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Veterans ceremony

Brig. Gen. Carol Ann Fausone (ret.) will present a program explaining various military medals and their significance from 10:30 a.m. to noon Friday at the Novi Public Library's Whole Meeting Room. She will share the unique story of her active service and provide information about veterans benefits and local resources.

Raw foods

Better Health Market is hosting a free raw foods class at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 7, where attendees will learn that all sugars are simply not the same. Michael Dwyer, a certified raw food instructor, will conduct the class and is bringing along several recipes. Better Health Market is located at 42875 Grand River Avenue. Reservations for this seminar can be made by calling 248-735-8100.



Dwyer

Changes coming next Tuesday

Nov. 5 election includes mayor, council members, charter and school proposals

By Cal Stone
Staff Writer

City of Novi residents will see a variety of candidates and proposals on their ballots when they enter the voting booths next Tuesday.

Mayor Bob Gatt is seeking another two-year term and is being challenged by Joseph Samona.

A third candidate, Jason Dorsch, is also on the ballot. Although he stated this summer that he wished to withdraw from the race, the ballots had



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already been printed. A pair of incumbents - Justin Fischer and Andrew Mutch - are both up for re-election to four-year seats on the Novi City Council. Four challengers are also in the mix - Dennis O'Connor, Gwen Markham, Alexander Pera and Jonathan Montville. The latter, like Dorsch, also indicated that he has exited the race. The candidates participated

in a Q&A with the *Novi News*, submitting short bios and responses to a variety of questions. A portion of their answers can be found inside this edition, while their entire responses can be found online at www.novinews.com.

Terry Margolis has opted not to run again for city council (see related story). The other council members include Dave Staudt, Laura Casey, Wayne Wrobel.

Also on the ballot for all Novi residents will be five proposals to revise the city's charter. Proposal No. 1 would remove any gender references (he, she, his, her, etc.) in the charter's language. Proposals Nos. 2 and 3 would remove the

requirement to publish public notices in a newspaper if state law should change that requirement in the future. Proposal No. 4 would reword language to give the city manager the ability to reorganize and create departments, but would still keep the city council's right to do so as well. Proposal No. 5 would eliminate the requirement that checks need to be signed by two different officers of the city.

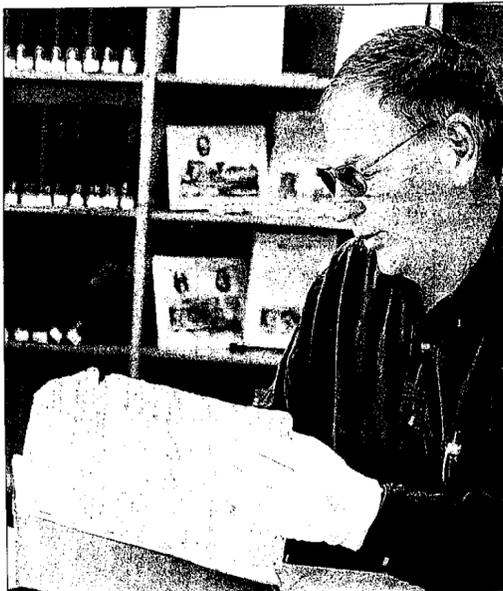
Education

Voters throughout the city, depending on where one lives, will see millage requests by the school districts of Novi, South

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CONSTABLE'S LOGBOOK CAPTURES SLICE OF NOVI

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer



Roy Prentice looks over a recently donated constable logbook from the mid-1800s. The book of will reside at the Novi Historical Commission office at the library. JOHN HEDER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

When Roy Prentice first looked over the constable logbook that was acquired by the Novi Historical Commission, he wondered what else is out there in the community.

The book dates to 1839 and was given to the commission by a Novi resident who happened upon it in a box of books that was given to him a long time ago.

"It was fascinating to look through it for the first time," Prentice said. "It really gives some insight into the daily lives of the farmers in this community."

Prentice is chairperson for the city-appointed Novi Historical Commission and this book was a major find that the commission donated to the Novi Public Library so that it will be available to the community.

It's a book that was kept by the local constable (similar to a police officer) as a recording of daily events. Many of the entries pertain to farm animals getting out of their pens and roaming onto another person's property.

The historical commission is sending the word out to the community that if anyone comes across a historic artifact - it could be a photo, story or whatever - to consider letting the commission take a look at it and possibly place a copy of it in the Local History Room at the library. The commission is looking for new materials. It doesn't have to be anything too significant, just something that captures a different time in Novi.

"There are a lot of longtime residents that may have a photo or something that we would love to see disappear," said

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Margolis, Elfner leave a legacy of community service

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

The city of Novi said its goodbyes Monday to city council member Terry Margolis and the Rev. Gary Elfner, police chaplain. Both leave behind a legacy of service to the community.

The city council meeting Oct. 28 was the last for Margolis, as she will not be seeking re-election Nov. 5. After serving for eight years on council, she has decided to step down and move on to the next stage in her life.

Former Novi Mayor David Landry went before the council to thank



Margolis



Elfner

Margolis for her service and said she epitomized what a good city council member is.

"It's been a wonderful ride," Margolis said at the end of the meeting. During her tenure, she has served on the library board (president) and committees pertaining to consultant review, council rules, capital improvement and ordinance review.

But it was the development of the Novi Public Library that will remain her proudest moment.

"The library was my baby and I am very, very pleased every time I drive by it," she said.

She thanked her family, as well as the city staff, for their continuous support and help.

"She's a dedicated professional and the eight years she's been on council she has always been here," Novi Mayor Bob Gatt said during his closing remarks. "So, Terry, on behalf of city council and all of your colleagues up here, I want to say thank you.

Thank you for all of your efforts and thank for all of your work."

Margolis is currently working as associate vice president for individual giving and campaign director at Wayne State University.

Elfner retires

A longtime community religious leader, Elfner announced that he will be retiring from his voluntary role at the police department and is leaving the city of Novi on Nov. 17 to reside in Hornsby, Tenn. He is also retiring as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Novi after 23 years of dedicated service.

"This is truly a great honor," he said after Gatt read a city proclamation recognizing Elfner's work.

He thanked his family and all who he had the chance to work with throughout the years.

Elfner served as volunteer Novi police chaplain for 22 years, assisting with spiritual needs and offering comfort and guidance to victims and police officers. Gatt said he has been one of Novi's most cherished community members.

The proclamation cited his time and effort to help with civic con-

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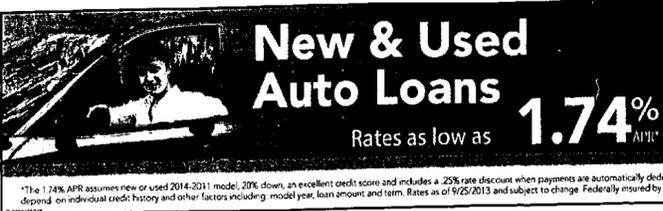
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ing photos with friends. Enter the contest and vote at: <http://www.hometownlife.com/s5vi7u>. Voting ends Nov. 11 and the top three finishers get movie tickets and a pizza. You can also find the contest under the Don't Miss module of our website at Hometownlife.com.



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cerns as a working member of the Novi Christian School, First Presbyterian Food Bank, Pregnancy Center, Holy Family Clothes Closet, Novi Ministers Association, Novi Youth Assistance and founder of the Lakes Area Chaplains,

Oakland County Crisis Response Organization and Oakland Police Academy.

Although he and his wife are moving, Elmer said they will cherish the memories of the Novi community.

"We are going to really miss it," he said of Novi.

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Tricks and Trucks



Johnny Wytowich gets a treat from Novi Water and Sewer Department employee Jim Cheyne during the Oct. 24 Tricks and Trucks event at the Novi Civic Center. Kids in Halloween costume got to hang out in and around some of the massive machines that Novi uses on its roads and property. Kids also enjoyed snacks and made some Halloween-themed crafts. Johnny was joined by his mom Svetlana (left), too. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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Lyon and Walled Lake.

The Novi Community Schools district has two proposals on the ballot, both for millage renewals. The first is a renewal of the operating millages (18 mills on businesses and non-homestead properties and 5.49 mills on primary residences) accounting for \$17.8 million of the \$68.6 million general operating fund. The second is a renewal of 0.98 mill for public recreation and playgrounds, generating about \$1.9 million per year.

Voters in a portion of

decide whether or not to renew a non-homestead millage for South Lyon Community Schools for another 10 years. It generates about \$7.5 million annually, representing more than 11 percent of the district's budget.

Ballots in Novi Precincts 8-12 will include a \$67.5 million Safety, Security & Technology Bond proposed by the Walled Lake Consolidated School District.

Voting hours are from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 5. Look to www.novivotes.com for results.

For the *Novi News*'s endorsements, please see this week's Opinion page inside.

CITY OF NOVI VOTING PRECINCTS

- 1 Meadowbrook Congregational Church, 21355 Meadowbrook Road
- 2 Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 41415 W. Nine Mile
- 3 Village Oaks Elementary School, 23333 Willowbrook Road
- 4 Novi United Methodist Church, 41671 10 Mile Road
- 5 Orchard Hills Elementary School, 41900 Quince
- 6 and 7 Holy Family Catholic Church, 24505 Meadowbrook Road
- 8 Meadowbrook Elementary School, 29200 Meadowbrook Road
- 9 and 11 Brightmoor Church, 40800 W. 13 Mile Road
- 10 Fox Run, 41000 13 Mile Road
- 12 Hickory Woods Elementary, 30655 Novi Road
- 13 Instructional Technology Center/ITC, 25345 Taft Road
- 14 Faith Community Presbyterian Church, 44400 W. 10 Mile Road
- 15 St. James Catholic Church, 46325 W. 10 Mile Road
- 16 Novi Public Library, 45255 W. 10 Mile Road
- 17 and 18 Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road
- 19 Thornton Creek Elementary School, 46180 W. Nine Mile Road
- 20 and 21 Deerfield Elementary, 26500 Wixom Road

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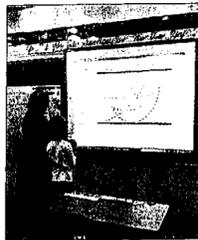
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Local Lutheran school combines learning, faith

By Julie Brown
 Staff Writer

Miriam Ruth, 8, is a third-grader at St. Paul's Lutheran School in Northville. She and teacher Marie Noel were glad to show off their school at an Oct. 17 open house.



Miriam Ruth, 8, a third-grader, works on cursive writing with Marie Noel, a third- and fourth-grade teacher, at St. Paul's Lutheran School in Northville held an open house Oct. 17 to show off the learning environment.

"I like all the reading we do," Miriam said. "I like to read fairy books."

She worked with Noel, a third-fourth-grade teacher, on the Smartboard, writing a capital cursive "L."

"The school was founded about the time of the parish, some 125 years ago, said Jacob Espinosa, principal and a Northville Township resident with a daughter, 12, at the school. The school went on hiatus during the World War II era, reopening in the 1950s.

"We're trying to build our population," Espinosa said of St. Paul's, home to some 46 students in K-8 plus preschool. He cited "poor administrative decisions" of the past that are now being addressed.

The school has fewer students in the middle grades, he said, with more concentrated in lower and upper grades. "I think it really gives them a solid foundation in some basic Lutheran principles to live by," he said.

A sign in the parking lot reads, "You are now entering mission territory," a philosophy carried out at the Missouri Synod school. There are six full-time teachers. All academics are taught and in shared time with Northville Public Schools. St. Paul's children receive gym, computers, study skills and Spanish.

"We have been kind of quiet in

of books. Students in fifth through eighth grades can enjoy soccer, basketball and softball for both genders.

The school is open to all faiths, Espinosa said, with about half of the student body Lutheran.

Steve Culbert of Northville Township teaches fifth- through eighth-grade social studies, English and current events. He was in his classroom with son Matthew, 8, a Winchester Elementary third-grader.

"This is my first year," Steve Culbert said. "The small class sizes and the individualized attention that the students need, I believe" drew him to teaching there.

"I like the fact that I can bond with the kids more. Basically I can spend more time with the students," said Culbert, also coach and athletic director.

Matthew likes science class best, noting "It's really cool. I love it," of school.

His dad praises the staff and administration. "The education of our kids is No. 1 priority," Steve Culbert said.

Allison Berent of Novi, preschool teacher, was praised by a parent in her room. Berent has been at St. Paul's about 10 years.

"We do a lot of playing and they learn," she said of her young charges. Getting a strong Christian background is what Berent believes is most important.

"I do" enjoy teaching, she said. "It's wonderful."

Information on St. Paul's is online at www.stpaulnorthville.org. The school phone is 248-349-3146.

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Renew school millages that began in 1994

In 1994, school funding was changed in Michigan. No longer would local school districts control their finances. Instead, the state would take control of school district revenue.

Property taxes were cut and sales tax was increased in 1994. The state would guarantee a minimum and a maximum amount per pupil. Communities, however, would be responsible for contributing to this state guarantee. In order to receive the full state per-pupil allocation, communities would be responsible for approving a tax on businesses in the community. Additionally, in Novi (because we were funded at a higher level than the state maximum), the state would allow us to continue receiving that additional revenue only if we agreed to tax ourselves.

The funds raised by these taxes were for the operation of the school. The revenue generated went to pay for teachers, administrators, athletics, fine arts, transportation and support staff. The revenue was not for extras; it was for the basic operation of the district.

So Novi did its part in 1994. Residents of the Novi Community School District agreed to tax businesses and to tax themselves to ensure that our school district would continue to be funded. Residents agreed to this operating millage. This would not be the last time that our residents would be asked to approve these millage requests.

The state Legislature required that these taxes be reappraised. So, in 2004, our community once again went to the polls to support schools and to ensure that we received our full state per-pupil allocation. The community approved the operating millage request to continue to support the basic operation of the district.

In 2004, the Novi Community School District was asked to approve a recreation millage. The purpose of the recreation millage was



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to offset costs associated with the district's facilities for community purposes.

Costs associated with using the high school pool for community swim programs could be assigned to the recreation millage. A portion of the costs associated with the maintenance of our fields that were used by the community for community or parks and recreation soccer, baseball, softball and lacrosse programs could be assigned to the recreation millage. Instead of charging the city rent to use our elementary, middle and high school gyms, those costs could be assigned to the recreation millage.

In 2004, the community approved the recreation millage that allowed the district to continue using the school district facilities for community recreational purposes.

I provide this brief history because it is now time once again for our community to vote on the operating and recreation millages. On Nov. 5, the Novi Community School District is asking residents of our district to renew our operating and recreation millages.

The school district is not asking for a tax increase. The school district is asking the community to renew these millage requests to continue funding school district programs and activities.

I would encourage you to go to the polls Tuesday and vote to approve the operating and recreation millages so that we can continue to provide a quality education for the students in our district.

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Prentice, who is also the manager at MSU Tollgate Education Center.

The commission is more than willing to work with the person by scanning a photo and returning the original.

Since 1986, the historical commission has worked in partnership with the city of Novi, Novi Public Library, educators and others to provide programs and services concerning the history of the community.

"Preserving our past is very important," Prentice said.

LEARN MORE

The collection and preservation of the history of Novi is being accomplished through the solicitation of donated documents, photographs and recorded personal experiences. The Novi Historical Commission's work includes the development of presentations, exhibits and events that showcase the history of Novi. To learn more about the commission, visit <http://www.novi.library.org/AboutUs/LocalHistoryRoom.asp>. Contact Roy Prentice at 248-330-3623.

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S'craft launches website for alumni, friends

Schoolcraft College has a new website created just for alumni and friends.

The site, <http://scf.schoolcraft.edu>, is packed with information, including news and events, alumni features and important messages for those considering a gift to the Schoolcraft College Foundation. Alumni are encouraged to reconnect by visiting the class notes section to tell classmates about their successes since leaving Schoolcraft. Visitors also can read the college's alumni publication, *The Bell Tower*, on the site.

"A special feature of the website is the Ocletos Online community," Schoolcraft College Manager of Alumni Relations Victoria Rexius said. "Alumni can register for events, explore alumni benefits and services and join a leadership committee and much more. They

also will be able to personalize their profile, upload photos and class notes and share news about themselves."

Alumni can register by clicking the log-in button at the top of the website home page and following the registration directions.

For more information on getting started as an Alumni Community user, contact the Schoolcraft College Office of Alumni Relations at 734-462-4501 or alumni@schoolcraft.edu. Founded in 1966, the Schoolcraft College Foundation assists the college in realizing its mission by partnering with donors, businesses and private foundations to help secure new resources, maximize resources on existing funds and serve as ambassadors for the college within the surrounding communities.

"While we would always like to personally speak with people about their interests, we acknowledge that some individuals want information accessible to them in a quick and understandable format," Schoolcraft College Director of Development Beth Kohler said. "We think we've done that with this new site."

Additionally, the site serves as a resource for students seeking scholarship support. Through this portal, visitors can access applications, deadlines and contact information about financial aid.

To learn more about Foundation events, becoming a donor, the annual campaign and making an impact through scholarships, grants and campus enhancements, visit scf.schoolcraft.edu. The site also can be accessed from the college website, www.schoolcraft.edu.

SCHOOL BRIEFS

W.L. Schools hosts bone marrow drive

Walled Lake Central High School (1600 Oakley Park Road) is hosting a bone marrow drive for Sydney Balzer, a Commerce Elementary fourth-grader, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 2.



Balzer

At 9 years old, Sydney has already beaten leukemia once. But now it's back and she needs a bone marrow transplant to defeat it once and for all and to doing what she loves most - making crafts, playing soccer and piano and spending time with her friends. Sydney's only hope for survival is a bone marrow transplant from an unrelated donor.

In September 2010,

Sydney was diagnosed with acute lymphocytic leukemia. The diagnosis came as a complete shock to her parents, Stacy and Jason, and to her big brother Jeremy (12 years old). Sydney completed 2½ years of chemotherapy treatment, losing her hair twice and spending days in the hospital.

In February 2013, Sydney completed her treatments and was deemed cancer-free. Unfortunately, the leukemia returned in September 2013 and Sydney is currently undergoing very aggressive chemotherapy treatments. Her doctors feel the best chance of overcoming the leukemia is to pursue a bone marrow transplant. Sydney's family members are not matches and the search for a match has started with the federal National Marrow Donor Program.

The process to become a bone marrow donor is simple and involves swabbing the inside of the mouth. If you are unable to be a donor, you can still help by visiting the Delete Blood Cancer website (DeleteBloodCancer.org) and providing a financial contribution to help support the organization's ongoing efforts to eradicate blood cancers of all types.

"We hope that everyone in the community comes out to get registered as a potential bone marrow donor with Delete Blood Cancer. It is terrifying as a parent to know that your child needs a bone marrow transplant but you're powerless to give them the lifesaving marrow that they need," Stacy Balzer said.

For more information or to register as a bone marrow donor, visit DeleteBloodCancer.org.

Bloggers

Barb Ozminkowski, shown with first-graders (from left) Caroline Christenson, Parker Stask and Noah Kanner, a kindergarten teacher at Mary Helen Guest Elementary, was invited to participate Oct. 23 in the Lansing Student Technology Showcase. She and three of her former students - Parker Stask, Caroline Christenson and Noah Kanner - were invited to participate by AT&T and the Michigan Area Computer Users in Learning. Ozminkowski and her former students were present to state senators and representatives on her kindergarten blogging. Her kindergarten students have their own blog pages attached to the main classroom blog. In addition to typing blog articles, students use various online publishing tools to create content for their blog to show their learning. Families are encouraged to check out the blog posts and leave comments for students. This is the second straight year that Ozminkowski has been asked to present to members of Senate and House of Representatives. MACUL's purpose is to help legislators recognize the importance of the use of technology in schools and to showcase real teachers and real kids doing amazing things with technology. Ozminkowski's class blog can be viewed at <http://tiny.cc/kinderblog>.



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SOCIAL SECURITY

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

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

Attorneys Bleske and Alfonsi 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.

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

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

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

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

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- Hearing Loss, Dizziness, Balance and Falls Clinic
- Complex Vascular
- Comprehensive Epilepsy Care
- Neuro Rehabilitation
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Schauer spreads his message in Northville

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer



Schauer

The election for Michigan governor is still a year away, but Democratic Party candidate Mark Schauer wants to get his name and message out to voters around the state, including an Oct. 20 stop in Northville.

Looking ahead to 2014, Schauer made a visit to a meet and greet held at the home of Northville Democratic Club President Scott Craig. He's been making stops like this around the state since May when he decided to enter the race to take on Gov. Rick Snyder — if he chooses to seek re-election.

"I want to represent Michigan values," he told the gathered crowd of local Democrats. "I believe in fighting for a strong middle class, for our kids, our retirees, and an economy that works for everyone."

And he doesn't think Snyder is doing that. Schauer cited the Right to Work legislation, a pension tax and major cuts in education spending as three moves by Snyder that have negatively impacted the state.

Schauer said he will work to build an economy that works for everyone, not just the wealthy and the special interests. Additionally, he cited education as the single most important investment the state should make. It was the future of education that he emphasized to Northville residents.

"Gov. Snyder is taking Michigan in the wrong direction," he said.

For him, Michigan needs "to keep our constitutional promise of a quality public education for every child."

Those in attendance felt energized after his talk and are looking ahead to getting the word out. The Northville Democratic Club

pledged \$1,000 to Schauer's campaign.

"This is a powerful message that should bring all Democrats together," said club member and Northville resident George Fomin of Schauer's visit. "We need to work together and fight for what's right for our state."

Schauer has previously served on the Battle Creek City Commission from 1994-96. He won his first race for the Michigan House of Representatives by defeating an incumbent in 1996 and was re-elected in 1998 and 2000. In 2002, Schauer won a competitive open race for state Senate, and was re-elected in 2006.

He was elected to represent Michigan's 7th District in the U.S. House of Representatives in 2008, defeating incumbent Tim Walberg. However, in 2010 he was defeated by Walberg.

To learn more about Schauer, go to his website markschauer.com.

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Birmingham woman picked to run Bentivolio campaign

By Jay Grossman
Staff Writer



Jung

Eve Jung's political compass has certainly changed direction in recent years.

In 2008, she voted for Barack Obama. Five years later, she's agreed to serve as the campaign chair for Kerry Bentivolio, the 11th District Republican who's finishing his first term in Congress.

"I had the dream — and then it didn't take long before I figured out that's all it was, a dream," Jung said. "I'm very much a person who believes in America and believes in our republic. I was very disappointed that Obama was taking our country in a different direction. He's the most divisive president I've ever seen."

Jung, 51, a veteran of the U.S. Navy, has never run a political campaign. She has strong ties with the Republican Party, however; she's served as a precinct delegate and her husband, Jerry, was appointed by Gov. Rick Snyder to serve on the State Transportation Committee. She also runs a nonprofit called Foundation for Common

Sense, which funds projects that advance the conservative cause.

The couple resides in Birmingham, not too far from the home of David Trot, the prominent foreclosure attorney who is challenging Bentivolio in the 2014 GOP primary.

"I met him on a couple occasions during the Romney campaign, but that's about it," Jung said of Trot.

Bentivolio might be the incumbent, but so far it's Trot collecting the most money. He's already banked more than \$600,000 toward the August election, compared to Bentivolio, who has about \$60,000 in his treasury chest.

Jung appears up for the challenge.

"Personally, I feel it's unfortunate that politics has evolved into a pay-to-play sport," she said. "That being said, I think we're going to get a lot of middle-class voters who are tired of the status quo and having representatives who never had to decide between paying the electric bill or paying for groceries."

Go Kerry

The 11th District covers parts of Wayne and Oakland counties, including Novi, and leans heavily toward Republicans.

Bentivolio, 62, is a retired school teacher

who served for years in the U.S. Army. He and his wife, Karen, operate a small reindeer farm in Milford.

On choosing Jung to run his campaign, Bentivolio said, "I am deeply humbled to have the support of a military veteran and stalwart conservative like Eve. I look forward to working with her to get our message out about defunding Obamacare, cutting taxes and shrinking the size of our bloated federal government."

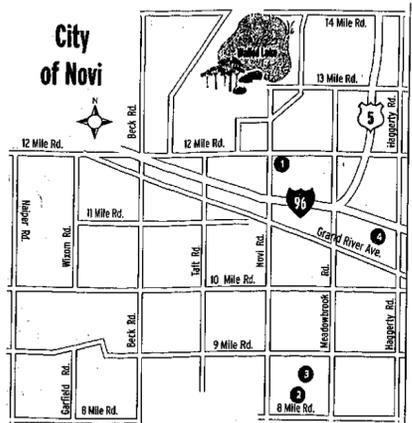
The two first met when Bentivolio was running for Congress in 2012.

"I think Kerry is easy to relate to," she said. "His dad was a factory worker, just like half the people in Michigan who had parents working in factories. He's a combat veteran... and he's been a teacher, so he understands what it's like to be in a union."

On a personal note, Jung is something of a free spirit.

She and her husband like to cruise around the country on motorcycles to check out famous sightseeing spots. They recently visited Elsie the Cow in Michigan, as well as the World's Largest Rocking Chair along Route 66 in Missouri.

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NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

Retail theft

A 22-year-old woman was arrested Oct. 13 for attempting to steal a number of items from the JCPenney store in Novi.

The woman tried to walk out of the store at Twelve Oaks Mall with some items, including makeup and two tank tops. Store security had observed the woman

going into a fitting room and then exiting without the items. They were later found in her bag.

Shoe theft

A Novi man had two packages stolen from outside his residence that contained Nike shoes.

On Oct. 14, the man told Novi Police that

UPS had said it delivered the packages to his residence on Woodland Glen Drive. They were left at the door, but were gone when he looked for them. The shoes totaled \$400.

Wooden gate damaged

A gate at a home on Hampshire Street was

damaged by an unknown person.

The homeowner told Novi Police that his ornate cedar gate appeared as if someone had pushed through it. The incident occurred some time Oct. 12-13.

The homeowner thinks it may have been an accident by someone running around in the dark.

Marijuana possession

A Lincoln Park man was arrested for driving with a suspended license and marijuana possession after being spotted driving erratically Oct. 17.

Novi Police spotted the man driving on I-96 just west of Haggerty Road, drifting over the fog line twice. A check of the license plate revealed the owner had a suspension and warrants. Upon making contact with the driver, the police reported smelling marijuana inside the vehicle.

The man was detained on the DWLS and a search of the vehicle turned up a pipe and pill bottle containing marijuana.

— By staff writer
Lonnie Huhman

Command officers to see a jump in pay

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

The city of Novi has reached a three-year agreement with the Novi Police command officers that will see the group getting a 1.5-percent wage increase and one-time payment of \$500 per command officer.

"We are all glad to have this contract reach a mutually agreeable conclusion and continue the great working relationship," Novi City Manager Clay Pearson said of the contract that was unanimously ratified Monday by city council.

The city and police command union were engaged in the negotiation process since early this year. The Command Association ratified the city's tentative agreement at a meeting Oct. 17.

According to the agreement, a significant change has been put in place that will provide a one-time stipend form payment in lieu of a traditional wage increase. A 1.9-percent stipend will be paid next July. The 1.5-percent wage increase will be

come effective July 2015.

"The stipend payment does not count toward an employee's final average compensation calculation for pension and does not increase wage-related benefits such as overtime, longevity (for those employees who receive it) or holiday pay," Novi Human Resources Director Tia Gronlund-Fox said in her report to council.

Other changes include: amended language to allow for a marked or semi-marked police vehicle to be driven to 100,000 miles (up from 80,000 miles), which will extend the use and need of replacement of vehicles, and language allowing a retiree to elect and pay 100 percent of the premium for dental at the time of retirement.

"Our police lieutenants and sergeants are a critical group of leaders in our public safety services and we appreciate everybody's professionalism and dedication through the process," Pearson said of the negotiations.

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City of Novi

Notice of Public Hearing

Community Development Block Grant Funds

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Novi will hold a Public Hearing on the use of Community Development Block Grant Funds. The hearing will be held on Tuesday, November 12, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. EST, at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375, for the purpose of hearing public comments on the Community Development Block Grant Program Year 2014 application in the approximate amount of \$91,654 to fund eligible projects.

All interested citizens are requested to attend this hearing. Comments will also be received in writing or in person at the City Offices, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375, until 5:00 p.m., November 12, 2013. Arrangements to reasonably accommodate special needs, including handicap accessibility or interpreter will be made upon receiving 72-hour advance notice. Contact Deputy Clerk, Courtney Hanson at 248-947-0456 for special services.

MARYANNE CORNELIUS,
CITY CLERK

October 31, 2013

"Why All the Household Dust?"

Tim Keith Meadows, owner and operator of American Power Vac, Inc. For years, I've been improving our community's health one family at a time. By now we've heard the statistics: 50% of all illness is a direct result to dirty indoor air and our indoor air is up to 90 times more polluted than outdoor air. Yet, 96% of the calls I receive everyday are from desperate people complaining about dust. They tell me they dust the TV. on Friday, but by Sunday they are pushing the dust out of the way again so they can watch Dancing with the Stars, and none of them know exactly where it's coming from.

Well, I'm here to tell you that it's not because you're a bad housekeeper. I tell people that by simply having your ducts cleaned will drastically reduce household dust and the reason is, your cold air returns.

Cold air returns suck in dirty air, and over time it builds up until you have the same type of debris that you would find in your vacuum bag.

Visit our website at www.americanpowervac.com for an actual photo of the debris that is pulled from a typical home.

Cold air returns are also the reason new homeowners are experiencing dust. While your drywall was being sanded, your cold air returns sucked all of the dust through the system and it settled on the bottom of the duct lines where a little at a time gets blown back into your home. To prove it, take a walk down into your basement, look up at the ceiling for thin sheets of tin mailed between your floor joists. These are your cold air returns. Give them a good pounding. You'll see a puff of dust seeping out of the nozzles. That my friends, is the reason you have uncontrollable dust problems!

This debris cannot be removed without a professional. Which brings me to my next point: choosing an air duct cleaning company. Most companies use portable units, which are like a shop vac that you obviously vacuum your car with, obviously absolutely useless. Then there are companies who claim they have a truck-mounted system in reality, they have a low powered

portable system attached inside a van, again, absolutely useless. Visit our website for photos of our equipment vs. portable or truck mounted equipment at www.americanpowervac.com.

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"One of the best companies I have ever had working in my home. They were very professional and I was very satisfied with their workmanship and clean up. I would hire your company again in a heartbeat and would gladly spread the word to family, friends and neighbors. Great company you have going."

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Canton man announces Congress run

Bobby McKenzie, a Dearborn Heights native and former senior adviser at the State Department, launched his campaign for Congress this week after having filed papers with the Federal Elections Commission and will challenge Republican Kerry Bentivolio in the 11th District.

With support from family, friends and former colleagues, McKenzie, a 39-year-old Canton resident, made his candidacy official after a year of consideration and months of planning.

"I'm honored to run for Congress in Michigan's 11th," McKenzie

said. "Too often, it has been represented by politicians who put their own interests, ideologies and agendas before the needs of the people. When in Congress, I will work day in and day out to ensure that every community in our district has the opportunity to grow, that our businesses are empowered to thrive and that the American dream remains in reach for middle-class families."

McKenzie was born in Dearborn and raised in Dearborn Heights, where he attended Crestwood High School. He earned a bachelor's degree in

economics from Michigan State University and later earned an M.A. in security studies from Georgetown University.

McKenzie's father has run a vacuum shop in Westland for more than 30 years — and more than 50 years in Wayne County — where McKenzie worked part time in high school and college.

For the last 15 years, McKenzie has worked for the U.S. Intelligence Community and then for the U.S. Department of State. He also worked on African refugee issues and taught courses at Wayne State University as an adjunct lecturer.

City of Novi Public Hearing Notice

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Zoning Board of Appeals for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, November 19, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers Novi Civic Center 45175 Ten Mile Road to consider:

Case No. PZ13-0054 46035 Grand River Ave (Hevni Multi-Tenant)

The applicant is requesting variances from CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 2400 to allow a 15 foot reduction in the north yard of the required 40 foot parking setback, Section 28-5(3) and 28-5(2).a.1 to allow an oversized ground sign of 40.47 square feet for a multi-tenant office building. The property is located east of Beck and west of Taft Road in the I-1 Zoning District.

CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 2400 requires parking be setback 40 feet from all property lines. Section 28-5 (3) Number of on-premises advertising signs permitted states: "No building or parcel of land shall be allowed more than one (1) sign. Section 28-5(2).a.1 limits maximum ground signage to 35.5 sq. ft."

Case No. PZ13-0056 49251 Grand River (Varsity Lincoln)

The applicant is requesting a variance from CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 28-5(3) to allow ten signs of 2 square feet each located on the existing parking lot visitor sign. The property is located south of Grand River and east of Wixom Road in the B-3 Zoning District.

CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 28-5(3) allows only one sign per business in the B3, General Business District.

Case No. PZ13-0057 27795 Novi Rd (Jared Jewelers)

The applicant is requesting a variance from CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 28-5(3) to allow a third wall sign of 56 square feet located on the west side of a retail tenant suite. The property is located west of Novi Road and south of Twelve Mile Road in the RC Zoning District. Previous variance 02-009 approved a second wall sign of 60 sq. ft. on the south elevation.

CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 28-5(3) permits a single wall sign for each business storefront in the RC, Regional Center District.

Case No. PZ13-0058 26401 Novi Rd (Verizon Wireless)

The applicant is requesting a variance from CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 28-5(3) to allow a second wall sign of 64 square feet located on the west side of a retail tenant suite. The property is located north of Grand River and south of I-96 in the TC Zoning District.

CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 28-5(3) permits a single wall sign for each business storefront in the TC, Town Center District.

Case No. PZ13-0059 26855 Haggerty Rd (Country Cousin)

The applicant is requesting a variance from CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 28-5(2).a.3 to allow installation of a ground sign immediately adjacent (10 ft. setback required) to the right of way line. The property is located east of M-5 and south of Twelve Mile Road in the MH Zoning District.

CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 28-5(2).a.3 requires ground signs be placed a minimum of 3 feet from a future (planned) right of way line.

Case No. PZ13-0060 47900 Grand River (Applebee's)

The applicant is requesting variances from Section 28-5(3), 28-5(2)c and 28-5(2).a.2.ii of the Novi Sign Ordinance to allow additional or altered signs as follows: (2) additional oversized wall signs of 45.6 sq. ft. and 23 sq. ft., (1) site directional sign of 9.04 sq. ft. at south entrance door; (12) awnings (canopy signs) with logos of 53.7 sq. ft., 48.8 sq. ft., 62.3 sq. ft. and 30.5 sq. ft., (1) ground sign exceeding maximum height of 7 feet.

The property is located on the north side of Grand River, and west of Beck Road in the B-2 Zoning District.

CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCE, Section 28-5(3) permits only one sign per parcel of property and 28-5(2)c limits canopy signage to 24 sq. ft. Section 28-5(2).a.2.ii limits designation height of 6 feet sq. ft.

Case No. PZ13-0062 26955 Haggerty Rd (Country Cousin)

The applicant is requesting a variance from CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 28-5(2).a.3 to allow installation of a ground sign immediately adjacent (10 ft. setback required) to the right of way line. The property is located east of M-5 and south of Twelve Mile Road.

CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 28-5(2).a.3 requires ground signs be placed a minimum of 3 feet from a future (planned) right of way line.



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Q&A: Meet your candidates for council, mayor

The Nov. 5 election in the city of Novi will include two local races. **Mayor:** Incumbent Bob Gatt will face Joseph Samona and Jason Dorsch for the two-year term.

City council: Six candidates are vying for three four-year seats—incumbents Andrew Mutch and Justin Fischer and challengers Dennis O'Connor, Gwen Markham, Alexander Fera and Jonathan Montville.

Each candidate was emailed a form on Sept. 18 requesting answers to basic background information and 15 questions. The candidates' bios and answers to questions Nos. 1-4 were published in the Sept. 26 edition of the *Novi News*; answers to questions 5-7 appeared in last week's edition. Below are more responses and their entire Q&As can be found online at www.noviviewsonline.com.

Montville did not participate in the questionnaire and did not reply to several emails and phone calls from the *Novi News*. He did, however, send an email to the newspaper, stating: "Unfortunately, for personal reasons, I have withdrawn from the City Council election."

Several months ago, Dorsch also sent an email to the *Novi News*, indicating that he wanted to remove himself from the race, but that it was too late to take his name off the ballot. He did, however, complete the questionnaire, but did not attend the candidates forum Oct. 17 at Fox Run.

For the *Novi News'* endorsements, please turn to page A14.

Jason George

Wellington Dorsch

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for Main Street and/or the Grand River corridor? Why or why not?

I have never heard anything about this, so I would like to hear what they have to say and see if an agreement can be made on something they would want improved?

13) Do you think Novi needs to continue to develop non-motorized pathways? If so how do we fund them?

I'm up for the idea but as always, funding for pathways can be tricky.

14) What can the city of Novi do better for our senior citizens?

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Alexander M. Fera

12) Would you be in favor of a Tax Increment Finance District for Main Street and/or the Grand River corridor? Why or why not?

In order to keep the city fiscally responsible we cannot gamble on future city income. We must stay with our means if we want to continue to be successful and as much as we want this area to develop it is not a guarantee. I would

be open to residents and business' comments on a Tax Increment Finance District, especially those who would be directly affected by it.

13) Do you think Novi needs to continue to develop non-motorized pathways? If so how do we fund them?

Non-motorized pathways are a great way to get exercise and enjoy the other benefits of being outdoors. We would need to see how development of additional non-motorized pathways could fit within the multi-year plan keeping in mind the degree of citizen demand for such pathways.

14) What can the city of Novi do better for our senior citizens?

We should also discuss with our senior citizens what they think the city of Novi can do better for them. I think the Older Adult Advisory Board is a step in the right direction. Incidentally, that board has been started and they are looking for participants.

Justin Fischer

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The funding source for the continued path improvements should be both the millage that was approved last year, as well as the general funds appropriated each year by council. We also should investigate and secure any available grants (state, federal or private funding), along

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Gwen Markham

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Yes, I am proud of the work that the Walkable Novi Committee has accomplished over the past four years. They offer a systematic prioritization of how to continue the development of non-motorized pathways; i.e. which gaps to fill first based on many important factors. Non-motorized pathways are what another recreation opportunity which I consider to be of utmost importance to our quality of life and our property values. If re-elected I will continue to support the use of city dollars when necessary, but will continue to encourage City Staff to identify and seek funding sources such as grants as they have in the past. While sidewalks can be costly, and can cause concern when developed near someone's property, over the past four years I have had countless residents share their approval of the commitment the city has to sidewalks and

a deleterious effect on the economic future of the creating body. The area must substantially arrest or impair the sound growth of the city or constitute an economic or social liability, or be a menace to the public health, safety morals or welfare in its present condition and use.

NON: Of these are applicable to those two areas (or ANY area in Novi). In fact, the Grand River corridor is one of the most talked about and highly sought after corridors in Novi. Businesses will attempt to locate there as the economy continues to improve. We need to be vigilant to maintain the quality and atmosphere of that district.

13) Do you think Novi needs to continue to develop non-motorized pathways? If so how do we fund them?

Yes, of course. Not too many years ago, Novi had many different sidewalks that led to "no-where." Today, because of the direction set by Council, working with staff, Novi is on the path (excuse the pun) to creating and maintaining a non-motorized pathway system that will enable our citizens (and visitors) to go anywhere in the city in a safe and judicious manner. Families walking, biking or jogging are using, and will continue to use, the pathways to traverse our great city and hook up with other county and state paths/trails.

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14) What can the city of Novi do better for our senior citizens?

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CANDIDATES

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IN AND AROUND NOVI

Nov. 3: Listen @ the Library

The Chamber Music Society of Detroit continues its 2013-14 Listen @ the Library series at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 3, at the Novi Public Library with a percussion program featuring Justin Hines.

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.

Performances are at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 8, and Saturday, Nov. 9; and 1 p.m. 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.

Nov. 8-10: 19th annual Novi Equestrian Expo The 19th annual Novi Equestrian Expo gallops into the Suburban Collection Showplace (46100 Grand River Avenue, 248-348-5600) Nov. 8-10.

Produced in collaboration with the Michigan Horse Council for all Michigan horse owners and fans, the expo features exciting riding and agility exhibitions, a wealth of equine health and training tips, and an extensive shopping area that will delight horse lovers of all ages.

Nov. 8-10: '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

Nov. 9: Operation Injured Soldiers Salute

Operation Injured Soldiers will be hosting its Operation Injured Soldiers Salute to our Veterans benefit concert at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi, 6-11 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 9.

Tickets for the event are \$75 per person, and will include dinner. Detroit radio DJ of Famer Dick Purtan will be the emcee; paralympic medalist Kevin Stone will be the guest speaker.

To receive additional information on the Operation Injured Soldiers Salute to our Veterans benefit concert, contact Pamela Bijansky at 248-437-1144.

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.

Go Pink!



Marlee's of Tapper's owners Leora Tapper (left) and Marla Tapper. They were event corporate sponsors Oct. 2 at the Mothers, Daughters, Sisters and Friends Luncheon to benefit the Frankee and Benson Ford Jr. Breast Care and Wellness Center at Henry Ford-West Bloomfield.

CST grand opening



Critical Signal Technologies hosted a grand opening gala Oct. 24 at its new headquarters at 27475 Meadowbrook Road, Novi. The new headquarters will accommodate CST's growth over the past six years and celebrate the company's contribution to the advancement of the health care industry.

Walsh College economic outlook survey 'cautiously optimistic'

Walsh College alumni continue to see Michigan's longer-term economic prospects on an upward trend since 2011, yet express caution when compared to the country as a whole.

The Walsh Economic Sentiment Ratio, a weighted ratio of positive-to-negative responses, with a value greater than 1.0 representing a relatively optimistic stance and a value less than 1.0 denoting a relatively pessimistic outlook, was 1.45 for the country as a whole and 1.05 for the state.

Dealing with that co-worker from Toxicville

The unseasonably cold weather was the only explanation I could offer as to why my car battery, having sat in the airport parking lot for three days, decided to fly south for the winter.



Lee Meadows TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS

Without so much as a hesitation, the auburn-haired woman chimed, "Yes, Susan, we all believe, was born in Toxicville, USA and upon escape, hid her true beginnings in order to live and work among those of us who have a pulse."

"How's that working out?" I asked. "Well," the pony-tailed blond stated, "she has managed to alienate all eight members of her team, micro-manage us to the point of indifference and has created an atmosphere of distrust and fear, such that her very presence in the office sets off warning sirens that she is a carrier of a highly flammable toxic attitude that will scorch you in its wake."

"Couple of things," I said. "Find a way to cut off the pipeline from Toxicville so others can't get through and, tomorrow, all of you go in wearing surgical masks. Do that every day for a week or until she wants to know what is going on."

"So, we're the fools," ponytail stated. "Any suggestions as to what we should do?" "Couple of things," I said. "Find a way to cut off the pipeline from Toxicville so others can't get through and, tomorrow, all of you go in wearing surgical masks. Do that every day for a week or until she wants to know what is going on."

"So, a long time," I said. "OK. Off the top of my head, I think she does a good job of getting results. There are a number of organizations

Tanglewood Restaurant advertisement featuring Fall Dinner Menu Specials (Homemade Meatloaf, Perch Basket, Fish & Chips, Chicken Jambalaya, Pot Roast, Chicken Florentine, Grilled Salmon, Desserts) and a Holiday Dinner Show Dec. 20th.

Miracle Ear advertisement for hearing loss or earwax, offering a free video ear inspection and a hearing evaluation. Includes a list of locations across Michigan.

Novi Newsmakers advertisement featuring profiles of Chris Struwe and Carmine DeVivo, highlighting their professional achievements and community involvement.

Advertisement for Walsh College's economic outlook survey, discussing the 'cautiously optimistic' findings for Michigan and the country.

Advertisement for Michigan Media Solutions, highlighting their reach to consumers across Detroit and Michigan.

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Advertisement for the Michigan Press Association, urging voters to vote NO on Novi Proposals 2 & 3.

RELIGION CALENDAR

Brightmoor Christian Church
Location: M-5 and 13 Mile, Novi
Contact: 248-227-4420 or www.brightmoorchurch.org
Celebrate Recovery
Time/Dates: 7 p.m. Mondays
Details: Worship, teaching or testimony, and open-share recovery groups...

Church of the Holy Family
Location: 24505 Meadowbrook Road
Contact: 248-349-8847 or visit holyfamilynovi.org
Mass Schedule
Time/Dates: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday-Friday; 7 p.m. Monday-Tuesday; 4:30 p.m. Saturday; 6:30 p.m. Saturday (Spanish)
Holy days: 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.
Reconciliation: beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appointment...

Emmanuel Lutheran Church
Location: 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia
Web: www.emmanuel-livonia.org
Contact: 248-442-8822
Sunday worship: 11:15 a.m.
Bible study classes: 10 a.m. for all ages
Details: Nursery and older children programs available. Worship blends traditional and contemporary elements...

Holy Cross Episcopal Church
Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile, Livonia
Contact: 248-427-1175 or hcrossnovi@gmail.com; visit hcrossnovi.org
Sunday School: 7:45 and 10 a.m.
Sunday School and Nursery Care: 10 a.m.
Worship service: 10 a.m. second Saturday of month.

Hope Lutheran Church
Location: 39200 W. 12 Mile (east of Haggerty), Farmington Hills
Contact: 248-472-4743 or visit www.hopelutheran.org
Alternative Christmas Fair
Time/Dates: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 9
Details: Over 40 organizations will be selling holiday items to raise funds and awareness for a myriad of non-profit charities, social service agencies, and international fair trade organizations...

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TREVIS, LUCILLE
Age 96, passed away Oct. 26, 2013. She was born on February 22, 1917, to Zdzislaw and Catherine (Pietrowski) Treutler. Lucille was born from a prominent Polish family. She was lucky enough to enjoy the status of being both an immigrant and a United States citizen...

ERB, RUSSELL "BUTCH"
Age 68, passed away October 15, 2013. He was born on December 29, 1944, in Detroit, son of the late Loren & Wilma Erb. Butch graduated from Redford High School and attended trade school to become a carpenter. He was a dedicated husband, father and grandfather and could often be found at his grandson sporting events. Butch will be deeply missed by his many friends at the South Lyon "RVW" House 1224 where he was an active member. He is survived by his beloved wife of over 42 years, Carol; his loving daughter, Michon Marquez; his two grandsons: Ryan Gates and Austin Hoos; and his great-granddaughter, Ardena Lynn Gates. He is also survived by his sisters: Gail Chittenden, Sharon (Tom) Brooks; his brother Larry Erb and many nieces, nephews and a ton of loving friends. He was preceded in death by his beloved son, Jeff in 2010 and his parents. Visitation was held on Thursday, October 17, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. A funeral service was held on Friday, October 18, at 11:00 a.m. at the funeral home. Online guestbook at www.phillipsfuneral.com

JOHNSTON, ERNEST A.
Age 71, passed away of natural causes on October 23, 2013. Ernest is survived by his daughter Deborah (Scott) Bone, Timmy (Shelie) Johnson, Brian (Janet) Johnson, and his 4 grand-children: Robert, Austin, Ryan and Paige. A memorial service will be held Nov. 2, Saturday at 11:00 A.M. at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, 24155 Griswold, South Lyon. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

Twydel, Patricia A.
Age 72, passed on Oct. 20, 2013. She will be laid to rest with her husband at Great Lakes National Cemetery. phillipsfuneral.com

KELLAR, DAVID L.
Age 76, a longtime resident of Northville, passed away October 27, 2013. He was born on June 11, 1937 in Grand Rapids, MI; son of Francis and Laura (nee Skavay) Kellar. After high school he proudly served his country in the United States Air Force. Dave was united in marriage to Lee Graeneyer on December 22, 1962; this December they would have celebrated 51 years of marriage. He received his Bachelor of Science in Law (now Skavay) from Michigan University and he also began his Master's degree at WMU. Before acquiring his job as a Systems Analyst with AT&T, Dave was a math teacher at a high school in Vicksburg, Michigan. He enjoyed camping and traveling. Dave spent winters in Dade City, Florida and summers in Traverse City, Michigan. He also enjoyed watching football and basketball games. He was nicknamed "Super Dave" by his son's fraternity Delta Sigma Phi. There wasn't anything Dave wouldn't do for his family and friends. He was a very devoted and caring husband and father. He is survived by his loving wife Lee Kellar; his son, Chack Kellar; and his sister Jeanne Beatty. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brothers Arthur, Lettice and Phillip Kellar. Visitation will be held on Friday, November 1, 2013 from 12:00 p.m. with a memorial service beginning at 2pm at Caterline Funeral Home, 122 West Dundee, Northville. Memorial contributions would be appreciated to CARESP, 30 E. Padonia Road, Suite 201, Timonium, MD 21093

WATERS, PHILIP
Age 73, passed away at home on October 24, 2013, ending his eight year fight with Pulmonary Fibrosis. Philip was born to Frank and Hilda Waters on September 1, 1940, in Coventry, England. After attending Manchester University, he came to the United States as a scout leader in the first boy scout exchange between Great Britain and the United States held at the Charles Howell Scout Camp. He had a wonderful 35 year career with the Allstate Insurance Co. at two locations in Livonia, Novi, and Northville before opening his own office in South Lyon's King Plaza. After retiring from Allstate in 2004, Philip applied his love of talking to people to a new position at the Henry Ford's Rouge Factory Tour, where he became a master presenter. Philip married the love of his life Sharon (Lawkins) on June 5, 1965. Loving father of Kevin, Geoffrey (Twila), Susan (Doy), Nadine, and Kayla (Peter). Wonderful Granddad to Justin, Madelyn, Sean, Susan, and Sofia, who will miss their loving Granddad. He also leaves two sisters, Rev. Jill Waters, and Diane; (Phil & nephew Christopher) Litter, and many cousins in England. He had a wealth of family and friends who will fondly remember his sense of humor and friendship. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in memory of Philip Waters to: The Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation, 230 East Ohio St., Suite 384 Chicago, IL, 60611 Memorial service will be held Nov. 3, 2013, at First United Methodist Church, 640 S. Lafayette, South Lyon, MI 48178. Greeting starts at 2pm, service starts at 3pm.

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JOHNSON, JR., ROBERT GEORGE
Of Highland, passed away peacefully on October 22, 2013 surrounded by his loving family. He was 81 years old. Bob was a longtime devoted parishioner of St. Mary's, Milford and Church of the Holy Spirit, Highland and was active in the Men's Club and singing. He owned Wright Glass in Detroit for over 40 years. He was preceded in death by his son, Thomas and leaves his beloved wife of 57 years, Mary; dear children, Deanne (Tom) Callahan, Joan (Tom) Florkey, Terry (Dan) Reno, Laune (Lary) Ross; Robert and Phillip Johnson III, John, James (Amy), Paul (Karen), Jennifer (Eric) Menser, Andrea (Dan) Caldwell; 23 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren; brother, Thomas (Betty) Johnson; Daughter-in-law, Kathy Johnson, Margaret Trembley and niece, nephews, extended family and many dear friends. A Memorial Mass was held at Church of the Holy Spirit on October 25, 2013. Memorial contributions may be made in Bob's name to the Holy Spirit Men's Club Scholarship Fund or Providence Park Hospice. For further information please contact Lynch & Sons, Milford at 248-684-6645 or visit LynchFuneralDirectors.com LYNCH & SONS Funeral Directors

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Trick-or-treat tradition

Cynthia Kolis and her husband Don have been decorating their Larame Street home in Novi with lots of Halloween decor for the last seven years. They'll be welcoming trick-or-treaters tonight. JOHN HEDBERG STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



OUR VIEWS

Endorsements for mayor, council and millages

Nine individuals entered the races for Novi mayor and three city council seats. Two have indicated they have dropped their campaigns, although their names – Jason Dorsch and Jonathan Montville – will still appear on the ballots.

Hats off to the remaining seven who are willing to sacrifice their own time in service of this city. Public office should only be contemplated by individuals who are prepared to make a major commitment and Novi is fortunate enough to have a solid slate of candidates who have already demonstrated just that.

For mayor, incumbent Bob Gatt is clearly the best choice and has earned another two-year term. The 25-year resident and former city police officer wisely marks public safety as the top priority, followed by parks and recreation and then communication. Even though Novi came through the recession in better shape than most municipalities, Gatt realizes that careful choices in development

are needed more than ever as the city closes in on "build out."

Novi has done well under Gatt's leadership as mayor. Likewise, two incumbents seeking re-election to city council also deserve another four-year term: Justin Fischer and Andrew Mutch.

A lifelong resident, Fischer, 30, was first elected to council in 2009. With an MBA in finance, his skills have proved valuable on the Capital Improvement Committee, Consultant Review and as treasurer of the Novi Parks Foundation. He supports, for example, the relocation of Fire Station No. 1 off Main Street, which is prime real estate for the private sector, and he realizes that tax abatements should be used – sparingly. Financial soundness is his top priority, and it's one of the reasons the city has



Fischer



Mutch



Gatt



Markham

continued to maintain a fund balance that's the envy of many. Although the mayor is against it, Fischer is willing to explore a Tax Increment Finance district for the Main Street area, which has struggled for 15 years.

Mutch, who has lived in Novi all of his 41 years, has served on the Planning Commission, Library Board and the Housing and Community Development Committee and he was first elected to council in 2005. With Terry Margolis not seeking re-election – and with two relatively new members in Wayne Wrobel and Laura Casey – Mutch brings much-valued experience and historical knowledge to council. Mutch does not always follow the pack when it comes to voting, but he will explain why and he has strong interactions with his constituents.

Our third and final choice for council is Gwen Markham. Dennis O'Connor's resume is impressive and we have no doubt he would be a fine council member, plus his school knowledge would be an asset. However, he made a six-year commitment to the Novi Board of Education that ends in 2018. That should be fulfilled and used to pursue his school/city collaboration concepts.

Markham has served two terms on the city's Planning Commission and has a firm grasp of local development issues. Looking forward, she would focus on creative ways to fill Novi's empty storefronts, partially developed sites and industrial parks. She ranks recreation as a top priority, is in favor of managing parks in a more regional way and

would like to develop the city's fine and performing arts sector. With only one other woman on the seven-member council, a second's view would also be a welcomed addition.

Also on the ballot

The following are recaps of Novi News' views on proposals on the Nov. 5 election ballot:

NOVI CITY CHARTER AMENDMENTS

Proposal No. 1 would remove any gender references (he, she, his, her, etc.) in the charter's language – YES

Proposals Nos. 2 and 3 would remove the requirement to publish public notices in a newspaper if state law should change that requirement in the future – NO

Proposal No. 4 would reword language to give the city manager the ability to reorganize and create departments, but would still keep the city council's right to do so as well – YES

Proposal No. 5 would eliminate the requirement that checks need to be signed by two different officers of the city – NO

NOVI COMMUNITY SCHOOLS MILLAGE RENEWALS

Proposal No. 1 is a renewal of the operating millages (8 mills on businesses and non-homesteaded properties and 5.49 mills on primary residences) accounting for \$17.8 million of the \$68.6 million dollar general operating fund – YES

Proposal No. 2 is a renewal of 0.98 mill for public recreation and playgrounds, generating about \$1.9 million per year – YES

SOUTH LYON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS (PORTION OF PRECINCT 21 ONLY)

Operating millage renewal proposal exempting principal residence and other property exempted by law 19.9720 mills for 10 years. The non-homestead millage generates about \$7.5 million annually, representing more than 11 per-

CITY OF NOVI VOTING PRECINCTS

- 1 Meadowbrook Congregational Church, 21355 Meadowbrook Road
- 2 Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 4145 W. Nine Mile
- 3 Village Oaks Elementary School, 23333 Willowbrook Road
- 4 Novi United Methodist Church, 41671 10 Mile Road
- 5 Orchard Hills Elementary School, 41900 Quince
- 6 and 7 Holy Family Catholic Church, 24505 Meadowbrook Road
- 8 Meadowbrook Elementary School, 29200 Meadowbrook Road
- 9 and 11 Brightmoor Church, 40800 W. 13 Mile Road
- 10 Fox Run, 41000 13 Mile Road
- 12 Hickory Woods Elementary, 30655 Novi Road
- 13 Instructional Technology Center/ITC, 23345 Taft Road
- 14 Faith Community Presbyterian Church, 44400 W. 10 Mile Road
- 15 St. James Catholic Church, 46325 W. 10 Mile Road
- 16 Novi Public Library, 45255 W. 10 Mile Road
- 17 and 18 Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road
- 19 Thornton Creek Elementary School, 46180 W. Nine Mile Road
- 20 and 21 Deerfield Elementary, 26500 Wixom Road

cent of the district's budget – YES

WALLED LAKE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT (PRECINCTS 8-12 ONLY)

Safety, Security & Technology Bond is a \$67.5 million bond that will average 0.99 mills for 30 years, with the first year requiring 0.78 mills. Funds would be used for upgrades in all 19 of Wall Lake's schools and support buildings – YES

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understanding of municipal government from his two terms on city council and by being employed by a neighboring city. Re-elect Councilmember Mutch and keep this knowledgeable and committed advocate on council.

Gwen Markham would be a strong addition to city council. Championing the point of view that small businesses mean jobs and help preserve our city's character, Gwen shows the forward thinking that we need to keep Novi moving ahead. Her previous terms on Planning Commission give her insight into the decisions Council makes about the city's growth and development. Elect Gwen Markham to city council and bring a thoughtful and experienced voice to the table.

Please vote for Bob Gatt for mayor and Justin Fischer, Andrew Mutch and Gwen Markham for city council. Let's keep Novi moving on the right path.

Laura Marie Casey
Novi

Greed and lies
I read an interesting, and very biased, article on the editorial page of one of our daily papers. The editor wrote that the Affordable Care Act will hurt Michigan businesses. He cites two corporate tycoons – the first said he would fire workers and the second will not hire full-time employees.

Now, remember, these are two of the CEOs who were given a fortune in your tax dollars by Rick Snyder and the tea party – \$4 billion and counting. Snyder assured us that due to this giveaway, we would be in the land of milk and honey.

Surprise! This did not happen because they pocketed the money, honey.

To add insult to injury, they are now planning to put the screws to the very people whose taxes were raised to pay for Snyder's folly.

Greed, lies and right-wing extremism – these words should be in the tea party anthem and sung at the next Republican convention.

James Huddleston
Canton

Gov. needs to explain

After many months of calls for Governor Snyder to shut down his controversial "Nerd Fund," the governor has finally announced that he is closing the secret account. It seems like Governor Snyder believes that by simply scrapping the "Nerd Fund" the

customers. That "skill set" would be a great addition to Novi City Council and its economic development team. He could help spearhead various marketing efforts to help attract new businesses and families to Novi.

Please vote for Dennis O'Connor on Nov. 5. We need someone like him on our city council.

Geoffrey Wood
Novi

appearance of impropriety and conflicts of interests will vanish. The governor needs to come clean regarding his special interest donors who have contributed close to \$1.7 million in 2010 and 2011 to his secret fund. Michigan taxpayers deserve transparency not mystery from Governor Snyder.

Jill Farber-Branson
West Bloomfield

Still supports Kerry

Congressman Kerry Bentivolio has done a great job in Washington by working with others to stop runaway spending, excessive government waste, he voted against NSA spying on citizens and also trying to stop the individual mandate that will force people to buy healthcare or penalize them for not buying it.

I understand a wealthy foreclosure attorney named David Trot is running against him. Do we really need another lawyer in Congress? It seems like the rich want to be in Washington to make more rich buddies and met lobbyists the little guy. They are out of touch with the hardships of the working class.

Let's keep the lawyers in the Senate and the people's representatives in Congress. Lawyers make everything more litigious and their work demands to much judicial and statutory interpretation. That's why everyone is arguing about "Obamacare." It's 2,000 pages and nobody truly understands it. I'd like to see 5-page laws to where all of us can read them and understand them. We still might not agree, but we'll have a clear cut understanding of the law.

We sent a regular guy to D.C. to represent us the common folk and it's working. Kerry has proven himself.

Keep Kerry in Congress.

Linda Sroka
South Lyon

John Anton
Milford

Use diplomacy in Syria

To the president, vice president and U.S. Congress: I beg of you not to send a "limited strike" to Syria. Violence will only beget violence. Their people are suffering enough. A limited strike will only kill and maim innocent people.

Please try diplomacy and other nonviolent actions with Syria and the United Nations. Any attack on Syria would put the U.S. in jeopardy of another attack on our soil like Sept. 11, 2001.

Karen and Bryna Broder
Livonia

Health care disappoints

As I shopped for health insurance on the individual market for 2014 I am now looking at not having health insurance because it has become unaffordable. Since most of those voting for

"Obamacare" never even read the bill, did you know that a man must have maternity, newborn and pediatric coverage?

Or that a woman may have a "limited strike" on her coverage? Thanks to these ridiculous mandates (meaning you must have 10) the coverage I can get today will no longer be available Jan. 1, 2014. Thank you, Sens. Debbie Stabenow and Carl Levin, very much for destroying health insurance in this country. Thank you for taking away my freedom to purchase health insurance that fits my needs and budget.

If the people of this country don't start opening their eyes to the socialists/communists in the U.S. Congress pretty soon we will have no freedoms left and this country will be forever changed.

Mitch Dubanik
Livonia

Redistricting reform edit right on

I was truly shocked to read your op-ed piece on redistricting reform; it was awesome.

A respected right-wing newspaper opening up dialogue that could remove GOP power and put an end to the tail wagging the dog? True representation of citizens. Wow, that's heavy stuff. Of course we all know there's no way the GOP will give this one second thought. But thank you for broaching the subject.

Since you get to interview potential Republican candidates for office do you think you can ask them where they stand on this so it's on the record? And then be bold enough to call them out and let your readers know when they don't keep their word? I'm willing to bet they'll all be for it until they get in office. Any takers?

Michelle Dubanik
Livonia

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

For Markham and Mutch

As a longtime newspaper reader, I am always looking to see what is going on in the community and looking for what our civic leaders are up to. I find it interesting that everyone running

for office leaps at any opportunity to be in the paper, but some after-giving that office don't want to post in the paper what they intend to do. As an avid reader of the Novi News, I will be voting no to changing the city charter.

Also I will be voting

for Gwen Markham and Andrew Mutch for City Council to help bring fresh progressive ideas to our city.

Chuck Tindall
Novi

Support O'Connor for City Council

We are writing to support Dennis O'Connor for Novi City Council. We have known O'Connor for many years and we're impressed with his independent, critical thinking on numerous government and school issues.

Take, for example, his great ideas on sharing government services to help reduce the financial burden on Novi taxpayers.

He says that city officials need to work with neighboring school districts to enhance existing programs and to eliminate duplicated government services and expenses. O'Connor says that sharing government services is the best way to increase revenue and reduce redundant government costs – so we can put those savings back into core services, like public safety, roads, snow removal, sidewalks and pathways. Now that's the kind of out-of-the-box thinking that we want representing us.

As a trustee on the Novi school board, he has led the charge to stop the waste. He's looking out for our tax dollars and we appreciate that.

Please don't forget to vote for O'Connor for City Council at the Nov. 5 general election.

Willy and Marita Mena
Novi

Vote Fischer for council

This Nov. 5, the voters of Novi have the opportunity to re-elect Justin Fischer to Novi City Council. Since being elected four years ago, he has exhibited the leadership and skills Novi has needed to continue to run as an efficient city.

There are several reasons why we encourage you to vote for Justin Fischer for re-election to Novi City Council; among them are Justin's integrity, honesty, leadership skills, business and community knowledge and experience. All that said, the one quality that

sticks out above the rest is his commitment to the city of Novi. As a lifelong resident, he cares deeply about the city that he calls home. Justin is not afraid to ask the tough questions and do what is right for Novi residents and businesses. He listens to all sides, gathers information to develop and a well thought-out solution to an issue. He takes into account all possible consequences and encourages community involvement and ideas.

Justin is willing and eager to do the hard work, and is always looking at the big picture and how the decisions made today will affect future generations.

We encourage Novi voters to vote for Justin Fischer for Novi City Council.

Michael and Terri Clark
Novi

Markham for Novi City Council

For several years, I have worked with Gwen Markham on a variety of projects. When she gets involved, she is a thorough, dedicated and creative problem solving member of the team.

She has worked in manufacturing and is an enthusiastic supporter of small business. Members of her own family have gone jobless through the recession, so she understands the problems faced by people struggling during the downturn in the economy.

Gwen is an avid supporter of the parks and recreation programs established here in Novi. She worked with the Novi Theatre for several years, she helps with the Rouge River Cleanup and is a strong believer in protecting our natural resources.

I hope you will join me in supporting Gwen Markham on election day. She will offer a new perspective and be a definite asset on the Novi City Council. Vote for Gwen Markham on Nov. 5.

Karen B. Zyczynski
Novi

Support both school millage renewals

Novi residents have a perfect opportunity next Tuesday to continue sup-

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 9 a.m. Monday for Thursday's print edition.

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porting our great schools by voting yes on two millage renewal proposals – operating and recreational. The operational millage is important to maintain existing funding for our district, as it represents about a quarter of normal operating funding. It's not a tax increase and it's hard to overstate the importance of renewing this funding for the Novi Community School District.

The recreational millage is also an important renewal, as these funds will continue to benefit the community at-large and its access to high-quality recreational facilities. This is also not a tax increase and simply renews the existing millage.

For those of us with children in Novi schools, our support and resulting benefits are evident. For residents who don't have children in Novi schools, there is an indirect but very substantial benefit to supporting these millages. Homes listed for sale in Novi often sell in one or two days. There are equally nice homes for sale in other areas, but people want to live in Novi because of the schools and amenities. Our exemplary school district supports our home values like little else.

Please vote "yes" Tuesday to pass ballot Proposals 1 and 2.

Kathleen Hood
Novi

Vote for Gatt, Fischer, Mutch, Markham

You've probably noticed that new housing and businesses are coming to Novi. We persevere through economic times that challenge other communities. Novi has been wisely managed for the last few years and we need the right leadership to keep us moving forward.

Mayor Bob Gatt's years of experience in Novi, first as a police officer and then as an elected official, give him the understanding of our community and leadership experience that is critical for serving as Mayor. As Mayor, he has stayed focused on public safety and keeping the City operating efficiently. If you've ever heard Mayor Gatt speak, you've heard him talk about how great Novi is – and he is continuously focused on keeping it that way. Re-elect Mayor Gatt and give him another two years to lead our city.

Council member Justin Fischer's background in business and finance is an asset to the city – he brings a deep understanding of budgeting and finance and a common-sense approach to fiscal decisions. Council member Fischer is a strategic thinker who understands the need to invest in the City's infrastructure and amenities to keep our property values up, but more importantly, to keep Novi a place where people want to live. Re-elect council member Fischer to city council so we retain an energetic and dedicated leader working for Novi for the next four years.

Council member Andrew Mutch has worked tirelessly to make Novi pathways, streets and neighborhoods safe and easy for residents to get around. Strong communities are built by strong neighborhoods and council member Mutch has kept our neighborhoods a component of his focus on sensible development. He has a considerable

training, marketing and promotional campaigns for metropolitan-Detroit

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COMMUNITY VOICE

Do you know what's on the Nov. 5 ballot and do you plan to vote?

This question was asked at the Novi Public Library.



Kimberly Jackson
Novi

"I don't know and didn't really have a plan to vote."



Val Gagnon
Novi

"I have an absentee ballot and I'm aware of all of the issues. I absolutely will vote."



Jennie Bayer
Novi

"I know most of the ballot and, yes, I will vote."



Tom Lightbody
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"Yes and I already have an absentee ballot."

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Novi's water usage up

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

The water rates aren't going down for Novi residents, at least not yet, as the city council approved an adjustment to its contract with the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department.

The Novi City Council by a 7-0 vote recently adopted a resolution to approve Amendment No. 3 to its Water Service Contract with the DWSD to adjust the contract values related to annual volume, maximum day and peak hour water usage.

According to Novi Public Services Director Rob Hayes, the amendment values provide the needed adjustments to the annual volume and include a factor of safety for the peak hour contract value with no impact to Novi's wholesale water rates.

"It should be noted that while the rates would not be impacted by the proposed change in contract values, there may be unilateral rate increases, independent of individual contract values, which may be applied to all DWSD wholesale customers system wide," Hayes said in his report to council.

Increased volume

The contract change takes into account the increase in volume of water used by the Novi community. The annual volume since the last contract adjustment earlier this year has risen from 303,000 mcf (mcf = 1,000s of cubic feet) to 310,000. This is still lower than the original contract amount Novi had with DWSD in 2009, which was set at 325,000.

This increased us-

age means more homeowners are hooked up to the Novi system and using water supplied from Detroit.

In June 2009, Novi approved a new 30-year contract with DWSD to supply drinking water to residents and businesses within the city. The agreement allows for a periodic review ("re-opener") of the contract usage values to ensure that the contract values reflect current usage. This is the third re-opener.

One factor that could change water rates in the coming years is the construction of the water storage tank in Novi. Although it's probably a year away from being up and running with the potential rate going down in two years, it will eventually have an impact in decreasing Novi's dependence on Detroit water.

According to Tim Kuhns, Novi's Water and Sewer senior engineer, the Water and Sewer Division plans on requesting an early re-opener shortly after the proposed water storage tank is constructed and operational.

"The storage tank will enable the city to use the stored volume to reduce peak hour flows to maximum day flow rate levels to become a 'maximum day customer,' thus reducing wholesale water rates for the city," Kuhns told the council in his report.

The minimum water schedule rates for a one-inch water meter has a minimum rate of \$57 with a monthly rate of \$19, plus \$3.86 per thousand gallons of water used.

After decades of political battles over rates and how Detroit's massive water and sewer system should be run, state Rep. Kurt Heise sees "dramatic action" coming, much of it positive for suburban water customers.

Detroit's bankruptcy and work by Gov. Rick Snyder and Kevin Orr, the city's emergency financial manager, could result in suburban communities having more say in the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department, save money through greater efficiencies and make rate-setting methods more transparent.

Meanwhile, Heise, a Republican from Plymouth Township, has two bills waiting in the wings that call for a regionally-run department, plus a third that would subject water rates to state approval.

"Clearly, we all want Detroit to succeed. ... If Detroit suffers, we all suffer," Heise told about 30 people Oct. 10 during a town hall at the Livonia Civic Center Library. "Let's cooperate. Let's work with each other."

Heise, who represents the Northville and Plymouth area and eastern Canton Township, is the former director of the Wayne County Department of Environment. His experience with DWSD dates back nearly 20 years, to when he was a municipal attorney for Dearborn Heights.

Also speaking that Thursday were Laura Toy, the Livonia City Council president, whose attempts as a state legislator to put DWSD under regional control were met with a veto by then-Gov. Jennifer Granholm; and Yvo Kaunelis, a civil engineer with Orchard,

get somewhere."

Kaunelis, a former co-worker of Heise's in Wayne County government, said communities are charged differently for water based on their distance from Detroit, their elevation and the amount of water used, plus water usage during periods of maximum demand. Sewage treatment rates are based largely on flow, but measuring or estimating flow is difficult, he said.

Heise indicated Orr's emergency manager powers and Detroit's bankruptcy proceedings have made it more likely that changes in the water department will come

Changes on tap for water system

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

NOVI'S TAKE ON THE PROPOSED BILLS

Tim Kuhns, the city of Novi's water and sewer senior engineer in the Water and Sewer Division, said the city's understanding of Heise's proposed legislation is as follows:

HB 4009 (Establishment of regional water and sewer authority)

- » Board of directors consisting of a representative from each member community (customer) with 125 communities
- » Board of directors would select a five-member executive committee, which would enact ordinances, adopt budgets, establish rates, etc.
- » A key provision in this bill allows the authority to establish rates, which is not something provided for in the other two bills introduced by Heise
- » Another key provision of the bill allows the authority to select a private entity to operate the system
- » This bill allows the highest level of control transferred to the authority

HB 4790 (Establishment of regional water and sewer alliance)

- » Board of directors consisting of nine community members representatives
- » A key provision in this bill allows the Michigan Public Service Commission to authorize rates proposed by DWSD
- » This bill allows a medium level of control transferred to the alliance, with supervision over DWSD

HB 4791 (To broaden the scope of the Michigan Public Service Commission)

- » This bill broadens the scope of the Michigan Public Service Commission such that it can regulate municipally owned water and sewer systems
- » This bill allows the lowest level of control transferred from DWSD in that the MPSC has approval authority over rate setting

Kuhns said it's important to remember that the DWSD is following a separate, parallel track of establishing an authority as approved by their Board of Water Commissioners. The proposed authority has some of the same provisions contained in the bills introduced by Heise, he added.

Hiltz and McCliment Inc., who talked about Detroit's current rate-setting methods.

The Detroit system supplies water to about 125 communities, treats the sewage from 76 communities and serves more than four million people, about 40 percent of the state's population.

Shared optimism

Toy shared Heise's optimism about DWSD customer communities getting more say in how the system is managed.

"Kurt has the ear of the governor and Kevin Orr ... and he's doing a very fine job," she said. "I think we're going to

Soon.

"This environment that we're operating in now is radically different than it was in March and it's changing by the day," he said. "We're all in uncharted waters now."

Heise said his bills regarding DWSD are in the state House Committee on Natural Resources.

One would create a nine-member regional water authority with representation from Detroit, Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties and the customer communities, though Detroit would retain ownership of its system.

Another would create a looser "alliance" with less control, but still a means of regional input. The third would subject DWSD rate increases to approval by the Michigan Public Service Commission.

defending the state against cyber attacks," Behen said. "Focusing on cyber security will help position Michigan to take advantage of opportunities in this growing and fast-paced and ever-changing industry."

Data theft and breaches from cyber crime can cost businesses as much as \$1 trillion globally. Government is no stranger to cyber attacks either. In fact, the state of Michigan blocked 568,724 cyber attacks daily from January to August this year.

The 2013 Summit was a follow-up to the sold-out 2011 event, which also served as the national launch for Cyber Awareness Month. The event also served as the second meeting of the National Governors Association Resource Center for State Cyber Security Advisory Council.

Water caveats

Heise did object to Orr's proposal, floated several weeks ago, to use some DWSD assets to pay some of the pension obligations the city owes. He said water rate-payers shouldn't have to pay the city's debts.

Heise also said that, in his opinion, the region is not in full compliance with the Clean Water Act, despite the dismissal earlier this year by Sean Cox, a federal judge, of the 1977 lawsuit brought to force compliance. Heise said the sewage system, in some areas, still has untreated sewage flowing into rivers and that fixing that problem will be costly.

Five years ago, the cost of remedying Detroit's combined-sewer overflows, which allow sewage to be dumped into streams in some areas during periods of heavy rain, was estimated at between \$1.2 billion and \$1.5 billion, Heise said.

Teens learn about dangers of texting while driving

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

Area teenagers witnessed the dangers firsthand of texting while driving Oct. 13 as they got behind the wheels of go-carts at Paradise Park in Novi.

"Driving to Distraction" was open to metro Detroit teens as an opportunity to have some fun while also learning a thing or two. The participants got a chance to drive a go-kart, both with and without texting.

Many of them know the dangers already, but they still went away shocked at how difficult it was to drive that way.

"It's interesting to see how hard it really is," said Lauren Yellen, 17, of Farmington Hills.

The staff at Hebrew Memorial Chapel, which is an area nonprofit funeral home, has seen the aftermath of distracted

drivers and it's something it wants to see less of.

Staffers witnessed a lot of grief and sadness. "In my job, it is just heart-breaking to see a family devastated by the death of a child, due to distracted driving," said Otto Dube, managing funeral director at Hebrew Memorial Chapel.

"We want to do everything we can to keep families intact and young people able to live their lives to the full, instead of needlessly taken by a distraction. If teens see personally, with actual feedback, how texting affects their driving, it's the best lesson we can give."

This is the third year for the educational event and it has gotten bigger each year. Around 100 kids for two hours tested their performance on the race track off of Grand River Avenue. They

were also judged on accuracy, speed and number of text messages sent while trying to keep their go-karts under control.

Dube said the teens were "able to crash, yet be safe, while also learning something about the potential impact texting can have."

They brought their own cellphones and were told to text "Be home soon." Some of the fun was tempered with the hearse Hebrew Memorial had parked near the track as a reminder.

"It really shows you in a safe way how this could affect your life," Yellen said after recounting with her friends the difficulty of having another person bump into her as she tried to steer through the quick curves.



Lauren Yellen, 17, of Farmington Hills attempts to text while driving go-cart at Paradise Park. She participated in this educational event to bring awareness to the dangers of distracted driving. **LONNIE HUHMANN**

Governor announces Cyber Civilian Corps

Gov. Rick Snyder announced the Cyber Civilian Corps, a rapid response team that would assist the state and industries across Michigan during a major cyber incident, at the 2013 Michigan Cyber Summit last Friday at Novi's Suburban Collection Showplace.

Hosted by the Department of Technology, Management and Budget, the summit brought officials from the public and private sectors together to focus on the issue of cyber security.

"Michigan's leadership in the area of cyber security continues through this summit and our innovative action plan," Snyder said. "Cyber threats are real and we must stay vigilant and proactive to help protect Michigan families and businesses from those who would use technol-

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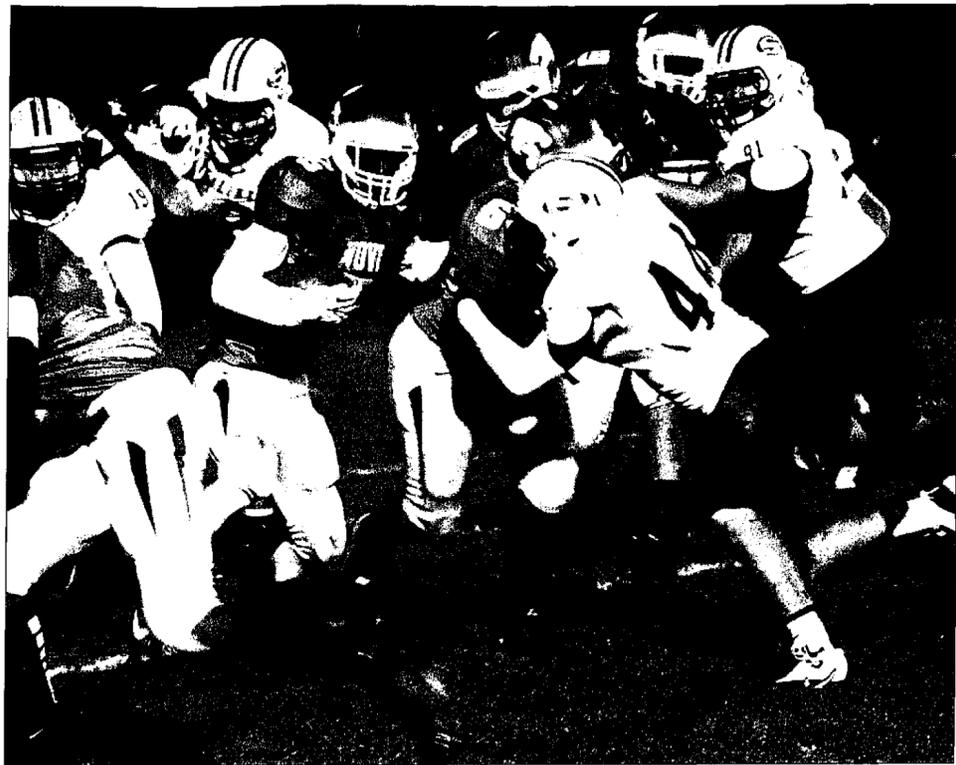
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Novi sophomore Emanuel Jackson (No. 5) spots a gap to his right that allowed him to break free for a 38-yard touchdown run. PHOTOS BY CHRIS JACKETT

Hornets sting injured 'Cats



Novi senior Austin Racicot (right) drags down Saline senior Griffin Wooley. Wooley had two rushing touchdowns despite Racicot coming up with several big tackles.

Novi falls short of playoffs in 43-14 defeat

By Chris Jackett
 Correspondent

Saline had too many weapons and Novi's defensive line had too many injuries to combat it as a scoreless first quarter quickly built into a slanted gridiron affair.

The Wildcats (4-5) fell behind 29-0 en route to a 43-14 loss to the visiting Hornets (8-1), who tallied 584 total yards to Novi's 282 yards on a chilly night at Wildcat Stadium.

"We had a lot of injuries tonight," Novi coach Jeff Burnside said. "We weren't even close to full go tonight, but it's all right. Guys stepped up and we played. Guys struggled. Kids could have given up at halftime and said, 'We're done,' but they listened and tried to get focused on what they were doing and they tried to get it right in the second half and focus on what we were doing."

Despite the efforts of the alternate defensive line-men, Saline junior Trent Theisen (15-for-17 passing, 367 yards, four touchdowns) completed touchdown passes to three different receivers from 75, 6 and 83 yards out in the second quarter to build a 22-0 lead at halftime.

"We had some small, little mistakes," Burnside

said. "And the problem is when you have a team that can pass like they can, little mistakes lead to big plays and, unfortunately, had we not made those little mistakes, things could have been different."

Following a 9-yard touchdown run from Saline senior Griffin Wooley (72 yards on 14 runs) that gave the Hornets a 29-0 lead 49 seconds into the second half, Novi sophomore Emanuel Jackson (48 yards on seven runs) broke free for a 38-yard touchdown run up the right side with 4:08 left in the third quarter to cut the lead to 29-7 after a PAT kick by senior Bryan Klosterman.

"He's a talented kid," Burnside said of Jackson. "Now that we can throw the ball a little bit, we can get him in open space. I think the injury at the beginning of the year really hurt him. He's a young kid. People forget he's just a sophomore. He's a very talented kid and he's just scratching the surface of how good he can be. I think the injury scared him early in the season, because he had never been injured before and didn't know how to handle it. He realized he could do it and really turned it on over the season, overall."

Wooley added a 4-yard touchdown run 98 seconds later to give Saline a 36-7 lead, but Novi senior Mark Ryan answered with a 1-yard touchdown run 99 seconds after that to set the deficit at 36-14 heading into

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Three Novi harriers qualify for state championship meet

Tough regional knocks out Wildcats boys team

By Chris Jackett
 Correspondent

A trio of Wildcats are running toward a trip Saturday to Michigan International Speedway for the Division I state meet.

Although neither the Novi boys or girls cross country teams finished in the top three during the Willow Metropark regional last Saturday, three individuals made the cut with top-15 finishes.

Leading the way for the boys were senior Brian Barnes (11th in 16:04) and sophomore Joost Plaetnick (13th in 16:08), while junior Hannah Lonergan (15th in 19:09) grabbed the last spot in the girls race.

"Only the top 15 finishers from each region qualify for the big dance," Novi boys coach Robert Smith said. "It's a huge accomplishment and honor."

Region 4-1 has the most talent of any of the regionals, Milford High School — defending Division I state champion — has a stable full of top returners this year, including Brian Kettle. Kettle won our regional with a sizzling time



Novi's varsity squad of (front row, from left) John Landy, Cameron Misko and Sahisnu Malapati and (back row, from left) Nate Hall, Brian Barnes and Joost Plaetnick finished fourth at regionals last week. Also running was Collin Thomas. ROBERT SMITH



Novi's Jordan Massab gets some high-five greetings from her teammates. JOHN HEIDER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Novi volleyball claims fourth straight KLAAs title

Wildcats coach Cottrill welcomes newest member to Novi Nation

By Chris Jackett
 Correspondent

Three up, three down. Novi's volleyball team added to its Central Division title total with victories in both the Kensington Conference match-up and the association-wide KLAAs tournament, claiming a victory over Canton in both cases.

ON TAP

Ranked No. 5 in Class A, the Wildcats (31-6-1) will start their tourney run at 5 p.m. Wednesday at Northville when they face the winner of Plymouth (21-7-1) and Plymouth Salem (6-11-0) before vying for a district title at 7 p.m. Nov. 7 against either No. 6 Northville (36-11-1) or Canton (25-8-2).

Ranked No. 5 in Class A, the Wildcats (31-6-1, 10-0 Central) started the week Oct. 22 with a 25-23, 20-25, 25-27, 26-24, 18-16 victory over Canton in both cases.

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Notre Dame takes title from Marian

By Marty Budner
Staff Writer

Birmingham Marian and Pontiac Notre Dame Prep squared off for the Catholic League A-B Division championship match Monday evening at Madonna University.

Notre Dame Prep, the No. 1-ranked team in Class B, came in looking to dethrone the Catholic League champs, Marian, ranked No. 2 in Class A, had hoped to defend its title and secure its 12th overall championship.

In the end, it was the Irish who prevailed. Notre Dame swept past

Marian in three straight sets, 30-28, 25-20, 25-18, to win its first title since 2007.

The Mustangs played without Miss Volleyball candidate Jessie Kopmeyer, who injured her ankle during warmups, and first-year head coach Angela Kalczyński was forced to juggle her lineup at the last minute. Although the Mustangs played hard, they dropped many of the key points.

Marian, which won the Best of the East Invitational over the weekend, is 40-12 on the season. Notre Dame hiked its record to 54-2.

Perfect season



The St. James Thunder JV1 volleyball team shows off its trophy for winning the postseason tournament at St. Edith's. The Thunder finished first in pool play, winning every set, to make it to the gold medal match against a tough St. Michael JV1. The Thunder went on to sweep the gold medal match in two sets. The tournament was a fitting wrap-up to their season. After winning their preseason tournament, the Thunder not only finished first, but roared past all of their league opponents, ending the season with a perfect 10-0 record. The Thunder lost only four sets all season, ending with a run of 36 straight set wins. The Thunder are represented by Riley Dillon, Grace Flynn, Jenna Galecki, Shannon Jennings, Rachel Jennings, Lauren Krill, Bailey Kwasniewicz, Maddie Ludwig, Ashley Smith and Jenna Venegas. The Thunder are coached by Kevin Jennings.

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NOVI BOBCATS ROUNDUP

Varsity tops Colts in double OT

The Novi varsity Bobcats (9-0) won a thrilling double-overtime victory Sunday over the Northville Colts (6-3) 30-28 in advance to Saturday's championship game against the Livonia Falcons (8-1).

The Bobcats posted 14 first-half points, led by a 40-yard touchdown run by Jordan Castleberry and a quarterback sneak by Nick Williams. The Bobcats' kicker, Blake King, made one of two PAT kicks in the first half and punted the ball well to keep the Colts out of field position.

The Colts' defense forced a fumble by the Bobcats in the fourth quarter and they capitalized on the error with their first score, but missed the PAT. The Colts took over with four minutes to play trailing 14-6, but they drove the field, throwing the football and scored again. This time the PAT kick was successful and the teams headed to overtime tied 14-14.

In the first overtime, the Bobcats scored first on an 8-yard run inside by Brendan Smith behind excellent blocking from center Matt Williams and Austin Turner. Once again, King kicked the PAT and the Bobcats led 22-14. The Colts struck back, scoring a touchdown and making the PAT kick as well, to knot the score again at 22-22.

In the second overtime, the Colts scored first, but missed the PAT attempt as a



Varsity Bobcat Nick Williams (No. 12) runs the ball against the Northville Colts in their playoff game last Sunday. *NANCY LYONS*

result of strong pressure from the Bobcats' defense. On their first play in the second overtime, the Bobcats ran outside behind the blocking of Chad Howell, Tyler Vankirk, Jordan Ward and Smith, as Nick Williams ran it in for the score to tie the Colts 28-28. King coolly ignored the pressure and stepped up and kicked the PAT for the win, sending the varsity Bobcats back to the Super Bowl for the second season in a row.

Freshmen advance to title game

The Novi Bobcats met the Livonia Eagles in the playoffs this last weekend in a rematch of a big Week 2 Bobcats win.

The Eagles came in hoping to advance to the Super Bowl, but were cut short by tough Bobcats defensive play and an

unstoppable offense. The Bobcats took a commanding lead to start the game and never looked back in defeating the Eagles, 36-20.

The Eagles had many chances to capitalize on early fumbles by the Bobcats. However, defensive stands and key tackles by Calvin Taulbee, Niko Krall, Dominic Senatore, Damian Barkas, Kyle Dowd and Cole Shires stopped the Eagles. The Bobcats' defense

ON TAP

The Bobcats' freshman and varsity teams both qualified for the Super Bowl and will play their championship games at EMU's football stadium Saturday, beginning with the freshmen taking on the Northville Stallions at noon and the varsity playing the Livonia Falcons at 4 p.m.

also recovered three fumbles and converted two of the turnovers into touchdowns. Fumbles were recovered by Dalton Houseworth, Niko Krall and Niko Herrlich. The Eagles' last drive ended with an interception that almost turned into a pick-six by Bacari Scott.

Offensively, the Bobcats were led by quarterback Robert Lalain, with scores from Ethan Cooper, Dominic Senatore and Niko Krall. The Bobcats' offensive line, anchored by Jake Giddings, Niko Herrlich, Jacob Brown, Niko Ponnos and Tommy Phimister, proved too much for the Eagles' defensive line to handle.

With this win, the Novi Bobcats (8-1) advance to the Super Bowl to face the Northville Stallions (9-0). This is a much-anticipated rematch from Week 7, when the Stallions handed the Bobcats their only defeat of the season. The Super Bowl game will be played Saturday at Eastern Michigan University. Schedule is located at www.wjtl.com.

—By Rob Lalain

FOOTBALL

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the final quarter. Theisen aired out a 41-yard touchdown pass to his fourth different receiver of the day, senior Brad McCormick, with 9:35 remaining to give the Hornets a 43-14 lead that would hold until the final whistle. It was a slight improvement from the 42-7 loss at Saline in the 2012 finale.

Novi junior Rohit Mogalayapalli tallied 104 yards in the air on 5-of-11 passing with one interception, while junior Jalen Ward led the Novi running backs (56 yards on 17 runs) and added 19 yards with a team-high two catches.

Despite the difference in both the score and total yardage, Novi only took two penalties on the day for 15 yards, compared to Saline losing 102 yards on 12 penalties.

The rushing game was only a 23-yard difference, but it was the yards after catch that killed the "Cats, as most of the long-distance touchdowns followed receptions that were within 10 yards of the line of scrimmage before the receiver broke free.

However, the silver linings didn't stop Novi from missing out on the playoffs for a fifth consecutive season. The Wildcats scored the same number of points this season as last year (159), but the defense allowed 53 fewer (205), resulting in three more victories. All five losses came to teams that made the MHSAA playoff field.

"I really wanted to get this senior class to a winning season," Burnside said. "They had never had one. It was just one of those things you really never had because they never had success. We also played some very good football

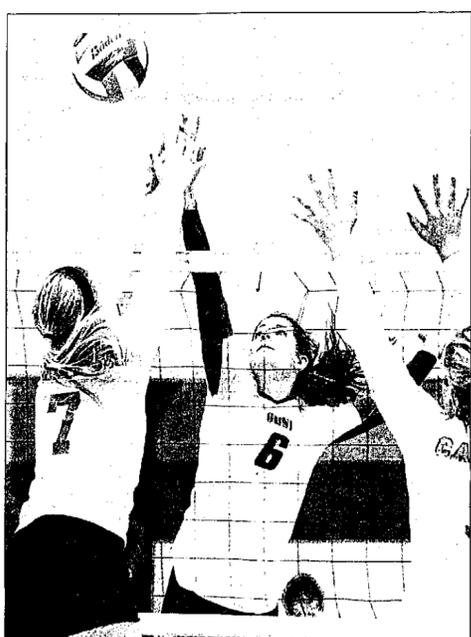
teams. The best teams we played were the last three games."

With Ryan and Austin Racicot leading a pack of 15 seniors toward graduation, the return of 37 juniors and Jackson, still just a sophomore, leaves things optimistic for Burnside's second season in 2014.

"Great bunch of kids. We started off well is what we did, at 4-2. I don't think people expected us to get that far and do as well as we did," Burnside said.

"The first two-thirds of the season we did fine, it was just the last third of the season we couldn't quite finish the game and we have a lot of work to do with that kind of finishing piece. It's good to know we have 38 underclassmen coming back and a lot of them played."

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Novi's Brooke Laney pushes the ball over the net in front of two Canton players. *JOHN HEDER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER*

VOLLEYBALL

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victory over the South Division champion Chiefs (25-8-2, 9-1 South) on the road.

Seniors Belle Glancy and Brooke Laney led the way with 22 kills and 17 kills, respectively, while junior Jordan Massab added 40 digs.

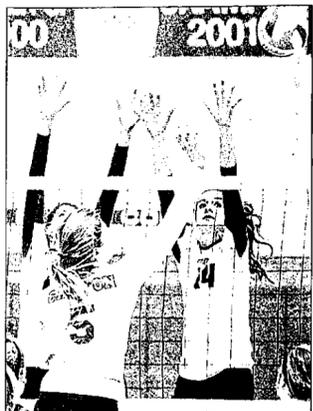
Saturday's KLAAs Gold tournament in Brighton, among the top three teams from all four divisions, proved to be just as fruitful for the Wildcats as they picked up a fourth straight KLAAs title.

In pool play, Novi tied Hartland 25-17, 25-27 and defeated Walled Lake Western 25-13, 25-15 to head into a matchup with host Brighton (24-10, 9-1 West).

The "Cats beat the Bulldogs 18-25, 25-20, 15-10 and knocked off Livonia Stevenson 25-19, 19-25, 15-10 as Emily Jennings scored a few key serving aces in the third set against the No. 16 Spartans (24-8-2, 6-4 Central).

This set up Novi's second battle of the week with Canton, which ended with a 25-16, 25-16 Wildcats victory.

"The girls were very fired up for this tournament and knew they had a lot of work ahead to earn Novi's fourth



Novi's Isabella Glancy tries to block a spike from Cantor's Lauren Bedro. *JOHN HEDER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER*

straight association championship," Novi junior varsity coach Brogan Wells said. "With Jen and Ricky unable to attend, the players relied on seniors Belle Glancy, Emily Robb and Brooke Laney to lead the way."

And lead the way they did. Glancy had 51 kills, Robb had 115 assists and Laney had 26 kills on the day, while junior Victoria Isobeilli had 32 kills. Massab had 94 digs and both Jennings and junior Gabby Littleton had nine aces apiece.

The trophy was a welcome gift for varsity coach Jen Cottrill, who was busy celebrating the birth of her new son.

"The girls deserve a big congratulations for this win; they certainly earned it," Wells said. "We are looking forward to riding this momentum into districts."

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Novi's Brian Barnes (left) and Joost Plaatnick were the only two from the boys cross country team to qualify for the Division 1 state meet. *ROBERT SMITH*

HARRIERS

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finishing first in 18:10. Her Mavericks took second with 78 points, behind No. 8 Brighton (46 points) and ahead of East Lansing (83 points). Novi's girls were eighth of 13 teams with 231 points.

On the boys side, No. 3 Milford won with 68 points, followed by No. 6 Pinckney (108 points), Hartland (136 points) and Novi in fourth with 143 points. At last year's state meet, Milford, Pinckney and Hartland all finished in the top nine. Novi had originally been scheduled to compete in a different regional.

"Being so close to a top 10 team reinforces

the premise that we should have also qualified for the finals," Smith said. "There will be 27 teams at the state meet. I predict that we would have finished in the top half, but now we'll never know."

"In my opinion, it was inappropriate to be moved into another region in September. Our schedule and our training are heavily based upon our regional assignment. Factoring in times and previous head-to-head competition, the Novi boys cross country team was ranked third in region No. 6. Unfortunately for us, only three teams qualify for the finals."

Rounding out the scoring for Novi's boys were junior Sahisnu Malapati (22nd in 16:27), junior Nate Hall (35th in

16:44) and freshman John Landy (62nd in 17:20).

"His time would have made it in most other regionals," Smith said of Malapati. "It was too bad for him that we raced in region No. 4."

On the girls side, the Novi scoring was rounded by freshmen Hadley Peterson (48th in 20:21), Jacalyn Schubring (50th in 20:25), Jessica Lyпка (55th in 20:34) and Heather Blair (63rd in 20:48).

"We have 365 days to prepare. Every day and every second counts," Smith said, noting that Barnes will be the lone graduate from Novi's varsity seven.

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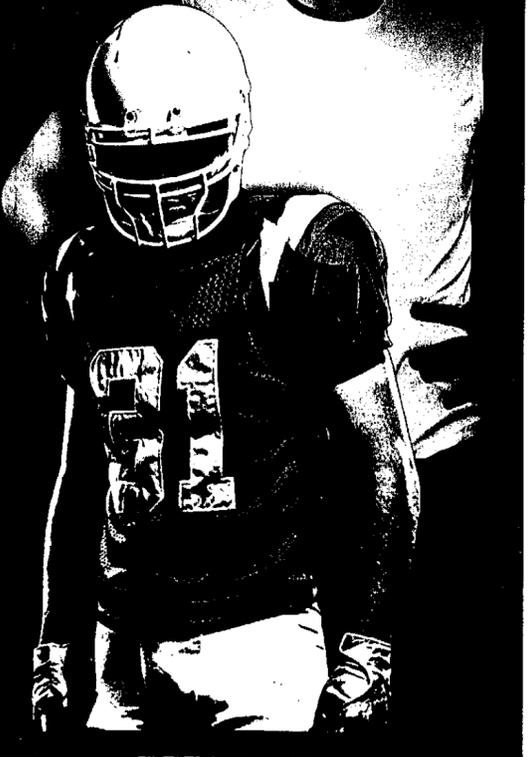
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Shamrocks finish second in Catholic League

Catholic Central bows to Brother Rice in championship game

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

It wasn't the ending of the regular season Detroit Catholic Central was hoping to have, but the team is well aware that regular-season lumps don't mean much in its long-term goals.

The squad, coached by Tom Mach, suffered a 20-7 loss to Birmingham Brother Rice in the Catholic High School League championship game last weekend. The loss gives CC a final record of 7-2 and second place in the CHSL.

"Defensively, we had a mix of up and down moments, but credit to that unit for hanging tough as long as they did," assistant coach Michael Mach said.

"Offensively, we struggled to possess the ball and left our defense on the field far too long, especially in the first half, and then turnovers killed us in the second half."



Shamrock QB Sean Birney keeps the ball against Rice. SCOTT CONNER

was led by Chris Micoff, who had two sacks, and sophomore defensive back Alex Bok, who snagged an interception near the end of the first half in the

end zone to kill a Brother Rice scoring opportunity. On offense, Nick Coococetta, a junior tight end, caught three passes and scored a

touchdown. Brother Rice is the only team to defeat the Shamrocks this season, also beating them on a last-second play Sept. 27

ON TAP

Detroit Catholic Central will visit Northville at 7 p.m. Friday in the first round of the MHSAA playoffs.

in a 28-21 decision. Last weekend, the Shamrocks were looking to secure the title of the CHSL, which is considered by the fifth strongest league in the country by MaxPreps.com.

"We're disappointed in the outcome, but Brother Rice is a very good football team," Mach said. "They made life hard on us today and will make life hard on a lot of teams going forward in the playoffs."

Mach said his team has already put the loss to the Warriors behind them. "As a team, we have to look forward. The playoffs are here," he said. "There's always a lot of excitement this time of year as it's a new beginning of sorts for everyone, ourselves included. We're excited for the opportunity to potentially get back to Ford Field in a few weeks."

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

Catholic Central to host Northville in opener

Two teams have combined 15-3 record in 2013

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

Northville and Detroit Catholic Central will meet Friday night in the first round of the MHSAA playoffs, marking the third time the teams have met in the postseason in the past four years.

The Mustangs, coached by Matt Ladach, have been on the wrong end of the meeting the last two times, falling 35-10 in the second round in 2010 and 56-6 in the postseason opener two years ago.

The Shamrocks, coached by Tom Mach, have been second in the

Division 1 state finals the past two seasons, falling 36-21 to Detroit Cass Tech in 2012 and 49-13 in 2011.

This year, the two teams will face off at 7 p.m. Friday at Northville. It's hard for Ladach and the Mustangs (8-1) to set aside history, especially when it comes to playing against the Shamrocks (7-2).

"Under normal circumstances, when teams play against CC, they're not just playing against a good football team, they're also playing against their tradition," Ladach said. "They beat a lot of people before the ball is even kicked, but that will not be the case with our kids. Our kids believe in themselves and in one another."

Catholic Central assistant coach Michael Mach

insists his team won't be relying on tradition when it takes on the Mustangs.

"We are looking forward to the matchup," Mach said. "I think this is what high school football is all about. Not only is this game high-stakes, with this being an MHSAA playoff game, but add in the fact that we're geographical rivals and you know its going to be a high-intensity atmosphere Friday night at Northville."

Mach said the Shamrocks are focusing on Northville's traditionally high-powered offense, which has lived up to its reputation. He pointed out that the team had scored 40 or more points for five straight weeks until last week, when Mach joked that it "only scored 38."

Northville has scored 324 points this season (36 per-game average) while giving up 200 points (22.2 per game). Leading the way on offense is quarterback Joey Hewlett, who can throw and run and has more than 1,000 yards in each category this year. His favorite targets are Sean Conway, Nick Stegmeyer and Jake Slominski, as well as Evan Wieland, who is also a threat in the running game.

On defense, the Mustangs lead to Jack Ernest, Jake Cheslik, Lee Moore and Chris Komoros to lead their attack. Cheslik is also a bit of a ball hawk, often taking on the opponent's top receiver.

"But what you see from the 2013 version of Northville is that they are solid in all three phases — offense, defense and special teams," Mach said. "They're 8-1 and champions of the KLA, which is one of the better leagues in the state, so you know they are talented and competitive."

Northville proved its



CC's Jordan Jenkins (46) and Michael Schmitz (26) converge on a Rice ball carrier. SCOTT CONNER

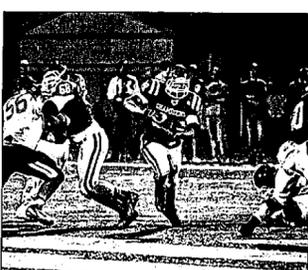
mettle last week, when it came back from being downed by 17 against Walled Lake Western to win in overtime.

"We have tremendous respect for the challenge they will present to our football team," Mach said. Ladach said his team will respect the talent the Shamrocks bring to the game.

"Catholic Central is a very good football team," he said. "They are perhaps the best team that we have faced all year long."

The Shamrocks have scored 249 points (27.7 per game) against some of the top competition the state has to offer.

They took two losses to Brother Rice, including one loss in the Catholic High School League championship game last week. On defense is where the Shamrocks always shine and it's the focus of their game. They have allowed just 84 points (9.3 per game). The only team to score 20 or more points against them was Brother Rice (28-21 Sept. 27 and 20-7 last week). Leading CC's attack



Dylan Roney drives into a hole opened by Alex Galiyas (left) and Matthew Palushaj (right) during CC's 14-6 win over Orchard Lake St. Mary's earlier this season. The Shamrocks will face Northville Friday in the opening round of the playoffs. DENNIS BARNES

will be Connor Holton, Zach Bock and Dylan Roney, who have combined for nearly 1,500 yards and 15 touchdowns. And while the Shamrocks don't pass much, quarterback Sean Birney has proven effective this year with both his arm and his feet.

On defense, the Shamrocks are led by Jordan Jenkins, Dylan Roney and Daniel Collins and specialize in pressuring (and sacking) the oppos-

ing quarterback. The trio of Jack Van Acker, Zach Bock and Daniel Collins has 13 interceptions, three of which have been returned for a touchdown.

Northville's home games are played at the Hillside Middle School at Taft and Eight Mile roads.

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Undefeated



The Walled Lake Western High School JV football team ended the regular season at 9-0 with a win Oct. 24 against Northville. CURTIS DRUGMILLER

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Owners value energy efficiency in homes

Homeowners frequently see their heating bills rise as fall begins and the weather cools. For this reason, homes with energy-efficient and environmentally-friendly features are often a priority to prospective buyers. According to the National Association of Realtors' 2012 Profile of Home Buyers and Sellers, nearly nine out of 10 recent home buyers said that heating and cooling costs were somewhat or very important when considering a home purchase.

"Realtors build communities and know that consumer demand for greener homes and features has grown considerably over the past several years. Going green has proven to be more than a trend; many people now seek out this way of living and want homes and communities that are more resource efficient and sensitive to the environment," said NAR President Gary Thomas, broker-owner of Evygreen Realty in Villa Park, Calif. "As energy savings and green building features are becoming more important to buyers, sellers and businesses, it comes as no surprise that consumers are placing a higher value on properties with those features."

It's easy to understand why home buyers tend to favor greener houses; often the higher a home's energy efficiency, the more money is potentially saved in monthly heating and cooling costs. NAR data show that features which directly affect monthly energy costs are important to buyers; 39 percent of survey respondents reported that a home's heating and cooling costs were very important when considering a home purchase, followed by energy-efficient appliances and lighting, each at 24 percent. Landscaping for energy conservation and environmentally friendly community features were less important but were still a factor in the minds of home buyers; nearly half of buyers found these features very or somewhat important.

Regionally, buyers in the North and South placed a greater importance on heating and cooling costs, probably due to more extreme temperatures in those areas of the country. The survey also found that buyers who purchased more



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recently built homes placed greater importance on environmentally friendly features than buyers who purchased older homes; nearly 60 percent of buyers who bought homes built in 2011 said heating and cooling costs were very important, compared to less than 30 percent of buyers whose homes were built before 1910.

To help its Realtor members meet the growing consumer demand for green building practices and energy-efficient homes, NAR created the Green Resource Council in 2008. The

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Best to head off suit at pass

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Q: I live in an apartment complex and there is a great deal of crime resulting in problems for the tenants. Does the landlord have any responsibility to contact law enforcement given the tendency for criminal acts?

A: In a recent Michigan Supreme Court decision, the court held that landlords and their agents, including security guards, have a duty to call law enforcement when notified of an imminent risk of danger to identifiable tenants or guests on the premises. The court basically held that landlords owe the same limited duty of care when put on notice of criminal acts that pose a risk of eminent and foreseeable harm to an identifiable tenant or invitee. That is a duty to reasonably expedite police involvement. The court also said, however, that just as a landlord does not owe a duty of repair within a tenant's leasehold, a landlord likewise does not have a duty to respond to criminal acts occurring within the leasehold of a tenant, meaning inside the apartment unit. In any event, you should get a lawyer to write your landlord and advise it of its legal obligations.

Robert M. Weisner 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 \$5.55 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.

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Short sales

If you owe more than what your house is worth, you may be interested in a free informational seminar on short sale procedures. Many sellers are misinformed or not sure about how the procedures work. Organizers will also discuss the internal workings of short sales and the different steps involved. Bonnie David, broker/owner of Quantum Real Estate, is the presenter. It will be 6-7 p.m. Thursdays at 129 N. Lafayette, downtown South Lyon.

Additional parking across the street in back. Please call the office at 248-782-7130 or email juan.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@deedvaluelaw.com or visit FreeForeclosureTours.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.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of July 15-18, 2013, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.	39674 Wales St	\$166,000	33024 Oakley St	\$154,000	26941 Glandale	\$69,000
	41584 Wild Turkey Ln	\$190,000	29748 Puritan St	\$224,000	11351 Hemingway	\$58,000
	2593 Woodmont Dr E	\$178,000	15666 Sussex St	\$168,000	26740 Joy Rd	\$11,000
	GARDEN CITY	\$78,000	15447 Williams St	\$182,000	17142 Kinloch	\$35,000
	523 Lathers St	\$50,000	17295 Woodside St	\$156,000	16084 Poindiana	\$36,000
	31224 Barton St	\$50,000	NORTHVILLE		11327 Sennelle	\$32,000
	6437 Burnly St	\$75,000	16299 Appleby Ln	\$235,000	WESTLAND	
	6437 Elizabeth St	\$117,000	618 Carpenter St	\$130,000	1929 Alanson St	\$22,000
	33541 Florence St	\$57,000	39456 Champion Ct	\$230,000	38586 Castlewood Ct	\$24,000
	6460 Huntleigh St	\$78,000	19397 Granite Ct	\$225,000	32907 Chapin Cir	\$44,000
	1225 Lathers St	\$64,000	50405 Hunters Trl	\$650,000	3816 Dove Trl	\$85,000
	LYONIA		16321 Lincoln Dr	\$400,000	31014 Fernwood St	\$74,000
	31628 Alabama St	\$143,000	17060 Lochmoor Ct	\$287,000	30045 Lay Dr	\$115,000
	20209 Antago St	\$50,000	46889 Merion Cir	\$625,000	29851 Lonnie Dr	\$75,000
	9063 Fremont St	\$157,000	47069 Merion Cir	\$685,000	32861 Mackenzie Dr	\$120,000
	48063 Huntington St	\$178,000	15919 Northridge	\$154,000	7624 Manor Cir	\$44,000
	31123 Doran St	\$155,000	16383 Mulberry Way	\$371,000	6050 N Carlson St	\$95,000
	14954 Fairway St	\$180,000	19633 Neptune Ct	\$122,000	5710 N Harvey St	\$50,000
	32695 Five Mile Rd	\$67,000	18913 Oak Leaf Ln	\$760,000	8507 N Hubbard St	\$95,000
	34206 Fonville Ct	\$239,000	17720 Rolling Woods Cir	\$473,000	7441 N Kingston Ct	\$82,000
	9063 Fremont St	\$75,000	PLYMOUTH		34524 Pardo St	\$12,000
	11055 Currier Dr	\$125,000	455 Arthur St	\$500,000	8215 Parkside Dr	\$240,000
	48063 Huntington St	\$50,000	48063 Colony Farms Cir	\$150,000	158 S Hanlon St	\$115,000
	29542 Lamar Ln	\$137,000	48379 Hilltop Dr E	\$405,000	48374 Sandburn St	\$77,000
	39182 Lapham Dr	\$180,000	42430 Lakeford Ct	\$136,000	34233 Shawnee St	\$107,000
	14212 Lyons St	\$120,000	954 N Mill St	\$143,000	2417 Wilshire St	\$117,000
	31827 Maine St	\$126,000	11995 S Sheldon Rd	\$42,000	33070 Woodworth Ct	\$60,000
	11274 Middlebelt Rd	\$18,000	11540 Spicer Dr	\$244,000		
	34721 Middleboro St	\$245,000	11698 Spicer Dr	\$181,000		
	30586 Minton St	\$127,000	REDFORD			
	18946 Myron St	\$80,000	15867 Denby	\$80,000		
	28101 N Clements Cir	\$132,000	25025 Elmira	\$78,000		

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of June 24-28, 2013, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.	1711 Brookview Cir	\$315,000	26362 Pillsbury St	\$207,000	28017 Hearstone Dr	\$295,000
	1847 Golf Ridge Dr S <td>\$530,000</td> <td>34508 Ramble Hills Dr <td>\$465,000</td> <th>23465 Highmeadow Dr</th> <th>\$279,000</th> </td>	\$530,000	34508 Ramble Hills Dr <td>\$465,000</td> <th>23465 Highmeadow Dr</th> <th>\$279,000</th>	\$465,000	23465 Highmeadow Dr	\$279,000
	80 Maywood Ave <td>\$151,000</td> <td>30711 Ramblewood <td>\$195,000</td> <th>41703 Juniper Cir</th> <th>\$175,000</th> </td>	\$151,000	30711 Ramblewood <td>\$195,000</td> <th>41703 Juniper Cir</th> <th>\$175,000</th>	\$195,000	41703 Juniper Cir	\$175,000
	2880 Middlebury Ln <td>\$300,000</td> <td>Club Dr <td></td> <th>30128 Lanford Dr</th> <th>\$288,000</th> </td>	\$300,000	Club Dr <td></td> <th>30128 Lanford Dr</th> <th>\$288,000</th>		30128 Lanford Dr	\$288,000
	526 Newburne Pointe <td>\$223,000</td> <td>38269 Remington Park <td>\$163,000</td> <th>23860 Meadowbrook Rd</th> <th>\$101,000</th> </td>	\$223,000	38269 Remington Park <td>\$163,000</td> <th>23860 Meadowbrook Rd</th> <th>\$101,000</th>	\$163,000	23860 Meadowbrook Rd	\$101,000
	528 Newburne Pointe <td>\$200,000</td> <td>21661 Rockwell Dr <td>\$110,000</td> <td></td> <td></td> </td>	\$200,000	21661 Rockwell Dr <td>\$110,000</td> <td></td> <td></td>	\$110,000		
	4400 Quanton Rd <td>\$415,000</td> <td>24887 Springbrook Dr <td>\$142,000</td> <th>23153 Mystic Forest Dr</th> <th>\$435,000</th> </td>	\$415,000	24887 Springbrook Dr <td>\$142,000</td> <th>23153 Mystic Forest Dr</th> <th>\$435,000</th>	\$142,000	23153 Mystic Forest Dr	\$435,000
	4740 Ranch Ln <td>\$324,000</td> <td>30052 W 12 Mile Rd <td>\$37,000</td> <th>47156 Northumberland St</th> <th>\$534,000</th> </td>	\$324,000	30052 W 12 Mile Rd <td>\$37,000</td> <th>47156 Northumberland St</th> <th>\$534,000</th>	\$37,000	47156 Northumberland St	\$534,000
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	1292 Stuyvesant Rd <td>\$355,000</td> <td>706</td> <td></td> <th>41858 Ridge Rd E</th> <th>\$190,000</th>	\$355,000	706		41858 Ridge Rd E	\$190,000
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	619 Windsor Row <td>\$387,000</td> <td>MILFORD</td> <td></td> <th>24802 Sarah Flynn</th> <th>\$295,000</th>	\$387,000	MILFORD		24802 Sarah Flynn	\$295,000
	COMMERCIE TOWNSHIP		173 Cottage Ln <td>\$36,000</td> <th>24000 Westmont Dr</th> <th>\$417,000</th>	\$36,000	24000 Westmont Dr	\$417,000
	4677 Achilla St <td>\$106,000</td> <td>544 E Liberty St <td>\$194,000</td> <th>23350 Whitehall Dr</th> <th>\$590,000</th> </td>	\$106,000	544 E Liberty St <td>\$194,000</td> <th>23350 Whitehall Dr</th> <th>\$590,000</th>	\$194,000	23350 Whitehall Dr	\$590,000
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