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Trick or Trucks

The city of Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department is excited to host the second annual Trick or Trucks event 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 24, at Novi High School for children 3 years of age or older.

Trick or Trucks provides the opportunity of kids to discover some big and exciting vehicles while showcasing their costumes.

Touring station to station, attendees will not only enjoy a fire truck, police vehicles and large construction equipment, they will fill their goody bags with festive treats.

Registration is \$8 per person and is going on now at cityofnovi.org. The deadline to register is Tuesday, Oct. 22. In the case of inclement weather, the event will be moved to Oct. 25.

Space is available for additional large trucks; contact Greg Morris, recreation supervisor, for more information at 24-735-5646 or gmorris@cityofnovi.org.

To learn more about family-friendly happenings, visit www.cityofnovi.org.

Pair of ballot proposals could end publishing of city's legal notices

Newspaper organization sees measure as threat to government transparency

By Cal Stone
Staff Writer

Novi residents next month will vote on five ballot proposals to revise the city's charter, but two of those could impact the way newspaper readers receive information.

Proposals 2 and 3, if approved, could eventually give the city the option of not posting legal notices in the local newspaper, which is currently required by state law. Instead, notices

could be posted on the city's website or "by any other means or methods appropriate to properly inform the general public."

"We are big believers that these need to be in newspapers, which will provide an archived and permanent record," said Lisa McGraw, public affairs manager for the Michigan Press Association, which has been representing 300-plus newspapers in the state for more than 100 years. "The MPA is a strong believer that it needs to be in-

dependent of government. Otherwise, it could be a fox guarding the hen house-type scenario."

She said that altogether, over the span of the past 100 years, there have been more than 250 laws that require public notice for everything from an ordinance change to minutes of a council meeting to zoning issues.

The MPA is aggressively campaigning against the local proposals. Novi residents recently began receiving direct mail and robo calls with messages McGraw classified as "worst-case scenario."

Clay Pearson, Novi's city manager, received one of those

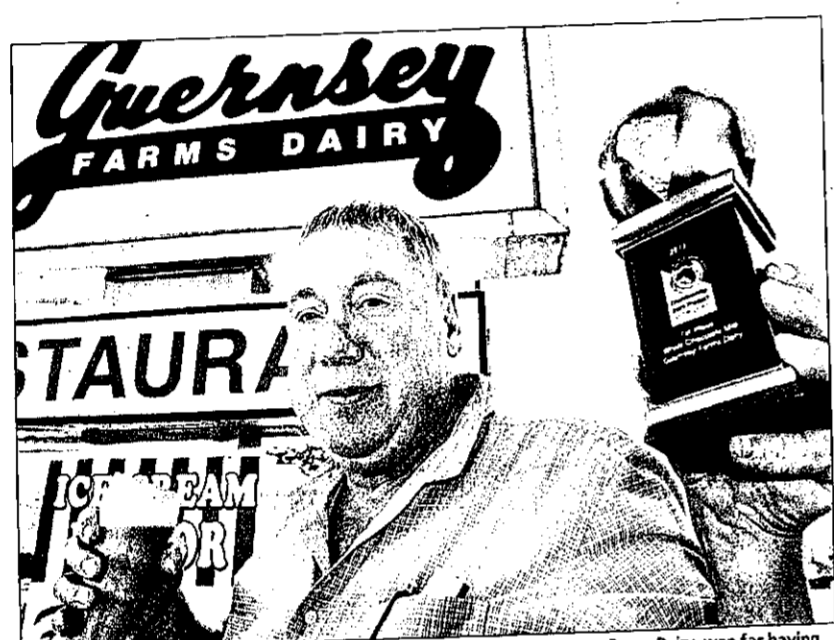
calls. "There are robo calls being made to Novi homes regarding two of the questions being put to voters for updates to the Novi City Charter," Pearson said.

"Regardless what people decide on the questions, the mysterious calls are disingenuous and inflammatory, not to mention self-serving."

How the proposals initiated

The city's charter was originally approved in 1969, but had not been reviewed since a revision more than 35 years ago in

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Marty McGuire proudly displays the trophy that his establishment, Guernsey Farms Dairy, won for having the world's Best Whole Chocolate Milk at a recent competition in Wisconsin. JOHN HEIDER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Guernsey's chocolate milk named best

World learns what locals have known for generations

By Lonnie Huhnman
Staff Writer

Guernsey Farms Dairy knows chocolate milk, so much so that it has been recognized as one of the best.

Guernsey Farms Dairy President Marty McGuire and Supply and Logistics Manager Matt Wilcox traveled Oct. 1 to Madison, Wis., to accept the World Dairy Expo award for Best Whole Chocolate Milk in North America.

This was the first time Guernsey had entered the World Dairy Expo. It received a perfect 100 score for its chocolate milk, as well as high scores for other products.

For everyone at Guernsey and in the Northville and Novi communities, this comes as no surprise. The honor is a tribute to the outstanding dairy products Guernsey has been producing for so many years.

"We are very excited about this honor; it's a great one in the world of dairy," McGuire said. "This bodes well for the decision my dad made all of those years ago to change the recipe."

McGuire said the dairy had originally used a different cocoa powder, but switched



The World Dairy Expo award for Best Whole Chocolate Milk in North America. JOHN HEIDER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

after his mother tried another kind, which has been supplied by Forbes Chocolate in Cleveland ever since.

What makes Guernsey unique is that it's truly a freshly made dairy facility.

McGuire said the milk comes from cows based in the Lansing/St. Johns area each week and usually arrives each

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MARTY MCGUIRE
Guernsey Farms president

Sunday by truck at Guernsey. All Guernsey milk comes from rBST-free cows (no hormones used) on small, family-owned farms.

The cows are fed hay and grass in the warm months and grains when grass becomes scarce and the farmers grow their own feed right on their farms. Once they are milked, the liquid is shipped to the Northville/Novi location.

"We've had a long relationship with these farms, so we know what we are getting on a weekly basis - and that's quality, Michigan-made milk," McGuire said.

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Hoping for 'rain' Oct. 26

Goodfellows, O&E join for Pennies From Heaven

By Cal Stone
Staff Writer

Novi Goodfellows and O&E Media, publisher of the Novi News, are hoping it will rain Pennies From Heaven on Oct. 26.

The two organizations are joining forces Saturday, Oct. 26, to collect pennies and spare change for Make a Difference Day.

Goodfellows volunteers will be at the city of Novi's Fire Station No. 1, located on the southwest corner of Grand River Avenue and Main Street, where folks can drop off coins or make donations from 10 a.m. to noon.

"We invite everyone to stop by, donate and enjoy a doughnut and cider - and celebrate the power of people," said Sue Rosiek, executive editor/publisher, O&E Media.

Last year, O&E Media partnered with Canton Goodfellows to collect pennies and spare change in an effort to help area families at the holidays. More than 60,000 pennies were collected. Moms, dads, children, teenagers and senior citizens contributed pennies to the effort.

"We believe that collecting pennies on this day is worth far more than the money collected," Rosiek said. "It offers early awareness to the cause that no

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Blair Bowman (with check on left) presented an \$8,000 donation to the city of Novi, courtesy of the Fifth Third Bank Michigan State Fair, at Monday's city council meeting.

Fifth Third Bank Michigan State Fair a 'charitable, community effort'

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

The Michigan State Fair has grown and succeeded over the last two years since it's been in Novi - and, for that, its organizers want to give back to the community that supports it.

An \$8,000 donation was presented by Blair Bowman, owner of the Suburban Collection Showplace, home to the State Fair, to the city of Novi at its city council meeting Monday night.

"The event was a huge success in every respect," Bowman said of this year's fair, which was the second in its new home after then-Gov. Jennifer Granholm pulled funding in 2009. It was called the Great Lakes State Fair last year and renamed the Fifth Third Bank Michigan State Fair for 2013.

In 2012, attendance hit 50,000. This year that grew to 80,000 over Labor Day weekend, with 150 volunteers making it happen. Bowman said the ultimate goal is to make it the best family event in the state.

He described the fair as a charitable, community effort. More than one-third of the ticket proceeds are going to fair supporter Detroit Shriners' efforts to help children hospital needs. In addition, \$10,000 each was given to support 4-H Club and urban youth scholarship programs.

Another \$4,000 was put back into Novi service groups like the Rotary Club.

Over the last two years, \$32,000 has been donated back into the community from this privately-run operation.

Monday's donation was a way to recognize the city of Novi's efforts and the support it has

given to the fair. "We're making this donation on behalf of the city of Novi employees and departments that helped enormously with making this event a success," Bowman said.

The donation will be primarily devoted to the Novi Public Library, the Police/Fire Benevolent Association and Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services.

"On behalf of the city council, City Manager Clay Pearson and all of the residents of Novi, we thank you and the Shriners and everybody involved for their hard work," Novi Mayor Bob Gatt said. "We do want to make it the best family event of the state. Novi is a perfect venue for the State Fair and the State Fair is something the state deserves."

Bowman expects the fair to grow in its charitable efforts in the coming years with further help from its local sponsors like Walmart, Bright House Networks and Guernsey Farms Dairy.

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child should be without a Christmas." Pennies From Heaven will also provide local Goodfellows organizations like Novi's the opportunity to promote what they do - make a difference in the lives of children and families.

"This provides a great opportunity for the community to show their support for an organization such as the Novi Goodfellows, to be able to provide good works for those in need around the Christmas holiday season," said Mark Pehrson, who is on the organization's board of directors. "Teaming up with the Pennies From Heaven program sponsored by the Novi News, part of Observer & Eccentric Media, will ultimately lead us to continue our mission of No Child Without a Christmas."

Formed in 1980, the Goodfellows' mission is to raise money to buy Christmas gifts for families in need by going out in the streets one Saturday every November to sell Good-fellow newspapers and collect money in fire-

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MARK PEHRSON

fighter boots.

"Pennies add up quickly, so we ask for your support," said Pehrson, who is joined on the Novi Goodfellows board by Mike Moisan, Edith Schmieding and Matt Blamy. Each October, millions of volunteers around the world unite in Make a Difference Day to celebrate the power of people to use their time, talent, voice and money to create change. People from all walks of life - young and old, families, cities and communities large and small - have an opportunity to take action to change and transform lives.

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Teamwork



Brady Rozema, 6, left, and his brother Brice, 4, work on decorating plates at an Oct. 7 crafts gathering at the Novi Public Library. For \$7, kids could write and draw on a paper surface that will be transferred to dishwasher-safe plates in the weeks to come. The boys have made these plates at the library in years past. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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1977. This past March, an ad hoc committee evaluated language to identify revisions to the city charter "to make outdated and restrictive language more flexible, modern and streamlined and to incorporate with statutory changes at the state level," according to the city's website.

In addition to other citizens and elected officials, Pearson served on the charter committee. "We looked at all the sections of the city charter and one of those sections needing updating is the provisions written in 1969 about publishing legal notices in printed newspapers," he said. "I am a firm proponent of and subscriber to active journalism at all levels of our representative democracy. However, just as many newspapers (Detroit Free Press, The Detroit News) are moving away from printed format, printed small-type legal notices are not the way most people actually get information about what's going on in their community or state."

Pearson said the charter amendment would allow - if state law allows in the future - the city to substitute "costly and ineffective display advertising with multiple additional layers of communication." Specifically, he noted e-newsletters, website, direct mailing, public meetings, etc. which he said "reach more people." The city, with a 2013-14 budget just over \$29 million, spent \$12,569.45 on legal notices in the Novi News this year through Oct. 3.

"Nothing prevents the city from buying advertisements if that is more effective for certain cases," Pearson said. "Nothing prevents newspapers from knowing and covering events and land use hearings. Prescribing in the charter that the city must pay for such printed advertising when not necessary is what the charter committee recommendation and the city council see benefit in updating."

Reasons against proposals
The MPA, however, sees it as a threat to open government and public access, saying the public will suffer from the lack of due process and independence with regard to property rights, tax dollars and government transparency. The newspaper organization says government could conceal information from the public by controlling what is and isn't posted on the city's website.

"If they (city of Novi) want to put notices on their website, that's great - it's more openness," McGraw said. "But this is a fight we have every day in the Legislature in Lansing." A few years ago, there was also an attempt by the Alpena city government to do this, but some heavy lifting on the part of the local newspaper prior to a final council vote prevented it from getting on the ballot.

PUBLICATION PROPOSALS

CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSAL 2
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
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?"

WHY TWO PROPOSALS?
At the charter review committee's Aug. 5 meeting, former Novi Mayor David Landry asked City Attorney Tom Schultz why there had to be two questions to make the changes regarding publications. According to the minutes: "Schultz explained that Section 15.2 was the default provision regarding publication requirements when no state law applies. The second question deleted specific newspaper and/or posting requirements in several sections and replaces them with a general reference to the new publication standard in Section 15.2. Basically, both questions could not be fit into 100 words, so they were split up."

In 2009, the cities of Trenton, Wayne and Ann Arbor all tried similar proposals. The MPA launched a ballot campaign against them and the latter was the only municipality to win voter approval.

Still, Ann Arbor is required to publish notices because current state law dictates uniform notice requirement and trumps local ordinances. Maryanne Cornelius, Novi's clerk, was recently explaining the various ballot proposals to a homeowners association. "I was asked, 'Can I still find notices in the Novi News?'" I said, "Yes," Cornelius said, adding that she is unaware of any changes coming to the state law.

However, if Novi's proposals pass, the MPA's general counsel, Robin Luce Herrmann of Butzel Long, anticipates "that it will be used for fodder later on to modify state statutes."

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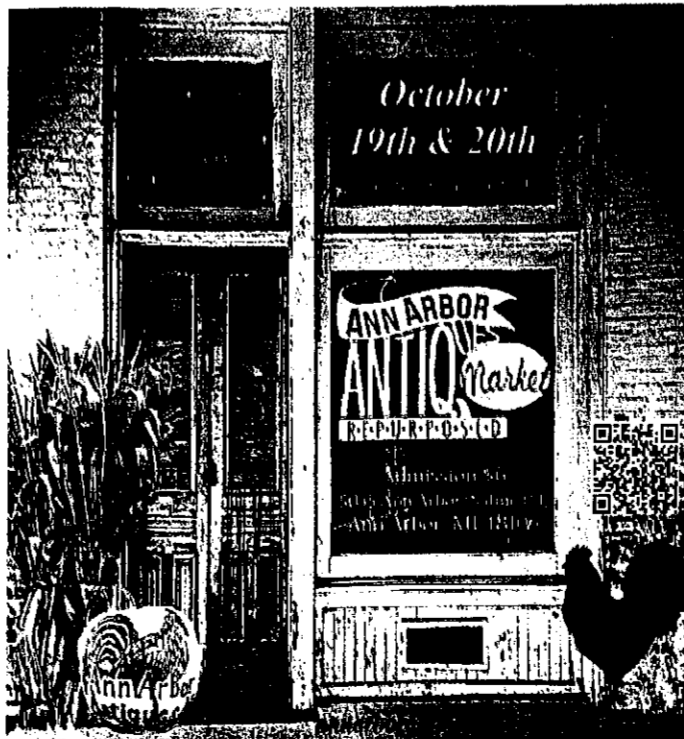
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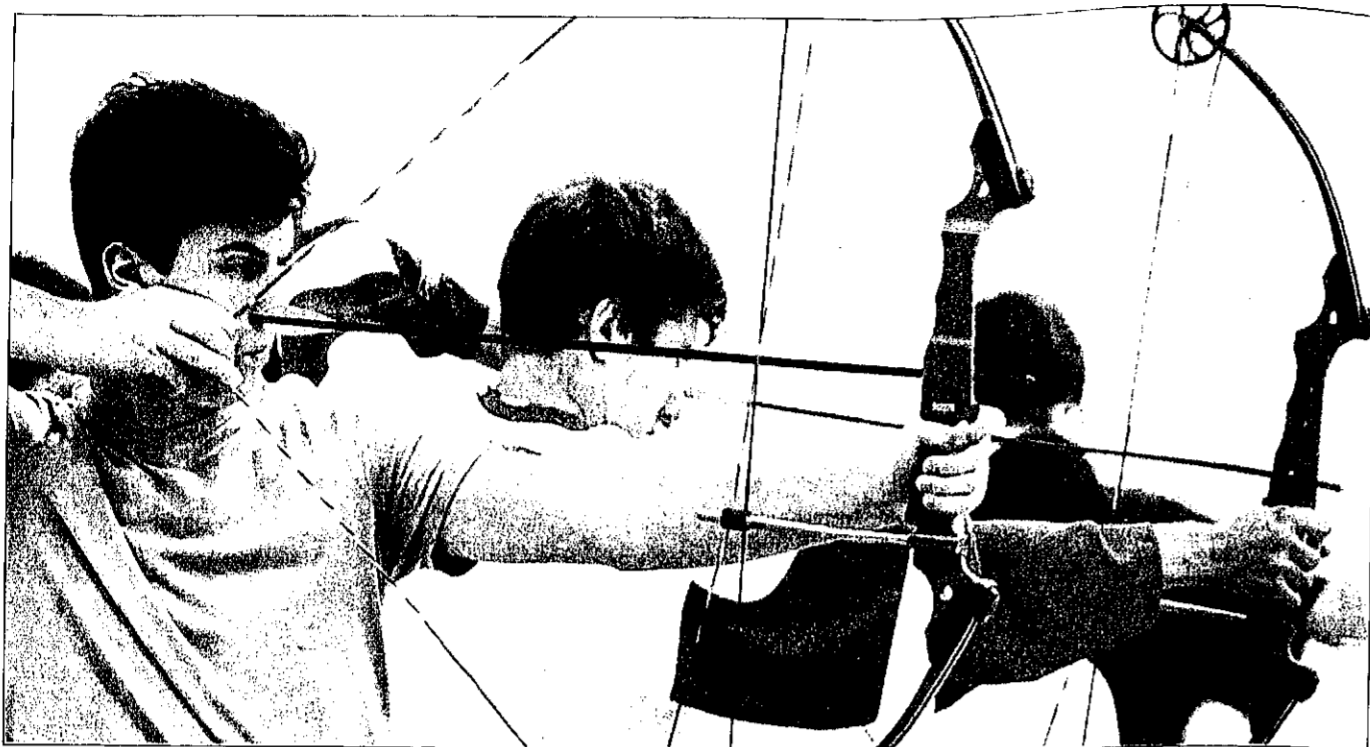


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Catholic Central senior Brad Conflitti takes aim in the school's gymnasium Oct. 1 during a meeting of the Archery Club. The club, which was started by 29-year-old teacher Mark Gagnon, was made possible by a grant from the Michigan DNR and its Archery in the Schools program. It meets every Tuesday. JOHN HEIDER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Archery Club hits the target with CC students

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

Hanging out with friends and having fun has made the Archery Club at Detroit Catholic Central High School a hit among many students.

"Being with my friends and doing something fun is the best part of this," senior Joe Potrykus said. "It's relaxing, but also challenging."

The after-school club started this year and, according to teacher Mark Gagnon, it has already attracted more than 40 students on a regular basis.

Gagnon introduced the club after completing a course and getting certified this past summer. He felt it would be a new option that could interest students to a physical education activity that didn't require a

tryout.

"This was a natural fit and it gives students a chance to compete on an equal playing field. There's no cut or tryout — you just come here and have fun," Gagnon said. "For a lot of them, it's their first time. So it's been fun seeing them learn it."

A big help to get it going was the grant funding help Gagnon applied for that allowed Catholic Central to purchase the club's equipment, which consists of 11 compound bows, netting, targets and arrows.

The grant was provided by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources through its Archery in the Schools Program, which is designed to introduce target archery in grades 4-12 physical education classes during the school day.

Gagnon said archery is a

sport nearly everyone can be successful at, regardless of age, size or physical ability. According to the DNR, statistics show that school archery programs engage more students in the educational process while also improving classroom performance and reducing dropout rates.

During the first week, students were given basic instructions and introduced to archery. By mid-October, many of them are confident and comfortable taking target practice on a weekly basis.

"Show up and have fun is how I look at it," Potrykus said. "It's become one of the new things to do here at school."

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Catholic Central student (left) Tom Myler, along with other students, pulls arrows from a target. JOHN HEIDER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

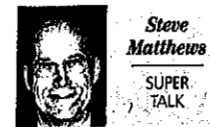
Education worth more than it costs

How much is an education worth? We know what we pay. The state tells us that it will pay \$9,359 for each student in the Novi Community School District.

What goes unsaid is that not all of that money comes from the state. In fact, our community contributes just over \$2,900 of that state per-pupil amount of \$9,359. Our community has voted in 1994 and 2004 to approve two operating millages — 18 mills on businesses and 5.49 mills on primary residences. The 18-mill levy on businesses accounts for \$2,322.18 per student and our hold harmless millage of 5.49 mills accounts for \$590.58 of our per-pupil funding.

On Nov. 5, voters in the Novi Community School District will be asked to once again approve this operating millage renewal. By approving this operating millage renewal request, our school district will continue to receive the full per-pupil state funding allocation.

The Novi district also has on the ballot Nov. 5 a recreation millage renewal that will allow our school facilities to continue to be used by the community. The cost for allowing our high school pool, district fields and gyms and middle and high school auditoriums to be used by the public is offset by this recrea-



Steve Matthews
SUPER TALK

I would encourage two "yes" votes on these millage renewal requests.

These millages are part of what we pay for education here in Novi. The question is, how much is an education worth?

While what we pay for education can be calculated in dollars and cents, what an education is worth is harder to calculate. But it is so much more important.

An education gives students a voice and they learn that they can and should speak up. An education helps students develop the skills they need to communicate and gives them an opportunity to practice and hone their skills. Students learn to write, speak, think critically, listen and appreciate another's point of view. What is that worth? An education helps students develop a passion about learning. Students find that area of study — whether it is cell division or environmental science or government or English literature — and they become enthused about finding out more. This passion influences life choices — where they will go to college, what

they will do for a living and how they will spend their time. What is that worth?

An education provides opportunity. Every day, parents send their children to school because they believe that their children will develop the knowledge and skills that they will need to be successful. School then becomes a door that opens another door and then another. The opportunities that education provides can change and shape a person's life. What is that worth?

An education provides confidence. Students learn that through hard work and effort, they can master difficult and complex ideas and problems. They gain confidence, not because someone tells them that they are good at things, but because they see that they are good at things. What is that worth?

We know what education costs. The more important question to ask is, what is an education worth?

I think an education is worth a lot more than it costs. Our goal is to create a school district that proves that education is worth something every single day.

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

NOVI SCHOOL BRIEFS

Super coffee

Enjoy coffee and district updates with Steve Matthews, Novi schools' superintendent, at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 21, in the Novi Public Library's East Meeting Room (105B) and at 10:15 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 23, in the library's Board Room (202).

Mom 2 Mom Sale fundraiser Nov. 2

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 goconor@novi.k12.mi.us.

WLCSO hosts Michigan Philharmonic Oct. 25

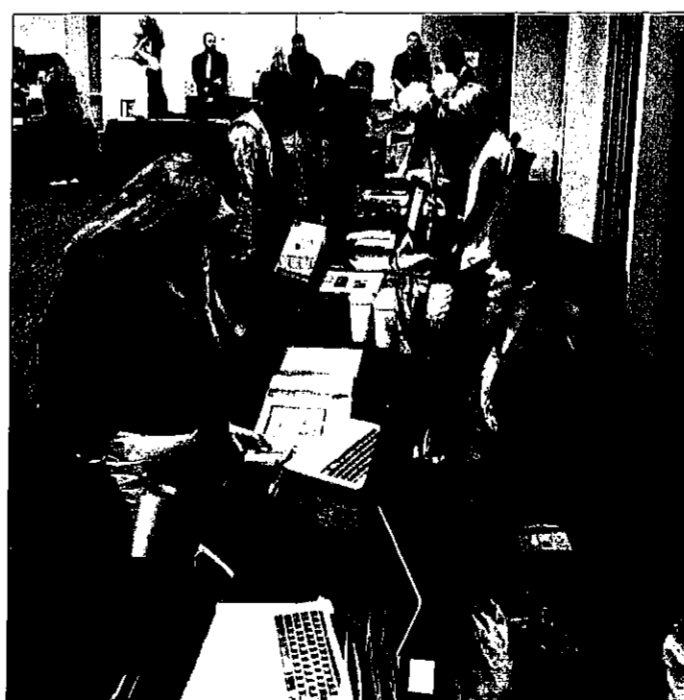
The Walled Lake Consolidated School District and the Walled Lake Northern High School Performing Arts Center will host the Michigan Philharmonic's performance of *A Phantom, a Witch and a King* at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 25, at Walled Lake Northern High School, 6000 Bogle Lake Road, Commerce. Tickets are \$7 for students and senior

citizens and \$13 for adults. Tickets can be purchased online at www.wlstickets.com or by calling the Walled Lake Consolidated Schools box office at 248-387-9160.

The concert will also feature performances from the Hickory Woods Elementary and Sarah Banks Middle School student choirs and the Walled Lake Western cast of *Shrek*.

Guests are encouraged to attend in their favorite costume and enjoy a haunted Halloween concert of scary well-known classics, including *Night on Bald Mountain*, *Hall of the Mountain King*, *Toccata in D* along with movie and Broadway hits such as *Wicked*, *King Kong*, *Phantom of the Opera* and *Spider-Man* with audience participation on *Ghostbusters* as the finale. There will be a costume contest with prizes.

Portfolio Show



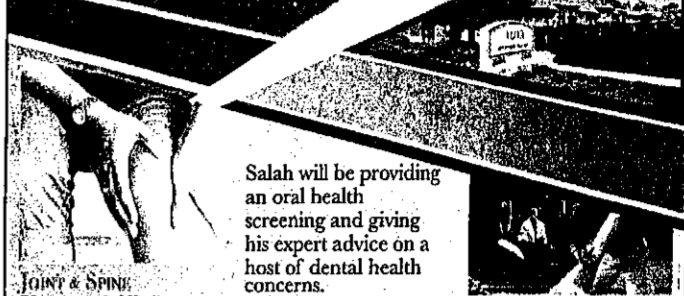
The Art Institute of Michigan, on Cabot Drive in Novi, recently held its Graduate Portfolio Show for industry professionals, families, friends, students and the general public. Graduates displayed their work from earning bachelor's degrees in graphic design, web design and interactive media and fashion marketing and management, as well as associate's degrees in graphic design. The Best in Show award went to Shannon Murphy (bottom right), who earned a bachelor of arts degree in fashion marketing and management. The school's commencement ceremony was held Sept. 21 at the Masonic Temple in Detroit. CAL STONE

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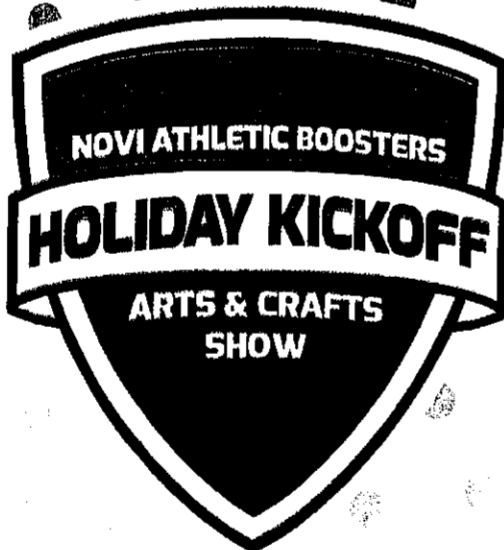
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Obituaries, Memorials & Remembrances



DOWN ROSEMARY

Of South Lyon, MI, passed away peacefully, October 13, 2013. Age 85. Wife of late Harry Down Jr. Dearest sister of Jerri Milch (late Harriet) Claudia Jeddick (Ted), Tommy Walsh, Bryan (Debbie) (late Kay) also survived by several-in-law Shirley Walsh and several nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by brother-in-law Dick and Jimmy Walsh. Memorial Mass held at St. Joseph Catholic Church, South Lyon, MI, October 19th, 2013, 10:30am. Interment at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Novi, MI.

CORDEL CECILE

Age 72, passed away October 9, 2013. He was born at home on January 30, 1941, in Greenup, KY. He was one of six children born to Mary and the late Albert Cordle. He is survived by his mother and his 3 loving sons: Michael (Cathy), Bryan (Debbie), and Stephen (Margaret). He is also survived by 10 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren, his sister Connie, brothers Calvin and Carl, and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife Karen in 2008, his brother Clarence and his sister Coralee Grace. Cecil was retired from Ford Motor Company. He enjoyed watching sports, especially the Detroit Tigers. He also enjoyed fishing and cooking. He will always be remembered for his love and dedication to his family. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, October 26 at 11:00 AM at Well-spring Church, 36350 W. 8 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, MI. Memorial donations are suggested to the American Lung Association or the American Cancer Society.

FOSTER JOAN

79 of Maryville, TN went home to heaven on Tuesday, October 8, 2013. Joan a loving wife, awesome mom, fantastic grandmother and great-grandmother is survived by her husband Jim, 5 children, 12 grandchildren, 9 great grandchildren and 3 sisters. She will be missed. Visitation from 9AM to Noon on Saturday, October 12th. At Northrop Sassafras Funeral Home, 10991 Northville Rd, Northville, MI 48168. A graveside service will be held at 12:30 at Glen Eden Cemetery.

HARMON VAN HAROLD

72, South Lyon, passed away October 13, 2013. Harold was born on September 5, 1941 in Rector, Arkansas to the late Wesley and Lydia Harmon. He graduated from Brighton High School in 1959. After 32 years of service in maintenance at Michigan Seamless Tube, he continued to work part-time until 2012 at South Lyon Schools where children fondly called him Papa Harold was a loving and devoted husband for 42 years. She was a wonderful father, Papa, uncle and brother. Known for a deep sense of caring and always one to lend a helping hand, he offered the gift of friendship to many. Harold is survived by his wife, Diana, daughter Becky (Dave) Maszel, and sons, Sean (Suzanne) Harmon and Craig (Jackie) Harmon. His 12 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren, along with his siblings, Jamie (Terry) Devine, Mary (Jim) Chapman and David (Ann) and a wealth of family and friends all of whom will carry on fond memories of Harold's sense of humor and kind heart. He leaves to those that knew him, memories of laughter and love. He is preceded in death by brothers Lee Roy and Wesley Eugene.

Kuziak, Richard A.

79, passed Oct. 12, 2013. Visitation Oct. 18, 3-9pm. Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. A service will be held Thursday, October 17, at 11 a.m. with final visitation from 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, 24155 Griswold Rd, South Lyon. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations are suggested to The Gift of Garrett Fund, 219 Estates Drive, Troy, MO 63379.

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MCCANDLESS, ROBERT E.

1940-2013

A generous, kind and faithful man, who battled to the end against numerous health complications, lost his life with his family at his bedside, early Saturday, October 12. Rob was a successful entrepreneur, founding Security Corporation in the 1970s. Through his leadership and guidance he watched it become one of the largest security companies in the country. An avid golfer, who played weekly and only a few weeks before, purchased a new set of golf clubs to share some strokes off of his game. A tireless philanthropist who couldn't bear the thought of hungry and needy families near his Florida home, and co-founded the local charity, The Bridge Fund. A loving husband of 53 years, still together every minute of the day and madly in love with his adoring wife, Joy. Three loving children Robert E. Holloway II, Jana L. (Richard) Peters, and Randy J. (Cathy) Holloway. Grandfather to Richard J. Fetters II, RJ Holloway II, Madison L. Holloway and Nathan R. Holloway. Rob truly adored spending time with each grandchild and collecting and gardening. Services were held on Friday, October 11, 2013. Contributions in Rob's memory may be made to Lynch & Sons, Milford at 248-684-6645 or visit: LynchFuneralDirectors.com

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Snyder talks jobs, tech career training

& BETTER JOBS MICHIGAN



Gov. Rick Snyder held a town hall jobs conversation Oct. 10 at Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

By Joanne Maliszewski
Staff Writer

Some 60,000 jobs are listed on a state employment search, mitalent.org. Unfortunately, the jobs require technical skills that many of those searching for work don't have, according to Gov. Rick Snyder.

"How do we connect people with careers?" Snyder asked as he spoke to a crowd of business and education leaders, high school and college students Oct. 10 at the Oakland Community College Orchard Ridge campus in Farmington Hills.

The hour-long town hall conversation with about 200 invited guests was live-streamed at Michigan.gov/snyderlive. Questions also were accepted by those who participated online on Twitter and Facebook.

"This is social media at its finest," said Mary Engleman, executive director of the Greater Farmington Area Chamber of Commerce, who moderated the event and a panel of business leaders.

Snyder drove the conversation to educational programs in partnership with corporations, such as Bosch USA and Brose USA in Auburn Hills, that can train the younger generation in vocational and technical skills to meet job demands in Michigan.

"As part of reinventing Michigan, we are being successful," Snyder said, adding that there are some 200,000 jobs being created now in the private sector.

Needed: technical skills

While attending a four-year college for a bachelor's degree is worthy, so is attending a community or vocational college. The key, Snyder said, is much more than

learning theory, but how to turn knowledge into a practical and technical tool for employment.

"I'm fired about FIRST Robotics," Snyder said, referring to a popular annual robotics competition, of which Michigan students comprise 10 percent of all teams across the country. "My goal is to increase that to 20 percent."

A big FIRST Robotics supporter that not only provides funding but employee involvement with students is Heliach USA in Farmington Hills. "I am very passionate about what we are doing," said Maximiliane Straub, Bosch chief financial officer and a panelist at Thursday town hall jobs conversation.

"We create jobs. We want to create meaningful jobs," she said, adding that the goal is also to create a passion for technology in the younger generation.

In addition to its involvement with FIRST Robotics, Bosch also has a management development program for students, many of whom are now employees.

Lorraine Hall, an owner of E.J.H. Construction, talked about the difficulty of finding young employees with an interest and skills in construction.

"At least look. Think about it," she told the students Thursday, referring to the construction industry.

MAT2

Snyder touted the MAT2 — Michigan Advanced Technician Training Program — that is explained in detail on the www.mitalent.org website. The industry-driven training program is three years and offers on-the-job training with a guaranteed job upon completion.

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technical elite," said a student now in the program through OCC in Auburn Hills. "I machined my first perfect part yesterday."

In response to audience questions, Snyder said he not only wants to expand such training programs in partnerships with an increased number of Michigan companies, but that he is willing to work with the Legislature regarding the risk liability of allowing students to tour facilities.

A representative of Operating Engineers Training Program in Howell told Snyder that the organization has had apprenticeship training for 100 years.

But students have long been told to attend college and earn a bachelor's degree instead of a skill. "How are we going to change that paradigm?" he asked.

Snyder responded that we lost our way about killed-trade careers. They are honorable, well-paying careers.

In fact, Snyder said, he visited a career technical program in Cadillac that was attended by 8th-graders. Dressed in hard hats and work clothes, a group of students was busy welding and taping their helmets. When they pulled up their helmets, he discovered the students were girls. "They were weld-in little Michigans to take home," he said.

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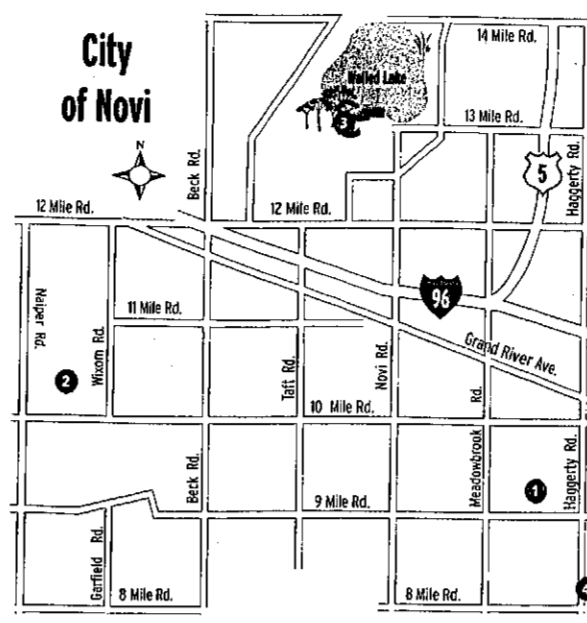
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NOVI POLICE BRIEFS



iPod stolen

1 On Sept. 2, an iPod was stolen from a vehicle that was parked at a residence on Heatherwood. The car was unlocked and the owner found its glove compartment emptied. There was no evidence found at the scene.

Construction materials stolen

2 A construction site located on Langley Drive was robbed of more than \$2,000 in materials. Sometime Sept. 14-16, a roofing company had its materials it was using on a home stolen by an unknown suspect(s).

Marijuana possession

3 A man was arrested for marijuana possession

after Novi Police were called to Lakeshore Park on the report of a suspicious vehicle.

On Sept. 1, Novi Police went to the park after a call informing them of a car parked there after hours. Upon arrival, the police reported smelling marijuana as they approached the car. The driver consented to a search and two pipes, as well as a baggie with marijuana in it, were found.

The passenger in the car was transported to his residence and the driver was later released on a \$100 bond.

Drunken driving

4 A 30-year-old man was arrested for drunken driving after going through the drive-through at Taco Bell.

The Novi Police were called Aug. 22 by someone who stated they saw a vehicle driving recklessly and then spotted it going into the Taco Bell location on Haggerty Road. A description of the car and driver was given and the police later found the man leaving the Taco Bell. He was spotted not completely stopping at a red blinking light before being pulled over at Orchard Hill Place.

He said he had a couple of beers and then stumbled while exiting his car. His preliminary breathalyzer test registered a 0.13 percent blood-alcohol content. The police found a nearly empty bottle of liquor inside the vehicle's glove box.

—Compiled by staff writer
Lonnice Hulman

Hearing on hold for driver accused of striking Novi woman

A court hearing for a South Lyon man accused of striking a woman with his sport utility vehicle at a local recreation area was adjourned.

Roy Joseph Galdes, 24, was in court Oct. 7 for an exam conference, but it was adjourned to Nov. 4, according to court records.

He is charged with operating a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, causing serious injury to a 36-year-old Novi woman. He also faces charges of possession of marijuana and possessing open intoxicants in a vehicle.

Green Oak Township police said the woman was loading the rear cargo area of her 2005 Chrysler minivan in June at Island Lake State Park when the driver of a 2003 Trailblazer backed up from a parking spot and struck her, pinning her between the two vehicles.

Rollover



Novi Fire and Police and Michigan State Police respond to a rollover accident on westbound I-96 around 11 a.m. Oct. 10. A car, with a driver and one passenger, rolled over after attempting a lane change as it neared the Novi Road intersection. Both victims were wearing their seat belts and were taken to a hospital with non-life threatening injuries. JOHN HEDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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DAR chapter plans 75th anniversary in 2014

By Joanne Maliszewski
Staff Writer

Members of the DAR — Daughters of the American Revolution — are very aware that non-members likely have long considered the organization a center of snobbery and elitism. Nothing could be further from truth, Farmington Hills resident Barbara Munn said. "It is not your grandmother's

DAR." True, membership is based on lineage — an ancestral connection to the American Revolutionary War. But the organization isn't about setting members apart from the crowd. It's about ensuring and celebrating patriotism. Members also support and promote education and historic preservation. "We are trying to celebrate America and per-

petuate patriotism and the men and women who gave us our freedom," said local chapter president LuDean Peters of Livonia. Just ask the more than 70 women — members of the Three Flags Chapter — who this past weekend celebrated their chapter's 74th anniversary with a birthday luncheon and a Civil War presentation by Michael Golden, a re-enactor.

Already members are planning to celebrate the chapter's 75th anniversary in 2014. And leading up to that commemoration are a number of events and activities. "It will be a lot fancier," Peters said. The local chapter was formed in 1939 in what was once called Lathrup Township. Nine women arrived at Ruth Davison's home on Sunnybrook Avenue to talk about forming a new chapter. The Three Flags Chapter today includes women from Farmington, Farmington Hills, Livonia, Novi, Plymouth, Beverly Hills, Lathrup Village, Bloomfield Hills and Dearborn. The chapter was actually a spinoff of the Royal Oak chapter. Gas was expensive in those



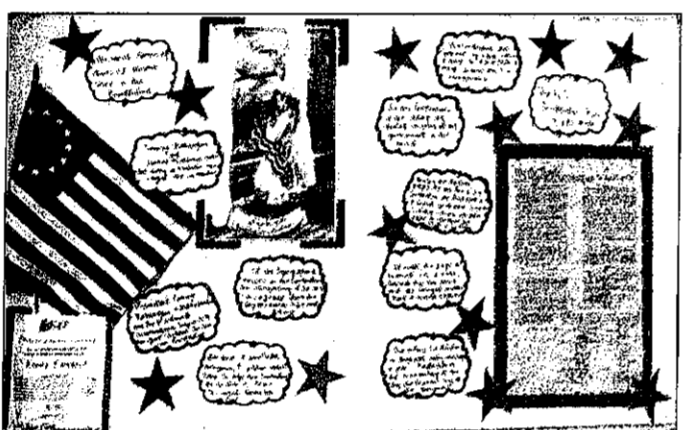
Barbara Munn of Farmington Hills and LuDean Peters of Livonia review documents for the Three Flags chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. PHOTOS BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI

days because it was rationed," Munn said. "I was able to trace back to two ancestors who served in the Revolutionary War on my grandmother's side of the family," said Munn, the chapter's registrar. "I flipped up the threads of what my grandmother had worked on." Munn traced her family roots in America to the 1600s. Her husband Harold was able to do the same. Both have now visited the cemeteries where their ancestors are buried and heard from local historians about family members' roles in their communities and in the fight for independence. Peters has done the same, tracing relatives back to the Revolutionary War. Harold Munn even traced relatives back to the signing of the Magna Carta, some 800 years ago.

In addition to providing members and potential members the opportunity and the help to dig into family history and lineage, the DAR is a service organization. Education, veterans affairs, national defense, women and family issues are the organization's chosen areas, Peters said.

"We give support to schools, one is a residential school, another is in the South, one in Massachusetts and another that is for disadvantaged children," Peters said. Members of the Three Flags DAR chapter provide hours of service in their communities. Some members volunteer at VA hospitals or provide wreaths at the Great Lakes Cemetery. Annually, the chapter makes a donation to the John Dingell Veterans Hospital in Detroit, Munn said. "We really are about service," Peters said. "We reach out to the community in any way that services the community."

Patriotism and service guide the Three Flags chapter, as well as all DAR chapters. Each meeting is concluded by singing God Bless America. Members also gather to learn about history and to learn about researching genealogy. Every now and then, the Three Flags group hosts a workshop to help anyone interested in preparing an application for membership, Munn said. "Every year each member brings in a family treasure," Peters said.



Patriotism, as displayed in this presentation at the Livonia Community Library, is a big part of the Three Flags chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

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LOCAL EVENTS

CONTROLLING KNEE, JOINT PAIN CLASSES

Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. Oct. 24
Location: Henry Ford Medical Center, Columbus, 39450 W. 12 Mile Road, Novi
Details: When joint pain begins to affect a patient's life, negative feelings can surface. Fear of losing independence or apprehension about having surgery are two of the most common factors observed. Patients can counteract many of their worries by learning to manage their joint pain and maintain their active lifestyle. Henry Ford Health System's Joint Preservation Program aims to educate patients living with joint pain. A series of upcoming free educational classes will familiarize attendees with ways to slow down the progression of joint pain, focusing primarily on the knee and hip joints, without surgery. Information provided at the classes includes: how the joints work, self-management of pain, medical treatments, physical therapy, exercises to strengthen joints.

15TH ANNUAL COSTUME PARTY BENEFIT

Time/Date: 7-11:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 26
Location: Three Cedars Farm, 7897 Six Mile Road, Northville
Details: Dance party benefits High Vision Progery Ministry. Cost is \$12.

BLOOD DRIVES

Time/Date: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, Oct. 27
Location: South University, 41555 W. 12 Mile Road, Novi
Time/Date: 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 27

Location: First United Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile Road, Northville
Contact: Diane at 313-549-7052 or Diane.Risko@redcross.org. Appointment sign-ups are also available in the hospital cafeteria. Walk-ins are accepted, but appointments are preferred.

MOM 2 MOM SALE FUNDRAISER

Time/Date: 2 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Nov. 2
Location: Novi High School
Details: Novi Community Education's Lily Pad Lane Infant Care will host a Mom 2 Mom Sale for items/clothing up to age 12. Admission is \$1 per person; free for 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, highchairs, 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.

CARELINK LECTURES

Dizziness, Balance and Falls
Time/Date: 6-7 p.m. Nov. 12
Location: Providence Park Hospital, Outpatient Building, Conference Rooms A, B & C
Details: Millions of Americans experience dizziness or vertigo. Symptoms may include feeling unsteady, woozy, light-headed, being unable to walk without staggering or having a sensation of movement or spinning. Learn more about the causes and treatment for these issues. Presented by Eleanor Chan, M.D., otolaryngologist, on staff at Providence and Providence Park Hospitals.

BEREAVEMENT MEETING

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. third Tuesdays
Location: Novi Civic Center (10 Mile between Taff and Novi road)
Details: Led by Michael M. Meyer, D. Min., goal is to give each participant an opportunity to share their story.

WOMANHAERT OF NOVI

Time/Date: 7 p.m. fourth Wednesdays
Location: Providence Park Hospital, Novi

TRANSITIONS - Life After Treatment group

Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. on second and fourth Mondays
Location: Providence Park Hospital's Asarian Cancer Center, Second floor Conference Room, 47601 Grand River Avenue, Novi
Details: If you have recently finished cancer treatment or have been out of treatment for a while and would like to connect with other survivors, please join this informative discussion and peer support.

FRIENDS OF ISLAND LAKE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. fourth Tuesdays (except December)
Location: Island Lake State Recreation Area headquarters at Kensington and Grand River Avenue
Details: Meetings are open to any interested individual. The group's purpose is to support, enhance, protect and promote the natural, historic & recreational features of the park and the Huron River by increasing awareness of the park's assets through the education and outreach activities, encouraging and facilitating communication and cooperation between diverse users of the park and its staff, organizing volunteers and stewardship activities and fundraising through contributions and grants to support these initiatives.
Contact: www.islandlakefriends.org

NOVI EQUESTRIAN EXPO

Date: Nov. 8-10
Details: One of the region's most popular and long-running events for horse owners and fans, the 2013 Novi Equestrian Expo is again being co-presented with the Michigan Horse Council, and features exciting riding exhibitions and breed demonstrations and an extensive shopping area. A full slate of well-known equine clinicians will also be presenting valuable information about managing horse health, tips for training and more. Admission is \$10 for adults; \$5 for children ages 6-12; free for children 5 and younger.
Contact: Please visit www.NoVIEquestrianExpo.com for a complete schedule.

NOVI PET EXPO

Dates: Nov. 15-17
Details: The 10th annual Novi Pet Expo offers pet lovers and families from across the region a wonderful opportunity to interact with adoptable animals and learn more about the responsibilities of pet ownership, training and health care. There will also be hilarious pet contests and dazzling feats of dog-daring, as well as a large shopping area for fans of pets who run, jump, fly and swim. Admission is \$10 for adults; \$5 for children ages 6-12; free for children 5 and younger.
Contact: www.NoVipetExpo.com

AMERICAN BUSINESS WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Time/Date: 6:15-8:30 p.m., second Wednesdays
Location: DoubleTree Hotel, 42100 Crescent Blvd., Novi
Details: Novi Oaks is a chapter of the American Business Women's Association. The group meets monthly for networking and a program featuring speakers on an array of market-relevant topics. Organizers strive to bring together businesswomen of diverse occupations and to provide opportunities for them to help themselves and others grow personally and professionally through leadership, education, networking support and national recognition. Guests are always welcome; advance registration is required. Visit www.abwa-novi.org.

METRO NOVI BNI

Time/Date: 7-8 a.m. every Wednesday
Location: On the Border Restaurant, 21091 Haggerty (north of Eight Mile), Novi
Details: BNI is a structured networking environment for professionals. The Metro Novi BNI team members are committed to providing bona fide referrals. Members learn how to create and refine an "elevator speech," develop a network of their business professionals in the community and receive training/education on networking more efficiently. Guests are invited free of charge. Continental breakfast provided.
Contact: Contact Julie Paquette at 248-797-1858 or juliepaquette67@gmail.com; www.metrobninovi.com.

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LIBRARY LINES

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Harvest time



John Woodrich harvests some apples Oct. 8 at Nov's Tollgate Farm. Woodrich, busy in the farm's trees for quite a while, had the permission of the MSU education center to gather some of its fruit to donate to Forgotten Harvest. JOHN HEDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

CHRISTMAS WONDERFEST

Dates: Dec. 5-8
Details: Christmas Wonderfest is modeled upon traditional European Christmas Markets, offering seasonal shopping for gifts and holiday treats, and also featuring special activities and thrills for youngsters, including a special North Pole area for Santa visits, holiday crafts, indoor carnival rides, and more seasonal fun for treasured family memories.

BUSINESS TAX SYMPOSIUM

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Location: Sheraton Detroit-Nowi Hotel, 21111 Haggerty Road
Details: Southfield-based law firm Maddala, Hauser, Wartell, Roth & Heller P.C. will host its 22nd Annual Tax Symposium. The program, attended by tax professionals, including certified public accountants, will include a series of presentations made by firm attorneys.

LOCAL BUSINESS NETWORK MEETING

Time/Date: 8:45-10:15 a.m., first and third Tuesdays
Contact: To RSVP, call 248-349-6225 or 248-885-2325.

AMERICAN BUSINESS WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Time/Date: 6:15-8:30 p.m., second Wednesdays
Location: DoubleTree Hotel, 42100 Crescent Blvd., Novi
Details: Novi Oaks is a chapter of the American Business Women's Association. The group meets monthly for networking and a program featuring speakers on an array of market-relevant topics. Organizers strive to bring together businesswomen of diverse occupations and to provide opportunities for them to help themselves and others grow personally and professionally through leadership, education, networking support and national recognition. Guests are always welcome; advance registration is required. Visit www.abwa-novi.org.

METRO NOVI BNI

Time/Date: 7-8 a.m. every Wednesday
Location: On the Border Restaurant, 21091 Haggerty (north of Eight Mile), Novi
Details: BNI is a structured networking environment for professionals. The Metro Novi BNI team members are committed to providing bona fide referrals. Members learn how to create and refine an "elevator speech," develop a network of their business professionals in the community and receive training/education on networking more efficiently. Guests are invited free of charge. Continental breakfast provided.
Contact: Contact Julie Paquette at 248-797-1858 or juliepaquette67@gmail.com; www.metrobninovi.com.

NOVI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Contact: www.novichamber.com or call 248-349-3743.

LIBRARY LINES

WALLED LAKE LIBRARY
Location: 1499 East West Maple Road, Walled Lake
Contact: 248-624-3772

HUD Counseling

Time/Date: 5-8 p.m. first Monday
Details: HUD-certified counselors are available to assist homeowners at risk of foreclosure. There is no charge for this service. Please call if you wish to attend. One-on-one sessions will be scheduled.

Book Discussion Group

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. first Thursdays
Details: Please drop in or call the library if you are interested in joining this recently formed group.

CLUBS

NOVI ROTARY CLUB

Time/Date: Noon every Thursday
Location: Novi Methodist Church 41671 W. 10 Mile
Details: Lunch is \$10 at meeting. Visitors welcome. Check website for speaker information; novirotary.org.

NOVI PUBLIC LIBRARY

Location: 45255 W. 10 Mile
Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday; 1-5 p.m. Sunday
Details: unless noted below, all programs take place at the library. Register for programs at the library or on the website.
Contact: 248-349-0720
Web: www.novilibrary.org
Story Times: Please see the library website or story time brochure for details.

Help for Families, Oakland Livingston Human Services Agency (OLHSA)

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Tuesday
Details: Meet with an OLHSA (Oakland Livingston Human Services Agency) staff member for support with medical, food or cash assistance, foreclosure assistance and many other human services. Call the OLHSA office at 248-209-2683 to make an appointment.

Knit Together Knitting Circle

Time/Date: 10-11:30 a.m. every Thursday
Details: If you have a leaning toward knitting or any of the related handcrafts (crocheting, needlepoint, embroidery, etc.) Knit Together Knitting Circle is just what you need. Skill levels range from complete "novice" to "expert." No instructor; no registration. Bring your own supplies. Members also welcome. Questions and your stories. And, of course, attendance is free.

NOVI TOASTMASTERS CLUB

Time/Date: 7 p.m., every first and third Tuesday
Location: Novi Civic Center, Activities Room, 45175 W. 10 Mile, Novi
Details: Novi Toastmasters is a community-based club, part of Toastmasters International. The group helps all develop and refine their public speaking and leadership skills. Members also have fun while building confidence in day-to-day communications and mentoring toward professional and personal excellence. Guests are welcome. Visit www.novifreestash.com.
Contact: Linda Kreuter at PR@novifreestash.com

NOVI LIONS CLUB

Time/Date: 6 p.m. social; 6:30 p.m. meeting starts; second and fourth Wednesdays
Location: Leo's Sports Bar & Grill Restaurant, lower level, 40380 Grand River, west of Haggerty. Visitors are welcome, dinner is from the menu. Novi Lions is part of Lions International, the largest service organization in the world. The purpose is to serve the blind and the community. Principal activities are fundraising for leader dogs, Pennekton Center for Blind Children and other blind charities along with fundraisers for high school scholarships.
Contact: Lion President Ron Martin, 248-473-1155, or Secretary Ed Kramer, 248-348-2747

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Attorneys Bleske 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.

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Arts Novi exhibit



The city of Novi, in partnership with ArtsNovi, is showcasing the works of local artists through Oct. 28 in the Novi Civic Center Atrium Gallery, 45175 10 Mile Road. The exhibit will include a variety of pieces and mediums. A free public opening reception was held Oct. 3, and was attended by (from left) Jeri Alam, Robert Shimmin, Sharon Shimmin and artist Dattreya Phadke. CAL STONE

"Pharaoh is in the building ..."

Novi Civic Theatre presents 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat'

The Novi Civic Theatre will present *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, Nov. 8-10. Tickets are available for purchase now via cityofnovi.org or at the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services office, 45175 10 Mile Road.

The saga of Joseph and his coat of many colors comes to vibrant life in this delightful musical parable. Joseph is a boy blessed with prophetic dreams and his father's favorite son. When he is sold into slavery by his jealous brothers and taken to Egypt, Joseph endures a series of adventures in which his spirit and humanity are continually challenged. Set to an engaging cornucopia of musical styles, from country and western and calypso to bubble-gum pop and rock 'n' roll, this tale emerges both timely and timeless.

This production involves 60 cast members, ranging in age from 6-77, which makes it the biggest cast the Novi Civic Theatre has had in years. "What is remarkable about this cast is it has a lot of families involved," said Pamela Gibson, cultural arts program-



Shown (front, from left) are Zachary Agonis, Novi and Ryan Nelson, Farmington Hills (middle, from left) Jeff Alden, Farmington Hills, Bob Henry, Livonia, Austin Dubois, Novi and Brennan Harvath, Farmington; and (back, from left) Nick Czarnota, Ella Lephart and Robert Stanley, all of Novi.

mer. "Parents are acting with their children and siblings are sharing scenes together. It is truly an activity for the entire family!"
Fourteen-year-old Novi High School freshman Austin DuBois plays Joseph. "I love the show because it has a lot of different types of music and we sing throughout," he said. Austin's two older brothers and grandmother have done

many shows with the Novi Civic Theatre and he is proud to follow in their footsteps. "I am very excited about being Joseph; this is the biggest part I have had," he said.
In addition to DuBois, the musical adventure stars as narrators Ashley Harlock of Livonia, Stephanie Renwick of Northville, Mary Simmons of Farmington Hills and Brooklyn Stack

of Northville. Performances are at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 8, and Saturday, Nov. 9, and 1 and 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 10.
Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$8 for children (age 3-12) and seniors (age 55-plus). All seats are general admission. For more information, please call Sky's the Limit Productions at 877-785-7763, ext. 2, or visit www.cityofnovi.org.

Bloom a flower on region's youth theater scene

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Barbara Bloom of Novi is thrilled with the cast of the upcoming Spotlight on Youth production of *Hansel and Gretel* she's directing. "Oh, it's a joy," said Bloom, a theater veteran who is managing director of the group for those ages 5 and up. *Hansel and Gretel* features thespians ages 6-18. "I love my kids. They have so much enthusiasm and they really want to be there. A lot of friendships have been made."

Some of her former students are now in college. "It's fun to see them grow up," said Bloom, who earned a master's degree in communications, including theater, from Wayne State University. "I've been doing theater my whole life," Bloom said. "I did professional theater over 10 years. I'm a dancer. In the business, we call it a triple threat when you sing, dance and act."

She's appeared in more than 200 shows in her career and directed more than 80 for all ages: "Adults, children, you name it."

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton is the partnership with Canton Township and the theater's group. Spotlight on Youth's goal is to foster teamwork, good communication skills and a sense of self-confidence.

"Theater brings these to kids," she said. One girl did well in a Disney program, but the main focus is educational "and making it fun. We want it to be fun, bottom line."
Hansel and Gretel will run Thursday through Sunday, Oct. 17-20, at the theater. The show is divided into two 45-minute acts with a 15-minute intermission. The show is suitable for the entire family.

Bloom has a son and daughter-in-law in White Lake with a daughter, 10. Her granddaughter has attended Bloom's theater camps. Bloom was also instrumental in formation of a senior theater group for those over age 50 at the theater in Canton and appeared in a couple of those productions. "I actually started that group as well and that's been handed over to other people now," she said.

She was born in metro Detroit, but lived in Minnesota's Twin Cities many years before coming back here in 1999. "I did a lot of theater there, mostly direct-



Director Barbara Bloom of Novi takes a break from "Hansel and Gretel" rehearsal with a couple of young cast members.

"It's fun to see them grow up."

BARBARA BLOOM
Spotlight on Youth managing director

ing and choreography," she said of Minnesota. She's not a playwright; "Maybe something to look at in the future."

Bloom is impressed with the caliber of theater talent here. "I think there's some amazing talent in this area, just amazing." It rivals Broadway, she said. Bloom encourages people to attend *Hansel and Gretel*.

"It is an adorable show," she said of the contemporary version with an element of surprise. "We have a misunderstood witch in this one which makes it very family-friendly."

The Spotlight on Youth group has a scholarship program to assist with participation fees for young people. "We try to make it open to everybody," Bloom said of participation. The group also presents classes, summer camps and workshops.

Hansel and Gretel will be 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Oct. 17-18, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 20. Sisters Kate and Lucy Nolan of Canton play Hansel and Gretel; Alison White of Farmington Hills plays the Witch; Hayley Routin of Canton plays Mother; and Derrick Gallagher of Southfield plays Father.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is at 5040 Cherry Hill Road, Canton. The Village Theater has free parking, is handicap accessible and has a concession stand.

Tickets are \$15 each at 734-394-5300 or 734-394-5460 or online at www.canton-mi.org/village-theater or in person at The Summit on the Park or at the door. The box office opens one hour prior to showtime.

For more information about Spotlight on Youth, go to soy@ml.r.com. jbrown@hometownlife.com

The apple of Lyon's eye

Fall season has Super Bowl feel for Erwin Orchards owners

By Tom Morelli
Correspondent

Inaam Aoun sits perched on the edge of a table, congregating with other parents under a tent at Erwin Orchards on a bright, sunny morning.

It's her first visit to Lyon Township's most storied farming business, as she watches a group of kids play in the hay maze from a distance.

Aoun is supposed to be studying for a math exam, but she couldn't resist spending the day with her son on a school field trip.

"I came here because I wanted to make my son happy," said Aoun, 31, of Dearborn. "This farm is so beautiful. I think it's important for kids to learn about nature and how we grow apples and feed animals."

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Sarah Mulder of Ypsilanti picks some golden delicious apples at Erwin Orchards. HAL GOULD | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Chad Snell of Dixboro picks raspberries at Erwin Orchards. HAL GOULD | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Brian Norton pushes Logan Emmert, 3, both of Brighton, along the Erwin Orchards tricycle race track. HAL GOULD | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Riley Rose Porter, 6, of South Lyon has a grand time, flying across the hay bales at Erwin Orchards.

is like the Super Bowl of our business," Bill Erwin said. Added Linda Erwin: "We are a destination and family tradition. We've had the u-pick part of our business going for 45 years and it's the primary reason that people come out."

The immense popularity of their apple farm could be seen last month, when they unveiled their best-selling apple variety — honey crisp — at the u-pick. There were more than 300 customers lined up outside with baskets in hand by the time Erwin Orchards opened at 9 a.m.

Because of the usually high demand for honey crisps, the Erwins planted more of that variety than in years past. This allowed the family to keep honey crisps in stock for eight days, whereas in previous seasons they'd last only a day.

Along with the apples usually comes cider and the Erwin family continues to churn out a prize-winning blend. With the help of master cider maker Bill Emery, the farm has ranked in the top three among 119 cider makers across Michigan for the past five years, having taken home first place in four of those contests.

Halloween fun The farm has also jumped into Halloween

mode, with its pumpkin season debut Oct. 4, Oct. 19-20 and Oct. 26-27, kids can enjoy the animated attraction Spooky Barn, with tickets going for \$2 per child.

For those looking for a more frightful experience, the 36th annual Barn of Horrors will be open each Friday and Saturday throughout the month.

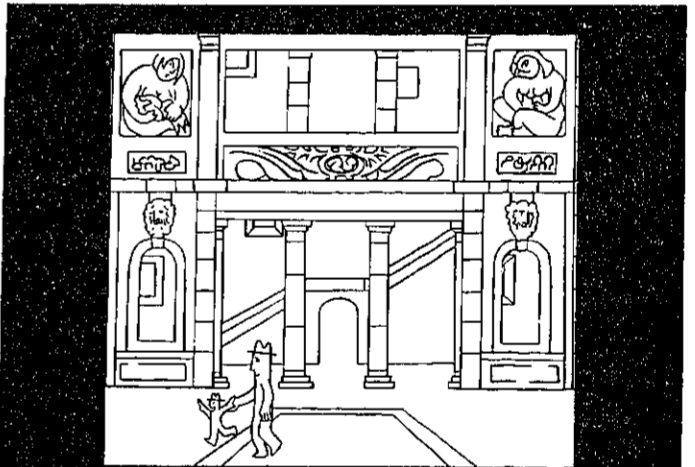
In addition, Erwin Orchards has set aside Oct. 27 as the date for its annual costume contest, with cash prizes being awarded to the winners. The competition is slated to begin at 4 p.m. and will also be accompanied by the first-ever dog-costume contest.

On the weekends, children are able to interact with farm animals courtesy of Carousel Acres or jump around in a bounce house from Michael's Inflatables.

Kids can also enjoy every day activities like Mr. Bee's Big 3-D Adventure, find hidden objects in the corn maze, take a ride on the tricycle trail, feed pet goats or have their picture taken in the sunflower garden.

With so much happening in one place, the Erwin family is grateful to have the help of a tremendous staff that's as loyal to them as their customers.

"It takes a lot of planning and organizing, but we have some top-notch



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OUR VIEWS

Parent-driven safety bond for Walled Lake Schools deserves 'yes' vote

Although it's been nearly a decade since the last Walled Lake Schools bond vote, school districts regularly put bond proposals before voters. They ask for money to pay for a wide variety of needs, and administrators then pass forth much effort to convince resident taxpayers to vote yes.

But on Nov. 5, residents in the Walled Lake Consolidated School District will be asked to approve a \$67.5 million Safety, Security & Technology Bond that's been driven not by the district but rather by the parents.

The impetus was the Sandy Hook Elementary School shootings that took the lives of 20 children and six adults last December in Newtown, Conn.

That tragedy prompted Walled Lake parents to email and phone the district with ways to improve safety in their schools, which administrators then developed into a Three Phase Safety Plan.

Phase I began in December 2012 with the locking of all school doors during school hours and hiring door monitors to ensure those entering buildings are identified.

Phase II, completed this summer, included installing entrance intercom systems in all schools with Sinking Fund proceeds.

Phase III—with voter approval on Nov. 5—will culminate the plan by covering the costs of the following:

- » new video surveillance systems at all schools
- » entrance and office reconfigurations or modifications in all of WL schools
- » keyless entry throughout the district
- » updated security alarm systems
- » upgraded fire alarms and mass notification systems
- » emergency backup generators and emergency lighting upgrades
- » emergency responder signage
- » replacing the phone system and master clock systems
- » equitable technology installation of document cameras and interactive ceiling mounted projectors that allow all teachers to have Internet access for instructional materials
- » replacement buses
- » other repair and renovation projects

The items earmarked for this bond are not a wish list. They have been significantly pared down by the district to items only related to safety, security, technology and other time-sensitive needs to provide a

safe, secure environment for the more than 15,000 Walled Lake students to prosper.

Please note: The money generated from this bond CANNOT be used for General Operating expenses, salaries, benefits or anything that's not specified in the bond application submitted to the State.

And now the big question: What's it going to cost you? The millage necessary to cover the debt payments for this \$67.5 million bond will average .99 mills, with the first year requiring .78 mills.

The first year it would cost a homeowner \$78 for a \$200,000 home (SEV of \$100,000). The average millage over the life of the bonds is expected to be .99, which would mean a cost of \$99 per year (or less than \$2 per week) for a \$200,000 home.

This is a 30-year bond; however, with refunding/refinancing of previous bonds, WLCS has been able to pay previous bonds off in less time.

This bond would allow the district to make these necessary safety, security and technology upgrades in all 19 of Walled Lake's schools and support buildings to ensure equitable, useful and consistent facilities that the entire community can enjoy.

The 'Novi News' encourages a "yes" vote on this bond on Nov. 5.

NOVI LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Re-elect Mutch

Andrew Mutch is an independent thinker who deserves to be re-elected to the Novi City Council. He has served us well on the council for the past eight years and he was active in supporting the Novi Library, city parks and sidewalks and pathways for many years before that.

While he works cordially with the mayor and all the council members, Andrew can be counted on to do his homework and ask questions about any issues before the council. He is a person dedicated to openness in government as well as fiscal responsibility. He is currently a member of the Budget and Finance Committee and he has previously served on the Novi Planning Commission.

Andrew has always been responsive to the questions and concerns of residents. He is quick to return phone calls, and he listens well to issues raised by citizens. I plan to vote for Andrew Mutch for the Novi City Council, and I urge my friends and neighbors to vote for Andrew also.

John A. Kuenzel
Novi

Former mayor supports O'Connor

The voters of the City of Novi have an opportunity to elect to City Council a candidate with knowledge, experience and integrity—Dennis O'Connor. Dennis has a financial background that is crucial to a successful City Council. His experience as a member and president of the Novi school board has shown that Dennis is willing to commit the time necessary to be an outstanding member of City Council. Most importantly, Dennis O'Connor has proven that he is willing to make the tough decision even when such decisions may not be perceived as popular.

There are many decisions to be made by City Council. Often times, council members are presented with a tremendous volume of information that is not readily available to the average person. Such information is public, to be sure, but the average person does not have the time to digest it all. That is exactly why we elect representatives to make decisions on behalf of us all. After careful consideration of all the facts, Dennis O'Connor has never made a decision based on what may be in his best "political" interest. I respect him tremendously for that. Dennis O'Connor is simply a person of integrity and selfless devotion to the people who have elected him.

The Novi voters have an opportunity on Nov. 5 to elect a man with outstanding integrity and ability. I urge you to vote for Dennis O'Connor for Novi City Council.

David B. Landry
Novi

The following was submitted to Congressman Kerry Benvenuto on Oct 3, 2013, regarding the government shutdown:

Rep. Benvenuto, you've got work to do

Thank you for your thoughtful and prompt reply to my concerns about the government shutdown. I understand the arguments against Obamacare and agree that it is a flawed policy that could use some reform (nothing is perfect, especially in a democracy).

However, I strongly disagree with how you and your Republican colleagues are choosing to voice your objections to Obamacare. There are numerous legislative ways to seek changes in laws but holding 800,000-plus innocent American jobs and a fragile economic recovery hostage by shutting down the federal government over an unrelated spending bill is not acceptable.

Government shutdown or not, Obamacare went live yesterday (Oct. 1), fully funded, and Americans are signing up. What do you hope to accomplish now? Repeal or delay Obamacare and deny your own citizens the health care that they signed up for? Obamacare is not stopping with a government shutdown so it's time to get the U.S. government back to work, and that includes Congress. If you and your Republican colleagues want to change Obamacare, introduce a bill. Change laws the way our Constitution tells us how to change them.

Let me remind you that Obamacare was ratified by the very institution that you are serving in now, and approved by the majority of the American people in the last election in which it was a major issue. A minority voice in Congress certainly has the right to voice their objections but no right to attempt to block legislation that has already been signed into law.

We elected you to represent the interests of your congressional district. Whether the majority of your constituents agree with Obamacare or not, I don't know. But we all agree that the shutdown of the U.S. government has got to stop, and the ball is in your court. You have some work to do.

Gene Liu
Novi

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

We welcome your letter to the Editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. Letters should be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content. Submit letters via the following formats: Letters must be received by 5 a.m. Monday for Thursday's print edition.
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Well wishes

Matt Sorisho is a student hockey player at Novi Catholic Central. My heart broke when I learned of the severe injuries Matt suffered while recently participating in a hockey game. I urge the entire Novi community to pray for Matt's full and speedy recovery.

On behalf of Novi City Manager Clay Pearson and my colleagues on Novi City Council, as well as the nearly 60,000 Novi residents, I want to personally wish Matt the very best as he progresses from this tragic event and pledge the community's support as he recovers.

Bob Gatt
mayor, City of Novi

Gatt Novi's best choice for mayor

Over the past two years, I have observed Bob Gatt grow and develop into an outstanding mayor for the City of Novi. Voters will have a chance to elect a mayor on Tuesday, Nov. 5, and I can think of no better choice for Novi residents than to re-elect Mayor Gatt for another two-year term.

Bob Gatt is the experienced leader that Novi needs. I'm proud to vote for Bob Gatt. He has been – and will continue to be – a great mayor for the City of Novi. Mayor Gatt has been part of Novi for 40 years. He understands the community's history and culture. He loves Novi! He wants to continue to help mold Novi's future, while preserving its great heritage.

Mayor Gatt has lowered my taxes, without reducing government services. He makes public safety a top priority. He has remained focused on keeping you and your families safe.

Bob Gatt is the only candidate with the life, business and government experiences that are required to be an effective mayor. He has three decades of service as a Novi police officer. He has the experience, dedication, knowledge and expertise to make tough decisions. That's what I want from my mayor.

Please vote for Bob Gatt for Novi mayor on Nov. 5. He's earned your vote for re-election.

Dennis O'Connor
Novi

Support Walled Lake Schools bond

I have two children at Keith Elementary and one at Smart Middle School in the Walled Lake Schools. My youngest is in Bloomfield Hills schools Deaf and Hard of Hearing Preschool at Conant Elementary. She will begin Keith next year.

I am especially happy to hear that the upcoming Walled Lake Schools Safety, Security and Technology Bond proposal includes technology upgrades in the classrooms. Ella will need a personal FM system that will follow her through out the day. Once I heard that the bond proposal includes speakers and microphones in each classroom, I was amazed and beyond excited. This will not only benefit my daughter, but the classroom as a whole. Our ultimate goal of mainstreaming Ella has included ensuring she will thrive at Keith Elementary in every way possible. This technology upgrade will ensure that truly no child is left behind.

Please vote YES on Tuesday, Nov. 5 to keep our students safe and ensure equitable learning for all students.

Julie Steffes
West Bloomfield

O'Connor deserves our vote for City Council

Novi families have benefited from the proven leadership of Dennis O'Connor on the Novi school board for the past five years. Now the community has the opportunity to benefit from his knowledge and experience by electing O'Connor to the Novi City Council seat vacated by Terry Margolis, who decided not to seek re-election.

On Nov. 5, you will be asked to elect three Novi City Council members to four-year terms. O'Connor deserves one of those seats. O'Connor has demonstrated what we in Novi expect from a public servant: a hard-working, fiscally conservative leader, focused on creating a top tier community. He has an outstanding track-record as a good steward of taxpayer dollars. We need that same philosophy on the Novi City Council. O'Connor will invest our tax dollars properly to keep our community a vital and safe place to live.

We live in a great city – let's keep that momentum going! Please elect Dennis O'Connor to the Novi City Council! Nov. 5.

John and Carol Tingwall
Novi

COMMUNITY VOICE

Guernsey's recently earned the World Dairy Expo award for Best Whole Chocolate Milk in North America. Have you ever had it?

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



"Yes, I get it all the time. It's excellent and so are the rest of their products."

David Polcyn
Novi



"No, I'm not much of a chocolate milk drinker. Too much sugar for me."

Kathy Takeshita
Novi



"I sure have. My kids love the creamy thickness of it."

Debora Cojei
Novi



"Yes, they have the best milk anyway, so it doesn't surprise me. They deserve the honor."

Marlene Danol
Northville

OUR VIEWS

Look both ways before hiking state speed limits

Legislation to be introduced in Lansing this fall to increase speed limits, including to as high as 85 mph on some sections of expressway, should be considered dead on arrival... so that more drivers do not arrive at the hospital that way.

For years, we have been told that speed limits. It was the justification for all those speeding tickets we've been handed. It was the justification for all those hikes in insurance rates when we earned points on our driver's licenses.

Now, state Sens. Rick Jones, R-Grand Ledge, and Tom Casperson, R-Escanaba, are proposing to raise speed limits as a safety improvement.

"For decades, it's been proven that if you post the proper speed limit, it's safer. You have fewer accidents and have bet-

ter traffic flow," Jones said of his plan to draft the bill for lawmakers to consider this fall.

A Michigan State Police spokesman pointed out that in some sections of expressway where the speed limit has been lowered to 55 mph, those who follow the limit "create chaos."

These points may be well-taken, but the most horrific accidents we typically see involve expressway crossovers ending in head-on collisions. At a 70 mph speed limit, cars on opposite sides of the expressway close on each other at 140 mph. At 85 mph, that differential speed would be a mind-bending 170

mph. The best argument for increasing speeds comes from Livingston County Road Commission Manager Mike Craine, who points out that different speeds driven by different drivers on the same side of the expressway causes problems, including lane changes and weaving.

But increasing the maximum may only increase the problem. There will always be speeders, who then may be going 90 or 95 mph.

And law-abiding drivers will then be going up to 85 mph. But we doubt that drivers who now putter along the expressway at 60 mph will ever be convinced to drive at

speeds they're not comfortable with. Nor should they.

Think of elderly drivers, new drivers and parents with cars full of kids who just want to take it easy when they are on the road. Do we tell them they have to zoom along at 85 mph or stay off the expressway? Are we going to post signs on the entrance ramps that say "Speed demons only"?

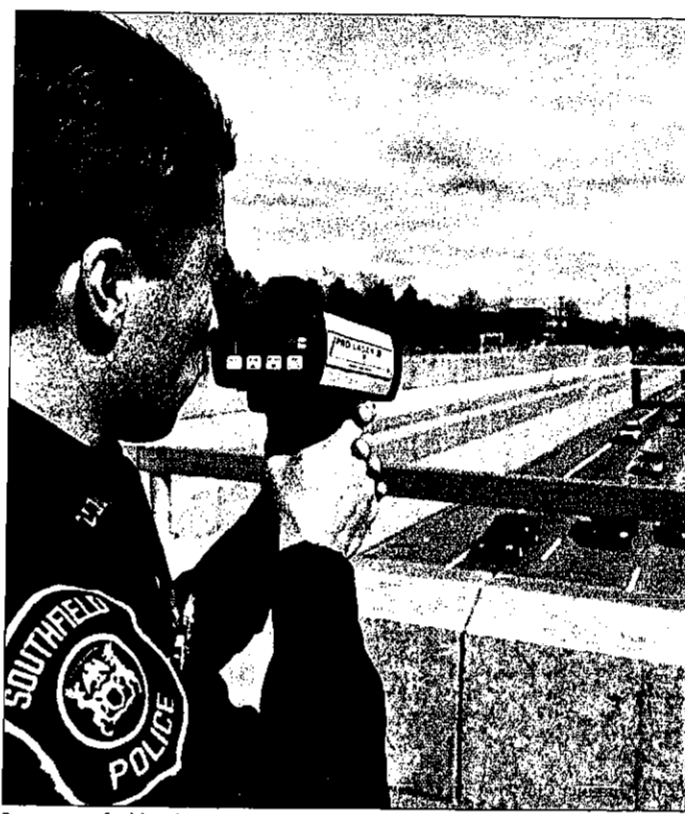
We'd be more convinced this was really an effort to improve safety by limiting the differential speed if the proposal was to raise the minimum from the current 55 mph. Or to review those sections of road where the speed limit has

been lowered to determine whether that lowered speed is appropriate.

The senators argue they want to eliminate speed traps and increases in insurance rates. That's fine, but those concerns could be addressed in other ways.

Some other states have increased speeds, proponents argue. It seems to us that lawmakers should study how well that works out before moving ahead on such a proposal. Do higher speeds improve safety or just the opposite?

On this proposal, legislators should look both ways and proceed cautiously... just like we should drive.



Proponents of raising the speed limit say it would reduce speed traps in the state. FILE PHOTO

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Novi Library volunteer Pam Alexander shelves books Oct. 9 in the Book Nook, which sells books donated to the library by readers and uses the proceeds to benefit the new acquisitions. JOHN HEIDER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Oct. 17: Candidates forum at Fox Run

The Fox Run Political Awareness Committee is sponsoring a candidates forum 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 17, in the Belmont Clubhouse Performing Arts Center. A reception will follow in the nearby Derby Room. All three mayoral candidates and six contenders for city council have agreed to participate in this informational event.

Contact Marilyn Ratner at 248-624-0106 for more information.

Oct. 18: Score a 300

The Chrysler brand is teaming up with Lucky Strike to challenge Novi locals to bowl a perfect score of 300 for the chance to win a brand new Chrysler 300 with "Score a 300" from 7 p.m. to midnight Friday, Oct. 18, and Saturday, Oct. 19.

In addition to the opportunity to bring home a new Chrysler 300 by bowling a "perfect game," bowlers will also have the chance to win other prizes, including "Score a 300" branded T-shirts, tumblers, USB chargers and more in the special Chrysler brand challenge lane. Chrysler will own a designated lane, complete with a custom Chrysler bowling ball, where participants will get one roll to knock down the prize pin. Additionally, the Chrysler 300C Varvatos Luxury Edition and the 200 Special Edition will be on location.

Every individual who stops by the Chrysler brand "Score a 300" experience will also gain entry into the National Giveaway for a chance to win \$45,000 toward any eligible Chrysler Group vehicle. Visit www.chrysler.com for product info and <http://blog.chrysler.com/events/chrysler-300-perfect-score> for tour info.

IN AND AROUND NOVI

Oct. 22: Authors LIVE Luncheon!

The public is invited to attend "Authors LIVE Luncheon!" from noon to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 22, in Fox Run retirement community's Belmont Clubhouse (41000 13 Mile Road) that will feature authors Allison Leotta (*Speak of the Devil*), Teresa Irish (*A Thousand Letters Home*) and Monica Wood (*When We Were the Kennedys*) discussing their books and the creative process. The cost is \$18 per person. Seating is limited to 200. To RSVP, call Annie Kennedy at 248-668-8689. This event is sponsored by Novi Public Library, Fox Run and Friends of Novi Public Library.

Throughout October: 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 has been affected by cancer to receive two front row tickets to the every Detroit Lions home game.

The Lady Jane's in Novi is located at 43434 W. Oaks Drive.

Throughout 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

Throughout October: Bracelets battling cancer

Brighton Collectibles announces the arrival of its 2013 Power of Pin bracelets — which have been created by its own designers to support breast cancer charities. Through the years, the company has donated \$4,750,000 to worthy organizations that are working toward the cure we all hope will come soon. This year's bracelets will be available through the month of October.

Brighton Collectibles, Twelve Oaks Mall, has chosen The Inflammatory Breast Cancer Foundation as their charity and will be donating a portion of sales — \$10 per bracelet — to the IBC Foundation.

Nov. 12: Social Security workshop

An educational workshop titled "Savvy Social Security Planning: What Baby Boomers Need to Know to Maximize Retirement Income" will be held at 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 12, at the Novi Public Library.

After being told for years that Social Security is "going broke," baby boomers are realizing that it will soon be their turn to collect. But the decisions they make now can have a tremendous impact on the total amount of benefits they stand to receive over their lifetime.

Seating is limited and reservations are recommended. Individuals may reserve space by calling Meg Doyle at 877-557-4462.

UPDATES FROM CITY OF NOVI

Travel with Older Adult Services

Looking to explore Michigan and beyond this fall? City of Novi Older Adult Services is offering travel opportunities near and far. Local trips include:

- » Mysteries of Washtenaw County, Tuesday, Oct. 22, \$89
 - » Autumn Apple Adventure, Tuesday, Oct. 22, Romeo, \$69
 - » Halloween Tour, Thursday, Oct. 31, Woodmere Cemetery, Mariners Church, \$69
- Advance planning is the key to a successful trip; reserve your spot today by calling city of Novi Older Adult Services at 248-347-0414 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Pistol safety class

The Novi Police Department will be offering a Civilian Pistol Safety Class from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 2, at the Novi Police Department Training Center located at 45125 10 Mile Road. The course fulfills both the classroom and shooting requirements to obtain a Michigan Concealed Pistol License.

Registration forms are available online at cityofnovi.org and at the Novi Police Department. Completed registration forms and the \$200 course fee (cash or money order) may be returned to the Novi Police Department. Class size is limited and all participants are subject to a criminal background check.

After lunch, participants will move to the Novi Firearms Training Center to complete the course. Students must bring their own equipment, including a personal handgun, 100 rounds of ammunition, safety glasses, shooter's ear muffs or ear plugs, a pen or pencil, a baseball cap and wear loose comfortable clothing to participate in the course. Participants must be 21 years old and do not have to be a Novi resident to attend.

For more information, visit www.cityofnovi.org or contact Sgt. Michael Warren at mwarren@cityofnovi.org or 248-921-9843.



The Corn Maze at the farm is a fall favorite.

Maybury's corn maze a fall favorite

Are you up to the challenge? See if you can find all eight wooden animals in the Corn Maze at Maybury Farm. It's not as easy as you might think.

This year's Corn Maze is 12 acres of thick lush corn and more than seven feet tall. It is in the shape of a barn.

Find all eight animals and you will be eligible to win a

\$100 Meijer gift card. Your journey begins with a hayride to the Corn Maze, where you are dropped off and then you are on your own to weave your way through.

Once you find all eight animals and have completed the maze, another hayride awaits to take you back to the farm, where you can enjoy cider, doughnuts and snacks

that are also available. Kids will also enjoy spending time on the playground and visiting with the animals.

Corn Maze hours are 6-10 p.m. Friday, 1-10 p.m. Saturday and 1-8 p.m. Sunday.

The last wagon leaves for the maze one hour prior to close. The Corn Maze runs each weekend through Nov. 3. Admission for the Corn

Maze is \$7 for adults and \$6 for kids 9 and under. Pick up your 10-percent off coupon at the Jack Demmer Ford Service Center.

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Pink Door campaign aims to spread awareness, care of breast cancer

By Sandra Armbruster
Staff Writer

The diagnosis of breast cancer hits most women pretty hard, but for Tracey Tilmon-Jackson it was staggering.

"I had none of the regular symptoms," the Westland resident said. But one day while she was cleaning with her daughter, Tilmon-Jackson suddenly felt like she had had a heart attack.

"I felt like someone had hit me in the chest. I staggered," she said. "I thought I had to get myself together enough, because I was in front of my baby."

Like with many moms, it didn't matter that her daughter was all grown up. She was still her baby, and that "baby" told Tilmon-Jackson that she had to see a doctor.

Tilmon-Jackson soon realized she had a bruise across her chest that was hot to touch, she said. "It was very scary...It happened overnight," she said. Tilmon-Jackson, now cancer-free, recalled the experience while speaking at a press conference at Providence Hospital in Southfield. The press conference, held in cooperation with the city of Southfield, was to announce a Pink Door campaign, initiated by Southfield Mayor Brenda Lawrence to bring awareness to breast cancer during the month dedicated to that, and to celebrate survivors.

Help available in Novi

The press conference also highlighted a program at Providence and Providence Park in Novi that pays for testing for women who can't afford it.

That program was instrumental in the survival of Tilmon-Jackson who, at age 36 when the tumor was discovered, could not pay for testing after her husband lost insurance where he worked.

That's when Jennifer Valenti, manager of breast imaging at Providence and Providence Park, entered the picture. Val-



Mayor Brenda Lawrence (in black suit); Dr. Michael Weiner (to her right), president of Providence Hospital; Jennifer Valenti, manager of breast imaging at Providence and Providence Park; Southfield Fire Chief Keith Rowley; and cancer survivor Tracey Tilmon-Jackson were on hand for the kickoff of the Pink Door campaign in Southfield. SANDRA ARMBRUSTER

enti made sure Tilmon-Jackson got the tests she needed — and the information to know what questions to ask along the way.

The testing is covered under a grant from Komen Fund, which began in 2009, Valenti said, and was initially directed toward women under age 40. She said there are a number of programs for women over age 40, but under that age, women aren't even encouraged to get a mammogram, much less get it paid for. So Valenti hopes to get the word out that help is available.

"We are really grateful (for the grant)," she said. The scope of the grant has now been broadened to include women over age 40, she added. After diagnosis, women with financial concerns are directed to a

finance counselor at the hospital.

"I would hate to have women know (something is wrong) and have a feeling of hopelessness," Valenti said.

For Tilmon-Jackson, the testing came none too soon. When the tumor was found in November, it was 3.2 cm, according to Tilmon-Jackson. By January, the rapidly advancing tumor had grown to about 4.5 cm, or about from 1.26 to 1.77 inches.

While the testing was covered, in order to pay for treatment, Tilmon-Jackson had to enter into a clinical trial. "I got good care," she said.

Joining the cause Wednesday's press conference also included a whole

string of Southfield firefighters — and Providence President Dr. Michael Weiner — all dressed in pink T-shirts, pink being the color associated with the breast cancer cause.

The T-shirts were the idea of paramedic Shawn Wells, according to Southfield Fire Chief Keith Rowley.

"We absolutely support this," said Rowley, who noted that his department has a strong relationship with the hospital, and Wells spearheaded the effort.

"This falls in line with what they do," he said of his staff.

The T-shirts — for sale on the city's website, www.cityof-southfield.com — are available for \$15 with \$5 "going directly to patient care," Rowley said. He said he hopes the program

will be expanded statewide.

Also speaking before a door decorated pink with bows and a wreath was Lawrence, who has contacted businesses, such as Michaels, which provided the decorations and others who have responded by provided decorations at their locations for the Pink Door campaign.

She said the campaign was devised in conversation with Providence community relations director Nadine Cook.

"We all have a door" to decorate, Lawrence said, hoping homeowners will follow suit.

Ultimately, though, Lawrence and the Providence staff hope those pink doors will open to more awareness of and care for those with breast cancer.

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Northville strikes at the Jug-ular

Mustangs stamped over Wildcats 40-13 in annual Baseline rivalry game

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

The annual battle for the Baseline Jug had everything one would want in a high school rivalry game, except for a close finish.

When the two local football teams met at Wildcat Stadium last Friday, Northville (6-1, 3-0 KLAAs Central) utilized a 23-0 run in the second quarter to power past host Novi (4-3, 3-2 Central) for a 40-13 victory, retaining the coveted Baseline Jug for a fifth consecutive year.

"The last time we've won five in a row against Novi was in the '70s," Northville coach Matt Ladach said. "We've never won six in a row. I'm telling you right now, we're going to be fired up to do it again next year. This is a great rivalry. People outside of these two communities, I don't think they understand how much this rivalry means to us. It's pretty darn big."

Ladach's Mustangs played to the

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Novi's Keaton Figurski (right) is brought down by Northville's Andy Tang (No. 4) and Jake Cheslik (No. 37). JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Novi's Andre Liu takes on an opponent from Walled Lake Western during regionals. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Novi set for states

Third-ranked Wildcats sweep KLAAs and regional meets

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

Friday's state meet is looking mighty appealing after the Novi boys tennis flexed some muscle and swept up all the medals at both the KLAAs and regional meets last week.

Ranked No. 3 in Division 1, the Wildcats (10-1) rolled on all cylinders, picking up titles Oct. 5 in all nine KLAAs flights and all eight regional flights Oct. 11 against strong competition in the finals from Northville, Detroit Catholic Central, Grand Blanc and Howell.

"In both tournaments, we played extremely well from top to bottom. It was nice to do as well as we did at both of them," Novi coach Jim Hanson said. "All our flights should get a seed at the finals, so it's just a matter of playing our best tennis of the year. We've had a good year so far. It's what the guys

ON TAP

Novi's boys tennis team (10-1) wraps up the season at 9 a.m. Friday in Midland with the Division 1 state meet. Ranked No. 3, the Wildcats are hoping to bring back some hardware after seeing most of their opponents at various meets throughout the season. "The one area that's going to be critical are serve and serve return," coach Jim Hanson said. "We've gradually been getting a little bit better. It's just another tennis match."

have been working toward since last year."

In a potential preview of the state championship at No. 1 singles, Novi Junior Tim Wang (30-1) defeated Northville sophomore Connor Johnston in the finals at both meets despite Johnston holding the top seed at both. As the second seed, Wang won the KLAAs title 6-1, 6-4 and, as the third seed, Wang knocked off CC's second-seeded Michael Dubé before defeating Johnston 6-3, 6-2 for the regional title.

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Novi's Andrew Ying hits a forehand as he competes at the regional in the No. 1 doubles flight.

Novi golfers win regional title

Wildcats state-bound after strong showing at Dunham Hills

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

Consistency is the key to success and Novi's girls golf team is well aware of it.

With team scores of 353 Oct. 8 and 349 Oct. 10, the Wildcats (7-1, 4-1 KLAAs Central) took third in the KLAAs and then won their regional, earning a trip to the Division 1 state meet.

Finishing third of 22 KLAAs teams at Walled Lake Central's Edgewood course, the Wildcats were led by senior Lauren Cojei, who tied for ninth with a score of 87. She was followed by junior Katelyn Henry (tied for 17th with 91), Freshmen Lauren Henry and Alexa Hatz (both tied for 20th with 92, a season-low for Henry) and sophomore Maya Grandstaff (tied for 24th with 94). Those finishing in the top 20 earned all-conference honors.



Novi's girls golf team won the regional title Oct. 10 behind the efforts of (from left) Lauren Cojei, Katelyn Henry, Madison Kroetsch, Alexa Hatz and Maya Grandstaff. RUBY GRANDSTAFF

ON TAP

After winning its regional, Novi's girls golf team heads to the Division 1 state meet Friday at Michigan State University's Forest Acres East course in East Lansing.

Plymouth was the only Kensington Conference team to score better, winning the KLAAs title with 347. The 'Cats followed that

result with the regional title at Dunham Hills, edging runner-up Brighton and North Farmington. Cojei led the way again with a score of 84, followed by Katelyn Henry's 88, Kroetsch's season-low 87, Hatz's 90 and Grandstaff's 96.

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Novi boys tankers welcome Pohlonski as new coach

Former Holt, Lansing Everett coach takes helm of Wildcats program

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent



Pohlonski

came the assistant swim coach for the Holt boys and girls teams," Pohlonski said.

A few years later, in 1998, Pohlonski became the head coach of both programs, navigating them to success for the next 10 years.

During 20 combined seasons, Pohlonski said his teams won 12 conference titles while producing eight All-Americans and one state champion, as well as numerous Academic All-Americans.

He also served on the executive board as a zone vice president for the Michigan Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association from 2003-07 before he took a step back to get a family started.

"I stepped down from head coaching in 2008 after the birth of my daughter Clara," Pohlonski said.

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Defense leads big win for Shamrocks

Catholic Central tops always-tough Orchard Lake St. Mary's squad

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

Whenever Detroit Catholic Central takes a look its schedule to see which teams will likely pose the biggest threat, there is no doubt that discussion always tends to linger on Orchard Lake St. Mary's.

But the Shamrocks know, year in and year out, that the only way to beat a team like OLSM is to bring a heavy-handed defense and a steady focus on each and every play until the final seconds tick off the clock.

That's the approach Catholic Central brought last weekend to its game against St. Mary's and the result was a 14-6 victory.

The victory puts the Shamrocks at 6-1 on the season and gives them an automatic bid to the MHSAA playoffs, which require six victories for a guaranteed spot for teams with a nine-game regular-season schedule. Teams with an eight-game schedule only need five wins to earn a spot. It's the seventh straight year the Shamrocks have qualified for the playoffs.

Additionally, the victory sets up a Prep Bowl qualifier game Friday between DeLa-



CC's Connor Holton stiff-arms his way upfield in the Shamrocks' 14-6 win over Orchard Lake St. Mary's.

Salle and Catholic Central in St. Clair Shores. The winner will face Brother Rice at Ford Field on Oct. 26 for a chance to win the CHSL.

The key to victory over St. Mary's was one that Catholic Central coach Tom Mach has instilled in his squads for the past three decades — defense,

defense and more defense. The Shamrocks held OLSM to just 136 yards and kept the Eagles out of the end zone.

Leading the defense was Zack Bock, who had two interceptions to keep OLSM off-balance. He has been a solid contributor to CC's success all season, from lineback-

er to fullback to just about any position the team has needed him.

But last week, it wasn't Bock finding his way across the goal line. Instead, the Shamrocks scored on a 5-yard pass from senior quarterback Sean Birney to junior tight end Nick Cococetta, before add-

ON TAP

Detroit Catholic Central will be back in action when it takes on DeLaSalle at Lake Shore High School at 7 p.m. Friday. The winner of the game will advance to the Catholic High School League championship game against Brother Rice.

ing a score on a 1-yard run from fullback Dylan Roney, a senior.

Any victory in the CHSL is a big one and the Shamrocks' conference record of 2-1 keeps them in position to play for the title. Of course, they have to get past DeLaSalle first.

So just how tough is the Catholic High School League? According to the website MaxPreps, considered to be one of the top resources for high school sports in the nation, the CHSL ranks fifth in the entire country in terms of toughness. "A league with great coaches unsurprisingly has some great teams," the website stated.

Out of the league, Brother Rice was ranked as the toughest team in 2013, while Catholic Central was ranked second.

Out of the 20 conferences listed in the rankings, the Catholic High School League was the only Michigan-based conference.

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

TENNIS

Continued from Page B1

"Tim Wang had two wins against Connor Johnston at KLA and regionals," Hanson said. "Tim and Connor should be the one and two seeds at states. Andre Liu played some of his best tennis of the year."

The rest of Novi's singles flights were the top seeds at their respective flights, so the undefeated results at both tournaments were on par with their status as favorites at the Nov. 2-4 singles.

Junior Andre Liu (25-7) won the No. 2 singles KLA title 7-5, 6-2 over Grand Blanc and the regional title 6-3, 6-0 over CC. Sophomore Koushik Kondapi (31-1) won the No. 3 singles KLA title 6-0, 6-1 over Grand Blanc and the regional title 6-2, 6-4 over Northville. Sophomore Max Anderson (28-5) won the No. 4 singles KLA title 6-4, 6-2 over Grand Blanc and the regional title 6-4, 6-0 over Howell.

Not to be outdone, top-seeded seniors Andrew Ying and Michael Chang (28-4) defeated Grand Blanc 6-2, 6-3 for the KLA title at No. 1. Doubles before knocking off Northville 6-1, 6-0 for the regional title.

"One doubles had some excellent showings at our tournaments," Hanson said.

"Two and three doubles were tested, but they pulled out the victories. It's good to be tested, because you're going to be tested at the state finals."

At No. 2 doubles, seniors Shashank Chitta and Kevin Xu (22-6) maintained their top seed by defeating second-seeded Northville for both the KLA and regional titles, knocking off the Mustangs 6-2, 6-2 and then 6-4, 6-4 at regionals.

Senior Tim Lu had two different partners at No. 3 doubles en route to his two titles. Teaming with junior Ryan Fernandes (11-2), the duo defeated Northville 6-4, 6-4 for the KLA title.

With freshman Daniel Yu (6-3) returning from injury, the duo defeated Northville 6-4, 7-6(7) for the regional title.

Seniors David Mehl and Raymond Wen (24-4) kept the wins coming at No. 4 doubles, defeating Northville 6-0, 6-1 for the KLA title and CC 6-2, 6-1 for the regional title.

Second-seeded sophomore Srivatsav Gudur and senior Ashwin Kumar (5-0) wrapped things up with a KLA title at No. 5 doubles, capped by a 6-4, 7-5 win over top-seeded Northville.

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CC senior hockey star Sorisho hospitalized with broken back

By Perry A. Farrell
Gannett News Service

Novi Detroit Catholic Central athletic director Aaron Babicz said senior hockey player Matt Sorisho is in good spirits at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills after the team's leading scorer last season severely injured his spinal cord while playing for a Michigan Development Hockey League all-star team Oct. 4.

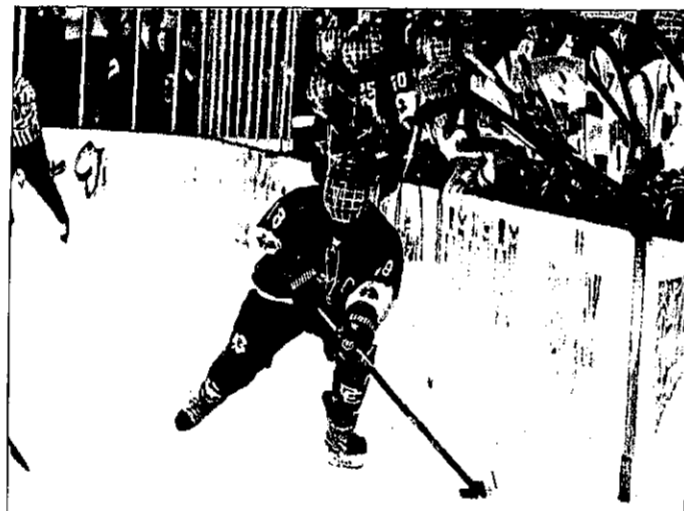
Sorisho hit the boards back-first during a game at the Farmington Hills Ice Arena. Sorisho's team was facing a rival squad out of Chicago. Published reports said Sorisho was skating at full speed toward the goal when he was hit by defenseman, lost his balance and spun around backward before hitting the wall.

Shamrocks coach Doug Itami wasn't at the game, but said the collision shattered a lumbar vertebra (between the rib cage and the pelvis) in Sorisho's back. He also suffered a concussion.

But Babicz said Sorisho, 17, is in good spirits. "He asked me to get one of his teachers to change his grade to an 'A,'" Babicz said. "I said 'I'll ask him and I said what you've done with that. I will say this: He's a tough, high-quality-character young man. I know he's going to fight his rear end off.'"

Sorisho went through a seven-hour surgery to remove the shattered disk. Pins and rods were inserted to stabilize his spine. The family hoped to move him to the Ann Arbor Spine Center some time last week.

"He'll probably spend four to six weeks at the spine center doing rehab and physical therapy," Itami said. "Right now, they're in the mode of seeing if he's capable of being moved. There are good and bad times. There are times when his spirits are great. He looks good. He's fully functional from the waist up. His attitude is good,



Matt Sorisho brings the puck up ice for Catholic Central. DENNIS BANNERS

but there are always going to be some down times where he really starts to think about the situation he's in. It gets to him."

"He's scared. It has been a tough go. He's strong and his dreams are changing now. We're lucky that he can still breathe on his own and fortunate he does have mobility in his arms and hands and his mind is good."

Itami said Sorisho's short-term goals are to get better and back to school as soon as possible. He had hoped to play hockey at Michigan State.

"He wants to go to Michigan State," Itami said. "We're hoping he

can be self-sufficient and live on his own at a some point. He can sit at a desk and still work and drive because he has mobility from the waist up."

While Itami rehabs, contractors are at the Sorisho home, making it accessible for Matt's return home.

Itami said the family has heard from Detroit Red Wings coach Mike Babcock and the NHL. "Mike Babcock has been awesome," Itami said. "They've been very supportive and the hockey community always wraps their arms around you when something like this happens."

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Stanford earns GLIAC honors

Saginaw Valley State University junior kicker Scott Stanford, of Novi, was named the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Special Teams Player of the Week following his performance in the team's 44-28 homecoming victory over Northwood University.

Stanford was 3-for-3 on field-goal attempts, including a 51-yarder. He had seven touchbacks on the nine total kickoffs and made good on all five of his extra-point attempts. Stanford has been perfect in the kicking department for 2013, connecting on all six of his field-goal attempts and going 32-of-32 on his extra-point tries.



Novi defeated Plymouth Salem at Cass Benton. ROBERT SMITH

Novi harriers rock Salem

Plaetnick's sophomore times putting him on pace for huge success

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

Capping division competition on a positive note, Novi's boys cross country team rolled Oct. 8 to a 22-37 victory.

The Wildcats (3-2) sped past Plymouth Salem (1-3) with senior Brian Barnes again leading the pack, finishing first in 16 minutes, 44 seconds.

"Barnes ran a very smart race today," Novi coach Robert Smith said. "He kept our guys in the race, while controlling the tempo."

"It was a great way to end the regular season. They beat us last year, so we wanted to return the favor this year at our house. We dedicated this race to our senior class. Today was their last race at home."

Sophomore Joost Plaetnick was close behind, finishing second in 16:51.

"Joost is now our sixth fastest sophomore ever

ON TAP

Novi's boys cross country team (3-2) heads to the KLA A Kensington Conference meet at 4:15 p.m. today at Huron Meadows before regionals Oct. 26 back at Huron Meadows.

at Cass Benton," Smith said. "His time is three seconds faster than what Kevin Avenius (1996) ran as a sophomore. Kevin ended up fifth in the state as a senior. This was a huge breakout race for Joost."

Completing the scoring for Novi were Sahibnu Malapati (fourth in 17:21), Cameron Misko (seventh in 17:32) and Nate Hall (eighth in 17:38).

"All three of these guys knew that they needed to beat Salem's pack," Smith said. "They did exactly that. It was a great team effort."

Pushing the Rocks' score even higher, Novi's John Landy (ninth in 17:44) and Tom Groecheel (10th in 17:52) rounded out the Wildcats' lineup.

"This was the third straight meet that Landy (a freshman) was in our top seven," Smith said. "He is establishing him-



Sophomore Joost Plaetnick finished second in 16:51 against Plymouth Salem, which was the sixth best sophomore course time at Cass Benton in program history. ROBERT SMITH

self in our lineup, while Groecheel (a senior) ended up with a career best time of 17:52."

Novi's Paul Li, Chris Silva, Aric Landy, Gabriel Vergara, Kevin Qi, Richard Chen and Jasmeel Chahal also set personal bests on the day.

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

Field hockey team picks up victory over G.P. South on senior day

River Rats still too much for Wildcats

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

It was another strong week of action for Novi's field hockey team, which continues to establish itself as one of the state's top programs despite only existing for a few seasons.

The Wildcats started a trio of games last week with a 6-0 thrashing of Grosse Pointe South on the road Oct. 8. Senior goalie Julia Clark (three saves) earned the shutout with some help from defenders Keri Masserant and Malalei Trai-

nor. Senior Lizzy Malec led the Novi offense with two goals, while senior Haley Notarantonio, sophomore Willow Guenther and juniors Morgan Statelyn and Amanda Minissate each

ON TAP

Novi's field hockey team was set to host East Grand Rapids before hosting Bloomfield Hills Marion at 4:30 p.m. today to lead into the state tournament starting Oct. 26.

added one goal. Seniors Megan Paul and Kayla Burkhardt, Statelyn and sophomore Gina Salemi all picked up assists.

The 'Cats looked to keep things going two days later, but the Oct. 10 contest at 2012 state finalist Ann Arbor Huron, which knocked out Novi in last year's semifinals, didn't have an identical result.

The River Rats capitalized on a penalty corner goal and a penalty stroke goal to claim a 2-1 victory despite six saves by Clark. Salemi scored the Wildcats' lone goal when Minissate took a hard corner hit toward the cage and senior Megan Murphy pushed it

across the goalmouth to Salemi for the goal.

"Even though we didn't win, seeing how well we played as a team and as individuals and just being a part of it all was enough for the whole team to be happy," freshman Shannon Murphy said.

Novi rebounded Saturday with a victory against visiting East Grand Rapids, as the Wildcats claimed a 2-0 victory with goals from Paul and Malec.

"The defense held up the backfield, not allowing a single shot on goalie Julia Clark," senior Megan Murphy said.

As Novi's senior recognition game, the seniors each got extra playing time and a special recognition as the 'Cats rolled to the victory.

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

Boosters' Crafts Show set Oct. 19

There will be more than 160 booths offering a variety of gift options at the Novi Athletic Boosters Holiday Kickoff Arts & Crafts Show, including jewelry and accessories, home décor, sculptures, art, clothing, purses and an assortment of holiday gifts and ornaments.

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artists and crafters wanting to attend our inaugural show," said Jack Kilger, craft show chair. "The Jury Committee has done a great job selecting quality artists and crafters and has just about every category of crafts represented."

The show will take place at Novi High School (24062 Taft Road) from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19. Admission is \$3; free for children under 10 years old. Event sponsors in-

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NOVI BOBCATS ROUNDUP

Varsity rolls over Northville, 38-14

The Novi varsity Bobcats (7-0) defeated the Northville Stallions (2-5) 38-14 at Novi Middle School in their final home game of the season Oct. 12.

The first quarter was scoreless, but with five minutes to go in the half, Nick Williams scored on a 7-yard touchdown run and Blake King kicked the PAT to put the 'Cats up 8-0. On the next series, the Bobcats' Troy Atkins intercepted the Stallions' pass attempt and returned it 30 yards for another touchdown and the Bobcats were quickly up 16-0 after King's second PAT kick.

After King sacked the quarterback on the next series, the Bobcats took over just before halftime and engineered a quick drive with Brendan Smith breaking away for 40 yards down to the 8-yard line behind good blocking from Matt Williams, Austin Turner, Johnny Bean, Jordan Castleberry and King. With time running down, the Bobcats' Traven Maddox threw a pass to the corner of the end zone and tight end Chad Howell made a diving catch for the Bobcats' third touchdown. Following King's third successful PAT kick, the Bobcats went into halftime leading 24-0.

In the second half, Maddox threw a 20-yard pass to Casey Lyons, who went up high to make the catch in traffic, which set up the 30-yard touchdown run by Jordan Ward to make the score 30-6. After the Bobcats fumbled near their goal line and the Stallions scored, the Bobcats returned to the ground, culminating in Austin Turner's 8-yard touchdown run and another PAT kick by King to bring the final score to 38-14.

Defensively, Atkins

ON TAP

The Bobcats' final games of this season are Sunday, Oct. 20, at Walled Lake Central High School against the Commerce Chargers, beginning with flag (9 a.m.), followed by freshman (11 a.m.), JV (1 p.m.) and varsity (3 p.m.).

had six tackles, an assist and one tackle for a big loss to add to his interception touchdown. Tyler Vankirk led the defense with six tackles, two assists and several big hits. King had four tackles and one sack to go with his four PAT kicks. Landon Green contributed three tackles, two assists and a sack, while center Matt Williams added a sack and an assist as well.

Smith led the Bobcats' rushing with 74 yards on five carries and added two tackles, five assists and a sack.

—By Eric Smith

JV defeats Stallions, 34-22

The Novi JV Bobcats (6-1) posted a 34-22 win over the Northville Stallions (2-5) Saturday in their final home game of the season.

Makari Paige opened the scoring with a 63-yard touchdown run over right tackle on the first play of the game. Ashton Smith converted the PAT to put the Bobcats ahead 7-0. On the Bobcats' next possession, Smith raced 42 yards for a touchdown.

After a good defensive stop, Marcus Sheppard ran 54 yards for a touchdown. Jack Beno converted the PAT, increasing the Bobcats' lead to 20-0.

Following a Stallions score to cut the lead to 20-8, the Bobcats answered right back, with Michael Williamson punching it in from 8 yards out. Beno again converted the PAT, bringing the score to 27-8. With seconds left

in the half, the Stallions scored again, but Gavin Parenti blocked the PAT, leaving it 27-14 at the half.

Starting the second half, Paige took the kickoff back 68 yards for a touchdown. Smith converted the PAT. With five minutes left in the third quarter, the Stallions scored, narrowing the Bobcats' lead to 34-22. The Stallions recovered the ensuing onside kick at the Bobcats' 25, but the Bobcats' defense stood strong and thwarted the Stallions' scoring threat. The Stallions blocked the Bobcats' punt on their next possession, but again the Bobcats' defense rose to the task, this time posting an impressive goal line stand from the 1-yard line to prevent a score. On the Stallions' final drive, Sheppard intercepted the ball, preserving the final score of 34-22 for the Bobcats.

—By Nicki Parenti

Freshman unbeaten streak ends

In a battle of the remaining undefeated teams Saturday, the Northville Stallions defeated the Novi Bobcats freshman team, 46-27.

Bobcats touchdowns were scored by Ethan Cooper. Extra points were converted by Ethan Cooper and Bacari Scott.

Leading rushers for the Bobcats were Bacari Scott, Ethan Cooper, Robert Lalain, Dominic Senatore and Niko Krall. Robert Lalain led the team in passing, while Kyle Dowd led the team in receiving.

Leading tacklers for the Bobcats were Jacob Brown, Ethan Cooper, Kyle Dowd, Calvin Taulbee, Cole Shires, Logan Dooley, Niko Ponus, Aidan Reed and Luke Montgomery

—By Andrew Guidings

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Saginaw Valley State University junior kicker Scott Stanford, of Novi, was named the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Special Teams Player of the Week following his performance in the team's 44-28 homecoming victory over Northwood University.

Stanford was 3-for-3 on field-goal attempts, including a 51-yarder. He had seven touchbacks on the nine total kickoffs and made good on all five of his extra-point attempts. Stanford has been perfect in the kicking department for 2013, connecting on all six of his field-goal attempts and going 32-of-32 on his extra-point tries.

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CITY OF NOVI, MICHIGAN NOTICE OF OFFICIAL PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Clerk's Office will conduct a Public Accuracy Test of the Optical Scan tabulating equipment to be used for the General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2013. The test will be conducted at 4:00 PM on Wednesday, October 23, 2013 at the Novi City Clerk's Office, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375.

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Novi volleyball team nets division title

Wildcats ranked No. 6 in Class A after two victories

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

A pair of big victories locked up another KLAACentral Division title for Novi's volleyball team last week.

Ranked No. 6 in Class A, the Wildcats (25-6, 9-0 KLAACentral) picked up victories over both No. 16 Livonia Stevenson (24-6-2, 6-3 Central) and No. 9 Northville (28-7-10, 7-2 Central) at home to create a large enough gap in the standings to secure the title before wrapping up division play.

Although the Spartans put up a fight Oct. 8, Novi prevailed 25-22, 25-19, 18-25, 25-23, with 15 kills and 13 digs from sophomore Victoria Iacobelli. Senior Belle Glancy had 21 kills and 20 digs, while senior setter Emily Robb had 42 assists and 17 digs in the victory.

The Wildcats kept the momentum going for the rivalry matchup Oct. 10 against Northville, which also served as a Dig Pink game where players and fans wore pink to support Breast Cancer research. It was a win-win night for Novi which pulled out a 25-17, 25-13, 25-22 victory to clinch the Central Division title while raising money for breast cancer.

"What a very special night as the Novi and Northville rivalry teamed together to raise over \$1,000 for breast cancer research," Novi coach Jen Cottrill said.

"On the court, the outcome was obviously a positive one for the Wildcats as we came



The Novi bench welcomes back a teammate. JOHN HEIDER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

ON TAP

Now ranked No. 6 in Class A, Novi's volleyball squad (25-6, 9-0 KLAACentral) was set to host South Lyon (10-14, 2-7 Central) before a KLAACentral Conference crossover game Tuesday at Canton (21-6-2, 8-1 South) and a Lakes Conference crossover game Oct. 26.

out firing from the very first point.

"Our serving was the key to the match, as we were able to keep Northville out of system and slow down their talented attackers. We played as a team and competed for every point."

Novi held strong leads in the first two sets, but the Mustangs took a four-point lead in the third set before a pair of Wildcats timeouts ended Northville's momentum and allowed Novi to pull out the

victory.

Glancy had 11 kills and 13 digs, while junior Jordan Masab had 21 digs and Robb added 25 assists.

The 'Cats wrapped up their week Saturday with a trip to the Marian Elite Tournament, where they finished third behind No. 5 Marian and Northville. Novi beat No. 12 Farmington Hills Mercy 23-25, 25-19, 15-7 and Birmingham Seaholm 25-15, 15-25, 15-8 before losing to Class B No. 4 North Branch 22-25, 18-25.

Glancy led the offense with 31 kills and 63 digs alongside 29 kills and 47 digs from Iacobelli. Senior Brooke Laney added 25 kills and 16 blocks, while Robb notched 95 assists.

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



Novi's Brooke Laney gets a spike past the outstretched arms of two Northville defenders. JOHN HEIDER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Novi soccer team wins two straight before tournament

Wildcats dispatch Franklin, Lakeland

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

With the state tournament on the horizon, Novi's boys soccer team clawed its way through a pair of KLAACentral crossovers last week.

After finishing fourth in the KLAACentral Division, Novi (10-5-3, 4-4-2 Central) battled to a 2-0 victory over the South Division's fourth-seeded Livonia Franklin (5-7-1, 5-4-1 South) Oct. 7, earning a game against the Lakes Conference's

ON TAP

Novi's boys soccer team (10-5-3) was set to visit Farmington (13-2-2) Oct. 14, with the winner advancing to a Wednesday's semifinal at Northville against the winner of No. 15 Northville (13-5-2) and North Farmington (6-6-3). Northville will host the district final at noon Saturday before a regional semifinal at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at Caledonia.

White Lake Lakeland (7-9-1, 3-6-1 North) Oct. 9 for 13th in the KLAACentral, which the Wildcats won 3-1.

Against Franklin, Parker Sutton took a split pass from Connor O'Leary, turned upfield and fired the ball into the side netting inside the far post with seven minutes left in the first half.

Seven minutes into the

second half, Nick Oakley took a cross in the Franklin goal box and passed the ball across the goal-mouth to a wide open Kent Maidens for a tap into an open net.

The 2-0 lead was enough for the victory as Sam Sheeran and Tommy McMaster combined for the shutout.

The Wildcats outshot Franklin, 18-9, with a 10-4

on-net advantage.

"Every player played at least 20 minutes and it served as a good tuneup to keep players game ready for the state tournament," Novi coach Brian O'Leary said.

Goals came by a little quicker against Lakeland, with Novi scoring two nearly identical ones one minute apart.

"On each we got a throw-in deep in Lakeland's end and Matt Kiura took long throw-ins directly into the goal-mouth and both were deflected by Lakeland players and ended up in the goal," O'Leary said.

The 'Cats made it 3-0

just before half time, when Connor O'Leary took a free kick from deep in the corner and played the ball on the ground to a charging David Schulte, who left the ball for a Seiya Ogino one-timer into the goal.

"Lakeland would get a goal with 15 minutes left to ruin the shutout, but other than that the game went very well for us," coach O'Leary said.

"Each player got to play at least half the game and we got to rest a few players that had some minor injuries."

Very similar to the Franklin game, the Wildcats had an 18-7 shot

advantage and 9-4 on-net advantage.

"More importantly, we have made great improvements in some crucial areas," O'Leary said.

The Wildcats are heating up just in time for the state tourney.

After giving up 15 goals and going 4-4-1 in the first half of the season, Novi gave up just five goals while going 6-1-2 in the second half of the season.

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FOOTBALL

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Hewlett, taking a 7-0 lead 5:09 into the game and never looking back after the 1-yard touchdown run by senior Patrick Hannah and point-after kick by senior Zach Wilds.

A 27-yard field goal by Wilds and a 6-yard touchdown run by senior Joe Hewlett (9-for-18 passing, 132 yards, two touchdowns; 179 yards on 21 runs, one touchdown) on a short drive following a blocked punt combined to put Northville ahead 16-0 just 4:09 into the second quarter.

Hewlett then hooked up with senior Evan Wieland for a 52-yard touchdown and senior Nick Stegmeyer for an 8-yard touchdown, putting the Mustangs ahead 30-0 at halftime.

"He's phenomenal," Novi coach Jeff Burnside said of Hewlett. "I'm clearly dumbfounded on why this get doesn't get more pub than he does, because he's one of the best high school quarterbacks I have seen in a long time. He deserves... that kid is phenomenal. Their whole team is good, but he really makes them go. He is phenomenal."

COACH

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"I began helping some of the other programs in the Lansing area."

Pohlonski served as an assistant for the Okemos girls team from 2009-11 and the Lansing Everett

ON TAP

Novi's football squad (4-3, 3-2 KLAACentral) will visit Westland John Glenn (4-3, 3-2 South) at 7 p.m. Friday for a KLAACentral Conference crossover to determine which team is fifth in the conference. The Rockets are coming off a 48-6 victory over Wayne Memorial (0-7, 0-5 South) and have identical playoff motives to Novi. Glenn won the crossover 24-20 last year at Novi's homecoming. After that, the Wildcats host Saline (6-1) at 7 p.m. Oct. 25 in the regular-season finale. The Hornets defeated Novi 42-7 on the road to wrap up last season.

"The 'Cats didn't roll over, as junior quarterback Rohit Mogalavalli (2-for-4 passing, 33 yards, one touchdown) connected with junior Devontez Jones 3:53 into the second half for a 17-yard touchdown. Senior kicker Bryan Klosterman's PAT attempt bounced off the left upright for the second time this season, so the deficit was still 30-6 when Wilds knocked home a 27-yard field goal 34 seconds into the fourth quarter.

Novi sophomore Emmanuel Jackson (54 yards on six runs) got a spark going for the Wildcats' ground game with a



Northville and Novi linemen face off. JOHN HEIDER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

39-yard touchdown run, but a successful PAT only cut the deficit to 33-13 with 4:22 left in the game.

Northville senior Jomi Ogunfildimi got the points back for the Mustangs with an 11-yard touchdown run with 29:2 seconds left in the game to seal it at 40-13 after a Wilds PAT.

"Our kids work extremely hard. At the beginning of the year, we knew we had a good team," Ladaoch said. "We are division champs and

next week we'll be playing for the conference championship. In the history of Northville High School, we've never won a conference championship."

The bulk of the Wildcats' yardage again came from junior Jalen Ward (126 yards on 16 carries), but it wasn't enough to combat the Mustangs' 467-284 advantage in total offensive yardage.

"They've got some studs back there in that backfield, they really do. I'm ecstatic on how (our

defense) did," Ladaoch said. "We thought it was going to be really close, neck and neck. They're a good football team and I'm sure (Burnside) will have them turned around for next week."

The victory also clinched a playoff spot for the Mustangs, who earned the sixth win needed to qualify. The Wildcats will have to win out for the remainder of the regular season to clinch a playoff spot.

"Whenever you lose to your rival and anytime

you get a glimpse of the Jug, that's what you want in your possession. We didn't get it done this year. (For) 365 days, it's going to sting," Burnside said. "We've still got two more games left in the season. We've gone 2-1 every third of this season and we can still finish out 2-1 and get ourselves in. That's what our goal's going to be."

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is very talented. I have been told that our team has quality people on it and I am looking forward to working with them this season."

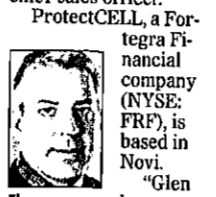
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BUSINESS

NOVI NEWSMAKERS

Glen Flowers

Novi resident Glen Flowers has joined mobile protection company ProtectCELL to lead growth strategy and direct field operations as executive vice president, chief sales officer.

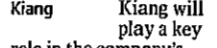


Flowers has a proven track record of defining solutions that support corporate goals, building strategic alliances and developing successful teams."

Flowers has served in executive roles in the wireless industry and brings with him nearly two decades of experience in the combined areas of subscription-based service, wireless communications, sales, marketing, and venture capital operation. He has extensive experience leading and refining finance, operations and sales divisions. He was most recently president, east area, of LEAP Wireless International Inc. (Cricket). Before joining Cricket, Glen served as vice president and gener-

Louis O. Kiang

Erickson Living, manager and developer of Novi's Fox Run retirement community, has selected Louis O. Kiang as its director of development. In this new position, Kiang will play a key role in the company's future project development, design, and management.



Kiang has over 25 years of experience working with major national banks and real estate development companies. His expertise includes property acquisition and improvement, development and design, and leasing and sales.

Prior to joining Erickson Living, Kiang held several management positions with development companies. That experience reflects his superior leadership skills and expertise in strategic and talent management, project and investment analysis, transaction negotiations, and business-plan execution.

Kiang's prior positions have included serving as executive director of BioBat, Inc., as a member of the executive management team at Town-

send Capital, LLC, as a founding member of Wexford Science and Technology, LLC, and as a senior vice president at Bank of America.

Kiang holds an MBA in finance and a BA in business/marketing from the University of Maryland, College Park. He is a mentor at the University of Maryland Colvin Institute's Master of Real Estate Development program.

Dr. Ali Ismail

Livonia Dental Care, at 33425 Five Mile Road, welcomed Dr. Ali Ismail to its practice. Ismail specializes in cosmetic and pediatric dentistry, implants and endodontics.



"We are so pleased to have Dr. Ismail join our practice. His extensive skills and dedication to our patients makes him a wonderful addition to our team," said Dr. Jay Nitkin of Livonia Dental Care.

Ismail earned his DDS from the University of Detroit Mercy School of Dentistry. He also attended Wayne State University with a bachelor's degree in biological science.

He resides in Novi with his wife, Carla. Ismail is a member of the Michigan Dental Association and the Academy of General Dentistry.

Carrabba's of Novi honored for Investing in Abilities

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

A hug from Lt. Gov. Brian Calley and being recognized as a great employer of Carrabba's Italian Grill left Caryn with a huge smile.

Caryn (whose last name was withheld), along with Carrabba's of Novi was honored as part of Investing in Abilities Month in Michigan and Oakland County. This event was held to showcase the Novi business for investing in disabled employees and the service agencies supporting these employees.

"Thank you, everyone," Caryn said before a crowd that included Calley, and Oakland County Commissioners Marcia Gershenson and Bill Dwyer.

A proclamation signed by Commissioners Gershenson, Kathy Crawford and Bill Dwyer was presented to Carrabba's Italian Grill and service agencies JARC and JVS for providing support to prepare disabled workers.

This event comes after the recent bipartisan resolution put forward by Gershenson and Dwyer supporting Investing in Abilities Month, in conjunction with October being National Disability Employment Awareness Month. Their resolution was brought before the full Board of Commissioners as a way to highlight the month.

"These opportunities presented by companies like Carrabba's help many people realize their potential," Gershenson said.

Calley said he has



Michigan Lt. Gov. Brian Calley congratulates Carrabba's employee Caryn for taking on a job at the Novi eatery on Oct. 11. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Caryn, a worker at Novi's Carrabba's in Novi, demonstrates how she completes her job at the restaurant in West Oaks Mall by methodically wrapping silverware together with cloth napkins. Caryn was placed at the eatery by Jewish Vocational Services, organization that helps challenged adults find meaningful work.

seen in his own life the great value that each person can bring to the table.

He said the cause of investing in different abilities should be taken up by everyone and cited Carrabba's as an example of employers beginning to realize the importance of people with different abilities.

"I ask everyone to make a commitment to action... we need to value their strengths," he said.

Caryn's strength is putting together the silverware and rolling it into the cloth napkins. Her boss and Carrabba's

of Novi owner, Jeff Wilk, said she is the best at this.

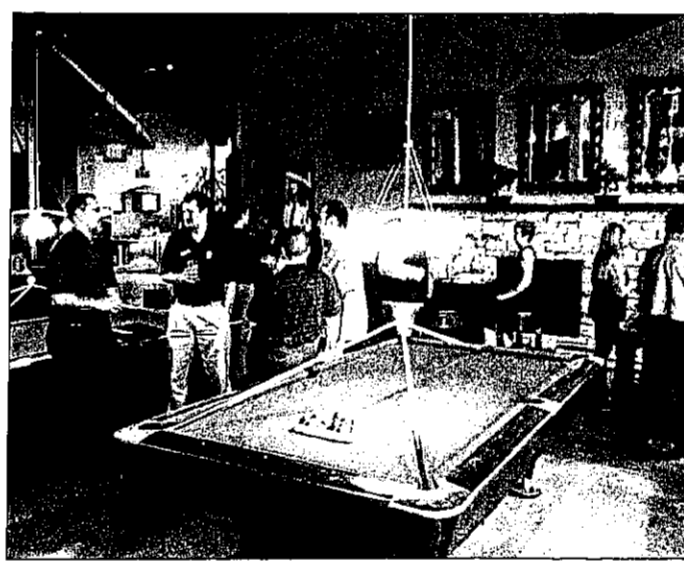
"We are humbled by this honor, but Caryn gets all the credit. She's a great employee," Wilk said. "And having partners like JARC and JVS really made this all come together."

He said she got it right from the start and before her it took up to 17 servers working together to put the silverware all together.

Now it's just Caryn, and that's the way she likes it.

"I'm the speediest person here," she said with a smile.

Networking



The Novi Chamber of Commerce, in conjunction with the Greater Brighton Area Chamber of Commerce, held an After 5 Networking event from 5-7 p.m. on Oct. 10 at Lucky Strike in Novi's Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk complex. It was originally slated for the venue's new club, Stayin' Alive, which is still being renovated. CAL STONE/NOVI NEWS

NOVI BUSINESS BRIEFS

Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. to list on the NYSE

Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc., the parent company of Cooper Standard Automotive, a global supplier of automotive sealing, fuel and brake, fluid transfer and anti-vibration systems, announced that its common stock has been approved for listing on the New York Stock Exchange.

The company expects its common stock to begin trading on the NYSE on or about Oct. 17, trading under the new symbol "CPS." The company's common stock will continue to be quoted on the Over-the-Counter Bulletin Board under the symbol "COSH" until the shares begin officially trading on the NYSE, after which time the common stock will no longer be quoted on the OTCBB.

"Cooper Standard's listing on the NYSE represents a major milestone and a welcome indication of our progress in achieving our business objectives," said Jeffrey Edwards, chairman and CEO of

Signature leases industrial space

Signature Associates has negotiated the lease of 5,620 square feet of industrial space located at 46850 Magellan Drive, Novi.

Steve Kozak and Jim Montgomery of Signature Associates represented the landlord, D-A Real Estate Consulting Group. Kozak, Grant Bruce and Kris Pawlowski, also of Signature Associates, represented the tenant, IHI Press Technology America.

Lady Jane's grants first wish

Lady Jane's Haircuts for Men and its foundation Wicked Awesome Wishes recently granted its first wish, taking 9-year-old Detroit Lions fan Summer Earl to the Lions vs. Bears game at Ford Field on Sept. 29.

The Novi Lady Jane's is located at 43434 West Oaks Drive.

Summer was diagnosed with a brainstem glioma — an inoperable brain tumor — in October 2012. The fourth-grader was given 14 months to live and despite her initial positive response to treatment, her symptoms returned and became progressive in March 2013. Through its partnership with Stephen Tulloch, Lady Jane's granted Summer's wish by bringing her on the field before kickoff to meet Tulloch and some of her other favorite Lions players, and then Summer watched her favorite team beat the Bears from the front row.

Throughout the 2013 NFL season, Lady Jane's is partnering with Detroit Lions' middle linebacker Stephen Tulloch to raise awareness of cancer in Metro Detroit. Through the partnership, Tulloch and Lady Jane's will choose a child or family that has been affected by cancer to receive two front row tickets and field passes to every Detroit Lions home game.

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Development has begun on Pinnacle, the Mocer Development community which will be the site of the 2014 Homearama luxury homes tour. Shown at the site (left to right) are Dave Pawlaczyk and Dominic J. Mocer of Mocer Development, Michael Stoskopf, CEO of the Home Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan, Terry Gosner, Oakland Township supervisor, and Tim Berger, Oakland Township building director.

Homearama for 2014 features upscale homes

Homearama at Pinnacle in Oakland Township is a single site showcase of new homes built especially for public display by members of the Home Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan. There will be six to eight luxury homes open to the public.

The homes will be open to the public Aug. 29 through Sept. 14, 2014, with hours to be announced. On-site and advance ticket sales will be available. Mocer Development, Dominic J. Mocer, is the developer. Builders are: Cranbrook Homes, Sebastian Lombardi, MJC Companies, Michael Chirco, Mocer, Frank Mocer (two homes); and Artega Homes, Brian Salter and Vito Terracciano.

Each home will be designed, built, fully decorated and landscaped by top local professionals. Homes will feature amenities, the latest technology and energy-saving features. Organizers point out that new home construction spurs productivity, cre-

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

Table listing real estate transactions in Oakland County, including address, price, and agent information.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

Table listing real estate transactions in Wayne County, including address, price, and agent information.

Food, drinks can boost turnout

Q: We have a problem with apathy at our annual meetings and I am wondering if you have any suggestions with respect to getting people to attend?

A: Over the years of representing hundreds of community associations, I have often tongue-and-cheek suggested that the way to get people at an annual meeting of the association is to either levy an additional assessment or have the meeting at an open bar. Frankly, sometimes that works, but other incentives such as a lottery or offering freebies such as soft drinks, hamburgers, etc. may induce people to come, as well as the age old attestation that it is in the best interests of the association and you as a homeowner if you participate in the democratic process of electing the leaders of your association.

Q: My association has a no dogs policy, do you think that violates the Federal Fair Housing Act?

A: No, it is perfectly permissible to have a no dogs policy, but if there is a disabled person, the association may have to make an exception. It is my understanding that HUD is increasing its surveillance of condominium associations who do not allow persons with disabilities to have dogs. Obviously the person seeking an exception has to establish their disability and provide reasonable medical testimony to that effect.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of "Condo Living 2: An Authoritative Guide to Buying, Selling, and Operating a Condominium." It is available for \$24.95 plus \$5.50 for tax, shipping and handling. "Condo Living 2" is available in both print and e-book editions. The e-book is available for download through iTunes, Amazon.com, and BarnesandNoble.com. He is also the author of "Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track," second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$2.20 for tax, shipping and handling. Call 248-644-4433 or visit bobmeisner@meisner-law.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Short sales

If you own 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 p.m. Thursdays at 129 N. Lafayette, downtown South Lyon.

Additional parking across the street in back. Please call the office at 248-782-1130 or email june.quantum@gmail.com for your reservation or additional information.

Seminar on Tuesdays, Thursdays

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

RSVP with Colonial Mortgage at 800-260-5484.

Free foreclosure tours

Free foreclosure tours are 1 p.m. every other Sunday. Meeting place is Panera Bread on the southeast corner of Middlebelt and I-96. Email Georgia@eddedvalue.com or visit FreeForeclosureTour.com.

Investors

The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne will have an open forum. Investors will answer questions and offer a market update. Meetings are at 7:30 p.m. each first Tuesday of the month at the Red Lobster on Eureka in Southgate. Members are free, guests \$20, which will be applied to their membership. Any questions or concerns, call Wayne Koehler at 313-277-4168.

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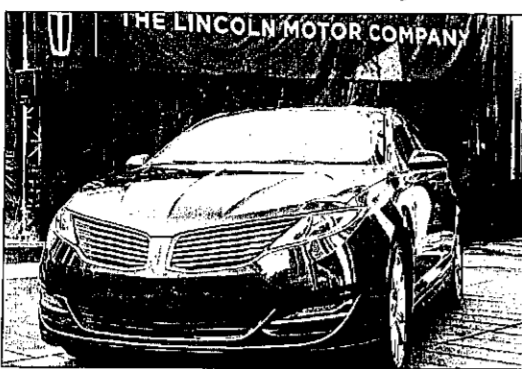
Lincoln Compares MKZ to Competition in New Campaign



By Dale Buss

Lincoln won't be re-appearing in Super Bowl advertising this season as brand executives admit that they've had to make some significant mid-course corrections while relaunching the Ford-owned luxury brand and introducing the new Lincoln MKZ this year.

But Lincoln Group Marketing Manager Andrew Frick told me that the new, radically redesigned MKZ is beginning to meet its initial sales and demographic targets and, largely because of that, the Lincoln brand finally has reached a solid rebound mode that should only improve as more new products follow and Americans re-familiarize themselves with a brand they only think they know. A new ad campaign for MKZ, "Luxury Uncovered," is meant to help propel that transformation.



The spread-eagle grille leads the redesign of the Lincoln MKZ.

"The MKZ launch has started building momentum," Frick said. "We have had record sales for the nameplate five of the last six months, and we've really started to see a change in the customer-client profile. We've got a younger and more affluent buyer—the average age has come down by more than four years, and household income is up by \$22,000."

The "new" Lincoln and refashioned MKZ were slow out of the gate even though Ford began signaling its dedication to reviving the hoary Lincoln marque—and to beginning the new era with a significantly improved MKZ—early in 2012. A prolonged campaign positioning the brand as "Lincoln Motor Company" and even using images of Honest Abe also attempted to cast Lincoln as a more humbly appearing

premium brand and culminated in Lincoln's Super Bowl ad last February that resulted from crowdsourced tweets and curation by Jimmy Fallon.

But the effort ran into trouble immediately. Ford's supply chain bottlenecked MKZs coming from the plant in Mexico just as Lincoln marketers were beginning to stake consumer demand. The lack of availability frustrated dealers and consumers and shelved a lot of consideration for the new sedan.

At the same time, it became evident that Lincoln marketers beginning with Ford CEO Jim Farley had taken a bit of a sour tack in emphasizing a refreshment of the Lincoln brand initially over the excitement that is reliably created by a new product.

"We learned some things," Frick admitted. "One is that starting with the overall Lincoln brand as the first point wasn't as successful as diving into the nameplates themselves." So the new campaign emphasizes the MKZ and the MKZ Hybrid and their attributes in direct comparisons

with targeted vehicles including the Lexus ES 350 and Toyota Prius hybrid.

For example, one of the first spots features couples "asking questions" of Lincoln and competitors that are named only in the ad's fine print. Which car has the more powerful engine? Doesn't charge a premium for a hybrid powertrain? Has the "largest retractable panoramic roof?" Of course the answer in each case is the MKZ.

"Tier One luxury shoppers have noticed MKZ and are shopping between 80 and 200 percent more MKZ than a year ago," David Rivers, Lincoln marketing communications manager, told me, with the ES particularly suffering "conquest" sales to MKZ. Gasoline-versus-conquest sales of MKZ—those stolen from other brands—are up about 20 percent compared with the previous MKZ, while the MKZ Hybrid's conquest rate is about 60 percent.

And while Lincoln learned a lot about social media marketing through its season of Super Bowl advertising and is applying it through a #LuxuryUncovered aspect of the new MKZ campaign, don't expect to see Lincoln back in Super Bowl XLVIII. That makes conventional sense given that Lincoln doesn't have another major new product to promote just yet, and it is shying away from pitches based on brand alone.

"We've got other [marketing] plans as the year goes on," Frick said.

Another major miscalculation by Lincoln, it turns out, was in anticipating demand for the MKZ Hybrid relative to the regular MKZ. Originally, the plan was about 20 percent hybrid sales. But



In new ads, a couple "interviews" MKZ and competitors.

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Kate Lorenz
CareerBuilder.com Editor

Job fairs are a great way to shop for new job opportunities, network and make personal contacts with recruiters at various organizations.

Here are some techniques recommended by experts to ensure that your performance at the fair doesn't turn into a circus:

Do some scouting.

If you've never been to a job fair, attend the next one that comes to your city for observational purposes. Pay attention to recruiters and fellow job seekers to pick up some pointers on how to dress, how to approach a company's booth appropriately and how to successfully work the room.

Do some research.

Find out which companies will be represented and learn about them in advance through corporate Web sites or other tools. The more you know, the more you can converse with the company representative in the booth and the more memorable you will be. You will also appear much more professional than unprepared job seekers who make the mistake of starting off their conversations with



company representatives by asking, "What does your company do?"

Deliver your key messages quickly.

Interviewers are very busy, so don't waste their time. Work on a "sound bite" that says what your skills are, the type of work that interests you and the kind of company with which you want to associate.

Plan some questions.

If you have additional time, be ready to ask intelligent questions. Ask how departments are organized and how your skills might be utilized within the framework of the company. Also show you know something about the company by asking questions about a recent product release, acquisition or other relevant news. And make sure to ask the interviewer what he or she likes best about the corporate culture and how that company is right for you.

Get the interviewer's business card.

If an interview goes well, you will want to follow up with a letter that reinforces the points you made and the facts you learned. If you made a good impression

at the fair, the interviewer probably has made a note to that effect and will remember that you passed his or her on-site screen.

Take advantage of the obvious.

Sometimes recruiters will post job openings at their booth and provide written information. Grab all of the information you can on site before you get in line for an interview so you won't waste precious time discussing the obvious.

Dress appropriately.

You are going to a job interview, so dress the part. Break out the business attire and shine your shoes. It's better to err on the side of

the conservative than to be too casual.

Show your pearty whites.

Smile when you meet the interviewer. Give a firm handshake. (If you are prone to sweaty palms, bring a handkerchief to use as a towel.) Keep breath mints on hand and make eye contact.

Be organized.

Bring plenty of resumes with you. Keep them in a nice folder so you don't get fingerprints all over them. Have a notebook for memos to yourself.

Avoid the shopping spree.

Many companies give out freebies at their booths. It's OK to pick up an item

or two, but don't leave the impression that you are shopping for your kids. The main impression you want to make is that you are very interested and very qualified for a job.

Keep lively.

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