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**Santa will be visiting
Maybury Farm.**

City-owned home to be torn down

Guidelines updated for tearing down in Historic District

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

The city of Northville-owned home at 222 S. Wing Street sits on land that had been set aside for a possible expansion of the post office, but that hasn't happened and now the run down home will be knocked down.

Northville City Council (5-0) awarded a building demolition contract to Milford Salvage Iron and Metal in the amount of

\$12,240. In his recommendation to council, Northville Public Works Director Jim Gallogly said the home needs to come down, but there are no plans for any development on that lot.

"This building, which is in poor condition, is no longer livable, with the roof and kitchen ceiling collapsing in the back of the building," Gallogly said. "It has stood vacant for the last



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

This home at 222 S. Wing Street, which is owned by the city of Northville, will be torn down in the near future.

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Locally-made bell will fit nicely at restored Thayer's Schoolhouse

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

Restoration of the historical Thayer's Schoolhouse got a crucial piece when a search on eBay turned up a unique item that has a Northville connection.

Northville Township Historic District Commission members Dick Allen and Bill Sivy were able to find a school bell on the trading website from a seller in the Grand Rapids area. It was manufactured by the American Bell and Foundry Company of Northville.

The bell is not up yet, but once the township's historic district commission has the funds to fix the roof, it will add a unique and original touch to the old building.

"It looks to be in excellent condition and rings nicely," said Marjorie Banner, Board of Trustees treasurer and historic district commission member. "We're really excited to have found this."

Established in 1877, the Thayer Schoolhouse is the only remaining one-room schoolhouse in Northville Township, and one of a few one-room schoolhouses in the local area remaining in their original location. The cemetery that is located behind it is also the largest of three original burying grounds that remain in the township. The school remained open until 1952.

For some time it's been one of the the missions of township historic district commission to restore the schoolhouse, which is an important piece in the community's past. Tracing the bell's past and its significance for the historic restoration of the old building is important.

According to Sivy, the bell

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LONNIE HUHMAN

Bill Sivy (left) and Dick Allen, members of the Northville Township Historic District Commission, located on eBay the historic bell manufactured in the Bell Foundry in Northville.

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City contracts with Imagine for snow removal

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

The last winter was tough, and the city of Northville had to pay more than \$20,000 for snow plowing of city parking lots. Officials hope the snow this season stays within the contracted amount of \$11,250.

The Northville City Council voted 5-0 to award a contract for snow removal services to Imagine Landscaping of Northville in the amount of \$11,250 plus \$2,250 for each additional call after five snow events. A snow event that requires the private contractor's help is one that is three inches or more.

"If the winter brings excessive snow as last year's did, a



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Here's what downtown Northville looked like on Jan. 16, 2014.

budget amendment may be necessary," said Jim Gallogly, the city's public works director. "Hopefully, it's not like last year."

Traditionally, his crew has handled the snow plowing of public parking lots in the city

but it became costly.

As it is always easier to plow these parking lots when there are no vehicles in them, Gallogly said the city called in DPW employees to plow the public parking lots during the early morning hours (3-7 a.m.) on weekdays and on weekends following a snow event. This practice involved paying employees overtime wages for this extra work.

"In an effort to reduce overtime costs for snow plowing and still provide a comparable service to the public, in 2009 the city of Northville developed snow plowing specifications specific to Northville's parking lots, sought bids and awarded a contract for this after hours work," Gallogly said.

Imagine has worked for the Northville Downtown Development Authority in the past and was a subcontractor for the city's previous snow plowing contractor.

"They have performed well for the city, and city staff believes that they can do this work in timely and professional manner," Gallogly said.

The current contract calls for at least five plows, but the extra costs could come if more are needed. The contractor was called out 11 times last winter, but in the previous winter they were only called in the five times.

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OLD BELL

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was manufactured by the American Bell and Foundry Company of Northville, which was located at the east end of Cady Street and was an outgrowth of the Globe Furniture Company.

Sivy said Globe traced its roots to a school desk patented in 1870 by C. G. Harrington, a Northville foundry owner. By the late 1800s, Globe employed over 200 people and was the largest manufacturer of school furniture in the world.

“They began producing bells in the 1890s, using the name American Bell Foundry at least as early as 1895,” according to Sivy.

He said its history took a turn when the Globe complex was struck by lightning and burned to the ground in 1899. The bell foundry

“They began producing bells in the 1890s ...”

BILL SIVY
Historic District commissioner

building was rebuilt and incorporated as American Bell and Foundry Company. They continued production in Northville until 1920 when it was sold to an Ohio firm.

Sivy said they were very successful and known worldwide. In 1903, the *Northville Record* reported that they had just received an order from Egypt and an inquiry from West Africa.

“When we repair and reshingle the roof, we plan to have the cupola (belfry) reproduced and install the bell,” Sivy said.

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Christmas decorators

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Past presidents of the Northville Garden Club gather on Dec. 8 at the Allen Terrace fountain, which the group annually decorates for Christmas. (front, l to r): Julie Mantay, Barbara O'Brien, Inge Knoth, Evelyn Harper and Karen Ross; (back) Kate Uberti, Annie Nichols, Mimi Kibbey and Patty Page. The fountain was a gift from the Garden Club to Allen Terrace in 1978.

MILL RACE MATTERS

Mill Race Historical Village is located at 215 Griswold Ave., north of Main Street near Ford Field. Buildings will reopen on Sundays in June 2015. Grounds open daily dawn until dusk. Mill Race relies on rentals and memberships to maintain the Village. Consider becoming a member or making a donation today; visit www.millracenorthville.org for details.

Upcoming events

JM Mead Store extended holiday shopping hours: 1-4 p.m. Dec. 14, 20 and 21.

2015 Members Only Annual Dinner: 6:30 p.m. Jan. 15 at the Northville Senior Center; all members please RSVP if you'll be attending.

Weekly events

Mondays: Archives and Office open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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DEMOLISH

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eight years.”

The city of Northville has seen a good handful of home tear downs in the last year in the Cabbage Town neighborhood. Recently, within the historic district on Cady Street, a home was deemed not of a historical style befitting of Northville's standards.

This demo on Wing Street is not in the city's historic district, so its standards do not apply to this proposal. The home was built in 1900 and Gallogly said it is heated without duct work but rather holes in the floors up to the second floor.

Mayor Chris Johnson said the land was set aside for post office expansion some time ago,

but as far as the city can tell, that probably won't happen. The plot is listed in the city's master plan for residential uses, like condominiums.

No tear down date has been scheduled yet.

Historic District demolitions and moving guidelines

Following its decision on the Wing Street home, the city council voted to concur with the Historic District Commission and approved the amendments to the Guidelines for Consideration of Applications for the Demolition or Moving of Structures within the Northville Historic District.

According to Northville City Manager Patrick Sullivan, the modifications pertain to the requirement that the applicant now has to provide a certified written report by a structural engineer as follows:

» The structural engineer must be approved by the HDC for this project and must be one that is included on the City's list of authorized structural engineers.

» The structural engineer's report will include their assessment of the structural soundness of the building and its adaptability for rehabilitation. Any dangerous conditions should be identified.

» The HDC, at its sole discretion, may waive the requirement for a structural engineer's report.

» Such waivers shall be considered only for structures of buildings that are small, or of simple construction, or are historically insignificant, or that possess other defining characteristics that assist the Commissioners in evaluating its adaptability for rehabilitation without an engineer's report.

» The applicant shall place in escrow with the City, an amount determined by the City Council to cover the expenses of the structural engineer's report.

» The escrow will be used by the City to pay the structural engineer for their services to develop the report. Any funds not used for this purpose will be returned to the applicant.

Sullivan said any budget impact should be minimal as the applicant is required to place the expense amount in escrow with the city.

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Northville music program shines on TV, in concerts

WJBK TV invited the Northville High School TrebleMakers (10-girl a cappella group) to share their distinct vocal gifts with all of southeast Michigan, singing Christmas songs Dec. 2 on FOX 2 News Morning and FOX 2 News at the studios. Choir director Mary Kay Pryce joined them for an on-set interview.

The spotlight turns back to NHS as Michigan's largest high school vocal music program presents three festive concerts. "Happy Holidays from the choir department," said choir director Mark Krempski. "What better way to celebrate than with music. Support the youth of our community during this time of giving and accept their gift – beautiful and entertaining song."

NHS's 10 award-winning choirs join the school's three equally accomplished symphonic bands at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thurs-



Smiling under the bright lights of the FOX 2 studios are Northville High School's TrebleMakers (l to r) Carly Bins, Camille Tish, Isabel Rocha, Maddie Green, Patrisia Vekima, Mary Kay Pryce (director), Maria Cholack, Claire Matthews, Laura Khoury, Heather Donnelly and Frances Master. With other musical groups, they will perform at the school's festive holiday concerts on Dec. 16-18.

day, Dec. 16-18 in the high school auditorium. Concert Choir, Chorale, Chamber Choir, TrebleMakers, BackBeat and Freshman Select sing all three nights. Other choirs add their own special touches on specific nights. Nightly choir lists are on the

choir program's website at www.northvillehighschoolchoirs.weebly.com. The Chorale's stunning candlelight procession into the darkened auditorium is part of each night's concert as is *A Christmas Festival* by Leroy Anderson, performed by Symphonic

Band 11/12. As always, the first two nights' concerts will kick off with *Christmas Spectacular*, presented by Symphonic Band 9 and Symphonic Band 10. A bonus choir caps off each night's musical celebration. Honoring a well-loved tradition

started in the mid-1980s, current choir students welcome the FATS (Friends, Family, Alumni, Teachers and Students) Choir to the stage for a carol medley and Handel's *Hallelujah Chorus*. Krempski and Pryce will be joined by choir

director Beth Richert and instrumental music instructors Johanne Ray-Hepp and Mike Rumbell. Students and directors have been working on the holiday program since October. Music Boosters' raffle ticket sales conclude on Thursday night. Music program families are asked to sell two \$50 raffle tickets to strategically supplement the program's funding. Tickets for cash and prizes will be drawn during Thursday's afterglow (with light snacks and desserts) in the school cafeteria. All final concert attendees are welcomed to attend. Donations to Northville Civic Concern will be collected. Following the afterglow, the annual choir alumni party will be held at the Pryce home. Tickets (\$7) will be sold at the door prior to each concert and by Pryce at prycema@northvilleschools.org.

NORTHVILLE LIBRARY LINES

Amazing Clark's Winter Holiday Show

Time/Date: 4:15-5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11
Details: Magical snowflake miracles! Kids of all ages enjoy this hilariously fun festive wintry show. We cannot accommodate special groups. 100 free tickets available 5 minutes prior to the show.

Drop-In Saturday Storytime

Time/Date: 11-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 13
Details: Join a wintry wonderland of stories, music and movement. Best for children ages 2-4, but entire families are welcome.

Drop-In Tech Help

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 13
Details: Free tech help for your general computer questions. Up to one hour with a volunteer.

Drop-In Winter Crafts for Kids

Time/Date: 4-5 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 16
Details: Kids of all ages make an adorable accordion snowman. No registration required, just drop in. Due to space limitations, we cannot accommodate special groups.

Unravel: Teens Knit & Crochet

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 16
Details: Drop in for a casual session for all skill levels, supplies and basic instruction included.

Tween Cookies-In-A-Jar

Time/Date: 4:15-5 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 17
Details: Just for tweens ages 9-12. Make delicious do-it-yourself cookies in a jar. Limit 30 attendees.

Kidz Time

Time/Date: 4:30-5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 18
Details: Fun after-school program for first-, second- and third-graders, featuring stories, games and crafts. Call to register; 248-349-3020.

Helping hand


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Northville Civic Concern volunteer Noreen Perkins helps to sort and bag donated food. The charity is always looking for more people to donate food to its needy clients. It has benefited recently from a lot of donated goods as well as \$2,400 from the Northville High School National Honor Society. Civic Concern's annual Christmas distribution for its families will be held on Dec. 15 at Northville Township's Church of the Nazarene on Haggerty.


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Hillside carnival



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Arianna Ramp helps to serve up some sundaes at the Dec. 5 Hillside Middle School Carnival. The evening included inflatable rides, games of skill and chance, cake and pop walks, holiday gifts and a raffle and lots of food to enjoy. It was a fundraiser for the school's PTSA and has been a regular event since 1991.



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Hillside seventh-grader Ian Duda begins to lose his balance on a surf board ride at the Dec. 5 carnival.

Academic success continues

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

The Nov. 18 school board meeting was a big moment for the Northville Public School district to take a moment and recognize some great academic successes.

NPS was again placed on the College Board's fifth annual AP District Honor Roll for significant gains in student access and success, and 28 students were also recognized as National Merit students.

National Merit

"It is an honor and privilege to join your principal, Mr. Tony Koski, and the Northville Public Schools Board of Education, in offering my congratulations for your outstanding performance on PSAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test," said NPS Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher in her invitation letter to the Commended and Semi-Finalist students and their families.

The National Merit Scholarship Program is an academic competition for recognition and scholarships that began in

1955. High school students enter the National Merit Program by taking the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test – a test which serves as an initial screen of approximately 1.5 million entrants each year – and by meeting published program entry and participation requirements.

More than two-thirds (about 34,000) of the approximately 50,000 high scorers on the test receive Letters of Commendation in recognition of their outstanding academic promise. Commended Students are named on the basis of a nationally applied Selection Index score that may vary from year to year and is typically below the level required for participants to be named Semifinalists in their respective states. Although Commended Students do not continue in the competition for National Merit Scholarships, some of these students do become candidates for Special Scholarships sponsored by corporations and businesses.

NPS has 16 Commended students.

NPS's 18 Semi-Finalists are among the top less than 1 percent of more than 1.5 million students across the nation participating the program. They now have the opportunity to move forward in the scholarship competition.

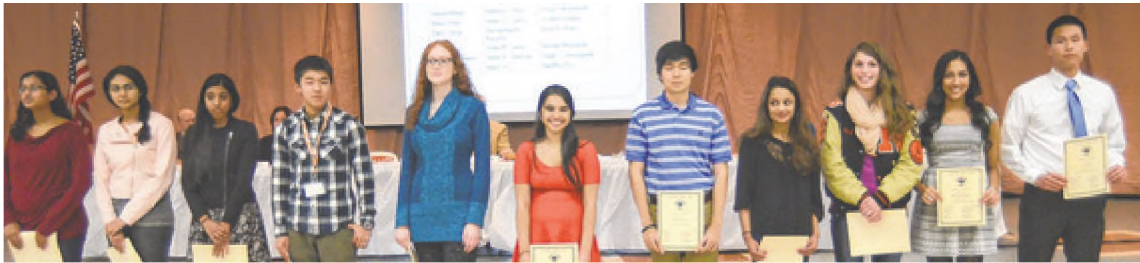
"As a National Merit Semi-Finalist and Commended student you bring distinction and honor to your school," said Gallagher.

AP Honor Roll

NPS is one of 547 school districts in the U.S. and Canada being honored by the College Board for increasing access to Advanced Placement course work while simultaneously maintaining or increasing the percentage of students earning 3 or higher on AP exams. This year is a milestone because there are more districts achieving this honor than ever before.

"It is a significant achievement to be recognized as one of the outstanding school districts on the AP District Honor Roll," Gallagher said.

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National Merit Semi-Finalists students from Northville High School: Kavya Adiga, Nabiba Biviji, Pooja Dandamudi, Weiye Ding, Helen Garby, Urvashi Gupta, Perry Jiang, Samantha Kargilis, Aliya Khan, Erin Kim, Sree Lanka, Rachel McIlvaine, Simran Reddy, Nirek Sharma, Tejas Venugopal, Shunhe Wang, Kevin Yu and Geoffry Zhu.



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National Merit Commended students from Northville High School: Zal Joshi, Jonathan Mithcell, Anika Mukherji, William Peck, Sneha Rathi, Malika Sachdev, Mira Sanghvi, Matthew Schafer, Jacob Sirois, Victoria Zarembo and Katie Zhang. Not pictured are Derek Gan, Alina Haque, Una Koh, Nathan Lwo and Kevin Yang.

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POLICE BRIEFS

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Camera lens stolen

A wedding photographer/videoographer had a camera lens stolen while working a reception Nov. 3 at the Baronette Renaissance hotel in Novi.

The victim said he put down the lens for another and when he went to pack everything up, it was gone. The report said hotel staff could not find any clues on the security video.

The case is closed due to no leads.

Backhoe windows broken

A backhoe being used at a Novi construction site was damaged by an unknown person.

The machine's four windows were smashed while it was parked overnight at a site at 10 Mile and Napier roads. It's being used at the new phase of the Island Lake subdivision. Novi police said there are no suspects at this time.

NORTHVILLE

Drunken driving

A 20-year-old Northville man was arrested for drunken driving after Northville City Police stopped him for speeding Nov. 29 at South Center and Seven Mile. The police report stated the driver was going 41 mph in a 25 speed zone. The police reported smelling intoxicants in the driver.

His preliminary breathalyzer test registered a 0.16-percent blood-alcohol content.

Marijuana paraphernalia

A 23-year-old Northville man was arrested for possessing a grinder with marijuana residue inside.

The arrest happened Nov. 29 at Hutton and Main streets. The Northville City Police stopped the man's car for a broken brake light. The report stated the officer smelled marijuana inside the car. The man was deemed sober enough to drive, but he did tell police the grinder was inside.

Super drunken driving

A 30-year-old Redford Township man was arrested for drunken driving after Northville Township Police found him passed out in a damaged vehicle.

The police reported finding the vehicle Nov. 19 at Six Mile and Cross roads with damage that included a shattered windshield. The police said it looked as if it happened recently. The man did not wake up to the knocks on the window, so the police were forced to use an un-locking tool.

The police reported smelling intoxicants inside the vehicle once contact was made with the driver. He said he didn't know about the damage. His PBT came back at 0.171 percent. He had a previous OWI charge.

Retail theft

A Livonia woman was arrested by Northville Township Police for attempting to steal necklaces and pants from the Kohl's store on Haggerty Road.

According to the police report, the arrest happened Nov. 21. Police were called on the report of a subject in custody of the store's loss prevention, who told police the 18-year-old suspect confessed to the theft attempt.

Store staff told police the woman was spotted taking two necklaces and putting them inside her jacket. She was then spotted taking pants and putting them inside a changing room only to exit without them. She was stopped by store security after exiting the store.

— By Lonnie Huhman

Novi's finest brighten children's holidays

By Curtis Drogmiller
Correspondent

The Fraternal Order of Police Southwestern Oakland County Lodge No. 128 held its Annual Cops and Kids holiday event Dec. 4 at the Wixom Meijer store on Grand River Avenue.

On hand were members from ICE-ERO, Homeland Security-OIG, officers from various cities in Oakland County, the Oakland County Sheriff's Department and several firefighters and four members of Novi's Police Department – Officer Tim Harper, Sgt. John Nelson, Officer Scott Woodley and Lt. Erick Zinser.

"I am proud of everyone involved with our Cops and Kids annual holiday event at Meijer in Wixom," FOP 128 President John KirkPat-



CURTIS DROGMILLER

Novi police Sgt. John Nelson (from left), Vincent Shepherd of Novi and Novi police Lt. Erick Zinser.

rick said. "Meijer was the perfect partner and our membership came out in large numbers of local and federal law enforcement officers to make this holiday brighter for several area chil-

dren."

Cops and Kids invited 30 kids from three organizations: Novi Youth Assistance, Lakes Area Youth Assistance and Huron Valley Youth Assistance. The event

started at 5:30 p.m. with a pizza party; each child received a goodie bag and then it was time to shop.

Each child received a \$200 gift card to shop with an officer. The evening would conclude with an extra surprise for the families, each receiving a bag to take home, filled with various food items to make their holiday feast complete.

The FOP Cops and Kids Holiday event is getting larger each year, spreading joy to 10 more children in the area than last year.

"We had a terrific turnout," event chair John Jacob Sr. said. "There is no greater joy than to see the happiness on the children's faces during our Cops and Kids holiday event."

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(PG-13)

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3:15, 9:35

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11:10, 1:40, 4:25, 7:10, 9:40

FRI/SAT LS 12:00

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11:20, 1:50, 4:05, 6:35, 9:00

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PART 1 (PG-13)

12:30, 4:00, 7:00, 9:45

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MON 11:30, 2:20, 9:50

BIG HERO 6 (PG)

11:00, 1:30, 4:15, 6:40, 9:05

RELIGION CALENDAR

Send calendar information to cstone@hometownlife.com by noon Monday to be included in Thursday's publication. The calendar is also available online at www.hometownlife.com.

Brightmoor Christian

Location: M-5 and 13 Mile, Novi.
Contact: 248-668-7014 or CelebrateRecovery@brightmoorcc.org.
Web: 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. Pre-register.

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 through Friday; 7 p.m. Monday and 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

Location: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile.
Contact: 248-669-9400, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or visit crosspointe-meadows.org.
Sunday worship: 11 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.

Emmanuel Lutheran

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.
Youth group: 7 p.m. Wednesdays.
Special Needs Ministry: Contact Judy Cook, 248-442-8822.
Christmas Eve Services: 5 p.m. family worship; 7 and 11 p.m. traditional family worship. All services include candle lighting and holy communion
Sunday, Dec 28: one worship service at 9:30 a.m.

Faith Community Presbyterian Church

Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile.
Contact: 248-349-2345 or visit www.faithcommunity-novi.org.
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

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 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.; 6 p.m. Evening Traditional Service.
Thursday: 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group and Bible Study.
Tuesday: 9:25 a.m. Women of the Word Bible Study -- the Books of Ruth and Esther
Wednesday: 5:30 p.m. family dinner; 6:30 p.m. Caravan Scouting program for ages 4 through fourth grade; Club 56 for fifth and sixth graders; Surge Youth Group, Bible Study with Pastor Troy Ogle; and Little Critters for preschool age.

First Presbyterian Church of Northville

Location: 200 E. Main.
Contact: 248-349-0911 or visit www.fpcnorthville.org.
Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. (for all ages).

First Presbyterian Church

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

First Presbyterian Church

Location: 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington.

First United Methodist Church of Northville

Location: 777 W. Eight Mile, Northville.
Contact: 248-349-1144 or www.fumcnorthville.org.
Sunday Worship (September-May): 9:15 and 11 a.m.
Sunday School (September-May): 9:15 a.m. Nursery 12th grade; 11 a.m. Nursery-sixth grade.

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

Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile.
Contact: 248-427-1175 or holycrossnovi@gmail.com; visit holyCROSSnovi.org.
Sunday Worship: 7:45 and 10 a.m.
Sunday School and Nursery Care: 10 a.m. worship service.
Alzheimer's Support Group: 10 a.m. second Saturday of month.

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.

Legacy Church

(formerly First Baptist Church and Orchard Hills Baptist Church)
Location: 23455 Novi Road, Novi.
Contact: pastor Jon Hix, 248-349-5665 or visit www.legacychurch.us.
Sunday School/Small Groups for all ages: 9:45 a.m.
Worship Services: 11 a.m.
Bible Study/Prayer: 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, at 248-348-7757; visit mbccc.org; or email to office@mbccc.org.
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.
Church School and Nursery Care: provided during worship.
Fellowship Hour: 11 a.m.

NorthRidge Church

Location: 49555 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth
Phone: 734-233-3621
Email: pheaton@northridgechurch.com

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 sanctuary; 10:15 a.m.: Contemporary service in worship center; children's super church on the second level (208/210).
Wednesday Family Night: 7 p.m.; Adult elective classes; 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 Avrohom and Leah Susskind at 248-790-6075 or rabbino-novijewishcenter.com; www.novijewish-center.com.

Novi United Methodist

Location: 41671 W. 10 Mile.
Contact: 248-349-2652 or visit umc-novi.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, 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.

Our Savior Apostolic Lutheran Church

Location: 54899 Eight Mile, Northville.
Contact: 248-374-2268.
Children (5-10) & Adult Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Bible Study: Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

Orchard Grove Community Church

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

Red Kettle collecting



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Myra Blanding rings the bell Dec. 8 for Salvation Army donations at the Novi Town Center. The group will be collecting funds throughout the holiday season to help in its outreach programs to the homeless and needy. Other Novi bell-ringers for The Salvation Army are located at West Oaks and Twelve Oaks malls.

Get your tickets at www.orchardgrove.org. Event will feature bungee jump, whirly bird, dunk tank, car bash, 3-on-3 basketball, zorb balls , long board course and prize giveaways all night.

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church

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

Our Lady of Victory

Location: 132 Orchard Drive, 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, Plymouth.
Contact: pastor Bill Burke at 734-927-0891.
Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.
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.

Plymouth St. John's Episcopal Church

Location: 574 S. Sheldon in Plymouth.
Contact: 734-453-0190, Ext. 16, or visit www.stjohnsplymouth.org.

Praise Baptist Church

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

Prince of Peace Lutheran

Location: 28000 New Market Road, Farmington Hills.
Phone: 248-553-3380
Fall Support Groups: Hosting two separate fall support groups: "Hope for Tomorrow" for those grieving and "Through the Fire" for those needing divorce recovery. These free support groups will meet at 7 p.m. Thursdays in the fellowship hall area. These classes will offer strength, courage and hope to individuals as they go through the process of grief and/or divorce. Space is limited. Please call the church office to pre-register or for more information.
Free monthly movie: "Polar Express" will be shown at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19 with a potluck dinner.
Mid-week Advent services: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 17. Special soup suppers will be hosted prior to the services at 6:15 p.m.

St. James Catholic

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

Wednesday; 5 p.m. Saturday.

St. John Lutheran Church

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

St. Paul's Lutheran

Location: 201 Elm St., Northville
Contact: 248-349-3140
Unity of Farmington Hills
Location: 32500 W. 13 Mile, Farmington
Contact: 248-737-9191; Administrative-Director@unityfh.com

Unitarian Universalist Church of Farmington

Location: 25301 Halsted, Farmington Hills
Contact: www.uufarmington.org
Details: This religious education program is open to the public and currently enrolling new students. Classes are grouped into grades K-five, six-eight and nine-12 with age-specific education materials for all.
Contact: Jennifer Teed at 248-478-7272 or dre@uufarmington.org
Details: Six weeks exploring different topics like religion, philosophy, science, health, social and political issues. No advance registration necessary; a \$5 donation is suggested. Drop in and pick the class that interests you most at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Farmington.
Contact: 248-478-7272 or uufarmington.org/uucf/re-lifespan
Multigenerational Services: 6:45 p.m. Fridays
Details: Family members of all ages can gather for drumming, chanting, and meditation followed by a brief participatory worship service which could include stories, songs and sharing. A religious education activity will follow, such as an art project, music, dance, game or theater. The evening will close with a light snack and a short time to socialize, ending at 8:30 p.m.

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville (behind the shopping center at the corner of Six Mile and Haggerty)
Web: www.wardchurch.org
Contact: 248-374-7400
Sunday Worship: 8 a.m. Liturgical in the Chapel; 9:30 a.m. Contemporary in the Sanctuary; 11 a.m. Traditional in the Sanctuary; 11a.m. Post-Contemporary in Knox Hall
Sunday Groups and Classes: Nursery, Children's and Middle School programs available on Sunday mornings. High School Sunday night at 6:30 p.m. Sunday Morning Adult Life Classes also available.
FX: A Family Experience: An interactive family production where participants ignite conversations in the home on important topics to help kids and their parents follow God together. First Sunday of the month at 9:30 a.m. In Knox Hall, September-May.
Service Broadcasts: Live at <http://live.wardchurch.org> at 9:30 and 11 a.m. Sundays for live interactive video web-streaming.



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Tips for a safe holiday season

It's no surprise that as the holiday season approaches, family and friends gather to celebrate. With more cooking, decorating and rituals that include candles and open flames, the risk of house fires and pediatric burn injuries increase drastically during the month of December.

These holiday traditions can all lead to a devastating house fire when there are young children in the home. The U.S. Fire Administration reports there are approximately 128,700 fires during this festive month that account for 415 deaths and 1,650 injuries.

Holiday fire safety tips

According to Dr. David Herndon, M.D., with Shriners Hospitals for Children in Galveston, Texas, there are three types of pediatric burns that are common during the holidays. They include scalds from steam or hot liquids, contact with heat or flames and electrical burns. Understanding these common injuries and how to avoid them can help your family to stay safe this season.

Look out for loved ones and prepare for the holiday ahead with these simple fire safety tips from Shriners Hospitals for Children:

Holiday decorations

» Make sure your tree is at least threefeet away from heat sources such as fireplaces, radiators, space heaters, candles or heat vents.

» If you have a live tree in your home, keep it well watered and remove it after the holiday or when it becomes dry.

Holiday lighting

» Inspect holiday lights each year for frayed wires, bare spots and excessive kinking or wear before use.

» Connect strings of

lights to an extension cord before plugging the cord into the outlet.

Candle care

» Consider using battery-operated, flameless candles.

» Never leave lit candles unattended. When using lit candles, make sure they are in stable holders and placed where they cannot be knocked down easily.

Holiday cooking

» Cooking is the primary cause of home fires and fire injuries, so keep an eye on what you fry.

» Stand by your pan and turn pot handles toward the back of the stove so children cannot reach them.

» Wear short sleeves or roll up long sleeves when cooking.

» Keep a pan lid or cookie sheet nearby to cover the pan if it catches on fire.

Be prepared

To protect your loved ones, make sure your home is equipped with working smoke alarms and fire extinguishers. The holiday season is a great time to change the batteries in your smoke alarms and to check fire extinguishers.

Have an escape plan for your family and always cook with care. Most importantly, if you or your child experiences a burn, consult a physician immediately.

Expert pediatric burn care

Since Shriners Hospitals for Children entered the burn care field, the survival rate for children with burns over more than 50 percent of their body surface has doubled. Today, patients with burns over 90 percent can survive and go on to lead full, productive lives.

These hospitals provide critical, surgical and rehabilitative burn care

to children, regardless of a family's ability to pay. Each state-of-the-art burn facility is staffed and equipped to provide reconstructive and restorative surgery for healed burns, as well as treatments for various other skin conditions.

The staff focuses on the medical and emotional needs of every child, as well as the needs and concerns of the family throughout the care process. A multi-disciplinary team works closely with the patient and family to provide support during the child's recovery and transition back to school and family life.

The gift of prevention

The holiday season is a great time to spread safety awareness to all of your family and friends. Here are some gift ideas to present to loved ones, stuff stockings or to tuck under the tree:

» **Escape ladder:** The National Fire Protection Association recommends homeowners keep one escape ladder in each room located above the ground floor. Many models are built to stow easily under the bed or in the closet.

» **Smoke detector:** Some new smoke detectors offer advanced technologies, including a text message alert when a risk is detected or batteries are running low.

» **Flameless candles:** While a candle is always a classic gift, a flameless candle is a safer way to add ambiance to a room.

» **Fire extinguisher:** This safety equipment makes a great addition for the kitchen, garage or wood shop.

» **Batteries:** Fill those stockings with plenty of batteries to ensure smoke detectors are in working order for many months to come.

— Courtesy of Family Features

Gas leaks force evacuations at AT&T building and Bagger Dave's

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

The Novi Fire Department was dispatched last week to the AT&T store on 43215 Grand River Avenue on a report of a gas smell inside the business.

The call came in just before 11 a.m. Dec. 3. The Novi Fire Department called Consumers Energy to assist with locating a possible natural gas leak, according to Jeff Johnson, director of fire operations and EMS at NFD.

"After checking the building, a leak was located on the rooftop unit of AT&T and a second leak at Bagger Dave's from a supply line to a gas cooking appliance," Johnson said.

Consumers Energy



AILEEN WINGBLAD

The AT&T store on Grand River Avenue was evacuated last week due to a gas leak.

secured and shut off the gas so that both leaks could be fixed, he said. Both locations were safely evacuated and there were no injuries.

If not detected, the leak could be very dangerous, Johnson said. The gas company puts a sulfur-type odor in the gas so people can smell a "rotten egg" when it's leaking. This normally prompts a call to the local fire department or directly to Consumers

Energy.

Consumers Energy uses a special gas monitor that detects leaks. Johnson said the NFD can monitor for some gases, but Consumers has equipment designed to pinpoint leaks.

According to Johnson, so far this year the NFD shows 21 calls for natural or LP gas leaks.

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You could win a \$25 gift card to Toys R Us. Just submit your photo and have your parents include your phone number, age, community of residence, and name of each person in the photograph.

Material Needed:
2 Cups of Flour
1 Cup Salt
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Food Color (optional)

Instructions:
Mix together flour and salt. Slowly add water and stir until you get a clay consistency. You can add food color if you'd like. Once completely mixed together create your desired shape. Don't make it too thick to avoid cracking. Make a small hole in your creation for a ribbon or ornament hook. Bake in a 250 degree oven for about 1 hour. You may need to vary your time based on thickness of your creation. After baking let the ornament cool. Now decorate your creation using glitter, paint, and decoupage and more.



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Pastors reach out to ‘Christmas, Easter people’ – with love

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

The Rev. Robert Allen of First Presbyterian Church of Northville will see some new faces at Christmas worship. “You get folks that are tangentially associated with the church,” said Allen, a Lyon Township resident and head of staff and teaching elder at the downtown Northville congregation. “The bottom line for me is numbers on a membership roll are less important. It’s a family of faith wherever you go. Come as you are, come when you can.

“Folks want to reconnect,” Allen said. “You want to connect them to something. It’s not just a ritual, but a relationship. It’s all about being present and not trying to put on airs.”

He and other pastors see “Christmas and Easter people,” infrequent church goers, each year. Christian clergy view the holidays as an opportunity to reach those people.

“One of the ways I reach out is moving past the ordinary,” Allen said. “The idea is to capture their interest and their intellect.” Some see Christmas in simplistic terms, not realizing the strife that existed when Jesus was born.

“The story is much deeper and broader than that. It’s a refuge from the rest of the world,” Allen added of the modern church. “This promised peace is not something that happens in isolation.”

Ancient roots

He said the Palestine-Israel conflict has ancient roots, noting the “Roman imperialism” of Caesar Augustus in Jesus’ time. “People look to government to solve things and



JULIE BROWN
As Christmas nears, local pastors reach out to “Christmas and Easter people,” infrequent worshippers.

it’s not always helpful,” Allen said, referencing the Ferguson, Mo., case that has inflamed racial tensions.

Allen noted that the good news of Jesus’ birth was announced to people not accustomed to such good news.

At NorthRidge Church in Plymouth Township, pastors also greet newcomers at Christmas and Easter, said the Rev. Wayne Kurtycz, a regional campus leader. NorthRidge also has campuses at Saline, Grosse Ile and Brighton.

“It really is connected to our power as a church to wake people up to Jesus,” said Kurtycz, a Canton resident. “We involve people. We hope to have God take them to that next step, to know God unabashedly loves them. We relevantly show God’s truth without compromising it.”

At NorthRidge, the celebration is of Christ’s birth, not just in the Bethlehem manger, “but to bear our sins on the cross,” Kurtycz said. “That’s how we really want to wake up our world to Jesus. In all the chaos and sadness of the

world, he loves us.”

Celebrating hope

Kurtycz noted some yule worshippers are experiencing loss of a loved one; the Great Recession also hurt many, although he sees that improving. “We celebrate hope,” he said. The Rev. Brad Powell and others at NorthRidge preach, with music and technology incorporated.

“It’s beyond entertainment, it’s inspiration,” Kurtycz said. “They are very receptive,” he added of newcomers and the message. Many say, “I went to church and I felt better when I left.”

“Thousands of people have come through those doors,” Kurtycz said. “As we grow larger, we grow smaller. At the end of the day, it’s all about relationships,” with God and with other people.

NorthRidge is a mega-church, but he noted many opportunities to meet and worship in smaller settings. “That God would bless this place as he has is phenomenal,” Kurtycz said. “God’s just using this place to touch a lot of loves and touch a lot of people.”

At Merriman Road Baptist Church in Garden City, the Rev. Wayne Parker, pastor, said, “At both Christmas and Easter, we do a lot of special programs.”

On Dec. 21, his congregation’s choir and drama performance will draw people in, as do youth outreach efforts, “knowing that this time of year they’re more inclined to think about spiritual things,” said Parker, a Garden City resident.

Easter play

Merriman Road Baptist does a passion play at Easter. “Christmas Eve,

there’s no seats left,” he said of the candlelight service. “It gives us a chance just to share the good news of the Gospel.”

Like others, clothing styles don’t concern Parker for worship. “Absolutely not. We just want them to come. We take the opportunities that present themselves,” including family members introducing newcomers to worship and faith.

Joe Kohn of Northville Township is a spokesman for the Archdiocese of Detroit. “It’s a population we understand is there,” Kohn said, noting some names used such as “Christmas and Easter Catholics.”

“As a church, we are happy to see it’s hard to find a seat during the holiday liturgies,” Kohn said. “It’s a great time to welcome worshippers to the church.” Some attend with family members, he noted.

“It’s a great time to show the welcoming Christmas spirit,” Kohn said. He said area Catholic parishes see attendance swell at Easter, when new members are welcomed or others join in more fully such as through confirmation.

“It’s part of the church’s life cycle to reach out to people at these times,” Kohn said. He said the four Sundays of Advent before Christmas help Christians prepare. “We’re supposed to be preparing our hearts for Christ,” Kohn said.

The Rev. Gary Michalik, pastor of St. Colette Catholic Church in Livonia, said, “If they feel welcome, they’ll come again. It’s just a matter of making them feel welcome and they have a good experience. We just want to make sure we provide services. They’re welcome to join us.”



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MADD: Avoid drinking and driving this holiday season

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Joshua Clark has traveled all over Michigan, sharing his story of an incident that almost left him dead.

Driving home from playing pickup basketball in 2002 near his home in Lansing, Clark was struck by a woman motorist with alcohol in her system. It left him with severe injuries that could have taken his life.

“Although I had a seat belt on, I still ended up on the passenger seat floor,” the Romulus resident said. “That woman decided to drink and drive and make a selfish decision.”

Clark was a speaker during the kickoff event for Mothers Against Drunk Driving’s “Tie



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Joshua Clark of Romulus tells a Schoolcraft College audience of the life-changing injuries he suffered when a drunken driver hit him in 2002.

One On for Safety” event Dec. 4 at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

The campaign, known for its red ribbons tied to car antennas, launches in December each year, a

month where alcohol tends to play a part in holiday celebrations, said Tyler MacEachran, the Michigan executive director for MADD. “Celebrate the holi-

days, but make sure your loved ones and yourself survive the holidays,” he said.

The U.S. Department of Transportation reports that more than 10,300 fatalities occurred in 2012 as a result of drivers with a blood-alcohol content level of more than 0.08, the legal limit in all 50 states. That fatality figure accounted for 31 percent of all traffic deaths that year.

Clark, who speaks on a monthly basis on panels and other events for MADD, shared his story of spending a month in a coma after his accident, with his family not knowing if he’d survive.

Afterward, Clark experienced some paralysis and had to work for months to regain the

ability to do everyday things he had done for so long.

Fixing people’s perceptions is still something that needs to be done regarding drunken driving, Clark said. Incidents involving drunken drivers are something seen “every day in our newspapers,” referencing the recent death of Bloomfield Hills School District employee Shelley Lazarus, who died Nov. 30 in Genesee County after her and her husband’s vehicle was hit by someone suspected of driving with alcohol in their system.

“It’s a socially accepted problem,” he said. “Drinking and driving is not common sense.”

Photos of individuals who had died after accidents involving drunken

drivers cycled on the screen behind him as he spoke.

Karen Bonanno, program coordinator for the Livonia Save Our Youth Coalition, said it’s important to keep those reminders to not drink and drive readily available, even though many in Livonia have heard that chorus since they were children.

“We’ve all heard the messages to not drink and drive,” she said.

“We’ve learned that from a very, very young age.”

More information on the MADD campaign can be found at the organization’s website, madd.org.

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BATCHELOR, CONSTANCE LOU "CONNIE"
of Highland, formerly of Unionville, Michigan, passed away peacefully on December 8, 2014. She was 71 years old. She is survived by her beloved husband, Dave; son, David; daughter, Diane (Bill) Klingler; grandchildren, Jacob and Samantha Klingler; brothers, Bill Roller, Charlie (Debbie) Roller, Jim (Vickie) Roller; sister, Kris (Tom) Koch. Also survived by many loving extended family members and dear friends. A Memorial Mass will be held at St. Mary Catholic Church, 1955 East Commerce Road, Milford on Friday, December 12, 2014 at 12 O'clock. Father John Budde to officiate. Memorials may be made to Gleaners Food Bank or Community Sharing. For further information please call 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

BURROWS, THOMAS
April 15, 1939-December 3, 2014. Arrangements by Phillips Funeral Home. www.phillipsfuneral.com

DeBLOCK, BOBBY
Age 36, passed away December 6, 2014. He is survived by his wife Jill, son Max James, parents Robert and Maureen, sister Michelle Meyers and his grandmother Jean Sullivan. A memorial gathering will take place on Friday, December 12, 2014 from 3:00-8:00p.m. and Saturday from 1:00p.m. until the time of service at 3:00p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME. www.phillipsfuneral.com

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DOIG, ALICE
Of South Lyon, former longtime resident of River Rouge, peacefully passed away on December 4, 2014 at the age of 90. She had been in hospice care at Grace Rae Manor for 21 months. She will be remembered as a strong-willed woman who always saw the best in every situation. Her unconditional love for her children will continue to forever shine through. She has blessed us all by her willful spirit and enduring love. She is preceded in death by her husband, James Doig Sr. and son, Rodney Doig. Loving mother to sons, James (Kay), Gary (Paula), Mitchell, daughter, Angretta (Steve) Opiteck and daughter-in-law Janet Doig. Wonderful grandmother to Leah, Kylie (Mike) Bannister, Brian, Alex and Anna Opiteck and great grandmother to Tyler Ellis. Visitation was held on Tuesday, December 9 from 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. A Funeral Mass was celebrated Wednesday, December 10, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, South Lyon. In lieu of flowers, family requests donations be made to the American Cancer Society or Elle's Place. www.phillipsfuneral.com

DRZAZGOWSKI SANDRA M.
of Northville, May 9, 1941-December 4, 2014. L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, NorthropSassaman

DUNCAN, GREGG
August 26, 1957 - December 1, 2014. Arrangements by Phillips Funeral Home. www.phillipsfuneral.com

EDMONDSON, KENNETH HAROLD
Age 77 of West Bloomfield, December 7, 2014. www.mccabefuneralhome.com

GAY, DOROTHY K.
December 1, 2014 – Age 93. Dorothy was a remarkable woman. Dear wife of the late Alva A. Gay. Beloved sister of the late Gene Kress. Cherished aunt of Emily Goodwin and Barbara Perry. Stepmother to Christopher Gray, Peter Wells, and the late Susan Ahern. Grandmother and great aunt to 11 and great, great grandmother, great, great aunt to nine. Dorothy graduated from Wayne State University in 1947 beginning her life of service to others. She served the city of Detroit for 25 years as a police woman, retiring as an Inspector and Interim Chief of the Women's Division. In 1973, she joined the Highland Lakes Condominium Association Board of Directors serving for 36 years. Her dedicated service to the Detroit community was recognized by 1960's Detroit Free Press as a "Woman of the Year." And, in 2007, the Michigan House of Representatives made a tribute to Dorothy for "years of loyal service to our community and our country." Memorial service and mass are planned for March, 2015. Tributes to the Women's Resource Center, Schoolcraft College, Livonia, MI.

JERSEY, FRANK "RON"
Age 82, passed away December 4, 2014. He was born on September 7, 1932 in Detroit, son of the late Michael & Agnes Jerzewski. Frank was a devoted Detroit Tiger fan since childhood. He loved attending games in Tiger Stadium at Michigan Avenue and Trumbull. He was an amazing cook and was known for his quick wit and good stories. He could often be found listening to his favorite music by Barbara Streisand, Frank Sinatra or Tony Bennett. Frank will always be remembered as being a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He is survived by his beloved wife of 51 years, Mary; his daughter, Lynn Kemp and his stepchildren: Phyllis Magnant and Michael (Joan) ShROUT; his grandchildren: Jennifer (Robert), Andrea (Tom), Cristine (Jacki), Suzanne (Michael), Michael, Terri (Mike), Kelly (Tony) and Kathy. He is also survived by 14 great-grandchildren and his sister, Janet. A memorial service will be held on Thursday, December 11 at 1:00PM with the family receiving friends beginning at 11:30AM at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. www.phillipsfuneral.com

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KEISER, ROGER L.
Age 78, of Levering, passed away at Tendercare of Clare on December 5, 2014. Roger was born on March 17, 1936, in Dearborn, MI, to Leon and Mary (Perron) Keiser. He graduated from Pellston High School in 1955. He worked for Procter & Gamble as a mechanic in Cheboygan until his retirement. He married Thayer Roueche, July 29, 1989, and together they divided their time between their homes in Levering and Florida. He was an active member of the Levering Lions for many years and enjoyed hunting and traveling. He also enjoyed building and flying model airplanes. Roger is survived by his five children: Bambi (James) Perry of Clare; Yvette (Daniel) Majestic of Manchester, TN; Colette (Rodney) Sullins of Lake Orion; Roger C. Keiser and Anita Keiser, both of Parma, OH; Ron (Elizabeth) Keiser of Madison Heights; eleven grandchildren, two great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister Dean-na Capen of Melvindale and three brothers; Jerald (Ann) Keiser of South Lyon, Charles (Wanda) Keiser of Melvindale, and Dennis (Evelyn) Keiser of Lincoln Park, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife, Thayer; brother, Ronald and his parents. A memorial service for family and friends is scheduled for Saturday, January 17th at 11:00 am at Nordman-Christian Funeral Home in Cheboygan, MI. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Michigan or The American Cancer Society.



KENDALL, TRIPP
Age 32, of Palm City, Florida, passed away on Thursday, December 4, 2014 in Port St. Lucie, FL. He was born in Howell, MI and has been a resident of Palm City for five years, coming from Okeechobee, FL. He was the owner operator of Kendall Trucking. He is survived by his mother and step father Pamela and George Lambros of Palm City, his brother Cory Kendall of Stuart, FL and his grandparents, Richard and Julie Hamlin of Palm City. He was preceded in death by his father Frederick H. Kendall Jr. There was a Celebration of life at 11 a.m. on December 9, 2014 at St. Forest Hills Funeral Home, Palm City. For those that are considering a floral tribute of memorial contributions the family request live plants. An online registry is available at foresthillspalmcityflorida.com

KILLEWALD, JAMES R.
Of Northville, Dec 12, 1926 - Dec 4, 2014. Services entrusted to L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Northrop-Sassaman Chapel.

LOGIUDICE, MELINDA "Mindy"
Age 52, passed away December 6, 2014. She is survived by her loving husband John, children: Danielle and Johnny, grandson Ryley. Her mother June Bryant and sister Loreeta McEndree also survive her. Please contact PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME for memorial gathering information or visit: phillipsfuneral.com

MARTA, FAY
Of Livonia Feb. 3, 1929-Dec. 8, 2014. Services entrusted to L.J. Griffin Funeral Home-Northrop-Sassaman Chapel.



PILLICIOTTI, ANTHONY J.
Age 92, passed away December 6, 2014. He was born on July 31, 1922, in Detroit, son of the late Joseph and Filamena Pilliciotti. Anthony met Sue Domzalski at the Graystone Ballroom in Detroit. Following his service during WWII with the Army Air Force, Anthony and Sue were married in 1946. They spent 68 loving years together prior to her passing in October of this year. Anthony is survived by his daughters: Christina Pilliciotti and Marcia Pilliciotti; his granddaughter, Heidi (Rob) Posh and his great-granddaughter, Ava. He was preceded in death by his wife, Sue in October and his daughter, Jacquelyn Pilliciotti in 2007. A memorial service will be held on Friday, December 12, at 2:00PM with the family receiving friends beginning at 1:00PM at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. A memorial luncheon will be held immediately following at Buddy's Pizza in Novi. Memorial donations may be made to Choroideremia Research Fdt., 23 East Brundreth St., Springfield, MA 01109-2110 or to the Wounded Warrior Project. www.phillipsfuneral.com

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PRITULA, NICHOLAS W.
Age 50, passed away December 2, 2014. He was born on January 26, 1964, son of Nicholas J. & Diane M. Pritula. Nick loved being outdoors; he was an avid hunter and was always looking forward to his next fishing trip. He was a talented cook and grill master; he was constantly making meals for friends and family. Nick was a huge Detroit sports fan, no matter the event, he was watching or listening to it, cheering the team along. He was very intelligent and a jack of all trades. He will always be remembered as a loving and devoted husband, father, son and brother. He is survived by his beloved wife of 25 years, Beth (McDonell); his loving sons: Nicholas and Jacob; his parents: Nicholas and Diane and his siblings: Lynn (Fred) Quist, Michael, and Marc (Shannon). He is also survived by his sisters-in-law, his brothers-in-law and many nieces and nephews and dear friends. Visitation was held on Saturday, December 6 from 3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, December 7 from 2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. A Liturgy of the Word Funeral Service was held on Monday, December 8 at 12:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 830 S. Lafayette, South Lyon. www.phillipsfuneral.com

SECCOMBE, F. DOLORES "DODI"
Passed away December 8, 2014. She was born Florence Dolores Hrit on July 23, 1933 in Detroit, MI, daughter of the late James and Florence Hrit. She is survived by her beloved husband of 59 years, Robert; her son Bobby (Karen), daughters: Cindy (Ed) pariseau and Cathy (Chris) Burt; five grandchildren: Jennifer, Kristin, Melissa, Michael, Derek and three great-grandchildren: Kelsie, Karlie, Madelyn. A funeral service will be held on Thursday, December 11, at 11 a.m., at Church of Christ, 21870 Pontiac Trail, South Lyon. www.phillipsfuneral.com

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THOMAS, FREDRICK
June 30, 1930-December 3, 2014. Arrangements by Phillips Funeral Home. www.phillipsfuneral.com

TOMASZEWSKI, EDWARD
July 26, 1928-December 3, 2014. Phillips Funeral Home. www.phillipsfuneral.com

VIRLEY, ST. NORE PAULINE
Age 92 of Milford, December 5, 2014. Funeral at Lynch & Sons, Milford, December 11, 11 a.m. LynchFuneralDirectors.com

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In Memoriam



WHEATLEY, IDA JANE
Age 89. Mrs. Wheatley, a longtime resident of Northville Michigan, passed away December 3rd, 2014. Mrs. Wheatley was born in Indianapolis to Esther Sarah (Wacknitz) and Percy Doyle Snipes. Being a child of parents who were missionaries, Ida spent a number of her formative years living in the Belgian Congo Africa before returning to America. Mrs. Wheatley earned Bachelors and Masters Degrees in Education from Peabody College, which is now a part of Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee. It was there that she met her future husband, Charles Wheatley, who attended medical school at Vanderbilt. They were married in 1949. Several years later, they moved to Dearborn, MI and then made their home in Northville in the early 1960's, where they raised their children. Ida was a devoted mother, who along with her husband, worked diligently to provide college educations and travel opportunities for their children and grandchildren. Mrs. Wheatley was the office manager in her husband's cardiology practice in Dearborn and she was also involved in the Northville Mother's Club, Northville Women's Club, Health O'Rama, and as a voting official at elections. She loved to travel, play cards with her bridge group, knit, and read. Ida was preceded in death by her husband who died in 1987. She is survived by her seven children, Ron, Mark (Sue), Charley (Victoria), Alan (Patricia), Mary (Paul) Hubbard, Glen (Annette), and Eric (Valerie Stone) Wheatley; her eleven grandchildren, Michael (Lauren) Wheatley, Daniel (Danielle) Wheatley, Jenny Hubbard, James (Patty) Hubbard, Jenna Hubbard, Peter Hubbard, Max Wheatley, Alexander Wheatley, Isaiah Stone-Wheatley, Christopher Stone-Wheatley, and Madeline Stone-Wheatley; and one great grandson, Jack William Wheatley. She is also survived by her brother, Paul Snipes of Kaneohe, Hawaii, and several nieces and nephews. Mrs. Wheatley spent the last two years of her life both at Angela Hospice Center and Plymouth Inn Assisted Living where she was lovingly cared for by the staff and volunteers. The family is very grateful for their care assistance. A private memorial will take place at a later date. Interment will be at Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville. In lieu of flowers, it would be appreciated if memorial contributions would be made to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Rd., Livonia, MI 48154, or Plymouth Inn, 205 Haggerty Rd., Plymouth, MI, 48170.

WOUGHTER, JON B.
Age 56, of White Lake, passed away Dec. 2, 2014. www.phillipsfuneral.com

In Memoriam

Tipping Point brings new holiday family tradition

Tipping Point Theatre celebrates its “All in the Family” season with Northville’s original holiday variety show and a special New Year’s Eve event.

The cast will tell classic holiday stories like ‘Twas the Night Before Christmas, The Christmas Truce and Yes, Virginia There is a Santa Claus. They’ll sing a multitude of songs like It’s Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas, 12 Days of Christmas and Silent Night and so many more of favorites.

There will be prizes to win, a sing-a-long and the warm feeling you get sitting in front of a



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crackling fire and watching the snow fall. Directed by James R. Kuhl with music by Michelle Divine, this one-of-a-kind show is a great way to enjoy the holiday season with friends and family, while supporting live, professional theater, close to home.

Starring Peter Prouty (Ebenezer), Sonja Marquis (Vanya and Sonia

and Masha and Spike), Kryssy Becker (Ordinary Days) and Nick Yocum (The Rainmaker), performances are 8 p.m. Dec. 18-20 and 26-27 and 3 p.m. Dec. 20 and 27. Tickets are \$35.

New Year’s Eve event will begin with an 8 p.m. performance of an original production, *Home for the Holidays*. After the show will be appetizers

and desserts provided by Rocky’s of Northville, followed by magician Jeff Jackowski (JJ the magic dude), wine, beer and a champagne toast close to midnight.

Every attendee will also entered into a drawing to win a gift from Orin Jewelers. Tickets are \$75 each (\$50 of which is tax-deductible) and are available through the box office only. The theater is located at 361. E. Cady Street, Northville. Call the box office at 248-347-0003. For more information, go to www.tippingpointtheatre.com or call Lynn Wilde Concannon at 248-347-0003.

Play it again



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Before a Nov. 10 exercise class begins, Meadowbrook Commons resident Bill Deighton sits down at a piano to play a tune or two. Deighton says that he plays violin, too, and he helps accompany Caroline and George Giese at their singalongs at the Novi Senior Center.

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OUR VIEW

Deck the halls safely

It's that time of year, when families deck the halls with plenty of indoor and outdoor lights and wrap their Christmas trees in bright and twinkling bulbs. It's also that time of the year when the potential for accidents and home fires makes the need for safety awareness and working smoke alarms paramount.

There can be no dispute smoke alarms save lives. According to the National Fire Protection Association, the risk of dying in house fires is cut in half when working smoke alarms are installed in a home.

The key phrase is "working smoke alarms." It is incumbent on all property owners to ensure that smoke alarms are operable. The NFPA chalks up smoke alarm failures to missing, disconnected or dead batteries. People are most likely to remove or disconnect batteries because of nuisance activations. Sometimes the chirping to warn of a low battery is interpreted as a nuisance alarm.

Today, smoke alarms are available with lithium batteries, making them maintenance-free and good for 10 years. They can be purchased at most hardware or home improvement stores.

For sure, do not rely on electrically powered smoke alarms. When the power goes out, so does the life-saving alarm. Remember that, according to local code, smoke alarms are to be located in all commons and sleeping areas on each level of the home.

Parents must be sure to share a fire escape plan with children and all holiday guests. It's imperative to have two ways out of the house. Make sure all halls, stairs and doors are illuminated and free of clutter to ensure a safe and speedy escape.

The NFPA conducted a survey that covered 2007-11 and shows that when smoke alarms were present in fires considered large enough to activate them, they operated 86 percent of the time. More than one-third – or 37 percent – of home fire deaths resulted from fires in which no smoke alarms were present at all.

The survey also shows that one-quarter – or 23 percent – of the deaths were caused by fires in properties in which smoke alarms were present, but failed to operate. Smoke alarms operated in fires that caused two out of five – or 40 percent – of home fire deaths. One percent of the deaths resulted from fires that were too small to activate the smoke alarm.

Before a smoke alarm even activates, there are tips that can ensure a safe holiday. Don't burn trees, wreaths or wrapping paper in a fireplace. And before you build a fire or turn on a gas fireplace, be sure that the chimney has been checked and cleaned.

Also remember, never use lighted candles near trees, curtains or any other flammable item in the house. Candles should not be left burning while unattended. That goes for the stove and oven.

According to the National Safety Council, two to three people are treated in emergency rooms during every hour of the holiday season.

While preparing for the holidays, here are a few more safety tips from the National Safety Council to keep in mind:

» Wear gloves while decorating with spun glass "angel hair." It can irritate your eyes and skin. A common substitute is non-flammable cotton.

» When spraying artificial snow on windows or other surfaces, be sure to follow directions carefully. These sprays can irritate your lungs if you inhale them.

» Be especially careful when you choose toys for infants or small children. Avoid toys with small parts that can be pulled or broken off or prove a choking hazard.

» Be aware of dangers associated with coin lithium batteries

» Use designated drivers, people who do not drink, to drive other guests home after a holiday party.

And here is even more from the Electrical Safety Foundation International:

» Avoid overloading electrical outlets, which can overheat and cause a fire. Do not place extension cords where they could cause a tripping hazard, such as doorways. Do not run extension cords under rugs or furniture.

» Keep all decorations three feet away from heat sources, including space heaters and fireplaces. Keep youngsters in mind by placing breakables, candles and other potentially dangerous items out of their reach.

» Turn off and unplug all decorations before leaving home or going to sleep. Use only weather-proof electrical devices for outside activities. Protect outdoor electrical devices from moisture. Make sure live Christmas trees are watered daily.

Holidays are meant to be fun. A happy holiday is a safe one. Be sure to double-check your smoke alarms and be mindful of safety issues while enjoying the hustle and bustle of the holidays.



U.S. FIRE ADMINISTRATION
Candles should not be left burning while unattended.

COMMUNITY VOICE

What do you think of the Ferguson grand jury decision?

This question was asked at the Novi and Northville libraries.



"It's hard for me to make a full judgment without knowing everything, but I do think it brings up some questions of inequality and bigger issues this country has been dealing with for a long time."

Jim Haslett
Novi



"The courts are there to make decisions like this, but I do feel for all of those people who feel like they are victims."

Sister Geri Near
Novi



"It's a very sorry chapter for that police department. There's no justification for killing that teenager."

Sukhdev Singh
Novi



"I thought it was justified based on the facts that have been presented."

Craig Gonzalez
Northville

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Voters haven't spoken

It used to be after an election, I would say to myself that the people have spoken, live with it. Whether my candidate won or lost. But now, with PACs, like labor unions and the Koch brothers, spending billions of dollars on elections, the people have not really spoken. The special interests have.

This isn't a knock on the electorate either. How does anyone avoid the negative ads, they're everywhere. The thing that bothers me most is, no one talks about what they will bring to Lansing or Washington, they only talk about what a bad, evil person their opponent is.

Now we have lost any chance of compromise in Washington, we have to live with every decision or lack thereof that comes out of Lansing and the 2016 political ads start next week. Let the fun begin.

Skip Wehrle
Garden City

Thank you, veterans

The members of American Legion Auxiliary Myron H. Beals Unit No. 32 would like to express our sincere appreciation for the men and women who served in the United States armed forces.

Thank you for serving this great country. Thank you for the

security we have and feel here at home. We know you sacrificed much for your country and all of us. Though you may no longer wear the uniform, we know you are always on call to serve and protect the freedom and security of the United States of America.

We invite everyone to pause to remember those who have fought for our freedoms, especially those who gave the ultimate sacrifice. Thank you to all who so bravely protected us.

American Legion Auxiliary members have dedicated themselves for nearly a century to meeting the needs of our nation's veterans, military and their families both here and abroad. To learn more about the Auxiliary's mission or to volunteer, donate or join, visit www.ALAForVeterans.org.

Linda S. Roman, president
Myron H. Beals Unit No. 32 in Livonia

Smart meters ignore 'siting rights'

DTE smart meters, also known as advanced metering infrastructure (AMI), are really "data mining meters." Both terms are deceptive and misleading, public relations terminology.

While having metering capabilities, the devices are actually utility networking equipment,

antennae and transceivers (they receive and transmit other people's data as well as that of the location where they are installed).

By calling the device "meters," utilities have been able to skirt the fact that they are taking the antenna/transceiver siting rights of property owners without compensating those property owners. Isn't that considered theft?

Utilities have easements for meters that measure electric usage, not for antenna/transceiver devices that are installed without permission or consent of said property owner – or without being compensated for the purpose of moving data from other locations to implement the utility's business plan. It's as if a company branch office has been set up on each customer's property.

Let me put "siting rights" another way: If a cell phone company came and put a microwave radio transceiver on someone's property, the company employee could be arrested for trespass. The company would first negotiate an agreement with the property owner because the property owner has "siting rights" by virtue of being the property owner.

Suzanne Yarbrough
Livonia

GUEST COLUMN

Grants are big step toward cleaner future

Stormwater, Asset Management, and Wastewater (SAW) Grants awarded October 2014

The intense rain events and flooding around Michigan last summer underscored something we rarely talk about in Michigan – the condition of community sewer systems.

Sewer systems are like any other infrastructure; we take them for granted until they stop working. And when sewers fail, everyone notices. While sewer backups and overflows have an immediate impact in residential basements and neighborhoods, these failures also are a leading cause of beach closures and environmental impacts. Overwhelmed sewers jettison raw or partially treated waste water into our rivers, lakes and streams.

Recently, the DEQ announced the second round of a special grant program Gov. Rick Snyder initiated to protect and improve our communities and our waters. Stormwater, Asset Management and Waste water grants offer communities up to \$2 million for the costly first step in any maintenance effort – planning for the future.

Historically, the DEQ has offered low-interest loans for repair projects and communities kept maintenance funds to handle emergency projects.

During Michigan's "lost decade," most townships and cities were forced to rob from their maintenance funds to pay other bills.

This put local units of government into the unfortunate position of scrambling to fund repairs when things break,

instead of scheduling planned maintenance and preventing disastrous sewer failures.

No city is born overnight. They grow, one neighborhood and shopping center and office complex at a time. Roads and sewers grow in tandem with the rest of the community. So any local unit of government is underpinned by a vast network of sewers that vary in age, use and condition.

Mapping and assessing that network is the first step toward proactive maintenance and maintenance is what will protect our waters and grow our communities in the years to come.

Gov. Snyder committed \$450 million to this four-year effort. Community sewer authorities were allowed to re-

quest up to \$2 million each for specific projects. Recently, DEQ announced the second round of funding – \$91 million going to 115 cities and townships.

DEQ still offers project loans for sewer and other water infrastructure. But the SAW grant program is a credit to Gov. Snyder's 40-year vision for a Michigan where we take responsibility for our future, plan ahead and never have to spend our summers hoping it doesn't rain.

To learn more about SAW grants and how the DEQ protects Michigan waters, go to Michigan.gov/DEQ.

Dan Wyant is the director of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

NORTHVILLE

Van Dam's boutique Men's Night

Van Dam's (111E. Main Street, downtown Northville) will have food, wine and free gift wrapping during its Men's Night from 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11. Ladies, stop in to fill out your wish list. It's a fun night for the men in town.

Film fest deadlines

The deadlines for the 2015 Rock Hard Film Fest all-ages competition are approaching – Jan. 1 for musicians; Feb. 1 for filmmakers. Returning as special guest judge is Allee Willis, a Grammy and Tony award-winning songwriter/artist.

The three-day event will kick off its second year at Detroit Farm and Garden at 7 p.m. Friday, June 5. Registered filmmakers and musicians will be introduced and then randomly paired into teams by random drawing. All teams will be given specific elements that need to be incorporated into their music videos. They will be given 48½ hours to complete their music videos. The finished music videos will then be screened at a Detroit theater and a \$500 first place cash prize will be given for Best Music Video. Also awarded will be the Audience Choice award for Best Song.

The entry cost is \$100 for filmmakers; \$80 for student filmmakers; and \$50 for musicians. Mail payments to P.O. Box 5290, Northville, MI 48167.

Sponsors opportunities are available; contact event founder Lisa Meinzinger-Abraham at rockhardfilmfest@gmail.com.

For more info, go to www.rockhardfilmfest.com and follow on www.facebook.com/rockhardfilmfest, www.twitter.com/rockhardfilm and www.instagram.com/rockhardfilmfest.

Northville Rotary activities

Northville Rotary is initiating the installation of Little Libraries, small book depositories where community members can exchange books. The Rotarians would like to establish six locations throughout the Northville community and seeking suggestions as to where the locations might be. Rotarians are encouraging other organizations to volunteer and assist in this effort as well.

Northville Rotary conducts the annual Goodfellows paper sale and this year the event will be Dec. 13. City and township fire departments and Rotary members staff the event, but others are invited and sought to participate in the rewarding event. Volunteers will help in many features of the event, including

sale of papers and event facilitation, and need to be over the age of 18 years.

For more information on either activity, contact John Kelly at john@kellykellylaw.com or 248-348-0496.

Farmington Community Chorus concerts

The Farmington Community Chorus, directed by Steven SeGraves and accompanied by assistant director, Susan Garr, will present its annual holiday concert, 35 Years of Holiday Cheer, featuring a variety of holiday favorites along with a few lesser known gems. This year the chorus is celebrating its 35th year of singing. As always the chorus will be accompanied by a top-notch rhythm section of drums, bass and piano plus woodwinds.

Both concerts will start at 8 p.m. Dec. 19-20 at Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road. The concert will include performances by the full chorus, soloists and smaller ensembles.

Advanced discount tickets (\$12) can be purchased at www.farmingtonchorus.com or from chorus members. Tickets will also be available at the door for \$15 on the evenings of the concerts.

Blues @ The Elks

Plymouth-Ann Arbor Elks Lodge No. 325 in Plymouth will present Blues @ The Elks the second Tuesday of each month in partnership with the Detroit Blues Society and Jazz @ The Elks the last Tuesday of each month. The Lodge is located at 41700 Ann Arbor Road, in Plymouth Township. The events run 7-10 p.m.

For more information call 734-453-1780 or visit www.plymouthelks1780.com.

NOVI

Chorales recruiting

Do you love to sing? Would you like to meet new people and take part in sharing the joy of music within our community? Join the Novi Chorales, a community chorus of men and women from Novi and the surrounding area, who perform concerts for the public and at many community events. The current season is January through May, with rehearsals 7:30-9:30 p.m. each Tuesday.


The Chorales are seeking new members for all voice parts. Open rehearsals for the 2015 January through May season will be held at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 6 and 13 at the Novi Middle School choir classroom (4900 W. 11 Mile at Wixom Road).

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Turkey time




With a smile, Kristin Kolasa delivers pumpkin pie to diners at the Nov. 19 Thanksgiving Luncheon at the Northville Community Center. The afternoon meal, with the traditional turkey and all the fixings, also featured the Mike Wolverton Band, which provided tunes for listening and singalongs.



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BRIEFS

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The Choralaires spring show will be at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 9, at the Novi Middle School Auditorium. The Novi Choralaires holiday performances include 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12, at the Farmington United Methodist Church (33112 Grand River Ave.); and 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, at the Church of the Holy Family (24505 Meadowbrook). Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors and children under age 12 and \$10 for groups of 10 or more. Join the Novi Choralaires as they celebrate their 40th season of music. For more information about the Choralaires and their concerts, visit www.novichoralaires.org or www.facebook.com/novichoralaires

Addicted to Games, Not Drugs

Looking for something for your kids to do over the winter break? Kick off the first day with a visit to Lucky Strike Lanes. The Novi Youth Council is partnering with the Novi Fire and Police Departments and Lucky Strike to present the annual Addicted to Games ... Not Drugs event from 9 a.m. to noon Monday, Dec. 22. Hosted by Lucky Strike, located in Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk, this event offers students in kindergarten through sixth grade access to all the games, bowling, interactive entertainment, food and soft drinks they can handle. “Addicted to Games is a great event that allows kids to make new friends,” said Ashna Jain, Novi Youth Council representative. “Kids always have a lot of fun and the turn-out is amazing. I love going to the event because kids are always

excited and happy.” Members of the Novi Youth Council, Novi Fire and Police Departments and Lucky Strike staff will be on hand to supervise the event. However, parents are encouraged to join the fun. Proceeds will go towards local anti-drug initiatives in Novi schools. The permission slip and registration are both available online at www.cityofnovi.org. Payment of cash or check (made payable to city of Novi) may also be made at the city of Novi clerk’s counter, located at the Novi Civic Center (45175 W. 10 Mile). Tickets are \$10 per student.

Buddy’s Pizza’s break from holiday shopping

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Kelly Smith works with her son Blake, 3, at a Nov. 24 preschool art session at the Novi Public Library. The library’s full slate of offerings can be found on its website, www.novilibrary.org

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BOYS SWIM PREVIEW



Catholic Central's Jack Walsh was Division 1 state champ in the 100 backstroke and runner-up in the 200 IM a year ago.

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CC SWIMMER
WALSH 'JACK OF
ALL TRADES'

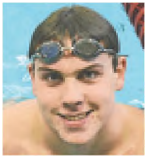
By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Due to his versatility, Jack Walsh certainly can be labeled a "Jack of All Trades" when he's competing in the pool for the Novi Detroit Catholic Central swim team.

The senior, who recently signed with Stanford University, is the defending MHSAA Division 1 state champion in the 100-yard backstroke (49.08) and was state runner-up in the 200 individual medley (1:48.54).

"Jack's real diverse; he has options," CC coach Shannon Dunworth said. "However, he's going to be thinking about where he's going to be swimming collegiately events-wise. And you can swim a few more in college than you do in high school. But nonetheless, he's

Stanford
signs
defending
backstroke
state champ



Catholic Central's Jack Walsh just returned from the USA Swimming Winter Nationals.

got some pretty lofty goals and I assume they're going to be in the same events. But he's prepared to do any of them. IM and backstroke are his gifts. He's a tremendous flyer and he's a great freestyler and his breaststroke is vastly improved. I think at the end of the year we'll see him in the IM, for sure, or either the back or the fly."

Walsh, representing the Plymouth Canton Cruisers, just returned from the USA Swimming AT&T Winter Nationals over the weekend in Greensboro, N.C., where he competed in four events: 100-yard backstroke (75th overall, 51.23), 200 backstroke (70th, 1:50.57), 200 IM (81st, 1:53.12) and 400 IM (64th, 4:03.15).

His times were somewhat off,

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

Wildcats spoil
homecoming
for Haggerty

Wildcats batter Hazel Park in opener, 59-7

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

It was not the homecoming Jessica Haggerty envisioned, especially after coming out on the wrong end of a 59-7 girls basketball decision Friday night against her alma mater.

But the former Novi guard, the new varsity coach at Hazel Park, could stomach the loss a little better since it was against her former mentor, Wildcats head coach Bill Kelp.

"It is special to come back," said the former Haggerty, whose last name is now Wieseler. "I learned so much from him, so it's nice to come back."

The game was decided early as host Novi, playing in its season opener, jumped out to a 26-3 first-quarter lead while taking advantage of 20 Hazel Park's turnovers.

Kelsey Miller and Alex Felice each tallied six points

as the Wildcats made 11-of-23 shots from the floor during the first eight minutes.

Novi continued its surge into the second quarter, outscoring the Vikings 16-2 to take a 42-5 advantage into the dressing room.

The 40-point running clock started with 6:21 left in the third quarter on Ellie MacKay's free throw that made it 47-7.

MacKay and Miller each finished with nine points, while Cara Ninkovich added seven. Allie Lipson and Felice each contributed six.

Haggerty-Wieseler, who spent two years as Grosse Pointe South's JV coach after one year as Kelp's assistant at Novi, could only sit and watch helplessly from the bench as the clock ran down.

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BRAD EMONS

The former Jessica Haggerty (left), now the varsity coach at Hazel Park, was a four-year player at Novi and point guard for two years under coach Bill Kelp (right).

COLLEGE WOMEN'S SOCCER

Mustangs' '4' spark
Grand Valley to 2nd
straight national title

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

The Grand Valley State University women's soccer team's motto this season was "The Relentless Pursuit."

And thanks to four Northville High grads, the Lakers were able to fulfill that mantra Saturday by repeating as NCAA Division II national champions with a 3-0 victory over No. 8 Rollins (Fla.) College in the finals at B. Frazier Stadium in Louisville, Ky.

Freshman forward Gabrielle Mencotti, who led the No. 11-ranked Lakers (22-2-2) in scoring this season with 16 goals and 11 assists, assisted on what proved to be Jenny Shaba's game-winning goal at 6:16 of the first half.

Mencotti, a 2014 Mustangs grad who helped Northville to an undefeated season and an MHSAA Division 1 state championship in June, was one of four GVSU players named to



SHELLY BUSH

Northville High grads (from left) Alexis Mencotti, Gabbie Guibord, Emily Bush and Gabby Mencotti helped Grand Valley State repeat Saturday as NCAA Division II women's soccer champion.

the all-tournament team. She was also named to the Daktronics/Division II Conference Commissioners Association All-America second team along with earning NSCAA second team all-region accolades.

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PREP BOWLING

Shamrocks place third at Early Bird tourney

Krzywonos leads boys field with a 734 series

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Novi Detroit Catholic Central's Joey Krzywonos rolled an individual best 734 series Saturday to lead the Shamrocks to a third-place boys team finish Saturday in the Farmington Early Bird Tournament Drakeshire Lanes.

Wayne Memorial captured the team title with 4,221 total pins.

Krzywonos posted a high game of 268 to go

along with games of 201 and 265. Teammate Joe Alvord was seventh with a 702 series, including a 248 high game. Brian Hohen-tanner (26th, 582) and Jordan Jenkins (35th, 560) rounded out the CC scor-ers.

Meanwhile, Northville (3,717) tied for 12th as senior Jarod Hilborn was 19th overall with a 593 series, including a high game of 212. Junior Collin Fowler placed 22nd with a 583 series, including a

high game of 236. Sopho-more T.J. Newman also rolled a 203.

Novi was 16th (3,234) led by junior Scott Pryson (35th, 549 series and senior DiAndre Moreland (36th, 544 series).

On the girls side, de-fending Division 1 state champion Westland John Glenn, led by Julia Hu-ren's 629 series, captured the 14-school girls field with a total of 3,989 pins. Northville (3,297) placed eighth as senior Ashley

Schiffer led the way in 20th with a 507 series, including a high game of 189.

Junior Beatrice Nayh was 22nd with a 506 series, including a 190 high game, while senior Rachel Kemp was 28th with a 168 high game. Senior Meagan Hicks also rolled a 192 high game.

Novi (2,481) placed 11th, led by junior Heather Gregory (34th, 399) and sophomore Madison Mur-phy (188 high game).



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Northville's Jarod Hilborn took 19th overall in a boys field of 103 at the Farmington Early Bird Tournament.

PREP BOWLING CAPSULE OUTLOOK

BOYS PREVIEWS NOVI

Head coach: John Osborne, ninth year.

League affiliation: KLAAs (Central Division).

Home lanes: Novi Bowl.

Last year's finish: 6-9 overall, 4-8 KLAAs Central (fifth place); 11th, KLAAs Association; 13th, Division 1 regional.

Notable losses to graduation: Brendan Snow.

Leading returnees: Scott Pryson, Jr. (190 average); DiAndre Moreland, Sr. (181 average).

Promising newcomers: Scott Rush, Soph.; Brendon Tally, Fr.; Peter Koomen, Fr.; Alex Chiu, Fr.; Chris Fisher, Soph.

Osborne's 2014-15 outlook: "We have three solid returnees, but need to find two varsity bowlers from the inexperienced newcomers."

NORTHVILLE

Head coach: Jerry Harris, 15th year.

League affiliation: KLAAs (Central Division).

Home lanes: Novi Bowl.

Last year's finish: 0-15 overall, 0-12 KLAAs Central (seventh); 11th, Division 1 regional; 14th, KLAAs Association.

Notable losses to graduation: Adam Gliedman.

Leading returnees: Liam Munro, Jr.; Simon Long, Jr.; Collin Fowler, Jr.; Jarod Hilborn, Sr.; Angelo Vitali, Sr.

Promising newcomers: Justin Morgan, Sr.; Patrick Brennan, Sr.

Harris' 2014-15 outlook: "It looks better. The whole team looks pretty good. We had a tournament this weekend (Farmington Early Bird). We didn't place high in the tourna-ment, but they did show some improvement in that tournament and we had some good scores."

CATHOLIC CENTRAL

Head coach: Al Bridges, 10th year.

League affiliation: Catholic League.

Home lanes: Woodland Lanes (Livonia).

Last year's finish: 8-1-1, Catholic League, first Division regional champs; MHSAA Division 1 quarterfinalist (second in qualifying block).

Notable losses to graduation: Brad Conflitti, Chris Wilson, Gerrit Hartwig.

Leading returnees: Joey Krzywonos, Sr. captain (ninth at regional); 46th, Division 1 singles); Joe Alvord, Sr. captain (third team all-state).

Promising newcomers: Jordan Jenkins, Sr.; Sean Ajluni, Sr.; Jason Bley, Jr.; Brian Hohen-tanner, Jr.

Bridges' 2014-15 outlook: "I still think we're going to be a force to be reckoned with. Joe Alvord was third team all-state last year and Joey Krzywonos was a candidate for all-state. Both of those kids are going to be outstanding this year, so I have high hopes for the team. I think we'll be very competitive in both the Catholic League and in the state playoffs."

GIRLS PREVIEWS NOVI

Head coach: John Osborne, ninth year.

League affiliation: KLAAs (Central Division).

Home lanes: Novi Bowl.

Last year's finish: 13-2 overall, 10-2 KLAAs Central (second place); Division 1 regional runner-up; 14th, Division 1 finals; 12th, KLAAs Association.

Notable losses to graduation: Sara Schulz (seventh, regional; 14th, Division 1 singles); Evie Plae-tinck, Megan Engels, Abby Ranks, Lizzy Maleac.

Leading returnees: Madison Murphy, Soph.; Heather Gregory, Jr.

Promising newcomers: Marissa Huth, Soph.; Megan Hartmus, Jr.; Nicole Kilkevicius, Jr.; Megan Hrit, Sr.; Lauren Wahrman, Sr.; Emily Jennings, Sr.

Osborne's 2014-15 outlook: "It will be a complete rebuilding year, but we have a solid group of new-comers to build from."

NORTHVILLE

Head coach: Jerry Harris, 15th year.

League affiliation: KLAAs (Central Division).

Home lanes: Novi Bowl.

Last year's finish: 6-9 overall, 5-7 (KLAAs Central (fourth place); sixth, Division 1 regional; eighth, KLAAs Association (lost in quarterfinals).

Notable losses to graduation: Chai Gilbert.

Leading returnees: Ashley Schiffer, Sr.; Samantha Sugiyama, Sr.; Rachel Kemp, Sr.; Meagan Hicks, Sr.; Beatrice Nayh, Jr.

Promising newcomers: Claire O'Meara, Jr.; Lauren Sargent, Jr.

Harris' 2014-15 outlook: "We have a couple of strong teams in our division, Wayne Memorial and (Westland) John Glenn. Other than that, I think our girls will fare well. I see some improvement in the younger girls like Bea (Nayh), Lauren (Sargent) and Claire (O'Meara). And Ashley (Schiffer) was second in the state in the JV (tournament) and also made to trip to the varsity states that year (2012)."

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Mustangs cruise in season opener; 8th-grader lifts Hawks

Northville used a bal-anced scoring attack and overcame some opening-night jitters Friday be-fore romping to a season-opening 62-34 girls bas-ketball victory at Dear-born High.

Nine of the 10 Mus-tangs who played scored, led by senior Emily Ma-resh, who tallied 12 points. Freshmen Ken-

dall Dixon and Mariah Modkins added 10 points apiece, while seniors Katie Kalass and Christ-na Minna each chipped in eight.

Dearborn (1-1) was led by Harper Vanderbosch's game-high 14 points.

The Pioneers hit a 3-pointer to end the first quarter and trailed by only two, 12-10, before

Northville went on a 20-7 second-quarter run to open up a 32-17 halftime advantage. The Mus-tangs then outscored Dearborn 20-10 in the third quarter to take a commanding 52-27 ad-vantage.

"I thought we came out a little too amped up and tried to force things offensively," Northville

coach Todd Gudith said. "We settled for long, quick shots. Our girls spread the ball around and got everyone in-volved. Our freshmen played very well and showed that they are ready to play at the vari-sity level. Overall, it was a nice way to get our sea-son started."

FRANKLIN ROAD 59, HURON

VALLEY 50: Eighth-grader Alexis Johnson made quite the splash Dec. 4 in her varsity debut, scoring 21 points and grabbing nine rebounds as Novi Franklin Road Christian (1-0) opened its season with a win at Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (0-2).

The 5-foot-9 forward also added four steals and three assists as Franklin Road was able to rally from a 25-22 halftime deficit.

Junior Hannah Rayburn added 11 points, nine rebounds and four assists, while sophomore Danielle Fusco contributed 10 points, six assists and three steals for the Warriors.

Huron Valley Lutheran got a team-high 16 points from Sam Golchuk, while Julie St. John and Taylor Rea contributed 10 apiece.

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"It's nice to come back, it's weird being back, but it was good," said Haggerty-Wieseler, whose team slipped to 0-2 overall. "We got a young team and we'll better next time around. We were very short-handed. I had a couple of starters out and a couple others injured. We're a little battered right now.

"I always wanted to be a varsity head coach. This is always the goal. We're starting pretty low, but it's going to be mine to build. We're very young, they're commit-ting to it. We're making some big strides. It's going to be a long-term goal. It's baby steps. I have no seniors. I have everybody for two years. We're doing things slowly trying to do every-thing right."

Kelp believes Hagger-ty-Wieseler has the met-

tle to be a successful head coach.

"She was ahead of her time when she was in high school," he said. "She was a coach on the floor. She was my point guard the first two years coaching the girls. You could just tell that she was going to become a coach someday because of the passion she had. We scheduled this game ... it really wasn't about who is going to win or who is going to lose so much because she's

building a program."

Freshman center Emme Redmond had five of Hazel Park's se-ven points. The Vikings shot only 3-of-24 from the floor and committed a whopping 42 turnovers.

"She's got four kids hurt and her ball-handler got stitched up," Kelp said. "That will hurt any team out there. But it was about honoring her, getting a varsity coach-ing job and needing a game, coming over here and to just honor her because of what she gave and what she meant to our program."

A lot of things went right for the Wildcats as 12 of 13 players scored.

Novi, getting mostly layups off steals, made 29-of-62 shots from the

floor (46.7 percent) and had just eight turnovers. The lone negative statis-tic was 8-of-20 from the foul line (40 percent).

The Wildcats are also young team as they fea-ture five sophomores and three freshmen.

"They're going to make a lot of mistakes, but all we ask of them is to play hard and that's what they did," Kelp said. "Each of them got in the game and we had a freshman, Ally Kobakof, take a charge with a second to go. That's all we want. People say it's a building year and hope-fully we'll surprise some people."

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Meanwhile, sister Alexis Mencotti, a red-shirt freshman defender who graduated from Northville in 2013, played all 90 minutes in the final and appeared in 22 games this season.

"We had a lot of play-ers in and out of our back line due to injury the first half of the season," GVSU first-year coach Jeff Hosler said. "Today, we had Alexis (Mencotti), who has started the last 11 games and hadn't had a start until that point, step up when Katy Wool-ley tore her ACL."

Also figuring promi-nently in the victory was sophomore midfielder

Gabbie Guibord, who came off the bench to play 49 minutes in the national final. Guibord, a 2013 Northville grad, also logged 66 minutes in Thursday's 2-1 triple-overtime shootout vic-tory over No. 6 Saint Rose (N.Y.).

Emily Bush, another sophomore from North-ville, appeared in six games this season and 16 last season for the Lak-ers, who celebrated their second straight NCAA Division II national title.

The Mencotti sisters, who reside in Novi, and Bush have played soccer together since the third grade. This past summer, the trio captured the 2014 Michigan State Youth Soccer Association Un-der-19 Cup playing for their club team.

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BOYS HOCKEY

Shamrock icers complete sweep; Novi snaps skid

Evan Rochowiak finished with a hat trick and one assist Saturday as Novi Detroit Catholic Central completed its weekend sweep of visiting Orchard Lake St. Mary's with a 9-5 win at Plymouth's Compuware Arena.

The defending Division 1 state champion Shamrocks, who improved to 6-0 overall and 5-0 in the Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League's North Division, broke a 1-1 first-period deadlock by outscoring the Eaglets 5-2 in the second period.

CC, which racked up 53 shots on goal, also got two goals and one assist from Kyle Mulka, along with two goals and one assist from Ryan Burnett.

Other Shamrocks goal scorers included Alex Kreutzer (with an assist) and Brian Kearns. Other assists went to Nick Macari (two), Alex Smith, Dillon Jones and Andrew Lane.

Vince Marino and Nick Borellis each tallied a goal and assist for St. Mary's (3-2, 2-2).

Eaglets starting goaltender Alex Garmo gave up six goals on 31 CC shots, while backup

Alex Pero allowed three goals on 22 shots.

Spencer Wright went all the way in goal for CC.

NOVI 6, SOUTH LYON 1: Six different players tallied a goal and goalie Ryuta King made 18 saves Saturday as the Wildcats (3-3, 1-2) snapped their three-game losing skid with a KLAA Central Division triumph over host South Lyon Unified (1-4, 0-2) in a game played at Kensington Valley Ice House.

The Wildcats jumped out to a 4-0 first-period advantage on goals by Nick Tewilliger, from Brennan Martin and Alec Wells (at 2:13); Ryan Baxter, on a power play from Brad Hofelich (at 7:28); Cam Czapski, from Brandon Kour and Andy Mizerowski (at 11:19); and Ryan Fonda, from Hofelich and Baxter (at 12:57).

At 3:32 of the second period, Joey Taiaroli scored for South Lyon off assists from Kris Rygiel and Nathan Smith.

But Novi countered with two more second-period goals by Brendon Wexler (from Jimmy Hole at 7:33) and Wells (from Wexler and Fonda at 15:37).

The Wildcats outshot South Lyon, 50-19.

NORTHVILLE 8, BAY AREA REPS 0: Alec Morgan recorded two goals and two assists, while Jack Meacham added a goal and three assists as the Mustangs (5-0) invoked the mercy rule midway through the final period against Bay Area Reps (1-2-1) in a game played at Centre Ice Arena in Traverse City.

Northville, which led 2-0 after one period and 5-0 after two, also got a goal and assist each from Brendan Hicks and Riley Brass.

Kevin O'Connell (game-winner), P.J. Schnepf and Cam Layne (varsity first) added the other Northville goals, while Nick Strom and Alec Melucci each finished with three assists. Petar Eliess also had an assist as Northville outshot Bay Area, 51-9.

Junior goalie Kevin Onofrio, who made nine saves, recorded the shutout and his first varsity victory.

DETROIT CC 5, ST. MARY 2: Evan Rochowiak and Joseph Mancinelli each tallied a pair of goals Friday as Catholic Central (5-0, 4-0) posted an MIHL North Division triumph at Orchard Lake St. Mary's (3-1, 2-1).

CC scored three times in the opening period before the Eaglets could answer as Brendan Cleary led off with a power-play goal from Mitch Ossowski and



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Novi's Alec Wells (right) looks for an opening against the South Lyon's Spencer Stanley during Saturday's KLAA Central clash.

Ryan Burnett. Joseph Mancinelli followed for CC from Dillon Jones and Eric Marson, while Rochowiak notched his first from Owen Kipke.

Nick Borellis also scored for St. Mary's in the first period.

Rochowiak scored again in the second period from Nick Macari, while Mancinelli's third-period goal from Jones and Luc Krasicky iced the victory.

Spencer Wright was the winning goaltender for CC.

NORTHVILLE 3, TRAVERSE CITY WEST 0: Kevin O'Connell scored twice and Alec Melucci added another Friday as the Mustangs (4-0) blanked host Traverse City West (2-2) in a non-conference game at Howe Arena.

Northville senior goalie Chance Boutin turned aside

all 10 shots to post the shutout, while Brendan LaCharite had 21 saves for the Titans.

PLYMOUTH 5, NOVI 3: On Dec. 3, Plymouth (4-1, 3-0 KLAA South) struck for a pair of goals during the final four minutes to earn a Kensington Conference crossover win over Novi (2-3, 0-2 KLAA Central) at Arctic Edge in Canton.

Plymouth got the game-winning goal from Josh Smith with only 3:51 remaining. He finished the game with a goal and three assists. Alex Bump's goal with 1:51 remaining secured the victory for Plymouth.

Senior Brad Hofelich tallied all three goals for Novi.

Kyle Kozler scored at 3:21 of the first period to give Plymouth a 1-0 lead, but Hofelich tied it at 8:34 of the same period from Pat Wojtylo and Brennan Martin.

Plymouth's Mitchell Lopetrone then scored with 5:35 left in the second period to make it 2-1 heading into the third.

Hofelich's power-play goal from Ryan Baxter and Brandon Kour tied it at 46 seconds of the third, but only 27 seconds later, Kozler notched his second to make it 3-2.

Hofelich then tied it up at 3:06 from Jimmy Hole and Baxter to knot the game at 3-3, but the Wildcats were unable to score again, dropping their third straight game of the young season.

Andrew Jossey chipped in two assists for Plymouth, while goaltender Jared Maddock made 22 saves.

Novi goaltender Manny Legace had 29 saves in the setback.

BOYS HOCKEY

Shamrocks able to stave off big Trenton rally, 6-5

By Brad Emons

Staff Writer

They say a two-goal lead is the worst thing in hockey.

But Novi Detroit Catholic Central may taken it to another level in a match-up of defending state champions Dec. 3 at Plymouth's Compuware Arena.

The Shamrocks built a 5-0 lead through the first 19 minutes and 20 seconds of play, only to hang on for dear life as Trenton stormed back within a goal twice during the final period before CC was able to sweat out a 6-5 triumph.

With the victory, Catholic Central improved to 4-0 overall and 3-0 in the Michigan Interscholastic Hockey's League's North Division.

"I guess we proved that it's not safe," CC interim coach Danny Veri said. "When we got the fifth goal, I think every-

body thought the game was over. Even though there were roughly 27 minutes to go, I just think they felt it was over. Trenton is a great club, a lot of heart, they never quit and brought us all the way to the end."

CC, the three-time defending MHSAA Division 1 champion, impressed during the opening period, building a 3-0 lead.

Andrew Spiegel got it rolling with a goal from Dillon Jones and Kyle Mulka at 8:52, followed by a pair of Mitchell Ossowski goals, the first coming at 11:20 (from Brian Kearns) and the second at 12:39 (from Andrew Lane and Kearns).

The Shamrocks continued their surge early into the second period, as Evan Rochowiak scored at 0:55 from Ryan Burnett and Lane. Paul Hildebrandt's goal at 1:20 from Kyle

McCullough made it a 5-0 CC advantage.

"We kept it really simple," Veri said. "We got pucks deep, just outworked them, got things to the net. Once we got the fifth goal, we stopped playing simple ... in a nutshell."

That's when Trenton, the defending MHSAA Division 2 state champ, decided to make a goaltender change to shake things up as Anthony Lemerand came on for starter Jacob Seeley.

"Trying to battle back, a couple of our guys were a little bit down and then the two quick goals at the start of the (second) period," Trenton first-year coach Chad Clements said. "When we made the goalie change, it seemed at least to energize our team a little bit. We went to a different fore-check and we had a little more success with that."

The Trojans perked up by scoring three unanswered goals to finish the second period – Brandon Morgan at 2:34 (from Quinn Preston and Parker Dukus); Dukus at 3:25 on a power play (from Phillip Pugliese); and Dukus again at 11:44 (from Pugliese).

Trenton cut the deficit to 5-4 just 23 seconds into the third on Morgan's second goal off Pugliese's third assist of the night.

Mulka, however, responded with what proved to be the game-winner for CC with only 10:48 remaining to make 6-4, but Morgan struck for Trenton just 15 seconds later to make it a one-goal game again.

CC goaltender Alec Calvaruso made two key stops down the stretch to preserve the win. The junior wound up with 15 saves.

"Nice comeback, but I wish we could have started a little

stronger," said Clements, whose team was outshot 33-21. "In defensive zone coverage ... we left the slot open the whole night and I think they scored two of their first three goals in the first period."

The loss dropped Trenton to 1-3 overall and 0-3 in the MIHL's South Division.

"You always try and take positives from games," Clements said. "Obviously, coming back from a 5-0 lead, the guys didn't give up. They didn't quit, so it showed a lot of heart. Obviously, any loss is disappointing, but you take the positives and you learn from the mistakes and you move on. Playing in this league is very grueling and it doesn't get any easier, so you just try and improve each and every day. We'll go back, watch the film and makes some changes and see what we can do."

BOYS SWIMMING CAPSULE OUTLOOK

NOVI

Head coach: Brent Pohlonski, 22nd year. **League affiliation:** KLAA Kensington Conference (Central Division).

Last year's finish: third, KLAA Central and Kensington Conference (3-4 overall).

Notable losses to graduation: Tanner Vincent (fourth, 200 IM; seventh, 100 butterfly, Division 1 finals); Jake Robins, Nathan Louie, Kyle Kilponen.

Leading returnees: Siddhardha Karedddy, Soph. (state qualifier, 100 butterfly); Gordy Williams, Sr. (state qualifier, 100 backstroke); Arthur Shi, Sr. (state qualifier, three relays); Toraki Maehata, Sr. (state qualifier, 200 freestyle relay); Jame Ciolli, Jr. (state qualifier, diving); Nathan Pellerito, Jr. (regional qualifier, diving); Trey Richman, Soph. (regional qualifier, diving); James Popyk, Sr. (200 freestyle, all-conference).

Promising newcomers: Joe Berman, Soph. (distance freestyle); Ryan Katulski, Jr. (freestyle); Narayan Manivannan, Jr. (breaststroke); Phillip Billili, Soph. (backstroke); Joel Koryk, Soph. (IM); Alexander Yuan, Fr. (freestyle); Max Williams, Fr. (butterfly); Brian Son, Fr. (butterfly).

Pohlonski's 2014-15 outlook: "We are looking to build on our success in the championship meets at the end of the 2014 season. Although it will be difficult to replace the great seniors we had last year, we are excited about our incoming class of freshmen. Our captains – Popyk, Maehata, Shi and Williams – have done an outstanding job motivating our athletes for this coming season. Most of our swimmers have come back in excellent condition and they are well ahead of where they were a year ago. We are hoping to be in the hunt for the KLAA (Kensington) Conference title and we are striving to be the academic state champions. We are very excited about our chances at this season's state championships in March. We will be taking a much more experienced team than we had last year. We are also expecting big things from our divers. We return three regional qualifiers (Ciolli, Pellerito and Richman). And Ciolli's state meet experience from last year should pay off for us."

NORTHVILLE

Head coach: Rich Bennetts, 16th season. **League affiliation:** KLAA Kensington Conference (Central Division).

Last year's finish: co-KLAA Central Division champs (8-2 overall); second, Kensington Conference; 16th, Division 1 state meet.

Notable losses to graduation: Andrew Westphal (fourth, 100 freestyle; fifth, 50 freestyle; 12th, 200 freestyle relay, Division 1 finals); Josh Liu (16th, 100 breaststroke; state qualifier, 200 IM); Alan Ruan (state qualifier, 100 breaststroke); Nick DuFresne (state qualifier, 500 freestyle);

Leading returnees: James Xue, Jr. (eighth, 400 freestyle relay; 12th, 200 freestyle relay; state qualifier, 200 freestyle; 100 butterfly); Chris Geng, Jr. (15th, 100 breaststroke); Yash Bajaj, Sr. (state qualifier, 100 breaststroke); Mark Kaminski, Sr. (eighth, 400 freestyle relay; 12th, 200 freestyle relay, state qualifier, 200 freestyle); Fred Schulz, Sr. (distance freestyle); Matt Schaffer, Jr. (distance freestyle).

Promising newcomers: Kirk Maibach, Fr. (sprint freestyle-butterfly); Trevor DeGroot, Fr. (backstroke); Orion Shi, Fr. (freestyle); Cameron Heaven, Fr. (backstroke).

Bennetts' 2014-15 outlook: "Not the way we want to end the season last year. It was tough not to be able to win the conference meet, especially in the way that we lost it. Hopefully the boys will be motivated to try to win it this year. We have no shortage of quality competition in our division, so we will have to be much better than we were last year if we want to accomplish our goals for this season."

CATHOLIC CENTRAL

Head coach: Shannon Dunworth, 10th season. **League affiliation:** Catholic League.



BRAD EMONS

Novi will rely on seniors (front, from left) Arthur Shi and Toraki Maehata, along with (back, from left) Gordon Williams and James Popyk.



BRAD EMONS

Northville swimmers (from left) Yash Bajaj, James Xue and Mark Kaminski were all state qualifiers a year ago.

Last year's finish: first, Catholic League, third, Oakland County; sixth, Division 1 state meet.

Notable losses to graduation: Colin Brinkman (fourth, 200 freestyle; ninth, 500 freestyle, Division 1 finals); Neil Robinson, 13th (100 backstroke); Simon Shanks (state qualifier, 100 butterfly); Zach Wagner (state qualifier, 100 butterfly); Gavin Spisak (sixth, 200 medley relay).

Leading returnees: Jack Walsh, Sr. (state champion, 100 backstroke; runner-up, 200 IM; fourth, 200 medley relay; sixth, 400 freestyle relay); Grayson Arnold, Sr. (12th, 50 freestyle; sixth, 200 medley relay); Daniel Long, Sr. (state qualifier, 200 IM, 100 breaststroke); Matt Loniewski, Jr. (state qualifier, 100 backstroke); Andrew Connor, Jr. (state qualifier, 100 breaststroke).

Promising newcomers: To be determined.

Dunworth's 2014-15 outlook: "As far as the newcomers, in the past we've had some individual studs come to CC for swimming. I don't think we have one kid that's all ready to go to the state meet, but we have very deep freshman class that I'm really excited about their potential. We just want to get better. I'll use the scoreboard as measure of better or position as a measure of better. Swimming is a little more complex than that. Certainly we want stand up better against our competitors, but there's so much work to do between then and now. Our focus on what's going to happen in the next five minutes will matter three months from now."

WALSH

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but there was a reason. He was sidelined for nearly 3½ months with a stress fracture in his back.

And Walsh has been trying to make up for lost time.

"I couldn't swim from June until the middle of September," Walsh said. "The first month, I was kind of building back and now I've been able to train full time for about over a month now. I've been working hard trying to get back into shape. This past meet at (Winter) Nationals, I just kind of wanted to see where I was because I hadn't competed since March before that. I'm about at the same times I was at this time last year, so that was kind of encouraging to know that I'm kind of getting back on track somewhat quickly."

The injury might have been caused by a couple of factors.

"The doctors think it's just a lot overuse and tightening of the muscles in my back," Walsh said. "And with the dolphin kick, it puts a lot of stress on my back. Or it could have been something I had done in the weight room. I'm not quite sure. The doctors said they've seen it quite often in swimmers. It's not an uncommon thing, but I think just doing a lot of dolphin kicking is probably the main cause of it. I just had to rest the whole summer, but I'm feeling really good now."

Dunworth is confident Walsh can quickly get back up to speed for the Shamrocks, who return five other Division 1 state qualifiers from a year ago, including state placer Grayson Arnold.

Last season, the Shamrocks placed sixth in the state finals with 126 points as Walsh was also a member of CC's fourth-place 200 medley (1:34.73) and sixth-place 400 freestyle (3:10.62) relay teams.

"We've had a number of

dedicated and talented competitive kids and he's another one of them," Dunworth said. "A lot of kids end up in the sport because they've done it and had success in it, but when you get those kids that are truly predisposed to be a swimmer and they have the attitude of a swimmer and they have the aggressiveness of any other athlete out there – that's a very dangerous combination. And Jack, like many, many others that I've had, happens to be special among the boys. He's the latest that has that make-up."

Walsh, a scholar-athlete who enjoys subjects from business to chemistry, visited Michigan, Notre Dame and Texas before signing with Stanford.

"Stanford has always been my dream school, so I was always excited about hearing from them," Walsh said. "Just based on the visit, I just felt like I got along with the guys on the team the best at Stanford and academically it was the best of those schools. I just fell in love with the campus and everything about it. So I'm really excited about being able to go there next year."

Dunworth feels Walsh fits the Stanford profile.

"Highly recruited, he could have gone anywhere," the CC coach said. "I would have been happy wherever he ended up, but it's so exciting he's going to go to one of the premier swim schools in country, let alone premier academic schools as well."

Walsh puts not only a lot of mileage in the pool, but on the highway as well.

At least three days a week, he starts from his home in Ann Arbor, drives to Farmington Hills Mercy (CC's home pool) for a morning workout, heads back to Novi for school, then drives back to Mercy again for an afternoon workout. Then it's back home again in the early evening to Ann Arbor.

"It's not too bad, it's about 15 to 20 minutes," Walsh said of each destination.

ALL-AREA VOLLEYBALL

Novi's Iacobelli area's leading lady

By Jeff Theisen and Brad Emons
Staff Writers

Though only a junior, Novi's Victoria Iacobelli played the 2014 volleyball campaign like a seasoned senior.

The 5-foot-9 outside hitter, a three-year varsity starter and captain, was instrumental in leading the Wildcats to a 54-6-1 overall record and all the way to Class A state championship game before losing in five sets to Romeo.

Iacobelli, who was selected Division 1 first team all-state by the Michigan Interscholastic Volleyball Coaches Association, also earned area Player of the Year honors as well.

Iacobelli finished with a team-best 624 total kills (.302 hitting percentage) and ranked third on the team in total digs with 539 as the Wildcats also captured KLAA Central Division, Kensington Conference, KLAA Association, district and regional tournament titles.

"Victoria's control on all aspects of the game was so critical for our success," Novi coach Jen Cottrill said. "Her ability to contact the ball twice and do so with such ease and court awareness was impressive. Many times, she had a double block slammed in her face and she still found a way to score. She also is an elite defender and very consistent passer. Her leadership and competitiveness was spot on as she knew when the team needed to be fired up or calmed."

First team
Paulina Iacobelli
Novi

The 5-9 junior, Victoria's identical twin sister, earned Division 1 second team all-state honors as she finished with 500 total kills and 624 digs to rank second on the team in both categories.

"Paulina always seemed to find a way for us," Cottrill said of the all-region and all-KLAA choice. "If we needed a

kill, a serving run, a perfect pass or spectacular dig, she was there to do it. She was very reliable and consistent and a great competitor."

Erin O'Leary
Novi

The 5-10 freshman moved to setter early in the season and adapted quickly to her natural position as she earned Division 1 all-state honorable mention honors with a total of 1,405 assist-to-kills, 322 digs, 179 kills and 62 aces.

"The most impressive thing about Erin is her charisma on the court, always smiling, having fun and just enjoying the game," Cottrill said of the all-KLAA and all-region pick. "As a freshman and only being 14 years old, she was able to keep her composure in high-pressure situations. Erin has an uncanny knack for this game. Her court awareness and vision is phenomenal and that helped us to run our offense from pin-to-pin and get our attackers one-on-one looks."

Jordan Massab
Novi

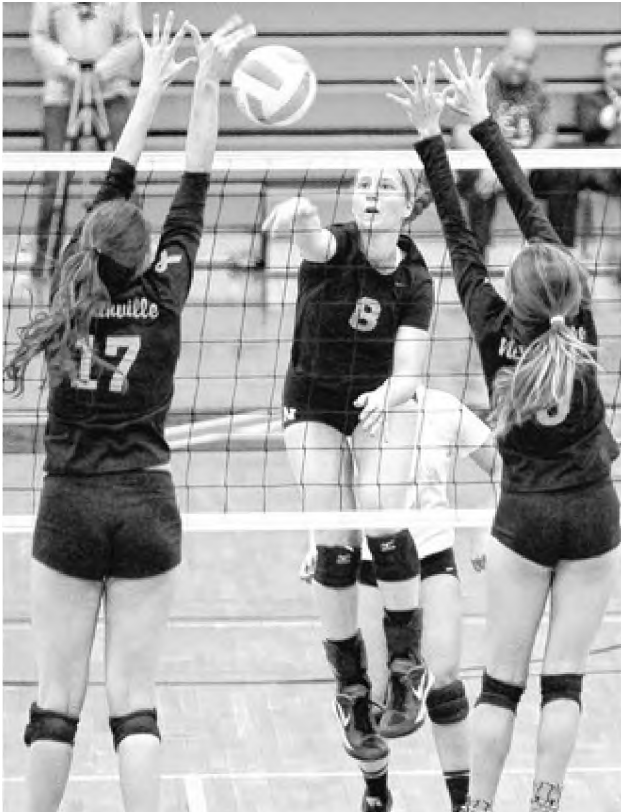
The 5-4 senior libero paced the Wildcats with 688 total digs and amassed 1,581 for her career.

"Jordan was the heart and soul of our team and program as she was an amazing leader, teammate and young lady," Cottrill said of the all-KLAA and all-district selection. "Jordan's ability to keep our team composed on the court, as well as staying competitive and battling, was unmeasurable."

Emily Martin
Northville

The 5-10 sophomore outside hitter, named all-KLAA, Division 1 all-region and honorable mention all-state, finished with a team-best 477 kills (2.92 percent) to go along with 280 total digs.

"Emily grew into a court leader and took on the role of the primary terminator as a sophomore," Northville coach Amanda Yaklin said.



Novi junior outside hitter Victoria Iacobelli (middle) was named area volleyball Player of the Year.

"She gained the experience all season long and played with grace in our final match of the season and arrived as our primary hitter. I'm excited to see the next two seasons, as she is one of the top sophomores in the state. Her collegiate potential is through the roof."

Amanda Leonard
Lakeland

The senior right-side hitter will take her talents to NCAA Division II West Liberty. She earned all-state honors after leading the team in kills and placing second in assists. She also carries a 4.06 grade-point average.

"Amanda is a fantastic setter, but also a dangerous hitter," Lakeland said coach Jean Dukic. "There where many times during the season that she was able to take over on offense and help us get the win. I look forward to seeing what she brings at the college level."

Stephanie Leonard
Lakeland

The senior middle hitter earned all-confer-

ence and all-region honors while leading the team in blocks and being second in kills. She will also be attending West Liberty next season and currently has a 4.03 GPA.

"Stephanie is one of the hardest working players I had," Dukic said. "She is always trying to do her best and she also had the ability to take over a game offensively. Stephanie especially loved it when she was up against another great middle, then she really turned it on."

Jillian Butsavich
Milford

The senior middle hitter was a force for the district champion Mavericks. She finished with 375 kills and 40 blocks. She was also team captain.

"Jillian has an athletic ceiling that she's nowhere near touching," Milford coach Mary Shelton said. "A great leader on and off the court."

Maddie Harris
Milford

The senior outside hitter provided another

strong option for the Mavericks. She totaled 375 kills with 400 digs and 55 aces for an outstanding all-around season.

"Maddie Harris is a perfectionist in her play," Shelton said. "She can handle high-pressure situations and we counted on her a lot on the back line and defending in crucial situations."

Second team
Brooke Campos
South Lyon

The four-year varsity setter finished her final season by dishing out 946 assists with 181 digs, 42 aces and 40 kills. She also earned academic all-state and all-region honors.

Jessie Ignace
South Lyon

The right-side/middle hitting junior finished her third season on varsity with 293 kills, 76 blocks and 34 aces. She earned all-conference and all-region honors.

Emily Wolfenbarger
Lakeland

The senior setter and captain earned all-conference and all-region honors while leading the team in assists. She is planning on playing in college, but remains undecided.

Calliegh Coffin
Lakeland

The senior captain led the back row in digs and earned all-region and all-conference honorable mention honors.

Anna Swanson
Milford

The senior outside hitter provided 315 kills and 80 aces for the Mavericks.

Mackenzie Watson
Milford

The junior libero was the leader on the back line for Milford with 556 digs.

Kiera Borthwick
Northville

The 5-6 sophomore libero and secondary setter, a two-year varsity player, finished with a team-best 496 total digs to go along with 49 aces. She was also the best serve-receive passer at 90 percent en route to all-KLAA and all-region

ALL-AREA VOLLEYBALL TEAM

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Mackenzie Watson, Milford
Kiera Borthwick, Northville
Makenna Strunk, Northville

HONORABLE MENTION
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Northville: Emily Hogan (sr.), Olivia Boisineau (sr.), Elizabeth Hansell (sr.), Bryce Quick (soph.)
Franklin Road Christian: Reagan Mumford (soph.), Danielle Fusco (sr.)
South Lyon: Carlie Fernandez (sr.), Callie Harper (soph.)
South Lyon East: Savannah Turner (sr.), Mackenzie Travis (sr.), Nicole Dowdell (jr.)
Lakeland: Amanda Lock (sr.)
Milford: Maddie Appleton (fr.)

honors.

Makenna Strunk
Northville

The 5-6 senior, a three-year varsity player who signed with Lawrence Tech, played both the outside and the middle, finishing with 245 kills (.243 hitting percentage) and 187 digs as she made all-region.

'Top Cat' honoree



Paul VanAntwerp (left), pictured with family members (including a stand-in for one son unable to attend), was honored last month as the "Top Cat" for his significant contributions to the advancement of youth hockey in the Novi community. VanAntwerp was recognized in a ceremony at the Novi Youth Hockey Association's 13th annual Game Day, which featured 17 games with more than 400 players and 100 coaches at the Novi Ice Arena. The long-time Novi resident, who began coaching in the the NYHA in 1998, coached all four of his children, including Michael, Madison, Max and Mickey (currently with 2001 Ice Cats), from house and travel to mini-mite and midget teams. VanAntwerp's squirt team captured the Michigan Amateur Hockey Association 2006-07 title and he has also guided teams to Little Caesars Amateur Hockey League playoff and numerous tourney titles the past 16 years.

GIRLS HOCKEY

Struggling Northville icers still searching for first victory

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

It's been a tough start to the season so far for the Northville girls hockey team.

Emma Frame notched a hat trick, while Carson Dennis contributed a pair of goals Saturday as Grosse Pointe South pulled away with six goals in the final period en route to a 10-1 Michi-

gan Metro Girls High School Hockey League victory over Northville at the Grosse Pointe Community Rink.

Abby Carrier added a goal and two assists, while Elizabeth Sullivan, Ava Russano, Libby Erickson each chipped in a goal and one assist. Gennie Martin also had three assists for the Blue Devils, now 2-0 in Division 1.

"Our kids were out-

matched, but played hard all night," Northville coach J.D. Damrath. "We trailed 1-0 after the first period and came close to tying it."

South scored three times in the second period after Northville goaltender Isobel Bush had to leave the game with injury. The Blue Devils then scored six goals on just nine shots in the final period.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

MU baseball camp

Madonna University will stage a winter baseball camp (ages 8-13) 9-11 a.m. (Session 1 pitching) and from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (Session 2 hitting) Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 22-23, at the MU Activities Center, 36600 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia.

Camp instructors include Madonna assistant baseball coach and former major league pitcher Charlie Haeger, along with MU head coach Greg Haeger, MLB scouts and current Crusaders players.

The cost is \$100 for one session (each day) or \$150 for both sessions (each day). Lunch will be offered (two pizza slices, one Gatorade) at \$5 per day.

For more information, got to www.haegerbaseballtraining.com or contact Charlie Haeger at 734-545-2018 or haegerbaseballtraining@gmail.com.

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS
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The Charter Township of Northville Administrative Offices will be closed on the following days:

Wednesday, December 24, 2014 Christmas Eve
Thursday, December 25, 2014 Christmas
Thursday, January 01, 2015 New Year's Day

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Certified Pre-Owned Lincoln vehicles are luxurious by any standard at Varsity Lincoln

By Greg Mullin
Staff Writer

Varsity Lincoln of Novi's Pre-Owned sale continues this December. The dealership offers no Santa, no presents, just great deals. More than 150 Lincoln Certified Pre-Owned vehicles are on-site, ready to drive off the lot for as low as \$12,995.

Hurry over to Varsity Lincoln these next three days to catch the deals:

- » Friday, Dec. 12, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- » Saturday, Dec. 13 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- » Monday, Dec. 15, 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.

This year, Varsity Lincoln celebrated its 20th anniversary and won six prestigious automotive awards: the Triple Crown Award, Lincoln Leaders of Excellence, President's Award, Ford One Hundred Club, CPO Sales Leadership and Premier Club.

Certified Pre-Owned Lincoln vehicles come with many benefits, including:

- » A meticulous, 200-point inspection by factory-trained technicians
- » 6-year/100,000-mile comprehensive warranty coverage
- » Complimentary 24/7 roadside assistance

Dealership provides The Varsity Lincoln Advantage

Varsity Lincoln team members are selected based upon their demonstration of an unwavering attitude of the importance of customer care and satisfaction. This has earned the dealer the honor of being the No.1 volume Lincoln Dealer in the world for 17 consecutive years, based on the 2013 *Total New Retail Sales and Service Customer Satisfaction Lincoln* sales report. They also offer a newly remodeled showroom, indoor delivery area and service reception aisle.

"I have the MKS and I love, love, love the technology in it," exclaimed Lincoln MKS owner



More than 150 Lincoln Certified Pre-Owned vehicles — like the 2013 Lincoln MKX Ultimate FWD — are available during Varsity Lincoln of Novi's Pre-Owned sale.

Latanya Tarleton, who has been a customer at Varsity Lincoln for 16 years. "I get the best service here. I never have to worry about anything."

"I have an MKZ from Varsity Lincoln, I've had it for about a year now. It's a beautiful interior, a beautiful exterior, it handles well on the road and gives me good gas mileage!" said Lincoln MKZ owner Gary Trudeau. "I love this place. I wouldn't even consider buying a car from anybody else!"

Jason Towe told us why he got into a Lincoln, stating "I definitely love the comfort and the sportiness of the Lincoln. The cost was a big factor for me, it was actually cheaper than my last car I owned, and I feel I'm getting a better quality car for what I'm paying!"

Certified Pre-Owned vehicles offer great value

"There are numerous benefits of purchasing a Certified Pre-Owned, including the outstanding warranty that comes with the vehicles," conveyed Jere Law, Varsity Lincoln's General Sales Manager and Pre-Owned Director. "The 100,000-mile free bumper-to-bumper warranty that comes alongside all Certified Pre-Owned purchases is better than a new car warranty! Additionally, any time the vehicle is in for a service visit, you can receive a loaner for no cost, exclusively at Varsity Lincoln!"

"Loaded with features, a Lincoln will satisfy any customer. Certified Pre-Owned vehicles not only provide a

peace of mind on the road, but also provides a combination of sporty and luxury. Benefits include FWD or AWD, Eco-Boost, Navigation, Bluetooth, SYNC, an adaptive suspension, a panoramic roof, and heated and cooled seats for comfort, just to name a few.

"Drivers will also enjoy peace of mind from knowing that Lincoln vehicles will hold their value. Any depreciation has already been taken on by the previous owner. Plus, the advanced styling and dependability are advantageous add to a Lincoln vehicle's value."

"The warranty is the key with all these cars. With Certified Pre-Owned, you get the best from Varsity Lincoln," Law said.

Certified Pre-Owned financing is available for as low as

0.9% APR.*

"Leasing or buying from the number one dealer in the country gives you the best selection, price and service," Law said. "Our dealership is ready for any situation that may arise, whether it is special financing or a specific request. We can handle every unique situation."

"Our customers speak for themselves and how their experience is. When you read the reviews our customers write online, you can see how happy they are, before, during and after the sale."

*As low as 0.9% APR for up to 36 months on select vehicles for qualified customers with Tier 0-1 approval through preferred finance source. Offer subject to change at any time. See Varsity Lincoln for details.

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Project Senior Heat



Thirty-one volunteer heating and cooling contractors representing the Southeast Michigan Chapter of the Air Conditioning Contractors of America teamed up Dec. 6 to offer free furnace inspections and tune-ups to 56 senior citizen homeowners in metro Detroit. The homeowners were selected by the local Area Agencies on Aging from Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. This event has been taking place for 28 years. Some homeowners had their furnaces repaired or replaced, depending on the condition of the existing furnace. Some homeowners have suffered without gas heat for lengthy periods of time while waiting for repairs. Each technician left behind a free carbon monoxide detector. All parts and equipment are donated by local heating and cooling suppliers, members of SEMIACCA, while the labor is donated by contractors. Pictured, Al Keats Day volunteers meet and line up at Day & Night Heating & Cooling in Novi.

Jaghabs continue their community giving via Adopt-A-School program



Most of the Jaghab Dental Team is represented in this photo (from left): Meghan Pollington, Krystal Harris, Kerry Valeri, Stephanie McCaffrey, Dr. Jeffrey Jaghab, Dr. Stephanie Jaghab, Patricia Robertson, RDH, Danielle Stinson, RDH, Janet Wilson, RDH, Sue Steinkemper, Michelle Reid, RDH, and Rosanne Yuhasz.

Doctors Jeffrey and Stephanie Jaghab own Northville Cosmetic Dentistry at 416 S. Main Street. While they provide an essential service in a caring, family-oriented environment, they also found a way to give back to the local community they love.

"We live two miles from the office," Jeffrey Jaghab said. "We can walk to downtown Northville from our house with our kids. People know us and wave out of their cars. Living here is like small-town America and it's perfect for us."

The Plymouth Whalers and Compuware Arena provided the connection for the Jaghabs to reach out to the community.

Since 2009, the Jaghabs have been part of the Plymouth Whalers Adopt-A-School program. In the program, local businesses buy ticket vouchers and donate them to schools, giving children of all ages and their parents a chance to go to Plymouth Whalers games.

"We have always supported the school system," Jaghab said. "It is part of what makes Northville so great."

The Jaghabs have four children: Peter, 12, Hannah, 10, Alexander, 9, and Samantha, 8.

After supporting their children's specific schools over the years through the Adopt-a-School Program, the Jaghabs upped the ante this season in a big way. They adopted every school in the Northville system.

"Our kids all go to Northville schools and they love the Whalers," Jaghab said. "We have had parents thanking us for the tickets, because they had so much fun. People really enjoy the games. It's close to home, safe and comfortable."

In the past, they did the Whalers Adopt-A-School for their children's elementary school (Moraine Elementary School) and middle school (Hillside), but this year the Jaghabs decided to do the same for all the schools in Northville.

The Whalers are pitching in to help the Jaghabs to reach their goal. Members of the Plymouth Whalers staff hit the streets of Northville this week to assist the Jaghabs in the distribution of the vouchers to each principal at each adopted school.

The Jaghabs believe in the Northville community that has supported them over the years.

"Compuware Arena, the Whalers and our dental office are very similar – we all give back to the community as much as we can," Jaghab said. "Northville has been very good to us and we're very happy to be here."

The Whalers are looking for other business to get involved with their Adopt-A-School Program.

NEWSMAKERS

Erickson picks Machicote for senior VP

Erickson Living, developer and manager of Novi's Fox Run retirement community, has named Joseph Machicote as senior vice president, human resources. In this role, Machicote is responsible for all aspects of



Machicote

HR throughout the enterprise, which include leadership and employee development, succession planning, employee relations, talent acquisition, personnel policies, corporate communications and compensation and benefits.

Machicote has more than 25 years of experience working in HR and has held several leadership and hospital-ity roles throughout his career. Most recently, he served as vice president of HR and organizational development with Snyder's-Lance, Inc., and served in several leadership positions with the Compass Group, North America, a food service management and support services company.

"We are excited to welcome such an experienced and respected human resources executive to our leadership team," Chief Operating Officer Debra B. Doyle said. "Joseph is a forward-thinking leader who is committed to cultivating employee engagement, a diverse workforce and business results. His proven track record of driving organizational efficiency and effectiveness, while fostering professional and personal growth opportunities, will undoubtedly help us fulfill our important mission."

Machicote holds a bachelor of arts in business from Manhattanville College.

Scheuren named Quinn shareholder

Craig C. Scheuern has become a shareholder in Quinn Law Group, PLLC, based in Novi.

He joined the firm in 2005. Scheuern concentrates his practice on the preparation and prosecution of domestic, international and foreign patent applications in a variety of technical areas, including the electrical, software and mechanical arts, as well as IP-related client counseling.

"Craig is a very smart patent lawyer and clients appreciate his enthusiasm and the depth of understanding he brings to their cases," said Christopher Quinn, founder and principal of the firm.

Prior to joining Quinn Law Group, Scheuern gained extensive experience in robotics, vehicle systems,

power generation, nanotechnology and compressed air and gas filtration. He worked for Parker Hannifin Corp. as a territory manager and applications engineer and has also been a product engineer for Soletron Corp.

Scheuern also served as an intelligence operations officer in the U.S. Air Force, where he specialized in remote sensing. He earned a



Scheuren

bachelor of science in electrical engineering from Michigan Technological University, where he specialized in automatic control systems. He received his juris doctor from Wayne State University and was elected to the Order of the Coif. Scheuern is admitted to the State Bar of Michigan and is a member of the Michigan Intellectual Property Law Association.

He lives in White Lake and grew up in Shelby Township.

Schrah chosen as VP of women's association

The American Business Women's Association elected Sandy Schrah of Linden to the position of District V vice president during the association's 65th National Women's Leadership Conference in Overland Park, Kan.



Schrah

will maintain a position on ABWA's National Board of Directors and the Stephen Bufton Memorial Educational Fund Board of Trustees. One of nine ABWA national officers, Schrah will work with members in Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, West Virginia and Kentucky to facilitate the ABWA mission.

Schrah works at General Motors Customer Care and After-sales, Grand Blanc, as Global Business Process Documentation lead for an SAP Implementation Project. She is a member of the Novi Oaks Charter Chapter, the largest ABWA chapter in Michigan. Throughout her 16-year ABWA career, she has grown with the ABWA experience, earning numerous local chapter and regional offices and awards. Schrah recently served as secretary of Novi Oaks and was the chapter's nominee for 2015 Top 10 Businesswoman of ABWA.

Schrah holds a bachelor of business leadership degree in business and a master's of business administration from Baker College in Flint.

She also holds an ABWA-KU MBA Essentials certificate.

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Realtors support Forgotten Harvest at holiday party

Real estate professionals from the Detroit Metro area filled the dining hall of the Plum Hollow Country Club in Southfield on Dec. 2 for the Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors (GMAR) fourth annual Holiday Party. Attendees gathered to celebrate the end of another busy year in the real estate business by indulging in fresh food catered by Plum Hollow, dancing to live music provided by the Shawn Riley Band of Northville and regaling one another with their tales of 2014.

This event aligns with GMAR's mission to unify the real estate community and strengthen the image of Realtors through the sale of 50/50 raffle tickets, the GMAR family raised almost \$500 to be donated to Forgotten Harvest. This is in addition to the over \$3,000 donated from Golf Outing proceeds held this past September. Combining donations collected at the General Membership Meeting last month and the Holiday Party, eight heaping crates full of nonperishable food items have been contributed to the cause of feeding the hungry in the Detroit area through Forgotten Harvest.

"We are so grateful for the support of our Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors," said Forgotten Harvest CEO Kirk Mayes. "With nearly one in five people facing hunger or food insecurity in our area, it is vital that we work with our corporate and community partners to be certain that no child, no senior or no family go hungry in metro Detroit."

"I am very amazed and proud of the commitment and involvement of our Members. GMAR is a true leader in the industry having the members and support for such a great event," said GMAR Member Services Committee Chair James Iodice.

Committee Liaison Elaine Gatlin stated, "The success of our programs this year is the result of the support we've received from our members, our sponsors and the Member Services Committee."

The Greater Metropolitan



Fun was found at the GMAR party, along with support for Forgotten Harvest, which works to fight hunger in Metro Detroit.



Dancing to live music provided by the Shawn Riley Band of Northville was part of the fun at the Dec. 2 party.

Association of Realtors provides services and support to the real estate profession and the communities they serve. With over 6,000 members, GMAR is the largest local Realtor association in the state. GMAR provides many

benefits to its members, such as access to the Realcomp MLS, over 220 quality continuing education and designation courses per year, the ToolShop™, *Metropolitan Minute* weekly newsletter and *Metropolitan REALTOR®*

monthly electronic magazine. GMAR's mission is to be the leading resource for the real estate community in Southeast Michigan. Visit www.GMARonline.com to learn more.

Check with attorney on enforcement of rules

Q: Our homeowner association board has not been enforcing various rules for a number of years. Now we have a more active board who wants to start doing so. What do you suggest that we do to help with this situation?



Robert Meisner

A: It is important that you don't abruptly start enforcing previously overlooked rules since reviving these rules may be delicate matter. I would remind members of the value of rules, tell the members that previously overlooked rules will once again be enforced, but only do so with your lawyer's advice. Say that the board won't necessarily enforce rules retroactively, and explain that the board will give members a grace period in certain circumstances. Again, this is a precarious area and you may not even want to concede that you were not enforcing rules previously. That is why a legal opinion is in order.

Q: Our association manager may have violated the Fair Housing Act by denying a lease extension without the board's knowledge. Do you think the manager has any liability?

A: Yes, particularly if there is a situation where he did not seek approval from the Board of Directors in terms of the direction and there is any type of discrimination on the basis of familial status. Indeed, in a recent case out of Florida, the court denied the management company's request to be dismissed from the case determining that it could be "vicariously" liable if the manager is found liable for what he did. Since the plaintiff in that case adequately stated a claim against the manager, the claim against the management company was also viable and there may be indemnification rights by the association against the managing company and agent if the contract was properly reviewed to begin with counsel for the association.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of "Condo Living 2: An Authoritative Guide to Buying, Selling and Operating a Condominium." "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. Call 248-644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-law.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of July 28 to Aug. 1, 2014, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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165 Charrington Ct	\$363,000
12 Riverbank Dr	\$600,000
200 Turnberry Ct	\$875,000
BINGHAM FARMS	
23140 Hickory Hollow Dr	\$368,000
BIRMINGHAM	
731 Chapin Ave	\$365,000
1638 Hanley Ct	\$282,000
1551 Holland St	\$626,000
1059 N Old Woodward Ave	\$279,000
1736 Pierce St	\$550,000
947 Puritan Ave	\$1,150,000
1336 Ruffner Ave	\$244,000
1978 Sheffield Rd	\$355,000
722 Wallace St	\$1,200,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
4383 Ardmore Dr	\$501,000
244 E Berkshire Rd	\$162,000
905 W Harsdale Rd	\$828,000
42160 Woodward Ave	\$102,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
3530 Bloomfield Club Dr	\$450,000
2626 Bridle Rd	\$243,000
376 Concord Pl # 4	\$62,000
4090 Cranbrook Ct	\$368,000
5574 Fieldston Ct	\$450,000
6465 Maple Hills Dr	\$216,000
928 Mitchell Ct	\$1,190,000
1631 S Hill Blvd	\$127,000

42160 Woodward Ave Unit 18	\$130,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP	
3100 Brookneal St	\$111,000
5290 Carroll Lake Rd	\$71,000
5290 Carroll Lake Rd	\$130,000
3222 Edgewood Park Ct	\$225,000
8219 Hearthstone Ct	\$287,000
5886 Majestic Oaks Dr	\$440,000
5667 Ottingshire St	\$165,000
3645 Sandbar Dr	\$315,000
8644 War Bonnet Dr	\$175,000
FARMINGTON	
35451 Heritage Ln	\$135,000
22800 Lake Way	\$200,000
36641 Lansbury Ln	\$200,000
34986 Oakland St	\$231,000
36436 Vicary Ln	\$223,000
FARMINGTON HILLS	
29154 Aranel St	\$190,000
27825 Berrywood Ln Unit 47	\$76,000
34262 Commons Dr	\$308,000
27690 E Echo Vly Unit 224	\$65,000
22775 Glenmoor Hts	\$122,000
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29889 Harrow Dr	\$445,000
21184 Larabee Ct	\$370,000
21704 Middlebelt Rd	\$18,000
29530 Miron Dr	\$242,000
28927 Oak Point Dr	\$301,000
26025 Pillsbury St	\$245,000
22290 River Ridge Trl	\$154,000
36492 Rutherford Ct	\$217,000
23042 Watt Dr	\$300,000
26228 Westmeath St	\$209,000
22172 Wingate Ct	\$250,000
HIGHLAND	
298 Carnoustie	\$410,000

637 Edinburgh Cir	\$290,000
4020 N Hickory Ridge Rd	\$214,000
3230 Ramada Dr	\$403,000
3720 Woodland Dr	\$160,000
LATHRUP VILLAGE	
18450 San Jose Blvd	\$165,000
18150 Wiltshire Blvd	\$163,000
MILFORD	
625 Hickory St	\$360,000
3300 Quinney Trl	\$365,000
1444 Rowe Rd	\$280,000
647 Sleepy Holw	\$425,000
464 Village Ln	\$125,000
NORTHVILLE	
22043 Lujon Dr	\$125,000
914 Pond Island Ct	\$560,000
999 Shannon Ct	\$481,000
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22142 Antler Dr	\$395,000
27318 Benjamins Way	\$340,000
42914 Brookstone Dr	\$310,000
28323 Carlton Way Dr	\$195,000
21992 Clover Ln	\$298,000
22099 Clover Ln	\$255,000
27633 Cromwell Rd	\$253,000
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26420 Island Lake Dr	\$325,000
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25840 Lochmoor Ln	\$439,000
41500 Mitchell Rd	\$200,000
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22833 Summer Ln	\$555,000
22926 Talford St	\$88,000
23408 W Le Bost	\$182,000
45578 White Pines Dr	\$435,000
46000 White Pines Dr	\$520,000
SOUTH LYON	
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26960 Bluegrass Ct	\$379,000
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23190 Cheyenne Ct	\$458,000
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58504 Well Cress Ct	\$96,000
935 Wood Run	\$289,000
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7474 Haverhill Ln	\$449,000
1248 Lasalle Rd	\$490,000
401 S Ridge Rd	\$230,000
3635 Shepherd Ln	\$220,000

43787 Sweet Cherry Ln	\$156,000
42172 Tonquish Ct	\$176,000
51159 Upland View St	\$50,000
GARDEN CITY	
6868 Harrison St	\$66,000
LIVONIA	
30791 Six Mile Rd	\$169,000
32565 Six Mile Rd	\$150,000
19167 Augusta Dr	\$295,000
27709 Bobrich St	\$150,000
32949 Brookside Cir	\$230,000
9811 Doris St	\$132,000
32446 Hees St	\$147,000
8955 Henry Ruff Rd	\$143,000
16694 Levan Rd	\$256,000
14056 Mayfield St	\$220,000

19847 Merriman Rd	\$135,000
17555 Middlebelt Rd	\$155,000
29117 Perth St	\$170,000
34804 Summers St	\$265,000
18377 University Park Dr	\$99,000
30941 Wentworth St	\$199,000
15152 Yale St	\$185,000
NORTHVILLE	
19527 Dartmouth Pl	\$114,000
16664 Lyonhurst Cir	\$268,000
48344 Manorwood Dr	\$830,000
19580 Northridge Dr	\$102,000
16131 Oakwood Ct	\$300,000
16538 Sherwood Ln	\$573,000
39780 Walker Ct	\$244,000
PLYMOUTH	
9090 Brookline Ave	\$75,000

10205 Creekwood Cir	\$369,000
41890 E Ann Arbor Trl	\$158,000
500 Ford St	\$65,000
43808 Joy Rd	\$250,000
40869 Newport Dr	\$100,000
REDFORD	
26409 Clarita	\$74,000
18656 Lennane	\$26,000
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What makes zoos and aquariums so special? Sure, they make great recreation spots, but that's only the beginning. According to the Association of Zoos & Aquariums, research shows that zoos and aquariums boost scientific literacy and attract groups traditionally underrepresented in the sciences.

They also study, rehabilitate and care for animals with a mind for conservation and preserving and protecting endangered species. Another major public benefit of zoos and aquariums: They pack a mean economic punch. The AZA reports that the facilities it accredits generate \$16 billion in economic activity each year and support more than 142,000 jobs. For budding scientists and animal lovers, these jobs are true passion professions, each with its own unique challenges and rewards.

Human fascination with wild-life starts young and can last a lifetime, which is precisely why zoos and aquariums attract such a wide range of visitors. And behind every exotic creature and meticulously planned exhibit is a team of dedicated workers. The AZA notes that not all zoo and aquarium jobs are particularly glamorous. Some require a great deal of physical strength and the kind of dedication needed to carry workers through round-the-clock shifts, even in the crummiest weather. The payoff, of course, is that the work can also be incredibly rewarding, and from a scientific or conservation standpoint, downright important.

Here are just some of the jobs found at zoos and aquariums, along with their typical education requirements.

1. Zookeeper or aquarist

Those who want to work closely with animals might consider becoming zookeepers or aquarists. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, these professionals tend to much of an animal's daily care. They feed

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and monitor animals, clean and maintain habitats and may even work directly with the public answering questions or giving demonstrations. The BLS reports that most zoos and aquariums require keepers to hold at least a bachelor's degree in an area such as biology or animal science. Susan Danhauser, director of human resources at the Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens, told the University of Florida that even when a degree is not required, it can give candidates an edge in what can be an incredibly competitive job market.

2. Animal trainer

Animal trainers in zoos and aquariums have important jobs. Yes, they train animals for public performances, but they also work with scared and even dangerous animals so that they can safely co-exist with the keepers, veterinarians and other professionals who care for them. The BLS notes that though some animal

trainers are not required to earn college degrees, requirements vary. Marine mammal trainers, for instance, usually possess at least a bachelor's degree in marine biology, animal science or a related field.

3. Zoologist

The AZA lists scientific research as one of the primary benefits of both zoos and aquariums, and this is precisely where zoologists come in. According to the BLS, zoologists study animals, their behaviors and their habitats -- as well as the impact humans have on them. Many specialize in one particular kind of animal. Cetologists, for instance, study marine mammals, while herpetologists specialize in amphibians and reptiles. Entry-level zoologists must have at least a bachelor's degree in zoology or a related field, though they will likely need a master's to advance. Some even hold a Ph.D.

4. Veterinarian

Veterinarians in zoos and aquariums provide the same services as they do for the public, but the animals tend to be more exotic. They examine animals for overall wellness and diagnose and treat those who are sick or injured. The BLS reports that all states require veterinarians to earn a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree and become licensed to practice. Licensing requirements vary, but invariably require candidates to pass the North American Veterinary Licensing Examination.

5. Veterinary technician

Veterinary technicians help veterinarians diagnose and treat animals. Along with examining and treating "patients," they often perform medical tests -- but only under the direction of a licensed veterinarian. The BLS reports that vet techs typically need at least a two-year associate degree, though many positions require a

bachelor's. Like vets, vet techs must be licensed to practice.

6. Curator

Zoo and aquarium curators are perfect examples of professionals who play a vital role in their organizations, but rarely, if ever, work directly with animals. Curators plan, acquire and direct exhibits and may at times oversee or conduct research or educational activities. The AZA reports that while general curators oversee an institution's entire animal collection, animal curators manage a specific portion of its collection, say, mammals, birds or reptiles. The BLS notes that most curators earn at least a master's degree in a discipline relevant to the field, though some employers prefer candidates with doctoral degrees.

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