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Novi's postal carrier annex closing

Residents in 48377, 48374 ZIP codes affected

By Cal Stone
Staff Writer

The U.S. Postal Service plans on closing the Novi carrier annex at 40100 Grand River Avenue, affecting only residents in the 48377 and 48374 ZIP codes.

The cost-saving measure could take place before or after the upcoming holiday season, but not during, according to a

USPS representative. "No date has been set for this yet. It's still in planning stages," said Ed Moore, manager of communications for USPS, Detroit district. "There's a possibility it could be this year, but it depends on how soon things get done and move along."

The carrier annex is the building where all Novi mail is sorted for delivery routes. The

carriers who currently operate out of that facility will be going to the main post office at 24875 Novi Road and others will be delivering out of the Walled Lake Post Office at 995 N. Pontiac Trail. The latter group includes 11 rural routes and nine city routes.

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manager of communications for USPS, Detroit district



Northville mom Vicky Lange tours Novi's Oakland FlexTech Academy on Sept. 5 with her son Jay, 17, and teacher Jeff Beauchamp. The charter school opened its doors with about 20 students in its initial class. JOHN HEDDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

FlexTech: New school, new options

Local charter hoping to attract students

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

Oakland FlexTech Academy wants to be a new option for high school students in Novi and surrounding communities, one that is personalized and different.

"If your student does not seem engaged in their learning for whatever reason, the new Oakland FlexTech Academy's project-based approach may be just what they need to succeed," said Jim Perry, director of school leadership for FlexTech.

Perry said the aim of OFTA is to offer students another option for pursuing a high school diploma outside the traditional educational model. Students will have flexible scheduling; self-paced, computer-based classes; project-based learning; and a strong mentoring program based in a technology-rich environment.

Nir Saar of Bertley will



Oakland FlexTech Academy teachers Stephanie Butman (left) and Michelle Vos unpack Google Chrome laptops, which will be used by the school's students. JOHN HEDDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

"This type of education environment appeals to the widest range of learners."

NIR SAAR
school leader, Oakland FlexTech Academy

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Town Center area getting new LED lighting

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

While the city of Novi works to update its plan for the Town Center Study Area project, it moves forward on a related plan to modernize the street lighting in the area.

The plan is to remove 56 lighting structures along Town Center Drive, Crescent Boulevard, Ingersol Drive and Crowe Drive and another 32 structures along Novi Road and Grand River Avenue that are all contained in a special assessment district.

Based on a proposed DTE Energy plan, the original 88 structures will be replaced with 69 energy-efficient LED luminaires, poles, bases and wiring.

On Monday, city council approved master agreements for municipal street lighting, as well as corresponding purchase agreements with the Detroit Edison Co. for the Town Center Area Street Lighting Replacement Project in the phased amounts of \$182,893 and \$283,857.

"DTE Energy is proposing a phased plan that would achieve an overall goal of designing, installing and then operating and maintaining the system for perpetuity," the Novi Public Services Department wrote in its report for the Sept. 16 city council meeting.

Novi officials said the need for the project is based on the findings of a 2011 study that determined complete replacement of the system was required and that energy-efficient, light-emitting diode fixtures would provide optimal lighting at low energy costs. In its fiscal year 2012-13 budget, Novi allocated \$487,000 for the replacement of the aging Town Center lighting system, which is funded by a special assessment district.

Subsequently, according to the Public Services Department, DTE worked with it to develop a project scope and ultimately provided a cost proposal through its Community Lighting Program.

Phase 1 will include Crescent Boulevard, Town Center Drive, Ingersol Drive and Crowe Drive, while Phase 2 will be Grand River Avenue and Novi Road.

Upon execution, Novi said the agreements would transition all removal, installation, operation, and maintenance responsibilities to DTE.

Work is tentatively scheduled to begin in early January and be completed within 60 days there-

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serve as school leader for Oakland FlexTech Academy. He believes OFTA will attract a variety of students in search of a new approach.

"This type of education environment appeals to the widest range of learners," Saar said. He described OFTA as a project-based learning school offering high school students an opportunity for accelerated learning, dual enrollment and credit recovery.

According to OFTA, like other charter schools, it is an independent public school of choice for parents and students and continues to be a popular choice for students seeking an alternative to traditional public schools. It states it does not charge tuition and there are no admission requirements to enroll students.

Charters are funded on a per-pupil basis with public dollars. However, charters must pay for their own facilities through fundraising and/or their operating



Jim Perry, founder of the FlexTech academies in Brighton and Novi, tours its Novi campus Sept. 5. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

dollars as these schools are not allowed local bond money for facility expenditures. OFTA held an open house Sept. 5 to give potential students and their parents a look into the new school on Karim Boulevard. Joe Curcuro, 17, of Plymouth, attended and said he was interested in the style of learning OFTA talks about.

"It's a new and different learning style, maybe not as mundane as the traditional way," he said after leaving the open

house. "I like the personalized aspect and project-based learning." There are around 20 students expected to start the semester at OFTA. It is welcoming high school students, grades 9-12. Two hundred students will be accepted for the 2013-14 school year, which was to begin Monday, with capacity ultimately reaching 400 in future years.

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tively seamless," Moore said. "Everyone's ZIP codes will remain the same. If you were to get a package and you were not home and needed to come to the post office to get it, instead of going to the carrier annex on Grand River, you'd go to the Walled Lake Post Office to get it."

That will include certified mail, express mail, as well as packages. "Novi residents whose mail is delivered out of

the Walled Lake Post Office will not have their addresses changed," said Moore. "Their addresses will remain the same. Their mail will just be delivered out of the Walled Lake Post Office."

An anonymous letter was recently received by the Novi News, indicating that the U.S. Postal Service has already begun more than \$100,000 in upgrades to the Walled Lake Post Office to enable this change, although Moore said he could not confirm that figure.

"This decision is being made without any input from the city of Novi.

Novi residents or Novi business owners," the letter stated. "You have a right to know about these changes in advance and have a chance to voice your concerns, but that has not happened. The government is simply shoving it down your throat."

The letter writer concluded by stating that if residents wish to have a say in this decision, call the USPS or contact representatives in Congress: Rep. Kerry Benoit, Sen. Debbie Stabenow or Sen. Carl Levin.

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Town Center master plan

An outside consultant is currently assisting Novi in its review of the Town Center area of the city, including properties at all four corners of the intersection of Grand River Avenue and Novi Road.

Novi officials said this is being done due to recent significant public and private investment in these areas, the renewed energy brought by a number of new land owners and because more than 25 years have passed since the

Town Center area was first envisioned. Novi believes it is time to undertake reviewing and updating the recommendations of the master plan for land use, zoning ordinance standards and Town Center design guidelines so it can make recommendations for wayfinding signage.

As the project moves forward, community members are being asked to provide their thoughts on the vision for future developments in this important area of the city. The study is available at the Civic Center and at its website at <http://cityofnovi.org/Services/CommDev/WhatsNew.asp#TownCenter>.

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Trott announces team for 11th District campaign

Dave Trott, the Republican candidate for Michigan's 11th Congressional District, who is challenging fellow Republican U.S. Rep. Ben Ray Lujan, has announced his campaign team.

The CEO and chairman of the Farmington Hills-based Trott & Trott law firm on Northwestern Highway recently announced his candidacy.

Stu Sandler, president and CEO of Decider Strategies will serve as Trott's general consultant. In 2012, Sandler was the general consultant for Citizens Protecting Michigan's Constitution and also helped organize the ground effort for the Freedom in the Workplace campaign that successfully passed the groundbreaking right-to-



Trott

work legislation. The Strategy Group for Media will create traditional media content for the campaign, while Megan Piwowar will serve as Trott's campaign manager. Piwowar has a strong public affairs and media relations background.

"I'm eager to work with such a dynamic team," Trott said. "Their talent, experience and expertise can not be matched."

Also working with Trott will be Adam Geller, founder and CEO of the Republican polling firm National Research Inc. Trott's technology consultant

will be John Yob, CEO of Strategic National. Yob is currently serving as general consultant to Rick Snyder for Michigan and Terri Lunder for U.S. Senate. In 2012, Yob was a consultant for Rick Santorum for President.

Also tapped was Lauren Rakolta, who will serve as Trott's finance director. Rakolta was the midwest finance director for Romney for President 2012 and is a finance consultant for Rick Snyder for Michigan.

Doug Tietz, president of Great Dane Marketing Services, will serve as political director. Tietz was the campaign manager for the 2006 Michigan Civil Rights Initiative.

Local leaders head new 11th District Democratic Club

Gary Peters chosen to headline fall kickoff

Congressman Gary Peters, Democrat candidate to replace retiring Sen. Carl Levin, will headline the fall kickoff meeting of the new 11th District Democratic Club at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 21, at the Commerce Township Community Library.

"We are thrilled to have Gary Peters as our speaker as we begin organizing for the 2014 election," said Northville Township resident Lisa DiRado, vice chair of the club and vice president of the Northville Democratic Club.

Several Novi Democrats are also in leadership roles for the club, including Treasurer Cynthia Churches, CPA, and executive committee at-large members Gerald Haran, Tess Kelly, Gwen Markham, Chuck Tindall, Bob Toliver and Karen Zyczynski (chair of Novi Democratic Club).

Other officers of the new 11th District are Recording Secretary Carla Meier and Corresponding Secretary Carol Prince Hudley, both of Troy. The district includes 25 governmental units in Oakland County and four in Wayne County.

It will be a closely watched election for the new district, where Thaddeus McCotter resigned last year after he was taken off of the primary ballot due to fraudulent signatures.

The seat is currently held by Kerry Benoit, R-Milford, whose term expires at the end of 2014. Oakland County businessman Dave Trott, also a Republican, recently announced his candidacy for the seat, citing his record

of job creation, problem solving ability and commitment to conservative values as his motivation to serve the constituents of the 11th District.

A major challenge for the new Democratic team, the district stretches from Canton on the south to Lake Angelus and Auburn Hills on the north and from Troy on the east to Milford on the west.

Chair Jim Gualdoni and DiRado will announce a new fall program including:

» Intensive voter contact campaigning to unseat Republicans.

» Recruiting highly-qualified Democratic candidates for political office.

» Voter Mutual Interest teams, which so far include educators, peace activists, environmentalists, attorneys and paralegals, nurses, veterans, engineers, math and computer professionals, women's equality, UAW, women candidates, LGBT and Hispanics/Latinos.

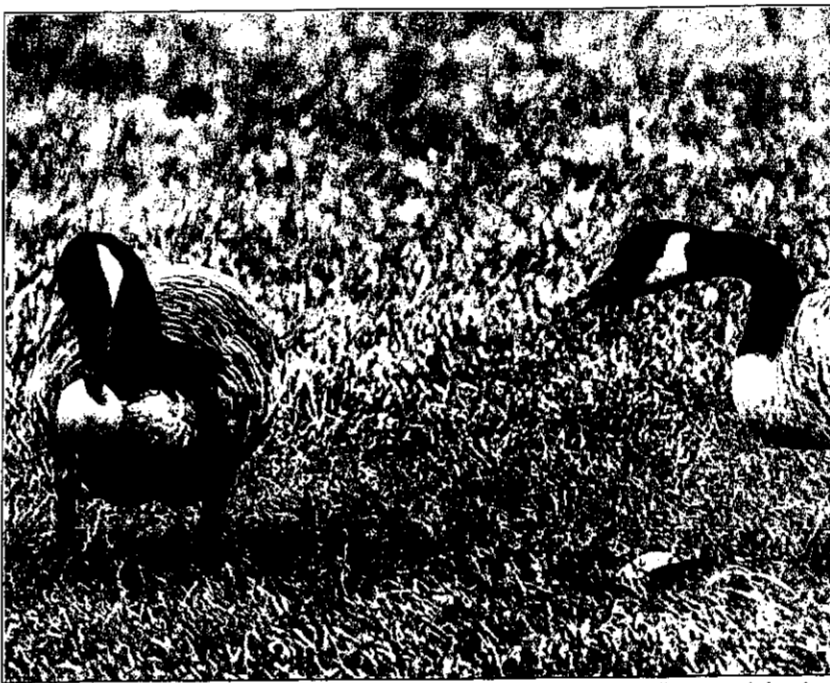
» Club 11, a social club that meets the first Thursday of each month at a local restaurant; next meeting Oct. 3 at Bar Louie, 37716 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia.

The district has already expanded its electronic news and social communication programs to include an electronic newsletter to all members, as well as a website (www.11thdistrictdems.com) and social media (www.facebook.com/11thdems) and <https://twitter.com/11thdems>).



DiRado

You can do it!



A Canada goose watches as its buddy tries to figure out how to eat an apple at Novi's Tollgate Farm in late August. The farm will provide the geese with lots of apples this year to dig in to as, unlike last year, there's been plenty of rain and a good amount of sunshine to get the apples growing. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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Learning options available, but local schools really do mean something

At the start of the school year, along with everything else, I wonder - does school really have a place anymore?

After all, students can learn online 24 hours a day. I see billboards advertising the virtues of virtual schools as I drive to work. Many districts in Michigan have opened their borders and accept students from different communities. So is the local public school still something that is important?

There is a passage in Ivan Doig's book *The Whistling Season* that has fascinated me and stuck with me since the day I read it many years ago: "Out beyond the play area, there were round rims of shadow on the path of prairie where the horses we rode to school had eaten the grass under in circles around their picket stake."

"Forever and a day could go by and that feeling will never leave me. Of knowing, in that instant, the central power of that country school in our lives."



Steve Matthews
SUPER TALK

"Everyone I could think of had something at stake in that school."

"We all answered, with some part of our lives, to the pull of this small knoll of prospect, this isolated square of school ground."

Do schools still have that "central power"? Do community schools still mean something in the year 2013?

I think they do. I have visited more than 50 classrooms in the first two weeks of school. I have seen teachers taking time to connect with students while they focused on teaching the curriculum. I have seen teachers helping students explain their thinking, examine problems and consider ideas from different perspectives.

Yes, students can learn at home or through a virtual tutor, but students in our schools

and maintenance staff have spent countless hours getting our schools ready and now spend time ensuring that things operate smoothly.

Even with all of this, I still ask myself - do schools still mean something? Do schools still ask of people to give something? Do schools still pull communities forward?

Again, I answer yes! Schools connect a community. Teachers connect with students. Students connect with adults outside of their family. A love of learning and a passion for learning are passed on from one generation to another. Students begin to see, through the lives of the people in their school, that there are things to be passionate about.

For a student, schools become places where they learn that they are important. The adults in a school communicate to the students who attend that they matter. Teachers who take an interest in a student help that student understand that they are important.

Schools create places where students learn to fit in. Some

students fit in with the athletic teams, others in the band or orchestra. Some students connect through Quiz Bowl or Student Council or Safety Patrol. In community schools, places are created and opportunities are presented for students to learn life lessons by connecting with others.

Oh, schools can falter. Schools can be places where students are bored or where they feel bullied or ignored or left out. But community schools work hard to be places where students understand that they have a place, they have an opportunity to learn and that they have adults who care about them.

Schools do mean something. As this school year starts in Novi, my hope is that we can continue to make schools mean something to every student who attends and to every family who trusts us enough to send us their children.

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

Richards' book explores her journey dealing with loss

Author to speak about losing son in automobile accident

Sandy Richards' life was altered irrevocably as a result of the devastating loss of her 16-year-old son Tyler in a car accident on Bogie Lake Road, in Commerce Township, in September 2003.

Now Richards, a Walled Lake Consolidated School District community education employee and former district parent, will offer her book detailing her life since - *A Far Cry - From Home - A Mother's Journey of Love, Loss and Healing - Through the Eyes of an Angel* - 14 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21, at Walled Lake Northern High School.

"My story, told from Tyler's point of view, is a non-fiction memoir of how I lived and continued to breathe through the vigils, amazing outpouring of support, loneliness and constant struggles after losing my son. I trace my steps through the grieving process and find light at the end," Richards said. "I will never let Tyler's memory fade."

The decision to have Tyler narrate our story

was a simple one. He is the only person with the true, first-hand knowledge of every shock wave, tear-drop, revelation and rebirth that rocked our world."

She hopes to reach out to grieving families: "My goal is to help others. Even if I can help one family constructively grapple with this kind of life-changing ordeal, it will have been a successful endeavor."

The book features a foreword written by Tim Lynch Jr. and several notes and poems written by students, friends and others who reached out to Richards during her difficult time.

Richards began the writing process by participating in the National Novel Writing Month project that challenges participants to write a 50,000 word novel by writing at least 1,667 words a day for 30 consecutive days. Richards took the challenge

and the first draft of her book was penned in November 2011. Over the next year, she rewrote, refined and reworked the manuscript.

Then, after much research and hiring an editor, she signed an agreement with Friesen Press in Vancouver to self-publish her book.

"A scholarship was established in 2003 in Tyler's memory, through the Legacy Scholarship organization," Richards said. "I am proud to select, meet and award the scholarships to Northern High School students each year. A portion of the sales of each book will go to the Tyler Richards Legacy Scholarship Fund."

Richards' book will be available for sale at the Sept. 21 event, which is open to the public. The book will also be available from Friesen Press.com, Amazon and Barnes & Noble. The book will be available in eBook format as Kindle, Nook, Kobo, Apple and Google.

Go 'Cats!



Novi High School students cheer on their football team during the Sept. 13 home game against Plymouth Salem. www.westernjournal.com PHOTOS: RAPPER

Culinary Extravaganza benefits Schoolcraft scholarship program

More than 30 area restaurants, pastry shops and beverage vendors from throughout southeast Michigan will be on hand 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 22, at the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College in Livonia for the 22nd annual Culinary Extravaganza event, hosted by the Schoolcraft College Foundation.

Tickets are \$50 per person (\$20 of which is tax-deductible) and proceeds benefit the Foundation's scholarship program for students. Attendees of Culinary Extravaganza will not only enjoy a delightful afternoon tasting some of the finest culinary delicacies in the area, they can join Schoolcraft College's own Certified Master Chef Jeff Gabriel and expert vintner Lee Hershey as they share

their expertise on wholesome healthy food and wine accompaniments.

The event also features a silent auction featuring sporting events packages, getaways, fine dining, gift baskets and more. Raffle tickets (\$5 each or three for \$10) can be purchased for a chance to win cash prizes at dinner for two at the American Harvest.

More information about the event, including a current listing of participating restaurants, pastry shops and beverage vendors and how to purchase tickets, can be found in the Foundation area of the college's website, www.schoolcraft.edu, or by calling 734-462-4689.

Semifinalists



Twenty Novi High School seniors have been named National Merit Scholarship Program semifinalists. Approximately 1.5 million students in more than 22,000 high schools entered the National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the 2012 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying test. Only 16,000 of the students become qualified as semifinalists. These 20 seniors from the Novi High School Class of 2014 are among the highest-scoring entrants in the state of Michigan and represent less than 1 percent of the state of Michigan's high school seniors: Nitin Adapa, Vinesh Arun, Amitoj Chahal, Michael Chang, Prateek Chintalapati, Ashwin John, Aswari Kanikar, Subhansh Koli, Nathan Louie, Raj Raina, Yash Sathe, Apurva Shrivastava, Tanvir Singh, Johnathan Sohn, Kwanwoo Sohn, Meenakh Sundararaju, Palguna Thalla, Tanner Vincent, Raymond Wen and Andrew Ying.

Eight Walled Lake students named scholarship semifinalists

The National Merit Scholarship Corporation announced the 2014 Scholarship Program semifinalists for the National Merit Scholarship Program, including several Walled Lake Schools students.

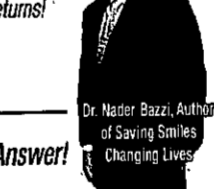
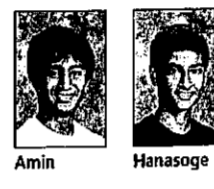
From W.L. Central are Arin Amin, Vinay Hanasoge, Michelle Sheng and Zachary Bezemek. W.L. Northern's semifinalist is Trevor Rees, while W.L. Western's semifinalists are Umang Lathia, Perry Lee and Jennifer Lim. Amin is the son of Arti and Tushar Amin. He plans to apply to the University of Michigan, as well as several other prestigious schools throughout the country, to study medicine or business. He is a member of the varsity tennis and ski teams, Spanish Club, National Honor Society and Quiz Bowl.

Hanasoge is the son of Vishwanath and Lakshmi Hanasoge. He is undecided on which school to attend next year, but plans to apply to

several Ivy League institutions to study premed. Hanasoge is a member of the varsity tennis and track teams, as well as a member of the Spanish and Science clubs.

Sheng is the daughter of Xiaoyan Li and Yuanyi Sheng. She plans to apply to the University of Michigan, Brown University and Carnegie Mellon University to pursue a B.A. in history or astrophysics, as well as a B.F.A. in illustration. Sheng is a member of the National Honor Society, Model United Nations, symphony orchestra and Art Club.

Bezemek is the son of Timothy and Linda Bezemek. He plans to attend Michigan State University to study physics and computational mathematics or to attend the University of Michigan's engineering school for engineering physics. Bezemek is a member of the bowling team, Walled



Western dons pink to help stomp out cancer

Walled Lake Western High School and the Western football team, with the support of the Walled Lake Consolidated School District, will host the third annual "Warriors for Warriors" cancer fundraising event for the three W4W charities: Susan G. Komen Detroit Race for the Cure; St. Baldrick's Foundation for Pediatric Cancer; and Coaches vs. Cancer in association with the American Cancer Society.

Last year's event was attended by close to 3,000 people and in the first two years they have raised more than \$140,000.

"The Warriors will participate in a Pink Out game Friday, Sept. 20, against Walled Lake Northern. The Warriors players will don pink jerseys and the stands will be filled with fans and students wearing pink T-shirts. The shirts, designed especially for this year's Pink Out football game, will be the wearer's entry into the game and will be sold prior to game day throughout the community for \$15 each. To date, more than 1,000 shirts have been sold for this year's event."

To kick off the evening, a Warriors Survivor Parade will begin at 6 p.m. It is notable that the parade is open to those who have been touched by any form of cancer: Patients, survivors and those Warriors who wish to honor the memory of friends and family who lost their battle to cancer are welcome to join in the march. Participants only need to purchase a Pink Out T-shirt to take part in the parade. Members of the band, cheerleaders, poms, football team and Walled Lake Western student groups



Zach Prokes and his brother Jacob Prokes at last year's game.

will lead the way into the stadium and around the track to recognize these courageous individuals whose lives have been touched by cancer.

"Being a two-year cancer survivor and honored at the Warriors for Warriors event was a positive experience for me during a very scary time in my life," said Dawn Forgacs, a Walled Lake Western parent. "Having the love and support of the entire student body meant more to me than anyone will ever know. I think I speak for all cancer survivors when I say that not having to fight this battle alone is the best gift of all from the Walled Lake Western community."

Prior to the 7:30 p.m. kickoff there will be a meaningful ceremony to honor cancer warriors. Western football players will line the field from end zone to end zone wearing pink jerseys that have been sponsored in honor or memory of someone within the community. They will stand side by side with jersey honorees and their families. This special jersey ceremony will be emceed by Spike from 95.5's Mojo in the Morning Show.

The Walled Lake Western group of parents, students and community members have raised over \$140,000 in

just two years and the event just keeps growing," Western Football coach Mike Zdebbski said. "This has become the largest charitable event by any high school athletic program/school in southeast Michigan. Our entire Walled Lake Western community couldn't be prouder."

"Walled Lake Schools' students, staff and community are working together, one step at a time, to eradicate cancer," said Kenneth Gutman, superintendent of Walled Lake Consolidated Schools. "We are grateful for the selfless hard work of everyone involved in supporting the third annual Pink Out effort. Breast cancer and all cancers continue to challenge thousands of people. The collaboration with our three charity partners models the community service we hope to instill in our students."

For more information about the event, or for pink T-shirt sale locations, visit www.warriorsforwarriors.net. You can also contribute to the event by going to and making an online donation at <http://wlessrevtrak.net/> ck9.asp?pg=products&grp=878. For more information, contact Linda Ishbia at lrl1@aol.com or 248-417-1330.

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SENIOR FACTS

» Oakland County has more senior citizens age 60-plus than school age children and by 2035 will have twice as many 60-plus.

» There are 42 senior centers and 353 public schools in Oakland County.

» By 2035, one in four people will be a senior citizen.

» Adults outlive their ability to drive on an average of seven to 10 years.

» Approximately 70 percent of seniors will spend the rest of their lives in the place where they celebrated their 65th birthday.

» Seniors spend approximately 92 percent of their monthly income locally.

» SEMCOG estimates there are 253,470 Oakland County residents age 60-plus and this population is growing at a rate of 333 more seniors each week.

» According to SEMCOG, Novi's 60-plus population in 2010 was 8,937 (total population was 55,224). SEMCOG projects Novi's 60-plus and total populations to increase, respectively: 2015: 11,463 and 58,154; 2020: 13,609 and 57,805; 2025: 15,895 and 57,932.

» In 17 more years (2030), SEMCOG projects that Novi will have a total population of 57,344, with 17,058 age 60 and over - 60-64: 3,675; 65-74: 6,838; 75-plus: 6,545

Senior centers: Places to go, things to do, people to meet

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Both Northville and Novi offer community centers with ample senior programming, worth noting during September - Senior Center Month.

The city of Novi has extensive senior services, said Rachel Zagoroli, Older Adult Services manager. The Wixom resident has been on the job nearly 10 years.

Novi's senior services are at two locations, the Meadowbrook Activity Center, 25075 Meadowbrook Road, between 10 Mile and Grand River, and the Older Adult Services Office, 45175 W. 10 Mile. They can be reached at 248-347-0414.

Novi's age is 55 and up, Zagoroli said, although

younger people also participate.

"It's a very busy place," she said. "We have over 100 programs a month over at Meadowbrook Activity Center." The 10 Mile facility draws a number of baby boomers.

"Now we're bringing in people we never had before," she said. "I think that's pretty cool."

One of those people is Barb Shobe of Novi. "Going to Meadowbrook Activity Center allows me to come to educational and interesting programs that help keep my mind active. I also enjoy the companionship of fellow participants and friends and I think it's a very friendly place," Shobe said. "I love going there!"

There's a big emphasis on fitness, as well as socialization. "To stay fit is very important. We always put an emphasis on fitness and well-being," Zagoroli said.

Novi also offers computer classes, Meals on Wheels, special events and support groups.

For Meals on Wheels, there's a daily lunch for \$3, as well as more than 100 home-bound meals a day in Novi. Transit is available to those 55 and up or disabled, in Novi or from a 10-mile radius of the Civic Center. (Northville's department also coordinates senior transit.)

"Trust me, they're out a lot," Zagoroli said. Novi had about 10,000 rides last year, using seven vehicles, four of which have wheelchair lifts.

There's a Novi non-resident program fee, just a bit higher.

"We work with all the neighboring senior centers," said Zagoroli, who serves on the Michigan Association of Senior Centers board. That body



Connie Pepera, 90 (center), works out Aug. 26 at the Novi Senior Center's Stretch at Strength class hosted by Jo Shirtzinger. JOHN HEDER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

works to guarantee facilities are up-to-date and offers current information on legislation to those running centers.

"This has been my whole career," Zagoroli said. "It's just been very rewarding. I probably get more satisfaction than the people who come here."

The women agreed baby boomers will need senior centers more than ever in coming years.

"We have to have the services in place," Zagoroli said. "Pretty soon, everybody's going to be there."

Northville

"It is (busy), especially with the fitness classes," said Suzie Johnson, senior coordinator for Northville Parks and Recreation. "That goes strong year-round."

Day trips originating from the Northville Community Center downtown on Main include popular visits to Comerica Park for Detroit Tigers action. Northville-area seniors enjoy the lunch boat tours of Portofino's in Wyandotte, as well as trips to the Purple Rose Theater

in Chelsea and Cherry Hill Village Theater in Canton.

Information on Northville offerings can be found at northville-seniors.org or by calling 248-349-4140. Activities are for those age 50 and up, said Johnson, a Novi or "Noville" resident who grew up in Northville and has been on the job more than 26 years.

"Pickle ball is probably our biggest growing activity here," she said. It's a combination of tennis and badminton, competitive but able to be played at different levels.

Cards, including poker, euchre, pinocle and bridge, are popular with seniors in Northville, as is the mah jong game.

Northville also hosts financial seminars, talks on health and author visits. Plans are in the works for a "90+ Party" to recognize older seniors.

There's also a Telecare service where volunteers check on home-bound seniors three days a week. The Northville center also has free loans for wheelchairs, walkers, shower seats and the like.



Judy Smith of Novi (from left), Carol Posby of Farmington Hills, Ellen Hat of Northville, Marion Cowan of Northville, Joyce Burns of Walled Lake, Jere Phillips of Wixom, Mary Himml of Livonia, Eleanor Smith of Livonia, Suzanne Kosma of Howell, Betty Hardy of Novi and Joyce Wagner of Northville.

'How The West Was Fun': Saddle up for annual senior variety show

More than 50 older adults have been rehearsing for weeks to present *How The West Was Fun*, a tour of western tunes from the classics to modern hits, musical acts and comedy.

"The Senior Variety Series is a win-win for the Novi community," said Pamela Gibson, cultural arts programmer. "The shows provide an opportunity for hundreds of people to get out, socialize, eat a great

meal and have fun, while the actors are actively engaged throughout the production, singing, dancing or reciting memorized lines."

Each year, Rita Sandon brings a group of residents from Independence Village of White Lake to enjoy the show.

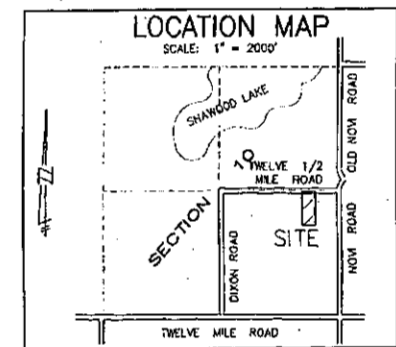
"They love it so much that last year seven residents joined the cast and this year we have eight residents in the cast," said Sandon, the life enrichment coordinator. "I have much respect for

all of the seniors in the show as this is such a large commitment for many months. They have so much talent and it just shows how staying active keeps you young all the way into your 90s and beyond. We are all looking forward to cheering on these wonderful men and women who are also excited to entertain their families, friends and peers."

To learn about more programs for older adults, visit cityofnovi.org.

CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, October 9, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider CHARNETH FEN, USE 18-51 FOR PLANNING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE REVISED PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN WITH A PD-I (PLANNED DEVELOPMENT) RESIDENTIAL OPTION AND REVISED SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT. The subject property totals approximately 5 acres and is located in Section 10, south of 12 1/2 Mile Road and west of Novi Road. The applicant is proposing to revise the original approval from 27 units to 25 units (including 5 units already constructed) to allow for revised floor plans and architectural drawings. Plans are available for review at the Civic Center.



All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, October 9, 2013.

Novi Planning Commission
Michael Lynch, Secretary

Published September 19, 2013

City of Novi Public Hearing Notice

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Zoning Board of Appeals for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, October 8, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers Novi Civic Center 45175 Ten Mile Road to consider:

CASE NO. PZ13-0049 31215 NOVI RD (MAPLE MANOR REHAB CENTER)
The applicant is requesting a variance from CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 28-5(2) a.3 to allow installation of a ground sign immediately adjacent (3 ft. setback required) to the right of way line; and a variance from Section 28-5(3) to allow a second ground sign, only one sign per parcel of property; and a variance from Section 2513 allowing a sign within the clear zone area. The property is located north of 13 Mile Rd. and south of 14 Mile Rd. in the R41 Zoning with a PRO Overlay.

CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, SECTION 28-5(2) a.3 requires ground signs be placed a minimum of 3 feet from a future (planned) right of way line. Section 28-5(3) permits only one sign per parcel of property. Section 2513 allowing a sign within the clear zone area.

CASE NO. PZ13-0050 28975 MEADOWBROOK RD
The applicant is requesting an extension of the variance granted in ZBA 12-036 for one 24 sq. ft. oversized real estate sign located at 28795 Meadowbrook Rd. The property is located east of Meadowbrook Rd and south of 11 Mile Rd in the I-1 Zoning District.

CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCE, SECTION 28-6 (4) states: "Sale, rental or lease sign which identifies the sale, rental, or lease of the non-residential property... be... not less than one-half the distance between the principal building and adjacent street and not higher than ten (10) feet nor more than 16 square feet in area."

CASE NO. PZ13-0051 41200 BRIDGE ST
The applicant is requesting an extension of the variance granted in ZBA12-035 for one 24 square foot oversized real estate sign located at 41200 Bridge Street. The property is located east of Meadowbrook Rd and south of Interstate 96, north of 11 Mile Rd in the I-1 Zoning District.

CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCE, SECTION 28-6 (4) states: "Sale, rental or lease sign which identifies the sale, rental, or lease of the non-residential property... be... not less than one-half the distance between the principal building and adjacent street and not higher than ten (10) feet nor more than 16 square feet in area."

CASE NO. PZ13-0052 210 NORTH HAVEN DR
The applicant is requesting a variance from the CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, 2400 to allow construction of a one-story addition extending 13.58 ft. into the required 35 ft. rear yard setback of an existing home, and Section 2907 to allow construction of an open deck extending 4.58 ft. into the required rear yard deck setback. The property is located east of West Park Dr. and north of W. Pontiac Tr. in the R-4 Zoning District.

CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, SECTION 2400 requires a minimum 35 ft. rear yard setback in the R-4 Zoning District, and Section 2970 allows an open, unenclosed and uncovered wooden deck to project into a required rear yard setback for a distance not exceeding eighteen (18) feet.

CASE NO. PZ13-0053 14175 W. TWELVE MILE RD (BLACK ROCK BAR & GRILL)
The applicant is requesting a variance from the CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES 2524b to allow outdoor seating year round. The property is located east of Cabaret Dr. and south of 12 Mile Rd. in the RC Zoning District.

CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, SECTION 2524b, Outdoor seating shall be permitted between March 1st and November 30th with all furniture and fixtures including, but not limited to, tables, chairs and waste receptacles removed from the exterior premises after November 30th. Outdoor seating shall not be the primary seating of the restaurant.

CASE NO. PZ13-0054 42705 GRAND RIVER AVE (JOE & ALDOS ITALIAN TAVERN AND ANDIMOS)
Applicant is requesting a variances to sections 28-5(2)b.1.(b)(i) and 28-5(2)b.3 to allow a 66 square foot sign on the second floor wall for a first floor business, and a variance to section 28-5(2)b.1.(b)(iv) to allow continued placement of a 54 square foot sign on the second floor wall for a separate second floor business.

Sign Code Section 28-5(2)b.1.(b)(i) permits a 65 square foot sign for a first floor business. Sign Code Section 28-5(2)b.3 allows a first floor business sign to be located within the lateral frontage of the business. Sign Code Section 28-5(2)b.1.(b)(iv) permits a 24 square foot sign for a second floor business.

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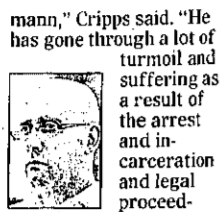
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Predator sentenced to 6-20 years in prison

Walled Lake man had pleaded guilty

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer



Hermann

Child predator Jesse Adam Hermann has been sentenced to prison for 6-20 years after he pleaded guilty to charges arising from allegations he tried to have sex with a Canton woman and her 3-year-old daughter. Hermann, 35, learned his fate when Wayne County Circuit Judge Lawrence Talon last week handed down his sentence for Hermann's guilty plea to one count each of child sexually abusive commercial activity and using a computer and the Internet to communicate with the girl's mother to commit a crime. Hermann, a former truck driver and self-employed artist from Walled Lake, could potentially serve the 20-year maximum sentence for the charges against him. "He's a good person who got caught up in a bad situation," defense attorney David Cripps said Tuesday. "Finally this chapter is closed for Jesse Her-

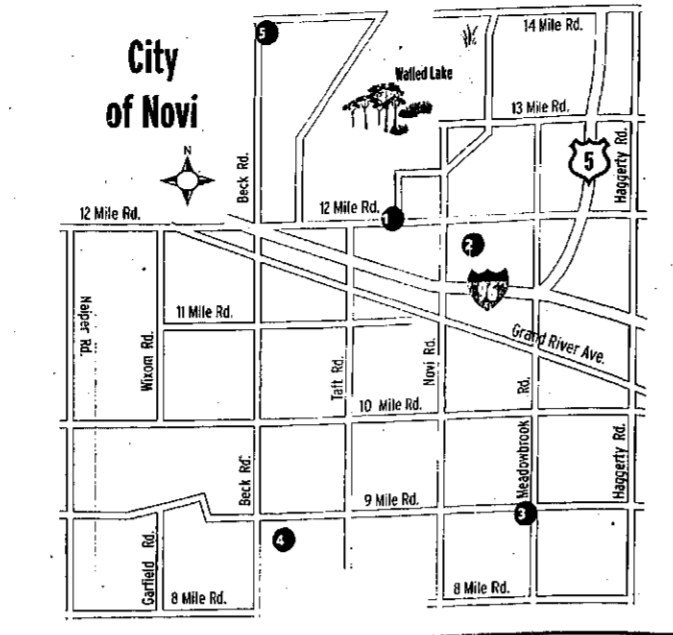
mann," Cripps said. "He has gone through a lot of turmoil and suffering as a result of the arrest and incarceration and legal proceedings. He needed to put an end to this for himself and the court system. "He decided to step forward and end this with the plea he entered so he can move ahead with his life and the door can be closed on this," Cripps said. Law enforcement authorities already had applauded the outcome of Hermann's case, saying he was a child predator who was captured after he tried to initiate sex with the mother and her 3-year-old girl through Facebook instant messages. Hermann was arrested Feb. 13 by Canton police outside the Holiday Inn Express near Lotz Road and Michigan Avenue, where authorities say he had gone to meet the mother and

daughter. The mother notified police after her Facebook chats with Hermann took an ugly turn and a Canton detective subsequently posed as the woman and communicated online with Hermann. Canton Detective Sgt. Chad Baugh has called the investigation "a great effort by our patrol officers and our investigative group." Moreover, he has commended the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office for securing a guilty plea. "The girl's mother said Hermann revealed he wanted to have sex with her and her daughter, describing in graphic detail what he wanted to happen. Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Maria Miller has called it "unfortunate these situations arise," but said the mother took the appropriate action by notifying police rather than ignoring Hermann. "It's very important to do exactly what the mother in this case did - contact the authorities immediately and let them handle the situation from there," Miller has said.

Hermann had admitted a longtime desire to set out situations he described to the mother on Facebook, Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Keith Clark said during an earlier hearing in 35th District Court. Detective Andrew Kelley testified during the preliminary hearing in May that Hermann confessed his intention was to have sex with the mother and her daughter. Kelley said police waited in an unmarked car for Hermann to arrive in Canton, where he was arrested. Cripps had earlier argued that Hermann shouldn't face charges for thoughts he didn't carry out. Clark, however, said authorities didn't have to wait for a sexual assault to occur to pursue criminal actions against Hermann.

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NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

Marijuana possession

A 19-year-old man was arrested for marijuana possession after being spotted speeding. Novi Police clocked the man driving 62 mph in 45 mph zone Sept. 4 and stopped him near 12 Mile and West Park. The police reported smelling the odor of marijuana from inside the vehicle, so a K-9 unit was called in for a search. The driver said there was some weed under his seat. The K-9 unit also indicated there was something inside. Police reportedly found 4.3 grams inside a small black cardboard box with a baggie in it. The man was issued a misdemeanor citation for the infraction.

Stolen iPhone

A cellphone placed behind the counter at

Skechers was reported missing and stolen Sept. 4 from that Twelve Oaks store.

An employee told Novi Police that she had left the phone behind the counter and later came back to find it missing. There are no cameras inside the location, so police have no suspect in the possible larceny.

Drunken driving

A driver was arrested after being stopped for speeding. The driver said there was some weed under his seat. The K-9 unit also indicated there was something inside. Police reportedly found 4.3 grams inside a small black cardboard box with a baggie in it. The man was issued a misdemeanor citation for the infraction.

tests, the driver took a preliminary breathalyzer test, which registered a 0.091 percent blood-alcohol content.

Statue smashed

A ceramic lawn statue outside a residence on Hazelton Court was destroyed. The homeowner found the piece smashed in the street and an ADT alarm sign thrown into the roadway.

Wallet stolen

A wallet with credit cards, cash and a driver's license was stolen from a locker at the Planet Fitness located on Beck Road. On Aug. 24, a man working out at the gym told Novi Police that the wallet was in a locker that wasn't unlocked. The man told police no charges were made on his cards.

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versity, MIT, Duke University, University of Chicago and Brown University to study biomedical engineering or biology. Lim is a member of the varsity swim team and orchestra. She participates in National Honor Society, SADD and Students Without Borders and tutors students at Wixom Elementary.

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ALEXANDER'S CREATES TIMELESS ELEGANCE

By Kate Phillips,
Contributing Writer

Alexander Hamka has been on the move. He recently returned from a trip to Chicago where he toured fabric mills and made selections for his fall and winter 2013-2014 line of made to measure suits.

"I chose warm flannels and heavy wools for the cool weather," said Alexander, owner of Alexander's Custom Clothiers. "I had a special opportunity to look over the cloth to make sure that it all will look very good and hold up well."

Seasonal clothing

Men today choose heavy wools for the fall and winter and lighter weight suits for spring and summer. "When you take out those clothes at the beginning of a season it is like getting a brand new wardrobe," said Alexander. "The clothes last longer because you do not get tired of them and you're not going to wear them out as quickly."

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fect fabric and cut for that casual sport coat for an evening out with friends, the perfect fit of those well-worn chinos for that barbecue. Timeless elegance is about making the customer comfortable and confident so that he can be his true self: that guy that everyone loves.

Wardrobe consultation

Alexander's provides a refuge, a place to paint a picture or landscape of who you are and where you want to be. It is a place where fine workmanship and style matter more than a "bulging bottom line."

Alexander provides wardrobe consultations for individuals and corporate clients. He often travels to a client's house and helps weed out unfattering or outdated pieces. It is not about drastically changing what a man is wearing, a man knows what makes him comfortable.

"I stay with the same color palette that's in his closet and just add a few bright accents," said Alexander. "The new items will coordinate with the existing wardrobe and the client will feel confident in their favorite colors and styles."

The art of tailoring

Fine tailoring is an art, something everyone does a little different, each with his own brushstrokes and ideas. Alexander's passion and fearlessness in taking on a challenge, combined with his dedication to precision and integrity are his defining strokes. Like all artists, every piece is

a representation of himself, which he never forgets.

"I won't let anything out of the store that isn't absolutely perfect," said Alexander, who learned the fine art of tailoring from his own father.

Alexander's fine tailoring is evident in his custom suits and shirts. The custom garments are hand-stitched creations made especially to compliment the body type of each individual.

General alterations

Alexander's has become known as the best place to bring clothing for alterations. He works with all styles of clothes for men, women and children. Alexander has the precision and experience to fit formal gowns, as well as jeans and casual clothes.

The gifted tailor can take ill-fitting garments and make them look almost as if they were custom made for that individual. Families appreciate the easy convenience of the back entrance to the alterations department, which is located at the rear of the building.

Destination location

Alexander's Custom Clothiers is located at 124 W. Main Street in Northville. The store is open late Tuesday through Friday, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Alexander can set up appointments for day, evenings and weekends for wardrobe consultations at the store, or the home or office of a client. Call (248) 349-6080 or visit www.alexcustom.com.



3) Alexander Hamka chooses new colors for his fall-winter made to measure suit line.

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The Kennedy home will be featured on this year's AAUW Home Tour.

AAUW tour to feature 'three centuries of homes'

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

If you'd like to learn more about local architecture, the doors will soon open wide. The Northville-Novu Branch of the American Association of University Women will hold its 18th annual Home Tour 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21. It features six homes in Novi and Northville with varying architecture and interior design. "It's three centuries of homes," said Jane Hecker, an AAUW member and Northville Township resident chairing the fundraiser. "This is our major fundraiser," Hecker said. "We are supporting a number of community initiatives." Those include scholarships for students from Novi and Northville headed to college, as well as transition-type programs for women at Schoolcraft College and Oakland Community College. AAUW works toward promoting equity, education and development for women in local, na-

tional and international communities. The Northville-Novu Branch also supports the Mercy Education Project in Detroit, along with the local math enrichment program, Let's Read Math, offered to second- and third-graders. The group also supports, through AAUW, doctoral-level studies. "Most of what we raise stays here locally," Hecker said. Tickets for the Home Tour are \$20. Tickets are on sale at: » Starring "The Gallery," 118 W. Main St., Northville » Gardenview, 117 E. Main St., Northville » Pear-Aphernalia, 184 E. Main St., Northville » Meadowbrook Art Center, 41200 10 Mile, Novi » Calico Corners, 25875 Novi Road, Novi » Northville Chamber of Commerce, 195 S. Main St., Northville. Tickets are also available online at www.aauwn.org. Tickets ordered online can be picked up the day of the tour at Starring "The Gallery" in the 120 W. Main Highway 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Parking is available on Main Street or at the rear of the store. Hecker is working with Karen Zyczynski of Novi, last year's chair, with Zyczynski on acquisitions, lining up homes. "There are two Victorian homes," Hecker said. One home will offer tour visitors a private estate sale. The tour is self-guided, with hostesses at each home to note architectural features and furnishings. Two homes will feature recent total kitchen remodels, with the designer available for questions. One home on the tour is owned by an interior designer. Craft items will be sold at one site, with a couple showing vintage cars. Hecker mentioned a 1936 Packard as well as a restored Mustang and restored Corvette. The ticket purchase price is fully tax-deductible. Last year's event drew 500, and chair Hecker and other organizers hope to equal or exceed that.

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UPDATES FROM CITY OF NOVI

Travel in Michigan and beyond with Older Adult Services

Looking to explore Michigan and beyond this fall? City of Novi Older Adult Services is offering travel opportunities near and far. Local trips include: » Witches, Wizard & the Magic of Fall, Friday, Oct. 11, Colon and Marshall; \$80 » Flashdance the Musical, Friday, Oct. 11, The Wharton Center at MSU; \$127 » Johnny Mathis, Thursday, Oct. 17, The Wharton Center at MSU; \$127 » Mysteries of Washtenaw County, Tuesday, Oct. 22; \$89 » Autumn Apple Adventure, Tuesday, Oct. 22, Romeo; \$69 » Halloween Toot, Thursday, Oct. 31, Woodmere Cemetery, Mariners Church; \$69

Looking to travel more extensively or overseas? The Free Group Travel Fair at 7 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 19, at the Novi Civic Center (45175 10 Mile Road) will highlight some great offers provided by six to eight different travel agencies. Door prizes and refreshments included.

Group travel allows you to travel safely while meeting new friends along the way. Advance planning is the key to a successful trip; reserve your spot today by calling city of Novi Older Adult Services at 248-347-0414 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Great Lakes Pastel Society to display work

The city of Novi has been selected to host the artwork of the Great Lakes Pastel Society in the Novi Civic Center Atrium Gallery, 45175 10 Mile. The exhibit is on display through Sept. 26. The Great Lakes Pas-

tel Society seeks to promote and increase the public awareness of the creative pastel paintings as a fine art medium. The juried exhibit will feature 50 works chosen from 173 entries. Most members of the society are Michigan residents; however, artists from California, Montana and New York are also members. The Novi Civic Center Atrium Gallery showcases works from local artists. The final exhibit of 2013 will be ArtsNovi in November. The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department is seeking artists for Novi Civic Center Atrium Gallery shows in 2014. Applications will be accepted through Jan. 5, 2014.

Contact Scott A. Pratt, superintendent of recreation, at spratt@cityof-novi.org or visit cityof-novi.org to obtain an application. Other opportunities for viewing public art displays in Novi include sculptures at Fuerst Park, ITC Community Sports Park and multiple installations at the Novi Public Library. To learn more about art initiatives in Novi, visit cityof-novi.org.

Keeping fit
The city of Novi has a long-standing tradition of encouraging healthy, active lifestyles through parks, programs and infrastructure. As summer winds down and cooler temperatures prevail, indoor fitness offerings heat up. The city of Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department proudly offers a wide variety of programs to meet the needs of citizens and help them to achieve their personal fitness goals.

For more information regarding fitness classes, including programs for young children, visit cityofnovi.org or call 248-347-0400.

St. Mary Mercy's 5K run/walk raises \$45,000 for cancer program

St. Mary Mercy Hospital's seventh annual Embrace Life 5K run/walk for cancer turned out to be the most successful yet. A record 865 runners and walkers registered for the Sept. 8 event, which raised nearly \$45,000 for St. Mary Mercy Hospital's Cancer Services.

Proceeds from the race provide hundreds of people with necessities that go along with the treatment of cancer, such as transportation to and from treatments, wigs, oncology products and oncology massage, which are available in the hospital's Helen Palmer Image Recovery Center, a salon that specializes in services for cancer patients.

Many of the participants run or walk for someone who is a cancer survivor or in his or her memory and they don't just stop there; they also



Runners kick off the start of the seventh annual Embrace Life 5K.

encourage other friends and family members to participate as well. Daniel Lobb is an example of this type of participant. In 2007, his father was diagnosed with colorectal cancer. As part of his father's rehabilitation, the family participated in the Em-

brace Life 5K with him. The family has continued to participate in the race even after the passing of Lobb's father in 2009. "We try to get as many people together as possible," Lobb said. "It just a great way to honor his memory and you can count on us being here

again next year." Another notable participant was St. Mary Mercy Hospital President and CEO David Spivey. Over the past few years, Spivey has made it his personal mission to be an example of healthy living for his associates by running on a regular

basis to stay fit. For the Embrace Life 5K, he made a goal of finishing in less than 30 minutes and he succeeded with a time of 28:37. This is a personal record for Spivey as a "seasoned adult" runner. "I felt great," said Spivey, who was more

than pleased with his time.

Awards were given to the top three male and female overall winners of the run, as well as almost 90 age-group winners, from ages 13 and under through 80 and up.

The top three overall male winners were: Keith Erichsen of Farmington Hills, with a time of 17:11; Vincent Jesudowich of Northville, with a time of 17:50; and Steve Menovick of Grand Ledge, with a time of 17:51.

The top three overall female winners were: Kelly Valente of Dearborn, with a time of 20:51; Kaci Navarre of Wyandotte, with a time of 21:27; and Katie Miglietti of Dearborn, with a time of 21:46. A complete list of results and race photos can be found at www.stmarymercy.org/5KforCancer.

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NOVI COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Art Institute of Michigan presenting Design & Fashion Portfolio Show on Friday

Want a glimpse into tomorrow's world of art and innovation? Come celebrate the Art Institute of Michigan students' accomplishments, browse their portfolios, and see what they've created while completing their studies at the Novi school during the Portfolio Show from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday.

The institute is located at 28175 Cabot Drive, between Haggerty and M5, just north of 12 Mile Road. Portfolios from each area of study will be on display for viewing. The show is for a wide audience — industry professionals who are on the lookout for new talent; friends and family supporting the students and their creations; and prospective students who are considering a creative education.

On Saturday, the Art Institute will hold an open house. For more information, call 866.606.0957 or visit <http://www.artinstitute.edu/detroit/>.

Movie premiere at Emagine Sunday

The Real One Nation Under God will be premiering at the Emagine Theater in Novi at 6 p.m. Sunday.

This movie is about a Berkeley graduate who is intellectually enlightened by a gifted home-schooled student and the Founding Fathers. In the process, he becomes a Christian patriot who puts his life on the line for his country. The story is filled with facts and quotes supported by more than 500 references at the website www.therealonenation-undergod.com, where one can also view the movie trailer and purchase tickets. Admission is \$6 and every household will receive a free DVD upon leaving the theater.

Holiday Job Fair at Twelve Oaks

Twelve Oaks Mall is hosting a Holiday Job Fair 3-7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 25, featuring more than 35 mall merchants who are looking to hire part-time and/or full-time holiday employees. The job fair will be held in

the Lifestyle Café Food Court. Applications for all participating merchants will be available and some merchants may conduct on-site interviews.

Share your favorite fall tradition

What's your favorite fall tradition or memory? Share it with *Hometown Life* Woman readers and you could win a gas card or a gift card to Joe's Gourmet Market or Meijer to make more memories.

Deadline to submit items is 5 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 1. In August, we asked readers to share their best resale shop find and the responses were fun to read. *Woman* readers look for quality items at a fair price.

Thanks to everyone who emailed their photos and resale shopping experiences. We selected five "finds" in a random drawing for a \$10 gas card (so our readers could shop some more). They went to Sandra Kalagian of Livonia, Phyllis Hess of Plymouth, Michele Martin of Northville, Dar Corham of Westland and Marsha Szmatula of Livonia.

So keep sharing. Send your favorite fall memory (50 words or less — or a photo, if that says it best) to srosiek@hometownlife.com. Be sure to tell us your hometown and include a daytime phone number in case we need to reach you.

Brass band performing at Fox Run

Five Lakes Silver Band, a British-style brass band based in Royal Oak, will be performing at Novi's Fox Run at 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 13. This is an all-volunteer group of elite musicians which has produced four CD and is beginning its seventh season. Under the musical direction of Neil Barlow, the band has won two international brass band contests and also most recently won first place in the First Section at the prestigious 2013 North American Brass Band Association's annual competition in Cincinnati.

Rep. Crawford welcomes Novi director of fire operations to Capitol

State Rep. Hugh Crawford,

R-Nowi, welcomed Novi Director of EMS and Fire Operations Jeffrey Johnson to the state capitol for the annual 9/11 ceremony honoring Michigan first responders and those Michigan residents who lost their lives in the terrorist attacks Sept. 11, 2001.

The ceremony is an annual event in the Michigan House. It included the presentation of the colors by Lansing-area first responders, followed by the reading and honoring of the names of Michigan's military and first responders who died during the last year.

Meet Dr. Ausaf Sayeed

The Michigan Indo-American Democratic Caucus is hosting a dinner reception with Dr. Ausaf Sayeed, consul general of India, Chicago Consulate, Oct. 12 at Mirchi Indian Cuisine, 25750 Novi Road.

Registration begins at 6 p.m. Cost is \$30 per person; \$50 for two; \$250 for table of 10. Make checks payable to the MIADC. A cash bar will be available. Seating is limited. For reservations, contact Tej Jhamb at 248-539-4081, Ranjit Nagra at 248-842-0104, Abha Singh at 734-427-3277 or Jagdeep Monga at 248-987-4165. Sponsorships are also available.

JFK Experience

As America's 35th president, John F. Kennedy brought an exciting blend of energy, exuberance and optimism to the nation. His focused leadership was tempered by his experiences as a decorated military officer in World War II.

November marks the 50th anniversary of Kennedy's assassination. As the milestone nears, the Novi Home Remodeling Show is Michigan's exclusive presenter of "The JFK Experience — Remembering a Great American President," held Oct. 3-6, at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi.

This exhibit features a multimedia experience designed for all ages. Visitors will move through displays containing more than 350 authentic items from JFK's life and presidency. Admission to the exhibit is included in no additional charge as part of a paid ticket to attend the Novi Home Remodeling Show. Show ticket

Show time



The Novi High School marching band hits the field at halftime of the Sept. 13 game to perform its show. JOHN HEIDER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

prices are \$9 for adults (13 and up); \$8 for seniors; and children 12 and under are admitted free. Further details can be found online at www.novihomeshow.com.

Flu shots offer better protection

Oakland County Health Division will offer a vaccine that guards individuals against four flu viruses this season. This year's vaccine shields against Type A H1N1 and H3N2 and two Type B strains which are most likely to occur this season. The vaccine protected against three flu strains in years past.

Residents can preregister now for the inoculation at www.oakgov.com/health. Flu shots cost \$20. They will be available at Health Division offices in Pontiac and Southfield from noon to 8 p.m. each Monday and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday starting Tuesday, Sept. 17.

Health Division will also hold community outreach clinics at the Walled Lake Community Education, 615 N. Pontiac Trail, 3-7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 25, and Tuesday, Oct. 15. Online registrants will print out a consent form that they must bring to the clinic where they are pre-registered. Online payment options include Visa, MasterCard, Medicare and/or Medicaid.

Those who are unable to

register online may call 248-858-7350 or 248-424-7120. Walk-in clients are welcome.

For up-to-date information, visit www.oakgov.com/health, follow OCHD on Facebook and Twitter @publichealthOC, or call the Health Division's Flu Shot Hotline at 800-434-3358. Nurse on Call is also available to answer questions at 800-848-5533.

Fight Leukemia at Emagine

Emagine Theater Novi will host an event for the Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan from 10 a.m. Oct. 11 to 10 a.m. Oct. 12.

The mission of Hollywood Nights Movie Marathon is to create a unique fundraising event that will bring together film enthusiasts and supporters of Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan who would like to enjoy a great movie watching experience.

Participants who raise \$100 will enjoy all-you-can-watch new release movies and old favorites, unlimited popcorn and soda, lunch and dinner Friday, continental breakfast Saturday, choose-your-own raffle, a goodie bag and prizes for the top three fundraisers. Also, you will receive a wristband so you can come and go from the theater as needed.

To register, visit leukemiamic.org or call Elyse Rafaidus at 248-550-3014.

Asian-Indian Women's group offers elder care summit Sept. 28

By Julie Brown Staff Writer

Information on elder care will be the focus of a Saturday, Sept. 28, summit at Schoolcraft College's Visi'xTech Center in Livonia.

People from India began to move to the U.S. in large numbers in the 1960s and early 1970s, said Daksha Pandit, a board member and a founder of the association. They were studying and working, also raising families.

"We realized this is our

home and this is where we're going to be," the Plymouth Township resident said. "Our parents were not here. This is the first time for us to learn these issues."

People from the Indian community have aged and many need additional care. People from Indian descent face issues with dietary restrictions and language, with some older people not speaking English.

The second annual Leadership Summit of the AIWA will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28, at Schoolcraft in Livonia. AIWA members will pay \$10, non-mem-

bers \$20, which includes a Schoolcraft culinary arts lunch.

"We have some specific requirements to cater toward us," said Pandit, who helped found the association in 2000. "For our children, this is going to be something totally new for them, too. We want them to educate themselves."

Moving in with children is difficult, she said. "We need our own space and they should be part of it," she said of the younger generation and challenges in elder care decisions.

Speakers include state Rep. Sam Singh, D-East

Lansing, and Tina Abbate Marzoff, CEO of the Area Agency on Aging 13, Oakwood's Marcia Filek, resource manager for Senior Care Solutions, will also speak.

Exhibitors from independent living, assisted living, rehabilitation and nursing homes, home care, physical therapy and more will attend. Advance reservations are needed. For information, email aiwamich@gmail.com. The association has a website at www.aiwami.org.

Pandit's mother-in-law is alive at 91 and lives in Texas with family. "They

will need help with the language," Pandit said of families with three generations here. "There is an immediate need right now."

She said transportation is often arranged to take many seniors to Hindu temples and other houses of worship. "People do like to practice their religion wherever they live," Pandit said. "There might be a religious factor. I think personally it is not going to be a big factor."

Other Asian-Pacific organizations will also be at Schoolcraft for the summit, which is open to all regardless of ethnic

group. Pandit and others from her association are proud to present programs that help women and their families. The association also participates in the fall "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" walk of the American Cancer Society in Ann Arbor. Members also give 10 percent of membership to breast cancer research efforts and do other volunteer work.

Pandit is retired from her public relations and advertising business and earned a degree in journalism from the University of Detroit. She's mom to two.

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<p>WARD CHURCH 4345 W. 4th Street Livonia, MI 48150 248-347-1140 www.wardchurch.org</p>	<p>OUR SENIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH 248-347-2008 Sunday: 10:00 am 10:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Coffee 11:30 a.m. Worship Service Wednesday Bible Study (open to all) 7 pm</p>	<p>FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 205 E. Lake 110 Hwy. 248-437-3575 Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m. Children's Church for Grades K thru 5th Nursery Care Provided Mid-Week Study: Thursday 7:00 p.m. Rev. Michael Horstler, Pastor www.fpcni.org</p>
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<p>Highland</p> <p>HIGHLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 5010 Woodbrook Dr. • Highland, MI 48221 248-687-1311 • www.uhmni.org Sunday Worship: 9:30 & 11 a.m. MS Church: 9:30 & 11 a.m. MS & HS Youth: 11 a.m. MS Youth Night: Wednesday 6:30 & 8 p.m. Great Chase: Monday 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>IMMANUEL LUTHERAN Walden Street • Reynolds Sweet Hwy. at Loomis St. Sunday Service: 10:00 a.m. All Classes 9:00 Pastor Scott Miller: (248) 437-1651</p>	<p>IMMANUEL LUTHERAN Walden Street • Reynolds Sweet Hwy. at Loomis St. Sunday Service: 10:00 a.m. All Classes 9:00 Pastor Scott Miller: (248) 437-1651</p>

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RELIGION CALENDAR

Brightmoor Christian Church

Location: M-5 and 13 Mile, Novi
 Contact: 248-227-4420 or
 www.brightmoorchurch.org
Celebrate Recovery
 Time/Dates: 7 p.m. Mondays

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

First Baptist Church of Northville

Location: 217 N. Wing
 Contact: 248-348-1020
Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m.
Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays
Men's Bible Study: 9 a.m. first Saturday of every month

Church of the Holy Family

Location: 24505 Meadowbrook Road
 Contact: 248-349-8847 or visit
 http://familynovi.org
Mass Schedule
 Time/Dates: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Sunday, 9 a.m. Monday-Friday, 7 p.m. Monday

Crosspointe Meadows Church

Location: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, South of 13 Mile
 Contact: 248-659-9203, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or visit
 www.crosspointemeadow.org
Sunday worship: 11:15 a.m.
Bible study classes: 10 a.m. for all ages
Details: Nursery and older

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Location: 34557 Seven Mile, Livonia
 Contact: 248-349-2345 or visit
 www.lutheran-novi.org
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.
Web: www.emmanuel-livonia.org
 Contact: 248-442-8822
Sunday worship: 8 a.m., 9:30

Destiny Worship Center

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

Faith Community Presbyterian Church

Location: 44000 W. 10 Mile
 Contact: 248-349-2345 or visit
 www.faithcommunity-novi.org
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.
Women's Bible Study: 9:15-10:30 a.m. Saturdays

First Baptist Church of Novi - Family Integrated Church

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

First Church of the Nazarene

Location: 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile
 Contact: 248-348-7600 or visit
 dforazarene.org
Sunday Schedule: 9:30 a.m. Classic worship service, Adult Bible Fellowship classes and Children's Sunday School; 11 a.m. Contemporary worship service with Kids Church, Teen Worship Service and Adult Bible Fellowship classes; 6:30 a.m. open from 9:15-11 a.m. Refreshments at 10:30 a.m.; 6 p.m. Evening Traditional Service
Tuesday: 9:25 a.m. Women's Bible Study (Women of the Word) studying Luke
Thursday schedule: 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group and Bible Study
Friday: 9:30 a.m.; Sweet Fridays on the second and fourth Fridays - A Ministry for Moms of All Ages

First Presbyterian Church of Northville

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

First United Methodist Church of Northville

Location: 205 E. Lake Street (corner of Wells and 10 Mile), South Lyon
 Contact: 248-427-2875
Remembrance
Time/Dates: 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 11 and 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 12
Details: Drop-off hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sept. 30-Oct. 5
Sunday Worship: 9:45 a.m.
Healing Service and Holy Communion: 9:45 a.m. first Sunday of every month
Peace Vigil: noon, first Sunday of every month in front of the church. Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace.

Novi United Methodist Church

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 umcnovi.com
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/pages/Novi-United-Methodist-Church/5782031463
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Orchard Grove Community Church

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 Location: 23455 Novi Road
 Contact: pastor Jon Hix, 248-349-5655
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Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church

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 oakpointe.org
Worship Services: 5:15 p.m. Saturday; 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. Sunday
Renew Life Group Ministries: 7:15-9 p.m. every Monday
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Sundays: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Study; 10 a.m. Worship

Holy Cross Episcopal Church

Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile
 Contact: 248-427-1175 or hollycrossnovi@gmail.com; visit
 holycrossnovi.org
Sunday Worship: 7:45 and 10 a.m.
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Hope Lutheran Church

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Lakes Baptist Church

Location: 309 Decker Road, Walled Lake
 Contact: 734-427-8743 or visit
 www.lakesbaptist.net
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.
Bible School: Sunday 10 a.m.; Wednesday 7 p.m.

Livonia Church of Christ

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 Contact: 734-427-8743 or visit
 www.livoniachurch.net
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.
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Meadowbrook Congregational Church

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CALENDAR

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Church School: 10-11 a.m.
Fellowship Hour: 11 a.m.
Merry Widows Luncheon: 11:30 a.m. fourth Thursday of each month
Pilgrim Fellowship: 6 p.m. Sundays

Northville Christian Assembly

Location: 41355 Six Mile
 Contact: 248-348-9030; ncalife.org
Sundays: 9-10 a.m. Sunday School for Adults / Youth / Children: 9 a.m. Contemporary service in multipurpose gymnasium; 10:15 a.m. Contemporary service in worship center; children's supper church on the second level (208/210)
Wednesday Family Night: 7 p.m.; Adult elective classes; junior and senior high ministries; children's programs, Nursery and Preschool Program on Sundays and Wednesdays Home (day care, preschool through eighth grade); call 248-348-9031.

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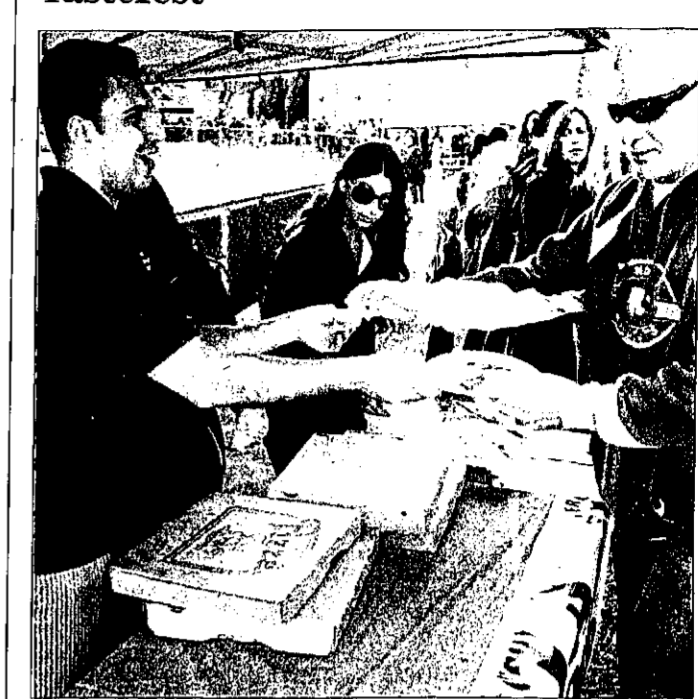
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Tastefest



Pizza Marvelous owner Andy Nofar (left) serves up some of his fare to a visitor during the Sept. 13 Novi 'Midcat' Tastefest. The event took place before and during Novi's football game that night and featured food and drinks from local establishments to benefit the Novi Athletic Boosters. JOHN HEDER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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BAKER, ELIAS J.
 Age 86, passed away Sept. 16, 2013. A private family service was held. Online guestbook
 www.phillipsfuneral.com.

GLOWINSKI, DEBRA ANN (COBOLD)
 Age 53, passed away September 14, 2013. She was born on October 12, 1939, in Detroit. She was a postal employee with New Hudson and Dexter Post Offices for 14 plus years. She had a strong and abiding faith in God. She was a loving and devoted wife, mother and daughter who will be deeply missed. Debra is survived by her husband of 23 years Mark F. Glowinski; her son Mark Joseph Cobold; her son Mark Joseph Cobold; mother Bette Numary; uncles Fred Numary, Dwight (Linda) Numary and her cocker spaniel Lucy. She was preceded in death by her grandparents Estelle and Fred Numary. Visitation will be held on September 18, Wednesday, from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, 122 West Lake Street, South Lyon. A funeral service will be held on September 19, Thursday, at 11:00 a.m. at the First Baptist Church of South Lyon, 6620 Barton Ave. S., South Lyon, MI 48178. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

SHONER, IRIS D.
 Age 88, a longtime resident of Northville, went to be with the Lord September 11, 2013. She was born May 31, 1925 in Farmington Township, Ohio, daughter of Vern and Thera (Parsons) Han. Iris was united in marriage to Eugene Shoner on May 6, 1942; they spent 55 loving years together until his death in 1999. Iris loved gardening, the Garden Club of Northville, and her friends. She was decorated her picture window with her dolls and teddy bears during different holidays dressing them in different outfits for the different occasions. Iris adored her family and cherished spending time with them. She will be greatly missed by all. She is survived by her children, Connie (Paul) Lashier, Judy (Bill) George, Jackie (Phil) Layton, Roxanne Lewis, Jim (Kathy) Shoner, and Robin (Dwight) Shoner; 12 grandchildren; and 4 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, 2 brothers, 1 sister, and her granddaughters Jamie Lashier and Kelli Nichols. A funeral service was held Monday, September 16 at the First Baptist Church of Northville, 217 North Wing, Northville, MI 48167 or Hoopes Angels Foundation, 401 Center Avenue, Bay City, MI 48708. Online condolences at: castelinefuneralhome.com

BARBARA MAY
 Northville, September 3, 2013. Age 89. Born June 5, 1924 in Jackson, MI. Barb was the daughter of the late Albert and Marion Johnsons of Water

OUR VIEWS

Be a part of the process

Register to vote in November election

It may have slipped by unnoticed to many that Tuesday was Constitution Day, a time set aside to honor the document that formed the United States of America. The freedoms we hold dear are part of the document, its Bill of Rights and the 17 amendments that have been added since it was signed by our Founding Fathers.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Common Core foes lack facts

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Those opposed — including state Rep. Tom McMillin, R-Rochester Hills, New York University professor Diane Ravitch and University of Arkansas education professor Sandra Stotsky — provide opinions that do not stand the test of fact checking or verification.

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WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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articles published in the Observer & Eccentric and Hometown Newspapers that suggested a "free market" answer for a perceived national health care dilemma. Unfortunately for those proposing a private enterprise solution for health care needs, the facts do not support their position.

The private sector has been present in American health care for a long time, while other advanced democracies have embraced public intervention in the health care marketplace. The result, according to the Organization for Economic Development and Cooperation data, is that we pay roughly twice as much per capita for health care than those who have gone the public route. Ditto for gross domestic product.

In 2011, the United States spent \$8,508 per capita on medical care, while the average among OECD nations was \$3,339. Canada spent \$4,522. France, which, according to the World Health Organization, has the best health care system in the world, spent \$4,118 per capita.

Beyond that, in 2011 the United States spent 17.7 percent of its gross domestic product on health care. The closest country to the U.S. was the Netherlands, which spent 11.9 percent of GDP on health care. Canada spent 11.2 percent. The average among the 35 OECD countries was 9.3 percent. France spends 11.6 percent of GDP on health care.

Clearly, public intervention in the field of medicine can be efficient and effective. It is not by accident that so many nations with public systems spend much less on health care and often have better outcomes than we do.

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can not figure if this reindeer farmer is arrogant, stupid or just audacious. Perhaps, all three.

This guy has been in office less than one year, yet his major claim in a recent town hall meeting is about his dreams. Of course, Benivolio offers not a shred of evidence to support impeachment and admits to finding no evidence to support impeachment.

Benivolio claims to oppose all that President Obama stands for and Obama's belief system conflicts with his. Well, reindeer farmer, you do not have to agree with President Obama. But impeachment is a bit more serious than conflicting political belief.

Perhaps Benivolio missed his naps in making such outrageous comments. In so doing, he only makes himself look foolish. This has got to be a bit of a stretch, even for his Tea Party supporters.

Gerald Maxey
Farmington Hills

Obama elected because of GOP

So a letter writer from Redford believes M.L.K.'s dream has been fully realized because we've elected a half-white president, huh? Reality check time.

There is no way on God's green earth we would have elected Obama in 2008 if it weren't for the absolutely insane incompetence and corruption of the GOP's Bush/Cheney years. No way.

From being asleep at the wheel on 9/11 to giving up the hunt for bin Laden, from losing more than 25 million jobs to de-regulating the financial sector that destroyed our economy, an illegal war in Iraq that killed and maimed thousands of our best and bravest, out-of-control spending, the Patriot Act, pollution levels at their highest levels ever. The list is endless.

And what did the GOP offer us after the Bush/Cheney debacle? Another angry old white guy with the same failed economic policies teamed up with an apparently half-illiterate, wholly delusional frontier Barbie with a penchant for sugar-coated moronic catch phrases, by golly, you betcha!

And they were followed up with yet another greedy out-of-touch silver spooner and his sidekick who couldn't do basic math or keep from spending all our tax money. Geez, 'o' pete, is it any wonder they're a laughing stock?

Thank goodness Republicans stink so horribly at governance because with Obama being elected it shows that people of color can run the nation and do it better than what the Republicans have offered up in the last 100 years or so. Now if we can just talk Elizabeth Warren into running some day.

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By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Keller Johnson-Thompson, 43, has many reasons to be proud of her great-great aunt, Helen Keller.

"I think in many ways Helen Keller was a woman ahead of her time," said Johnson-Thompson, who'll speak Thursday, Sept. 26, to mark the 40th anniversary of the Novi Lions Club. "She certainly spoke out on many issues."

Those included women's suffrage and civil rights, her great-grandniece said, along with advocacy for the visually and hearing impaired, landmark work that carries on her name long after her 1988 death.

Helen Keller lost her sight and hearing early in life to illness.

"I never met Aunt Helen, no," said Johnson-Thompson, vice president of education for the Helen Keller Foundation for Research and Education. She also travels with the American Foundation for the Blind as AFB Ambassador.

Johnson-Thompson lives in Tusculum, Ala., and has been in Alabama all her life, some time in Birmingham there for foundation work as well as at the University of Alabama, where she studied political science and history for her bachelor's degree.

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Helen Keller descendant to laud work of Lions

er kept the younger generation of the family aware. There were live performances of *The Miracle Worker*, the official outdoor play, in the backyard amphitheater. "She was very passionate about continuing her aunt's legacy," Johnson-Thompson said

Novi's pinball heaven relocating

By Christopher Behnan
Gannett News Service

On a rainy Wednesday night in Novi, a select few of Clay Harrell's friends are ensconced in some of his more than 100 pinball machines dating as far back as the 1930s.

Nearby, Eric VanDommelen is eagerly repairing and polishing a 1995 "Jack Bot" pinball machine.

The identical scene is playing out in Green Oak Township, where Harrell is moving his massive pinball collection to the vacant Hamburg Veterans of Foreign Wars hall, which he recently purchased.

His project is labeled a "private museum" for local zoning purposes — it is located in a residential district — but will basically be a self-funded hangout for Harrell and his friends willing to pony up a small donation to help offset costs of running the place.

"Nobody's paid, especially me," Harrell, 52, said at his Novi rental space.

"A lot of guys buy like '70s, '80s cars and they fix them up, or even '60s cars. This is all a much cleaner hobby," he added.

At his Novi rental space, whizzing, whirring and ringing sounds, along with the snap of wrist-fueled pinball shots, bounce off the walls.

Harrell occupied the roughly 3,000-square-foot storage area two years ago. It is about half the size of the 6,600-square-foot VFW building in Green Oak, which is located on 10 acres just west of U.S. 23 and south of Winans Lake Road.

Harrell, originally a video game fanatic, buys and repairs pinball machines, but isn't an avid



Robert Cross of Ann Arbor, an acquaintance of Clay Harrell's, plays "Dr. Who." Cross is considered by some to be the "resident wizard" at pinball games. GILLIS BENEDETTI / DAILY PRESS & ARGUS

player.

Longtime hobby
His first pinball machine purchase was "The Amazing Spiderman," which he bought used in 1988 for \$100.

"I found them a lot easier to repair than video games. The architecture on pinballs is somewhat consistent," Harrell said.

"Learning to fix 'Space Invaders' didn't really guarantee you a lot that you were going to be able to fix a 'Pac-Man' or a 'Tron' or a 'Joust' or a 'Defender' or any of

that stuff," he added.

Harrell accumulated much of his collection from those looking to get rid of their old machines, sometimes offering for them up at no charge.

The age of the Internet and eBay, specifically, meant owners could sell their machines with a few clicks of a mouse from the comfort of their home.

Harrell, a self-employed computer repairman, recently bought a home in Green Oak Township just down the road from his new pinball space.

"It's kind of like a snowball. Once you start buying one game and you

learn how to fix it, people start calling. 'Hey, I heard you can fix games?' Do you want this one? 'Here's one for ya.' 'I bet you can't fix this one,'" Harrell said.

"So there was a lot of that going on. That's largely how all this came about, how I ended up with so many machines," he added.

Harrell, a self-employed computer repairman, recently bought a home in Green Oak Township just down the road from his new pinball space.

Repairs vary

Some pinball repairs are not immediately visible to the untrained eye. VanDommelen demonstrated how touching up lettering on a "Guns 'n' Roses" pinball machine could make a world of difference to enthusiasts.

Touching up a rusted machine would likely be more evident.

"There's a lot of little details and I have to catch him a lot because sometimes he misses the details," Harrell said, joking, as VanDommelen repaired the "Jack Bot" machine.

Harrell digitally recreates pinball machine artwork using original designs as a guide to repair damaged artwork. He looks forward to owning his own facility rather than paying up to \$1,500 monthly to lease and pay utilities for his Novi unit.

The Green Oak facility at 8891 Spicer Road will not be open to the



Eric VanDommelen "shops" a pinball game called "Jack Bot." By "shopping" a game, VanDommelen is working to bring it to either its original specifications or the owner's specifications. GILLIS BENEDETTI / DAILY PRESS & ARGUS

public as an arcade.

Members of the public could get a glimpse of Harrell's treasures, however: His local special-use approval allows him to open it to "public displays" four weekends per year.

The project will make Green Oak a part of pinball lore, said Bob Moran, chairman of the township Planning Commission that approved a special-use permit for Harrell's project.

Moran said Harrell

will make use of a building that is otherwise deteriorating while vacant.

"When you stop to think of it, he says he has over 100 pinball machines going back to 1930, and it's a way of keeping part of that nostalgia, history going because there's not really a "many" pinball manufacturers left, Moran said.

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