12-5 first-period shot advantage before the teams shot evenly through the final two

periods.

"I thought both goaltenders played a great game," Krygier said. "It's a 2-1 game and I thought we had plenty of chances to score, and so did they, and I think both goaltenders did a great job."

"We had plenty of power play opportunities that we didn't capitalize on that we needed to. And they had a special teams goal and we didn't. I think that's really where they won the game."

Each netminder had to deal with a third-period scramble in front of their goal that could have easily gone in, but it the tie wasn't broken until there was 6:32 left in the game and Bloom struck for his second goal of the night, also from the right side, off a pass from Gardiner, to take a 2-1 lead.

"Ryan Bloom has been one of those guys this year that he doesn't take shifts off," Robert said. "He plays all three zones. He's got an unbelievable shot. We expect it to go

in almost to the point of where, when it doesn't score, we're surprised. The guys were kind of joking and told him between the first and second period, 'Bloom, you'd better get a hat trick,' so I guess he took it to heart."

Despite both teams' efforts that would be the end of the full strength scoring, as Bloom tallied his hat trick on an empty net in the final minute.

The Wildcats followed the rivalry loss with a 5-2 loss Dec. 19 at Livonia Churchill (5-4-0, 3-2-0 Kensington), which Northville was scheduled to host Dec. 21.

Novi Community Schools
Novi, MI

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Consisting of:
-Novi Meadows Remodeling Project
-District-Wide Sidewalk Replacement Project

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ATTN: Mr. Steve Barr, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Operations

Bids received after this time and date will not be considered or accepted and will be returned to the bidder unopened.

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This Bid Package will consist of a separate sealed bid for the following Bid Divisions:

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Bidding documents prepared by **Fanning/Howey Associates, Inc.** will be available for public inspection at the main office of the Construction Manager, **McCarthy & Smith, Inc.**, 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI 48335; the FW Dodge Plan Room, Southfield; the Construction Association of Michigan Plan Room, Bloomfield Hills; and the Daily Construction Reports Plan Room, Detroit.

Bidders may obtain one (1) set of bidding documents, beginning **Thursday, December 27, 2012**, by contacting the Construction Manager, **McCarthy & Smith, Inc.**, at (248) 427-8400. Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope supplied by the Construction Manager. The bid division(s) being bid is/are to be identified on the outside of the envelope.

There will be a Pre-Bid Meeting held on **Tuesday, January 8, 2013 at 1:30 p.m. at the Novi Community Schools' Educational Services Building**, located at 25345 Taft Road, Novi, MI 48374. The meeting will be held in the Board of Education Meeting Room. The meeting is **not** mandatory, but is highly recommended. Attendees desiring to visit the buildings, will have the opportunity to do so after the meeting.

A **sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship** existing between the bidder and any member of the school board, school superintendent, or district executive must accompany each bid. The Board of Education will not accept a bid that does not include this statement. This statement is provided on the Proposal Execution Form, Section 004200, of the Bidding Requirements and General Conditions Manual for the project.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a Bid Security in the amount of five (5) percent of the amount of the bid, payable to Novi Community Schools, as a guarantee that if the proposal is accepted, the bidder will execute the contract and file the required bonds within ten (10) days after notice of award of contract.

If awarded a contract, the successful bidder may be required to furnish a Performance Bond and Labor and Material Payment Bond in the amount of 100% of the contract price.

Novi Community Schools reserves the right to reject any or all bids received, to waive any informalities and irregularities in the bidding, and to accept a bid other than the lowest bid.

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**NOTICE OF MEETING DATES
SALEM TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION**

π 2013 Regular Meeting Schedule

All regular meetings of the Salem Township Planning Commission are usually scheduled for the third Monday of the month. All meetings will be held in the Township Hall, 9600 Six Mile Rd, Salem, Michigan, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Following are the regular meeting dates for 2013:

MEETING DATES

January 28, 2013**
February 25, 2013**
March 18, 2013
April 15, 2013
May 20, 2013
June 17, 2013
July 15, 2013
August 19, 2013
September 16, 2013
October 21, 2013
November 18, 2013
December 16, 2013

** The regular meeting date has been changed because of a Holiday or scheduling conflict.

The Planning Commission generally needs materials scheduled for a meeting approximately one month in advance of the scheduled meeting date.

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Mustangs survive low-scoring slugfest

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

Call it what you will — a defensive-minded game, a slugfest, a low-scoring affair. The Northville Mustangs boys basketball team is going to call it a win.

The squad, coached by Todd Sander, edged a tough Canton Chiefs squad this past week, 38-35.

“Tonight was a great win for our team,” said Todd Sander, Northville’s fifth-year head coach. “To come back from big deficits twice in a low-scoring game was huge, and it shows a lot about the character and fight in our team. We took steps forward.”

The past few years have seen the defensive struggles between the two cage teams become a regular part of their rivalry. This early-season game proved no different, though it didn’t look to be that way when the Chiefs ran out

ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs boys basketball team will be back on the court when they play tomorrow and Saturday at home in their annual holiday tournament.

to an 8-0 lead to start the contest. The Mustangs came back, however, scoring eight of their own to make it a 12-8 game heading into the second quarter.

That was when the Mustangs found themselves trailing 17-10 before they managed to make an 11-2 run, capped by two from the corner by the consistent shooting of Joe Hewlett to make it a 21-19 advantage in favor of Northville to end the first half.

The third and fourth quarters mirrored the first half as the two teams exchanged leads time and time again with neither squad able

to pull away in order to secure victory.

“We did a nice job on defense of challenging all of their shots,” said Sander. “We mixed in a few different defenses to try and give them different looks and kept them off the glass.”

Dan Sims and Jake Hansen were key on the defensive front, keeping the Chiefs’ ball handlers off balance, while Malik Bazzi came off the bench to help spark the offense, even picking up three assists in the first quarter to give the Mustangs some momentum when they were struggling. Bazzi also rebounded nicely — including an offensive board with 1:30 left in the game and Northville leading by one point — and added a three-point field goal to help spur Northville’s offensive run.

Andrew Meacham led the squad with 21 points to help secure the victory, while Stuart Henzi added seven points.

Northville tankers earn win over Churchill

Swim team has little trouble with young Chargers

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs boys swimming and diving team is slated to be back in the pool Jan. 5 at noon when they swim in the Salem Invitational against some of the region’s best teams.

Heading into the dual meet against the Livonia Churchill Chargers, the Northville Mustangs boys swimming and diving team knew they were going up against a very young team. To make the most of the competition, the Mustangs swam many of their younger tankers.

The result was still impressive, as the young Northville swimmers earned a 125-60 victory over the Chargers.

“Churchill has a very young team who is still learning so we took the opportunity to give our young guys a chance to swim for some varsity points,” said Northville coach Rich Bennetts. “We had some good performances from those kids. It’s always nice to get one in the win column.”

Northville had several tankers step up and showcase their leadership capabilities in the pool. Bennetts said that is key for the team to continue finding success this year.

“I thought John Monterosso, Ryan Moore, Troy Stacer, Dan Brown, Patrick Dunn and Fred Schulz had some good swims,” he said. “They need to carry that over into the next three weeks of training and then we can find out if they can help us out.”

Northville collected a first-place finish to start the day as the 200 medley relay team of Fred Schulz, Chris Geng, Justin Lee and Yash Bajaj took the top place. Taking second was the team of Ryan Moore, Sho Kikumuri, Nirek Sharma and Patrick Dunn.

In the 200 freestyle swim, Northville’s Troy Stacer took second while Moore took third, Jack Breuch took fourth and Spiro Morris took fifth. The 200 individual medley found Matthew Shafer taking the top spot, while teammate William Ding took second and Christian Yap took third.

In the 50 free, it was Sharma in the top spot, while Dominick Tripoli took third, Alex Joslin took fourth and Morris finished fifth overall. Northville’s success continued in the diving event as Troy Cini took second and Christian Field took third. The 100 butterfly finished with Northville in the top four spots with James Xue taking first, Frank Zhang taking second, Akbar Ariswala in

third and Mark Kaminski finishing fourth.

John Monterosso was the top Mustangs finisher in the 100 freestyle as he finished second, followed by Breuch in third and Joslin in fourth, while teammate Austin Hunt took first in the 500 free, followed by Mathew Schafer, Daniel Brown and Fred Schulz in second, third and fourth, respectively.

In the 200 free relay, the team of Connor Lepish, Tripoli, Ryan Smelt and Morris took second, followed by Shane Boran, Greg Vargo, Mike Grimes and Michael Scarantino in third. Northville took the top four spots in the 100 backstroke with Monterosso, Moore, Schulz and Justin Lee going first, second, third and fourth, respectively, while Dunn, Vargo, Ariswala and Lepish repeated the four-place sweep in the 100 breaststroke, respectively. Northville finished the night with a second- and third-place finish in the 400 free relay. The team of Brown, Kevin Yang, Moore and Schulz took second while Mike Grimes, Shane Boran, Vargo and Scarantino took third.

Bennetts said that while he is happy with the win, there is still a lot of work to be done by his squad.

“This team has a very long way to go, but the effort was better tonight,” he said.

CITY OF NORTHVILLE NORTHVILLE HOUSING COMMISSION REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL ALLEN TERRACE FLAT ROOF REPLACEMENT

The City of Northville, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, requests sealed requests for proposals to replace the flat roof system above the entrance of City of Northville Housing Commission - Allen Terrace Apartment Building, located at 401 High Street. All interested bidders should see the application to submit a proposal. Proposal details may be received by contacting: Sherry Necelis, Housing Director, 401 High Street, Northville, MI 48167 (248) 349-8030.

An original proposal and two (2) copies must be submitted by Thursday, January 17, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. at which time they will be opened and read to: Dianne Massa, City Clerk, 215 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan 48167. Proposals must be sealed in an envelope marked “PROPOSAL - Allen Terrace - Flat Roof Replacement”. Faxed and emailed proposals will not be considered. The City of Northville reserves the right to accept and/or reject any or all proposals and to waive any irregularities in the proposals that are in the best interest of the City of Northville.

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SHERRY NECELIS, HOUSING DIRECTOR
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PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF LYON OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING AN AMENDMENT TO A PLANNED DEVELOPMENT

Pursuant to Michigan Public Act 110 of 2006, as amended (the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act), notice is hereby given that the Lyon Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 14, 2013, for the purposes of considering a proposed amendment to the Tanglewood Planned Development. The public hearing will be held at the Lyon Township Hall, 58000 Grand River Ave., New Hudson, MI 48165.



The public hearing has been scheduled to consider a proposal to develop the remaining undeveloped land within Tanglewood, on the west side of Chubb Road, between Nine and Ten Mile Roads. The plan calls for 108 dwelling units, consisting of 100 single family and 8 attached units. The plans also call for modification to the golf course, but the course would remain a regulation course.

Plans for the development may be viewed at the Township Hall. Interested parties are welcome to attend and present their comments. Written comments concerning the proposal may be submitted prior to the meeting to the Township Clerk at the address noted above.

Michele Cash
Township Clerk

Sean O’Neil
Planning Commission Chairman

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF HIGHLAND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS January 16, 2013 - 7:30 P.M.



Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on January 16, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. at the Highland Township Auditorium, 205 N. John St., Highland, MI 48357.

To consider:

Case #: 12/21
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Property Address: 1735 White Lake Rd.
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Notice is further given that information will be given and written comments will be received regarding the request during office hours Monday through Friday at 205 N. John Street, until the date of the hearing. Phone # (248) 887-3791, ext. 2.

Margie Brockway
Chairperson

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The public hearing has been scheduled to consider a proposal to develop the roads within the development as private roads, rather than public roads. Public roads are not feasible because all access roads to the Orchards of Lyon Phase II are currently private. Amendments to the condominium master deed and bylaws will also be required.

Plans for the development may be viewed at the Township Hall. Interested parties are welcome to attend and present their comments. Written comments concerning the proposal may be submitted prior to the meeting to the Township Clerk at the address noted above.



AMENDMENT TO THE ORCHARDS OF LYON PLANNED DEVELOPMENT Case No. AP-12-66

Michele Cash
Township Clerk

Sean O’Neil
Planning Commission Chairman

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Mustangs cheerleaders start season off strong

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

The season is just getting underway for the Northville Mustangs competitive cheerleading team, but their potential is already starting to shine through.

The squad, coached by Mindy Gentz, has two competitions under their belt so far this season and both times they have posted strong scores and a quality record.

In the Kensington Lakes Athletic Association pre-season cross-over event, which was held at Brighton High School, the Mustangs turned in a 2-1 record on

ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs competitive cheerleading squad will be back on the floor when they host South Lyon at 6 p.m. Jan. 9.

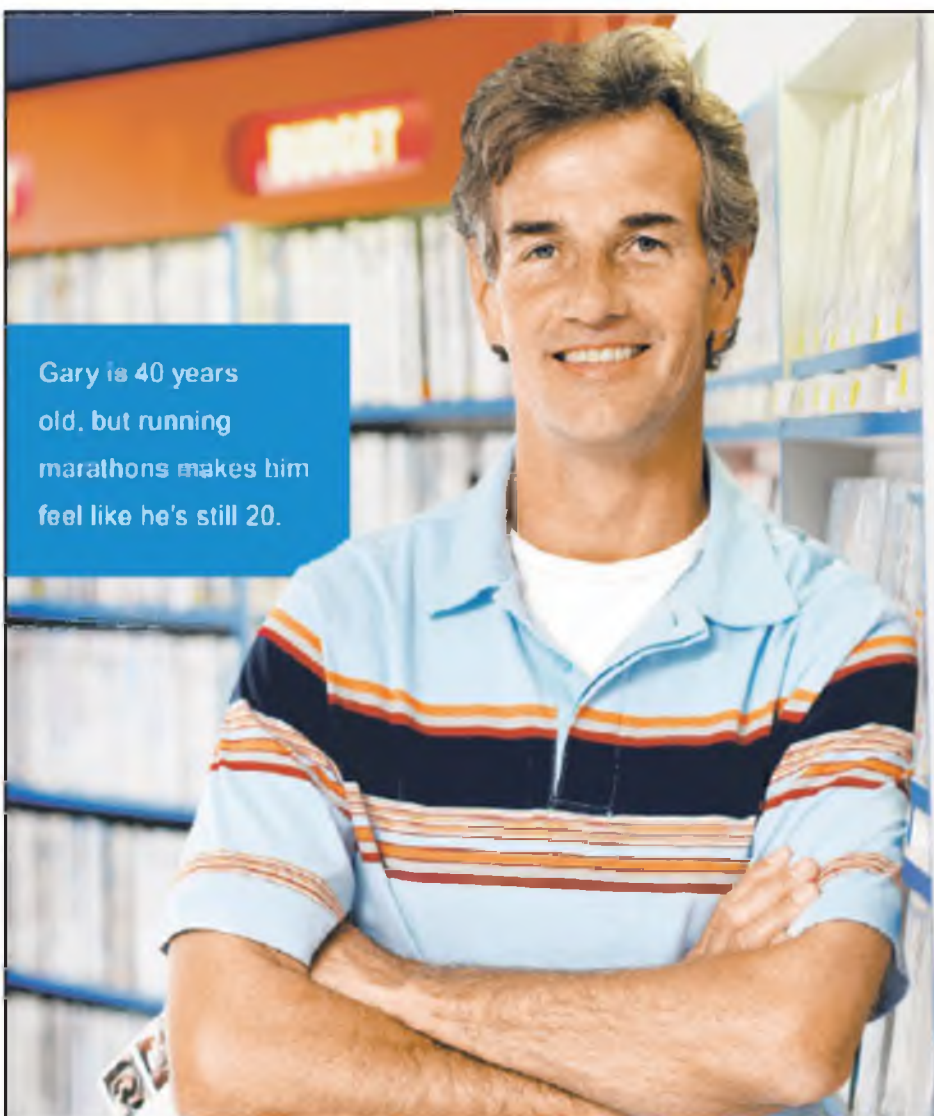
the night and collected an impressive score of 670.56 over three rounds from the judges.

The Mustangs also hosted the CCCAM Scholarship Invitational and went 7-3 throughout the day. They picked up 642.66 points from the judges table.

"The team posted the second-highest scores in both rounds one and two

and were in second overall heading into the third round," said Gentz. The teams that were able to move ahead of us in round three put complete rounds on the floor. We have not finished our choreography yet."

And while the season is still very young for the Mustangs, there have been some impressive growth spurts for the team. The Mustangs are already showcasing back tucks in their round two performance and they have a staggering 16 cheerleaders competing in both round one and round three — a first ever for the Northville program.



Gary is 40 years old, but running marathons makes him feel like he's still 20.

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Attorneys Bieske and Alfonsi offer free phone or office consultation. If they represent you, there will be no fee charged until after the case is won. The fee is a percentage of retroactive benefits.

Bieske and Alfonsi represent clients from all over the state of Michigan. Their Livonia office is on Six Mile Road just west of I-275. Their Novi office is located on Haggerty Road just north of 12 Mile Road. Call them at 1-800-331-3530 for a free consultation if you have been denied, or if you are thinking of possibly applying for Social Security benefits.

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Burnside named Novi football coach

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

For the fourth time in the history of Novi's 46-year football program, there is a new varsity head coach.

Berkley head coach Jeff Burnside was named the new Novi coach Dec. 19 following the resignation of Todd Pennycuff a few weeks earlier upon the completion of his third season at the Wildcats' helm.

Burnside, who is a science teacher at Novi High School, was previously a part of the Novi football program, primarily as a defensive coordinator and recruiting coordinator, from 2001-10 before taking the Berkley job. He was the defensive coordinator in Pennycuff's inaugural season after the outgoing coach made the jump from South Lyon East in 2010 and has been employed with the district in some form since



Burnside

in Novi," Burnside said. "I am honored and humbled to be coaching back in my home of Novi."

Burnside takes over a team that went 1-8 in the fall, but will return most of its lineup after a multitude of key student-athletes graduated with the class of 2011. However, between the large core of returning leaders and a junior varsity squad that went 8-2, the program is poised for improvement in 2013.

"Our expectation is for the football program to bring continued pride to our school, our district and our community," Burnside said.

Novi went 10-17 under Pennycuff, failing to

1999. He also coached in the MHSFCA All-Star Game.

"It feels good to be back to be back in Novi," Burnside said.

make the playoffs all three years. The team has not made the playoffs since 2008, having made them 10 of 13 years prior to the current four-year struggle.

"In his interview, Mr. Burnside showed a passion for his students and for the game of football," said Dr. Steve Matthews, superintendent of Novi Community Schools. "I have been in his classroom. I know he will build positive relationships, challenge and help develop the young men who play football for Novi High School. I look forward to seeing him on the football field."

With Burnside as the defensive coordinator from 2007-10, the Wildcats went 24-15, making the playoffs twice and allowing progressively fewer points for each of the four seasons, dropping the average from 16.8 points per game allowed in 2007 to 14.0 points per game in 2010.

The team allowed 28.7 points per game in 2012.

"I've been around the program for 10 years and I'm pretty excited to have Jeff as our head coach," said Willy Mena, statistician crew leader.

Pennycuff said he resigned after the season in order to spend more time with his family and, specifically, his second-grade son.

"My son is starting little league and I just needed a little slower pace in life right now," Pennycuff said. "People keep telling me they'll only be little once. As he gets older, I'll get back into coaching high school football."

Pennycuff, an elementary school teacher within the district, said he would remain the junior varsity boys basketball coach because it is less time consuming.

Burnside met with players Dec. 20 and a "Meet and Greet the Coach" is scheduled for all players and their parents 7 p.m. Jan. 17 in the Novi High School Auditorium. Players and parents from the Novi Bobcats, Novi Middle School and Novi High School are invited and encouraged to attend, Matthews said.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Cool holiday events at Novi Ice Arena

The Novi Ice Arena (42400 Nick Lidstrom Drive) will be hosting a Try Skating for Free clinic from 4:30-5:20 p.m. Friday, Dec. 28. Trained Learn to Skate instructors will be out on the ice giving lessons to boys and girls of all ages for no cost, and the rink will even provide rental skates for free. Pre-registration is required by visiting www.novoicearena.com or calling the rink at (248) 347-1010.

Suburban Hockey School will also be hosting Holiday Clinics for youth hockey players ages 6-14 Dec. 26-28 and Jan. 2-4. Interested family members can visit www.suburbanhockeyschool.com for more information or call our Suburban Hockey offices at (248) 478-1600.

Holiday Hoops Camp

Boys in grades third through eighth are invited to attend a Holiday Hoops Camp from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 27 at Novi High School.

This camp will feature a morning session of individual offensive and defensive skill improvement and contests along with an afternoon session of action-packed games. In addition to Coach Tass and the Novi High School staff, campers will learn from current Novi Varsity players.

Attendees should bring gym shorts; T-shirt; a bag lunch; basketball shoes; enthusiasm and an eagerness to learn.

Cost is \$25; register online prior to the event at <https://www.totalgatesolutions.com/SelectEventTickets.aspx?eventId=31474>

For further information, contact Brian Tass, Novi boys varsity coach, at (248) 408-2463 or btass@novi.

WINTER SPORTS SCHEDULES

Novi

WRESTLING
12/29 10 a.m. @ Plymouth Salem Invitational

Northville

BOYS BASKETBALL
12/28-12/29 Northville Invitational TBA

GIRLS BASKETBALL

12/28-12/29 Northville Invitational TBA

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BASKETBALL
1/2 Guido Tournament @ Dearborn 5 p.m.

WRESTLING
12/28-12/29 Medina, Ohio Invitational @ Medina 9 a.m.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF NORTHVILLE

The City of Northville Planning Commission has prepared draft text amendments to update the following sections of the Zoning Ordinance:

Section 2.06	Permitted / Special Use Chart
Section 13.03	Wireless Communication
Section 14.03	Wireless Communication
Section 16.13	Cellular Telephone
Section 18.23	Wireless Communication
Section 19.04	Preliminary and Final Site Development Plans
Section 19.12	Process and Applicability
Section 22.01	Non-Conforming Sites
Section 25.01	BZA Creation and Membership
Section 25.04	Powers and Duties / Use Variances
Section 26.01	Definitions
Other miscellaneous changes including Table of Contents	

The proposed text amendments will be considered at a public hearing conducted by the Planning Commission on January 15, 2013 at 7:30 p.m., at the City of Northville Municipal Building - Council Chambers, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-449-9902. The purpose of this hearing will be to receive public input on these proposed changes. The complete text of the draft amendments can be reviewed at the Building Department at the above address during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday (excluding holidays). Written comments will also be received at the above address.

JIM PENN, Building Official
DIANNE MASSA, City Clerk

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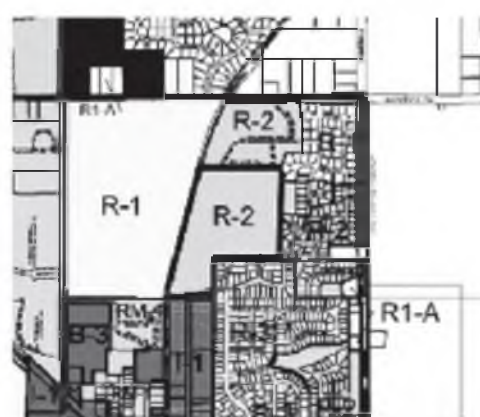
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CITY OF SOUTH LYON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the City of South Lyon will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall located at 335 South Warren St., South Lyon, Michigan on Thursday, January 10, 2013 to consider a request to rezone 40.13 acres of land, more or less in part of the North 1/2 of Section 20, Township 1 North, Range 7 East, City of South Lyon, Oakland County, Michigan located east of Huron Valley Trail, north of Kestral Ridge Drive, south of Knollwood Drive, and west of Eagle Heights Drive (known as "the Oakland 40") from R-2 Single Family Residential to R-3 Single Family Residential, more particularly described as follows:

A parcel of land in part of the North 112 of Section 20, Township 1 North, Range 7 East, City of South Lyon, Oakland County, Michigan, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the North 114 corner of said Section, thence S 00°56'03" W, 33.00 feet; thence along the Southerly Right-of-Way of 11 Mile Road (66 foot wide) N 89°37'13" W, 481.73 feet (previously described as N 89°36'38" W, 479.81 feet), to a point on the Easterly Right-of-Way of the Grand Trunk Western Railroad (50 foot wide); thence Southwesterly 760.83 feet on the arc of a curve left, having a radius of 2839.93 feet, a central angle of 15°21'00", and long chord bearing S 23°05'20" W, 758.56 feet (previously described as having an arc length of 756.18 feet, a radius of 2838.22 feet, a central angle of 15°15'55", and a long chord bearing S23°10'18" W, 753.95 feet); thence S 15°24'51" W, 197.07 feet (previously described as S 15°32'21" W, 202.12 feet); -to the Point of Beginning; thence S 89°12'14" E, 1053.13 feet (previously described as 1050.00 feet); thence S 00°49'40" W, 1212.36 feet; thence N 89°12'14" W, 884.34 feet; thence S 00°49'40" W 511.28 feet (previously described as 509.83 feet) to the East and West 114 line of said Section 20; thence along said Section line N 89°10'31" W, (previously described as N 89°12'14" W), 600.00 feet, to the Easterly Right-of-Way of the Grand Trunk Western Railroad; thence along said Right-of-Way Northeasterly 251.44 feet on the arc of a curve right having a radius of 1885.08 feet, a central angle of 07°38'32", and long chord bearing N 11°35'34" E, 251.25 feet (previously described as having an arc length of 255.67 feet, a radius of 1884.84 feet, a central angle of 07°46'19", and long chord bearing N 11°39'13" E, 255.47 feet); thence N 15°24'51" E, 1525.93 feet (previously described as N 15°32'21" E, 1521.38 feet), to the POINT OF BEGINNING; Containing 40.13 acres of land, more or less, subject to and including the use of Mill Street (66 foot wide); also subject to any other easements or restrictions of record. Tax ID 21-20-101-004.



All interested parties are invited to attend. Any comments can be directed to the Commission at this public hearing or written comments can be made to the Clerk's Office at 335 South Warren, South Lyon, Michigan 48178.

JULIE C. ZEMKE
CITY CLERK/TREASURER

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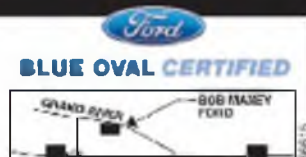
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Oakland County deadline for Elite 40 Under 40 nominations Dec. 31

Nominations for the 2013 Elite 40 Under 40 are open until Dec. 31. Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson launched his the initiative last year to identify outstanding professional and executive leaders who have achieved excellence in their field before the age of 40.

Individuals may submit nominations at www.AdvantageOakland.com. The winner will introduce Patterson at his 2013 State of the County address on Feb. 7.

"During our inaugural year of the Elite 40, we learned there are a tremendous number of young individuals who have achieved notable success while living or working in Oakland County," said Patterson. "We believe the next class of Elite 40 will be exceptional."

Patterson is seeking nominees who have demonstrated outstanding leadership, initiative and dedication in pursuing their careers and helping their communities, such as Hajj Fleming, the 2012 Elite 40 winner. Fleming said being the top of the first class of Patterson's Elite 40 has offered him the kind of exposure that has enabled his company, Brand Camp University, to continue to grow.

"What separates this award from others is the opportunity for warm introductions with influencers, key stakeholders and the business community in Oakland County where I live, work and play," Fleming said. "L. Brooks Patterson is pro-

viding entrepreneurs such as myself the opportunity to grow their names and businesses."

Three finalists will receive passes to various Oakland County events such as the 2013 Economic Outlook Luncheon with University of Michigan economists George Fulton and Donald Grimes; the 2013 Oakland County Business Roundtable (BRT) breakfast; the 2013 Quality People/Quality County (Q2) breakfast; and the 2013 Brookside Way Half Marathon & 5k Race.

All 2013 Elite 40 will be invited to attend Patterson's 2013 State of the County address with a guest; be featured on Oakland County's new job attraction site, AdvantageOakland.com; sit on the various BRT committees; and be ambassadors for Oakland County's Department of Economic Development and Community Affairs.

Nominees must be younger than age 40 as of Feb. 7, 2013. They also must be residents of or work in Oakland County. The deadline to submit nominations is 11:59 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 31. The judging committee will review the nominations from Jan. 7-28. When the judges choose the 2013 Elite 40 Under 40, they will announce the three finalists so the public can choose the winner by online voting from Jan. 28-Feb. 1. The winner will be announced at the 2013 State of the County address.



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Orthodontist Dr. Angoo Ely, of Novi Oaks Dental, tests employee Sarah Richardson with a pharyngometer - a device that measures whether or not a patient with sleep apnea (severe snoring issues) may benefit from a mandibular positioning device. Dr. Ely is the first orthodontist in southeast Michigan trained in the fitting of these devices which can replace the bulky CPAP (constant positive airflow) machines. For more on sleep apnea, see the story in this week's A section.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Novi Business Recognition Awards seeks nominations

Corporate citizenship and integrity in business practices are key to a healthy community. The Novi Chamber of Commerce and the Novi Rotary would like to recognize exemplary Novi businesses.

To be eligible for nom-

ination, a business must have a physical location within the City of Novi.

Businesses will be judged based on the categories below. Separate awards will be given to small businesses (under 50 employees) and large businesses (over 50 employees). Please choose one or more categories and provide information supporting your nomination. A business can only win in one category.

Community Builder: Businesses which partner

with others to enhance the Novi community. Partnerships could include involvement with schools, non-profit organizations, service clubs or the City of Novi.

Best Place to Work: Businesses which create an optimal working environment for their employees. Examples could include businesses that have taken efforts to create a pleasant work environment, innovation or career advancement.

Customer Service Excellence: Business-

es which demonstrate a commitment to meeting customers' needs. Company attributes could include the ability to interact effectively with customers and exceed expectations on a continuous basis, or a passion that runs through the company to address customer service.

Deadline for nominations is Friday, Dec. 28. For more information and to nominate a Novi business, visit: <http://novichamber.chambermaster.com/>.

Youths get an introduction to Business 101

By Lee Meadows
Guest Columnist

Infrequent are those moments when time is available and activity is minimal, so the opportunity for a peaceful, mind-soothing interaction between person and process is greatly appreciated.

That rare moment occurred when my better half was out of town for a conference, I was a day ahead on my academic duties and my son was, supposedly, at work. I had just sat down at the kitchen table to consume a modest-though-balanced meal

when I heard the sound of the garage door being opened. It was followed by a cacophony of voices that destroyed the silence and signaled that my son, Garrison, and his swarm of Killer 'B's' were about to descend and consume any living organism not moving at light speed. The destroyed silence was a prelude for what was to come.

After the formal, "Hey, Mister Meadows" from the swarm and "Hey, Dad" from my offspring, I noticed that they'd brought bags that contained a variety of items from Jimmy John's. I assumed they would retreat to the basement to consume their plunder and exercise their thumbs on the numerous controllers that lay scattered on the floor. Instead, they noticed that I was about to eat and insisted on joining me.

"That's really quite nice of you, but I'm sure the five of you would probably be much happier down in the basement," I kindly stated as the favored option "Oh, we don't mind joining you," as one stated and the others cheered on as if they were pumping me up for a 10k jaunt.

Each one pulled out a chair, sat down, opened their Jimmy John bags and started... eating!

Once I realized that I had a seize-the-moment opportunity, I thought I'd inquire at how things were going with their part-time jobs. As full-time, freshman college students, they'd all learned to appreciate the value of having their own pocket money.

"Mister Meadows, do you know that my supervisor got mad at me the other day for getting to work at 9 a.m.?"

"Well, Sam, what time are you supposed to be there?" I asked.

"9 a.m.," he said. "I was in time."

"Sam, you can be in time if you are a drummer in a jazz band. When going to work, you have to be on time. Typically, that means arriving a few minutes before the actual starting time."

"Why would I do that?"

"So you can have time to be on time," I stated.

"My boss got mad at me because I was texting," Tom stated.

"Why were you texting?" I asked.

"Well, at that moment, I didn't have anything to do."

"Tom, there is always something to do at a job. You can always ask. You can observe and take the initiative, you can..."

"My boss got mad at me because I didn't wear a belt to work," Josh interrupted.

"Why didn't you wear a belt to work?" I asked.

"My pants fit well without a belt. I bent over to pick up something that dropped, and an elderly customer screamed."

"Your boss was upset because when you come to work, the idea is to show off your marvelous customer service skills, not your underwear."

"My boss got mad at me because I was a few minutes late getting back to work." Carson stated.

"Why were you late getting back to work?" I asked.

"I don't remember why. Besides it was only a few minutes and it's not like the job was going anywhere."

"And neither will you if you continue being late getting back to work. Your lateness probably affected someone else's work."

I waited for Garrison to one-up this my-boss-got-mad-at-me stream of consciousness, but he just kept chewing his sandwich. In that moment, I realized that, while this encounter lacked the tradition of the Council Fire or the lore of the Round Table, the exchange of insight into Business 101 practices was critical to their long-term value as full-time employees. It was more than worth losing a few moments of peaceful silence.

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Advertising Feature

It's definitely not too soon for auto manufacturers to think Super Bowl



By Dale Buss

Now that the calendar is nearly turning to January, news about 2013 Super Bowl auto advertisers — first-timers and returning brands — is flowing heavily. Here's a look at some of the latest:

Fiat: The re-invading Italian brand made a surprise splash in this year's Super Bowl with its "Seduction" spot, previously seen in Italy, starring supermodel Catriona Gray. She returns in one of a handful of new Fiat commercials that CMO Olivier Francois showed at the Los Angeles Auto Show last week as potential spots that the brand will show during its Super Bowl commitment.

The new seductive spot starring Menghia is on behalf of a new convertible Fiat 500 Abarth Cabrio. It depicts a scorpion making its way up the back of the bikini-clad model and then using its pincers to make a strategic snip. "Small, wicked ... and now topless," the ad says.

The four other ads show off various versions of the growing Fiat 500 family in the U.S. But who believes any of them has a chance of beating Menghia and the scorpion into the Super Bowl?

Mercedes-Benz: The German luxury brand plans to use the Big Game as a big stage for a big bit of repositioning of the brand. Slated to appear during the fourth quarter, Mercedes-Benz will introduce its CLA class, a highly stylized four-door coupe that will launch at a significantly lower price point than the brand has gotten American consumers

accustomed to, in a 60-second spot.

"There are a lot of people out there who just automatically put Mercedes-Benz in an out-of-reach category," Steve Cannon, president and CEO of Mercedes-Benz USA, and its former CMO, told Advertising Age. Focusing on a less-expensive CLA is "the kind of wake-up call opportunity — with a mass audience — that we're going to use the Super Bowl to communicate."

Befitting the big occasion, Mercedes-Benz plans to use big celebrities including bikini model Kate Upton (who, not that viewers will care, can't drive) and rapper Usher. "Celebrity plays with the young audience," Cannon explained. After sitting out the 2012 Super Bowl, Mercedes-Benz is back in for another reason: Its name is on the Superdome in New Orleans, site of the game, as the venue sponsor. The brand also has embraced New Orleans in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. There are "a lot of dots that we'll try to connect," Cannon promised.

Lincoln: NBC late night host Jimmy Fallon is crowdsourcing material for a

Ford TV commercial for its relaunched Lincoln brand. Ideas are being gathered in real time via tweets using the #steerthe-script hashtag. Lincoln already has reintroduced itself as the "Lincoln Motor Company" and begun using President Lincoln in a new ad campaign tied to attempts to revive the brand.

Audi: The Volkswagen-owned luxury brand plans to show one 60-second spot during the Super Bowl, its sixth consecutive year as a Super Bowl advertiser.

GM: The company hasn't made its Super Bowl plans clear yet but it's a good bet to include at least two vehicles in its advertising that day: the new Chevrolet Silverado pickup truck, GM's most crucial new model in some time, and the upcoming new Chevrolet Corvette, its most exciting new vehicle in some time. Last year, GM picked on Ford F-150 in a Chevy truck commercial that, interestingly enough, was one of the first efforts by a major advertiser to spoof the Mayan 2012 Armageddon theme.

Hyundai: The brand bought two 30-second spots in the 2012 Super Bowl and plans to return in February. With what,



GM is likely to make room in its Super Bowl ads for the important new 2014 Chevrolet Silverado.

is the question. It's possible that Hyundai may use the occasion to shore up its battered reputation in the wake of its admission of inflating mileage figures for some of its models. In 2009, Hyundai used the Super Bowl to launch its Assurance incentive campaign, an industry first in which the brand promised to pick up car payments for customers who subsequently lost their jobs.

Kia: In previous Super Bowl ads, Kia has displayed a fun brand personality via ads including hamsters for the Soul and stuffed animals for Sorrento. Will the Hyundai sibling brand take the same tack this time around — or respond somehow to concerns about its own mileage-inflation infraction a la Hyundai?

Volkswagen: The brand has effectively used recent Super Bowl spots to preview important new models, the U.S.-built Passat and the restyled new Beetle. Without a similar important launch in the pipeline anytime soon, the brand may pivot to making some sort of statement about its broadening importance in the U.S. market and its fast growth.



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Security deposit waived, plus tax and license, includes acquisition fee and lease renewal.

\$1000 DOWN **SIGN AND DRIVE**
\$252* **\$312***
\$1447 due at signing. \$0 due at signing.

NEW 2013 Ford Edge SEL

EPA with 3.5 L estimated 19 city / 27 hwy mpg



Buy for \$25,989+

MSRP \$35,885
Featuring: Leather, Power Liftgate, SYNC with My Ford

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NEW 2013 Ford Focus SE

EPA with 2.0 L estimated 27 city / 38 hwy mpg



Buy for \$15,220+

MSRP \$20,585
Featuring: SYNC with My Ford, Power Windows, Automatic, All Weather Floor Mats, Heated Seats

3 at this price, 173 available

24 month lease

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\$1000 DOWN **SIGN AND DRIVE**
\$155* **\$208***
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NEW 2013 Ford F150 Supercab 4X4 STX

EPA with 5.0 L V8 estimated 14 city / 19 hwy mpg



Buy for \$25,853+

MSRP \$41,515
Featuring: 5.0 V8, Power Windows, Locks, Cruise Control.

3 at this price, 164 available

24 month lease

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