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The Twelfth Night Singers will perform traditional Christmas music at the Northville District Library at 7 p.m., Dec. 10.

Dressed in Renaissance-style attire, the choral group will perform a wide range of a cappella Christmas-themed music, from carols to Bach and Burt. The group has performed in southeastern Michigan's finest private settings, including Meadow Brook Hall, the Detroit Athletic Club, the Country Club of Detroit, and the Grosse Pointe Club, as well as public settings including William Beaumont Hospital and Gilda's Club in Royal Oak, Noel Night at Detroit's New Center area and numerous senior facilities.

During the holiday season, the group often sprinkles children's favorites into the list.

Call 248-349-3020 to reserve a seat. The Northville District Library is located at 212 W. Cady Street in Northville.

This program is free and presented by the Friends of the Library.

I-96 WORK WON'T START UNTIL LATE JANUARY

By David Veseienak Staff Writer

Work on the impending I-96 project in Livonia and Redford will not begin until at least the end of January, according to the Michigan Department of Transportation.

MDOT spokeswoman Diane Cross said the project, which will close a seven mile stretch of the freeway through the two communities, won't begin until after the North American International Auto Show in January. The agency put out a news

release Monday saying the shutdown wouldn't start until after Jan. 26, the end of the auto show in downtown Detroit.

Cross said MDOT will not be able to start the construction until then because of other issues and not the auto show. MDOT will open bids by contractors Dec. 11. By the time a contractor is selected and work is ready to begin, it will be at least the end of January. The auto show reference was used to inform people heading downtown during the two-week event that I-96 will continue to operate as usual.

Start date not related to auto show

"That decision was not made because of (the auto show)," Cross said. "One has nothing to do with the other."

She said signs and other information will be posted to inform motorists who are unaware of the upcoming shutdown.

The \$170-million project will shut down seven miles of the freeway both directions, running from Telegraph in Redford to Newburgh in Livonia. The shutdown will start early next year and run through the rest of 2014 after a vote was taken to shut the freeway down completely.

The project will reconstruct I-96 in this span, and repair or

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On Nov. 19, Northville artist Dan Hackett (left) and International Baccalaureate coordinator James Davis introduced the "One World, Our Community" mural and plaque located inside Northville High School's cafeteria. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

'One World, Our Community'

NHS unveils mural celebrating student achievement

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

A true partnership has helped bring about the International Baccalaureate program and as a symbol of that the "One World, Our Community" mural was dedicated at Northville High School to celebrate the goal of improving student learning.

At a ceremony on Nov. 19, a plaque was placed near the high school's cafeteria, which is where the mural is located.

"This is a historic three-way partnership between the Northville Educational Foundation (NEF), Northville High School PTSA and Mothers' Club of Northville that hasn't been done before," said NEF manager Jennifer Pearson. "All three have helped fund this beautiful International Baccalaureate world mural."

Created by Northville artist Dan Hackett, the mural depicts a variety of scenes from around the world, which works perfectly with the flags from different countries just outside in the hallway. The aim is to give students a visual representation of the IB program.

The IB program has two aspects to it:

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A special bond

Tragedy, turmoil brought mentor together with local boy

By Kurt Kuban Staff Writer

others who might be looking for

support or a helping hand. As chance would have it, that

path led Brandt directly to a Jeff Brandt, 53, admits he troubled fifth-grade boy by the was a broken man. Disheartname of Jay Snyder. Brandt ened, disillusioned and searchbegan as a mentor for Jay, who ing for answers. All that and had a mother and siblings, but more after he found out in 1996 no real father in his life – at least that his wife was having an afnot one who was a very good fair with her therapist. Her role model. Brandt ultimately betrayal tore their family apart filled that space in Jay's life, and started a harrowing chapter offering him guidance and whatof Brandt's life. But it was also ever assistance the boy needed. the catalyst for him to write new With Brandt's help, Jay transchapters – a book, in fact – and formed from that boy who didn't put him on a path of helping

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Jay Snyder, 21, and Jeff Brandt, 53, helped each other fight through some troubled times. Brandt's book, "Beware of the Therapist!", details their relationship. KURT KUBAN

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MENTOR

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quite fit in at his elementary school to an outgoing achiever who would go on to graduate from Northville High School, where he was a self-described "band geek" and member of the school's all-state jazz ensemble.

Today, Snyder is a member of the U.S. Army and hopes to someday become a therapist, so he can help other people in need. And he credits Brandt's guidance for that transformation.

Their bond, as unlikely as it may seem, has made them both richer people. They have helped each other navigate through the waters of depression and uncertainty

Shattered life

To fully understand the special bond that developed between Snyder and Brandt, you first need to know how Brandt's own life went astray and ultimately found a greater purpose.

Before the fateful night when Brandt's life "came crashing down," he was deeply in love with his wife Gini. After a courtship, they married and made their home in Northville. But not all was bliss. She had three daughters and two of them had some serious issues that included truancy, drug abuse and teen pregnancy. The list goes on.

And to make matters worse, after being married for about a year, some of Gini's own demons from her past began to catch up to her again. She grew up in a home with an alcoholic father and a highly-critical mother; her sister was killed by a drunken driver; and she married an abusive husband when she was just 18. Brandt said this brought on thoughts of suicide for his wife, even failed attempts.

They knew they needed to get her help and she began to see a local therapist. But instead of providing the help Brandt was hoping for, the therapist became romantically involved with Gini.

Earlier this year, Brandt published a book about this painful chapter in his life titled *Beware of the Therapist!*

"Gini didn't succeed in taking her own life, but she did die in another way," he writes in the book. "At the lowest point in her life, when she was as emotionally, physically and mentally vulnerable as a human being can be, she was abused by her therapist. Over a six-month period, he regularly drank and slept with her, methodically dismantled her trust in me and muscled his way into my family by alienating me from my stepdaughters."

Divorce soon followed. His family had been torn away from him. Devastated and alone, Brandt decided he needed to pick himself up and start over. But he also decided he wanted to help others.

"The hardest thing in my life was being separated from my family," Brandt said. "I had to pick up the pieces of my life. I wanted to make a bigger contribution to society."

Destined to meet

Brandt first approached and signed with Big Brothers Big Sisters, then was led to Northville Youth Assistance, where he volunteered to be a mentor for troubled children. That's when he was introduced to Snyder, who at the time was in fifth grade and having trouble at school. His parents had gone through a divorce and he was having trouble adjusting, more so than his two older brothers.

Snyder's teacher at the time recommended he seek help through Northville Youth Assistance (www.ci.northville. mi.us/Services/YouthAssis tance/YouthAssistanceOver view.asp), a local organization that provides social services like counseling and mentoring to troubled youth and their families. Destiny stepped in as Brandt and Snyder were paired up for a three-month mentorship.

At first the two went to public places and just hung out. Brandt said he got "a lot of one-word answers" from the boy. But trust began to grow as they would go to the Tuscan Café to play Scrabble or participate in events like Relay for Life.

"I didn't know what to expect," Snyder says. "All I knew was that Jeff treated me better than my own father."

Jackie Snyder, Jay's mother, began to notice a big difference in her son. Looking back, she says it was the best thing that ever happened to Jay.

"He didn't have a decent male role model in his life and needed some help just to work through things," she said. "Jeff came into his life and suddenly he had an example of what a man is supposed to look like and be like."

Role model

The family moved to Northville in 2003 and Brandt's relationship with both the family and especially Jay only grew stronger. He is no longer a mentor to Jay, but almost a member of the family. In fact, that's what Jackie Snyder calls him. Whether it was taking Jay to band practice, helping him with homework or talking about girl troubles, Brandt was always there for him. And when he decided to join the Army after graduating from Northville High in 2010, Brandt was there to offer encouragement. Snyder enlisted in 2011 and joined a year later.

"I think we do so good together is because Jeff is such a good listener. I feel like I can go to him for anything," Snyder said. "I really needed a person like that in my life. It's his character that I admire."

Today, Snyder, 21, is a private stationed at Fort Bragg, where he works as a parachute rigger in the 82nd Airborne Division. A couple of months ago, Brandt actually drove Snyder down to the base in North Carolina and dropped him off. Seeing his one-time protege in a military uniform brings great pride to Brandt because he knows he made a difference. He also realizes how Snyder was able to help him through some pain of his own.

"For me to have made such a good impact on his life is all I could ever have asked for," Brandt said. "Getting outside myself again has been very fulfilling."

Brandt's book, *Beware of the Therapist!*, is available in paperback and Kindle versions at www.amazon.com. For more information, contact Brandt at jbrandt1023@gmail.com.

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Mock job fair gives students a taste of interview process

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

Job interviews can be very nerve-wracking, so preparation is essential and that's what a group of Northville High students got to experience during a recent job fair interview workshop.

This was part of the Beyond High School class, which is now in its study of "Finding and Applying for a Job." Business and computer science teacher Cheri Sclater organized the event for her class on Nov. 19 and had volunteers with experience in conducting interviews come into the lunch room for a mock job fair.

"Interviewing well is a skill, so the goal is to give them an idea of what a potential question and answer session would look like," Sclater said. "They can be very stressful, so preparation and rehearsal go a long way toward success."

Thirty eight juniors and seniors dressed up and brought their resumes to the mock experience while 22 volunteers asked the students questions about their goals and objectives. The volunteers were parents and other community members interested in helping out, many are Human Resources directors.

"This is a good way to

"Interviewing well is a skill, so the goal is to give them an idea of what a potential question and answer session would look like. They can be very stressful, so preparation and rehearsal go a long way toward success." **CHERI SCLATER** NHS teacher

show them what the experience is like, so I was glad to help out," said Carolyn Tatge, who works for Ford and is a high school parent. "It's good to see the students being confident and honest in their answers."

Each semester students in this class do this workshop and are graded on their performances.

They will have a debriefing on what they did well and what needs work. The anxiety of a real interview did come into play for them.

"I was nervous going into this," said senior Sasha Hanna during the job fair. "It's been really interesting to hear the different questions."



Northville High student Peter Arton answers questions during a mock job interview workshop for his class Beyond High School. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Sclater was glad to see the enthusiasm from everyone involved. The experience brings the real world to the classroom, and that was accomplished.

"For the future, this will help them learn and know what to expect in a situation like this," she said.

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Smoke causes Thornton Creek to evacuate

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

A real evacuation drill welcomed back Thornton Creek Elementary students and staff from Thanksgiving break on Monday after smoke was detected inside the school.

According to Northville Public Schools, as students were arriving to the school on Monday morning, there was a noise, followed by the smell of smoke. The Novi police and fire departments were called in to assist.

"Our teachers did a excellent job gathering their students, taking

attendance, and keeping students calm," Principal Alison Epler said.

She said many parents helped out and were pleased how well the students conducted themselves during the process.

The focus was primarily on student safe-

ty. "The school was evacuated immediately, and the fire department was contacted. Buses were held at Thornton Creek, with additional buses deployed to Thornton Creek to keep students warm and safe while the incident was investigated," stated an update email from the

school district sent out early Monday.

The district said the "all-clear" was given at approximately 9:30 am with students returning to school.

"While the investigation is continuing, the source of the problem appears to be a ball bearing in a HVAC unit. The matter is under control and steps are being taken to ensure that there are no other areas impacted or at risk," the update stated.

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Local teen vies for 'World's Best Mobile Gamer'

By Julie Brown Staff Writer

Parker Sutton of Novi is in Kiip's final compe-tition for "World's Best Mobile Gamer," after scoring a record 344,820 points against global competitors in the Lane Splitter game.

Kiip is a mobilebased rewards system and sponsor of the Guinness World Book of Records competition. Lane Splitter and other mobile games are played on Apple or Android products, said Sutton, a 17-year-old senior at Novi High School.

"It's a game that just appeals to me," Sutton said of Lane Splitter, in which the gamer "drives" a motorcycle through traffic, scoring points while successfully passing vehicles.

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"I just heard about the competition," he said. "I started playing more and more.

He's been a mobile gamer about three years, but estimates his playing time at one hour a week.

"I'm really focused on school right now," said Sutton, who plans to study chemistry at a college or university to be determined.

He has three to four mobile games he focuses on at a time. His friends have started to enter the competition, after his winning.

"I think I'll continue for a while going into college," he said of mobile gaming. "I'm not going into a gaming career.'

He won a Samsung Note 3 smart phone in the Kiip competition and

will next face Alayna Felton, 21, of Minnesota for the "World's Best Mobile Gamer" title. Felton won in the Into the Dead game.

"There's no way to prepare for it," Sutton said of the next level, noting as of Nov. 27 the game wasn't out yet.

'A lot of my close friends think that it was pretty cool that I got it,' he said.

"When I first got the game, I thought it was the coolest game," said Sutton, who later got away from mobile gaming for a while.

He's had several media interviews following his record-setting score, including online media. His win came for play the weekend ending Nov. 3.

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Building blocks



Aidan McMullen, 7, works on a Lego creation during a Nov. 20 event at the Northville District Library. Kids that day were asked to create Lego structures that were either outside or inside a home.

'Illumination for **Education**'

The Mothers' Club of Northville will host their Illumination for Education Lighting Ceremony at 6:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 6 in downtown Northville's Town Square.

Purchase a tree light the event at the Northin honor or memory of a ville Parks & Rec entrance located at 775 N. family member, friend, Center Street in Northteacher or someone that has touched you. The ville. group will recognize This event will include games, inflatables, a each individual on the mechanical bull for all student. Mothers' Club board located at Town Square. ages, ice cream sundae Additionally, the Mothmachine, a cake, candy er's Club will decorate a and pop walk, airbrush tattoos, photo booth, tree at the Senior Center with a tree light recognie-eating contest and nizing your honoree. and activities throughout more. The Mothers' Club is a Come out and have the school year. non-profit volunteer dinner at the food court National Merit organization dedicated to and treat yourself to student educational enrichment some homemade baked Northville's Kaegan for the Northville school goods at the bake sale. Pizza, popcorn, Sno-cones children and to communi-Maddelein, a senior at U and cotton candy will all ty service. They provide of D Jesuit, has been grants to teachers for be on sale at the event. named a National Merit Commended Student for classroom projects. Last Parents will enjoy gether scores on the Octoyear the group provided ting a little holiday shop-\$24,000 to Northville ping done at the Holidav ber 2012 PSAT test. Public Schools. Bazaar in the Hillside

SCHOOL BRIEFS

Hillside carnival

The Hillside Middle School PTSA will host its annual family carnival and holiday shopping bazaar from 4:30-8 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 6. Tickets will be on sale for 50 cents each on the day of

media center. Vendors will be featuring fabulous items from Thirty-One Gifts, Arbonne, Avon, Philosophy, Silpada, Rodan & Fields, Chloe & Isabel, Lia Sophia, Scentsy, and many more.

The Hillside Middle School Carnival & Holiday Bazaar is sponsored by the Hillside PTSA and Stephanie and Jeffrey Jaghab of Jaghab Dental in Northville, who are parents of a Hillside

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



Drama students put on quite the production with 'Our Town'

All the hard work paid off for the students involved in the Northville High School Drama Club as they successfully put on their fall play, "Our Town," Nov. 21-23 at the high school.

Directed by Tracy Spada, who is the resident stage manager for the professional Tipping Point Theatre in downtown Northville, the production featured more than 20 students. The local cast included: Stage Manager - Ryan Duda; Dr. Gibbs - Dominic Seipenko; Joe Crowell -Emily Koswick; Howie Newsome - Grant Marmaduke; Mrs. Gibbs -Delaney Sullivan; Mrs. Webb - Allison Perchman; George Gibbs -Nick Ralph; Rebecca Gibbs - Gabby Slape; Wally Webb - Nick Barba; Emily Webb - Lauren Gover; Professor Willard - Michael Miller; Mr.

Webb - Mat Buie; Ensemble: Haley Clafton, Matt Jones, Sarah Whitcomb, Carleigh Ray, Annie Sullivan, Lauren Idema; Simon Stimson -Tim DeCoursey; Mrs. Soames - Maddie Green; Constable Warren - Peter Sabak.

Crew members were Scott Tobin and Kailyn Bondoni, lights; Steven Gietzen and Brent Bartone, sound; Jeremiah Hoover, Sunanda Adibhatla and Tina Liu, microphones; Jillian Stacer, Alexa Richardson, Jack Kallas and Gabe D'Ascenzio, stage left; Ananda Adibhatla, Emily Peck, Sean Joseph, Ashley Troupe and Laki Papoulis, stage right; Sunanda Adibhatla and Tina Liu, spotlight.

Spada said the students worked hard on the play, and started rehearsing back in mid-September.



Dominic Scipenko and Laney Sullivan rehearse a scene from Northville High's production of "Our Town" on Nov. 19 in the school's auditorium. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Ryan Duda plays the stage manager and narrator in the Northville High production of "Our Town." JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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Peter Weir and his family appreciate the toy, book and gift card donations for hospitalized children and teens.

PETER'S PALS

Teen, family reach out to hospitalized kids

By Julie Brown Staff Writer

Peter Weir, 14, of Northville Township was in the hospital Christmas Eve a few years ago.

"The hospital brought a bunch of toys into my room while I was asleep," the ninthgrade homeschooler said. "I thought that was really nice."

From that experience, Weir and his family have created Peter's Pals, providing toys, books and gift cards for hospitalized children and teens from their collection efforts. "It's a nice feeling to be able to help people who are stuck in the hospital," he said.

He's the son of Catherine and Owen and has two older siblings who are Northville High graduates. Peter has ideopathic juvenile osteoporosis, his mom said, and uses a wheelchair.

He was at William Beaumont Hospital of Royal Oak that particular year. "He's been in the hospital before when he's gotten presents," she said. "Emotionally, it's a real boost. It's a nice feeling – it just helps."

Another reason for starting Peter's Pals was to honor and remember Peter's friend Alec Cunningham. He was a friend who passed away two years ago. He and his family are very important to the Weirs. Cunningham's family lives in Northville and his brother now attends Northville High.

The Weirs deliver toys to area hospitals and one out of state where he's treated. Peter Weir got his Make-A-Wish wish this past spring and the Weirs had a team, Peter's Pals, in the fundraising walk for Make-A-Wish.

The family uses a gift box at their home, with information on donating available from Catherine via email at weirus@wowway.com.

Word of mouth, email and social media help them collect toys and gifts like gift cards that teens really enjoy. "Our church is very supportive," she said of First Presbyterian of Northville. "The Girl Scouts have done a drive. Just kind of a word of mouth thing."

The toys must be new, unopened and unwrapped, due to hospital requirements. "All ages are appropriate," she said. "Anything anybody's able to donate I will find a home for it. It brings a lot of joy."

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City water rates expected to decrease next fiscal year

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

Changes to Northville city's water rates are coming.

The water conservation efforts made by the city of Northville this past year have paid off and will lead to a decrease next summer in the water rate charge it gets from the city of Detroit, which in turn should lower homeowner costs.

"This is a good thing," said Northville Public Works director Jim Gallogly of the resolution the City Council approved by 3-0 vote on Monday.

The resolution details the third amendment Northville has negotiated to its contract with the Detroit Water Sewer Department. It modifies the flow amount set in the contract and will result in a lower water rate for Northville.

In 2008, Northville entered into a 30-year agreement with Detroit for water supply.

Previous increase

The rate cost will go down around the rate it was before it jumped this past year, an increase that was due to more usage by the Northville community in 2012.

Northville's peak hourly water use had exceeded the contract amount last year. So under the contract the peak hourly capacity had to be adjusted up to the highest pumping rate recorded in 2012.

At that time Northville approved its second amendment to the contract stating its usage rate would go from 1.75 million gallons daily (MGD) to 2.15 MGD, which meant nearly a 23 percent jump in costs to Detroit.

However, that entire cost was not passed onto the end user in Northville.

Northville increased its 2013 rate for homeowners by only seven percent, taking it from \$5.23 to \$5.60 per 1,000 gallons.

Water system changes

As part of the second amendment last year Northville set out to update equipment in the city's pumping facility, upgrade its water controls, implement outdoor watering restrictions and increase staff monitoring of daily water usage in order to decrease the set contracted MGD rate back down from this one-year jump.

Prior to the upgrades, the valve that controls when the water tower was filled was malfunctioning and caused it to draw in large amounts of water during peak hours. The restrictions put into place earlier this year asked homeowners with sprinklers to water at night.

"As a result of these efforts Northville's peak hourly flow can now be reduced in the water agreement from 2.15 MGD to 1.65 MGD," Gallogly said. "This change will decrease the City (Northville) water charges from DWSD by approximately \$120,000 in fiscal year 2015."

When Northville and Detroit adjusted the contract last year it reflected an increase of around \$100,000 charged to Northville.

Future rate

Gallogly does expect in the coming year DWSD to pass on some sort of general increase in water costs to its users, possibly around four percent.

In comparison to Northville's \$5.60, the city of Plymouth has a \$4.75 per month base charge while Northville Township has \$5.19 and Canton Township is it at \$4.14.

Gallogly is not totally sure what exact impact the new amendment will have on the current homeowner rate, but he does expect it to go down for the new fiscal year starting in July.

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Community touch to be added to Comerica Connection

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

Inside the Comerica Community Connection in downtown Northville it's pretty bare right now, but with some community input and outside help that will change in the coming year.

Plans for designing the walls with historical representations of Northville are getting underway now that the City Council and Downtown Development Authority have awarded a contract to Experience Design for professional services to create an Exhibit Design for Downtown Northville's Comerica Community Connection.

"The project intent is to increase community identity, support and enhance the community's sense of place within the historic downtown district," said DDA director Lori Ward to council on Dec. 2.

The selection of Experience Design, based in Boston, Mass., stemmed from the process undertaken by a selection committee comprised of representatives from the DDA, Historic District Commission, Arts Commission, Mill Race Archives, City Council and

I'm Keith Meadows, owner and operator

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other representation from the local design community.

Ward said the project will have banners and the big piece will be the west wall, which is made of brick and around 60 feet long brick.

"The idea was always that there would be some sort of interpretive exhibit on that wall," she said

The design team's scope of work will be researching and reviewing existing photographic and written resources, analyzing raw materials and understanding community history and culture.

Experience Design will help develop recommendations for the approach to the development of the sign panels, including overall exhibit content and use of graphics with feedback from the design committee and for the approach to the development of the overhead banner system.

Because this is community-driven project, public meetings for input will be held in the coming months.

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Cookie Walk

The Northville First United Methodist Church is hosting Cookie Walk 2013 from 8:30 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Dec. 7. Cookie Walk is a fundraiser for the Appalachian Service Project. (ASP), a Christian home repair/home building ministry through which our volunteers and staff repair and build homes for low-income families in rural Appalachia.

The church's youth, 7th through 12th grade, along with adult chaperones, travel and stay for a week in Appalachia each summer on this mission to make homes warmer, safer, and drier for families in need.

Purchase fresh, homemade holiday cookies at Northville First United Methodist Church, located at 777 Eight Mile Road, Northville to support the mission trip. Homemade nut-free and gluten-free cookies will also be available.

Jingle Bell **Run/Walk**

The 2013 Jingle Bell Run/Walk for Arthritis will honor five year-old Zach Fradkin of Dearborn, who was diagnosed at 18 months old with juvenile arthritis.

"Why All the Household Dust?"

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tion will host two events in the Metro-Detroit area, the first on Dec. 7 at Northville Downs in Northville, and the second on Dec. 14 at Birmingham Covington School. The running and walking events raise money to help people with arthritis, the nation's leading cause of disability. More than 50 million Americans have arthritis including 2.3 million adults and 10.300 children in Michigan.

The Jingle Bell Run/ Walk was named one of the nation's "21 most Incredible Themed Races" in 2012 by Greatist.com. Participants dress in their most creative holiday-themed costumes and tie bells to their shoes creating a festive and fun atmosphere. The events include a chip-timed 5K run/ walk with a 10K option at the Bloomfield event and fun runs for kids. There will be a post-race celebration with refreshments, medals awarded to the top finishers in 13 age categories and prizes for best costume, largest team and biggest fundraiser. Proceeds from the race will support Arthritis Foundation programs, services and research throughout Michigan.

Individuals or teams can sign up by contacting the Arthritis Foundation, Michigan at 855-529-2728 or online at www.arthritis.org/jbr.

'Jazzy Christmas'

Men of Grace will present "A Jazzy Christmas" concert with Grammy Award-winning gospel group Take 6 and flutist Alexander Zonjic on Thurs., Dec. 5 at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile Road, Northville. Doors open at 6 p.m.

Take 6 is an a cappella sextet from Huntsville, Ala., who have been performing together for more than 30 years. Their music, contemporary gospel intertwined with jazz, R&B and soul, has won them numerous accolades, including multiple Grammy, NAACP Image and Dove awards. They have performed with many artists such as Stevie Wonder, the Winans Family and Quincy Jones, and have even performed for various US presidents.

Formed in 1999, Men of Grace is a musical ministry of Grace Centers of Hope Gospel Fellowship and consists of men who minister to those suffering from addiction and abuse through song and personal testimony.

Tickets are \$25-\$75 per person and are available at www.menofgracemusic.com For more information about "A Jazzy Christmas," email jazzy@menofgracemusic.com or contact Mary Cloyd, (248) 504-7403.

Illumination for Education

The Mother's Club of Northville will host their annual fundraising ceremony, Illumination for Education (formerly All Aglow), on Friday, Dec. 6. The 6:30 p.m. tree lighting ceremony will be held at Town Square in downtown Northville. One of the highlights will be the Northville High School National Honor Society leading Christmas carols.

Illumination for Education is designed to recognize those you care about by purchasing symbolic tree lights in their honor or memory. Last year, the Mother's Club raised more than \$8,000, which allowed the group to donate more than \$24,000 to Northville Public Schools for academic enrichment and community outreach.

Dickens

Christmas Tea

The Northville Historical Society will present Dickens Christmas Tea with Simply Dickens from 1-3:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14 at the Cady Inn at Mill Race Historical Village.

Feast on a delicious assortment of tea sandwiches, scones and desserts along with tea served on fine china. The tea will be catered by Victoria's Tea Salon.

Get in the spirit of Christmas with Simply Dickens, a period vocal musical group that specializes in pre-1900 music. They dress in period costumes and will perform their Christmas program.

Tickets are \$30 (\$25 for NHS members). Proceeds from the event will benefit Mill Race Village. The deadline to purchase tickets is Dec. 9. To purchase tickets, call 248-348-1845, or vist the Northville Historical Society (open Monday-Friday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.), 215 Griswold in Northville. For more information, visit www.millracenorthville.org.

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CULINARY STUDENTS GET A NEW VIEW

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

Art Institute of Michigan culinary student Derrick Rassam said he was excited when he heard they would be working with ingredients from McDonald's last Tuesday.

He's very familiar with the food from the "Golden Arches" and was looking forward to seeing what new twists he could put on them.

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

Chef Jessica Foust, R.D., manager of Nutrition and Culinary for McDonald's USA, served as mentor to culinary students Nov. 12 when she hosted a cooking experience at the Novi school. A \$10,000 donation was given to the institute that day by Southeast Michigan Mc-Donald's Operators Association for its scholarship fund.

During the event, Foust said McDonald's quality ingredients will be at center stage with the next generation of industry professionals creating their own dishes from ingredients used daily on the McDonald's menu.

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

Rassam said he has enjoyed McDonald's



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

breakfast before, so had a good idea what he was working with. His skillet came out looking tasty, so you never know if during the next trip through a drive-through you might see his dish on the menu.

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

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

"McDonald's strives to use the best quality ingredients and that sometimes gets lost in

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

Leading culinary development for the Menu Innovation Team, Foust provides nutrition subject matter expertise to the McDonald's U.S. food and nutrition strategy. She manages day-to-day relationships with its multiple suppliers and works with a diverse and creative team to generate and develop new menu items for McDonald's 14,000-plus U.S. restaurants.

Foust discussed Mc-Donald's menu innovations and shared details



McDonald's Chef Jessica Foust (right) served as mentor to local culinary students when she hosted a cooking experience at the Art Institute of Michigan. PHOTOS BY LONNIE HUHMAN



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

of her experience working for the largest quick service restaurant in the world. Trained as a chef and registered dietitian,

she coached the students as they created a composed plate, ensuring they are preparing dishes that are delicious and

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This is the marching band section of the U-M football exhibit Northville grad Megan Boczar helped create. JULIA CHESBROUGH

'Hail to the Victors'

NHS grad brings U-M football history to life

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

A Northville High School grad has helped make a little football history come to life at the University of Michigan. Megan Boczar, a 2011 NHS grad, is currently a

NHS grad, is currently a junior at U-M majoring in anthropology with a minor in museum studies. Her love of U-M football got her into a project that was more passion than work.

"We chose this project because we both have loved Michigan football all our lives," said Boczar. "We were thrilled with the opportunity to curate our own exhibit on something we're so passionate about".

She along with Alicia Juillet, a first-year grad student who also recently completed her undergraduate degree in history and museum studies, co-curated a football history exhibit currently opened to the public in Ann Arbor.

Most of the items included in the exhibit are from the private sports collection of Ken Magee with help from the Washtenaw County Historical Society. There faculty advisor is Dr. Brad Taylor, Associate Director, Museum Studies Program; Lecturer, Department of History of Art.

Art. "This project began as a partnership between Ken Magee and the Washtenaw County Historical Society because he wanted to display his personal collection. My partner Alicia and I got involved as interns to act as liaisons between the college football world and the museum world," she said. "We co-curated the exhibit, which basically means we put the whole thing together from the ground up."

She said there was a lot involved in this project. They went through the entirety of Magee's collection and decided how they wanted to represent the history of U-M football.

They got help from a variety of sources from the Bentley Historical Library with its archives on the football and marching band programs, and also from several of Magee's contacts, who helped out with some research. They also contacted the Michigan Marching Band because they believe it to be an integral part of this history.

"I believe this exhibit is important because of the pride Michigan fans have in our football team. My love for Michigan Football came from my grandpa, Gil Bazil, an alumnus of the Michigan Medical School. Over 110,000 people pack the Big House every home Saturday, but not many people know its history," she said.

It really is a look back from different angles.

"A lot of people know the names of Yost Arena and Oosterbaan Field House, but they don't know who they were and what they have done for the University of Michigan. I really just want to share my love of University of Michigan football with those who want to learn more," she said.

The exhibit is located at the Museum on Main Street in Ann Arbor at 500 N. Main Street. Its open weekends 12-4 or by appointment at 734-662-9092.

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'Cookies, Cocoa & Santa'

Genitti's to host holiday event for district's autism program

Northville's Genitti's Hole in the Wall Theater, located at 108 E. Main Street in downtown Northville, will host "Cookies, Cocoa and Santa!" at 3:30 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 8. The event will feature a holiday play that will last approximately 30 minutes featuring an all youth cast from Spotlight on Youth singing holiday songs.

Santa will also be on hand to take photos parents remember to bring your cameras.

All of the proceeds raised at the event will be donated towards Northville Public Schools NPS Sprouts Autism K-5. Doors open at 3:30

p.m. for cookies and cocoa.

The play involves a character named Billy, who believes in Santa Claus but his sister doesn't. When a mysterious, magical postman shows up to personally deliver Billy's letter to the North Pole, he invites the siblings to go with him – although he has a few stops along the way in other countries.

The audience will hear familiar holiday songs with new words that help tell the story and even get a chance to sing



Santa will also be on hand to take photos.

along. "We are so humbled by the generosity of Spotlight on Youth and Genitti's," said Laurie Kondek, a Sprouts mom. "Without even taking a breath, both Laura Genitti and Barbara Boom of Spotlight on Youth, enthusiastically offered to host this fund-raiser for our Sprouts. Their passion for community involvement and the compassion

for children with autism, has given me holiday spirit in spades."

Spotlight on Youth is comprised of actors 5 years old and up.

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Safe passage to Kensington

Signalized pedestrian crossing coming to metropark entrance

By Laura Colvin Staff Writer

It's been a long time coming, but hikers, bikers and equestrians will be safer crossing to and from Kensington Metropark when a signalized pedestrian crosswalk is installed at Milford Road and Huron **River Parkway next** spring

Bill Terian was president of the Kensington Trail Riders Association seven years ago when he first took the issue to the Milford Township Board of Trustees, hoping for a solution after a fellow Trail Riders member was nearly struck by a car as she crossed the street on horeseback.

"It's very dangerous," Terian said, noting the trail in that area is frequented by recreationalists going to and from **Kensington Metropark** and Proud Lake.

"There's really not enough time for a person on horseback, or a hiker or a biker to sufficiently to cross that road. But it's more dangerous for horses, because horses don't always move on cue.'

Traffic light

The timing of light at the intersection makes crossing difficult. As it's set, the light at the park entrance at times allows for northbound traffic to proceed while southbound traffic is stopped, so vehicles leaving the park can turn right and continue south down Milford Road.

It also gives the rightof-way for northbound vehicles to turn left into the metropark.



Jeanie Kelleher and Bill Terian cross on horseback at the traffic light on the east side of Milford Road across from the Dairy Queen. HAL GOULD | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

All in all, the situation creates a dángerous scenario for those on foot, bike or horseback trying to negotiate the busy roadway and go into the park or leave it.

Over the years, KTRA members went to township officials several times to ask that something be done to improve safety at the crossing, Terian said.

They were told, however, that it was up to the Road Commission for Oakland County to handle the crossing, because the township has no jurisdiction over that stretch of Milford Road.

"The problem started years ago when the trail was built," said RCOC Spokesman Craig Bryson. "At the time, no one had funds to create a crosswalk, so the trail ended at the road right of way on either side. Since that time, many people have suggested there should be a crosswalk there, which (RCOC) agreed with from the beginning. The question has always

been the funding."

Cost

Finally, after much ado, several groups have come together to make it happen.

Construction costs are estimated at about \$50,000. According to Bryson, Milford Township will contribute \$5,000 to the project, Huron-Clinton Metroparks will step up with about \$17,000, and Sunoco Oil is set to donate \$25,000 to the project

The \$50,000, Bryson added, does not include design, but the RCOC plans to make an in-kind donation of about \$10,000 for those services.

"All the numbers are still preliminary," Bryson said. "But the goal is to go out for bid in the winter, start the project in early spring and be finished before summer.'

The project

The Road Commission will manage the project, which includes

completion of the section of trail — currently, it comes up to the road and stops at the edge of the right-of-way on both sides - and creation of a signalized, ADA-compliant crossing with a button to activate the pedestrian cross walk and a second button at a higher level for equestrians.

Supervisor Don Green said he's glad to see the fruition.

'It's been there for 54 years," said Green. "But 54 years ago, we weren't getting 33,000 cars a day on Milford Road, and I think it's great that all the different entities have come together to finally make this happen.

The Sunoco Oil Company is scheduled to make a formal check presentation for the project on Dec. 3 at the Huron Clinton Metroparks office in Brighton.

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Milford Township project finally coming to



Maybury State Park and the Friends of Maybury invite young and old alike to bundle up for the Owl Prowl at 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7.

Go prowling for owls at Maybury State Park

Maybury State Park and the Friends of Maybury invite young and old alike to bundle up for the Owl Prowl at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 7

Participants should meet at the concession building, taking the Eight Mile Road entrance just west of Beck at 5 p.m. for s'mores around a bonfire. After a brief presentation by the Friends of Maybury naturalist, participants will embark on a hike through the woods. Owls will be called and hopefully participants will either hear or spot one overhead

After the hike, guests can return to the bonfire, chat about owls and share nature stories. Participants are encouraged to wear comfortable shoes, dress for the weather (events will take place rain or shine), and bring something to drink,

a camp chair, a flashlight or miner's light and a great outdoor or nature story to share around the fire

This program is free to attend, however, a **Recreation Passport is** required for all vehicles entering the state parks and recreation areas. Owl Prowls are being held state-wide; a complete listing is available at www.michigan.gov/ stateparks.

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sometime this week, Cross said. MDOT began work earlier this fall to widen the exit ramp to Six Mile off southbound I-275 to help accommodate traffic the state expects with the shutdown. Crews are wrapping up work to extend the ramp, which will provide another full lane. "Everything is planned to be done this

should see completion

week," she said. The official detour freeways MDOT is using during the shutdown include I-696, I-94 and the Southfield Freeway. More information on



Another public meeting is expected to take place sometime early next year, but Cross said no date or location has been set yet.

A local project to help alleviate future traffic in Livonia and Redford

the upcoming project can be found by visiting 96fix.com.

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MURAL

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the diploma program (11th-12th grades) and middle years program (6th-10th grades). The goal of IB is to take a holistic approach to learning to help foster deeper, critical thinking in a cross-section of subjects while also instilling a sense of understanding, respect and partnership. "This is a nice piece to

bring it all together,"

said IB coordinator James Davis of the mural and the efforts to establish IB. "It celebrates the international mindedness that we seek.'

The NEF has played a big part in getting IB off the ground by dedicating funding toward launching the program. It's working toward raising \$300,000 to help primarily with teacher training in implementing the program. In 2012-13, the NEF granted \$139,020 for IB candidacy fees, principal and teacher training and materials.

Overall, it has pledged 88 percent of the costs related to things like training and materials. There's still a long

way to go in generating the needed funds, so for those interested in helping out then contact the NEF at (248) 344-8458 or go to www.northvilleedfoundation.org/baccalaureate.html.

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December 2 & 9 * * * 8:30–10:30 a.m.

Schoolcraft College Livonia Campus 18600 Haggerty Road between Six and Seven Mile Roads McDowell Center Room 205, Veterans Services/Career Services Suite

Q&A WITH:

Department Service Officer Toni Moses, Disabled American Veterans (DAV) DAV is a veterans' advocacy and assistance group. DSO Moses will answer questions about a wide range of benefits, services and resources available to veterans. Learn more at www.dav.org

Veterans Services Coordinator Pam Paxton-Keehner, Schoolcraft College

Ms. Paxton-Keehner will answer questions about how veterans can use their educational benefits to pursue a college education. Learn more at www.schoolcraft.edu/ veterans or 734-462-4400, x5346.

> This event is free and open to all veterans and those who care for and support them.

Brightmoor Christian Church

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

Time/Dates: 7 p.m. Mondays Details: Worship, teaching or testimony, and open-share recovery groups. Organizers offer the principles and tools to bring healing for the hurts, deliverance from life-controlling habits, and freedom from the hang-ups that keep us from developing strong and healthy relations with God and others. Enter at Door D on the south side of the building. No cost; free child care is available for children birth through fifth grade. Preregister.

Church of the Holy Family

Location: 24505 Meadowbrook Road

Contact: 248-349-8847 or visit holyfamilynovi.org Mass Schedule

Time/Day: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday-Friday; 7 p.m. Monday-Tuesday; 4:30 p.m. Saturday; 6:30 p.m. Saturday (Spanish) Holy days: 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Reconciliation: beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appointment

Priests: the Rev. Bob LaCroix. pastor, and the Rev. Beto Espinoza, associate pastor AA: 8 p.m. Wednesdays

Crosspointe **Meadows Church**

Location: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile Contact: 248-669-9400, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or visit www.crosspointemeadows.org.

Sunday worship: 11:15 a.m. Bible study classes: 10 a.m. for all ages

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

Destiny Worship Center

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

RELIGION CALENDAR

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Location: 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia Web: www.emmanuel-livonia.org Contact: 248-442-8822 Sunday worship: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m

Adult special needs worship: 9:30 a.m.

Youth group: 7 p.m. Wednesdays Women's Coffee Break Bible

Study Advent Stuedy: 10-11: 30 a.m. Mondays; "Advent Reflections, Making All Things New"

Faith Community Presbyterian Church

Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile Contact: 248-349-2345 or visit www.faithcommunity-novi.org Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Women's Bible Study: 9:15-10:30 a.m. Saturdays

First Baptist Church of Northville

Location: 217 N. Wing Contact: 248-348-1020 Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

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

First Baptist Church of Novi - Family **Integrated Church**

Location: 45301 W. 11 Mile Contact: 248-349-3647 or firstbaptistchurchofnovi.org Family Bible Hour: 9:45 a.m. Family Worship: 11 a.m. Bible Study: 6 p.m. Family Movie Night: 5:30 p.m.; fourth Sunday of every month

First Church of the Nazarene

Location: 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile Contact: 248-348-7600 or visit dfcnazarene.org

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

Tuesday: 9:25 a.m. Women's Bible Study (Women of the

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Passages

Deadlines: Friday, 4:15 p.m. for Sunday paper • Wednesday, 9:45 a.m. for Thursday paper

CASH, LESLIE L.

Age 70, a lifelong resident of New Hudson, passed away No-vember 29, 2013. He was born on June 29, 1943, in New Hudson, son of the late Floyd and Leona Cash. Leslie's life was spent serving his neighbors and friends, in New Hudson and Lyon Township, as the Lyon Township Fire Chief for 30 years, prior to his retirement in the late 1990's. The most important part of his life was his beloved wife, children, grandchildren and family. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Renate; his loving children: Daniel (Michele) Cash, Brian Cash, and Li-Cash; his grandchildren: Devin, Matthew, Anthony, Taylor, Brinna, and Nicole; his great-grandchildren: Caleb, Eddison, and one expected in January. He is also survived by his siblings: Roy (Barb) Cash, Ronald (Marcia) Cash, Warner Cash, Sally Kitter, and Nina (Chuck) Anderton, and many nieces, nephews and friends. Leslie was preceded in death by his parents, and his siblings: Mel, Wayne, Shirley Dean and Walter. Visitation was held on Tuesday, December 3, from 3:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m. A Funeral Service was held on Wednesday, December 4, at 11:00 a.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. Online guestbook at: www.phillipsfuneral.com



CLOSE, DORIS I.

Age 94, of Northville, passed away peacefully November 30, 2013. She was born May 14, 1919 in Plymouth, Michigan; daughter of Harold and Olive (nee Roberts) Compton. She was a graduate of Plymouth High School in 1937. Doris was united in marriage to Donald "Mike" Herrick on December 2, 1940, who passed away April 13, 1973. Doris was then united in marriage to Richard Close on May 1, 1977; they spent 18 loving years together until his death in 1995. Doris worked as a seamstress and designer for Cadillac Drapery in Plymouth, doing freelance seamstress work as well. She has been a resident of Northville since 1990; formerly of Union Lake and Plymouth. She and her husband Richard enjoyed many summers on Round Lake in the home they built together. Doris sang in the church choir for most of her life. She began while a member of the First Baptist Church of Plymouth, and continued her love of singing with the First United Methodist Church of Northville after becoming a member in 1970. She was very active with FUMC throughout the years; her involvement included co-founding the Youth Club program, serving on the Youth Club Board, the FUMC Scholarship Fund, as well as the Christian Education Department. Doris also served as a co-crew leader using her building expertise for the Appalachian Service Project, making homes in that area warmer, safer, and drier. It was a passion she shared with her family, especially grand-daughter Kelly. Doris was car-ing, resourceful, and brilliant. Following her mother's death when Doris was 14, her father taught her and her sisters how to be inventive and creative. She instilled in her own children how to be respectful, goal oriented, and independent; without question her family was raised the right way. She loved to dance, even participating in amateur ballroom dancing competitions with her husband Richard at Arthur Murray Dance Studio; in fact, she and Richard met while dancing. Doris is survived by her loving children, Judy (Russell) Dore and Nick (Judy) Herrick; step-daughter, Barbara her Close; her grandchildren, Patrick (Karen) Calhoun, David (Cathy) Dore, Kelly (Greg) Moore, Jay (Roseanne DiPonio) Herrick, and Kevin M. Herrick; and her greatgrandchildren, Anna and Russell Calhoun, Alice, Charlotte, and Claire Dore, Sophie Moore, and Julianna Herrick. She was preceded in death by her husband Donald "Mike" Herrick and her husband Richard Close; her parents; her step-son, Dale Close; and her sisters, Helen Wallace, Catharine Sherrick, and Jeanne Mettetal. Visitation will be held Friday, December 6, 2013 from 1 p.m. until 7 p.m. at Casterline Funeral Home, 122 W. Dunlap, Northville. A Funeral Service will be held Saturday, December 7, 2013 at 1 p.m. with visitation 12 noon until 1 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile Rd., Northville 48167. Doris will be laid to rest Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville. The family would appreciate memorial contributions to Appalachian Service Project FUMC Scholarship Fund. or Online condolences at: www.casterlinefuneralhome.com

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DEMING, MARGARET J.

Age 94, of Novi, died November 28, 2013. She was the devoted mother of Nancy (Michael) Becker, Terry (Susan) Deming, Irene (David) Rochette; grandmother of eight and great-grandmother of 21. Margaret was preceded in death by her husband, Max; sons, Timothy and Daniel; and siblings Maynard, Raymond, and Kathleen. Memorial Service Thursday, Dec. 5, Visitation 11 a.m., Service at 12:30 p.m. at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W. 11 Mile Rd., Farmington Memorial tributes sug-Hills. gested to Angela Hospice angelahospice.org or Nardin Park United Methodist Church nardinpark.org. Arrangements entrusted to Heeney-Sundquist

PERRI, GIUSEPPE

Age 90, passed away December 1, 2013. He was born on February 28, 1923, in Cirella, Italy, son of the late Pasquale and Josephine Perri. He served his country with the U.S. Army during WWII in the Pacific Theater. Giuseppe worked in Quality Control at Ford Motor Company for 30 years prior to his retire-ment in 1980. After retirement, he enjoyed hunting, farming and being outdoors. He will always be remembered for being a loving and devoted husband, father, and greatgrandfather. He is survived by his children: Joseph (Linda Cooper), Donald, Frank, and Marilyn Perri-Clair; his grandchildren: Jason, Adrienne, Carmen, and Emily; his great-Dominic, Julianna, Tegan, and Amelia. He is also survived by his brother, Frank Perri. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife. Mary in 2009. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, December 4, from 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. and Thursday, December 5 from 3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, December 6, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 830 S. Lafayette, South Lyon. Online guestbook at:

Word) studying Luke Thursday schedule: 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group and Bible Study Friday: 9:30 a.m.; Sweet Fridays

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First Presbyterian Church of Northville

Location: 200 E. Main Contact: 248-349-0911 or visit www.fpcnorthville.org Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

First Presbyterian Church

Location: 205 E. Lake Street (corner of Wells and 10 Mile), South Lyon Contact: 248-437-2875

First United Methodist Church of Northville

Location: 777 W. Eight Mile, Northville

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

Summer Sunday School (Memorial Day-Labor Day): 8:30 a.m. - Nursery; 10 a.m. Nursery - sixth grade

Sunday Worship (September-May): 8, 9:15 and 11 a.m. Sunday School (September-May): 8 a.m. Nursery; 9:15 a.m. Nursery 12th grade; 11 a.m. Nursery sixth grade

Cookie Walk

Time/Date: 8: 30 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 7 Details: A fundraiser for the Appalachian Service Project, a Christian home repair/home building ministry through which our volunteers and staff repair and build homes for low-income families in rural Appalachia. Local youth, seventh through 12th grade, along with adult chaperones, travel and stay for a week in Appalachia each summer on this mission to make homes warmer, safer, and drier for families in need. Purchase fresh, homemade holiday cookies (homemade nut-free and gluten-free cookies as well).

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Location: 41415 Nine Mile, corner of Meadowbrook Road, Novi

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

Holy Cross Episcopal Church

Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile

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Wednesday Family Night: 7 p.m.; Adult elective classes; junior and senior high ministries;

children's programs, Nursery and Preschool Program on Sundays and Wednesdays Home of Northville Christian School (day care; preschool through eighth grade); call 248-348-9031.

Novi-Northville **Center for Jewish** Life

Details: Events, programs and activities for all ages throughout the year - children's programs, Sunday school, adult Jewish classes, youth clubs, holiday services and programs, community social events.

Contact: Rabbi Avrohhom & Leah Susskind at 248-790-6075 or rabbi@noviiewishcenter.com; www.novijewishcenter.com

Novi United Methodist Church

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

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/pages/Novi-United-Methodist-Church/59782031433

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

Peace Vigil: noon, first Sunday of every month in front of the church. Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace.

Oak Pointe Church

Location: 50200 W. 10 Mile Rd.. Novi.

Contact: 248-912-0043 Web:

www.oakpointe.org/lifegroups Worship Services: 5:15 p.m. Saturday; 9:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m.

Sunday **ReNew Life Group Ministries:** 7-9 p.m. Monday (groups meet

weekly) Women's Life Groups Ministries: 7 p.m. Tuesday; 9:30 a.m. Wednesday

Men's Life Groups Ministries: 6 a.m. Friday; at the church and various locations

Orchard Grove Community Church

Location: 850 Ladd Road, Building C, Walled Lake Web: www.orchardgrove.org Contact: Amanda Rehm at 248-926-6584 or amanda.rehm@orchardgrove.org.

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DOYLE, TIMOTHY E. Age 71, passed away December 1, 2013. A private service will be held. Online guestbook:

www.phillipsfuneral.com **GRAICHEN, ARTHUR**

Age 80, passed Nov. 26, 2013. Celebration of Art's life will be held at a later date. Online guest book: www.phillipsfuneral.com

KING, WANDA L.

age 93, passed away November 27, 2013. Graveside service De-cember 7, 11a.m. White Chapel Cemetery, Troy MI. Online guest book www.phillipsfuneral.com



OASS, MILDRED I. "SALLY"

Age 90. November 23, 2013. Beloved wife of the late Gordon for 51 years. Loving mother of Ellen Zatolokin (David) and Wendy Frame (the late Robin). Cherished grandmother of Matthew (Valerie), Daniel (Brea), Joshua, Nathaniel, Kelly, and Sarah. Great-grandmother of Dylan, Jacob, Kiara, Rhilan, and Noah. Dear sister of Richard (Loretta), James (Marlou), and the late Donald (the late Gladys) Grudt. Funeral Services have been held at St. John Lutheran Church, in Farmington Hills. Arrangements by the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, 33603 Grand River Ave., Downtown Farmington (1 blk. W. of Farmington Rd.). Memorial contributions may be made to the Women of St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48335.

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PORTER, ELAINE J.

Age 95, of Pelion, SC, passed away November 27, 2013. Full obit and online condolences at www.casterlinefuneralhome.com



WILLIAMS, LEONA M.

Age 86, passed away December 2013. She was born on May 15, 1927, in Detroit, daughter of the late David and Harriet Williams. Leona is survived by her friends: loving Evelvn McLaughlin, Dorothy and Bill Parmentier, Revena McLaughlin and Diana Mosher and by her two cousins: Josephine Mandel and Elizabeth Skinner. Visitation will be on Wednesday, December 4, from 2:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.. A Funeral Service will be held on Thursday, December 5, at 11:00 a.m. at PHILLIPS FU-NERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. She will be laid to rest in Grandlawn Cemetery in Detroit. Online guestbook at: www.phillipsfuneral.com



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Alzheimer's Support Group: 10 a.m. second Saturday of month.

Blue Christmas Service:,11:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 14 for all those who have suffered any kind of loss and find this holiday season difficult.

Hope Lutheran Church

Location: 39200 W. 12 Mile (east of Haggerty), Farmington Hills

Lakes Baptist Church

Location: 309 Decker Road, Walled Lake

Livonia Church of Christ Location: 15431 Merriman, Livonia

Contact: 734-427-8743 or visit www.livoniachurch.net Sunday Worship: 11 a.m. Bible School: Sunday 10 a.m.;

Wednesday 7 p.m.

Meadowbrook Congregational Church

Location: 21355 Meadowbrook Road, between Eight Mile and Nine Mile

Contact: the Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, senior minister, 248-348-7757, visit mbccc.org or e-mail to office@mbccc.org.

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. Sundavs

Northville Christian Assembly

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

Sundays: 9-10 a.m. Sunday School for adults / youth / children; 9 a.m. Contemporary service in multipurpose gymnasium; 1015 a.m.: Contemporary service in worship center; chil-

ation: 54899 Eight Mile, Northville

Orchard Grove Community Church

Location: 850 Ladd Road, Walled Lake Contact: 248-926-6584; www.orchardgrove.org

Orchard Hills Baptist Church

Location: 23455 Novi Road Contact: pastor Jon Hix, 248-349-5665

Preschool/Kids Choir: 7-8:15 p.m. every Wednesday Details: For ages 3-6; ongoing

event; no need to preregister; all are welcome.

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church

Location: 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth Township Contact: 734-453-0326, Ext. 221

Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church

Location: 770 Thayer, Northville Contact: 248-349-2621 or olvnorthville.org Saturday Worship: 5 p.m.

Sunday Worship: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.

Our Shepherd Presbyterian Church

Location: 1200 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth

Contact: pastor Bill Burke at 734-927-0891

Wednesday Bible Study: 7

Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. with fellowship and food after service

Our Savior Apostolic Lutheran Church

Location: 54899 Eight Mile, Northville

Pentecostals of Novi

Location: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile

Contact: 248-697-8158 or visit www.thepentecostalsofnovi.org

YAM celebrates bomber's 70th birthday with party

The Yankee Air Museum is sending out an invitation for the public to join in a 70th birthday party of its storied North American B-25D Mitch-ell bomber, "Yankee Warrior."

The beautifully restored, pristine twin $engine \, \bar{b}omber \, - \, which$ turns 70 on Sunday, Dec. 8 — remains in top-flight condition.

The celebration begins at 1 p.m. and runs until 4 p.m. and will surround the aircraft, which is Hangar 1, Bay 8 on the west side of Willow Run Airport. There is no cost to participate. Birthday cake and soft drinks will

be served.

"This is a great opportunity for the public to get up close and learn more about an historic World War II aircraft,' said Ray Hunter, chairman of the YAM Board of Directors. "It's important and it's a tangible application of our mission to preserve and honor aviation history and its participants through a living, flying museum."

Hunter said that this B-25 rolled off the assembly line on Dec. 8, 1943 and was delivered to the U.S. Army Air Forces on Dec. 17, 1943. This medium bomber flew with the 12th Air Force, 57th

Bomb Wing, 340th Bom-bardment Group, 489th Bombardment Squadron based in Corsica, Italy. It flew eight successful combat missions.

One of two D's

YAM's B-25 Mitchell is one of two remaining D models and one of two B-25s with a documented combat history. The B-25D Mitchell bomber was acquired by the Yankee Air Museum in 1987 and flies regularly through the spring and summer. This plane is never on display at the Museum's Collections and Exhibits Building on the east side of Willow

Run Airport.

"Having an event like this, especially the day after Pearl Harbor Day, is important to the com-munity," said Kevin Walsh, YAM executive director. "Aircraft of this type, and their gallant crews, provided the first strike back at the enemy in April 1942. Now, we remember and respect our veterans while providing teachable moments for our young people.'

Walsh looks forward to having the public visit the flyable aircraft in the hangar but added that the Yankee Air Museum is consistently adding

new exhibits, displays and programs. He said people should also visit the Museum's Collections and Exhibits Building during the normal operating hours of 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

In planning the event, Gerald Lester, the Yankee Warrior's public relations officer said honoring the aircraft and the people who care for it, both then and now, is very important.

"Yankee Warrior is a tribute to our veterans. The current crew works scores of hours preparing for every flight and there is real affinity,

indeed a personal bond between all of us and this machine," Lester said. "When the crew suggested a party, it seemed the natural thing to do and inviting the public is icing on the cake.'

Hangar 1 is on the northwest side of the airfield. Follow the road signs for west and south access to Willow Run Airport to get to Hangar

Yankee Air Museum security volunteers will be on hand to help direct free parking and access to the birthday party.

For more information, visit www.yankeeairmuseum.org.

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New-look Mt. Brighton has people 'psyched'

Customers like what they see after \$10M in improvements

By Jim Totten Gannett Michigan

she recently strolled into the completely renovated Mt. Brighton Ski Area. Sherri Heffernan had "I walked in — holy cow," Heffernan said. an instant reaction when









Skiers ride a lift at Mt. Brighton Ski Area this week as cold weather allowed for the snowmaking machines to put down a good base. GILLIS BENEDICT | GANNETT MICHIGAN

"It's unbelievable."

The Lyon Township woman began texting her friends and putting photos on Facebook about the new look at the facility. Vail Resorts, which recently purchased Mt. Brighton, has sunk \$10 million in improvements into the slopes at 4141 Bauer Road in Genoa Township.

With frigid temperatures, Mt. Brighton fired up its snow-making machines and opened Nov. 26, a month earlier than normal.

The slopes had a base of 22 inches of snow.

"The weather was on our side," said Taylor Ogilvie, Mt. Brighton general manager.

He said he's been most impressed with the enthusiasm of people coming to ski. After months of construction, he said that it's great to see people enjoying the facility.

"It's been fabulous," Ogilvie said about the

opening days. "Everyone is psyched."

People lined up to get their passes Nov. 27, which was an ideal day for skiing. It was sunny with blue skies and parents sat inside the lodge overlooking the slopes as their children went skiing

Ogilvie said construction crews are completing the final improvements to the new Ore Creek Mountain Grill, which used to be the Bowery Grill, and the retail area.

Heffernan visited the skiing facility so her sons, Jake, 13, and Brandon, 10, could go snowboarding. Everything is new inside the lodge, including chairs, tables and counters; the restaurant and other areas have all been renovated.

"It's really, really impressive," Heffernan said.

Heffernan, who used to live in Colorado, said Mt. Brighton now has the



Gary Martin of Northville puts the first tracks down a slope fed by chairlift #3 at Mt. Brighton. GILLIS BENEDICT | GANNETT MICHIGAN

real look and feel of a lodge in Colorado, a top skiing destination.

Jake Heffernan said the chairlifts are more comfortable and there's more powdery snow on the hills. He is excited to try the new terrain park,

which hasn't opened yet. Mt. Brighton has been open since 1960. It will hold a grand re-opening celebration at noon Dec. 14.

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SHOWPLACE

Marines' Toys for Tots a giving yuletide tradition

By Julie Brown Staff Writer

The U.S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots program, started in 1947 in Los Angeles, plays a key role in making the holidays brighter for metro Detroit children. Rebecca Perelli Yarbrough of Novi is regional area coordinator for West Oakland and Northwest Wayne counties.

"I've been doing it for 28 years," she said. "We work hand in hand with the Goodfellows and the Salvation Army," including crosschecking gift lists. "We're all trying to make Christmas happy for everybody.'

Yarbrough will again work with the Farming-

ton Area Goodfellows at the facility they will use at 37735 Interchange Drive, off of Halsted, north of Grand River Ave. in Farmington Hills.

U.S. Marine Corps Sgt. Chad Gump, on active duty for 11 years and a Macomb County resident, is coordinator for Southeast Michigan's Toys for Tots effort. Gump relies on key volunteers like Yarbrough, working with them to meet toy goals.

Metro Detroiters are "very, very generous," Gump said. "People still find it within their hearts to reach out and give back.'

Checks payable to the Toys for Tots Foundation are welcomed by coordinators like Yarbrough, who pass them onto Gump for the foundation. Checks may also be mailed to 1430 North Schilling St., Selfridge ANG Base, Mount Clemens, MI 48045.

"Even a dollar helps," he said. "There's tons of ways people can help."

Volunteering, hosting a toy drive at your business or otherwise getting involved are key ways.

Yarbrough provided these Toys for Tots dropoff sites:

» Toys R Us everywhere

» Baby R Us everywhere

» Art Van Stores everywhere

» Island Lake of Novi Toll Brothers, 50595

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» Novi Ice Arena » Holiday Tree Lighting at Gov. Warner Mansion in Farmington on Saturday, Dec. 7 » The Tile Shop, 37025

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Area Marine Corps Toys for Tots organizers are pleased with metro Detroiters' generosity each year.

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OUR VIEWS

Head downtown for enjoyable shopping experience

Well the craziness of Black Friday is over. Thank goodness.

Some of the scenes from around the country on the busiest shopping day of the year were simply amazing, and frankly horrifying. People were shoving, kicking and much, much worse, all in the name of getting a so-called deal on a television, video game system or some other 'gotta have' item. Just as they do every year on the day after Thanksgiving. In fact, it only seems to get worse.

This year there were shooting incidents, fights and even one case where one customer used a Taser on another customer inside a mall in Philadelphia.

For many of us, it seems odd that people would subject themselves to such madness year after year, especially to go shopping for a holiday that is supposedly all about goodwill and tidings towards your fellow man.

We understand that national chain big box stores, where a lot of these incidents took place, offer some of the best prices on coveted items. But we just want people to remember there is a different way to shop for Christmas and the holidays. There is a more pleasurable way than to fight the bustle of the crowds at stores where the shelves often get picked clean.

Here in Northville we are so fortunate to boast one of the area's most charming downtowns. Our downtown is filled with unique shops, restaurants and galleries. In most cases, these businesses are locally owned by the very folks you meet working behind the register or putting out the inventory. Supporting these businesses is important for several reasons. First, you are supporting your neighbors, and secondly you are helping make downtown Northville a vibrant place to work, shop and recreate.

There was a time not too long ago when downtown Northville was far less lively than it is today. But there has been a real effort to improve downtown in recent years and it has paid off. Groups like the Northville Downtown Development Authority (DDA), Chamber of Commerce, and Northville Central Business Association do a lot to promote our local business community. They host events including Girls Night Out, First Fridays, and the recent Holiday Lighted Parade, all of which bring people downtown and help the businesses thrive.



Events like the recent Holiday Lighted Parade bring people to downtown Northville and help local businesses succeed.

But ultimately the only way they do succeed is if we get out and support them. If you are wondering what businesses there are, a great place to start is by visiting the DDA website at www.downtownnorthville.com. Another place to start is to take a closer look at the advertisements in this newspaper.

But perhaps the funnest way to discover all of what downtown Northville has to offer is to park your vehicle (there is ample parking), and simply take a stroll through downtown. It is simply lovely at this time of year with all the lights and holiday decorations. You can even bring the kids as Santa is going to be in Town Square from noon to 4 p.m during most weekend days throughout December. Just remember to bring your camera. And when you're done shopping or simply needing a break, stop in at one of the many great restaurants and watering holes that the downtown boasts. We promise that it beats the fast food scene.

We realize you aren't going to find some of the big ticket items that are on most wish lists in downtown Northville. And we're certainly not telling you not to shop at some of the big box-like stores, because there are plenty in the Northville community.

But we have plenty of businesses in the downtown that offer unique gift ideas that might just surprise you, and (more importantly) the people who you are buying for. In the process, you will be supporting your own community, and keeping local dollars local.

LETTERS

School board appreciation

January is School Board Recognition Month – a time to salute the work of our volunteer school board members and celebrate public education.

School board members are alternately described as having the most important volunteer job in the country and facing some of the toughest challenges in elected American government. Yet, the truth is, school board members are just ordinary citizens with extraordinary dedication to our public schools. This is especially true of the seven individuals currently serving on the Northville Board of Education.

Public education is the backbone of American society, and our local school boards are deeply rooted in U.S. tradition. It is the foundation on which our democracy was built. Today, our school boards continue to do the most important work in our communities that of educating our young people. Their job is to establish our district's vision, mission and goals and develop policies to achieve them; to strongly encourage continuous improvement in student learning; and to advocate at the local, state and national levels in support of public education. Most importantly, our school boards make decisions which effect our children - what they learn; who teaches them; who supports their learning; and the safety and function of the buildings that house their classrooms. These are challenging and exciting times in public education. Working together with our district's leadership team, the members of the Northville Board of Education develop policies, and make tough decisions that help shape the future of our educational system. They bear the responsibility and oversight for an annual budget of \$64 million, 7,321 students, 800 employees and 12 buildings. We often forget about the personal sacrifices our board of education members make day-in and dayout. They dedicate countless hours to attending meet ings, as well as school and community functions, and hours of preparation and study for the important decisions they make. On top of this, many of our board members pursue professional development opportunities to stay abreast of the ever-changing education landscape. This January, I invite you to join me in thanking the members of the Northville Board of Education for their dedicated service to Northville's schoolchildren. It only takes a moment to express gratitude – write a note, send an email, make a phone call, or simply say thank you when you see them out in the community.

NHS dance teams support school, community



The men and women serving Northville Public Schools and their years of service are:

» Kenneth A. Roth, President (11.5 years)

» James Mazurek, Vice President (3 years)

» Joseph T. Hige, Jr., Treasurer (4 years - retiring Dec. 31)

» Cynthia Jankowski, Secretary (2 years)

» Scott Craig, Trustee (2 years)

» Adam Phelps, Trustee (1 year)

» Matthew Wilk, Trustee (1.5 years)

Ms. » Ann Kalass, Trustee-Elect (effective Jan. 1)

Mary K. Gallagher Superintendent Northville Public Schools

Civic Concern a 'blessing'

After 32 years in Livonia, because of health issues, we lost our home in a short sale. We were able to find a place here in Northville Township. We are seniors and have never been in a situation like this before.



Kurt Kuban, Community Editor Susan Rosiek, Executive Editor **Grace Perry,** Director of Advertising

The varsity competitive dance team: (back row from left) Emma Rife, Carly Marquardt, Catherine Drummond, Renee Dempsey, Melody Allyn, (middle row from left) Emma Gessert, Andrea Bess, Emma Yakima, Christina Zitkus, Kristen Jarzembowski, (front row from left) Jillian Moraitis, Lauren Hall, Nicolette Orlando, Katelyn Bonnano, and Haley Galindo

The Northville High School varsity and junior varsity competitive dance teams promote and maintain school spirit through performances at various athletic events, activities and competitions. The dance team season runs August through January.

Following a summer intensive workshop in August to create the teams' routines, they gave a fabulous performance at the NHS Homecoming pep rally and danced in the Homecoming parade. The teams then supported the community by volunteering at the Wicked Halloween Run on Oct. 27 and performing at the Distinguished Young Women of Oakland County on Nov. 1.

The teams had a respectable showing during their first competition of the season at the Great Lakes Dance Championships on Nov. 16. Under the coaching leadership of Sarah Benish (varsity) and Meaghan Priebe (JV), the teams earned top honors for their performances. The NHS varsity dance team placed 3rd in the Large Varsity Jazz division and 7th in the Varsity Hip Hop, while the NHS JV dance team received 3rd place honors for JV Hip Hop and 5th place for their JV Jazz routine. Congratulations to the dancers and coaches.

On Nov. 23, the teams participated in the Oakland Dance Festival to take master classes, audition for college dance programs, and receive professional feedback to perfect their performances for their final competition in December.

Future team events include a dance clinic for dancers age 8 through 13 on Jan. 11, as well as a showcase of performances by dance team members, dance clinic participants and special guests on Jan. 17. The teams will also perform at some NHS basketball games. Go Mustangs!

Pattie Curtis NHS Dance Team Communications Chairperson

Fortunately, we heard about Northville Civic Concern, located at 42951 W. Seven Mile Road

The volunteers at Civic Concern are so pleasant, like sunshine. Marlene Kunz, the lady in charge, is so dedicated to help the families of the community who need assistance. They do wonderful work.

The holidays are here, and Civic Concern could really use support in food and monetary donations, as well as gift cards to purchase food for the pantry. We can not thank them enough for the help they provided to us, and improving the quality of life in the community. Northville Civic Concern is a blessing to so many people.

> Arlene and Pablo Codilla Northville Township

Adopt a dog or cat

Each year, millions of dogs and cats in the United States receive death sentences. Frequently these animals end up on death row through no fault of their own. They are released to shelters because of family situations that make it impossible for their owners to care for them. Unfortunately, animals are often euthanized simply because shelters don't have enough resources or space. Pet adoption presents a way to save these innocent animals.

Shelters offer prospective owners healthy pets that have been fully vaccinated. Many have already been spayed or neutered as well. While in shelters, these animals receive medical examinations that often include a screening to determine the type of new home that would provide the best fit. Many animals have even received extra socialization in foster homes. Also, shelters are a great alternative to purchasing a dog from a pet store because it's less expensive and pet store dogs may come from puppy mills where dogs are bred in horrible conditions. This can result in puppies with health problems.

Please consider adopting a shelter animal. You will save a life and enrich your own because pets offer companionship and stress relief. It may be easier than you think since most shelters have websites where you can begin your search. Also, available pets are often showcased at area events. Don't wait to rescue your very own four-legged package of unconditional love. Your new furry friend will thank you for it.

> Katie Telder Novi



As Medicare open enrollment comes to a close on December 7, we're staying open late for you.

In the midst of all that's going on during this time of year, HAP wants to make sure you know the final day to enroll or change your Medicare plan is coming up fast. With significant changes to some Medicare plans this year, we're here to help answer your questions. For instance, how much will you have to pay if you go outside of the approved network of doctors and hospitals? Or do you have a limit on emergency care outside of the U.S.? Will you pay for anything during the first 20 days in a skilled nursing facility? Will you pay more for outpatient surgery or hospital outpatient visits?

HAP is here to help with extended hours before and on December 7, the last day to enroll or change your Medicare plan.
 Our phones will be open Monday through Sunday, 8 a.m. – 8 p.m., and 8 a.m. – midnight on December 7.
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Memorial to laud sacrifices of 'Greatest Generation'

By Julie Brown Staff Writer

Debi Hollis of Royal Oak and Larry Halbert of Ann Arbor are both children of military veterans. Halbert's dad was a World War II veteran, while Hollis, president of The Michigan WWII Legacy Memorial, is the daughter of a Korean War veteran. They brought their

story of the fundraising and plans for a World War II memorial at 13 Mile and Woodward in Royal Oak to a Nov. 18 meeting of the Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter

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Plymouth-Northville, Daughters of the American Revolution, at Station 885 in Plymouth.

"We have quite a unique story to tell," Hollis told the 46 members and guests. "We wanted to cover the whole state of Michigan, how we became the Arsenal of Democracy."

She and sculptor Halbert displayed two onethird size (the memorial will feature life-sized) sculptures, a clay one of Rosie the Riveter and a bronze of a young serviceman reading a letter.

"We want it to be integrated into the fabric of the community," Hollis said. "It's an opportunity to learn."

The oval shape will feature a central grassy area for events in warmer weather and an ice rink in winter. Hollis told of children playing at a famed battle site in Europe and being rebuked by their parents. A nearby veteran there urged the parents to allow children's play – a freedom he had fought to preserve.

The fundraising will require some \$3 million, plus an additional \$1 million endowment to cover maintenance and other costs. The project grew out of the 2006 Honor Flight initiative, started by a Royal Oak businessman.

World War II veterans from Michigan wanted to travel to Washington, D.C., to see their memorial there. "They were coming from everywhere to go on an Honor Flight trip," Hollis said.

Their later effort, after that was accomplished, was to build the memorial on the northeast corner of 13 Mile



Debi Hollis of Royal Oak is president of The Michigan WWII Legacy Memorial and Larry Halbert of Ann Arbor the sculptor for the project. They spoke Nov. 18 to a gathering of the Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter Plymouth-Northville, Daughters of the American Revolution. This clay sculpture shows a Rosie the Riveter. SUSAN STONEY

and Woodward.

A king of England, in the 1600s, had hidden in a tree and saved his life, she said. In 1938, the United Kingdom sent acorns from that tree here, which were planted and tended at the Detroit Zoo.

Ten years later, those saplings were planted at the 13 Mile and Woodward site for a planned memorial, which was delayed many years.

In 2012, the memorial plan was refined and Michigan legislators brought on board, Hollis said. On Feb. 5, 2013, the state resolution making it an official state memorial was signed.

The memorial will tell the "who, what, where" of Michigan service personnel, some 12,500 lost in the war, as well as contributions on the home front. The 13 pillars include service, sacrifice, labor, industry and commitment, as well as change, Hollis said.

There will be an approximately 40- by 35foot granite map of Michigan contributions. A Wall of Stars will recall lives lost, although names won't be listed, and a Walk of Honor will feature remembrance bricks.

Halbert said the nine life-sized figures in three areas will cover land, sea and air. With Rosie the Riveter for air will be two air corpsmen. Land is represented by "Mail Call," the soldier with his letter, while the sea portion includes a seaman.

The sea portion is reminiscent of children during World War II in the U.S. collecting milkweed for life vests, Halbert said. The regular material used wasn't available.

He described for an attentive audience his process of making the sculptures. "It's a pretty involved process," he said, comparing it to a painter sketching in pencil first. "I'm actually sketching in three-dimension." The memorial organizers will use 10 each of several sculptures for fundraising, those done in one-third scale. The women of the Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter, celebrating its 87th anniversary at the luncheon, were pleased to give a starting gift of \$1,800 for memorial bricks for the Walk of Honor.

"Keep on the good work, both of you," said Marie Pleuss of South Lyon, second vice regent for the chapter.

Hollis noted servicemen and women of World War II, and the Rosies who helped them, are passing rapidly.

"We're losing them, a lot of them every day," she said. "We want these men and women to see it," she added of the Michigan memorial.

Information on the Michigan memorial, including how to donate, is available online at www.michigan ww2memorial.org.

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CC's defense takes down a Clarkston runner. The Wolves beat the Shamrocks, 32-14.

Slow start dooms Catholic Central

Shamrocks fall to Clarkston for third straight title game defeat

By Sam Eggleston Correspondent

Clarkston came into the Division 1 football state championship game Saturday afternoon with the most potent offense Detroit Catholic Central had faced all year.

The Wolves made it clear why they earned that distinction as they followed the lead of running back Ian Eriksen to a 32-14 victory over the Shamrocks to earn the school's first football state championship.

Eriksen had three touchdowns and ran for more than 230 yards as he and his teammates jumped out to an early lead and held on despite a late Shamrocks resurgence.

"Clarkston did a real good job and they deserved the victory," Catholic Central coach Tom Mach said.



CC's Alexander Bock extends fully to haul in a pass.

of play.

The scoring for Clarkston continued in the third quarter, as it added touchdowns from Eriksen on a 1-yard run and another from 37 yards Trailing 18-0 in the third quarter, the Shamrocks were able to put together a long drive that turned into their first score of the game when Dylan Roney punched the ball into the end zone from 2 yards out to make it 18-7 heading into the fourth quarter. Unfortunately for the Shamrocks, Clarkston was able to respond, scoring on a 47-yard pass play on its next possession to extend the lead to 25-7 with just over 8:30 left in the game. The Shamrocks didn't give in, however, scoring on a 48-yard touchdown

ALL IN FOR 33

If you were at the Division 1 state championship game Saturday between Detroit Catholic Central and Clarkston, you may have noticed the students from CC were sitting in the stands wearing blue and white shirts. Nothing new there, right? Well, the coordinated effort found the No. 33 being displayed in the seating arrangement, with students wearing white shirts to create the numbers and students in blue shirts surrounding them. A quick look at the roster at any point this season would identify No. 33 as David Widzinski and the coordinated effort was a living memorial to him.

Northville's Moorman earns first team all-state honors

Hewlett and CC's Bock and Jenkins earn mentions

By Sam Eggleston Correspondent

David Moorman may not have been a name you overheard on the loudspeakers a lot during Northville's run to a KLAA football title this year, but that didn't matter.

What mattered was Moorman was busy doing his job and doing it so well that the average fan didn't notice. But the voting



Moorman

tice. But the voting panel for the 2013 Associated Press all-state team definitely took note.

Moorman, 6-4 and 285 pounds, was hard to miss for those keeping tabs. He handled just about anything de-

about anything defenses could throw at him, picking up rushing defensive linemen and blitzing linebackers with ease.

And when he was tasked with moving people out of the way? Well, those initial blocks often turned into second-stage blocks that broke open running plays for his offensive backfield.

"David is the best offensive lineman I have ever had the privilege of coaching," Northville coach Matt Ladach said. "He's got the size and strength to compete at the highest level and he plays the game with great intensity."

And the best news for Northville fans? Moorman is just a junior. He'll be back in 2014 to open up plenty of more holes for Ladach's high-powered offensive schemes.

Moorman has Division I college scholarship offers from Eastern Michigan, Central Michigan and Western Michigan and has received interest from multiple other schools like Michigan State, Michigan, Illinois, Rutgers, Nebraska, Toledo and Ball State.

Moorman wasn't the only Northville player to get noticed by the all-state committee. Senior quarterback Joey Hewlett had some stiff competition at his position, but he still earned honorable mention honors.

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"(Eriksen) gave us a lot of problems; we had a lot of trouble tackling him. They kept the ball away from us with first downs and first downs and first downs."

The two teams fought to a stalemate nearly the entire first half. That 0-0 knot was untied when Clarkston scored with 13 second left on a pass from quarterback D.J. Zezula to Shane Holler. The Wolves missed the point-after attempt to take a 6-0 lead into the half.

That first scoring drive lasted 17 plays, a grinding style that Clarkston hadn't showcased in the regular season but was more of Catholic Central's style

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Widzinski died in his sleep last December. He was a linebacker for the Shamrocks. From the start of the season, the team's motto has been "All in for 33." "Joey is a tremendous leader," Ladach said. "He is well-respected by his peers and by the staff at Northville High School. His presence alone makes us a much better football team."

Also earning special mention honors were two players from Detroit Catholic Central. Zach Bock is a utility player capable of doing every-

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Tennis state champion Wang is best of the area's best



Novi junior Tim Wang won the Division 1 top singles flight state championship. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Northville's Johnston earns spot on first team

By Chris Jackett Correspondent

Facing all of the best high school competition in the state, Novi junior Tim Wang proved to be the best.

Wang went 34-1 on the season and won the Division 1 state title at No. 1 singles, earning all-state honors and both KLAA and regional titles along the way. His lone loss came to Northville's Connor Johnston, who he then defeated on three other occasions this season, including for the state championship. His Wildcats finished second in Division 1 as a team. "Tim Wang recorded many big wins for Novi during his junior year that included a state championship at the MHSAA Division 1 state finals," Novi coach Jim Hanson said. "Tim utilized his consistent ground strokes, strong serve and competitive spirit to beat some of the best players in the state. His ability to change speeds and play the big points in close matches paid dividends for the Wildcats."

First team Connor Johnston Northville So. 1S

Johnston would've been the best player in Division 1 this season, if not for Wang. Johnston handed Wang his only loss of the season at No. 1 singles, but finished 30-3 with all three losses coming to Wang, including the state final, during his all-state campaign.

"He only had three losses on the year and all three were to Tim Wang, but he also had one win over Tim," Northville coach Matthew Stetson said. "Connor was runner-up in the conference tournament and the regional tournament to Tim Wang. Connor won the state championship at two singles last year as a freshman." Michael Dube

Catholic Central Sr. 1S Coming out of Division 1's toughest region with a 25-3 record, Dube advanced to the

state semifinals before John-

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Hasse earns all-GLIAC honors

Greg Hasse was on of six members of the Wayne State football team to earn all-Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletics Conference honors this fall.

Hasse, who was a standout gridder at Northville, is a senior this year with Wayne State and is a defen-

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Greenlee turning in top times

While Hope College wasn't able to overcome Kalamazoo College last month when the two teams squared off in a Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association showdown, it didn't prevent a Northville grad from helping his team earn some points in their 176-120 loss



Greenlee

Hunt and Andrew Larson and clocked a time of 3:15.65 in the 400 freestyle relay to earn first place against Kalamazoo.

Weber selected for U20 training

Penn State sophomore soccer player Mallory Weber, who is a Northville graduate, was selected along with teammate Brittany Basinger (Purcellville, Va.) to train with the U.S. U-20 women's soccer team at its training camp.

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Weber

The duo will travel to California to train at the U.S. National Team Training Center

The camp, which lasted a week, is one of two leading up

to the Women's U-20 Championships in January. The second camp will be hosted in Florida this month.

"It is very exciting to see Mallory and Brittany follow in the footsteps of so many of their teammates that came before them," said Penn State head coach Erica Walsh. "We are extremely proud of these two players and are thrilled that they will be representing our program on the national level

Weber is currently one-ofseven forwards on the training squad and Basinger is one-offour defenders named to the team. The U-20 team is led by

first year head coach Michelle French

"Mallory has consistently been one of the most dangerous wide players in the college game over the past two seasons," said Walsh. "She has proven that she can beat players one on one at the highest level and has unparalleled work ethic on both sides of the ball."

Weber posted seven goals and eight assists for the Nittany Lion offense during the 2013 campaign, starting all 23 matches in her sophomore season. The talented forward was third on the team in points (27) and turned in over 1,600 minutes of playing time en route to earning first team All-Big Ten accolades.

"Being called into camp with the U-20 Women's National Team is such an honor and a very rewarding feeling," said Weber. "It is rewarding because I feel like my hard work is starting to pay off. I do not

think I would have gotten this opportunity if it were not for my incredible team. I am very excited to go to camp and continue playing at a high level, as not many people have the opportunity to do this."

Meet and eat with Northville basketball teams

If you'd like to meet the boys and girls basketball teams and have a tasty breakfast while you're doing it, then you're invited to participate in a pancake breakfast at Northville High School at 9 a.m. until noon Dec. 14. There will be a pancake eating challenge beginning at 11 a.m.

The event, which will precede parks and recreation games held throughout the morning at the high school and before an attempt to set the Guinness Book of World Records mark for the largest game of lightning.

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FOOTBALL

on a pass from quarterback Sean Birney to sophomore Alex Bock to six minutes left.

fense proved to be too scampered into the end zone from 12 yards out

from teammates, coach-

es and, of course, opponents' offense lines.

This year's all-state team had two Players of the Year, with Deshaun Thrower from Muskegon and Damon Webb from Detroit Cass Tech sharing the honor.

Other area players who were honorable mention are Walled Lake Western's Kyle Bambard, Livonia Churchill's Matt Skibinski, Canton's Jake Boucher and Livonia Stevenson's C.J. Weiss.

The 2013 Associated Press voting panel was made up of the following journalists: Tom Mar-

38th season at the helm for Catholic Central. "Everybody wants to be champions, but it's really the journey that gets you there and what you learn from it."

The Shamrocks finished the season with an 11-3 record, while the Wolves finished with 13-1.

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kowski (The Detroit News), James Cook (Traverse City Record-Eagle), Bill Broderick (Battle Creek Enquirer), Mark Opfermann (Muskegon Chronicle), Jim Lahde (*The Morning* Sun), Dick Hoekstra (Lansing State Journal), Steve Kaminski (Grand Rapids Press), Eric Woodyard (Flint Journal), Pete Cunningham (Ann Arbor News) and George Pohly (The Macomb Daily).

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make it 25-14 with nearly

But Clarkston's ofpowerful, as Eriksen for his third score of the

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thing from leading the team in rushing yards to kicking the game-winning field goal to being the top defensive player to running back punts to

win the game. Jordan Jenkins came into the middle linebacker role for the Shamrocks and made his presence known immediately this season. He was hard to miss, often being a part of CC's swarming tackles and earning himself plenty of recognition

The Shamrocks did mount a drive in the waning minutes of the over on downs with 2:30

"It's not easy to do played 14 and 14 and 14 games - that's an awful lot of work in three years," said Mach, who was coaching his 19th state title game in his

game, but turned the ball left, allowing the Wolves to run out the clock. this; these kids have



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Wrestling

Northville gets two on all-state volleyball team

Abbott earns first team honors. Minghine named to third team

By Sam Eggleston Correspondent

From the start of the season, Northville volleyball head coach Amanda Yaklin made it clear that she believed standout Symone Abbott was one of the best players in the state.

This past week, the Michigan Interscholastic Volleyball Coaches Association verified that, naming Abbott to the Class A all-state team.

Abbott, the Northville record holder for most kills in a season, is a senior outside hitter who has been a driving force behind the Mustangs' success all season long. She helped lead her team to the state semifinals for the second straight year.

Standing 6-0, Abbott was an imposing presence on the court, often changing the course of the game with her aggressive style of play.



Northville's Symone Abbott (No. 10) was named first team all-state and Cassidy Minghine (No. 3) was named to the third team. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Northville also had Cassidy Minghine, a senior, named to the third team as a libero. Minghine stands 5-7

A familiar Northville foe who earned second team honors was Novi's Isabelle Glancy, a senior who played outside hitter for the Wildcats. Glancy, 6-0, was the most dominant player on the Novi squad and a key figure in the team's success in the Kensington Valley Athletic Association.

Other local players earning all-state honors included Livonia Stevenson's Katie Tomasic (senior, outside hitter) on the first team.

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NHS WINTER SCHEDULE

Boys swimming

All times are 6:30 p.m. unless noted Dec. 10 at Livonia Churchill Dec. 19 Brother Rice Jan. 4 at Salem noon Jan. 9 South Lvon East Jan. 11 Northville Quad noon Jan. 16 Novi Jan. 23 W.L. Western Jan. 30 at Salem Jan. 31 at Wayne County Championships TBA Feb. 1 at Wayne County Championships noon Feb. 6 at Livonia Stevenson

Competitive cheer

All times at 6 p.m. unless noted Dec. 14 at CCCAM Invitational TBA Dec. 18 Quad Meet Jan. 8 at Salem Jan. 15 at South Lyon Jan. 20 Salem Jan. 25 Northville Invitational 9 a.m.

Girls and boys bowling

All times 3:30 p.m. unless noted Dec. 16 at Canton Jan. 7 Novi Jan. 8 at Salem Jan. 14 Wayne Memorial Jan. 15 at John Glenn Jan. 21 John Glenn Jan. 22 at Plymouth Jan. 23 Salem Feb. 7 at Wayne Memorial Feb. 10 at Novi Feb. 11 at Canton Feb. 12 at Plymouth

Gymnastics

All times 6:30 p.m. unless noted Dec. 6 at Brighton Dec. 10 at Plymouth Dec. 17 at Livonia Churchill Jan. 11 at Milford 4:30 p.m.

Jan. 13 at Walled Lake Central Jan. 18 at Milford TBA Jan. 27 at Livonia Stevenson Feb. 1 at Canton 10 a.m. Feb. 5 at Salem Feb. 13 at Canton

Girls basketball

All times are 7 p.m. unless noted Dec. 10 W.L. Western Dec. 13 at Walled Lake Central Dec. 17 at Franklin Dec. 19 Livonia Churchill Dec. 27 Northville Holiday Tournament TBA Dec. 28 Northville Holiday Tournament TBA Jan. 7 at Salem Jan. 10 Livonia Stevenson Jan. 14 Novi 5:30 p.m. Jan. 17 at South Lyon Jan. 21 South Lyon East Jan. 24 Salem Jan. 28 at Livonia Stevenson Jan. 31 at Novi 5:30 p.m. Feb. 4 South Lyon Feb. 7 at South Lyon East

Boys basketball

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Dec. 7 Northville Invitational Home 9 a.m. Dec. 11 Quad Meet Home 5:30 p.m. Dec. 14 at Romulus Away 9 a.m. Dec. 18 at W.L. Western 5:30 p.m. Dec. 21 at Pinckney TBA Jan. 4 at Canton 9 a.m. Jan. 4 at Rochester Adams 9:30 a.m. Jan. 8 Quad Meet 5:30 p.m. Jan. 11 at Livonia Stevenson 9 a.m. Jan. 11 at Garden City 9:30 a.m. Jan. 15 at South Lyon East 5:30 p.m. lan. 18 at Dakota 9:30 a.m. Jan. 18 at Dakota 9:30 a.m. Jan. 22 at Salem 5:30 p.m. Jan. 25 at Fenton 8 a.m. Jan. 25 at Observerland Invite 9 a.m. **Boys hockey**

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Catholic Central defeats rival Brother Rice, 4-1

Hockey team starts season strong under new head coach

By Sam Eggleston Correspondent

There is no doubt that the Detroit Catholic Central hockey team is packed full of talented players, and it's come

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ston defeated him in

three sets. A four-time

four-time all-Catholic

was also all-state this

league champion, Dube

year He had won the N

ON TAP

The Detroit Catholic Central hockey team will be back on the ice at 7 p.m. Friday and 1:30 p.m. Saturday when it plays at Upper Canada College.

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The Shamrocks

haven't shown any signs

into the 2013-14 season on a hot streak despite being under the direction of a new head coach.

Though, admittedly, Doug Itami is no stranger on the Shamrocks' bench.

Itami, who was named

of playing any different kind of game under Itami's leadership. Since the start of the season, they've picked up a 3-0 record, with the most recent win coming in a 4-1 decision over Brother

The Shamrocks scored with 11:20 gone in the first period, when Ryan Burnett took assists from Mitchell Ossowski and

ALL-AREA BOYS TENNIS

PLAYER OF THE YEAR Tim Wang (Novi Jr.)

FIRST TEAM

Connor Johnston (Northville So. 1S) Michael Dube (Catholic Central Sr. 1S) Michael Chang & Andrew Ying (Novi Srs. 1D) Koushik Kondapi (Novi So. 3S) Andre Liu (Novi Jr. 2S) Alexander Kim (Lakeland Sr. 1S)

Carter Cerretani. It was the second period, however, that the offense lit up the scoreboard. Ossowski scored on a power play to earn what would prove to be the game-winning goal with just 12 seconds off the clock in the period. He was assisted by James Considine and Cerretani.

Burnett then scored

twice, tallying a goal just 20 seconds after Ossowski's and another with 15:40 off the clock in the second period. Assists were credited to Owen Kipke and Cerretani on the first goal and to Dillon Jones on the second.

Earning the win in goal was Spencer Wright, who stopped 22 shots. Jack Bowman took the loss for Brother Rice.

the eventual state champion at No. 3 singles. Schafer went on to earn a first-round victory over Troy Athens' Naren Nathan at the Division 1 meet before fifth seed Charles Xu from Rochester Adams knocked him out of the bracket. Tim Lu (Sr) Daniel Yu (Fr



head coach earlier this year, replaced Todd Johnson at the helm. Johnson will still be a part of the Rice. team, remaining on staff as an assistant coach this

2 singles state title as a freshman and finished his high school career with a 109-13 record.

"Michael was a great example of character, sportsmanship and athleticism each and every match he played in his four years at CC," CC coach Joe Safford said. "He improved his game each year and he is very much looking forward to playing for MSU next year. Michael could be counted on to always give 100 percent and he never missed one practice in four years of high school tennis." Michael Chang Andrew Ying Novi Srs. 1D

As one of just nine pairs of doubles teams to earn all-state honors in Division 1 this fall, Chang and Ying racked up a 30-5 record at No. 1 doubles while advancing to the state semifinals. The KLAA and regional champions' five losses all came to other all-state opponents, including D1 champion Ann Arbor Huron, D1 runner-up **Birmingham Brother** Rice and D3 champion Detroit Country Day.

"Lefties Michael Chang and Andrew Ying used their penetrating ground strokes and solid volleys to become a very good doubles team,' Hanson said.

"They used their quickness to play defense and to counter aggressive play. Strong serves and good service returns allowed this duo to compete with the best in the state.' Koushik Kondapi

Novi So. 3S

With a staggering 35-1 record, Kondapi steamrolled his way to the No. 3 singles state title in Division 1, avenging his loss from earlier in the season to top seed Colin Williams from Ann Arbor

Northville's Connor Johnston.

Huron. Kondapi was also crowned KLAA and regional champion on top of winning five invitational tournaments against opponents on ranked teams.

"Sophomore Koushik Kondapi's ability to change playing styles allowed him to capture a state championship at three singles," Hanson said. "Keeping his opponents off-balance with sliced ground strokes, offensive lobs and penetrating volleys were all part of Koushik's overall arsenal of shots that helped him to dominate the competition.' Andre Liu Novi Jr. 2S

Liu went 26-8 at No. 2 singles and won both the KLAA and regional titles before bowing out of the Division 1 state quarterfinals. He is also is on a short list of individuals who claimed a victory over No. 2 singles state champion Ian Yi from Ann Arbor Pioneer.

"Andre Liu's experience added to Novi's solid singles lineup," Hanson said. "Andre's steady back court game would put pressure on his opponents by extending many points with long, exhausting rallies.

Long matches equated to more victories for this skilled, three-year varsity player. **Alexander Kim** Lakeland Sr. 1S

Although his team fell short of a trip to the Division 1 state meet due to a region packed with Novi, Northville and Detroit Catholic Central, Kim was a force to be reckoned with all season. Kim rattled opponents while earning a 24-3 record and second straight all-state honors. His three losses were to Johnston and Dube. In his past three seasons, four of the six opponents who have defeated him have gone on to win individual state titles.

"What is classiest about him as a player is that here he is, one of the best seniors in the state and he didn't qualify (once again) to go to states, with three of the top five players, many would say, in the state also being in our region and he doesn't complain about it," Lakeland coach Sean Beacome said. "He recognizes that he is going to move on and play at the next level. He got a taste of it as a freshman, but then our region got even tougher.

Gabe Apaza (Catholic Central Jr. 2S) Maxx Anderson (Novi So. 4S)

SECOND TEAM

Shashank Chitta & Kevin Xu (Novi Srs. 2D) Dan Baldwin & Umais Rao (Northville 1D) David Killian & Matt Wolfe (Catholic Central Srs. 1D) Andrew Schafer (Northville Jr. 3S) Tim Lu (Sr) & Daniel Yu (Fr)/Ryan Fernandez (Jr) (Novi 3D) David Mehl & Raymond Wen (Novi Srs. 4D) Jesse Jenter (Catholic Central Sr. 3S) Jason Wang & Jonathan Bi (Northville 2D)

HONORABLE MENTION

CATHOLIC CENTRAL – Steve Magagna (CC Jr. 4S) NOVI - Sai Gotur & Ashwin Kumar (So/Sr. 5D)

He's such a great young man who will be missed, especially due to his impact on those around him."

Gabe Apaza **Catholic Central Jr. 2S**

Apaza went 15-10 at No. 2 singles this fall, advancing to the state quarterfinals. He also made it to the finals in both the Catholic League and at regionals. Maxx Anderson Novi So. 4S

Anderson claimed the No. 4 singles title in Division 1 behind a 32-5 record. He was also KLAA and regional champion, with three of his losses coming to D3 champion Davis Wong from Detroit Country Day and the other two to D1 runnerup Jack Winkler of Birmingham Brother Rice and semifinalist David Gandham of Ann Arbor Huron, the latter two which Anderson defeated en route to the state title.

'Maxx Anderson added an attacking net game with crisp volleys and well-placed overheads to his already steady back court game and the combination of the two propelled him to a MHSAA state championship at four singles," Hanson said. "Maxx played his best tennis of the year at the state finals in defeating the No. 1 seed (Brother Rice) and the No. 2 seed (Huron), players he had lost to earlier in the

season."

Second team **Shashank Chitta** Kevin Xu Novi Srs. 2D

With a 27-7 record, Chitta and Xu advanced to the Division 1 semifinals at No. 2 doubles before losing to eventual runner-up Ann Arbor Huron. The duo won the KLAA and regional titles in their flight after making the jump from No. 4 doubles as juniors. Dan Baldwin

Umais Rao Northville 1D

Baldwin and Rao were both KLAA Kensington Conference and regional runners-up to Novi at No. 1 doubles before they were knocked out of the Division 1 tourney by Rockford while vying for a shot at the quarterfinals. The duo picked up three victories over Detroit Catholic Central. **David Killian** Matt Wolfe

Catholic Central Srs. 1D Killian and Wolfe picked up a first-round victory at the state meet against Livonia Stevenson's No. 1 doubles squad before they were knocked out by the fourth seed from Grosse Pointe South. **Andrew Schafer** Northville Jr. 3S

A captain, Schafer made it to the conference and regional finals before losing to Kondapi,

Ryan Fernandez (Jr) Novi 3D

Most doubles teams consist of two solid players, but Novi's No. 3 doubles squad featured three alternating pieces. Lu went 24-7 on the season with two partners. He was 11-2 with Fernandez and won the KLAA title while his original partner, Yu, recovered from an injury. Lu and Yu finished the season together, as they had started it, and wrapped up with a Division 1 semifinal appearance that concluded with a 13-5 record together. **David Mehl Raymond Wen** Novi Srs. 4D

With KLAA and regional titles under their collective belt, Mehl and Wen went 29-6 at No. 4 doubles and advanced to the Division 1 semifinals. They added depth to Novi's lineup and provided a punch many opponents' higher-level doubles teams would have struggled against. Jesse Jenter

Catholic Central Sr. 3S

Jenter was a leader for the Shamrocks this season, but didn't get far in the Division 1 tournament. Jenter was defeated 6-0, 6-1 by Troy's Tarun Kalyanaraman in the first round, who then lost to top seed and eventual runner-up Colin Williams of Ann Arbor Huron in the second round.

Jason Wang Jonathan Bi Northville 2D

As conference and regional runners-up to Novi, Wang and Bi picked up a big win over Detroit Catholic Central in the regional semifinals to advance to the championship.

The luck didn't hold out for the Division 1 meet, where Ann Arbor Pioneer knocked them out in the first round.

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No opening date yet for Cantoro's on Haggerty

BUSINESS

By David Veselenak Staff Writer

Those eager for the second location of Livonia-based Cantoro's Italian Market to open will need to wait.

Mike Larranaga, the shop's sommelier, or wine expert, said no official opening date has been set for the new location on Haggerty north of Five Mile in Northville Township. The restaurant/market is awaiting approvals from the state Department of Agriculture and Rural Development to open the kitchen, as well as the liquor control commission.

He said they hope to be open by the second week of December, but nothing is official.

"As we get closer and closer to Christmas, we'd rather do it right rather than rush it open," Larranaga said. "Right now, we're putting things on the shelves.²



The parking lot at the new market is complete and landscaping work is wrapping up. TOM BEAUDOIN

If delays continue, Larranaga said the shop may not open until sometime early next year. He said a large grand opening event spanning several days is slated to take place in the spring. The market will be the

company's second, with the first at 19710 Middlebelt in Livonia between Seven Mile and Eight Mile. Larranaga said the new shop will be larger, but will feature goods many customers are able to find in Livonia, such

as cheeses, meats and wines. Larranaga said the new store will also most likely expand its cheese and wine selection to other types around the world, but would still feature mostly Italian products.

And that local feeling won't go away either. "As big as this building is, it's still familyowned." he said. "You're still going to see the owners walking the floors." The parking lot at the new market is complete and landscaping work is wrapping up, Larranaga said, bringing many customer vehicles to the parking lot only to turn around when they realize the market isn't open yet.

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'We have people walking in and out constantly," he said. "They're chomping at the bit."

The shop is expected to hire about 175 employees.

Larranaga said many customers who drive over to the Livonia shop from the Plymouth and Northville area have said they will continue to come there since they are more familiar with it.

'There's still the people from the other store that have been going there for years and years," he said. "They will not leave. This one will be another meeting place for them."

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Give the gift of education this holiday season

Q: Dear Rick: I've decided that this year, as opposed to buying my grandchildren gifts, I'm going to establish a college fund for them. I have nine grandchil-dren and I'd like to put \$1,000 for each into a 529 plan. My grandchildren are of different ages and they live in different states; therefore, I want to make sure that the plan I select can be used by any of the grandchildren. Are the 529 plans the best way to go or is there another way to save for college? I've done some research on 529 plans and I've narrowed my search to



two plans, the Michigan plan or Vanguard. I'm leaning toward the Vanguard plan because currently I have all my money in Vanguard. And it is a very easy company to deal with. Which one would you recommend?

A: I think it is great what you are doing for your grandchildren. I wish more grandparents were like you in that when it comes to gift giving, as opposed to

giving what your grandchild may want, you're giving them what they need. A gift of an education, particularly in today's world, is a wonderful gift. In fact, I can't think of a better gift for a grandparent to give a grandchild.

When it comes to saving for a grandchild's college education, a 529 plan is the best way to go. These plans offer flexibility, a variety of investment alternatives, tax breaks and are an easy way to save for college.

In reviewing the Michigan and the Vanguard plans, there are a number of similarities.

Both have very low costs and are very flexible basically, you can use the proceeds for any public or private institution in the country. Therefore, it doesn't matter where your grandchildren go to college.

In addition, both plans are easy to administer and make receiving distributions relatively easy

Therefore, from an administrative standpoint, both are excellent plans.

From an investment standpoint, the Vanguard 529 has more options than the Michigan plan. In addition, through the

Vanguard plan you can also invest in some Vanguard funds.

Not all 529 plans are the same. Some, particularly those sold by financial salespeople, have high costs, such as commissions, and limited investment options.

In addition, some plans are more difficult from an administration standpoint than others and some have limitations in regard to the institution where they can be used.

One item that favors the Michigan plan is its low minimum. Vanguard has a \$3,000 minimum, while the Michigan Education Savings Plan has a

\$25 minimum. It's available for everyone. Considering you want to invest \$1,000 per grandchild, I recommend the Michigan plan, which also allows you to deduct your contribution on your Michigan income tax return.

As you begin to look for holiday gifts for grandchildren, don't forget about a gift of an education and a 529 plan. Good luck.

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By Nathan Mueller Staff Writer

The holiday shopping season kicked off Thanksgiving Day with consumers trying to score the best deal.

But the Public Interest Research Group in Michigan is cautioning those shopping for children to take a closer look at what they are buying to ensure that that best deal is in the best interest of kids.

The consumer group released its 28th annual Trouble in Toyland report Tuesday that details the dangerous or toxic toys that can still be found on store shelves at everywhere from dollar stores to major retailers.

The report, which was unveiled in partnership with Beaumont Hospitals at Safety City U.S.A. in Royal Oak, touches on four hazards — toxic, choking, magnetic and noise — and urges lawmakers to continue to be vigilant in enacting safeguards to protect children.

"The message is clear, we need to protect our littlest consumers from unsafe toys," said Eric Mosher, PIRGIM program associate. "Parents and caregivers should be aware of these common hazards while shopping this holiday season and throughout the year."

Mosher said a lot of progress has been made since 2008 when the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act was enacted in response to a "unprecedented wave of recalls," but it didn't solve everything.

"Unfortunately there are still products out there that fail to meet these important safe-guards," Mosher said. "And some standards need to be even strong-er."

The leading cause of



Matthew Derkowski, left, plays with a toy as Luka inadeski and Lexi Berezowski look on. The toy would pass the CPSC small parts test, but is still one PiRGiM believes is a hazard.

toy recalls is choking hazards because, as Mosher notes, "toddlers like to put things in their mouths.

He said between 2001-2012, more than 90 children choked to death on balloons, balls, toys and small parts of toys. And in the past year alone the Consumer Product Safety Commission recalled more than 172,000 toys for being choking hazards.

Mosher said a reason why many products hit store shelves is because they pass through the small parts choke test cylinder that PIRGIM feels is too small.

The group urges parents to complete their own at-home test with a toilet paper roll.

"If it can pass through the toilet paper roll it is a choking hazard for children under three," Mosher said.

One of the most dangerous hazards mentioned in the report pertains to toxic toys because they can not be seen. According to the report, the following

problems were found with toys.

A Ninja Turtles pencil case sold at Toys "R" Us was found to have 150,000 ppm of one of six phthalates banned from toys, as well as excessive levels of cadmium, the report said. It is not recalled because it is not a toy subject to the CPSIA's phthalates or toxic metal limits, the report said.

The Lamaze activity mat also tested high with antimony, but is allowed to remain on store shelves because it doesn't violate the CPSIA's soluble antimony limit, the report said.

Magnets pose a major threat to children because if swallowed they can cause severe internal damage, according to the report.

Toys that emit loud noises, like the Chat & Count smart phone that tests above 85 decibels and is intended to be held close to the ear, can lead to hearing loss down the road, the report said.

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Laurel Park building gains kudos, commercial real estate leaders feted

The Building Owners and Managers Association of Metro Detroit held its annual awards program, The Outstanding Building of the Year (TOBY) and Leadership Awards Presentation on Nov. 15 at the MotorCity Casino Sound Board, Detroit.

The program honors outstanding leaders and commercial properties in the local commercial real estate industry. The TOBY Awards, now in its 29th year, is the most prestigious and comprehensive program of its kind in the commercial real estate industry, recognizing excellence in office building ownership and management. Judging is based on community impact, tenant/ employee relations programs, energy management systems, emergency evacuation procedures, building personnel training programs and overall quality indicators. A team of expert industry professionals conducted comprehensive building inspections.

"The winners of this year's TOBY Awards have shown exceptional achievement in their respective categories." said Paul S. Magy, president of BOMA of Metro Detroit, "They are remarkable professionals that provide superior accommodation to Michigan business through their building quality and excellence in property management on par with the best in class



Laura Marble from U.S. General Services Administration received the Outstanding Service Award. She is pictured with Bill Wylonis, BOMA immediate past president, and Paul Magy, BOMA president.

across the country."

With a sold-out crowd of nearly 300 people in attendance, honored were: Kimberly Heslep of Equity Office, Property Manager of the Year; Jon Brach, Newmark Grubb Knight Frank, Facility Manager of the Year; Tom Bartkowiak of REDICO, Building Engineer of the Year; Moylan Energy Management, Inc., Service Provider of the Year; and Neal Hopkins of Mr. Kleen Maintenance, Inc., Supplier Member of the Year.

Dan Kuchersky of PIC Maintenance, Inc., Emerging Leader; Laura Marble of U.S. General Services Administration, Outstanding Service Award; and

Scott Milligan of REDICO, the President's Award.

Detroit properties the m@dison, and Chase Tower; Southfield property Southfield Centre; and Laurel Park Place Office Center in Livonia all took first place in their respective square footage categories as Building of the Year. Detroit's Coleman A. Young Municipal Center was first in the Historical Building class and the Chrysler House first in Renovated Building. Oak Tech Professional in Auburn Hills took the top award in the Medical Office categorv, and Dearborn's Corporate Crossings top bill as Corporate Facility. The **Bingham Office Center in Southfield** was recognized in the Suburban Office Park Low-Rise grouping.

Local TOBY winners advance to regional competition and then move on to international competition at the BO-MA International North American Real Estate Congress and the Every Building Show in Orlando, Fla., in June 2014.

For additional information on the 2013-2014 TOBY and Leadership Awards, visit www.bomadet.org.

Founded in 1908, BOMA of Metro Detroit is a professional, nonprofit trade association whose nearly 400 members either own or manage commercial real estate, or provide goods and services to the industry.

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Amsterdam residents often rent

Q: Do you think it is better to buy or rent a home in Amsterdam since I want to live there during the summer?

A: I think that is a no brainer since only 20 percent of the houses in Amsterdam are purchased while 80 percent are rented. It costs you five euros an hour to park in town and eight euros a day

outside of the city center, and they will give you a tram ticket to get into town. Obviously, there is an incentive on people to live outside of the metropolitan area. There are approximately



Robert

Meisner 600,000 bikes in

Amsterdam with only 800,000 inhabitants. You may be best off renting.

Q. How do we deal with a board member of our condominium association who doesn't think we need an attorney? We have no one on retainer now and the management company has recommended that we get an attorney, but this board member doesn't want to spend any money. What are your comments?

A: You are running a business. You are a member of the board of directors of a corporation. You have legal issues that come up including the obligation to collect assessments, enforce the bylaws, pursue claims against contractors and/or developers, deal with fair housing issues, FHA certification, procedures to implement your collection and bylaw enforcement policies, and a myriad of other issues that an attorney can assist you on irrespective of whether you have a pending legal problem. Your board member should be apprised of her legal liabilities and the probability of her to be sued. Perhaps she will get her act together at that point in time and overcome her naiveté.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of " Condo Living 2: An Authoritative Guide to Buying, Selling, and Operating a Condominium." It is available for \$24.95 plus \$5.55 for tax, shipping and handling. " Condo Living 2" is available in both print and e-book editions. The e-book is available for download through iTunes, Amazon.com, and barnesandnoble.com. He is also the author of " Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track," second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$2.20 for tax, shipping and handling Call 248-644-44

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the weeks of July 29 to Aug. 2, 2013, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS

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1510 Groton Rd	\$375,000	1455
1850 Pine Ridge Ln	\$212,000	4853
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6721 Inkster Rd	\$238,000	2307
6487 Maple Hills Dr	\$120,000	2241
345 Martell Dr	\$875,000	FAR
4250 Sedgemoor Ln	\$420,000	3761
3635 W Bradford Dr	\$239,000	3765
4041 W Maple Rd #	\$59, 000	2790
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960 Westview Rd	\$313,000	2724
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2795 Ayershire Dr	\$265,000	3023
2990 Courville Dr	\$240,000	3107
670 E Fox Hills Dr	\$69, 000	2991
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5253 Fairmont Hill Ct	\$375,000	3008
1769 Golf Ridge Dr	\$188, 000	3019
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\$380,000	26360 Franklin Pointe	\$44,000
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\$131,000	24125 Martha	\$60,000
\$225,000	Washington Dr	
	17670 New Hampshire	\$78, 000
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\$561,000	26962 Pebblestone St	\$148, 000
\$450,000	16131 Pennsylvania St	\$113,000
\$125,000	18602 W Nine Mile Rd	\$88, 000
\$440,000	29732 Westbrook Pkwy	\$77,000
\$202,000	21230 Winchester St	\$159, 000
\$198, 000	WHITE LAKE	
\$412,000	4300 Beacon Pointe	\$365,000
\$143,000	1100 Clearwater St	\$56 0,000
\$190,000	8735 Eastway Dr	\$347,000
\$379,000	10219 Lakeside Dr	\$225,000
\$121,000	10280 Lakeside Dr	\$152,000
\$315,000	9480 Marina Ct	\$71,000
\$180,000	892 Moldovia Dr	\$339,000
\$58,000	659 Plainfield Dr	\$315,000
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HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real-estate closings recorded the week of Aug. 19-23, 2013, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Short sales

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

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

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

Seminar on Tuesdays, Thursdays

A free seminar on governmentinsured reverse mortgages is offered by Colonial Mortgage Corp. on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. and Thursdays at 2 p.m., held at various locations

RSVP with Colonial Mortgage at 800-260-5484.

Free foreclosure tours

Free foreclosure tours are 1 p.m. every other Sunday. Meeting place is Panera Bread on the southeast corner of Middlebelt and I-96.

Email Georgia@addedvaluerealty.com or visit FreeForeclosure-Tour.com.

Investors

The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne will have an open forum. Investors will answer questions and offer a market update. Meetings are at 7:30 p.m. each first Tuesday of the month at the Red Lobster on Eureka in Southgate.

Members are free, guests \$20, which will be applied to their membership.

Any questions or concerns, call Wayde Koehler at 313-277-4168.