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## Paths to park

Novi, Northville and Maybury explore options for pedestrian connections

By Lonnie Huhman  
Staff Writer

Getting to Maybury State Park via pedestrian connections could become reality if Novi, Northville and park officials can figure out a way to fill in the gaps.

In the past year, the cities of Northville and Novi, as well as Northville Township, have each expressed the desire to get a pedestrian connection to the state park as each community makes a bigger push to expand its pathway system.

Novi City Councilman Andrew Mutch, also a member of the Walkable Novi committee, said all three communities and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources want to provide a

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"Finding a way to complete the network of pathways between the three communities and Maybury is like putting together a big puzzle. We have a lot of the pieces in place, but there are

key pieces still missing."



**ANDREW MUTCH**  
Novi city council member

## Hang time

Library's new Teen Space gives middle and high schoolers a place to socialize

By Lonnie Huhman  
Staff Writer

The Novi Public Library's new area designated for teenagers wanting a place to hang out after school — the Teen Space — has been a huge hit.

Although it's just a pilot program, library Director Julie Farkas said they are already seeing 150-200 kids using the room on a weekly basis since opening Oct. 1. On one recent Monday, there were 40 kids inside the area, located near the library's café.

The idea for the room came out of the library's strategic planning process, which involved a variety of focus groups, including one composed of local teenagers and high school students. "We asked our teens

**DETAILS**

The Teen Space is available 2-5 p.m. most Mondays through Thursdays for those in grades 7-12 only. The Novi Public Library is located at 45255 W. 10 Mile Road. For more information, visit www.novilibrary.org.

what they wanted from the library, and they told us space," Farkas said.

The library's solution was to open up its Whole Meeting Room for teens to hang out, do homework, visit with friends and unwind from their school day.

This is a partnership between the library, Novi Parks, Recreation



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Novi Library staff member Jennifer Preston watches on Oct. 22 as a mean game of UNO is played in the library's Teen Space. Shown (clockwise from lower right) Joe Richardson, Ciarra Davis, Chloe Allen, and Ashley Mosley — all Novi High School ninth-graders.

and Cultural Services, Novi Youth Assistance and the Novi Community School District. Each of these organizations provides a monitor in the Teen Space one day per week.

Farkas said what makes the library so attractive for many teens is its proximity to the high school. After a day of structured learning, many teens just want a place to unwind and talk. Traditionally,

a library is not an ideal socializing setting for kids, but this designated space has proven to be a win-win for all involved.

"The Teen Space is intended to be an opportunity for teens to be welcome in the library and use it in different ways, without disturbing other patrons," Farkas said. "We love our teens and want them to enjoy the library's many resources and services in a manner that's fun

and personalized." With many parents working, this space is a great place for teens to go after school. For those who want to study in a group, listen to music or just talk, the library may be the best spot. It already offers a variety of cool things for teens.

It's home to the Teen Stop, which offers video gaming stations

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## Festival supports entrepreneurial spirit of disabled

By Cal Stone  
Staff Writer

People with disabilities who may not be afforded equal employment opportunities often begin micro-enterprise businesses selling hand-crafted items including like ceramics, paintings, jewelry, T-shirts and hats.

In an effort to promote and help these individuals, Fun First Fridays Festival events began in

**DETAILS**

**Event:** Fun First Friday Festivals  
**Location:** 27300 Wixom Road (southeast corner of Grand River Avenue in the large retail building directly behind Varsity Lincoln)  
**Time/Dates:** 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Fridays, Nov. 2; Dec. 7; Jan. 4  
**Web:** www.FunFirstFridays.com  
**Phone:** (248) 812.9751

April this year in The Atrium on Novi's Main Street and are now

held in the large retail building behind Varsity Lincoln (south-

east corner of Grand River Avenue and Wixom Road).

"There are few affordable opportunities for these artisans to sell their creations to the community and those are generally provided by disability service provider agencies," said Susan Fitzmaurice, managing director of Fun First Fridays Festival. "This limits the goal of having

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way for residents to get to Maybury on foot or on bike. He said the ultimate goal is to provide safe routes for pedestrians and bikers to get to the park by connecting the pathways in the surrounding communities to the pathways inside the park.

within the borders of our community," Northville Township Trustee Mindy Herrmann said. "And I'm committed to the goal of gaining better pedestrian access to it."

The other two communities agree, but the challenge is how to get it done in a way that benefits everyone involved.

Herrmann, who sits on a township pathway subcommittee, said the township's goal in that particular area is to continue the pathway that exists on the south side of Eight Mile Road and ends abruptly just west of Moraine Elementary. But it poses cost and terrain challenges.

From there, the township would also hope to see a four-way pedestrian crossing all around the intersection of Eight Mile and Beck roads and a new pedestrian entrance to the park at the southwest corner of Eight Mile and Beck. Both of these would need the help and approval of Oakland County and the DNR.

Herrmann has been in contact with Northville Township resident Sarah Shafer, who has started a Facebook page in support of establishing a pathway (https://www.facebook.com/Pathway.to.Maybury). It's up to more than 130 likes, so interest is building.

Northville Township's views

"I'm a big believer that Maybury State Park is a real gem located entirely

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CORRECTION

On page A11 of the Oct. 11 Novi News, there were photos from the Food Truck Rally, which took place on Sept. 27. The caption for one of the pictures indicated that The Art Institute organized the Food Truck Rally. Actually, Northern Equities Group organized the Rally, using the Art Institute's parking lot as they were on semester break that week.

BE SURE TO HIT THESE PRE-HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS

Children are busy picking out their costumes while adults are stocking up on candy in anticipation of Halloween, with recommended trick or treat hours in Novi set for 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 31.

Halloween Happening Start the Halloween fun a little early with a Halloween-themed movie at the Novi Public Library (45255 W. 10 Mile Road), followed by a chance to trick-or-treat at several different stations within the library. Come in your favorite costume at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 27.

Sweet and Sassy Halloween Bash Come to the Sweet and Sassy Salon (43530 W. Oaks Drive) for an evening of spooky Halloween surprises and fun from 3:30-7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 28. The party includes trick or treat with the staff, spooky game, black light room with

glow sticks, Halloween food craft, costume contest, employee costume contest and a gift from the Halloween Treasure Box. Call Sweet and Sassy (248-347-6500) for price info and to make reservations.

Trunk or Treat The staff of Whitehall of Novi Healthcare Center (south side of Ten Mile Road, just west of Novi Road) will be handing out candy from the trunks of their cars in this first-ever event from 5-7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 29.

Trick or Trucks Trick or Treat with the area's biggest trucks - dump trucks, fire engines, bulldozers and more - from 5:30-7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 29 in the Novi High School parking lot just east of Ten Mile Road. Small meals will be provided; price is \$13. Contact Novi Parks and Rec (248-347-0473) for information.

Spooky Skate Costumed skaters receive discount and there will be prizes for the best costume from 3-4:50 p.m. Tues-



Houses throughout the city of Novi are decorated in anticipation of Halloween trick or treaters on Wednesday, Oct. 31.

day, Oct. 30 at Novi Ice Arena (42400 Nick Lidstrom Drive). Cost is \$4 for residents, \$5 for non-residents. Skate rental fee is \$3. Call (248) 347-1010 for more information.

Waterfront Nightmare The screaming will start early this Halloween as the locally filmed "Waterfront Nightmare" premieres at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 28 at Emagine Entertainment in Novi.

The upcoming film is a psychological thriller portraying seven college

friends who decide to spend their spring break in a remote waterfront cabin to party for the week. However, the partying stops when they each start disappearing one by one.

Local Michigan residents will more fully experience the movie's terror as the film takes them through local places in Holly, Highland and Davisburg,

Mich. Jason Whittier, screenwriter and executive producer for the film, received inspiration for the film from his own spring break experience.

"My senior year at West Virginia University, I went on a spring break trip with 12 friends. We all shared this cabin in the middle of nowhere in the mountains. I thought at the time it would make a great screenplay" Whittier said.

Tickets can also be purchased at the film's website, waterfrontnightmare.com.

-Compiled by Cal Stone, editor

TEEN

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and novels. The library also provides teens and patrons of all ages group study rooms, computer stations with Internet connectivity, a full-service café, online

research tools for school and entertainment and free downloadable books and music. The space will be open until the end of the school year and at that

time it will be determined if it will continue. Usage will play a big part in its future.

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a micro-enterprise provide a valued identity in the community at large. Fun First Fridays Festival provides an inclusive community setting to showcase the abilities and self-determination of people with disabilities. The organization has contacted and invited clients from over 50 local agencies that serve disabled, and any who make hand-crafted items are invited to sell their products. Also, independent representatives of micro-

enterprise businesses - like Avon, Amway, Mary Kay, Tupperware, etc. - are invited.

"We invite anyone in Michigan who makes hand-craft items to attend," said Fitzmaurice. Her group is seeking partners to share their commitment to support people with disabilities who can and want to become productive members of society. She's asking local companies to include the Fun First Fridays Festival logo in their promotions, advertising and commercials, encouraging their clients to visit the monthly events.

"There is no cost to any company to be a participating sponsor of Fun First Fridays," said Fitzmaurice. "We invite all local companies to attend and set up a display promoting your products or services." There is no admission to Fun First Fridays Festival, the events are open to the public, and parking is free.

"This event is indoors at a large retail store that does not allow us to advertise or use their company name," said Fitzmaurice.

A DJ provides music and there are free food

samples from local restaurants. Bowl a strike at the portable bowling alley and win a free fountain drink; bowl two strikes in a row and win a free hot dog or a slice of pizza, too.

"Many people have the impression that people with disabilities do nothing but sit and watch television all day," said Fitzmaurice. "Fun First Fridays gives these people an opportunity to show they make beautiful products and can be productive members of society."

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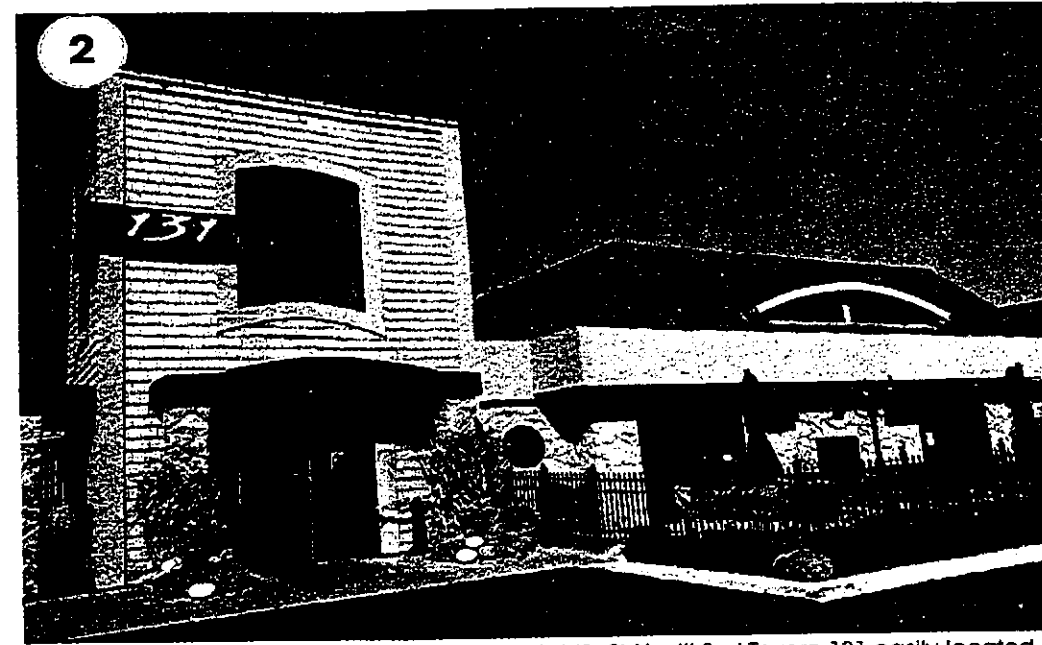
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Tavern 131 is what Vulaj, and his family envisioned, for more than three years before opening the restaurant. They have a knack for successful restaurants they own the Americus Coney and Grill in Milford along with the popular Ciao Amici's Italian Restaurant and Americus Grill both in Brighton.

Yet Vulaj knows there's another vital element to draw folks in and bring them back again and again. "This is a place that is fun to be in, fun to work in, where the customer has a good time," he said. "When people enjoy themselves, when they know they have something to do here, they come back." Offering lots of live entertainment from local bands and DJ's on the weekend's customers can play pool or a few video games, plus karaoke and trivia night.

The menu is very extensive with something for everyone from fine dining to burgers. Look for 20 appetizers, 10 salads, 10 sandwiches and 8-10 mouth

watering burgers. They feature over 20 dinner entrees that are one of a kind and won't disappoint the discriminating palate. Favorites are Tavern Chicken a la Gorgonzola, Salmon, Tortellini Diablo, and One Pound of Beef Tips, Chicken Fettuccine Alfredo Pizza and their signature dish Sirloin Gorgonzola.

You don't just give customers what you want. You give them what they want," Vulaj said. "Otherwise, they'll just go down the street to eat." The bar area seats approximately thirty patrons. With over 20 domestic and craft beers on tap you're sure to find your favorite brew. The bar has an extensive selection of liquor and they make their own sour mix in house for the freshest taste. Daily there is happy hour between 11am - 6pm and late night specials 9pm till close. It is a very comfortable place to catch a game with around 20 TVs throughout the restaurant. Saturdays watch ESPN college game day plan and the ever popular Sunday NFL ticket. On game days they have a special menu where you can get 10 items for \$5 a piece. Thursdays are date night at Tavern 131 giving couples 2 dinner entrees and a bottle of wine for only \$40 plus tax. That is an incredible value when you consider that you may have your choice of any entrée including filet mignon!

Visit Tavern 131 and enjoy the seasonal Halloween decorations. They have really

gone all out for their Halloween Bash on October 27 from 9 pm till close. The pumpkins, eerie Halloween lighting, cob webs and spooky ghouls make the place look "spooktacular". Have fun while you listen to the DJ play favorites like the Monster Mash to Thriller and best of all the Halloween Bash has no cover charge. There will be cash prizes for the scariest costume, sexiest costume and the best overall costume.

Tavern 131 believes in supporting the community and this year is sponsoring the Halloween at the Carl YMCA in Milford by buying all the candy for the kids. Toni Vulaj stresses community support. He feels it is your duty to give back to the community. "The community supports me, so I have to support the community". Living and being involved in Milford for over 10 years he has been involved in fundraisers all the time. Vulaj says, "We have an open door to help others". Both Tavern 131 and Americus Coney & Grill are co-sponsoring the Christmas Parade held

the Saturday after Thanksgiving in Milford.

Looking around Tavern 131, Vulaj is unmistakably proud and quite satisfied with the results. "I'm looking forward to having a place like 'Cheers' -



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where everybody knows your name" he said, smiling.

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## Let's get moving!

### Red Wings school assembly stresses fitness, fun

By Julie Brown  
 Staff Writer

Agnes Lee, a fourth-grade teacher at Orchard Hills Elementary in Novi, probably didn't think she'd play hockey when she left for work Monday, Oct. 22.

Lee did indeed find herself in floor hockey gear defending the net for the teacher team, as students faced off against their teachers in a noisy gym.

"I've never played hockey before so I was totally lost," said a smiling Lee after. She also needed to take off her glasses to play, another challenge.

"They said I did a good job," Lee added of her students. "They're proud of me. It was a good first-time experience."

The assembly was put on by the Detroit Red Wings Foundation, Kroger and Blue Cross Blue Shield Blue Care Network of Michigan, under sponsorship of the school PTO.

"They're here to talk about staying active and making healthy choices," said Jennifer Ste-



Students of Novi's Orchard Hills Elementary School get up and moving as they do a series of jumping jacks during an Oct. 22 Red Wings' assembly. The school was visited by three representatives of the hockey team and were encouraged to keep fit, eat healthy, set goals and work with their fellow students to accomplish good things. The visit was part of the school's Red Ribbon Week activities.

faneek of Novi, PTO president and mom to second-grader Jack Stefaneek. The Orchard Hills students use the "Seven Habits" program of Steven Covey.

Kindergarten teacher Laura Mardigan was the one who became aware of the assembly and raised the idea, Stefaneek said.

"We thought it was a perfect fit," she said of the assembly, offered to just over 400 kindergarten through fourth-grade students.

The Red Wings program kicked off Red

Ribbon Week at the school. That's typically anti-drug, Stefaneek said, with younger children focusing on treating their bodies well. Food, exercise, sleep and "really working hard in school, that kind of thing," are emphasized.

Jake Yarberry, a fourth-grader, had the fun job of goalie in the shootout with the teacher team. "I think it's awesome," Jake said of the assembly. He used to play hockey but now focuses on baseball. Red Wing Pavel Dat-



Detroit Red Wings' representative Jim Biewer makes a point during Orchard Hills' Oct. 22 health and fitness assembly. Behind Biewer is John Guerreno.

suk is third-grader Nate Woods' favorite. "I really like it," Nate said of the assembly. He plays on a hockey travel team.

Jim Biewer of St. Clair Shores is events and experiential marketing manager for the Wings. He was "coach Jim" that morning with two assistant coaches.

The program's been to 115 schools this year, Biewer said, and focuses on healthy eating and exercise. It also gets the Red Wing brand out.

Biewer and the others don't get many questions about the team not playing now due to labor issues. "We're just kind of business as usual," he said. "They're just here to enjoy themselves."

The assembly included two key words: "Education" and "Dedica-

tion." Students also learned that pro hockey players also have a "teacher" -- coach Mike Babcock.

Biewer said this is the third year for the school assembly program, which started with 20 schools its first year. He spends about half his workdays on it.

"It's a lot of fun," Biewer said. "I get to interact with kids."

The program donates two sets of floor hockey equipment to each school visited, which brought forth cheers and staff thanks at Orchard Hills.

The Red Wings program also exists to promote hockey. Biewer said, and "hopefully grow that sport." They work closely with the Michigan Amateur

Hockey Association on clinics to teach skating and hockey.

He agreed the sport is growing for girls and women as well, including topnotch Olympic teams.

The children answered questions for smaller prizes, such as what trophy the hockey teams play for (the Stanley Cup) and the name of the team arena (Joe Louis Arena). The student team was unsuccessful in defeating the teachers, but will come back strong next year with practice, Biewer predicted.

"You'll beat them 5-0, won't you?" he said.

The school also received a Red Wings banner for the gym.

They work closely with the Michigan Amateur

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## Let's get moving!

### Red Wings school assembly stresses fitness, fun

By Julie Brown  
 Staff Writer

Agnes Lee, a fourth-grade teacher at Orchard Hills Elementary in Novi, probably didn't think she'd play hockey when she left for work Monday, Oct. 22.

Lee did indeed find herself in floor hockey gear defending the net for the teacher team, as students faced off against their teachers in a noisy gym.

"I've never played hockey before so I was totally lost," said a smiling Lee after. She also needed to take off her glasses to play, another challenge.

"They said I did a good job," Lee added of her students. "They're proud of me. It was a good first-time experience."

The assembly was put on by the Detroit Red Wings Foundation, Kroger and Blue Cross Blue Shield Blue Care Network of Michigan, under sponsorship of the school PTO.

"They're here to talk about staying active and making healthy choices," said Jennifer Ste-



Students of Novi's Orchard Hills Elementary School get up and moving as they do a series of jumping jacks during an Oct. 22 Red Wings' assembly. The school was visited by three representatives of the hockey team and were encouraged to keep fit, eat healthy, set goals and work with their fellow students to accomplish good things. The visit was part of the school's Red Ribbon Week activities.

fanek of Novi, PTO president and mom to second-grader Jack Stefanek. The Orchard Hills students use the "Seven Habits" program of Steven Covey. Kindergarten teacher Laura Mardigian was the one who became aware of the assembly and raised the idea, Stefanek said.

"We thought it was a perfect fit," she said of the assembly, offered to just over 400 kindergarten through fourth-grade students.

The Red Wings program kicked off Red

Ribbon Week at the school. That's typically anti-drug, Stefanek said, with younger children focusing on treating their bodies well. Food, exercise, sleep and "really working hard in school, that kind of thing," are emphasized.

Jake Yarberry, a fourth-grader, had the fun job of goalie in the shootout with the teacher team. "I think it's awesome," Jake said of the assembly. He used to play hockey but now focuses on baseball. Red Wing Pavel Dat-



Detroit Red Wings' representative Jim Biewer makes a point during Orchard Hills' Oct. 22 health and fitness assembly. Behind Biewer is John Guerrero.

suk is third-grader Nate Woods' favorite. "I really like it," Nate said of the assembly. He plays on a hockey travel team. Jim Biewer of St. Clair Shores is events and experimental marketing manager for the Wings. He was "coach Jim" that morning with two assistant coaches.

The program's been to 115 schools this year, Biewer said, and focuses on healthy eating and exercise. It also gets the Red Wing brand out.

Biewer and the others don't get many questions about the team not playing now due to labor issues. "We're just kind of business as usual," he said. "They're just here to enjoy themselves."

The assembly included two key words: "Education" and "Dedica-

tion." Students also learned that pro hockey players also have a "teacher" - coach Mike Babcock.

Biewer said this is the third year for the school assembly program, which started with 20 schools its first year. He spends about half his workdays on it.

"It's a lot of fun," Biewer said. "I get to interact with kids." The program donates two sets of floor hockey equipment to each school visited, which brought forth cheers and staff thanks at Orchard Hills.

The Red Wings program also exists to promote hockey, Biewer said, and "hopefully grow that sport." They work closely with the Michigan Amateur

Hockey Association on clinics to teach skating and hockey.

He agreed the sport is growing for girls and women as well, including topnotch Olympic teams.

The children answered questions for smaller prizes, such as what trophy the hockey teams play for (the Stanley Cup) and the name of the team arena (Joe Louis Arena). The student team was unsuccessful in defeating the teachers, but will come back strong next year with practice, Biewer predicted.

"You'll beat them 5-0, won't you?" he said. The school also received a Red Wings banner for the gym.

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# House hopefuls pin race on messages

## Taj thinks he can fix what ails the country

By Darrell Clem  
Staff Writer

As an India-born medical doctor who worked hard to achieve the American dream, Syed Taj of Canton views himself as a physician who has the right prescription for what ails this country.

Like a trusted family doctor listening attentively to his patients, Taj says he understands what is hurting people in the 11th Congressional District he hopes to represent: They need good jobs. They fear losing Medicare and Social Security benefits. They worry they could be stripped of health care. They want their children to have an affordable education.

Taj said he believes there's a critical need for a doctor in the house — the U.S. House, that is — and he appears confident he is one of the Democrats who, if elected, can help second-term President Barack Obama move the country forward not just for the rich, but for the middle class and those who need a safety net.

"The President needs to have a supporting cast," Taj said, sitting in his Novi campaign office.

By most accounts, Taj has worked successfully for four years alongside Republicans as the lone Democrat on the Canton Township Board of Trustees. Yet, on the national stage, he is the face of the gridlock, the political bickering and polarizing remarks, such as GOP presidential nominee Mitt Romney's now-infamous statements that critics said dismissed "47 percent" of Americans.

"I want to represent 100 percent of the population," said Taj, who faces Republican Kerry Bentivolio of Milford for a two-year House term.

Taj's campaign manager, Natalie Mosher, who lost an earlier 11th District election bid against former U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, says Americans would become less cynical and distrustful of Washington, D.C., if they elected more people like Taj.

"He's honest. He listens to people. He worked with Republicans for four years, and he knows how to work with people on both sides of the aisle," Mosher said.

Moreover, she said Taj has dedicated much of his 65 years to medicine in India, Great Britain and, since 1982, in Michi-

gan, including a six-year stint as Oakwood Hospital's chief of medicine.

"Who better to go to Washington to deal with the Affordable Care Act?" she asked, referring to an Obama health care plan that many Republican critics have vowed to repeal.

To understand Taj's political passions, it's necessary to explore his upbringing among five children born to Syed Nizamuddin and Sakina Khatoun in Gaya, a city in north-eastern India.

"Education was the most important thing in my life," Taj recalls. "My father wanted me to become a doctor."

Not so different from American stories, Taj's father had begun to study medicine himself but had to quit to care for his younger siblings after their parents died. Rather than become a physician, Taj's father worked as an X-ray technician before he started a construction company installing water towers and water supply pipes. Taj's mother stayed home to raise the children.

Taj and his siblings were taught to become successful — a tradition that has carried

### 11TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Democratic candidate Dr. Syed Taj is seeking a two-year term in the redrawn 11th Congressional District, comprised of portions of Wayne and Oakland counties.



Dr. Syed Taj gave up his seat on the Canton Township Board of Trustees to run for U.S. Congress.

on as Taj's son, Asad, studies at the University of Michigan in preparation for medical school. Taj's oldest brother, Syed Shahabuddin, served 15 years in the India Parliament, as an ambassador to countries such as Algeria and Venezuela and as vice consul in New York.

Taj attended medical school in India and worked in his hometown before he and wife Sofia moved to Great Britain from 1974-82, where Taj had postgraduate training in health and medicine and was accepted in the Membership of Royal College of Physicians. The couple, married since 1969, left England for Michigan after Sofia visited her brother, Syed Aslam, who received a master's degree in chemistry and had already moved to the Downriver area.

"She came back from her visit (to Michigan) and asked why we weren't living here," Taj said with a smile.

Numerous family members ultimately made the move and eventually settled in the same Canton neighborhood near Lotz and Palmer starting in the early 1990s. Taj lived Downriver and in Dearborn Heights before

he moved to Canton in early 2007 — amazingly just one year before he was elected as the first Democrat township trustee in recent memory.

Even before his election, one of Taj's first political battles involved supporting a Hindu temple expansion in Canton. Because he is Muslim — one who strongly condemns extremism in any religion, culture or political arena — Taj said he has always understood how it feels to be in a minority, so he supported the Hindu effort.

"It also affected me because we come from the same place," Taj said, referring to his native India.

Taj said his religious beliefs and his upbringing have always steered him to help others, whether it involves doctoring patients, helping neighbors, supporting free speech, fighting against social injustice or protecting health care and collective bargaining.

"I feel that collective bargaining is a human rights issue," he said. Even though he is a Democrat, Taj has worked alongside his Republican colleagues on the township board. As a team, both sides have large-

ly risen above the political grandstanding that has divided many legislators on the national stage.

Taj also has been involved in organizations such as the Canton Community Foundation, creating a scholarship for students, and the Wayne County Senior Alliance.

Now, he says he's ready to take his political and medical skills to the U.S. House in hopes he can help heal a nation. He knows some political pundits dismiss his chances, much like they did before he won his township office in 2008.

"I'm not fazed. I'm very confident that I should be able to win this seat," he said.

For more on the Taj campaign, go to [www.tajforcongress.com](http://www.tajforcongress.com).

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# Bentivolio: Send 'a regular guy' to Congress

By Aileen Wingblad  
Staff Writer

Kerry Bentivolio has been called inexperienced, "that Tea Party guy," a candidate who seemingly emerged from nowhere to claim front-runner status in the Republican bid for the 11th Congressional District seat.

Yet he makes no apologies for never having served in political office or for embracing the conservative values of the right wing.

In fact, he says, that is precisely why voters should check his name on the Nov. 6 ballot.

"I'm just a regular guy who cares very deeply about this country," Bentivolio said. "And it's about time a regular guy — with a regular voice — came to Congress."

**Key issues**  
Like his fellow conservatives, Bentivolio maintains a political stance that decries federal government's over-borrowing and overspending, as well as involvement beyond what is outlined in the U.S. Constitution.

"Some government is required, of course. But government is over-reaching, it has become intrusion, interference," he said.

The consequences, he said, are "skyrocketing costs" of everything from health care to cell phones to computers. "A lot of businesses are getting beaten up by government regulations," Bentivolio said. "Take away government interference and costs come

down. Congress should take a course on checks and balances. They're writing the checks, and we're getting the balances."

Bentivolio is pro-life; he favors repeal of "Obamacare," a flatter and simpler tax code, and opening up more public land and allowing more permits for oil drilling.

On another hot button topic — safeguarding the U.S. borders — Bentivolio calls himself "a big defender of border security" who supports a crackdown on illegal immigrants and the benefits provided to them at taxpayers' expense.

"Yes, if they are needed for a specialized job or something they can apply for a work visa," he said. "But we also need to get rid of the reason they want to come here and stay."

As a veteran of the U.S. Army and Army National Guardsman who served in the Vietnam and Iraq wars, Bentivolio said he has "a lot of problems with the military" — many stemming from what he sees as "bureaucratic red tape" that delays troops in the field from getting equipment and supplies in a timely manner. That needs change, he said.

"There are real issues, such as we have soldiers in harm's way and they need a part for a tank, and once you get the requisition form it can take a year to go through the channels to get it," he said.

Bentivolio also vows

### 11TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Republican candidate Kerry Bentivolio is seeking a two-year term in the redrawn 11th Congressional District, comprised of portions of Wayne and Oakland counties. He also is vying for the two months remaining in the current 11th Congressional District.

to work at strengthening Veterans Affairs as well as improving veterans' health care and the choices they have in obtaining it.

**Experience in life, not politics**  
"I don't offer political experience — though I do understand politics," Bentivolio said. "What I offer is life experience. I've been there, done that."

So where has he been, and what has he done? Bentivolio spent more than a dozen years as an automotive designer, and owned and operated a home construction business. He eventually earned his credentials in education and hired on as a high school teacher.

He said he quit his job with Fowlerville Public Schools — and the teaching profession altogether — before the start of this school year when, he said, his campaign started to take off.

Bentivolio was largely ignored in the race until former Congressman Thaddeus McCotter dropped out amid a petition signature scandal, but now that he's in the spotlight, he said he's "ready, willing and able."

"I left the teaching

profession because I know I'm going to win this election," he said, smiling.

And it's an optimism that he's managed to maintain despite what he said are unfounded rumors, accusations and misinformation about him that have emerged in recent months. Some of it came from what he called "a small faction" of fellow Republicans, prior to the primary elections.

"Hey, that's politics," he said, shrugging. "They can sling mud, but I'm a soldier. I'll just brush it off and get in the game."

A self-described "straight shooter who believes in leading by example," the 61-year-old has made his home in Milford Township since 1982. Taking advantage of his several tuck-away acres, Bentivolio maintains a vineyard and raises honeybees, chickens and — perhaps most notably — a team of six reindeer.

He brings along to pull his sleigh when he plays Santa in Christmas parades and other holiday events. He and his wife, Karen, have two adult children and three grandchildren.

Bentivolio admits that



Republican Kerry Bentivolio is seeking a two-year term in the redrawn 11th Congressional District and the remaining two months in the current district. He's running on a platform of fiscal and social conservatism.

the race — and his place in it — has thrust him into a world that is a far cry from the life he has made for himself in Milford.

But he's loving it. "It's exciting — and it's very surreal," he said, referencing recent telephone calls from Speaker of the House John Boehner, Gov. Rick Snyder, and meet and greets in Washington D.C. with presidential candidate Gov. Mitt Romney, vice presidential candidate Sen. Paul Ryan, congress members Paul Upton, Mike Rogers and more.

Recently, he was given "Young Gun" status, the top tier of the National

Republican Congress Committee's recruitment program.

With the election about a month away, Bentivolio said his campaign is in high gear as he continues to reach out to voters who he's hoping to represent.

"If you want someone who believes in selflessness, who is loyal and has proven himself in the field of battle, who believes in life and liberty," he said. "This is a great political awakening. Everyone here can wake up and see the writing on the wall."

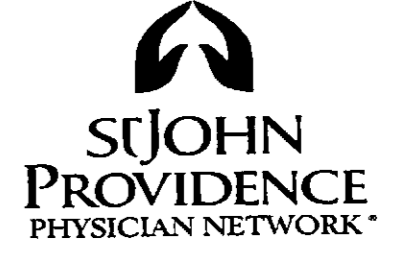
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# Women dominate high court ballot

By Jill Halpin  
Correspondent

Area women are making a place for themselves this fall in the annals of Michigan's judicial history.

Four women are running the state's highest court — three who were nominated by the Democratic Party and one nominated by the Republican Party.

Connie Marie Kelley of Redford, Bridget Mary McCormack of Ann Arbor and Southfield's Shelia Johnson are all running for seats on the state's Supreme Court, marking the first time ever that three women have been nominated by the Democratic Party for Michigan's highest court. Republican nominee Colleen O'Brien of Rochester Hills rounds out the group of female candidates.

"This is a very important moment in history, not only for our state, but for our entire country. It shows that women have really reached a pinnacle level. It really speaks volumes to a level of equality women have achieved," said Johnson, a judge in Southfield's 46th District Court since 2002.

McCormack, a law professor and dean for clinical affairs at the University of Michigan Law School, also discussed the significance of the nominations.

"This is the first time one of the parties has nominated three women for the state Supreme Court and I am honored to be part of that," she said. "This may not have been possible even a generation ago."

The nominations are notable on many different levels, noted Mark Brewer, chair of the Michigan Democratic Party.

"While it is true this is the first time the Michigan Democratic Party has endorsed a slate

of three women candidates, what is truly historic about the occasion is the fact that we have nominated these three women — Judge Connie Marie Kelley, Judge Shelia Johnson and Bridget Mary McCormack. These three women come from different backgrounds, but they all have devoted their lives to protecting Michigan children and families. Michigan deserves a Supreme Court that protects our kids, and that's the real historic opportunity we have in 2012," he said.

**Connie Marie Kelley**  
According to Kelley, the nominations "seem to have energized people — both men and women — across that state."

Kelley is used to making history. As the second of six children in an Irish-Catholic family, she was the first child in her family to attend college, paying her own way through the University of Michigan then law school at Wayne State University.

As an attorney in the Troy law firm of Powers, Chapman, D'Agostino, Meyers & Millia, P.C., she was only the second woman to be appointed partner since 1929.

Kelley currently serves as a judge in Wayne County's Third Circuit Court.

"It is really exciting — it's an historical moment. As I travel the state talking to people, they seem really energized by it. It's not just women, either; it's the men, too," Kelley said.

Despite the significance of the achievement, it is Kelley's work with litigants within the circuit court system's Family Division, as well as her efforts with at-risk young women in Detroit, that she finds most rewarding.



Connie Kelley



Shelia Johnson



Bridget McCormack



Colleen O'Brien

court judge since 2009, after a 27-year career as an attorney dealing with everything from family law and sexual harassment to wrongful termination and personal injury — "and everything in-between."

The mother of two grown sons, Andrew and Kyle, she is married to Kevin Kelley, director of senior and veteran services for Wayne County and a former Redford Township supervisor.

**Shelia Johnson**  
The first African-American female to serve as a district court judge in Oakland County, Johnson is currently serving as chief judge pro tem of the court, presiding over a variety of cases ranging from ordinance violations and traf-

fic matters to criminal preliminary examinations and misdemeanors.

A Southfield resident for more than 23 years, Johnson was born and raised in Detroit, graduating from Cranbrook Kingwood High School before attending Dartmouth College, where she majored in history. A 1984 graduate of the University of Michigan Law School, Johnson was the first African American in history to be elected as president of the Law School Student Senate.

A two-term district judge, Johnson also has 18 years' experience in private practice focusing on civil and criminal litigation.

The 2008 recipient of the Powerful Woman of Purpose Award from the Rhonda Walker Foun-

ation for professional achievement in the legal field and for commitment to community service, Johnson has also been recognized by a variety of organizations for her leadership and community service.

**Bridget Mary McCormack**

McCormack graduated from New York University Law School and spent the first five years of her legal career trying cases in New York City's trial courts with The Legal Aid Society.

In 1996, McCormack became a faculty fellow at the Yale Law School, where she taught advocacy and professional responsibility. She joined the University of Michigan Law School faculty in 1998.

For the past 14 years, McCormack has conducted and supervised many types of civil and criminal litigation at all levels of state and federal courts in Michigan.

McCormack has been recognized by a variety of professional organizations for her work with the university's clinical programs, including the Michigan Innocence Clinic, in which students represent the wrongfully convicted and resulted in the exoneration of six people as of June 2012.

**Colleen O'Brien**

Currently serving as judge of the Oakland County Circuit Court, a position she has held since winning election in 1998, O'Brien was born in Pontiac and attended college at the University of Michigan.

A 1981 graduate of the Detroit College of Law, she spent 17 years in private practice, gaining

experience in both civil and criminal matters. O'Brien said she is honored to be a part of this historic group.

"I have always been excited about Michigan's rich history of women in the law," said O'Brien. "There has been a woman on the Michigan Supreme Court every year since 1973, and we have had five female chief justices since then. In fact, in 2010, Michigan was one of only three states in the country with a female majority. So I'm not too surprised by the fact that we have so many women on the ballot this year, and I'm proud to be one of them."

As a practicing attorney, O'Brien served on the Rochester Hills Zoning Board of Appeals, and received the Oakland County Bar Association Pro Bono Award for providing volunteer legal services. She has also served as a circuit court mediator in Oakland, Macomb and Wayne Counties, as well as serving as president of the Oakland County Women's Bar Association.

O'Brien also serves as an adjunct professor at Thomas M. Cooley Law School, and in 2011 received the Frederick J. Griffith III Adjunct Faculty Award from Cooley Law School, which is awarded to faculty members who best display excellence in teaching, passion for advocacy and compassion for law students. O'Brien is also on the Advisory Board for Baker College. She also serves on the boards of both the Restore Foundation and Crossroads for Youth.

In 2011, O'Brien was the recipient of the Oakland County Bar Association's Distinguished Public Servant Award.

# Free concert series returns to Novi Public Library Sundays

The Chamber Music Society of Detroit (CMSD) announced a second season of its highly successful Listen @ the Library series, featuring acclaimed young classical artists and chamber ensembles performing family-friendly concerts at the Novi Public Library. Admission is free.

"Last spring's launch of the Chamber Music Society's Listen @ the Library series at the Novi Public Library was a huge success, with each event filled to capacity," said Chamber Music Society of Detroit President Steve Wogaman.

Listen @ the Library is made possible this season with support from Nordstrom, PNC Bank, Friends of the Novi Public Library, the Reuter Foundation and the Ponting Foundation.

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Fair Board treasurer Neil Kentner (left), Suburban Collection Showplace owner Blair Bowman (second from right) and Jim Gotts of the Detroit Shriners (right) present Novi Mayor Bob Gatt with a \$5,000 donation check and a certificate of appreciation at Monday's City Council meeting.

# Great Lakes State Fair gives back to Novi

By Lonnie Huhman  
Staff Writer

Two city park projects will benefit from \$5,000 donated by the Great Lakes Agricultural Fair Board, in collaboration with the Detroit Shriners and the Suburban Collection Showplace.

"The city of Novi was extremely supportive to us during the 2012 Great Lakes State Fair, and this is just one way we want to express our gratitude," said Blair Bowman, owner of the Suburban Collection Showplace. "The donation is being made on behalf of the city employees who will also receive a certificate of appreciation, because the fair could not have been possible without their hard work, dedication and commitment."

Bowman, along with GLSF Board Treasurer Neil Kentner and Jim Gotts, of the Shriners, presented the \$5,000 donation at the Novi City Council meeting Monday night. All three thanked the mayor, council and city staff by also presenting a certificate of appreciation.

They described the fair as a resounding success for its first year with at least 50,000 people attending.

"The Great Lakes State Fair is built upon the root-strength and tradition of our previous state fairs and showcased many assets of Michigan. We were pleased to have the city of Novi join us as one of our sponsors," said Larry See, chairman of GLSF Board of Directors.

The donation is being directed toward the improvement project at Pavilion Shore Park and the

David Barr Art Park. Bowman said for a first-time event, they did not expect to have money left over. But they did, so they wanted "to give back to Novi" for all of the support and cooperation that made the fair a success.

Both Gotts and Kentner said they are extremely happy with the arrangement and expect the fair to give even better in the coming years. They said the location for the fair was an ideal one.

"I'm just glad to see the state fair was brought back, and we couldn't be happier with how it went," said Kentner, whose family has been involved with the fair almost since its inception. "So to be able to give back to this community who helped make this happen is a good thing."



The Chamber Music Society of Detroit's second season of the Listen @ the Library series at the Novi Public Library will kick off at 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 28 with Classical Jam.

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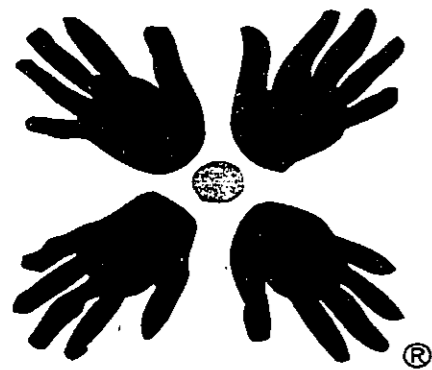
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**2. "Pennies from Heaven,"** collection to benefit Canton Goodfellows, a group dedicated to ensuring every child has a Christmas. Bring your pennies to the Canton Summit (Community Center) from 10 a.m. to noon and meet other Goodfellows and O&E Media staff. The Canton Goodfellows recently lost its leader — Nancy Spencer, a longtime community philanthropist. **The goal is one million pennies.**

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## The Wall honors Vietnam heroes in Dearborn

By Cal Stone  
Staff Writer

A former Novi resident and his wife transported The Wall That Heals into the Ford Motor Company World Headquarters in Dearborn on Tuesday morning and set it up for display round-the-clock through 8 a.m. Monday, Oct. 29.

An opening ceremony is scheduled for 10 a.m. today and a closing ceremony will be held at 6 p.m. Sunday.

"It's called the Wall that heals based on the fact if you've ever been wounded, it hurts horribly — both physical pain and visual images. If you don't allow it to heal properly, it festers. By coming to this, we open a lot of old wounds, but with natural shedding of tears it allows wounds to heal properly."

He and his wife, Brenda, have been the caretakers of the travelling memorial since November 2010. She heard about the position on Sirius satellite radio when they were over-the-road long-haul drivers. They applied and waited about a month before getting the go-ahead.

The couple transports the wall; do repairs to the trailer/truck; take care of the contents; operate and maintain computers; scan photos; collect and process donations; act as goodwill ambassadors; and communicate with future and potential sites.

And when you come to the wall to find a name, they're the ones who will help you find it.

"Sometimes there's not a whole lot to go by as far as generating a name," said Dobek. "Gerry Williams might be turned out to be Jerry Wilson. Right

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BOB DOBEK

now, we're in the process of obtaining a photo for every name on wall."

The full-scale wall, which resides in Washington D.C., contains 58,282 names of Vietnam veterans who died. The half-scale replica is 11 years old and has not been updated yet. It has 58,249 names — but Bob's computer has all the names.

The wall is made of 24 sections — 12 for the east wing and 12 for the west, each measuring 10 feet long by five feet high.

"The names are listed in chronological order as to when they died, unless we had multiple casualties that day," said Dobek. "Then it's alphabetical that day only, then back to chronological. It may look like there is no rhyme or reason, but there is."

Please see WALL A15

## A cut above

Ladies Garage gives men, boys good hairstyles

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

Karina Jeffries is pleased with business at her Ladies Garage, which offers haircuts for men and boys. "It's going very good," the Walled Lake resident said. "I'm very happy, very excited. Can't wait to get bigger and bigger. It's going to be great."

Oct. 2 was their official opening, said Jeffries, who previously operated a Lady Jane's in Novi for seven years. "Now I opened my own business."

She has five chairs and five stylists, along with chair massage while customers wait. There are beverages, pop, water and coffee. She's getting a lot of walk-ins with an October special. Regular price will be \$18 for a wash, cut, hot towel and massage.

There are a number of TVs, so customers can watch the Lions, Tigers or other favorite team. "We have TVs everywhere in the shop," she said, including four large ones and smaller ones at individual stations.

"I think they're looking for a nice place to get their hair cut," she said of customers. Staff can instruct on product use, so styles stay looking good. "We know how to do hair," Jeffries said. "We love our clients. They love our place."

Some parents bring in their children. She has new customer discounts as well as Novi High student discounts. "The community of

### DETAILS

Ladies Garage is located at 41370 W. 10 Mile in Novi, on the northeast corner of 10 Mile and Meadowbrook, and can be reached at (248) 987-6449. Hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. It has a website of [www.ladies-garagehaircutsformen.com](http://www.ladies-garagehaircutsformen.com) and is on Facebook and Twitter.



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Karina Jeffries, owner of Novi's Ladies Garage salon on 10 Mile, gives customer Joe Calabro a haircut on Oct. 18. The salon is located on the northeast corner of 10 Mile and Meadowbrook.

Novi, I have no words to say how supportive they've been of our business." And Ladies Garage staff gives back through school and charitable work.

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### OUR VIEWS

## McCulloch has track record for water resources commissioner

For most citizens, it's one of those "out of sight, out of mind" public offices that you only know about if you've had specific issues relating to the duties of that office.

But, we'd venture a guess that most Oakland County residents do not know much about the water resources commissioner, formerly known as the Oakland County drain commissioner. Every four years, this person is elected to manage a large department, the Water Resources Commission, which provides many services — related to drinking water, storm water management and sanitary sewer systems — to 61 communities in Oakland County.

On Nov. 6, voters county-wide will decide between Republican incumbent John McCulloch of Royal Oak and Democratic candidate Jim Nash of Farmington Hills. They're both quality candidates for the job, but vary greatly in their focus and skill sets.

Nash has a passion for environmental stewardship; McCulloch has the administrative experience that's needed to run this department with a regional focus. Nash also has experience in regional efforts, but McCulloch has that political savvy edge that has proven necessary in this job.

McCulloch, who has 22 years experience in county politics — he served a decade on the county commission — has found himself in the middle of highly politically charged situations, including the reorganization of the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department. McCulloch led the charge, submitting a motion to federal Judge Sean Cox that stipulates clean water compliance issues for the Detroit system.

McCulloch insisted the DWSD oversight board members be appointed by the individual counties, instead of the mayor of Detroit. He insisted that this board have a super-majority when approving any rate increases or infrastructure projects. An attorney, he knew how to get this accomplished, even in the midst of corruption allegations involving the DWSD's leadership.

As a CPA, McCulloch has the know-how and the mindset to manage the millions of dollars and the multi-million infrastructure projects throughout the county.

With 12 years at the WRC, McCulloch has been through the urban sprawl, which required his department to focus on design and construction of infrastructure, to the current needs that require a rebuilding or repairing of the older infrastructure.

He has proven that he can run this department, which has more than 225 employees and has shown that he's not afraid to fight for Oakland County on the regional playing field.

McCulloch is the best choice on Nov. 6.

## Fight breast cancer

October marks the observance of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, a time to focus on raising awareness about the disease and raising money to promote research to find a cure. Breast cancer is recognized for 31 days, but the disease is an every day thing. The first Breast Cancer Awareness observance took place in October 1985 and 27 years later, the message is still the same: The best way for a woman to reduce the risk of dying from breast cancer is early detection with regular self-examinations and annual mammograms after the age of 40.

Every woman is at risk, so early detection is the key to survival. Early screening for breast cancer can reduce deaths by more than 20 percent, but only 56 percent of Michigan women age 40 and older report having appropriately timed breast cancer screening.

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### COMMUNITY VOICE

## What are you going to be for Halloween?



"A superhero ... Captain America."  
Michael Niemi, with his grandfather, Mike Bouchei



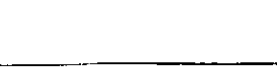
"A moon."  
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"I'm going as a bunny."  
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"A lion."  
Cassidy Keleman, with her mother, Jennifer



"A black cat."  
Bella Schultze

### LETTERS

#### Win at any cost

An ethical defect of some Republicans is their proclivity to presume in other unconscionable behavior of which they are frequently guilty. A recent example is the incredulous reaction to the announced reduction in unemployment released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (Unemployment down from 8.1 in August to 7.8 in September).

Republican Jack Welsh, former CEO of G.E., was one of the first prominent figures to question the reliability of the unassailable numbers. He was joined by U.S. Rep. Allen West, R-Fla., and others.

Are they inadvertently admitting, "That's what we would do if the opportunity arose?" It makes one wonder how much number-juggling is done by Republican stalwarts. Did Jack Welsh "cook the books" while serving as CEO of General Electric? He obviously believes it feasible.

Win at any cost is their mantra.

Patrick M. Downey  
Novi

#### Biden's poor showing not debatable

I watched the debate between Joe Biden and Paul Ryan. I must have flipped through three to four different channels before realizing I hadn't stumbled upon a teeth-whitening infomercial by mistake. It was my wife who finally convinced me that it really was Joe Biden sitting up there behind all those teeth. I don't think I'm stretching it one iota by saying that Joe has the finest piece of dental work that our tax dollars can buy. I can honestly say that we've finally gotten our money's worth on a piece of government spending. I had always heard that Joe had a little problem with foot-in-mouth disease. Not true. I can assure that there isn't enough spare space in that mouth to stuff a baby bootie let alone a size 12.

I do have to admit that I did find Biden's perpetual smiling and smirking to be just a little annoying. Expecting moderator Martha Raddatz to jump in and bring some sort of order to this silliness was, however, a bit far-fetched. After all, she is a personal friend of Barack Obama and he actually attended her wedding and then appointed her husband chairman of the Federal Trade Commission. So much for any impartiality.

I do understand that Biden was under strict marching orders from Obummer to make up some of the ground he had lost to Romney in last week's debate, but Joe has to understand that he can't get it all back in one chunk. Being condescending just isn't going to do it. Sooner or

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later you're going to have to put some substance in your remarks (and acting a little vice presidential wouldn't hurt either).

Watching Joe's performance, I couldn't help wondering how he comes across when he is standing in for the president in meetings with foreign leaders and dignitaries. If his performance was any sort of indication, they must consider him a simpleton who needs to be looked after (or they probably think the CIA is up to its old tricks). Referring to Israeli President Benjamin Netanyahu as "Bibi" just isn't cricket. We know that you were trying to give the impression that you and the prez are old friends and are on a first-name basis with Mr. Netanyahu, but only his very best friends call him Bibi (and certainly not in public). How would like it if he called you "smiley" on national TV?

Dave Shingler  
Novi

#### Romney's a bad choice

Concerning the upcoming presidential elections, to put it simply, President Obama must win. His opponent, Gov. Romney of Massachusetts, is not a person who should be allowed to occupy the most powerful position in the free world. At the first presidential debates on Oct. 4 of this year, ThinkProgress counted 27 lies in 38 minutes from Mr. Romney. The following day, Mr. Romney admitted to telling only a single lie. To parrot the commercial, if we cannot trust Mr. Romney behind the debate podium, we cannot possibly trust the same man in the Oval Office. The full list of Mr. Romney's untruths cannot be fully recounted in a brief letter, but they can easily be found from any independent

#### fact-checker.

Mr. Romney does not appear to be capable of staying to a single platform, or indeed political orientation. Eighteen months ago, Mr. Romney played the part of the conservative Republican, but he has since removed that mask and replaced it with that of a moderate candidate. He has denied his oft-touted policies, and his opponents appear to know his policies better than he himself does.

Most importantly, this is a man who has blown off 47 percent of the country, dismissing them as die-hard Obama supporters and saying it isn't his job to worry about them. The question is, can the United States of America trust a man who disregards half the country, or a man who cannot decide what he believes? The voting community among us must vote to re-elect President Obama — if not for his merits and policies, then because his opposition is not a choice that can be contemplated.

Cody Renton  
Novi

#### Voting for change

As the election approaches, all the newspapers are coming out with their endorsements of candidates. Some papers are now endorsing incumbent candidates that they had called out just a few months ago for their part in the Oakland County Republican power grab. In their scheme to keep the Oakland County Board of Commissioners in Republican control, legislators crafted legislation applying to Oakland County only. This making of new rules when they didn't like the way the game was going allowed the current county commissioners to draw the required new districts, thus improving conditions for Republican candidates.

It seems hypocritical that a newspaper would recommend voter support for such candidates after calling them out for taking part in such an undemocratic, partisan action. However, their endorsement comes as no surprise as this same paper endorsed now disgraced Congressman Thad McCotter every time and probably would this election also had he not been ousted by a temp worker at the Secretary of State's office.

Voters should keep all this in mind when deciding which candidate to vote for. Vote for the same candidate and get the same old ways, or vote for a new candidate and actually get some changes. I'm voting for Chuck Tindall for state representative and Gwen Markham for county commissioner. They will bring needed change for Oakland County.

Cynthia Churches  
Novi

## PROPOSAL 6: VOTERS WILL DECIDE NEED FOR NEW BRIDGE

### PRO: Too many uncertainties with new bridge proposal

By Paul Opsommer  
Guest Columnist

For years, supporters of the New International Trade Crossing between Detroit and Windsor have promoted the benefits a new bridge would bring to Michigan.

As chair of the House Transportation Committee, I have followed this matter with great interest. After reviewing all of the facts, I am deeply concerned that citizens in my district and statewide will be stuck sending their tax dollars to Detroit for an unneeded and unlawful project. I believe the people of Michigan deserve a say on this issue, that's why

I support Proposal 6.

In agreeing to indebted the people of Michigan to a foreign power without legislative approval, Gov. Snyder has taken a tremendous gamble on the future fiscal health of our state. There are too many uncertainties, and too much at stake, for taxpayers to be cut out of the decision making process for an infrastructure project of this magnitude.

The Legislature has tried to be a productive partner in this process. The fact remains, however, that during formal House committee hearings and following Senate Committee hearings, seven concerns have never been addressed:

1. No investment grade study has been conducted to support claims that tolls will pay for the bridge.
2. No legislative oversight is included in the agreement with Canada.
3. No references to the Michigan "Open Meetings Act" in the proposed agreement. Federal Courts have ruled this is needed to ensure American access to meetings.
4. No ban or limit to the creation of a community benefits program for Detroit and Windsor. During House discussion Detroit wanted \$100 million with no strings attached.
5. The Governor's agreement violates PA 63 sec 384 passed by the legislators and signed by the Governor. It states, "MDOT shall not commit the state to any new contract related to the construction planning or construction of the Detroit River International Crossing

or a renamed successor unless the Legislature has enacted specific enabling legislation to allow for construction."

6. The agreement has no reference to the Michigan Freedom of Information Act. Federal courts have ruled that the news and media outlets in New York have no standing when requesting information on New York/Canadian bridge authorities.

7. The governor's agreement violates PA 236 which was passed by the legislature and signed by the Governor in June of 2012.

In reference to concern number one, the House Transportation Committee received some additional information. This past spring executives from the Detroit Windsor Tunnel and the Detroit Windsor Rail Tunnel testified that traffic increases between the two cities will not exceed 1.5 percent in the foreseeable future. This figure is consistent with economic forecasts related to the crossing needs given in both the Michigan House and Senate.

In addition, the "public private partnership" industry admits that projects of this scope and magnitude have large cost overruns and typically over estimate potential future revenue by as much as 50 percent. We have two examples of this happening right here in Michigan: our own Mackinac Bridge and the second span built between Port Huron and Sarnia.

Finally, Gov. Snyder has promised the NITC would bring jobs and enhance industry in our state. But as a Canadian Crossing Authority will control the design and construction of the bridge, and the governor has requested a waiver from federal requirements for the use of only U.S.-produced iron and steel, there is great uncertainty as to whether the project would bring any tangible benefits to Michigan.

Proposal 6 does not stop the construction of the bridge, it simply gives us a say. The governor may believe he can ignore the will of the people's elected representatives, but he cannot ignore the people when they voice their will directly.

That is why I will be voting YES on Proposal 6.

Rep. Paul Opsommer, R-Dewitt, represents Michigan's 93rd District in the State House of Representatives, where he serves as Associate Speaker Pro Tempore and Chair of the House Transportation Committee.

### CON: 'No' vote on Proposal 6 good for jobs, economy

By Gov. Rick Snyder  
Guest Columnist

Proposal 6 is bad for Michigan's future. It asks voters to approve a constitutional amendment that would require a vote of the people before any new bridge or tunnel could be built between Michigan and Canada. Because the proposal is poorly written, it may impact new bridges needed across the state as well.

I am voting No because it jeopardizes a binding agreement Michigan has made with Canada for a New International Trade Crossing, our state's — threatening the creation of thousands of jobs — and because it could hamper future projects needed to improve our state's infrastructure.

A billion-dollar special interest is funding this proposal and is spending millions of dollars to air misleading advertisements to coerce you to vote. This special interest actually owns the existing 83-year-old Ambassador Bridge, a trucking company that hauls things across the bridge, and even a gas station conveniently located nearby. It's understandable that such a monopoly would fight so hard to keep things the same. But what's good for this monopoly is not good for Michigan.

The importance of the crossing cannot be overstated. It is the single most important trade crossing between the United States and Canada, and the NITC will not create nearly 12,000 good-paying construction-related jobs to build the bridge, and in the long term it will create even more. Thousands of citizens, major manufacturers and retailers, chambers of commerce, and Republican and Democratic leaders all recognize it is a wonderful opportunity for Michigan and one that will not cost us anything.

The cost of the NITC has been a major focus of proponents of Proposal 6. Misleading ads after misleading ads claim it will cost Michigan. Those ads are not true. The NITC will not cost Michigan taxpayers. Independent reviews have verified this fact. Canada will fund the bridge entirely and a private concessionaire will design, build, finance and operate it.

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trade crossing. In June, I joined Canada's Prime Minister Stephen Harper in announcing the New International Trade Crossing between Detroit and Windsor. This new bridge will provide direct, highway to highway access for commuters, unlike the existing span that dumps traffic onto city streets. Also, the new bridge will be six lanes wide and feature dedicated lanes for prescreened commercial haulers, which will benefit the auto industry and is one of the reasons why Ford, Chrysler and General Motors all support the plan. The Ambassador Bridge is narrow, which often causes lengthy traffic backups. A new, more efficient customs plaza will also enable speedy inspections. All of these modern features will allow more products to be marketed and sold faster, and that's good for our businesses and families.

The NITC is all about jobs. It will better support the hundreds of thousands of existing jobs that rely on trade with Canada. In the short term it would create nearly 12,000 good-paying construction-related jobs to build the bridge, and in the long term it will create even more.

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Rick Snyder is serving his first term as Michigan governor. You can reach his office at (517) 335-7858 or at rick.snyder@michigan.gov. You can find him online at Facebook.com/RickForMichigan or Twitter.com/OneToughNerd.

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# Medical miracle

## Reattached hand puts man in medical history books

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

Todd Nadeau, 51, of Northville Township holds a place in medical history.

Nadeau was working a summer job at a downtown Northville car wash site, a summer job when an industrial accident severed his hand.

"I had just turned 18" and was a Detroit Catholic Central High senior, the psychologist recalled. "The saw was still moving. The next thing I knew my hand was severed."

Young Nadeau was rushed to then-St. Mary Hospital in Livonia and from there to Harper Hospital in Detroit "where they had a team of hand surgeons."

His first operation was 15 hours, with more surgeries to follow. "It was the first successful reattachment," Nadeau said. "I've had 22 major surgeries (since), about 120 hours of surgeries."

He has about 20 percent use of the injured right hand, and can grip with it. Nadeau engineered braces that approved by the NCAA



Nadeau severed his right hand in a 1979 accident. He continues to wear a special sleeve to protect the limb.

(National Collegiate Athletic Association) to allow him to play basketball at a Wayne State University and Albion College student. The accident was Aug. 12, 1979, said Nadeau, who didn't set out to make medical history.

"That wasn't my goal. You go through something like that, you're just gripping the steering wheel as tight as you can."

His great family and school helped, "a lot of encouraging people. It helped me to weather

the storm." Nadeau had been in several sports at CC but focused on basketball as a senior. "Most people didn't give me a whole lot of respect" as an injured athlete, he recalled.

He still plays basketball at Our Lady of Victory in Northville and St. James in Novi.

Nadeau works with traumatic brain injury patients, who also must learn to cope. "Now all of a sudden you have a tragedy. You've got to cope and deal with it."

He gets a lot of questions about his injury. "It was a miracle to have it saved. I was blessed to have strong family."

Nadeau earned a B.S. in biology from Albion along with a B.A. in psychology there. He also holds an M.A. from Western Michigan University in psychology.

He works out of Novi and Grand Blanc offices as a psychologist. Nadeau is married to Julie and dad to two daughters in 10th and ninth grades and a son in first grade.

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Novi psychologist Todd Nadeau severed his right hand in a 1979 accident and was one of the first successful reattachments of a limb in the state of Michigan. He went on to play basketball in college using a padded brace that he designed himself. Nadeau wears the padded brace in this photo and also holds another brace he developed for weight lifting.

### UPDATES FROM YOUR CITY

#### Superheroes and Princesses invited to cut loose for an evening of fun

The City of Novi Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services Department is excited to host the first-ever Princess and Superhero Party from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9 at the Novi Civic Center.

Princesses and superheroes of all ages will enjoy a night of live music, costume contest, appetizers, goodie bags, and much more.

Registration is \$19 per child online and is going on now at cityofnovi.org. The deadline to register is Monday, Nov. 2. For questions, contact Greg Morris, recreation supervisor, at (248)735-5646 or gmmorris@cityofnovi.org.



The Dodworth Saxhorn Band will make a rare appearance at 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 28, at Meadowbrook Congregational Church in Novi. Dressed in period costumes and playing music of the 19th century on authentic period (1840-1880) instruments, the brass band's concert will commemorate the Civil War Sesquicentennial. The concert is the inaugural performance in Meadowbrook's 2012-13 Music Series. Admission to the concert is free; suggested donation is \$10 per person and \$25 per family. The concert is scheduled from 4 p.m. to approximately 5:50 p.m. The church is located at 21355 Meadowbrook Road, between 8 and 9 Mile roads, in Novi. For further information, contact Jeannette Faber, music director at Meadowbrook Congregational Church, at (248) 348-7757 or Jeannettefab@gmail.com or www.mbcc.org.

#### Atrium Gallery showcases the work of the Colored Pencil Society of America

The City of Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department has been selected to host the exceptional artwork of the Colored Pencil Society of America in the Civic Center Atrium Gallery through Oct. 30.

The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department is currently seeking artists for Novi Civic Center Atrium Gallery shows in 2013. Applications will be accepted through Jan. 5, 2013. Please contact Stephanie Schuetzler at ssschuetzler@cityofnovi.org or visit cityofnovi.org to obtain an application form.

#### Creative crafters encouraged to participate in Light Up the Night

The City of Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department will host the third annual arts and crafts show as part of the popular Light Up the Night event. The craft show will take place from 6-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30 at the Novi Civic Center. More than 2,000 people are expected to attend to event.

The cost to participate in the show \$30 and includes two tables and two chairs. Electricity is also available for an additional \$5 cost. Crafters keep all proceeds from the evening. Interested people should complete an application, which can be found at cityofnovi.org or the Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Office, located at 45175 West Ten Mile Road. The deadline for submitting applications is Friday, Nov. 9.

In addition to the craft show, Light Up the Night includes live entertainment, photo opportunities with Santa, refresh-

ments, family activities. For more information, call the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department at (248) 347-0400 or visit cityofnovi.org.

#### On the Road with the Library!

Enjoy taking day trips but not the planning and driving? Then join tour guides and local experts Kathy Crawford and Margi Karp-Oppener as they lead informative and enjoyable day trips to Holly, Lansing, and Detroit - including tours, special luncheons, and deluxe motor coach transportation.

On Nov. 2, travel to Detroit with a docent presentation and tour of the Detroit Institute of Arts' Faberge: Rise and Fall special exhibit; luncheon at the renowned Rattlesnake Club, and motor coach tour highlighting Detroit's architecture.

The Novi Public Library is located at 45255 W. Ten Mile Road in Novi and the Novi Civic Center is located next to the library at 45175 W. Ten Mile Road. For more information on the On the Road series and other programs, visit www.novilibrary.org

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- Tours of the new addition
- Education and prevention for Cancer, Diabetes, Stroke, Heart Disease, and more!
- "Ask the Doctor" Booth
- Meet our stroke robot B.U.S.T.E.R. and our Pet Therapy Dogs

**Kids' Activities**

- Get Well Patient Cards - kids can craft heartfelt cards for the first patients of our new addition
- Teddy Bear Clinic (bring your stuffed toys)
- Clowns, balloon animals and face painting
- Community Rescue Teams - Livonia Fire & Rescue, Livonia Police, Concord Ambulance, Huron Valley Ambulance

**Entertainment**

- Music by *Steve King & the Distillies*
- Meet Blaine Fowler, 96.3 WDVZ morning show host 12-2 p.m.
- Photo opportunities with a National Hot Rod Association (NHRA) Dragster Team driver and car (bring your camera)
- "Interactive Strolling Magic" with Magician Michael Mode
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NOVI COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Novi events

MICHIGAN MADE ARTS CRAFTS JEWELRY SHOW

**Time/Date:** noon-8 p.m. first Fridays through December  
**Location:** Atrium Of Novi, 43155 Main Street  
**FUN FIRST FRIDAYS**  
**Time/Date:** 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Nov. 2 and Dec. 7  
**Location:** 27300 Wixom Road at Grand River Avenue (large retail building next to Varsity Lincon)  
**Details:** Featuring many handmade items from people with disabilities. Anyone in Michigan that makes hand-crafted items can get a space. Free admission, free parking. Everyone that bowls a strike in our portable bowling alley gets a Free fountain drink. Bowl two strikes in a row and get a free hot dog or slice of pizza, too.  
**Contact:** For more information or to reserve a space, email FunFirstFridays@gmail.com or call (248) 812-9751; www.FunFirstFridays.com

**DELIGHTFUL DINING**  
**Time/Date:** 3-7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 4  
**Location:** Northville Community Center, 303 Main Street  
**Details:** An American Association of University Women Northville-Novis fundraising event to support Northville H.S. and Novi H.S. annual scholarships, annual endowments to Oakland Community College and Schoolcraft Community College, and local outreach projects such as Let's Read Math. Cost is \$45 per person includes dinner catered by Rocky's of Northville, complimentary wine with dinner, live music, participation in a Silent Auction, and a chance to get many great table decorating ideas for entertaining in your own home. Register with a group of friends for a table of eight, develop your own theme, arrive to set up the table from 3-4 p.m. and maybe win a

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**More:** For a complete listing of local and regional events, see the Novi Calendar online at www.hometownlife.com.

prize for the best-designed table. You can also register individually or in smaller groups and join a themed table already set up.  
**Contact:** For more information and registration forms, visit website www.aauwm.org and follow the link to "Delightful Dining" or call Mary Jane Kearns at (248) 449-8693.

SHORT SALE SEMINAR

**Time/Date:** 6:30-8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 12  
**Location:** Novi Public Library  
**Details:** Come with your questions to a free seminar and learn about what a short sale is and the different alternatives available. Explore your options with a professional resource panel from both the selling and buying sides - a lawyer, CPA, financial advisor, mortgage specialist, broker and real estate agent. Sponsored by The MacRao Team, Keller Williams agents.  
**Contact:** Call Sheila Roma at (248) 760-6785 or Debbi McLaughlin at (248) 561-0077 for reservations by Friday, Nov. 9.

BEREAVEMENT MEETINGS

**Time/Date:** 7:30-9 p.m. third Tuesdays  
**Location:** Novi Civic Center (10 miles between Taft and Novi roads)  
**Details:** Led by Michael

M. Meyer, D. Min., goal is to give each participant an opportunity to share their story. Handouts describing the phases of grief and the tasks of grief are available.

NOVI SENIOR CENTER

**Location:** 25075 Meadowbrook Road  
**Contact:** (248) 347-0414; theglin@cityofnovi.org

Library Lines

**WALLED LAKE LIBRARY**  
**Location:** 1499 East West Maple Road, Walled Lake  
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**HUD Counseling**  
**Time/Date:** 5-8 p.m. first Mondays

**Details:** HUD-certified counselors are available to assist homeowners at risk of foreclosure. Learn how to work with your lender to avoid foreclosure. There is no charge for this service. Please call if you wish to attend. One-on-one sessions will be scheduled.

**Book Discussion Group**  
**Time/Date:** 6:30 p.m. first Thursdays

**Details:** Please drop in or call the library if you are interested in joining this recently-formed group.

**NOVI PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
**Location:** 45255 W. 10 Mile Road  
**Hours:** 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 10:5 Friday-Saturday; 1-5 p.m. Sunday

**Details:** Unless noted below, all programs take place at the library. Register for programs at the library or on the library website.  
**Contact:** (248) 349-0720  
**Web:** www.novilibrary.org  
**Story Times:** Please see the library website or story time brochure for details.  
**Big Band Memories**  
**Time/Date:** 11 a.m.-noon Thursday, Oct. 25  
**Description:** Bill Hart, who toured with the Tommy Dorsey Orchestra and many others, shares memories of

his 50+ years performing with Dinah Shore, Eddie Fisher, Vic Damone, and more! Join the fun while Bill plays your favorites and even play Name That Tune! Sponsored by the Friends of the Novi Public Library. Registration required.

Halloween Happening 2

**Time/Date:** 11 to noon Saturday, Oct. 27  
**Description:** Start the Halloween fun a little early with a Halloween-themed movie at the Library, followed by a chance for preschoolers to trick-or-treat at several different stations within the library. Come in your favorite costume!

**Listen @ The Library with the Chamber Music Society of Detroit**  
**Time/Date:** 3-4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 28  
**Description:** The Chamber Music Society of Detroit, PNC Foundation, the Friends of the Novi Public Library, Nordstrom, and the Library present this series of free family concerts by internationally acclaimed artists in the heart of the Novi community, today's concert featuring classical Jam (flute/violin/viola/cello/percussion).

**Seasonal Table Decorating with Pottery Barn**  
**Time/Date:** 7-8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 29  
**Descriptions:** Gourds and fall foliage make even casual gatherings with family and friends feel stylish and memorable. Pottery Barn's Design Studio & Event Coordinator will be our presenter. Door prizes will be raffled off plus "goodie bags" and coupons will be given to all. Registration required.

**Business Research: Feasibility to Expansion**  
**Time/Date:** 9 a.m.-noon Thursday Nov. 1  
**Details:** Thinking of starting your own business? This workshop, offered by the Michigan - Small Business Technology Development Center, will teach you how to find your ideal customers, perform competitive analysis, reveal untapped markets and more! Call (248) 858-0783 to register.

**On the Road with the Novi Public Library**  
**Time/Date:** 8:15 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. Friday, Nov. 2  
**Description:** Join us on this fantastic day trip as we discover the story behind the renowned House of Faberge at the special exhibit at the Detroit Institute of Arts, beginning with a docent talk. Our experience will continue with an outstanding lunch at the Rattlesnake Club and followed by a motor coach tour of Detroit architectural highlights. A fee of \$73 will include round-trip deluxe transportation by Carl's Motor Coach, fees at DIA, and lunch. Full payment is due upon registration by calling

248.869.7204.  
**Excel Basics 2010**  
**Time/Date:** 10:30 a.m.-noon Saturday, Nov. 3  
**Description:** Learn the basics to creating, modifying, and saving a spreadsheet using Microsoft Excel 2010. Registration is required and participants need to be confident using a computer and proficient with the keyboard and mouse.

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A curious goat, munching on a cottonwood tree leaf, checks out a photographer's camera on Oct. 18 at Novi's Tollgate Farm. The MSU educational facility and working farm, is located on the northwest corner of 12 Mile and Meadowbrook and is open to the public seven days a week.

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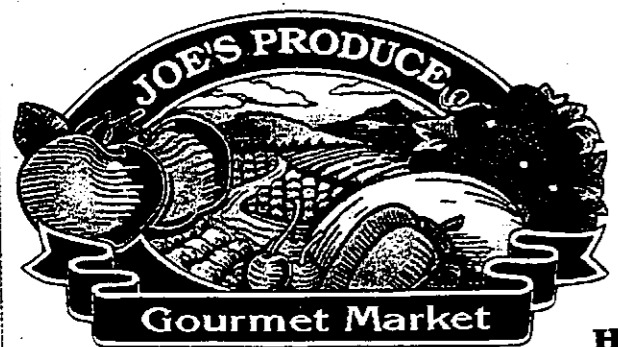
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**Catholic Central bows in CHSL finale**

Football team still backs into playoffs for 'second season'

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

Two weeks ago, after an upset win over the top-ranked Orchard Lake St. Mary's football team, Detroit Catholic Central assistant coach Michael Mach said beating the Eagles again in the Catholic High School League title game was going to be a challenge.

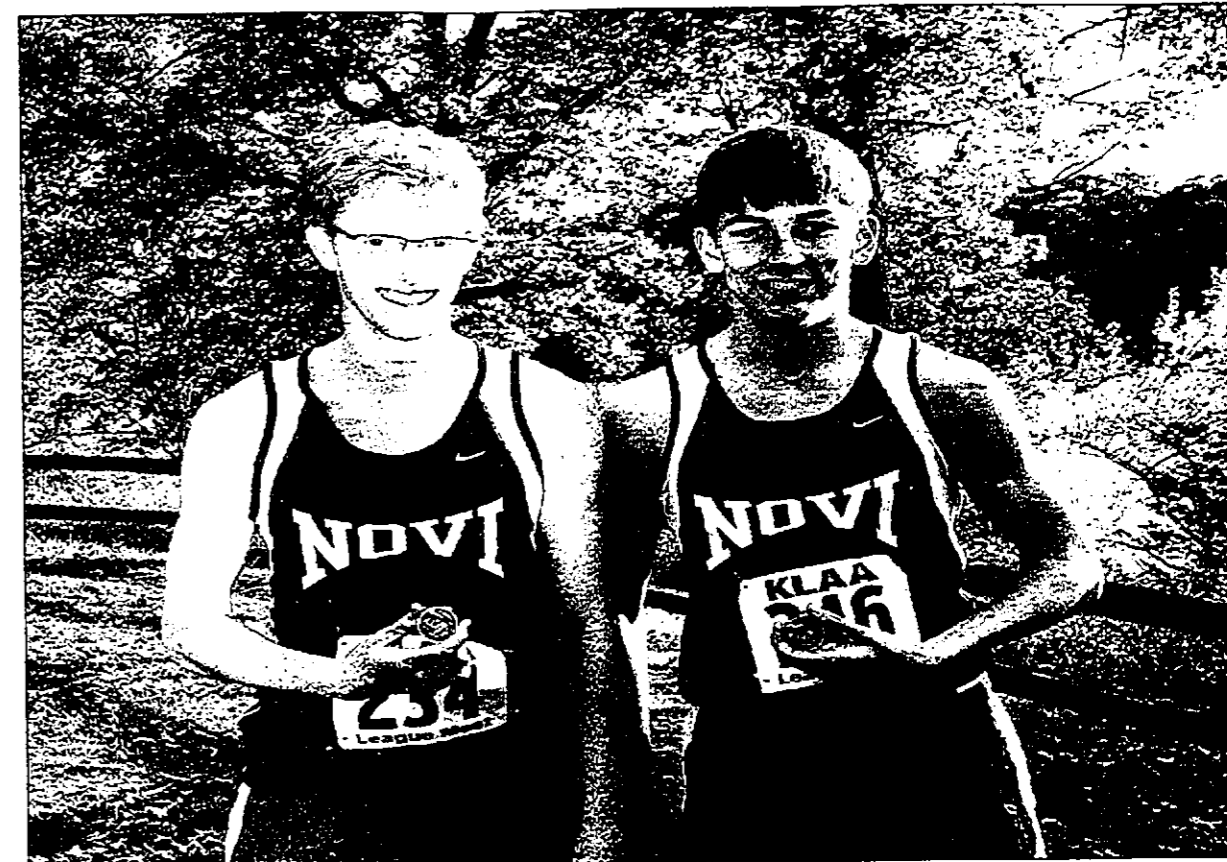
**ON TAP**

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks football team (5-4) will be on the gridiron again when they head to Hartland (8-1) for the first round of the playoffs at 7 p.m. tomorrow. The Shamrocks and the Eagles have never played a football game against one another. The Shamrocks finished second in the CHSL and the Eagles took first in the KLA A West.

They played with a ton of determination and grit and deserve all the credit for it," said Mach. "To hold an opponent to 14 offensive snaps—that's all we had in the first half—that's a great effort."

The Eagles also had a strong offensive presence, too, which helped quell a second-half uprising by the Shamrocks. As Catholic Central narrowed the game to 14-10 in the third quarter, the Orchard Lake St. Mary's crew upped their efforts and scored on a 45-yard scamper by Eagles' stand-out Parker McInnis, before adding another score behind a 36-yard McInnis run followed by Grant Niemiec crossing the goal line from one-yard out. In the third quarter, the Shamrocks got on the board with a one-yard rumble by David Houle to

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Novi junior Brian Barnes (left) and sophomore Nate Hall both earned All-Conference honors by finishing in the top 20 Oct. 18 at the KLA A Kensington Conference meet. Barnes finished 10th in 16:40 and Hall was 15th in 16:47.

**Wildcat harriers run to sixth in conference**

Personal records pace Wildcat racers, JV wins secondary race

By Chris Jackett  
Correspondent

All five scoring Wildcats ran personal bests at the KLA A boys cross country Kensington Conference championship, but the field was just too deep for Novi to compete.

The Wildcats (2-3) finished sixth of 12 teams Oct. 18 at Huron Meadows with 154 points as three of the five other Central Division teams finished in the top five, with Northville's 47 points winning the conference title.

"It was a highly competitive field today," Novi coach Robert Smith said.

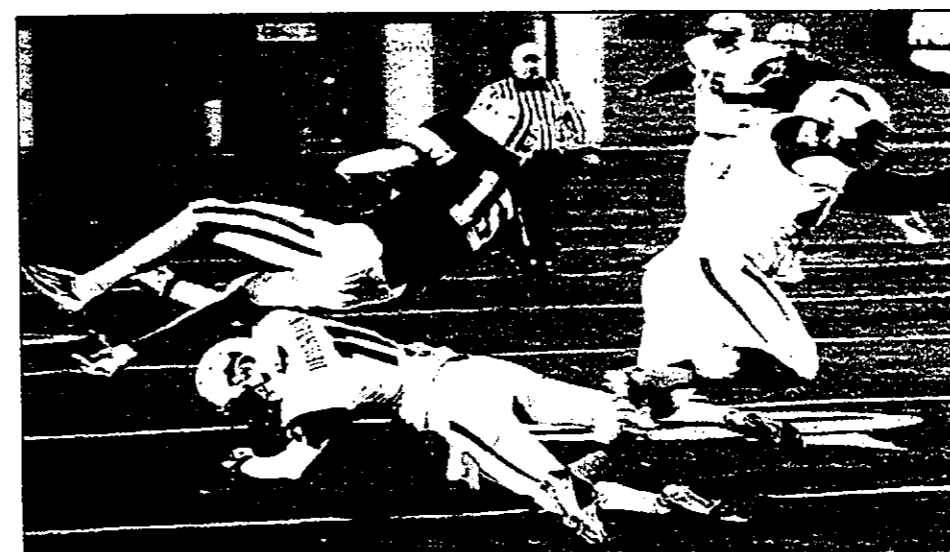
Novi was led by junior Brian Barnes, who finished 10th overall with a time of 16 minutes and 40 seconds, three seconds better than his previous record.

Novi's boys cross country squad (2-3) heads to Regionals 10 a.m. Saturday at Waterford's Hess-Hathaway Park to vie for a spot in the Division I state meet Nov. 1 at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn.

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**Hornets sting Wildcats in season finale**



Novi seniors Robbie Deighton (No. 11) and Lucas Buck flip Saline senior Caleb Luckett (No. 15) after Luckett extends for a catch during the Hornets' 42-7 win over Novi Oct. 19.

By Chris Jackett  
Correspondent

As the lights went out at Saline High School, so did the high school football careers for 28 Novi seniors.

The season finale wasn't the outcome the Wildcats (1-8, 1-4 KLA A Central) had hoped for. The Hornets (8-1, 5-1 SEC Red) simply had too much firepower, crushing Novi 42-7 while gaining nearly 200 more total yards due to four touchdowns from 32 yards out or more.

"They were a very, very gifted football team, probably the best we've played," Novi coach Todd Pennycuff said. "The quarterback is probably one of the best we've seen. We struggled containing them. We just didn't match up real well. They're a very good football team and we're still young."

Saline senior Gage Hammond (72 yards on one run, 36 yards on three catches) scored two touchdowns on Novi in the first quarter alone; a 32-yard reception from senior Tyler Pal-

ka (7-for-8, 124 yards) 2:22 into the game and a 72-yard run with 1:42 left in the quarter.

The latter came just 10 seconds and two plays after a 2-yard touchdown run by Novi senior Emmanuel Jackson (77 yards on 18 runs), which were the Wildcats' only points of the game along with senior Justin Danks' point-after-kick.

Trailing 14-7 after one quarter, the Wildcats still had a shot at being in the game, but a steady Saline defense and faulty offensive drives kept Novi off the board. Although Novi had more first downs (12-9), Saline had more yards (380-187) and, most importantly, points.

Two plays into a second-quarter drive, Palka (76 yards on six runs) broke free up the left side 2:28 into the quarter for a 71-yard touchdown run that would put the score at 21-7 Saline at halftime.

The Hornets nearly scored with no

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make it a 14-7 contest following a kick by Garrett Moores. Catholic Central looked poised to score again following a fumble recovery by David Widzinski in the Orchard Lake St. Mary's red zone, but the Eagles held their ground and only allowed a 24-yard field goal by Moores to make it a 14-10 contest. "They're a very good football team, and they have been all year," Shamrocks coach Tom Mach told the Detroit Free Press. "They play

all three phases very well, and we knew that it would be hard to beat them twice. You do what you have to do, and they played a great football game today."

The Shamrocks' season was a rough one, culminating with a share of the CHSL Central Division title and a 5-4 record including losses to Brother Rice and two top-ranked schools from Ohio. Their performance, however, did earn them enough playoff points to back into the MHSAA tournament, starting in Hartland tomorrow at 7 p.m. The Hartland Eagles are 8-1 on the year and have

scored an average of 34 points per game. "We're preparing for a full 48-minute battle," said Michael Mach. "The mantra amongst the kids is that we are 0-0 again, and to work forward from here, taking it one game at a time. We probably played the toughest nine-game schedule in school history, so regardless of record, we feel that we have a 'battle-tested' football team going forward."

**Sam Eggleston** is a freelance writer and former staff sports writer for the Northville Record and Novi News.



Novi's junior varsity team won the KLAAs Kensington Conference's JV title Oct. 18 at Huron Meadows.

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vious best. Sophomore Nate Hall wasn't far behind, finishing at 15th in 16:47, a 35-second shaving of his previous career best. "Both Barnes and Hall earned All-Conference honors today," Smith said. Also shaving 21, 22 and 13 seconds off their personal bests, respectively, were junior Michael Dickmann (40th in 17:22), senior

Ben Jenkins (42nd in 17:26) and senior Tim MacPherson (47th in 17:33). Junior Cameron Richman (55th in 17:49) and senior Allen Potter (58th in 17:57) rounded out the varsity runners. In a promising showing for future seasons, Novi won the junior varsity race with 47 points, nine better than runner-up Northville. Freshman Joost Platnick and junior Cameron Misko led the way in fifth and sixth, both at 17:39. Sophomore Sahisnu Mala-

pati (eighth in 17:41), freshman Andrew Mizerowski (13th in 17:45), senior Phil Baeza (15th in 17:49), junior Tom Groechel (17th in 17:54) and junior Paiguna Thalla (19th in 17:55) rounded out Novi's top seven in the JV race. "We had five in the top 15 and seven in the top 20," Smith said. "I'm sure all of the other KLAAs coaches took notice. These JV runners become the varsity of the future."

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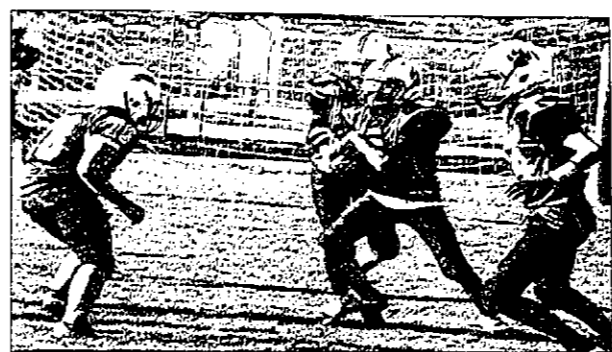


Novi junior quarterback Josh Schiesler winds up for a pass downfield Oct. 19 during Novi's 42-7 loss at Saline.

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time remaining after senior Brandon Gordon picked off Novi senior quarterback Blake Boron (1-for-3 for a 1-yard loss) at Saline's 31 and returned it 61 yards to the Novi 8-yard line before Jackson chased him down for the tackle. However, the second-half momentum would stay with Saline as a fourth-and-14 punt by Novi senior Craig Latham at Novi's 42-yard line was blocked and returned 17 yards by Saline junior Nader El-Awar (30 yards on one run) for a touchdown to put the Hornets up 28-7 just 4:18 into the half. "I think that hurt us," Pennycuff said. "Coming out second half, that hurt us a lot. They got over the top of us two big plays and a blocked punt for a touchdown hurt us." Novi got a little boost after a three-and-out when junior Austin Racine picked off Palka at the Saline 32 on the Hornets' first play, but the 'Cats followed with a turnover down after a failed fourth-and-six on Saline's 30-yard line. The Bobcats' season will continue into the playoffs this coming weekend for a chance to advance to the Western Lakes Junior Football League's Super Bowl on Nov. 3, at Eastern Michigan University's football stadium. —By Eric Smith



Varsity Bobcat Ricky Turner (5) returns his interception during the victory over the Chargers.

### NOVI BOBCATS ROUND-UP

#### Varsity caps 7-1 regular season

The Novi Varsity Bobcats (7-1) won their final regular season game by defeating the Commerce Chargers (5-3) by a score of 28-6. On their first two possessions the Bobcats fumbled away scoring opportunities close to the goal line, allowing the contest to remain scoreless through the first quarter. However, Ian Patterson broke free for a 45-yard touchdown run in the second quarter to put the Bobcats on the board at 6-0. That lead would quickly vanish, as the Chargers struck right back on the ensuing kick-off by taking it back for a touchdown of their own. The game would go into halftime deadlocked at 6-6. In the second half, the Bobcats strong running game proved to be too much for the Chargers. Patterson scored twice, including an 85-yard run, and also restricted Jackson last Friday. Senior Grant Wheeler (nine tackles) and junior Mark Ryan (seven tackles) led the Wildcats' defense (34 tackles) with 47 percent of the stops between the two of them. Boron, Racine, senior Lucas Buck and sophomore Christian Durham added three tackles apiece. Although the 'Cats lose a lot of key student-athletes with the 28 outgoing seniors, 24 current varsity team members are underclassmen who are expected to return, including both Jackson (389 yards on 83 runs) and Baker (899 yards on 132 runs) at running back and both Schiesler and junior Issac Burgess (6-for-21, 126 yards) to battle for quarterback with senior AJ Korczak (one catch) with 41 seconds left in the quarter. After another three-and-out by Novi, a 30-yard run by El-Awar set up a 1-yard touchdown by junior Griffin Woolley to put Saline ahead 42-7. Boron's 22-yard pass attempt to start the next drive was picked off by Saline senior Matt Goeman and the Hornets ran 2:38 off the clock during a three-and-out before Novi could get the ball back with 5:09 remaining, which is when the Wildcats' fourth quarterback this season, junior

Hankerson helped drive the Bobcats to the Charger 36 yard line. On the next play Travon Maddox, on a QB sweep play, outran the Charger defense for touchdown behind strong blocking by Ethan Smythe, Ellis Piper, Evan Budd, Scott Slater, and Trey Mullins. The Charger offense moved down field on their next possession to the Bobcat 45 yard line before Josh Erno recovered a fumble to give the ball back to the Bobcats. The Charger defense held off the Bobcat offense on the following drive as the quarter ended with the Bobcats up 8-0 at halftime. During the 3rd quarter the Bobcats and Chargers exciting red field position for most of the half until the Chargers broke through for a touchdown. The Bobcat defense once again stepped up as they stopped the Charger extra point attempt. After the third quarter the Bobcats were up 8-6. As the battle for field position continued throughout the 4th quarter, the Chargers started a critical drive starting from their 45 yard line with less than three minutes left. The Chargers quickly moved the ball to the Bobcat 18 yard line with time running down. When it looked like the Chargers were about to score, but Maddox intercepted a pass that secured the win. —By Joseph Smythe

#### Freshman team wins second straight

The Novi Freshman Bobcats (3-5) recorded their second straight victory with a 35-19 win over the Commerce Chargers (3-5) at home on Sunday. The Bobcats scored on their opening drive when Dan Durmik followed the blocking of Max Kinter and scored on a 45-yard run. On the Bobcats' next possession, Ethan Cooper went straight up the middle for a 49-yard touchdown run. On the Chargers next possession Evan Oegema forced a fumble that was recovered by Niko Pinos. Two plays later Devin Ellison went 60 yards for the touchdown, giving the Bobcats a commanding 20-0 lead. In the second half, Ellison followed the block from Pinos and scored on a 15-yard reverse. Jack Beno finished the scoring for the Bobcats on an 8-yard quarterback keeper. The Bobcat defense was led by Alex Vargas and Jacob Brown, who each recorded seven tackles. The Freshman Bobcats will finish their season next weekend against an opponent to be determined by the playoff schedule. —By Chris Parenti

#### JV squad earns playoff spot

The JV Novi Bobcats (6-2) won a hard fought defensive game 8-6 against the Commerce Chargers (6-2). The win propelled the Bobcats into the playoffs. The opening quarter was a defensive battle back with the Bobcats and Chargers limited each other to minimal gains on offense. On the Chargers second possession, Blake Turner had a sack for a 6-yard loss that stalled the Charger drive. During the second quarter the Bobcats started to move the ball well as the defense continued their dominance. The Bobcat defense forced a turnover on downs as Austin Turner contributed three tackles for a loss on the Charger drive. On the Bobcats next possession strong running by Andrew O'Connor and Trendon

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## Novi tankers dominate Groves

By Chris Jackett

After losing all four division meets by a combined total of eight points, Novi's girls swim and dive team had things go their way last week.

The Wildcats' (3-6, 0-4 KLAAs Central) won nine of 12 events en route to a 117-68 victory over Birmingham Groves. "Novi won their final dual meet of the season convincingly against Birmingham Groves," Novi coach Annette VanderMey said. "It was a nice win on the evening we honored our seniors." With several of the seniors leading the way since their freshman year, they led the way one more time against Groves with several taking top-three finishes throughout

#### ON TAP

Novi's girls swim and dive squad (3-6, 0-4 KLAAs Central) is set to host the division meet 6 p.m. Friday and noon Saturday before a similar split at South Lyon East Nov. 2-3 for the Kensington Conference meet. Senior Maranda Buha won both the 50 freestyle (24.94 seconds) and 100 butterfly (59.59 seconds), while senior Janice Burnett was third in the 50 free (26.33) and senior Kelsey Shurmur was third in the 100 fly (1:04.08). The 1-meter dive was swept by seniors Rachel Aepelbacher (first with a school-record 252.40 points), Jillian Odum (second with 236.50) and Lauren Harrington (third with 232.60). A few younger Wildcats also saw success, as sophomore Mallory Buha won both the 200 free (1:58.18) and 500 free (5:16.57). Freshman Lauren Kim won the 100 breaststroke (1:11.47) and second in the 200 individual medley (2:23.07), just 2.02 seconds behind Groves' swimmer. Fellow freshman Alexandra Cortez was third in the 200 IM (2:24.74). Senior Ashley Vaughan also finished third in the 500 free (5:46.92). Groves got wins in the 100 free (55.50) and 100 back (1:00.95), edging out senior Andrea VanderMey in each by 0.2 and 2.55 seconds, respectively. Burnett added a third-place finish in the 100 free (58.85) and senior Dana Morgan was third in the 100 back (1:04.57).

### NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 6, 2012 FOR THE CITY OF NOVI, OAKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT, SCHOOLCRAFT COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT, NOVI COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS, WALLED LAKE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT, SOUTH LYON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

To the Qualified Electors of the City of Novi - Oakland County, Michigan, Notice is Hereby Given that a General Election will be held in the City of Novi, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2012. The Polls will be open 7 o'clock a.m. until 8 o'clock p.m. All Polling Places are Handicap Accessible. Braille and Audio Versions of Voting Instructions are available at the Polling Places Listed Below:

1	Meadowbrook Congregational Church	21355 Meadowbrook Road
2	Good Shepherd Lutheran Church	41415 W. Nine Mile Road
3	Village Oaks Elementary School	22323 Willowbrook Road
4	Novi United Methodist Church	41671 Ten Mile Road
5	Orchard Hills Elementary School	41900 Quince
6 & 7	Holy Family Catholic Church	24305 Meadowbrook Road
8	Meadowbrook Elementary School	29200 Meadowbrook Road
9 & 11	Brightmoor Christian Church	40800 West Thirteen Mile Road
10	Fox Run	41000 Thirteen Mile Road
12	Hickory Woods Elementary School	30655 Novi Road
13	Novi Meadows TTC Building	25345 Taft Road
14	Faith Community Presbyterian Church	44400 West Ten Mile Road
15	St. James Catholic Church	48325 West Ten Mile Road
16	Novi Public Library	45255 W. Ten Mile Road
17 & 18	Novi Civic Center	45117 West Nine Mile Road
19	Thornton Creek Elementary School	46180 West Nine Mile Road
20 & 21	Deerfield Elementary School	28500 Wixom Road

FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING CANDIDATES OF ALL PARTICIPATING POLITICAL PARTIES FOR THE FOLLOWING OFFICES:

PRESIDENTIAL CONGRESSIONAL LEGISLATIVE STATE BOARDS	President and Vice President of the United States U.S. Senator and U.S. Representative in Congress Representative in State Legislature State Board of Education, University of Michigan Regents Michigan State University Trustees, Wayne State University Governors County Executive, Prosecuting Attorney, Sheriff, Clerk/Register of Deeds, Treasurer, Water Resource Commissioner, and County Commissioner
COUNTY JUDICIAL	Justice of the Supreme Court Incumbent Position Justice of the Supreme Court Incumbent Position Partial term ending 1-1-2015 Judge of Circuit Court - 6th Circuit - Incumbent Position Judge of Circuit Court - 6th Circuit - Non-Incumbent Position Judge of Probate Court - Oakland County - Incumbent Position Judge of District Court - 52-1st District - Incumbent Position
LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT	Members of the Novi Community School District - (2) 6 year term - Precincts 1-7 Precincts 13-16 and Precincts 20 and part of 21 Members of the Northville Public Schools - (3) 4 year term - Precincts 17-19 Members of the South Lyon Community Schools - (2) 6 year term - Part of Precinct 21 Members of the Walled Lake Consolidated School District - (2) 6 year term - Precincts 8-12
COMMUNITY COLLEGE	Oakland Community College Board of Trustees Member - (2) 6 year term Precincts 1-14, Part of 17, 18-21 Schoolcraft Community College Board of Trustees Member - (2) 6 year term Precincts 15, 16 and part of 17

AND FOR THE PURPOSE OF VOTING ON THE FOLLOWING STATE PROPOSALS:

12-1	A REFERENDUM ON PUBLIC ACT 4 OF 2011 - THE EMERGENCY MANAGER LAW
12-2	A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION REGARDING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING
12-3	A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO ESTABLISH A STANDARD FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY
12-4	A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO ESTABLISH THE MICHIGAN QUALITY HOME CARE COUNCIL AND PROVIDE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING FOR IN-HOME CARE WORKERS
12-5	A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO LIMIT THE ENACTMENT OF NEW TAXES BY STATE GOVERNMENT
12-6	A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION REGARDING CONSTRUCTION OF INTERNATIONAL BRIDGES AND TUNNELS

Northville Public Schools, General Obligation unlimited Tax Bond Proposal for Instructional Technology and Equipment Purposes in the amount of not to exceed \$20,870,000. Full text of the ballot proposal may be obtained at the administrative offices of Northville Public Schools, 501 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167-1582 (248) 349-3400.

#### COUNTY TREASURER'S STATEMENT AS REQUIRED BY ACT NO. 62 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1993 AS AMENDED

I, Andrew E. Meisner, County Treasurer of the County of Oakland, State of Michigan, do hereby certify that according to the records in my office, as of October 22, 2012, the total of all voted increases in the tax rate limitation above the 18 mills established by Section 6 of Article IX of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 affecting taxable property in the City of Novi, in said County, is as follows:

LOCAL UNIT	VOTED INCREASE	YEARS INCREASE EFFECTIVE
City of Novi	1.80 0.1	Unlimited 2008-2017
Walled Lake Consolidated School District	.50 18.00	2004 - 2013 2006 - 2015
Novi Community School District	18.00 5.49 .98 .4982	2004 - 2013 Incl. 2004 - 2013 Incl. 2011 - 2020 Incl.
County School District Of Oakland County	3.6483	Unlimited
County of Oakland	.2415	2012 to 2021 Incl.
Oakland Community College	1.00 .7811	Unlimited Beg. 7-1-2012 (10 yrs)

ANDREW E. MEISNER, TREASURER OAKLAND COUNTY

Walled Lake Consolidated School District - Proposal for Building and Site Sinking Fund Millage Renewal Proposal. Full text of the ballot proposal may be obtained at the Novi City Clerk's office, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 (248) 347-6456

#### INFORMATION ON OBTAINING AN ABSENT VOTER BALLOT FOR THE ELECTION

Absentee ballots for said election are available to qualified electors at the Office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road. The deadline for the City Clerk's Office to receive applications for ballots to be mailed is 2:00 p.m. Saturday, November 3, 2012. The City Clerk's Office will be open for the purpose of absent voting on Saturday, November 3, 2012 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Persons qualified to vote by absentee ballot may obtain a ballot in person at the City Clerk's Office until 4:00 p.m. Monday, November 5, 2012. Ballots obtained in person on Monday, November 5, 2012 must be voted in the City Clerk's Office.

Maryanne Cornelius, MMC, City Clerk

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## Trinity Health, Catholic Health East consolidating

The boards and sponsors of Catholic Health East (CHE) and Novi-based Trinity Health signed a non-binding Letter of Intent to come together into a unified national health system that will enhance their mission of service to people and communities across the United States.

The boards also announced that Joseph R. Swedish, president and CEO of Trinity Health, would become president and CEO of the anticipated new organization, and that Judith M. Persichilli, president and CEO of CHE, would become executive vice president of the new organization. Until the new organization is created, both executives will

lead its formation while retaining their current title, role and responsibilities for their respective organizations. The consolidation would create a health system that serves people in 21 states from coast to coast with 82 hospitals, 89 continuing care facilities and home health and hospice programs that provide nearly 2.8

million visits annually. More than 87,000 employees, including 4,100 employed physicians, would provide care in the new system. The new system would have annual operating revenues of about \$13.3 billion and assets of about \$19.3 billion, and would return almost \$1 billion to its communities annually in

the form of charity care and other programs. The development of the consolidation is in its preliminary phase. Over the next few months, the systems' boards and management will pursue the potential consolidation and conduct due diligence with a goal of reaching a Definitive Agreement in spring 2013.

## Oakland County business finance loan approvals increase 50 percent over 2011

The Oakland County Business Finance Corp. had over \$38 million in projects approved for new development in the fiscal year 2012, topping the 2011 figure by 50 percent.

The figures, which were released at the annual meeting of the Oakland County Business Finance Corp. (OCBFC), are an indication that the economy is improving, according to Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson. The OCBFC had approval on 39 projects — 13 more than in 2011 when \$22.5 million was approved under a U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) program. "The OCBFC had a solid year," Patterson said. "I think we have turned the corner. Look at the repeat business, the number of projects and the quality of the projects we're seeing. The quality service we provide has led these businesses back time and time again. It's a government program that works."

Among the repeat OCBFC clients is Johnstone Supply, a heating and cooling wholesaler that operates nine locations in Southeast Michigan, including stores in Orion Township and Madison Heights. The company secured seven loans

in three years totaling \$3.2 million. A portion of the loans — worth \$1.3 million — are SBA 504 loans which are handled by the OCBFC and the Department of Economic Development & Community Affairs.

"If someone had told me to do an SBA loan, I would have told them I didn't have the time or the energy or the reams of paper you need to fill out to get a loan," said Tracy Sheehan, who owns the Johnstone stores with her husband Jeff. "But this was the most seamless banking we have ever done. They are so easy to work with." Sheehan, who lives in Oakland Township, said she was attracted to the OCBFC because of Patterson and the expert service provided by the finance team.

"Oakland County is run differently from other counties," she said. "...I have faith in that program. I'll always work with them."

Since its inception, the OCBFC has funded 433 loans totaling \$491 million in investment and created or retained more than 17,800 jobs. The OCBFC, authorized under the SBA's Certified Development Company program in 1982, was formed to stimulate the growth and expansion of the region's small businesses.

## Welcome!



The Pod Drop — with 14 independent locations repairing iPads, iPhones and iPads — celebrated its Novi opening on Oct. 5 at 43089 Grand River Avenue. Pictured (l to r) are Ken Czanstke, owner; Chad Morris, employee; Kenny Czanstke Jr., owner; Becky Czanstke, owner; Robert Carter Sr., founder of The Pod Drop; Ara Topouzian, City of Novi Economic Development director.

## NOVI BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Lakes Area Chamber hosting 4th annual EXPO, TASTE & FUN Fest

Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce members have joined together as participants in the Chamber's 4th Annual EXPO, TASTE & FUN Fest to be held at Walled Lake Central High School from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3. The event is open to the public. The \$5 admission price includes a TASTE ticket which enables the ticket holder to sample foods from all TASTE Fest participants: Bayside Sports Bar & Grill; Casey's of Walled Lake; CJ's Brewing Company; Cooley Lake Inn; Dickey's Barbecue Pit; Edible Arrangements; Festa Fattas; Hungry Howie's Pizza & Subs; Leo's Cone Island; The Lakes Bar & Grille; and Wonderland Lanes' Mad Hatter Pub.

Children under 12 are free. Additional taste tickets can be purchased at the event. Discount coupons for 50 percent off the admission price are available at participating businesses, as well as at the Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce office at 305 N. Pontiac Trail, Suite A, in Walled Lake.

In addition to hourly prize drawings, new cars and trucks will be on display in the school's parking lot. Indoors, children will be entertained by a face painter, as well as Magic Joe, a professional magician.

### ITC supports Detroit schools

The Detroit Public Schools Foundation announced that 300 Detroit students will participate in the Future City Competition this school year because of a grant from Novi-based ITC Holdings Corp. (ITC). The \$20,000 grant will cover the cost of the students to take part in the competition, which is coordinated by the Engineering Society of Detroit.

The Future City Competition challenges students to design a city of the future — and have fun doing it. This program was designed to promote technological literacy and engineering to sixth, seventh and eighth grade students. The program fosters an interest in math, science and engineering through hands-on, real world applications and helps students better understand the practical applications of mathematical and scientific principles.

The Future City Competition is a team-based program consisting of students, a teacher, and an engineer mentor. Through its Charitable Giving Program, ITC awards grants to qualified 501 (c) (3) organizations that deliver charitable services in the counties where ITC operates. Grants support programs and projects that reflect the values of ITC: education, environmental stewardship, social services and health and wellness.

## Home Builders Association revamps its name, logo

The Michigan Association of Home Builders (MAHB) has announced that its Board of Directors has approved changing the name of the organization to the Home Builders Association of Michigan (HBAM).

The name change became effective on Sept. 14, 2012. "The fact is that whether we are in front of a customer who is building or remodeling their home, or in the halls at the State Capitol, people have always referred to us as the Home Builders Association," said Colin Herren, HBAM president. "It made sense to us to change the name in order to capitalize on the recognition we already have throughout Michigan."

The Home Builders Association of Michigan has also unveiled a new logo to accompany the name change and a tagline, "Professionals Who Care," which will be utilized in a statewide branding effort to educate consumers on the value of hiring HBAM members for building and remodeling projects.

"We have always been an organization that encourages the highest levels of professionalism among our members," said Robert P. Hill, HBAM CEO. "Our member builders and remodelers are not only licensed, but are leaders in incorporating the latest innovations and technologies into their work, which provides significant value to consumers."

The Home Builders Association of Michigan will also be encouraging the 27 local Home Builders Associations throughout Michigan to utilize the HBA, Professionals Who Care branding in advertising for home shows and other promotions throughout the year. "Many of our members conduct business in several counties that often stretch beyond the jurisdiction of their local Home Builders Association,"



## HOME BUILDERS ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN

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"Many of our members conduct business in several counties that often stretch beyond the jurisdiction of their local Home Builders Association,"

said Rich Kogelschatz, HBAM Board member who led the name change and branding initiative. "Having common branding throughout Michigan will allow our members to receive the benefits of greater consumer recognition of the brand and the value it means to them." The Michigan Home Builders

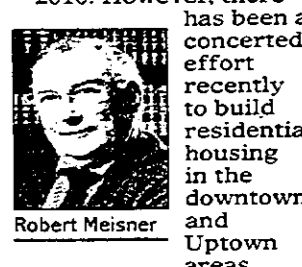
Association is a professional trade association comprised of 27 local homebuilder associations around the state and their builder, subcontractor and supplier members. HBAM works to positively promote the building industry and impact legislative, regulatory and legal issues affecting housing affordability.

## Dallas shows signs of life

By Robert Meisner  
Guest Columnist

Q: I was recently in Dallas for a football game and noted the development in the downtown and Uptown areas. Do you have any information concerning the residential situation there?

A: Downtown Dallas grew substantially in the 1960s and 1970s, but there was almost no additional commercial development until 2010. However, there



has been a concerted effort recently to build residential housing in the downtown and Uptown areas. Substantial private homes and condominiums have been and are being built in those areas as the economy has not hurt Dallas as has been the case in many other areas. Indeed, the Dallas suburb of Highland Park looks just like Beverly Hills, Calif., to the casual observer. The Uptown area is filled with restaurants, boutiques, condominiums, apartments and single family homes, and the market is thriving.

Q: Can we charge a rental fee to renters for the sole reason that they are renting a unit?

A: More than likely not. A case out of New Jersey held that an association could charge a rental fee, but only in an amount reasonably related to actual additional necessary expenses incurred by the association for the rental. I think this is a reasonable determination of the status, but each case, of course, depends upon its own facts.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and author of *Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track*, second edition, available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping/handling. He also wrote *Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium*, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping/handling. Call (248) 644-4433 or visit [bmeisner@meisner-law.com](http://bmeisner@meisner-law.com). This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

## HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

Address	Price	Address	Price	Address	Price
46031 Spinning Wheel Dr	\$190,000	33201 Norfolk St	\$140,000	45891 Green Valley Rd	\$309,000
49516 Taft Ln	\$55,000	34713 Northland Dr	\$255,000	1210 Hartough St	\$200,000
1503 Tradition Dr	\$375,000	14452 Pere St	\$175,000	9411 High Points Ct	\$260,000
44222 Webster Rd	\$149,000	27480 Pickford St	\$58,000	11889 Lorenz Way	\$357,000
GARDEN CITY		36630 Pinetree St	\$105,000	40936 Micol Dr	\$136,000
6664 Harrison St	\$45,000	32902 Southgate St	\$205,000	9089 Morrison Ave	\$150,000
33110 John Hawk St	\$40,000	34800 Standish St	\$100,000	40540 Newport Dr	\$59,000
LIVONIA		15054 Taylor Blvd	\$173,000	49022 Plum Tree Ct	\$350,000
36701 Six Mile Rd	\$160,000	NORTHVILLE		14971 Plymouth King	\$239,000
14016 Taft Ln	\$170,000	46075 Bloomcrest Dr	\$280,000	195 Riveroaks Dr	\$82,000
32128 Barkley Ct	\$140,000	44539 Broadmoor Cir S	\$371,000	432 Sunset St	\$239,000
33000 Brookside Ct	\$272,000	45041 Broadmoor Cir S	\$370,000	REDFORD	
12060 Cardwell St	\$82,000	16180 Crystal Downs E	\$508,000	14176 Breakfast Dr	\$143,000
8915 Cavell Ave	\$135,000	16250 Crystal Downs E	\$486,000	12853 Crosley	\$44,000
18084 Curtis Ct	\$200,000	16560 Dunwood Dr	\$428,000	17365 Denby	\$10,000
37007 Curtis Rd	\$370,000	16596 Dunwood Dr	\$215,000	9183 Garfield Ct	\$48,000
16984 Farmington Rd	\$120,000	15738 Johnson Creek Dr	\$147,000	9301 Riverdale	\$72,000
31530 Gable St	\$100,000	15810 Johnson Creek Dr	\$137,000	16602 Ryland	\$21,000
9715 Garden St	\$88,000	15841 Johnson Creek Dr	\$139,000	18847 Summer	\$26,000
14531 Garden St	\$65,000	17500 Lake View Cir	\$322,000	WESTLAND	
14316 Gary Ln	\$120,000	46637 Merion Cir	\$445,000	33052 Avondale St	\$97,000
14711 Gary Ln	\$145,000	49474 N Glacier	\$235,000	37592 Barkridge Cir	\$50,000
11240 Haller St	\$125,000	48804 Rainbow Ln S	\$307,000	7030 Central City Pkwy	\$98,000
18931 Hillcrest St	\$94,000	49170 Rainbow Ln S	\$335,000	30005 Lacy Dr	\$65,000
16194 Huff St	\$119,000	655 Randolph St	\$65,000	33662 Melton St	\$120,000
16321 Huff St	\$157,000	16177 Shoreline Ct	\$640,000	19275 N Wayne Rd	\$123,000
20175 Laurel Dr	\$294,000	PLYMOUTH		8050 N Wildwood St	\$139,000
4285 Sherwood Cir	\$225,000	50436 Beechwood Ct	\$130,000	35551 Thames St	\$42,000
4435 Southbridge Dr	\$106,000	49197 Fox Dr N	\$444,000	33480 Unicorn Ct	\$72,000
		40724 Gilbert St	\$116,000		

## HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

Address	Price	Address	Price	Address	Price
117 S Williamsbury Rd	\$185,000	22357 Diamond Ct	\$75,000	24921 Sarah Flynn	\$255,000
874 Shaery Hollow Cir	\$300,000	28412 Farmington Rd	\$125,000	25822 Shoreline	\$720,000
4755 Walnut Lake Rd	\$265,000	28136 Hawberry Rd	\$155,000	39734 Village Wood Cir	\$46,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP		20854 Hugo St	\$143,000	38411 Westminster Cir	\$88,000
3530 Brookside Dr	\$500,000	21711 Jefferson St	\$10,000	24017 Willowbrook	\$160,000
9019 Tartan Trl	\$315,000	24056 Middlebelt Rd Unit 13	\$26,000	21924 York Mills Cir	\$423,000
3495 Westchester Rd	\$206,000	31188 Misty Pines Dr	\$125,000	South Lyon	
COMMERCIAL TOWNSHIP		24029 Noble Dr	\$150,000	51879 Red Cedar Ct	\$284,000
2949 Gabriel Dr	\$315,000	22136 Springbrook Ave	\$23,000	54211 Shinnecock Dr	\$380,000
5390 Inverrary Ln	\$75,000	29324 W 12 Mile Rd	\$106,000	SOUTHFIELD	
2812 Red Arrow Dr	\$140,000	LATHRUP VILLAGE		30460 Everett St	\$68,000
FARMINGTON		27828 Rainbow Cir	\$175,000	28474 Fairfax St	\$29,000
23031 Farmington Rd	\$169,000	MILFORD		17601 New Hampshire Dr	\$85,000
33145 Flanders St	\$90,000	1174 Marjorie St	\$67,000	19040 W Nine Mile Rd	\$70,000
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