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'How West Was Fun'

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, show-stopping dance numbers, 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."

Tickets for luncheon performances are \$20 each and include lunch at noon Thursday, Sept. 26 and Oct. 3, and Friday, Sept. 27 and Oct. 4.

Tickets for 2 p.m. matinee performances Sunday, Sept. 29 and Oct. 6, are \$15 each.

Groups purchasing 15 tickets receive the 16th free.

Group coordinators must call 248-347-0400 to purchase tickets.

Fire hits home on 11 Mile

Homeowner drives by and sees smoke

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

A house fire on 11 Mile Road left the homeowner scrambling to rescue the family dog and his son, whom he found out later was not inside.

Homeowner Glenn Klocke had left for work earlier Tuesday morning. While on a customer call, he ended up driving by his home at 44480 11 Mile before noon. He glanced over and saw smoke coming from the home where he, his wife and their two

sons live. He quickly got to the garage door and opened it.

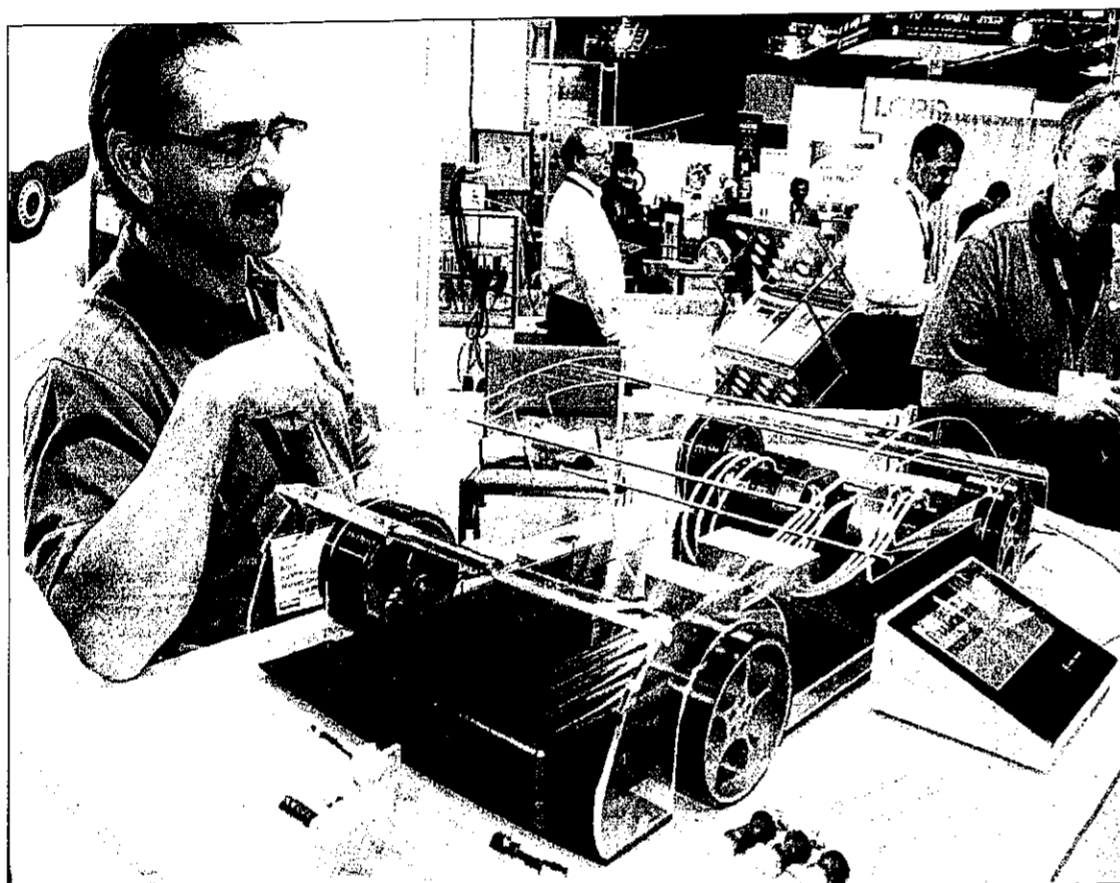
"I opened the door and smoke came billowing out at me," he said.

He heard the family's dog whimpering inside. When he opened the door to the laundry room, he found the dog on its leash. Klocke was forced to go on the floor because of the smoke, dragging the nearly 60-pound dog out.



The cause of a house fire Tuesday morning on 11 Mile Road is under investigation. JOHN HEIDER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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Scott Annis of Huber+Suhner, a wire and connector manufacturer, explains some of his company's wares Sept. 19, the final day of the battery show at the Suburban Collection Showplace. The three-day event featured batteries and battery components for electric and hybrid electric vehicles and brought in manufacturers from all over the U.S. and the world. JOHN HEIDER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Attendees get a charge out of battery show

Companies from throughout U.S. come to exchange ideas, information

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

The annual advanced battery trade show for the global battery industry, held at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi last week, gave exhibitors an opportunity to meet with like-minded people who see this industry as only growing.

"The battery industry in North America

is experiencing something of a resurgence in 2013, following a difficult 2012 for many," said Steve Bryan, event director. "This is helped in no small part by significantly increased sales for electric and hybrid vehicles for the year so far."

Bryan said it's been reported that the sales figures for plug-in electric vehicles for the first half of 2013 are double what they were last year. Many of the companies participating in the event see this technology as only increasing and they are looking to work together as much as possible.

The show, held Sept. 16-18, was a premier showcase of the latest advanced battery technology. Attendees included technical leaders, scientists, engineers, project leaders, buyers and senior executives concerned with advanced energy storage.

Different booths were hosted throughout the exhibition hall that had examples of the very latest advanced battery solutions for electric and hybrid vehicles, utility and renewable energy support, portable electronics, medical technology, military and

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Condominium community proposed near CC

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

A new condominium community proposed west of Wixom Road and south of Grand River Avenue needs a rezoning change by the Novi City Council to move forward.

According to Barbara McBeth, Novi's deputy community development director, Ivanhoe Cos. is proposing to build an 85-unit single-family residential development on the nearly 30-acre parcel near Detroit Catho-

lic Central High School.

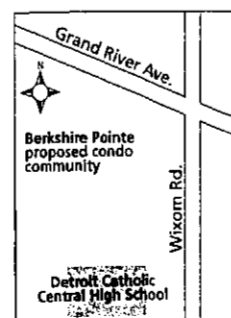
In Ivanhoe's planned rezoning overlay request letter, spokesperson Gary Shapiro stated it desired the use of the PRO because it allowed a flexibility that would allow the developer to respond to the market, with the density being finalized during the final site plan approval.

"Given the current economic market, demand for housing may vary in the near-term future. While there is currently demand for attached single-

family homes, we believe a higher demand exists for detached condominium homes," Shapiro said.

At its Sept. 16 meeting, the city council approved a preliminary site plan and directed the city attorney to set up a PRO agreement with the developer to have the property rezoned from community business and general industrial to low-density, low-rise multiple-family residential by utilizing the city's PRO op-

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Novi family raises funds for Alzheimer's cause

Kortlandt and his relatives have first-hand knowledge of disease's devastating effects

By Julie Brown and Cal Stone
Staff Writers

Novi school board member George Kortlandt and his family will walk Saturday at an Alzheimer's Association benefit in Tiffin, Ohio.

"We do it as a celebration," he said, adding more than 24 direct family members will be joined by friends. "The idea is to try and defeat the disease," he said of the benefit, which supports research into Alzheimer's causes and a cure. "The idea is to keep the money coming in."

Three generations will make up Team Kortlandt for its sixth annual walk in memory and honor of Karl Sr. and Olive Mae, George's parents who married in 1945.

"Both of them suffered from Alzheimer's/dementia for years prior to their deaths," George said.

"Neither one recognized their children, grandchildren nor each other in their last years." The couple also had two other sons - Karl Jr.

and Donald - eight grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren (with four more due this November) and "10 very patient and loving spouses," George said.

Disease's beginnings

"Dad called me from their Florida home one Saturday night to tell me a strange woman was in his home and he didn't know her," George said. "That woman was Olive Mae, his wife of over 50 years."

The older couple moved in 2003 so Karl Jr. and wife Satoko could help care for them in their home they added on to in Tiffin.

"They will forever be remembered by all of us for their sacrifice in caring for mom and dad," George said. "As the disease progressed, Karl Sr. became more and more childlike, finally being amused just by colorful, shiny things, much as an infant."

"For a man who was a brilliant engineer all his professional life, it was fortunate God allowed



Team Kortlandt at the 2012 walk.

his memory of those times to be forgotten," George said.

Olive Mae survived her husband, but really suffered little grief at his passing primarily because she had no memory of him as her spouse.

"As the disease grew in mom, she no longer knew us or who she was," George said. "Every time I walked into her room, I greeted her with 'Hello, mom,' so she wouldn't wonder who this stranger was."

Why they walk

Now George, his brothers and family members do walks in different communities to be together.

"We are known as Team Kortlandt in honor of mom and dad and wear our team shirts every walk," George said, adding that more than 30 family members and friends have joined in over the years.

"They walk in cities where a family member lives to share the family

dren due in November," George said.

He said the purpose of the walk is two-fold: To honor the memory of his parents and to help raise funds to eliminate this most cruel disease that steals loved ones long before they pass on.

"We realize we are not alone in this battle against Alzheimer's/dementia," George said. "Millions of us have experienced the loss of a spouse, parent, friend or loved one. We pray that a cure is found and that it comes soon."

Team Kortlandt did its first walk in Findlay, Ohio, followed by Kalamazoo and Royal Oak, as well as Pittsburgh, Pa., and Toledo, Ohio. The northwest Ohio chapter of the Alzheimer's Association's website lists a \$3,000 goal for Team Kortlandt for this year's benefit.

Kortlandt said that goal has been surpassed in previous years.

Contributions are welcome anywhere, George Kortlandt said, with information online at www.alz.org.

The team's website is http://act.alz.org/site/TR/WalkOH-NorthwestOhio?team_id=178491&pg=team&fr_id=3621.

BATTERY

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telecommunications. This event was a platform for the variety of Michigan-based companies, as well as those from around the United States and the world to launch new products, make new contacts and maintain existing relationships.

Event exhibitors

"We are working toward a common goal of producing lead-based battery designs that will provide cost-effective, sustainable markets," said Dirk Zepp, a sales manager for the European-based firm Controlled Power Technologies. "In the coming years, this technology will be seen as a great value."

CPT is dedicated to automotive CO2 reduction. Zepp said in Europe, things have moved quicker toward this technology following the adoption of the European Union legislation to limit average CO2 automotive emissions. He said an increasing focus on emission reduction in the U.S. is also taking place, while he thinks the need for carbon abatement is rapidly growing in importance.

Zepp manned a booth at the event and represented the Advanced Lead Acid Battery Consortium, a worldwide group of which CPT is part. The ALABC pools

the resources of its membership to facilitate/manage research and development for advancing lead-acid batteries that would not otherwise be possible by a single company on its own.

Locally, the Northville firm SoulBrain was also on hand for the opportunity to speak with potential customers and partners.

"This is a great way for us to talk with customers and get that face-to-face time you can't always get," chemist/quality analyst Kristen Meyers said. SoulBrain's research and production involves non-aqueous lithium ion electrolyte, which is composed of organic solvents, lithium salt and various additives, blended to optimize performance of advanced lithium ion battery cells. It has developed proprietary technology to process the components which produce the high-quality electrolyte.

The Northville facility, at Five Mile and Beck roads, has been designed to produce low-moisture and high-purity lithium ion electrolyte, leading to improved cell performance in areas such as internal pressure, over-charge and life-cycle use.

The show is scheduled to be held again in Novi next year.

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Mary Soja finishes checking the blood pressure of Florence Baptist during the Fall for Novi happening Sept. 21. JOHN HEDER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Fall for Novi

Greg Adair takes part in the perennial exchange during the Fall for Novi event Sept. 21.



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CONDOS

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The PRO agreement included some proposed ordinance deviations,

including the reduction in minimum lot size from 10,000 square feet (required) to 5,400 square feet.

In addition, Ivanhoe is asking for a reduction in minimum lot width from 80 feet (required) to 45

feet.

McBeth's department felt the proposed multiple-family zoning would provide a reasonable transitional use between the commercial properties to the north and east and the school uses to the south and west.

The concept plan also shows the preservation and enhancement of wetlands on the site would be a priority during construction. "We believe the RM-1

FIRE

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He then grabbed a golf club to break in a window from the outside to yell for his son, but fortunately he was not inside.

According to Novi Fire Director Jeff Johnson, the initial call was taken by the dispatch center at 10:49 a.m. for a reported structure fire on 11 Mile.

"On arrival, first units reported smoke and fire showing from the front of the single-story home. All occupants were accounted for and are out of the residence," Johnson said.

He added there was smoke damage throughout the residence. The largest area on fire was in a front bedroom.

"The fire was quickly knocked out with water and foam and the smoke was removed with fans," he said.

There was one reported minor injury to a firefighter.

The cause of the fire is under investigation by the Novi fire marshal and Oakland County Fire Investigation Unit.

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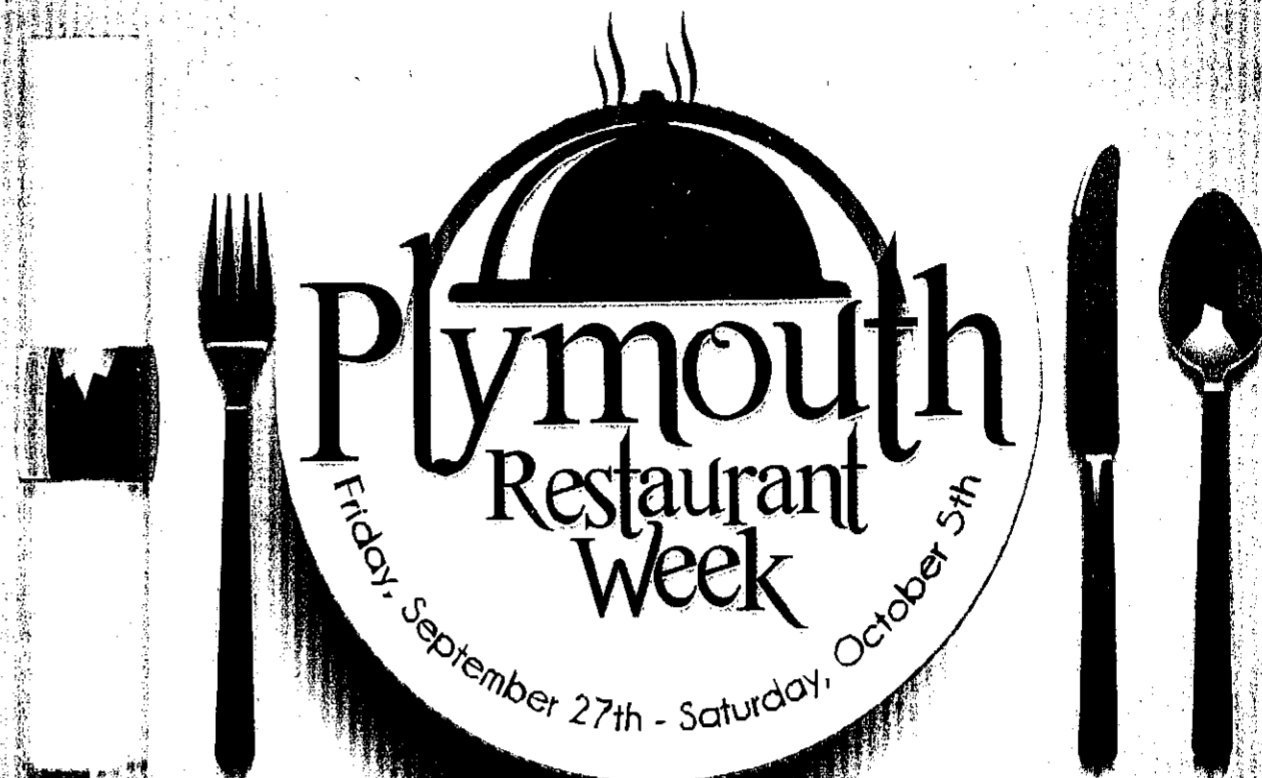
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\$15, \$25 or \$35 per person.

Beverages, gratuity and tax are not included in the rate. No tickers or passes are necessary. Patrons can simply dine out as frequently as they want over the ten-day period. Advance reservations are also not required but are strongly suggested and can be made by calling restaurants directly.



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Your 'yes' vote is needed Nov. 5 on millage renewal

When my oldest son was about 8 years old, he decided it was time to buy a lottery ticket. After all, he reasoned, they evidently were just giving money away if you bought a ticket.

Since he was too young to buy the ticket, I bought one for him.

Not surprisingly to me, but evidently a great surprise to him, he did not win. He was stunned. He had bought the ticket. What else did a person need to do? The details of the lottery experience had escaped him.

I thought of this experience this week as I considered the upcoming millage renewal election Nov. 5 for the Novi Community School District. It's the details that are important and often misunderstood. The state promises our school district \$8,359 per student. However, the state will only provide that amount if our community does its part by renewing two millages.

The first millage renewal is an 18-mill levy primarily against businesses, rental and second homes. This millage has been on the ballot in 1994 and 2004. It expires with the 2013 winter tax collection. In Novi, this 18-mill levy raises \$2,322.13 per student. If the taxpayers of Novi do not renew this millage, then the state will subtract \$2,322.13 from the \$8,359 per-student allocation, leaving us with just \$6,036.87 per pupil.

The state also allows Novi to levy an amount that would raise \$590.58 per pupil. This is the amount of money the state identified in 1993 when Proposal A started that, at that time, kept Novi's funding at its current level. The state allows us each year to levy a tax on principal residences that would



Steve Matthews
SUPER TALK

generate that \$590.58 per student.

It currently takes a levy of 3.2286 mills to generate this \$590.58 per student. On the ballot will be a renewal proposal for 5.49 mills. The amount levied can never be greater than the amount needed to raise \$590.58 per student. The renewal of 5.49 mills allows us some flexibility, but we can never levy an amount that would generate more than \$590.58 per student.

If our Novi Community School District residents do not renew this millage, the state will not make up for the lost revenue.

These renewals will be on the ballot Nov. 5 as "Ballot Proposal - Operating Millage Renewal." If these millages are not renewed, the state will not make up the difference. Our general fund revenue would see a drop of approximately \$17.8 million. To make up for this decrease in revenue, we would face some very difficult choices.

There is also a second ballot proposal for our school district on the ballot Nov. 5. This ballot proposal - "Millage Renewal Proposal to Provide Funds To Operate a System of Public Recreation and Playgrounds" - is important to our school district.

This millage allows our district to use our facilities to operate a variety of public recreational activities. For example, this millage supports the community use of the pool

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CC grad realizing dream by studying at Oxford

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

Ryan Shinkel is realizing a dream of his at the University of Oxford in England.

This fall, the Novi resident and 2012 Detroit Catholic Central High School graduate is participating in a study abroad program that has him learning about philosophy and classic literature through the Summit Oxford Study Centre.

"I'm really excited to get this started," Shinkel said prior to leaving in early September. "I will be studying what I like and in a place I've grown up admiring and dreaming about. I'm a little nervous."

This program is part of the greater Oxford Study Abroad Programme. This is a very selective program and Shinkel, a sophomore at the University of Michigan, felt lucky to be accepted for the summer term. However, he



Novi resident and 2012 Detroit Catholic Central High School graduate Ryan Shinkel is participating in a study abroad program through the Summit Oxford Study Centre.

was given a better opportunity when he was asked to attend the fall term, when it would be a bit longer and busier with other students on campus.

He'll be learning from some of Oxford's best tutors through concentrated and personalized tutorials with

world-class scholars. He will be learning about philosophy during the Scientific Revolution and the Age of Enlightenment and Dante's Divine Comedy. This will help bolster his creative writing and philosophy studies at U-M.

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NOVI SCHOOL BRIEFS

Adult ed registration

Novi Adult Education is taking registration for High School Completion. Please contact the office at 248-449-1717 to come in and register for classes. Classes are free to those who qualify.

Mom 2 Mom Sale fundraiser

Novi Community Education's Lily Pad Lane Infant Care will host a Mom 2 Mom Sale for items/clothing up to age 12 from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Nov. 2, at Novi High School.

Admission is \$1 per person; free to children ages infant to 15 years. Seller space is available: five-foot round tables are available for \$20 each; rack space is \$10. All baby and toddler items will be accepted, including large items such as cribs, high-chairs, swings and large toys. Extra space will be provided for large items at no cost. Funds raised will go toward equipment for the Lily Pad Lane playground.

For more information or to register for table/rack space, call Child Care Services at 248-449-1713 or email goconnor@novi.k12.mi.us.

Exchange students need host families

The nonprofit International Experience is seeking families to host high school foreign exchange students for this school year.

Host families are needed for students coming from Germany, China, Columbia, Finland, Austria, Australia, Switzerland, Denmark, France, United Kingdom, Netherlands, Serbia, Sweden and South Africa.

Host families provide a bed and meals for the student and include them in the family's normal life routine. The students speak English, have their own health insurance and are able to pay for all other expenses. Host families are needed for one semester and for the

full year. For more information, visit usa.international-experience.net or call Kevin Gebhard at 248-770-8608 or email k.gebhard@international-experience.net.

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE UPDATES

'All My Sons' auditions

The Theater Department will hold two audition opportunities for its production of Arthur Miller's famous drama *All My Sons*. Auditions are open to the public and formal acting training or experience are not required. The play will be performed in dinner theater-style format Oct. 25-26, Nov. 1-2 and 8-9. Call 734-462-4400, ext. 5270, for more information.

\$1.1 million federal grant

Schoolcraft College has received a piece of the \$474.5 million in U.S. Government grants to expand demand-driven skills training and strengthen employer partnerships.

The college will get more than \$1 million as part of consortium of eight Michigan community colleges that together received nearly \$25 million.

The Michigan colleges will focus on improvements in advanced manufacturing and will help students with job skill readiness, basic skill development, pathways to certificates and degrees, employer involvement, online/hybrid courses, education plans, prior learning assessments and career services. The colleges plan to create 13 new industry-focused credentials and upgrade or modify 63 certificate and degree programs.

The grants are part of the Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training grant program.

This is a multi-year \$2 billion initiative to expand targeted training programs for unemployed workers, especially those impacted by foreign trade.

New Google Docs class

Several Michigan school districts are now using Google apps for education and some districts outside the state require its use. This fall, Schoolcraft College Continuing Education and Professional Development is offering a new class, Google Docs: Computing in the Cloud, for the first time beginning Oct. 9. This four-week, hands-on class will help teachers become comfortable and competent with cloud computing.

Topics to be addressed included hardware and software, internet resources, networking and security, mobile computing and

how to use, share and edit with Google Docs.

The class is approved for 12 state continuing education clock hours for educators. For more information, contact the CEPD office at 734-462-4448 or cepd@schoolcraft.edu.

Noon Concert Series

The opening concert Sept. 25 for the 2013-14 season of Schoolcraft College's popular free Noon Concert Series featured Romanian pianist Daniel Golti.

Other upcoming free performances in the series include Mr. B. and Bob Seelye on Oct. 16; Claire Aebersold and Ralph Neuwem on Oct. 30; Maria Bessmetseda on Nov. 20; and a holiday celebration with Paul Keller on Dec. 4.

More information about these and other concerts and musical offerings at Schoolcraft College can be found at www.schoolcraft.edu/music or by calling 734-462-4403.

Annual College Night

Area high school and college students and their families can investigate the programs of more than 80 colleges and universities during Schoolcraft College's annual College Night, 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 2, in the Vis/Ta-Tech Center in Livonia.

The event is free and open to the community. The schools, primarily from Michigan and the midwest, will be on hand to answer questions and provide information on degrees, fields of study, admission requirements, cost and extracurricular activities.

A full list of those colleges and universities attending can be found at www.schoolcraft.edu/collegenight.

In addition, representatives from the state of Michigan Student Scholarship & Grant department, together with Schoolcraft College's Financial Aid Department, will be on hand to provide information and answer questions. Free parking is available in the North Lot. Typically College Night draws about 3,500 people.

The colleges are arranged fair-style and in alphabetical order so guests can visit as many tables and in the order they wish.

Topics to be addressed included hardware and software, internet resources, networking and security, mobile computing and

Launch a gaming company

Noted entrepreneur and game designer Jon Shafer will be offering a free lecture called "Going Indie: How to Launch a Successful Game Company" at 11 a.m. Monday, Oct. 7, in the Liberal Arts Building in Livonia. Shafer is the designer of several historical strategy games, including *At the Gates* and *Civilization V*.

Shafer will share his thoughts on starting a new company, crowd-funding and other topics related to going indie.

Video gaming is a popular career choice these days and anyone interested in that path should consider attending this informative session.

CEPD offers computer classes

Schoolcraft College's Continuing Education and Professional Development Department has several offerings to benefit those who need additional instruction on Microsoft Office Word, Excel, PowerPoint or Access.

Among the CEPD offerings are classes specific to each application in the Microsoft Office Suite, as well as classes on Windows, Outlook, Publisher, Internet basics, social media, blogs and, new to the fall 2013 schedule, Google Docs and Evernote.

For more information, visit www.schoolcraft.edu/cepd, call 734-462-4448 or email cepd@schoolcraft.edu.

Kids On Campus

The 34th year of the Kids on Campus summer program had more than 2,000 kids attending dozens of sessions over a four-week period.

This fall, three different video game creation workshops will be offered for children of all skill levels in addition to offerings of the Radical Robots class. Academic skills seminars are also offered for students in middle and high schools. Classes are all held on Saturdays during the month of October.

For more information, visit www.schoolcraft.edu/cepd, call 734-462-4448 or email cepd@schoolcraft.edu.

Schoolcraft College is a public, predominantly two-year college, offering classes at the college's main campus in Livonia, Haggerty Road between Six and Seven Mile Roads; the Radcliff Center in Garden City; the Public Safety Training Complex in Livonia; and online at www.schoolcraft.edu.

Pink Out



Walled Lake Schools Superintendent Kenneth Gutman was in attendance at Walled Lake Western High School's annual pink out game in support of the fight against cancer. The annual pink out game supports three different charities. Gutman is all smiles as he poses with Walled Lake Western's honorary captain for the evening and great Warrior Princess Akayla Hodjins, a student from Walled Lake Elementary. CURTIS DRUGMILLER

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DAVID CRUMM

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Japanese-American school seeks to bridge gap across the Pacific

By Jill Halpin
Correspondent

Like many other first-graders, George Goonits wakes up every morning singing a song. The 5-year-old Livonia resident's song might sound a bit unfamiliar to some — because chances are good he is singing in Japanese.

Raised in an English-speaking household by monolingual parents, George started earlier this month his second year as a student at the Hinoki International School in Livonia, a two-way immersion elementary school chartered by Livonia Public Schools. "I think George has learned over 100 songs in Japanese. He's a happy-go-lucky kid and he loves it," mother Patty Goonits said of the school. "And I love the fact that he is learning another language."

In addition to reading, writing and arithmetic, her son is getting something even more, according to Goonits, a librarian with the city of Livonia.

Broadened world view

"It has been a wonderful opportunity for my son to get a whole new world view. He is learning to embrace other cultures and those who



It's lunch time, and teacher Ai Yumiba sings Japanese songs with her kindergarten class. The music acts as a bridge between the class period and the lunch period. Singing in Japanese reinforces language skills.

are different from him," she said.

Although the country of Japan and the city of Livonia are separated by some 6,400 miles, the school, the first Japanese-American school in the state of Michigan, is seeking to bridge that gap, bringing the rich culture and language of Japan to local elementary school students and their families, said Ted Delphia, the school's principal.

Officially chartered

by LPS, the school was founded in 2010 by a group of interested supporters looking to provide a two-way bilingual learning environment for temporary Japanese-American residents, Japanese-heritage families and American families with an interest in the concept, Delphia said.

Now entering its fourth year, the school takes the best practices of both Japanese and American schools in an effort to create a global

learning community, giving students a nurturing, culturally rich learning environment and successful educational experience in both Japanese and English, according to Delphia. "We are not just teaching the Japanese language, it is a parallel world of understanding," he said. "Students bring their own languages and cultures from home into the classroom and work together to help one another learn."

Only one like it in state

Currently serving approximately 135 students in grades K-3 throughout the area, including Novi, Plymouth and Canton, the school "is completely different from any other in Michigan," said Delphia, who is a Livonia resident along with his wife Mitsuyo, a teacher at the school.

Students at Hinoki attend school for six

hours each day, with an extended school year allowing for six weeks off for summer vacation, similar to the school calendar followed by students in Japan.

"We wanted to have more contact points with our students and avoid the summer slide," he said.

According to Delphia, the school follows the state of Michigan elementary school curriculum, blended with Japanese content expectations that create a unique two-way setting. Lessons are taught in both English and Japanese, allowing students the opportunity to increase their skills in a new language, while strengthening their skills in their native language.

"It is very different — we are not trying to load on top of the kids; we are trying to work both sides and provide Japanese and American students with an opportunity to learn from each other and become bilingual, bilateral, bi-cultural and globally-minded individuals," Delphia said.

The Hinoki International School charter is overseen by LPS and "provides another program we can't offer within the district, at the same time generating added revenue to help support our current programs in the district," LPS Superintendent Randy Liepa wrote in an email.

Opening doors

It is exactly the environment that Canton Township parent Rebecca Lenk was seeking for her twin daughters Char-

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Fox Run resident specializes in growing dahlias

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

Fox Run resident Bob Barner has a green thumb, and the dahlias he's been growing at the community garden at Tollgate Farm are a testament to this.

This is his first time growing at Tollgate, but he's been growing these types of flowers for years and entering them into competitions for the last 20 years.

"I got hooked on growing them years ago and have been doing it ever since," he said recently while looking over his garden plot, which had nearly 40 dahlias and some tomatoes plants growing in it.

His ability to grow the flowers tall and healthy started over 50 years ago. He took to it after getting his "ego inflated" by the many compliments he received. While he lived in Holly, Mich., he grew up in 120 plants in the backyard and his daughter would sell them at a local market.

This eventually led him to enter his flowers in competitions and he became a member of the Southeast Michigan

Dahlia Society. He has won and placed high in these competitions. He's a small grower, but he has years of practical experience.

One secret to his flowers' growth and brilliance is feeding them coffee grounds, which he says the dahlias love because they are heavy feeders. He said the Tollgate garden is a great spot with fertile soil and good shading.

"You couldn't ask for a better spot," he said of Tollgate.

Even with years of experience and know-how, it still takes hard work and weekly, if not daily, tending that helps grow the dahlias the most.

"You need to tend to them and be their shepherd," he said of growing. Making them straight, tall and leafy is important. Starting in the fall and sleet in early spring to spending the last several months budding, branching and tying the flowers, Barner has been hard at work.

The main recipients of this season's flowers will be some of his fellow Fox Run residents. He likes to hand them out to friends, especially his



Fox Run resident Bob Barner tends to some of his massive dahlia flowers at Novi's Tollgate Farms on Aug. 26. Barner has been tending a plot there this summer, for the first time, and is able to grow enough flowers he can share them with some of his fellow residents at Fox Run. JOHN HEIDER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

lady friends. "I like to see their big smiles when I present them with a bouquet. It makes all the work worth it," he said smiling.

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NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE CITY GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2013 FOR THE CITY OF NOVI

To the Qualified Electors of the City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan. Notice is hereby given that Monday, October 7, 2013 is the LAST DAY TO REGISTER for the November 5, 2013 election. The Novi City Clerk's office, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving applications of qualified electors in the City of Novi who are not already registered.

If you are not currently registered to vote in the City of Novi at your present address, you may do so in any of the following ways:

- In Person:
 - At the Novi City Clerk's Office, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi 48375 M-F, 8-5 p.m.
 - At any Secretary of State Branch Office during normal business hours.

Obtain Forms Online
• Mail-in voter registration applications may be obtained by visiting the city's website at www.cityofnovi.org under Reference, click on forms, then click on Voter Registration Form, or www.Michigan.gov/voto

By Mail: By obtaining and completing a Mail-In Voter Registration Application and returning it to the Novi City Clerk's office by the close of registration deadline, OCTOBER 7, 2013. You may contact the Novi City Clerk's Office by calling 248-347-0456 or by email to: elections@cityofnovi.org

The November 5, 2013 Election will be conducted in all voting precincts of the City of Novi for the purpose of electing candidates for the following:

MAYOR - VOTE FOR ONE - TWO YEAR TERM
COUNCIL MEMBERS - VOTE FOR THREE - FOUR YEAR TERM

CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSAL 1

Statement of Purpose
The City Charter currently uses, throughout its text, the words "he," "him," and "his" when referring to City officers, officials, and employees. The proposed amendment would revise the full text to refer to such individuals in gender neutral terms.

CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSAL 2

Question
Shall Section 15.2 of the Novi Charter, which currently requires publication of notices, ordinances, and proceedings to be either by newspaper publication or alternatively by posting in the office of the Clerk and five other places in the City if the form of publication is not prescribed by Charter or law, be amended to allow publication through one or more of the following: posting in a newspaper, posting on the City's website, or publishing by any other means or methods appropriate to properly inform the general public?

CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSAL 3

Question
Shall Section 3.12 of the Novi Charter, relating to notices of election, Section 6.1, relating to Council meetings, Section 7.5, relating to publication of ordinances, Section 8.7, relating to emergency appropriations, Section 8.11, relating to annual audits, Section 9.15, relating to notification of the due date of taxes, and Section 14.1, relating to public utility franchises, be amended to delete references to publication being required by newspaper or posting in certain public places and to replace such language with the requirement that publication shall be "as required by law or this Charter"?

CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSAL 4

Question
Shall the Novi Charter be amended to reorganize and restate the existing Section 4.6, which describes the City's administrative plan, to combine the provisions of Section 4.13, which establishes the Finance, Public Safety and Public Services departments and authorizes the Council to create other departments, with the reorganized and restated Section 4.6 and delete Section 4.13 entirely; to provide in Section 4.6 for the establishment of administrative departments and offices by both Council and the City Manager; and to amend the current reference to Section 4.13 contained in Section 4.7 to a reference to Section 4.6?

CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSAL 5

Question
Shall Section 8.10 of the Charter, which requires that all funds withdrawn from the City's treasury be drawn pursuant to the authority and appropriation of Council and upon "checks" signed by two officers of the City, be deleted?

NOVI COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
I. Novi Community School District operating millage renewal proposal, 18.00 mills for 10 years, exempting principal residence and other property otherwise exempted by law.

II. Novi Community School District millage renewal proposal. To provide funds to operate a system of public recreation and playgrounds 0.98 mill for 10 years.

Full text of the ballot proposals may be obtained at the administrative offices of Novi Community School District, 25345 Taft Road, Novi, MI 48374, (248) 449-1200.

SOUTH LYON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
South Lyon Community Schools operating millage renewal proposal exempting principal residence and other property exempted by law 19.9720 mills for 10 years.

Full text of the ballot proposal may be obtained at the administrative offices of South Lyon Community Schools, 745 South Warren, South Lyon, MI 48178 (248) 578-8127

WALLED LAKE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT BOND PROPOSITION
Should the Walled Lake Consolidated Schools, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Sixty Seven Million Five Hundred Thousand (\$67,500,000) Dollars and issue its general obligation limited tax bonds therefor, in one or more series, for the purpose of paying for the cost of the following projects:

- Remodeling, equipping, re-equipping, furnishing, re-furnishing school buildings and other facilities to enhance security and for other purposes;
- Acquiring and installing technology equipment and technology infrastructure in school buildings and other facilities;
- Constructing additions to school building entrances to enhance security; and
- Preparing, developing and improving sites at school buildings and other facilities and the purchase of school buses?

Full text of the ballot proposal may be obtained at the administrative offices of the Walled Lake Consolidated School District, 850 Ladd Road, Bldg. D, Walled Lake, MI 48390 (248) 956-2005.

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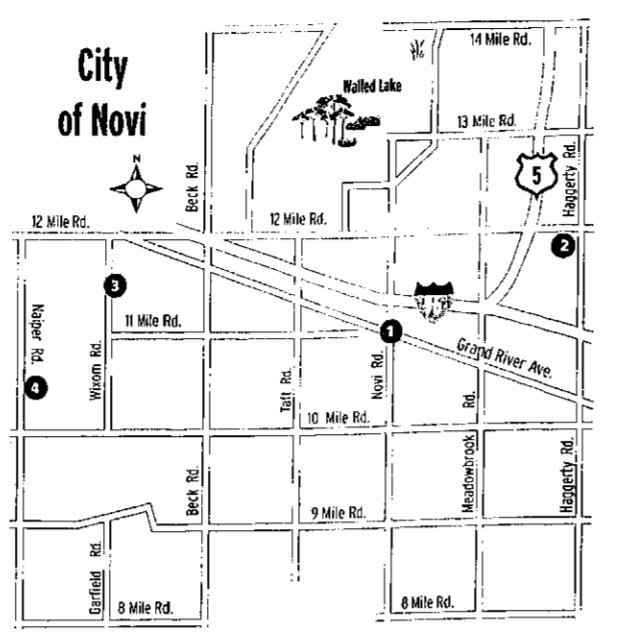
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at Novi High School. This millage pays, in part, for the percentage of time that the community uses our playgrounds at the elementary schools. This millage supports our after-school community recreational activities. This millage allows the city to use our elementary, middle school and high school facilities for community recreation activities rent-free. This

millage supports the cost for upkeep on school district fields used by the community for such things as community soccer and other recreational uses. This millage generates approximately \$1.9 million each year for these and other projects to support public recreation using school district facilities, playgrounds and fields. These millage renewal votes are critically important to our school district. Without our community doing its part, the

state guarantee of \$8,359 per pupil is just a mirage. Many years ago, my son believed that just buying a lottery ticket meant that you would win money. Our community cannot be fooled into believing that the state will continue to fund us at \$8,359 per student if we do not do our part and pass these millage renewals Nov. 5.

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



NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

Drunken driving

1 A Livonia man almost hit a police car and was then arrested for drunken driving Sept. 15. Novi Police reported seeing a vehicle take a wide turn from westbound Grand River Avenue to northbound Novi Road, nearly making contact with the patrol vehicle. The police reported the man's eyes were red and watery and he was in the odor of intoxicants was detected inside the car.

The man was underage and had been drinking at a local bar, using his older brother's license.

After having trouble with the field sobriety tests and keeping his balance, the man's preliminary breathalyzer test registered a 0.139 percent blood-alcohol content.

Heating equipment stolen

2 Day and Night Heating/Cooling reported to Novi Police that nearly \$10,000 in equipment was stolen from its location at 27629 Haggerty Road.

The rear windows of two work vans were smashed out and items like digital meters and tools were stolen. These were in a locked storage area. There were no security cameras in the area and no prints or evidence found.

Motorcycle theft

3 A Harley Davidson motorcycle was stolen from a location in the 25000 block of Wixom Road. During the night of Sept. 8 into the next morning, the bike was reportedly taken. It's a

2009 edition that is black and priced at more than \$15,000 with no reported outstanding payments. It was in a driveway, but no one reported hearing anything.

Lawn care equipment stolen

4 Beauchamp Lawn Care and Landscaping had \$4,500 in equipment stolen from its work van, which was parked at Island Lake and Seaglen drives.

Between Aug. 23-26, the van's rear door was damaged and unknown suspects gained access to take chainsaws, pruners and miscellaneous tools. The door latch was broken.

—Compiled by staff writer Lonnie Huhman

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Novi cops run for Special Olympics

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

Positive community involvement has always been an important priority for the Novi Police Department, so it wasn't a surprise when members participated in the Oakland County Community Torch Run to support Special Olympics.

Novi Detective Mark Body has been involved with supporting the Special Olympics his entire career.

For him, it's an important part of his job. "This is about community involvement and partnering with others to support a great cause," Body said. "We want to help raise additional funds."

The Community Run took place Sept. 13 and the Novi team (made up of Police Cadets Joseph McNamara and Tom Ivezaj, Crime Analyst Jason Porter and Home-Land Security Officer Vaughn Johnson) ran the west leg, which started at the South Lyon Police



Novi Police Crime Analyst Jason Porter and Police Cadet Tom Ivezaj participated in the Oakland County Community Torch Run in an effort to raise funds for Special Olympics.

Department. Both legs of the run met at the intersection of 12 Mile and Evergreen and then continued together alongside Southfield Police Department runners to the Southfield Civic Center.

The effort by Oakland County area law enforcement officers to raise money for Special Olympics Michigan athletes was done in conjunction with the Law Enforcement Torch Run, which is

the single largest grassroots fundraising effort for Special Olympics International.

Michigan's Torch Run program had a record-breaking year in 2012, with more than \$1 million raised for the athletes who participate in Special Olympics Michigan. SOMI provides year-round sports training and athletic competition for 19,620 children and adults with intellectual disabilities.

Many police departments around the state participate in helping out with this cause through raffles, polar plunges and community runs.

"We appreciate our Law Enforcement Torch Run support immensely," said Lois Arnold, president and CEO of Special Olympics Michigan. "The money raised has an amazing and positive impact on the lives of our athletes and their families."

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Havin' a blast



Novi Firefighter Mike Peters lets Asher Trost, 3, take a turn on the fire hose during Novi's Fall for Novi event Sept. 21. JOHN HEIDER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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"This is a great chance," he said, "and it's a lot like playing in the big leagues."

Shinkel said his studies at Catholic Central helped prepare for this opportunity and college. Learning how to deal with time management

and heavier workloads gave him the experience and knowledge needed in such a prestigious learning environment. He said it created habits that have stuck with him.

"The Catholic Central value system had a big influence on me," he said. "The emphasis on character and virtues made an imprint." It was in high school

that his interest in theology and philosophy really took off. The big questions in life fascinated Shinkel and now he's looking for answers in England.

"This is a once-in-a-lifetime chance, so I plan on making the most of it," he said.

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SOCIAL SECURITY

Many people are wrongly rejected when they apply for Social Security Disability benefits. Money was taken out of their paychecks for Social Security taxes to ensure that they would receive disability benefits if they could no longer work full-time. Sadly, the government denies approximately 60% of those who apply for disability benefits.



subject and has been interviewed on various television programs. Both attorney Bieske and Allonsi have also been interviewed on radio programs and have given speeches to many groups.

Attorneys J.B. Bieske and Jennifer Allonsi have 42 years combined experience representing only Social Security disability clients. And they personally meet with all clients and appear personally at all court hearings. Many large firms assign inexperienced attorneys to your case. And some of these firms are located thousands of miles away and only fly the attorney in the day of the court hearing. Attorneys Bieske and Allonsi have vast experience before local Michigan judges.

Attorneys Bieske and Allonsi can often make a winning difference at the application stage. And, if an appeal is necessary they have won several hundred cases before a court date is even set.

Those denied can appeal on their own but statistics for many years reveal that those represented by attorneys win a much higher percentage of appeals. And attorneys who specialize in Social Security Disability cases win a much higher percentage yet.

In addition to practicing only Social Security disability law attorney Bieske has written a book for attorneys about the

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

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

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Body discovered in Southfield reportedly is missing Wixom man

By Sandra Armbruster Staff Writer

A Detroit man has been arrested as a suspect in the death of a Wixom man who was found early Friday morning in Southfield.

Southfield police believe the 20-year-old suspect knew the 24-year-old victim, who is believed to be a missing man from Wixom, according to Police Lt. Nick Loussia.

The name of the victim has not been released by Southfield police, but on Sept. 18, Wixom police issued a press release saying that a missing Wixom man, Leonard

Graham, had not been seen by his family since Sept. 15.

Wixom public safety personnel were not immediately available for comment.

Loussia said that, late Thursday night, Southfield police assisted Wixom police in an investigation in the 2700 block of Franklin Road, in the Village Green Apartments.

The Wixom man was found in a nearby woods, the victim of what police are calling a "violent crime."

Loussia said the investigation at the Franklin Road address led investigators to believe

"that a violent crime had been committed. Based on the preliminary investigation, investigators believe that the deceased individual is the missing person from Wixom."

Police haven't released the name of the man arrested.

Michigan State Police are assisting with the investigation, Loussia said.

The Oakland County Sheriff's Office has confirmed its forensic lab was asked to process a vehicle that belonged to the missing man.

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NOVI NEWSMAKERS

Kyle N. Smith

Novi resident and attorney Kyle N. Smith has joined Southfield-based Collins-Einhorn Farrell General and Automobile Liability Practice Group.



Smith graduated from the Michigan State University College of Law, where he was captain of the Appellate Moot Court Team and awarded the Jurisprudence Achievement Award for receiving the highest grade in the moot court competition class. He also holds a bachelor of science from Michigan State University, where he played on the football team and was an Academic All-Big Ten selection his senior year. Smith will focus his practice on general and

automobile liability defense litigation. Prior to joining the firm, he gained experience in first- and third-party automobile liability defense. He completed internships with the Ingham County Prosecutor's Office, Oakland County Prosecutor's Office and Washtenaw County Public Defender's Office. Smith was admitted to practice in the state of Michigan in 2012.

Matthew Petrucci

Plante Moran, one of the nation's largest certified public accounting and business advisory firms, has elected 12 new partners firm-wide. Seven of them are based in Michigan.

Novi resident Matthew Petrucci is based

in Southfield. Petrucci focuses on leading financial due diligence engagements for proposed acquisitions by private equity funds and their portfolio companies, real estate investment trusts and middle-market companies strategically expanding their businesses. He holds a bachelor of science degree in accounting from Northern Michigan University.

Clayton F. Farrell

For the second consecutive year, Super Lawyers magazine named 12 attorneys - including Novi resident Clayton F. Farrell, from Collins-Einhorn Farrell - to its 2013 Michigan Super Lawyers and Rising Stars lists.

Farrell, who was

named among the Michigan Super Lawyers for the fifth consecutive year, concentrates his practice on multi-party, complex litigation, including litigation in the areas of environmental torts, product liability, toxic torts and emerging claims. The University of Detroit Mercy School of Law alum's trial experience spans more than three decades and includes approximately 100 cases to verdict.

Stephen D. More

Novi resident Stephen D. More has been named a 2013-14 co-chair for Leave a Legacy, Southeast Michigan, along with Marc Melamed and Denise A. Fleckstein, both of Bloomfield Hills.

The three will oversee a regional public awareness campaign in southeast Michigan focusing on the need for individuals to support their favorite charities through a charitable bequest in their wills or estate plans.

Moore is associate director and planned gifts officer for Wayne State University.

Founded in 1997, Leave a Legacy is a campaign conducted by the Planned Giving Roundtable of Southeast Michigan to inspire people to make charitable bequests, a type of planned gift to be distributed sometime in the future to a charity meaningful to the donor.

Mark Vidosh

Southeastern Equipment Co. announced that Mark Vidosh has joined the company as a sales representative at the Novi location. In his new position, Vidosh is responsible for new, used and rental equipment sales and product support for Macomb and St. Clair counties.

Most recently, Vidosh ran an oil and gas safety

Pearson earns prestigious managerial award

Novi City Manager Clay J. Pearson was presented with the Edwin O. Stone Award for Managerial Excellence at the Kansas University Managers and Trainees Alumni Organization's banquet at the annual International City/County Management Association conference Sept. 22 in Boston, Mass.

This award recognizes individuals who have performed in an exceptional manner in the management of the organization in which they are employed. Award winners are chosen based upon nomination letters submitted on behalf of the nominee.



The awards committee, consisting of the KU-CMAT president, president-elect and past president, made written recommendations to the full KUCIMAT executive board for selection of the annual honoree. Pearson was appointed as Novi's city manager in July 2006, after serving as assistant city manager since September 2001. Prior to coming to Novi, he served the city

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WHY HE WAS CHOSEN

Excerpts from Clay Pearson's nomination letter include:

"He is extremely supportive and dedicated to numerous organizations where he has previously or currently serves on their executive boards; Alliance for Innovation, Michigan Local Government Association, ICMA International Committee, treasurer of the Intelligent Transportation Society-Michigan and the Michigan Library Network. All of the aforementioned organizations benefit greatly from his involvement because he constantly is thinking 'out of the box' and never accepts mediocrity. He challenges anyone who utters the words 'it can't be done' and truly believes anything is possible." The letter goes on to state: "He has worked with the city of Novi for 13 years, serving as city manager for

the past seven. Since arriving in 2000, he, in conjunction with a dedicated administrative team, has positioned Novi as one of the best communities in Michigan and is recognized nationally in terms of public management. Under Clay's guidance, Novi has seen a new library constructed, merged the administrations of the Police and Fire departments, created a Plan Review Center, witnessed the development of three new parks, oversaw the construction of a new state-of-the-art regional hospital and assisted with the site facilitation and construction of several multi-state corporate headquarters. Clay's many accomplishments read similar to that of a 25-year seasoned city manager at the end of their career. Conversely, Clay is just getting started."

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Church program focuses on values that we share

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

You don't have to be a United Methodist, or even a Christian, to benefit from an upcoming program on values at the First United Methodist Church of Northville.

Veteran journalist David Crumm of Canton will lead the Our Values program for four weeks at the congregation on Eight Mile, 6:30-8:30 p.m. each Thursday, Oct. 3, 10, 17 and 24.

"It's sort of a rare opportunity to see this," said Crumm, 58, the former reporter for the *Detroit Free Press*. In 2007, he took a buyout from the paper to co-found *www.ReadTheSpirit.com*, an online magazine for which he's editor. It includes with founder Wayne Baker, a sociologist at the University of Michigan, the *www.OurValues.org* project focused on civil dialogue on values.

ReadTheSpirit.com is also a book publisher that has carried Baker's numerous columns on values. Baker has a book coming out soon, *United America: The Surprising Truth About American Values, American Identity and the 10 Beliefs That a Large Majority of Americans Hold Dear*.

Those at the Northville church program, for which advance registration is needed at 248-349-1144, are eager to be involved.

"We feel like these kinds of discussions about values are really a universal way to engage people," said Sue Craik, Christian Ministries director for the First United Methodist Church of Northville. She lives in

the "Noville" area with a Novi address and Northville schools. "It just kind of made sense for us to do that. No matter what your religion or your background, the values we hold are more in common."

The Northville church has a new lead pastor, the Rev. Marsha Woolley, who is a friend of Crumm's and eager to host the program.

"Buzz about it." "There's a buzz about it," Craik said. She and others hope to encourage dialogue about faith and getting along.

"I think it's really for a lot of different kinds of people," Craik said. The program is intended for adults and high school youth are also welcome.

Baker's research focuses on what Americans have in common. For the second week in Northville, his book will be available. The \$20 book charge is the only fee.

The program is beginning at the First United Methodist Church of Ann Arbor, followed by Northville. Crumm and Baker are members of the Ann Arbor church.

"The participants are actually going to help us finalize what we're going to tell other groups," Crumm said of the study guide. Crumm's family is sixth-generation United Methodist.

Baker, who holds appointments at U-M's Institute for Social Research and its business school, is known for his research on areas where Americans are in deep agreement. Baker identified 10 values where nine of 10 Americans agree and have for years.

"We're going to start

from this point of agreement," Crumm said, adding Baker will attend one Northville session.

Crumm, whose work appeared some in the *Free Press* after retirement, was impressed with Pope Francis' recent interview that included views on gays and women in the church, as well as abortion. "I was very impressed with the pope's openness to constant dialogue," he said. "This is remarkably new and I think very welcome from this pope."

Crumm agreed courtesy can be present in political debate. "I believe that is possible," he said. When *ReadTheSpirit.com* started, its 10 principles included that peace is possible and we can all come together.

He works with Michigan State University journalism students on books on understanding groups such as Asian Indian immigrants, Arab Americans and Native Americans. "We believe very strongly it is possible to find a common ground in our communities," Crumm said.

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jamin and the Rev. Megan Walther, a United Methodist pastor Downriver.

Crumm and his son, then 21, traveled the country for a *Free Press* series on spiritual values. "There are a lot of people who remember that series," David Crumm said.

Open to all

"My purpose is to help people talk about their values," he said of his journalism. "We welcome people of other faiths."

He's glad to be in both Ann Arbor and Northville. "It's a wonderful community with a wonderful mix of people," he said of Northville.

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of Elgin, Ill., for more than a decade in various capacities, including assistant city manager.

Pearson holds a bachelor of arts degree in economics from Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minn., and a master of public administration degree from Kansas University.

Pearson oversees

all city operations and works closely with the city council to carry out annual goals and policy directives. He is responsible for the internal operations of the city, which consist of a 2013-2014 general fund budget of more than \$29.7 million, with a total budget of \$56.1 million and more than 245 full-time employees.

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business. For the previous 40 years, his career has been focused on the construction industry, resulting in an excellent understanding of an industry in need of construction equipment.

He has four years of experience in heavy equipment sales. Vidorosh attended Utah State University and studied at Oakland Community College. He resides in Oxford.

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Mark Dixon

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OUR VIEWS

Best deal in town

Library card opens the door to the world in many different ways

Geico uses a camel to promote its insurance; Capital One uses Alex Baldwin and a bunch of Norsemen to promote its charge card.

Librarians, however, take a different approach to promoting their card. They use the month of September. This month is National Library Card Month, a celebration held at the beginning of the new school year to remind parents and caregivers that a library card is the most important school supply of all.

A library card opens the door to so much for its holder. It's a passport to see the world through books, whether in print or digital. It's the access point to educational support for adults and students, an invitation to cultural activities and a ticket to the movies.

Libraries have provided the necessary services to people suffering during the current economic downturn and slow recovery, even though they have felt the financial pinch themselves. They provide computers and internet access for those who need them to find employment. They've provided activities to entertain and educate at no charge.

From infants to senior citizens, libraries have become the cultural hub in the community. But sadly, it's estimated that 44 percent of Americans still don't have a library card. On its website, the American Library Association has a list of 60 things to do with a library card. Here are a few great reasons to get one:

» Download an e-book. Your library is where you can get e-books and other digital content. The Novi Public Library offers eLibrary, a digital collection of e-books, audiobooks and music. You can check out and download material like any other item in the library collection. After your checkout period expires, the title will cease to work on your device. Not sure how to download an e-book on your new device? A librarian can show you how. Take a workshop on how to use your e-reader or other gadgets.

» Students can get help with homework, research a term paper, work on a class project or use a computer to finish a school project. According to the ALA, almost 91 percent of public library outlets offer wireless internet access.

» Check out a pass to a museum. The Novi Public Library offers the Michigan Activity Pass, which provides access to nearly 60 participating institutions around the state. Some cultural partners offer complimentary or reduced price admission; others, discounts in their gift shop or other exclusive offers for MAP pass holders only.

» Launch your future at the library. Get free assistance with job searches, resume writing and interviewing tips at the library.

» Attend preschool story hour with your child. September is the time libraries begin their fall story times hours for preschoolers. With their older siblings back to school, youngsters and even families get a chance to enjoy stories, games, crafts and much more.

The Novi library recently began requiring library cards to provide an easy checkout process for patrons, prevent the possibility of checking out items to the wrong patron and lessen time spent waiting in line.

To make this process even simpler, you can now use your smart phone to download an app (cardmobile, mobile-pocket, keyring and cardstar) and scan it at any checkout station or take a photo of the back of your library card or key fob. The library's collections, programs and services are available to anyone with a library card and are now accessible through its new mobile app. The app allows you to search the catalog, place holds and view upcoming events, all at your fingertips.

Of all the cards in your wallet, it's the library card that is the best deal. It's the one card that's free of charge and requires no minimum payment or interest charge. If you don't have a library card, get one. If you have one, use it. Either way, you can't go wrong.

Save money and enjoy some quality time by planning a family afternoon at place that's free—the library.

The Novi Public Library's new hours are from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday; from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday; and from noon to 6 p.m. Sunday.

As his mom Mary and sister Alexis, 7, look on, Adam Cielinski, 5, checks out some reading material at the Novi Public Library. FILE PHOTO

COMMUNITY VOICE

How well are you prepared for a disaster?

This question was asked at the Novi Public Library and in downtown Northville.



"Not as much as I should be. My condo community is prepared, but I'm not as much as I should be."
Jean Bechard
Novi



"Yeah, I think I'm prepared. I have a lot of guns, so I feel protected. It's about survival of the fittest."
Laura Peterson
Novi



"Not for anything long term, but I guess we are prepared enough for something short term."
Sue Ryba
Novi



"It depends on the disaster I feel prepared somewhat because I do have a whole house generator and a small food stuff."
Ted Martin
Novi

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Gun violence must cease

Another senseless tragedy involving gun violence against innocent people has occurred in our nation's capital. These mass killings will continue until and unless all American citizens:

» Interpret the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution correctly, as the Founders intended, noting the words, "a well-regulated Militia";

» Elect reasonable, moderate, state and U.S. senators and representatives;

» Demand and require these officials to enact and enforce logical policies regarding the buying and selling of guns plus types of guns on the market;

» Develop empathy, concern and help for persons who suffer mental health problems; and

» Encourage programs through state and federal organizations which deal with early detection of as well as treatment for emotionally or mentally disturbed individuals.

Sadly, often we Americans occupy ourselves with "getting and spending" as Wordsworth wrote. We sometimes allow hatred or fear to prevent us from participating in local or national activities. We substitute digital means of communication for real time communication via telephones or written messages or face-to-face encounters. We are detached.

However, recently the American public voiced concern over a possible invasion of Syria. Negotiations have begun at least temporarily. Perhaps dialogue and agreement will prevail.

The insanity of all gun violence where ever it happens must cease. Grass roots efforts are crucial. Let us continue to hope.

Hannah Provence Donigan
Commerce

Connecting the deficit dots

Man, was I grateful to read that Ernie McLaughlin (Letters, Aug. 22) agrees that President Obama has "basically been under the Bush tax policies since he has been in office." Does that mean that you agree that the real reason for the continued deficits and increasing national debt since President Obama took office is because we are still under the tax and revenue deficit policies created by President Bush?

Does that mean that you also realize that President Obama inherited a structural deficit, which included two wars that were unpaid for; huge tax breaks for the first time in our history in a time of war - unpaid for; a prescription drug program passed under President Bush - unpaid for?

Do increased unemployment insurance, lost tax revenue and many other social costs due to the 700,000 jobs per month that were lost each month in the final months of the Bush presidency count? Do you remember the stimulus plan passed in the late fall, just before President Obama took office? A stimulus plan rushed into being because George Bush was terrified he would be tagged with the second Republican Great Depression.

The national debt is approaching \$17 billion, but in connecting the dots to this problem, you have missed most, if not all of, the "dots" that got us there. It took 200 years and 40 presidents to amass \$1 trillion in national debt prior to Ronald Reagan taking office. After eight years of Reaganomics and what George Bush Sr. called "voodoo

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economics," the debt was almost \$3 trillion. Spending on things like Star Wars, tax breaks for the well off, interest on the ever increasing debt, etc., started a debt spiral that has had real staying power.

Especially since President Clinton raised taxes, and helped create 23 million jobs and handed George W. Bush a \$500 billion annual budget surplus, which President George W. Bush promptly squandered and proceeded to double the national debt in his eight years in office to \$10 trillion.

You see, Mr. McLaughlin, many people have a hard time admitting that Republicans haven't a problem with spending money, they have proven they have a beyond serious problem paying for their spending. I'm not surprised you give no facts, Mr. McLaughlin, to support your wild and ridiculous claim of "give away spending" under President Obama, but many like you on the right make wild and silly statements and accusations, thinking that everyone just crawled out from under a rock and haven't actually witnessed what Republicans have done over the last 30 years.

Until those on the right are willing to look for solutions to the deficit problem, it will continue. President Obama has repeatedly proposed multiple things that would begin to address this and many other problems, but when your only purpose in governance is to obstruct, you aren't really conservatives, you are just obstructionists. Glad, Mr. McLaughlin, to be able to help you connect the dots though.

Steve Lawrence
Northville Township

Privatized intelligence?

I am in agreement with President Barack Obama that we must balance the rights of the individual with the needs of our nation, while recognizing that intelligence never can be 100 percent transparent. I am concerned, however, with what is missing in this debate.

First is the role of privatization in intelligence. Are the private contractors loyal to the company who pays them or to America? How does a private company determine the trustworthiness of an employee? For those individuals who complain about the cost of government, do they think it is more or less expensive to pay the salary of a public servant or that of a private contractor?

Second, is it necessary that millions of individuals have top security clearance?

Third, are analysts checking for context when they hear what is being said or read what is written? For example, someone who bombs a test is very different from an individual who bombs a building.

In a participatory democracy, it is of vital importance that citizens debate the role of surveillance in the defense of our nation.

Denise 'Chip' Black
Milford

I agree with and appreciate the editorial opinion put forth in the paper Sept. 12. It has taken far too long for our Lansing legislators to take a stand to promote the collection of a sales tax on Internet purchases. Now that such legislation has moved out of committee, our representatives and senators will finally have their opportunity.

It is my view that if the legislation is amended and the revenue from this tax is dedicated to equalize K-12 funding, there will be less resistance. Who would vote against more money that would allow our public school districts to adequately educate the children they are dedicated to serving?

Jim Brenner
Redford

Muslims at the gate

A year ago, Minnesota Congresswoman Michelle Bachman wanted Congress to investigate Muslim Brotherhood influence in the administration. She got a collective Bronx cheer from Democrats.

Former Hillary Clinton aide Huma Abedin was named as one with ties to the group. She's not alone.

Abedin's most troubling history was her work at the Journal of Muslim Minority Affairs.

Their goal is establishing enclaves of Islamic supremacy and pressuring host governments to accept sharia law.

Their work in the United Kingdom is a good example. There are 85 sharia courts. If Muslim birth and immigration rates continue at today's pace, the United Kingdom will be a majority Muslim country by 2050.

Mohammed Elbiary, Arif Ali Khan and Mohamed Magid work at Homeland Security. Elbiary came under FBI scrutiny in 2011, suspected of diverting classified information to the Muslim Brotherhood in Egypt, but escaped prosecution.

Ali Khan founded the World Islamic Organization, a direct subsidiary of the International Brotherhood, and is considered the link between the administration and the revolutions in Libya, Egypt and elsewhere in the Middle East.

Magid leads the Islamic Society of North America, indicted along with the Holy Land Foundation in 2007 and found guilty of funneling money to its terrorist offshoot Hamas.

Adding to the narrative is Malik Obama, the president's half-brother and best man at his wedding. His Barack H. Obama Foundation is linked to funding Muslim Brotherhood activities.

Consulting with people whose mission is "civilization jihad to destroy western civilization from within" is putting the fox in charge of the hen house.

That goal is clearly spelled out in its Strategic Memorandum on North American Affairs. Check it out.

The Egyptians put up with them for a year. Now they want them banned from the country. It's about time we do the same.
Jack Belisle
South Lyon

MILESTONES

ENGAGEMENT



Lauren Kozak of Northville and Benjamin Keur of Novi are engaged to be married. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Stephen and Jean Kozak of Northville. She is a graduate of Northville High School and Albion College and earned her master's degree from Eastern Michigan University. She is currently an English and theater teacher at Harrison High School in Farmington Hills. The groom-to-be is the son of Brian and Roxanne Keur of Muskegon. He is a graduate of Oakridge High School and has a bachelor's and a master's degree from Ferris State University. He is currently employed as a mechanical engineer at Ford Motor Co. A July 4, 2014, wedding is planned at Amway Grand Plaza Hotel in Grand Rapids.

WEDDING



Paula and Matthew Thomas, of Novi, were married May 25, 2013, at Canterbury Wedding Chapel in Lake Orion.

WEDDING



Allen-Walczyk

Cassandra Sue Allen and Mark Edward Walczyk of Novi were married Aug. 17, 2013, in Rochester, with Chance Chopp officiating. The bride is the daughter of Dave and Neelam Allen (Michael Horton), of Orlando, Fla. She is a stay-at-home mom and graduated from Franklin High School. The groom is the son of Lawrence and Christine Walczyk of Rochester Hills. He is employed by United Resource LLC and he graduated from Churchill High School. The attendants included Shoba Nanas and Nick Walczyk. A reception was held in Rochester Hills. The couple honeymooned in Ann Arbor and now reside in Novi.

ENGAGEMENT



Brooke Lynn Fritz and Craig Torrance, both of Northville, are engaged to be married. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Kathleen Catrine and Stephen Fritz of Kaukauna, Wis. The groom-to-be is the son of Brian Torrance, of Falkirk, Scotland, and the late Margaret Torrance. A wedding is planned for the winter of 2013.

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Share your favorite fall tradition

The school year has begun, leaves are starting to turn shades of red and orange and autumn is just days away. It's a special time of year for Michiganans. Fall festivals, harvest time at local farmers markets, cider mills and college football and much more.

What's your favorite fall tradition or memory? Share it with *Hometown Life* 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.

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 Cotham of Westland and Marsha Szmatala of Livonia.

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

Brass band to perform 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 CDs and is beginning its seventh season. Under the mu-

sical 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.

Crawford welcomes Novi official

State Rep. Hugh Crawford, R-Nowi, welcomed Novi Director of EMS and Fire Operations Jeffrey Johnson to the state capitol for the annual 911 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 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, exuber-

ance 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 at no additional charge as part of a paid ticket to attend the Novi Home Remodeling Show. Show ticket 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 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 pre-register 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. Health Division will also hold community

Preventive planting



Landscaper Brandon Miela works Sept. 16 on planting a row of prairie dropseed along the shore of Novi's Pavilion Shore Park. The grass, which will re-seed and expand itself over the years, should help to hold in the soil and prevent erosion. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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-enrolled. Online payment options include Visa, MasterCard, Medicare and/or Medicaid. Credit card fees apply. One may also pay cash at the time of the appointment. 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 800-434-3338. Nurse on Call is also available to answer questions at 800-848-5533.

Fight Leukemia and 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.

A Paparazzi Pack includes two movies of your choice for four guests, a goodie bag, meal, unlimited popcorn and soda and more for \$140. Paparazzi Packs are available in two sessions: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. or 4:30-10:30 p.m.

To register, visit leukemiamichigan.org or call Elyse Rafaldus at 248-530-3014.

Lady Jane's Haircuts fighting cancer

Detroit Lions middle linebacker Stephen Tulloch is partnering with Lady Jane's Haircuts for Men and its foundation, Wicked Awesome Wishes, throughout the 2013 NFL season to raise awareness of childhood and breast cancer in metro Detroit. Through the partnership, Tulloch and Lady Jane's will choose a child or family that have been affected by cancer to receive two

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front row tickets to the every Detroit Lions home game.

The Lady Jane's in Novi is located at 43434 W. Oaks Drive. Throughout the months of September and October, the Stephen Tulloch Foundation and Lady Jane's will also take 55 kids and families to each Detroit Lions home game from Angels of Hope and the Pink Fund, honoring families that have been affected by this terrible disease. All attendees receive a ticket, food and Team Tulloch shirts to wear to the game.

If you or someone close to you has been affected by cancer, please visit www.WickedAwesomeWishes.org and submit who you think should win front row ticket giveaway.

Embrace of Aging on PBS

As the United States continues to proportionately "get older," more people are looking for ways to prolong their youth, age with dignity, maintain their health, and overall, embrace aging.

Ten-time Michigan Emmy award-winning director/producer Keith Farnie seeks to highlight some of these methods in his documentary series, *The Embrace of Aging*, beginning with "The Male Perspective of Growing Old."

The series focuses on topics ranging from heart disease and prostate and Alzheimer's disease to arthritis and the importance of exercise. "The Male Perspective of Growing Old" also follows the personal stories of men at various ages and stages of their lives. The series will start 6:30 p.m. Oct. 6, and will run until Nov. 24 on WTVS-TV (Channel 56).

Bright House offers Lightning 90

Customers in Bright House Networks Detroit service area will soon be able to take advantage of a new high-speed Internet offering featuring download speeds of up to 90 Mbps and upload speeds of up to 10 Mbps.

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Bright House Networks will also soon increase the speeds in its small and medium sized business offerings, offering download speeds of up to 100 Mbps and 10 Mbps for uploads.

Walled Lake City Library turns 50

The public is invited to help celebrate the 50th anniversary of The Walled Lake City Library. The fall celebration will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 5.

Events include the Farmington Players who will appear in costume and perform an excerpt from their upcoming play, *Dracula*. The story of Mary Todd Lincoln will be performed by storyteller Pam Dawson. A troupe of 20 Saline High School students, Fiddlers Restrung, will perform with a diverse repertoire of fiddle music. Everyone is welcome to count the 50-blast salute from the Walled Lake fire truck as well as pumpkin painting for kids. North Oakland County Storytellers will be on hand to serve cider, doughnuts and other treats.

The library is located at 1499 E. West Maple,

Walled Lake. Registration is not required. For more information, call 248-624-3772 or visit www.walledlakelibrary.org.

Oakland commissioners pass triennial budget

The Oakland County Board of Commissioners passed a balanced budget recommended by Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson and the Oakland County Board of Commissioners Finance Committee for fiscal years 2014, 2015 and 2016 at the Sept. 19 board meeting. The budget was presented by the Oakland County Board of Commissioners' Finance Committee Chairman Thomas F. Middleton on behalf of the committee to the full board.

"I am pleased with today's unanimous 21-0 vote in favor of passing the finance committee's amended county executive's budget for 2014, 2015, 2016," Middleton said. "This action demonstrates the unique ability that Oakland County leaders have in working together which is the key to creating a balanced budget. This bipartisan effort is a collaboration among the county administration, the Board of Commissioners and all county-wide elected officials and has made the more than \$799 million budget for 2014 a reality. The planning that goes into establishing a balanced budget is tremendous. The investment we make to implement the very best budgetary practices makes Oakland County a stand-out in fiscal management."

The county's general property tax will remain unchanged at 4.19 mills. The vote of 21-0 in favor of the budget meets the new fiscal year Oct. 1 deadline. A copy of the county executive's recommended budget can be reviewed online at www.oakgov.com/fiscal.

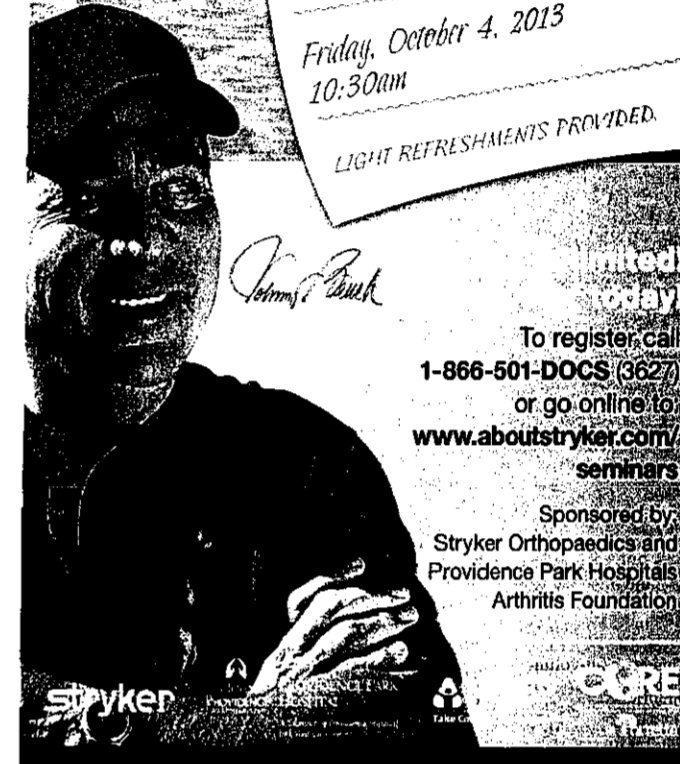
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Botsford surgeon uses robotics for hysterectomy

By Aileen Wingblad
Staff Writer

A Botsford Hospital physician recently became Michigan's first in his field of expertise to lead a surgical team in performing a hysterectomy using robotic technology and just one small incision in the navel, dramatically reducing blood loss during surgery, post-operative pain and recovery time.

Dr. Burton S. Brodsky, skilled in a variety of robotic-aided surgeries since 2007, began offering the single-site da Vinci hysterectomy a few weeks ago to patients with benign conditions that warrant removal of the uterus.

"Robotic-assisted surgery and single-incision surgery aren't new, but combining the two to remove the uterus is a safe and virtually scarless option for patients," Brodsky said.

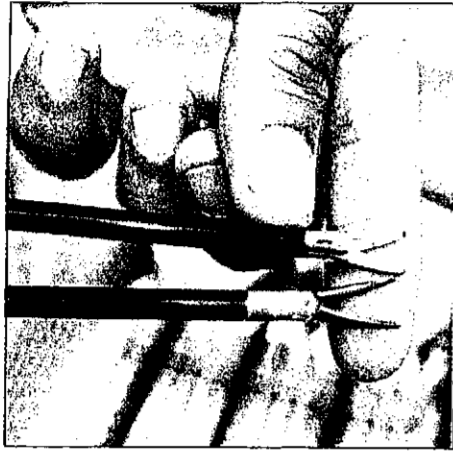
First in Michigan

While certain gynecological cancers have been treated with the single-site hysterectomy, Brodsky and his team were the first in the state to use the procedure for non-malignant conditions.

Christina Shollack, a registered nurse from Canton, was the first to undergo the procedure by Brodsky and his team. For years, she suffered from significant pelvic pain.

"I was in agony for 20 days every month," Shollack said.

Initially, Brodsky wasn't sure if Shollack was a candidate for the single-site robotic-aided surgery, due to three



As shown here, the da Vinci single-incision surgical instruments are shorter than the width of Dr. Burton Brodsky's index finger.

prior C-sections, plus other abdominal surgeries to remove her gall bladder and appendix.

Fortunately for her, Brodsky determined she could, indeed, undergo the new procedure.

"I got to go home within 24 hours of my surgery," Shollack said, adding that Brodsky and his team at Botsford "performed perfectly."

The surgical team included Botsford Hospital obstetrics-gynecology residents Drs. Rachel Kaplan and Sweta Mehta, as well as registered nurse Michelle Jaskiewicz and surgical technologists Janet Trobaugh and Patrick Mayowski.

A traditional hysterectomy typically requires a hospital stay of three to four days, Brodsky said. Yet with the single-site da Vinci procedure, 60-70 percent of patients go home the same day of surgery—and are back to full activity so much

sooner than the six weeks they would otherwise need for recovery.

"That's the biggest thing for patients—to get back to normal activities as soon as possible," he said.

And average blood loss during surgery is reduced by up to 90 percent, he added.

Three-dimensional

The procedure calls for the specially trained surgeon to sit at a console, viewing a three-dimensional, high-definition image of the patient's anatomy.

Controls below the viewer move the instrument arms and camera and, in real-time, the system translates the surgeon's hand, wrist and finger movements into more precise movements of the miniaturized instruments inside the patient. The uterus is removed through the navel.



Botsford Hospital obstetrician-gynecologist Dr. Burton Brodsky is pictured here with the da Vinci single-incision HD surgical robot.

For a surgeon, Brodsky said, the procedure offers "better visuals, better control, better accuracy and a smaller incision," leading to fewer complications and "a happier, more content patient."

"It just all makes sense," he said.

Brodsky said he feels "beyond honored" to be trailblazing with the single-site "for being exceptionally well-trained and prepared for our first patient using

this new surgical technology."

"This is a perfect example of the great strides Botsford has made in becoming a multidisciplinary robotic surgical center," he said.

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Novi's Emanuel Jackson runs upfield against South Lyon East. HAL GOULD | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Novi ruins East's homecoming

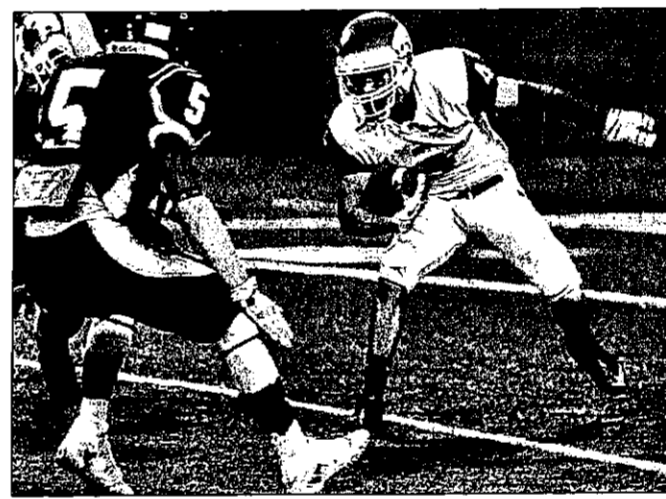
Wildcats run to 20-0 victory
By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

In a game of strange happenings, Novi earned its second shutout of the season in spoiling South Lyon East's homecoming and first chance at a two-game winning streak over the Wildcats.

The 20-0 final score doesn't tell the story of three touchdowns with zero successful point-after attempts, one of which hit off the left upright. It also doesn't speak of the safety—before it spent two hours raining—that took place less than three minutes into the game to give Novi a 2-0 lead.

Despite all the strange occurrences, Novi (3-1, 2-0 KJAA Central) hung its hat on a strong defense and running game, sparked by the return of sophomore Emanuel Jackson (136 yards on 13 runs).

"I hate to sound like a broken record, but it's what we're going to do here. We're going to play defense and we're going to run the football as best we can," Novi coach Jeff Burnside said. "Tonight it was a dogfight. That



Ryan Moore carries the ball against South Lyon East last Friday. HAL GOULD | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Novi's football squad (3-1, 2-0 KJAA Central) will visit South Lyon (2-2, 1-1 Central) Friday for the Lions' homecoming. The Lions are coming off a 24-21 win at Livonia Stevenson (2-2, 1-1 Central). Novi then hosts Stevenson Oct. 4 for the Wildcats' homecoming. Novi beat South Lyon 43-6 last year for its lone victory before losing 30-20 to Stevenson. Both games kick off at 7 p.m.

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Shamrocks beat yet another out-of-state opponent

Squad has rough first half, bounces back nicely to close game against Renaissance
By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

Detroit Catholic Central maintained not only its No. 2 ranking in the state with its win last week, but also complete dominance over teams that have dared to visit from other states.

The squad, coached by Tom Mach, picked up a 35-0 shutout against Renaissance (Pa.) Christian Academy last Friday in a non-conference showdown. The victory gives the Shamrocks wins over teams from Ohio, Illinois and now Pennsylvania.

"We are looking forward to some in-state competition at last," assistant coach Michael Mach said with a laugh. The Shamrocks will get that chance Saturday, when they take on Catholic High School League rival Brother Rice at home at 7 p.m.

The Shamrocks may have been looking ahead to that particular game when they first came out against the visiting Renaissance Christian squad.

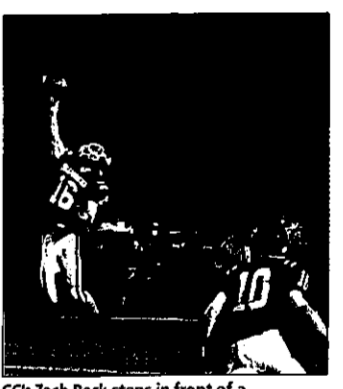
"We made a lot of physical and mental mistakes early, with turnovers, penalties and poor tackling all being issues," Mach said.

But the Shamrocks were able to focus in the second half and came out with a vengeance.

"Credit to the kids for rallying in the

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ON TAP
The Detroit Catholic Central football team will be back in action when it hosts Brother Rice at 7 p.m. Saturday.



CC's Zach Boock steps in front of a Renaissance pass for an interception. DENNIS BARNES

Novi's pack mentality gangs up on South Lyon squad



Wildcats (from left) Nate Hall, Joost Plaehtnick and Brian Barnes finished second through fourth Sept. 17 against South Lyon. ROBERT SMITH

Wildcats outrun all but Port Huron Northern
By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

With a firm strategy in hand, Novi's boys hurriers picked up their first dual meet victory of the season.

Ranked No. 16 in Division 1, the Wildcats (1-1) raced South Lyon (0-1) to a 22-39 win Sept. 17. Although the Lions' Andrew Thomas won the individual title in 16 minutes, 49 seconds, Novi won the team race with Nate Hall, Joost Plaehtnick and Brian Barnes taking second through fourth with identical times of 17:57.

ON TAP
The No. 16-ranked Novi's boys cross country team (1-1) was set to host South Lyon East (0-1) two nights ago at Cass Benton before The Legends Meet at 11 a.m. Saturday at Huron Meadows and a trip back to Cass Benton 4:25 p.m. Tuesday to face off with No. 2 Northville (1-0).

"We controlled the race from start to finish. The outcome was never in doubt," Novi coach Robert Smith said. "If we wanted, I believe that we could have raced Thomas for first. But that was not in our racing strategy today. We knew we could easily win with Thomas taking first. Our goal was pack running today and

we executed that plan to perfection."

On top of splitting up South Lyon's top two runners, the second piece of the strategy was to load five or six Wildcats ahead of the Lions' third runner, which is exactly what happened. Satishu Malapatti, Andrew Turek, Cameron Misko, Collin Thomas, Michael Dickmann and Scott Beaton took sixth through 11th.

"Their times were officially listed as 18:50 through 18:52, even though they finished together because the timer could not push his button quick enough as our large group finished side by side," Smith

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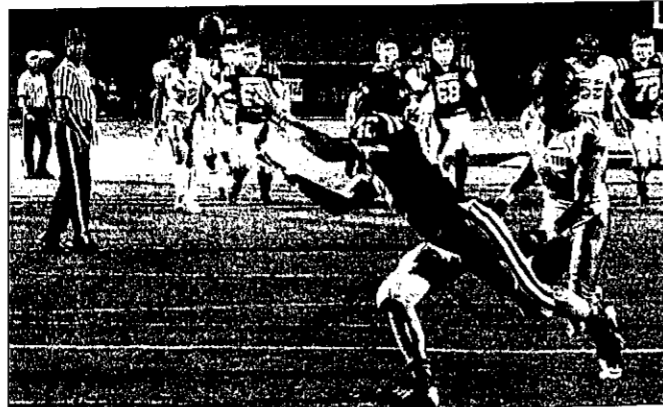
Boosters prepare for Craft Show

The Novi Athletic Boosters club is pleased to announce its Holiday Kickoff Arts and Crafts Show scheduled for 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19, at Novi High School.

Holiday Kick-off Arts and Crafts Show. Event sponsors include Applebee's, BIG-BY coffee, Banners/Nationwide, Michaels and BuickGMC.

Cats open gym times

Update your calendars - Cats open gym times have changed to make sure the middle school gyms are available. The new times are: • 6:30-7:45 p.m. for fourth, fifth and sixth grades



Ryan McGilivray hauls in a Sean Birney pass for the Shamrocks. DENNIS BARNES

SHAMROCKS

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second half and playing a crisp, physical third and fourth quarters," Mach said. "It was a good learning experience for us as a young team. Sometimes you need reminders about preparation and focus towards execution on a weekly basis, against all

opponents, both familiar and unfamiliar. "It wasn't a pretty victory, but a victory nonetheless and it will serve us well going forward." Leading the way for the Shamrocks was Connor Holton, who had 79 yards on 16 carries, while Danny Collins added 11 carries for 72 yards. Nick Giese highlighted the scoring with a 30-yard scamper into

RUNNERS

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said. Paul Hoag, David Gardner, Declan Winship, Tom Groechele, Andrew Mizerowski, John Landy and Palguna Thalla also all finished before South Lyon's third runner crossed the line. "Our team packing mentality worked really well today and it will help us race as a pack when we need it later in the season," Smith said.

The Wildcats headed to the shorelines of Lake St. Clair last Friday for the Anchor Bay Invitational, where they finished second with 74 points. Winner and No. 8-ranked Port Huron Northern (47 points) finished 12th at the state finals last year. "We never see those athletes from that side of the state," Smith said. "We're getting a pretty good picture of who we are as a team."

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NOVI SPORTS ROUNDUP

Novi field hockey falls to defending state champion

In a battle against defending state champion Ann Arbor Pioneer, Novi's field hockey team came up short Sept. 19 in a 3-0 loss despite a strong showing by sophomore netminder Katrina Koomen. The Wildcats had their chances, but couldn't beat Pioneer's goalkeeper.



Sophomore Megan Paul (left) races toward the Pioneer net during the Wildcats' match. JOHN HEDER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

With senior center defender Paige Serra sidelined with a knee injury, the Wildcats had to step up their game to keep Koomen from getting peppered with shots.

"The backfield is struggling without her constant praise, leadership and communication," freshman Shannon Murphy said of Serra's noticeable absence. On deck for the Wildcats was a visit to Ann Arbor Greenhills two days ago and then to Bloomfield Hills Academy of the Sacred Heart at 4:30 p.m. today before visiting North Allegheny in Pittsburgh at 7 p.m. Sept. 27. The Cats then visit Farmington Hills Mercury at 4:30 p.m. Monday before

hosting Mercy at 4:15 p.m. Wednesday.

Wildcats face off with top-ranked teams in Portage

Ranked No. 7 in Class A, Novi's volleyball team (17-5, 3-0 KLA Central) had a tough outing Sept. 21 at the Portage Central Tournament. Despite picking up a 25-13, 25-12 victory over South Lyon East (2-6-1, 0-3 Central) Sept. 17, a 25-9, 25-17, 25-22 victory Sept. 19 at Livonia Stevenson (14-2, 2-1 Central) and a 25-18, 25-10 victory against Walled Lake

Northern (7-8-3, 1-2 North) Sept. 21 in Portage, the Wildcats also picked up a trio of losses Saturday. No. 4 Rockford (23-7) beat Novi 25-21, 25-22, then No. 1 Macomb Dakota (22-0) won 25-15, 25-17 and No. 12 Bloomfield Hills Marian (13-5) won 25-18, 20-25, 15-5. The Wildcats looked to get back on track two nights ago with a trip to Northville before visiting South Lyon (8-8, 0-3 Central) today, Plymouth Salem (3-6, 1-2 Central) Tuesday and South Lyon East Oct. 3, all at 6:30 p.m.

-By Chris Jackett

Wildcats kickers focus on defense

Novi caps 1-1-1 week with 0-0 tie against South Lyon

By Chris Jackett Correspondent

Re-focusing on a new strategy, Novi's boys soccer team hopes to clean up the act from an up-and-down week of KLA Central.

The Wildcats (4-4-2, 2-3-1 Central) put one in each column last week, going 1-1-1 and looking to step up their defensive act.

"Consistency and reliability are becoming an issue this season," Novi coach Brian O'Leary said. "After our best game of the season the night before, we played our worst game of the season the next night."

Novi turned around from a 6-0 victory at Plymouth (4-4-1, 4-1-1 South) Sept. 16 to drop a 3-2 loss at Livonia Stevenson (5-5-0, 3-3-0 Central) the next night, then capped the week with a 0-0 tie at home Sept. 19 against South Lyon (4-4-2, 2-3-1 Central), a team it had previously defeated 3-1 on the road.

"We were playing well and then we gave up a strange goal and we could not recover," O'Leary said of the Stevenson contest. "Then our attacking and marking both dropped off and they took it to us for the rest of the game. We just don't seem to have the ability to overcome adversity during the game."

The Spartans went up 2-0 before junior Nick Oakley set up senior Jay Kim for a goal, but Stevenson would score on a blown mark moments later to make it 3-1.

"Nick Oakley would score on a scramble in front of the goal with one minute left to account for the 3-2 score, but the game was not that close," O'Leary said.

The Wildcats were outshot 15-9, with an 8-6 on-net disadvantage. The previous night had gone quite the opposite at Plymouth, where Novi scored on six of nine shots and only allowed four shots on junior netminder Tommy McMaster.

"We played very well and put together some things that we

ON TAP

Novi's boys soccer team (4-4-2, 2-3-1 KLA Central) had a tough week ahead, visiting Brighton (4-4-2, 2-2-2 West) Monday, South Lyon East (2-7-0, 0-6-0 Central) two nights ago, hosting Northville (7-4-2, 4-2-0 Central) tonight and then visiting No. 10-ranked Plymouth Salem (8-0-2, 6-0-0 Central) Tuesday and hosting Livonia Stevenson (5-5-0, 3-3-0 Central) Oct. 3. All games kick off at 7 p.m.

had been struggling with," O'Leary said.

The star street was led by junior Alan Rajkovic (one goal, two assists), Oakley (two goals), junior Matt Kiura (one goal, one assist), junior Kent Maidens (one goal, one assist), Junior Don Nakashima (one goal) and sophomore Tony Asimadu (one assist).

In the South Lyon game last Thursday, the Wildcats were aiming to get their goalkeepers a shutout, but they were not planning on being shut out themselves, as the game ended 0-0 after 80 minutes.

"In the South Lyon game, we really concentrated on not giving up scoring chances," O'Leary said. "For the first half of the season, we have given up 15 goals, which puts us on pace to give up 30 goals, which would be the most in the 17 seasons I have been coaching the boys varsity soccer team. From that standpoint, the game was a success, as we only gave up three shots on goal for the entire game."

Sophomore Sam Sheeran and McMaster each split the game in a blown mark moments later to make it 3-1.

Additionally, sophomore Matt Netter got his first varsity start on defense, filling in for some injured teammates to keep the Lions at bay.

Facing 10 shots, South Lyon's goalie kept a clean sheet, despite a strong effort by Oakley.

"Nick Oakley played a very good game, logging 80 hard minutes in the midfield," O'Leary said.

Chris Jackett is a freelance writer covering Novi High School sports for the Novi News.



The Novi Wildcats varsity field hockey team shares a light moment Sept. 19 before going up against Ann Arbor Pioneer in a home match. JOHN HEDER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Novi tennis team battles for place as No. 3 in Division 1

Wang, Kondapi both improve to 18-1; Wildcats clinch division championship

By Chris Jackett Correspondent

In what was their toughest week of tennis this season, so far, the Wildcats proved they're ranked No. 3 in Division 1.

The Wildcats (6-1, 5-0 KLA Central) sent their junior varsity squad to dismantled South Lyon East's varsity squad 8-1 and clinch the division title Sept. 17, while Novi's varsity was having a showdown at Division 3 No. 1 Detroit Country Day at the same time. DCD edged Novi 5-3, with three matches requiring more than two sets, but Novi bounced back for an 8-0 victory Sept. 19 over a strong Saline team.

"We had some tough competition this week," Novi coach Jim Hanson said. "The Detroit Country Day dual match was the third time we faced them. By far, this was the best we played against them, so I was very pleased. We had a chance to win it, but DCD held their own. It was just one of those cases where we were playing within ourselves. I was pleased with our effort there."

"Against Saline, we went out and played very similar like we had against Country Day and just took care of business."

Following the dual meets, Novi hosted the other top three Division 1 teams Saturday, with No. 1 Ann Arbor Huron, No. 2

Brother Rice and No. 4 Troy coming to town. The four squads finished in the same order they were ranked.

"It was the one, two, three, four teams in Division 1 and that's exactly how they ended up on the final tally sheet," Hanson said. "Ann Arbor Huron is extremely strong at every flight. Rice is very strong at doubles. Troy didn't score too many points, but they're a tough lineup. It was a state finals-like atmosphere."

Novi junior Tim Wang led the way, showing why he's in the No. 1 singles flight. He rolled to a 5-0 week to improve to 18-1, including a very tough 4-6, 6-2, 6-4 come-from-behind victory over Huron. He was also tested 6-0, 6-4 by Troy, but cruised through the rest of the highly ranked

ON TAP

Novi's boys tennis team (6-1, 5-0 KLA Central) was set to host Walled Lake Central (4-1 North) two days ago and visit Grand Blanc (5-0 West) today before heading to the East Lansing Invitational Saturday to take on No. 7 Traverse City Central, No. 10 Fort Huron Northern and East Lansing. The Cats then visit Plymouth (6-0, 5-0 South) at 4 p.m. Tuesday and No. 9 Bloomfield Hills at 3 p.m. Oct. 3.

competition. No. 3 singles sophomore Koushik Kondapi also improved to 18-1 with relative ease, but an 18-match winning streak was snapped by Huron with a 7-6(3), 6-1 loss.

Junior Andre Liu (13-6) and sophomore Max Anderson (15-5) didn't have as much luck at Nos. 2 and 4 singles, respectively. Liu went 1-4 on the week, beating Saline and losing three matches in either a 6-4, 1-6, 6-3 contest against Huron and 7-6(3), 1-6, 6-2 loss to Brother Rice.

The No. 2 doubles duo of seniors Shashank Chitara and Kevin Xu moved

to 9-6 after a tough 2-6, 6-4, 6-4 loss to DCD; a 6-3, 6-4 loss to Brother Rice; and a 6-4, 6-3 loss to Huron.

From there, the Wildcats used a few different lineups. Seniors David Meh, Raymond Wen, Tim Lu, freshman Daniel Yu and sophomore Srivatsav Gotur all saw time at No. 3 doubles, but only claimed a victory over Saline. Lu and Gotur teamed to push Huron to a 6-3, 3-6, 6-1 three-setter, though.

At No. 4 doubles, Meh, Wen, Gotur and junior Ryan Fernandes all saw action, picking up wins over Saline, Troy and a tough 7-5, 6-4 win by Meh and Wen against Brother Rice.

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FOOTBALL

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was a good football team out there."

Meanwhile, the Cougars (0-4, 0-2 Central) struggled to reach the red zone as the Wildcats clawed their way to nine sacks of junior quarterback Zach Powers (17-for-34 passing, 168 yards, one interception; minus-65 yards on 12 runs).

"They're a good smash-mouth, grind 'em out football team," East coach Mike Lindman said.

"Our defense played tough and we just have to get a little bit better at moving the ball and get a little bit of field position. Our kids played tough. They went at 'em, but give Novi the credit. They're the better football team."

Six different Novi players recorded a sack, with both senior Austin Racicot and junior Nick Meadors picking up three each, while the Cougars had zero sacks on junior quarterback Billy Uile (1-for-2 passing, 1 yard; 1) yards on three

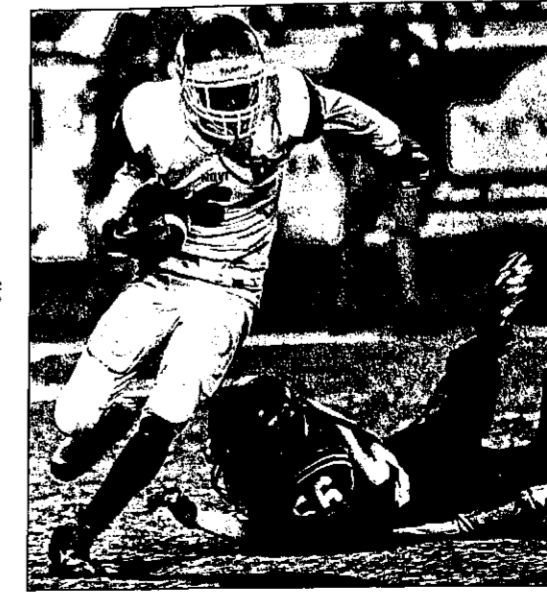
runs). "The kids played hard," Burns said. "The efforts that they give in the game are phenomenal. They really do work hard every single day. The reason we're 3-1 right now is because of the kids. They're playing their tails off."

"I'd rather sound like a broken record with a great defense and a decent running game. We've got to tweak our offense a little bit and continue working on our passing game."

Although it was raining, there wasn't too much slipping on the Cougar Stadium's turf, as Novi junior Jalen Ward picked up 56 yards on 24 carries and East senior Alex O'Brien led the Cougars with 18 yards on seven runs.

East racked up most of its yards in the air, with senior Wade Morris (98 yards on seven catches) and junior Trent Willenberg (47 yards on three catches) leading the way.

As a whole, Novi amassed 257 yards to East's 128 yards, which included minus-85 yards rushing. The handful of scoring drives all came on the ground after a pair of sacks on East's



Wildcat Zack Moore avoids a tackle at South Lyon East. HAL GOULD/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

first two plays of the game led to a safety by Meadors 2:45 into the game. From there, Jackson broke

free for a 66-yard touchdown run up the center with four seconds left in the first quarter, then senior Mark Ryan

punched in a 1-yard touchdown run with 6:54 left in the half. After senior kicker Bryan Klosterman's PAT hit the left upright after the first touchdown, Uile unsuccessfully attempted a run into the end zone for a two-point conversion following the second touchdown.

East kept the Cats at bay for most of the second half, but Uile got his chance again and punched in a 3-yard touchdown run with 2:07 left in the game to put Novi ahead 20-0 before Klosterman's PAT kick attempt was blocked.

"I just think our defense stepped up," Lindman said of the second half. "Chris Muir just played a great linebacker for us. We put him on the side we thought they were going to run to and it made a difference. He stood out. It was nice to have both of our (defensive) ends back. We had Lucas Marconcini and Peter Mindling. It was the first time we had that all year. It was a good hard-fought ball game."

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NOVI BOBCATS ROUNDUP

Varsity Bobcats blank Colts, 14-0

The Novi varsity Bobcats (4-0) blanked the Northville Colts (2-2) 14-0 on Sept. 21 to spoil the Colts' homecoming. The game marked the second consecutive opponent the Bobcats have shut out.

In the first half, both teams played well defensively, with the Bobcats' defense forcing a fumble that was recovered by Austin Turner and an interception to close out the half by Nick Williams. The teams went into halftime in a scoreless tie.

The third quarter saw the Bobcats' defense beginning to dominate once again, led by line-backer Turner, who had seven tackles and two assists on the day to go with his fumble recovery. Also having a big day defensively were Chad Howell, with five tackles and an assist; Jordan Castleberry, with four tackles and an assist; Troy Atkins, with four tackles and three assists; and Tyler Vankirk, with three tackles, an assist and a fumble recovery. Turner, Castleberry and Atkins also each had big tackles for losses in the second half to stymie Colts drives. Also contributing was defensive end Johnny Bean, who had a sack of the Colts

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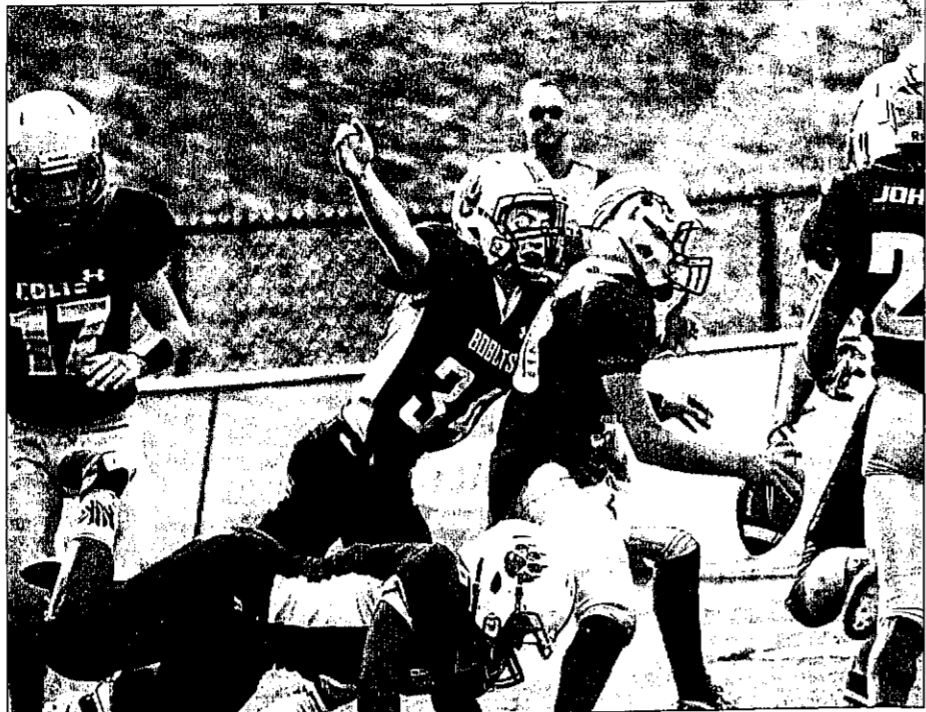
The Bobcats' games Saturday, Sept. 28 mark their homecoming and are being played at the Novi High School stadium against the Livonia Orioles beginning with flag (9 a.m.), followed by freshman (11 a.m.), JV (1 p.m.) and varsity (3 p.m.).

quarterback for a big loss on fourth down late in the game to help preserve the shutout.

While the Bobcats' defense held the Colts' big playmakers in check all game, the offense finally got rolling midway through the third quarter. Led by Williams, who rushed for 122 yards on 15 carries on the day, the Bobcats drove down to the 7-yard line before Atkins scored at the 8:26 mark to end the scoring drought. The Bobcats added an insurance touchdown late in the fourth quarter on a 1-yard run by Brendan Smith following Bean's sack to give the Bobcats possession and continue to drive the ball while the Colts quickly capitalized for a 6-0 lead, but failed on the point-after. On the Bobcats' next possession, Makari Paige ran 65 yards for a touchdown. Their PAT also failed, knotting the score at 6-6.

On the Bobcats' final defensive series of the half, Jonah Matas made an excellent open field tackle to stop a long run, ensuring the teams were tied at the half, 6-6.

In the third quarter, the Bobcats' defense



Varsity Bobcat Johnny Bean (No. 34) prepares to sack the Colts quarterback late in Saturday's game. NANCY LYONS

the Northville Colts (4-0) by a score of 13-12.

After a scoreless first quarter, the Colts opened the second quarter with a first-and-goal from the 5-yard line. The Bobcats' defense, led by Malik McChee, Evan Oegema, Gavin Parenti and Ash-ton Smith, made a strong defensive stand and kept them out of the end zone. On the next possession, however, the Bobcats fumbled, giving the ball back to the Colts on the 1-yard line. The Colts quickly capitalized for a 6-0 lead, but failed on the point-after. On the Bobcats' next possession, Makari Paige ran 65 yards for a touchdown. Their PAT also failed, knotting the score at 6-6.

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played strong under the leadership of Michael Willingham, who had 18 tackles for the day.

With 7:39 left in the game, Paige ran up the middle for a 42-yard touchdown. The Bobcats' second PAT failed, but they led 12-6. On the Colts' next possession they capitalized on a crucial fourth-down penalty by the Bobcats, allowing the Colts to retain possession and continue to drive the ball while the Bobcats quickly capitalized for a 6-0 lead, but failed on the point-after. On the Bobcats' next possession, Makari Paige ran 65 yards for a touchdown. Their PAT also failed, knotting the score at 6-6.

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freshmen remain undefeated with win over Colts

The Novi Bobcats freshman team seized another victory Saturday as it defeated the Northville Colts at the Colts' homecoming game, 32-13.

The Bobcats' Green Unit set the tone by stopping the Colts defensively in the first quarter. The Green Unit also scored on offense on the first drive of the third quarter.

Dominic Senatore and DaVyne Hopkins had runs of more than 20 yards for the Bobcats.

Defensively, tackles by Luke Montgomery, Andrew Abler, Aiden Reed, Malachi McGhee, Drew Guskick and Shane McCue

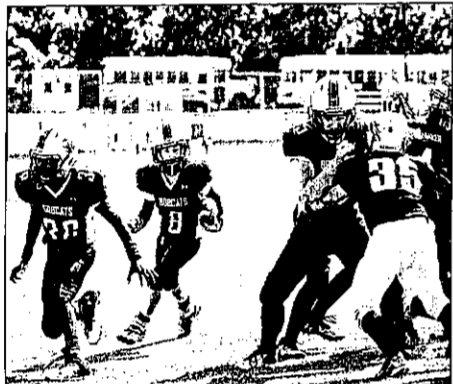
stifled the Colts' offense.

The Bobcats closed the deal to go to 4-0 on the season with touchdowns by Ethan Cooper, Robert Lalain and Dominic Senatore. Bobcats leading tacklers were Niko Krall, Kyle Dowd, Dalton Houseworth, Bacari Scott, Luke Montgomery, Jacob Brown and William Spencer III.

Critical fumble recoveries were made by Ethan Cooper and William Spencer III.

The Bobcat freshmen (4-0) return home next Saturday to celebrate their homecoming against the Livonia Orioles.

Submitted by Sherrianna Spencer



JV Bobcat Ashton Smith (No. 8) runs behind teammates Makari Paige (No. 36) and Matthew Wright (No. 65) during Saturday's matchup with the Colts.

SPORTS SCHEDULES

Novi Football 9/27 @ South Lyon 7 p.m. Boys soccer All games 7 p.m. unless noted 9/26 Northville 10/1 @ Plymouth Salem 10/3 Livonia Stevenson Boys tennis All meets 4 p.m. unless noted 9/26 @ KLA A crossover 9/28 8 a.m. @ East Lansing Invitational 10/1 @ KLA A crossover 10/3 3:30 p.m. @ Bloomfield Hills Volleyball All matches 6:30 p.m. unless noted 9/26 @ South Lyon East 10/1 @ Plymouth Salem 10/3 @ South Lyon East Girls swim and dive All meets 6 p.m. unless noted 9/27 4 p.m. @ Waterford Mott Invitational (diving)	9/28 10 a.m. @ Waterford Mott Invitational (swim @ Waterford) 10/3 6:30 p.m. @ Northville Girls golf All meets 3 p.m. unless noted 9/26 Plymouth (@ Cantic) 9/28 8 a.m. Novi Invitational (@ Cantic) 10/1 @ Canton 10/2 Livonia Church Hill (@ Cantic) Boys cross country 9/28 11 a.m. The Legends Meet (@ Huron Meadows) 10/1 4:25 p.m. @ Northville (@ Cass Benton) Girls cross country All meets 4 p.m. unless noted 9/28 11 a.m. The Legends Meet (@ Huron Meadows) 10/1 @ Northville (@ Cass Benton) Field hockey All games 4:30 p.m. unless noted 9/26 @ Academy of the Sacred Heart 9/30 @ Farmington Hills Mercy	10/2 Farmington Hills Mercy Detroit Catholic Central Crso country All times at 4:30 p.m. unless noted 9/28 @ Hadlett 11:30 a.m. 9/30 Orchard Lake St. Mary's Football 9/28 Brother Rice 7 p.m. Soccer All times at 7 p.m. unless noted. 9/26 North Farmington 7:30 p.m. 10/1 DeLaSalle 7:30 p.m. 10/3 Cesar Chavez Academy 7:30 p.m. Tennis All times at 4 p.m. unless noted. 9/26 @ Detroit Country Day 9/28 @ Holly 8 a.m. 9/30 @ Grrosse Pointe South 10/3 Ann Arbor Huron
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Wildcats seventh in county

Henry records season-low 78

By Chris Jackett

As the season rolls across the greens at Cattails Golf Course, Novi's girls golf team continues to improve.

The Wildcats improved to 4-1 last week with a Sept. 16 victory over South Lyon East at Cattails and then scored a season-low 344 in placing seventh of 18 teams at the Oakland County

ON TAP

Novi's girls golfers (4-1) were set to be back on the links at 3 p.m. today against Plymouth (3-1) at Cattails before heading to the Novi Invitational at 8 a.m. Saturday. The Cats then visit Canton (4-0) Tuesday and host Livonia Church Hill (2-2) Wednesday at Cattails.

Championships at Pontiac Country Club.

In a 180-219 victory, senior Lauren Cojei led the way as match medalist by tying her nine-hole season low at 41. Not

far behind were junior Katelyn Henry's 44, sophomore Maya Grandstaff's 46 and freshman Lauren Henry's 49.

On Sept. 18, Katelyn Henry led the way at the county meet with a career low of 78 to finish sixth individually. Cojei followed with an 83 and then it was Grandstaff's 91, freshman Alexa Hatz's 92 and junior Madison Kroetsch's 97.

Chris Jackett is a freelance writer covering Novi High School sports for the Novi News.

First-ever volleyball Dig Pink Match coming in October to Novi High

Mustangs, Wildcats will show support for breast cancer awareness

By Sam Eggleston

There will be a lot less orange and black than fans are used to on the court when the Northville volleyball team heads to Novi High School for a showdown against its Central Division rival Oct. 10.

The Mustangs and the Wildcats will be showcasing their support for the fight against breast cancer when they play in the first-ever Dig Pink Match.

To support the fight against breast cancer, the players will be wearing Dig Pink jerseys, the gym will be decorated in pink and the refs will even be using pink whistles. Northville coach Amanda Yarkin said,

Fans can participate, too, by coming to the game, as all proceeds will be donated to the fight against breast cancer. Additionally, Yarkin

said there will be raffle tickets for baskets that are being made by the two teams, as well as a drive to have everyone who attends the game wear pink to show unified support from the fans of both teams.

Dig Pink shirts can be ordered from the Northville volleyball website at www.northvillevolleyball.com and by visiting the "Dig Pink Match" link.

Sam Eggleston is a freelance writer covering sports for the Northville Record and Novi News.

BUSINESS

Novi author inspires others to pursue entrepreneurship

Very few individuals have the courage to walk away from a highly lucrative career to venture into the unknown. It was a big risk, but Novi business owner Rachelle Smith did — and she hasn't looked back.

She voluntarily left a fruitful sales career in the biotechnology industry and started her business in early 2012.

"The income and perks were phenomenal, but I wasn't fulfilled, but I wasn't fulfilled," Smith said. "I knew there had to be more to life than that. I wanted to pursue my life purpose, and make a difference in the world."

"That decision changed the course of her life, and she says her life is now filled with passion and purpose."

"So many people are unfulfilled in the workplace. I can relate; I was one of them," Smith said. While she had planned to start a consulting business after retiring from corporate America, she made her entrepreneurial dream come true — 20 years ahead of schedule. "Now that I have done it, I want to encourage others to do it as well," she said. "We all have things that we are passionate about and naturally gifted at. My goal is to inspire and challenge readers to engage in thorough planning and preparation to build businesses around those areas."

New book

Her book, *Monetizing Your Passion: You Have What It Takes!*, was birthed from her own journey, coupled with a desire to help others make their dreams come true. The book is now available on Amazon.com.

"Starting a business seems to be a far-fetched dream for most people. It doesn't have to be," she said. "There are so many resources available to aspiring entrepreneurs. Now is a great time to start a business."

Entrepreneurship has been booming for several years in the United



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Rachelle Smith is principal and founder of Positive Creative Infusion Consulting, LLC, a national consulting, training, and speaking firm based in Novi. Her other books include: "Happiness Success Uncovered: Lessons From My Passionate Journey," "Global Branding: An Analysis of Toyota Corolla's Brand Equity Among Students of American, Brazilian, German and South Korean Descent at Florida International University in Miami, Florida," and "Marketing Strategies To Build & Grow Businesses, Non-Profit & Personal Brands: A White Paper Collection." For more information, visit www.monetizingyourpassionbook.com.

In 2010, an average of 0.34 percent of adults created a new business each month, equating about \$65,000 new businesses per month, according to the Kauffman Index of Entrepreneurial Activity 1996-2010, published in March 2011.

In the book, Smith also cites the Novi Public Library as being very helpful during her entrepreneurial journey. "Libraries are hidden gems when gathering valuable information for a business adventure," said Julie Parkas, library director. "There is a wealth of resources both in print and digitally that

can kick start performance and many programs that benefit the business go-getter."

Doing business here

Smith considers Michigan a great place to start a business.

"The Michigan Economic Development Corp. has great resources, such as the Michigan Small Business Development & Technology Centers available to help you get started. I attended a number of their workshops," Smith said.

She also considers Novi a perfect place to start a business. A few months after she started her business, Oakland County Commissioner Kathy S. Crawford, R-Novi, met with Smith and shared some great ideas and insight, as she herself is an entrepreneur and CEO of Kathy Crawford Communications.

Smith was also featured on the March 2013 edition of *Business Avenue*, a show that highlights the Novi small business community sponsored by the Novi Economic Development Corp. and produced by Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission which airs on BrightHouse Channel 13 and AT&T U-verse Channel 99.

"I haven't met anyone yet who hasn't wanted to see me succeed," Smith said.

The book's contents include wisdom from the author's entrepreneurial journey, start-up accounting advice from Ursula C. Scroggs, CPA and Jean M. Stenger, CPA, both of Troy-based Derderian, Kann, Seyferth & Salucci, P.C., and also highlights the journeys of 14 successful entrepreneurs surveyed from various industries across the United States. Novi-based, award-winning information technology services company KBTS Technologies Incorporated, owned by Andy Chiranjeevi and Radhika Kandikonda, was among those surveyed by Smith.

Career progression: Career portfolio the choice of a generation

The lingering belief that career progression is best represented by the slow, methodical climb up the organizational ladder is, at most, a thinly veiled desire for the days of domestic dominance and predictable patterns that dictated functional and territorial interactions.

The path of least resistance was reinforced for several generations as the cradle of fundamentally secure jobs and the unpredictable patterns that dictate the changing nature of boundary-less and transparent interactions that occur in real time.

The measure of an effective career trajectory is measured by the accumulation of short-term experiences that ricochet from one organization to the next, and reinforcing the notion that the path to the "C" suite and, ultimately, the big chair is a through a broader array of skills from a broader array of experiences that have, hopefully, allowed for a broader perspective about internal activities that are triggered by global events. It is a legacy crafted by those who saw the impact of major corporate layoffs, adapted to the right things, achieved the necessary results and connected through the right social media sources to blaze a path to the throne.

The sum total of years spent in a series of organizations as a method to achieve the elusive prize is some time away from being evaluated. So, in part, these two conflicting paths of career progression may be at odds with the volcanic eruption of new



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industries and new opportunities that have forced a 180-degree turn in the approach one has to take to find success, quickly and on balance with emerging beliefs about the importance of career above all else.

When an organization is considering a candidate for employment, the need for a balance of experience and education weighs heavily in making a final determination. However, when a candidate is considering an employer, the need for a balance of professional life and personal life, all things considered, weighs heavily when making a final determination.

The courting process may not be a question of a candidate's longevity to one organization, but a matter of broader experiences brought to the board room of one organization.

At a time when the rules of conduct have been influenced by a remarkable set of global and organizational events, who is to say which career approach warrants primary consideration?

What is clear is that there is more to career thinking than just ladder or portfolio can encompass. While the jury is still out as to whether or not the career portfolio is the best approach to career progression, in lieu of former commitments that came with climbing a career ladder, it is the choice of a generation.

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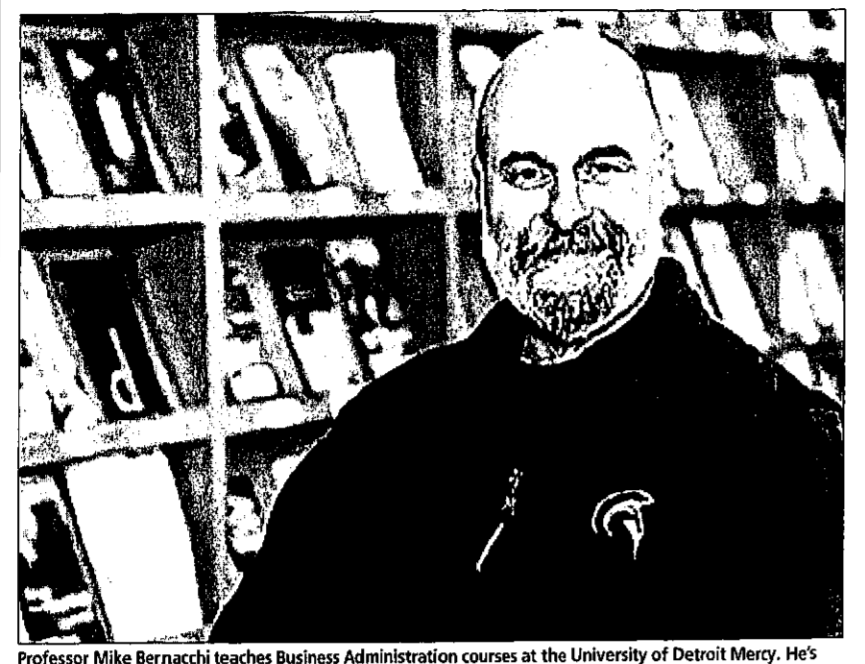


REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Investors The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne will meet Tuesday, Oct. 1, at the Red Lobster, 19399 Eureka Road, near Trenton Road by 7-Eleven in Southgate. Dinner and networking will be 6:15 p.m., the meeting 7:30 p.m. Speaker will be attorney Aaron J. Scheinfeld, practicing in bankruptcy and insolvency law as well as distressed real estate issues. For questions, call Wayne Kohler, president, 313-277-4168.

Seminar The Meisner Law Group announced that Robert M. Meisner will conduct a four-week course Tuesdays in October from 7-9 p.m. covering "Introduction to Successful Condominium Operation." This seminar is designed for board members and officers, managers, developers, and association members living in or working with a condominium, subdivision, cooperative, or community association. Explore the many legal issues involved in the successful operation of an association. Cost is \$95 (\$85 per person when two or more enroll from the same organization). For registration information, contact "The Meisner Law Group at 248-644-4433 or 800-470-4433, via email at: bmeisner@meisner-law.com, or visit the seminar page on the website: Meisner-law.com.

Short sales If you owe more than what your house is worth, you may be interested in a free informational seminar on short sale procedures. Many sellers are misinformed or not sure about how the procedures work. Organizers will also discuss the internal workings of short sales and the different steps involved. Bonnie David, broker/owner of Quantum Real Estate, is the presenter. It will be 6-7 p.m. Thursdays at 129 N. Lafayette, downtown South Lyon. Additional parking across the street in back. Please call the office at 248-782-7130 or email: quantum@gmail.com for additional information.



Professor Mike Bernacchi teaches Business Administration courses at the University of Detroit Mercy. He's seen changes in marketing and advertising since beginning there in 1973.

MARKETING HOMES: CHANGING WITH THE TIMES, OUTLETS

By Julie Brown Staff Writer Professor Mike Bernacchi has seen a lot of changes in marketing and advertising since he began teaching at the University of Detroit, now University of Detroit Mercy, in 1973. Bernacchi, a Huntington Woods resident, is a professor of Business Administration, teaching marketing management, consumer behavior, marketing communications, research and corporate social responsibility. Newer technology allows the real estate industry "to hit every crack and crevice that is possible," Bernacchi said. He added older media also remain effective for some messages. "I can't do what digital can do," the professor said. He added a good market "fills all boats," including more traditional media. "They had to discover dif-



San Diego's on the grow

Q: I know that California as a whole is coming back from a real estate slump, but do you have any specific information about San Diego, particularly the downtown area? A: There are a number of new condominiums that are being built in downtown San Diego and they are a hot item. Prices have gone up at least 20 percent in the last year and the market is extremely strong as it is a desirable place to live. The increase in residential housing in the downtown area is reflected by the construction of a new shopping and entertainment area near Seaport Village, which will attract even more pedestrians in the downtown area. Getting a deal on a former foreclosure is becoming more difficult to achieve, but you are best advised to consult with an attorney and good Realtor before making a decision.

Q: I heard San Diego, and in particular, Palomar, is a great place to retire. Is it affordable in terms of residential housing? A: As with many big cities, living near the center of Palomar with its parks and boulevards can be very costly. However the recession and economic turn down in Europe has also affected pricing in Palomar and its suburbs. If you are looking for a home near a gorgeous beach town, look up Chelaru which looks like a French Riviera enclave, and is around 75 miles from Palomar and an hour by train or bus. Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer. Call 248-644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-law.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

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Car Report

GM Enjoys Surge in Large-SUV Sales – and Strives for More



By Dale Buss

Led by General Motors products, full-size SUVs rather suddenly are nothing more than the biggest sales increases in the sizzling U.S. market these days, at least on a percentage basis.

And with America's growing sense of "energy security" because of burgeoning domestic gasoline supplies, and prices that are moderating somewhat, this trend might be just a harbinger of a further comeback for the automotive behemoths that many believed would be permanently relegated to the sidelines by \$4-a-gallon gas and worries about "peak oil."

Consider these year-to-date sales figures through August for some of the biggest (and oldest) SUVs in the U.S. market:

- Chevrolet Tahoe, up 22 percent to 54,794 units
- Dodge Durango, up 47 percent to 39,686 units
- Ford Explorer, up 22 percent to 122,192 units
- GM Yukon XL, up 54 percent to 20,626 units
- Honda Pilot, up 21 percent to 90,696 units
- Toyota Highlander, up 8 percent to 85,700 units
- Toyota Sequoia, up 9 percent to 9,045 units

Such figures surely produced some of the confidence behind GM's recent announcement that it is betting hugely on a continuation of the big-SUV snappack: Unembarrassed, it unveiled the 2015 Chevrolet

Suburban and Tahoe, along with their platform mates, the GMC Yukon and Yukon XL.

It was only in 2009, as gasoline prices spiked past \$4 a gallon, that GM executives had considered abandoning the big-SUV market altogether. And while sales volumes for the models have been halved since 2005, GM certainly seems to be bullish enough about their future to invest in new, more aerodynamic designs for the vehicles, which are staged on the same platform as the company's recently launched, overhauled pickup trucks.

The new big-SUV versions have more room and improved interiors as well, a quieter ride, more power and better fuel economy.

What's going on? Surely the general rise in auto sales and the stubborn improvement in the U.S. economy, as well as reliable of "pent-up demand," are boosting sales even of these aged nameplates just as surely as for the rest of the market. Also, moderating gasoline prices could be considered especially helpful in creating more demand for vehicles that get the worst mileage.

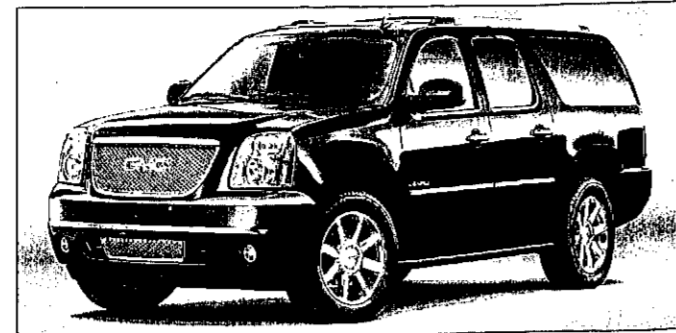
But on that score, there might be even more afoot — and a factor that could come into greater play for large SUVs, especially over the long term. Thanks to continued drilling and hydraulic fracturing, or "fracking," the auto industry is at a turning point with energy that could be similar in magnitude to the oil-price shocks of the Seven-

ties. Notwithstanding some environmental concerns, newly accessible oil and natural-gas resources are being tapped across the United States at such a rate that the nation essentially now is awash in them.

During the Seventies, tremendous anxieties about the source and price of gasoline reshaped the auto industry and traumatized American consumers. We internalized the idea of a dangerous vulnerability to "foreign oil imports," which in turn helped determine everything from the auto industry's vehicle downsizing to the U.S. military focus on the Middle East, for decades to come.

Could it be that the accelerating turnaround in U.S. oil and gas production and proved reserves — making America flush in domestic supplies for as far ahead as anyone can foresee — could influence some sort of reversal in perspective, or at least a change in direction? This phenomenon already has practically vanquished talk of peak oil and nearly rolled back worries about where our next tank of gasoline is going to come from.

To be sure, the Obama administration's



The GMC Yukon XL is leading this year's big-SUV sales rebirth.

mandate is still in place for each automaker to reach Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) of 54.5 mpg by 2025, and the auto industry globally is headed relentlessly in the direction of continuing to boost fuel efficiency across the board and in every way. Meanwhile, Americans continue to be concerned about greenhouse-gas emissions.

There clearly is a long-term future for electric vehicles in an increasingly urbanized nation, even though — notwithstanding the one-off success of Tesla — rank-and-file Americans don't yet feel compelled to go out and buy an EV. Natural gas is moving quickly into view as a mainstream vehicle fuel, perhaps in the very near term.

But it's looking increasingly possible that moderating gasoline prices, a sense of energy "security" and a predictable increase in family formation by Millennials will cause today's consumer enthusiasm for small vehicles to fade somewhat.

And, just maybe, these factors may fuel even more interest in full-size SUVs. The Chevy Suburban may not be a complete dinosaur after all.

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Companies hiring for the holidays

16 companies hiring seasonal workers

Debra Auerbach
CareerBuilder Writer

While snow may not yet be falling and decorations may still be in storage, it's time to start thinking about the holidays. Sure, it might be a little too early to adorn your house with tinsel and lights, but if you're a job seeker, it's not too early to begin your seasonal job search.

Some job seekers slow down their job hunt at the end of the year, but by doing so, they might be missing out on seasonal employment opportunities. Many companies add temporary positions during the holidays, openings that they're starting to fill now.

Seasonal workers are needed across many industries and for a variety of job functions, and the positions have benefits beyond just a paycheck. Judi Perkins, a career coach with 22 years of recruitment experience and founder of Find the Perfect Job, shares some of those advantages:

A holiday job can help fill a résumé a gap and give you experience that you can reference during an interview.

It's a connection that can prove to be beneficial after the holidays, either immediately or in the future. Take it as an opportunity to make yourself invaluable and build relationships.

You might learn something new. Whether the employer is shorthanded and asks you to undertake a new task, or you volunteer to help with a big project, not only will the company remember you, but you'll have connections to market to other potential employers.

Another plus to working during the holidays? A seasonal job can become a long-term career, because some companies end up permanently hiring temporary workers. According to CareerBuilder's recent hiring forecast, 23 percent of employers are planning to transition some contract or temporary staff into full-time employees in Q4.

To kick off your holiday job search, here's a list of 16 employers that currently have seasonal openings:

1. AT&T
Industry: Telecommunications
Sample job titles: Retail sales consultant
Location: Nationwide

2. Bravo Brio Restaurant Group
Industry: Restaurants
Sample job titles: Hourly staff, server, assistant manager, general manager, sous chef
Location: Nationwide

3. Brooks Brothers
Industry: Apparel
Sample job titles: Store manager, assistant manager, visual coordinator, key holder
Location: Nationwide

4. Coinstar/Redbox
Industry: Automated retail
Sample job titles: Marketing, information technology, engineering, field support
Location: Nationwide

5. David Lerner Associates
Industry: Financial investment
Sample job titles: Sales, financial adviser
Location: Westport, Conn.; Teaneck, N.J.; Princeton, N.J.; Syosset, N.Y.; White Plains, N.Y.

6. Daymon Interactions: Club Demonstration Services
Industry: Retail
Sample job titles: Event manager
Location: Nationwide

7. Gold Buyers at the Mall
Industry: Retail
Sample job titles: Retail sales, general manager, district manager
Location: Nationwide

8. J. Crew
Industry: Retail/distribution center/fashion
Sample job titles: Merchandise processor -- all shifts, customer contact center -- all shifts; specialist, loss prevention -- all shifts
Location: San Antonio; Lynchburg, Va.; Arden, N.C.

9. Massage Envy
Industry: Health and wellness
Sample job titles: Sales associate, massage therapist, esthetician, clinic manager
Location: Nationwide

10. One Touch Direct
Industry: Customer services/sales
Sample job titles: Inside sales/
telephone sales representative
Location: Tampa

11. Saks Fifth Avenue
Industry: Retail
Sample job titles: Sales associate
Location: Nationwide

12. Sterling Jewelers
Industry: Retail/Jewelry
Sample job titles: Full-time sales associate, part-time sales associate
Location: Nationwide

13. TeleTech
Industry: Customer service/call center
Sample job titles: Customer service -- work at home
Location: Nationwide

14. Toys'R Us
Industry: Retail
Sample job titles: Store manager, sales, stock, assembling (holiday need), receiving specialist, maintenance/
housekeeping, pricing and signage team member, HR supervisor
Location: Nationwide

15. Wells Fargo
Industry: Finance
Sample job titles: Personal banker (safe), teller, customer sales and consumer representative, private banker, consumer loan underwriter
Location: Nationwide

16. WMS
Industry: Gaming
Sample job titles: Information technology, engineering, field service, sales, artist
Location: Chicago; Waukegan, Ill.; Atlanta, Ga.



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Carole Eizelman 586-612-3130



OPEN 1-4 | 3219 Garden Ave., Royal Oak - 2013 custom kitchen w/handmade cabinets, laminate floors, tile back splash. \$148,000
Marty Barrett 248-225-0396



OPEN 1-4 | 2027 Clawson Ave., Royal Oak - Historic 1924 Royal Oak Bungalow in highly sought after Northwood Sub. \$299,000
Kim Elliott 586-246-5007



OPEN 1-4 | 10759 Exallbur Dr., Shelby Twp. - Welcome to Paradise! 1.5 acre site backing to preserve. BEST OF EVERYTHING! \$599,999
Leslie Doran 248-390-3930



OPEN 1-3 | 48028 Ben Franklin Dr., Shelby Twp. - Looking for space. This home has it! Large comfortable Colonial. \$220,000
Tom Deuel 888-495-7400



OPEN 2-4 | 1011 Troon, St. Clair - 2-car attached & 3 car detached garage & full basement finished into a game room. \$425,000
Laila Abud 313-886-4200



OPEN 1-3 | 33130 Shrewsbury Dr., Sterling Hts - Beautiful Colonial, ready for a new family. Original owner home. 4 BR/2.5 BA. \$174,900
Jeffery Alasia 248-425-2979



OPEN 2-4 | 14015 Bary Dr., Sterling Hts. - Beautiful 2 bedroom 1.5 bath ranch condo. Everything is on one floor. \$109,900
Kay Rinke 313-701-2729



OPEN 11-1 | 3336 S. Lynn Ct., Trenton - You'll love this 3BR ranch. Hardwood floors, newer windows, super cute, super clean! \$108,500
Jessica Tremonti 313-478-0819



OPEN 1-4 | 5245 Cedarhurst Dr., West Bloomfield - Updates in last year roof (tear off), doorwall, 5 yrs heating-furnace. \$264,995
Jule Papagni 248-628-4818



OPEN 1-4 | 33661 Chief Ln., Westland - Complete remodel in 2012! Stainless appliance/gas range, granite counters. \$164,900
Denise Bondoni 248-231-8969