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Typhoon relief

With the recent typhoon leveling much of the Philippines, Rotarians will take to the street corners to collect money to be passed along to sister clubs in the Philippines. All funds will go directly toward the purchase of food and shelter items.

Super coffee

Join Novi Community Schools Superintendent Dr. Steve Matthews for coffee at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 19, and 10:15 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 20, at the Novi Public Library for conversation regarding school news.

Board could extend remote access

Members contemplate change from six meetings to 24

By Cal Stone
Staff Writer

Should the Novi Board of Education allow members to attend all 24 meetings via remote access or keep the current policy of six? Send your thoughts to editor Cal Stone at cstone@gannett.com.

The issue has come about because trustee Jason Manar's employer, the U.S. government, temporarily assigned him to an out-of-state location earlier this year, forcing him to join in the meetings via two-way audio.

According to board policy, he can only do that six times per year - but the board has 24 meetings annually. After it was shot down in September

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Should the Novi Board of Education allow members to attend all 24 meetings via remote access or keep the current policy of six? Send your thoughts to editor Cal Stone at cstone@gannett.com.

2012, the board in February voted 4-3 to change the bylaws to allow six remote-access meetings by a member each year. Now the seven members are contemplating a change to allow every meeting to be accessed remotely.

Manar, who was elected in 2010 to a four-year term, has physically attended five meetings this year and used remote access

four times. While participating in Thursday's meeting remotely, Manar said sitting at the board table is a very minimal amount of his time as a board member and the majority is spent communicating with administration or reading up on the issues.

"I'm actively involved with district stakeholders and with school board issues. I have been critically involved in all issues involving the district," Manar wrote in an email to the Novi News, noting the hiring process, superintendent's evaluation, contract negotiations and the recent millage renewal.

"So, unfortunately, as with all board members, we are similar to icebergs in the fact that you may only see the 1% that lies on the surface - or people sitting at the board table - and not the other 99% of the

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Noel Swindler (left) and the Rev. Edwin Kline were two of many veterans who were recognized during a Nov. 6 ceremony at Novi's Grand Court residence. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

STORIES OF SERVICE

Novi veterans look back on World War II

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

Noel Swindler keeps his memories of World War II sharp by drawing depictions of different scenes from his time as a B-17 tail gunner.

It was his stories, along with

those of the other 24 veterans residing at Grand Court Novi, that were recounted during a ceremony to recognize these veterans for their service last Wednesday.

Great Lakes Caring Hospice joined the team at Grand Court Novi to recognize these men

and women with a special recognition and pinning ceremony Nov. 6 designed to show how much each veteran is appreciated for the sacrifices they have made to maintain the freedoms that America hold so dear.

They are humble, but this honor was a heartfelt one for them.

"We appreciate the thanks, it

really means a lot," said Eugene LaVoy, 89, a veteran of World War II. "It's important to remember veterans for their service. Many good men and women sacrificed a lot for this country."

LaVoy was in the U.S. Army and served with the military police at a prisoner of war

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Novi gets 'anti-begging' notice from ACLU

By Cal Stone and
Amanda Whitesell
Staff Writers

Novi was one of 83 municipalities to recently receive a letter from the American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan notifying officials that its "anti-begging" ordinance is unconstitutional and should be repealed.

The state Court of Appeals ruled in August in the case of *Speet v Schuette* that begging is a form of solicitation protected under the First Amendment and, therefore, some Michigan statutes disallowing panhandling violate the constitution. The

ruling came after an appeal by Attorney General Bill Schuette of a lower court decision.

Novi's ordinance (Section 22-7) contains language that is very similar to the state law addressed in the *Speet* case:

"It shall be unlawful for any person to be found begging in a public place. Begging is defined as soliciting money or goods in a public place without rendering or offering to render goods or services in return."

It will need to be dealt with by some form of ordinance amendment, according to city attorney Tom Schultz.

"Whether that means repeal

of an alteration to make it consistent with the court's opinion - which does acknowledge certain governmental issues that a begging ordinance might address - will need to be further researched," Schultz wrote in a Nov. 5 letter to Clay Pearson, Novi city manager.

Schultz indicated that his office informed David Molloy, Novi's public safety director/ chief of police, about the court's opinion "and there won't be any enforcement of that particular provision while the city deals with the ordinance amendment," he wrote.

Schultz added that he expect-

ed it to be a non-issue, as neither he nor Molloy could remember that the ordinance section had ever been enforced in the past.

The attorney - of the firm Johnson, Rosati, Schultz & Joppich, PC - said he would have some suggested changes to the ordinance for the city to consider as soon as possible.

ACLU's position

"In the wake of the Appeals Court decision, we're putting these cities and townships on notice that it's time they repeal their unconstitutional ordinance

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A group of U.S. veterans, ranging from World War II to the Vietnam War, was honored during a Nov. 6 ceremony at Novi's Grand Court. JOHN HEIDER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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camp here in the U.S. during the war. He recalls guarding German and Italian soldiers and seeing both bringing some of their home cooking to their lives behind bars. His entire family was involved with the

war at that time, with his brother in the Marines, another in the Air Force and a sister with the Navy.

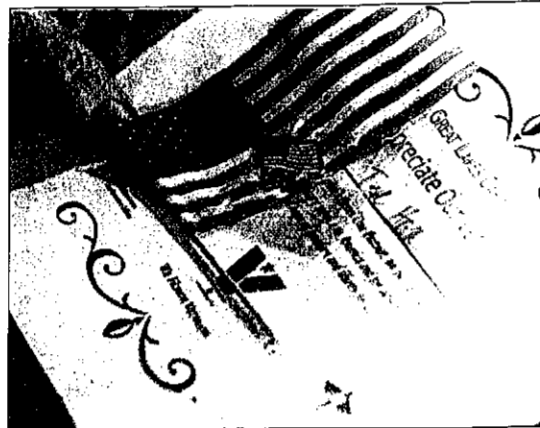
One of Swindler's stories was of being in England in 1945 and being called up to combat the day before the Nazis' surrender. He recalled the celebration in London.

The recognition cere-

mony offered a great time for them to remember. That was the whole goal.

"It is important for us to acknowledge the military service and sacrifices made by the veterans and his or her family," Great Lakes Caring Hospice CEO William Deary said. "This ceremony gives us an opportunity to allow each veteran to share part of his or her story and allows the staff and volunteers the opportunity to give their thanks and gratitude."

Getting a pin and the certificate is now a new story for World War II Army vet and resident Bob Lakin. He smiled while reading his name



Grand Court veterans received an American flag, pin and certificate noting their service to the country. JOHN HEIDER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

and saying his wife would probably frame it.

"I'm proud of my ser-

vice, so this is really nice," he said, looking over his certificate.

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ACLU

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es," Dan Korobkin, ACLU of Michigan staff attorney, said in a prepared statement. "Our municipalities cannot and should not use the force of law to silence the voices of innocent people who rely on charity to survive."

Fourteen of the municipalities to receive the

ACLU letter, mailed Oct. 29, are in Oakland County. The letters were directed to municipalities with broad bans on begging in public places, Korobkin said, not communities that may have some regulations on the activity. Municipalities that have "aggressive begging" ordinances narrowly tailored to protect the public yet still allow for peaceful panhandling did not receive letters from the ACLU.

The ACLU of Michigan in 2011 filed a federal lawsuit on behalf of two homeless Grand Rapids residents who had been repeatedly arrested or ticketed by police for violating the city's ban on begging. The ruling states Grand Rapids police recorded 409 incidents of police enforcing the anti-begging ordinance from 2008-11.

In 2011, the ACLU of Michigan sent a similar letter to Royal Oak in-

dicating that its ordinance prohibiting peaceful panhandling was unconstitutional. The city in response repealed the law and replaced it with one that only prohibited "aggressive panhandling."

Michigan's anti-begging statute has existed since at least 1929, according to the ruling.

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work that goes on away from that table."

He noted that Novi residents and his constituency can do access him via email (jmanar@novi.k12.mi.us).

Supporting change

Trustee George Kortlandt, who made the recent request to revisit the policy, was originally not in favor of any remote access, but he said he accepted the change then and is now in favor of allowing remote access to all meetings. Since the board has already agreed that remote access is a legitimate method of participation, he noted, why limit it?

"We are actually taking away from that board member the right to sit electronically at this board table," Kortlandt said. "We're taking away from the public who supported the candidate ... to be a part of the process."

Dennis O'Connor, board president, travels quite a bit and said he would rather participate in a meeting via remote access than sit in a hotel room on a Thursday night.

The board also voted in February against spending funds on upgrading the district's remote access technology.

Although there have been some complaints about hearing those who access meetings remotely, O'Connor said the district could leverage sophisticated technology through additional investment.

The president also pointed out that being on the board is an unpaid, volunteer position and one's employment takes precedence.

"This work assignment (Manar's) is analogous to an elected official who is unexpectedly called into government



Against the change

Treasurer Ann Glubzinski said when she ran for the board nine years ago, she was continually told that the responsibilities included a minimum of attending twice-a-month meetings. She said she has turned down work opportunities because she made a commitment to attend and discuss what is best for the students of Novi.

"I think there's a lot of benefit in the face-to-face," she said. "Dynamics are different ... For me, attendance is being around the table physically."

She noted that the board's best practices, which describe the role of a member, state that a member may miss meetings "occasionally." Glubzinski felt even six remote meetings, one-quarter of the regular meetings, was a "liberal" interpretation and said she would not support changing to all 24.

Trustee Tracey Cadwell said she has trouble with changing the bylaws at the request of a board member, as opposed to the public, and she is in favor leaving the policy as is.

"It's important that we are here," she said.

As technology changes, remote access may become the norm one day, but Vice President Bobbie Murphy worries that a board member could potentially have no expectation of physically attending.

"I struggle to know how that's in the best interest of the kids in our district to have somebody that participates consistently remotely," she said.

The school board will take up the remote-access issue at its Thursday, Nov. 21, meeting. The last meeting of the year is Dec. 5. Manar can attend both—either remotely or physically.

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Novi Youth Assistance making a difference

O'Brien honored for his 30 years of service to organization

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

It takes many helping hands to make Novi Youth Assistance a success.

Outgoing NYA president John O'Brien is one such person who has played a big part over the years for this community organization.

He was honored at the NYA's 56th annual Breakfast Meeting with its Outstanding Service Award for all of the hard work and time he has put into NYA over the last 30 years.

O'Brien, who has been the president of NYA for 23 years, is stepping down, but will remain an active member. He was very thankful of the honor, but emphasized what NYA was really about.

"It's about everybody involved and making a contribution," he said.

Bob Steeh, NYA board chair, introduced O'Brien and said what made him worthy of this honor was that he was selfless, dependable, humbly respectful and a friend of Novi youth and families.

"Thank you for your service," Steeh said to O'Brien.

NYA is made up of community volunteers, with assistance from a professional staff, with the purpose of providing support and positive growth experiences for local families.

This is primarily done by helping to reinforce positive behaviors in area youth through its

programs and services, which include scholarships, drug/alcohol awareness, youth recognition, a summer teen center and mentoring.

The NYA is supported and sponsored by the city of Novi, Novi Community Schools, Oakland County Board of Commissioners and Oakland County Circuit Court Family Division.

This community involvement is evident through the new Teen Space at the public library and number of referrals (105) the NYA saw through different sources like the police, schools and parents.

Keynote speaker at the

breakfast was NYA board secretary Bryan Proven, who cited different ways NYA is trying to make a difference. He said the Mentors Plus and Adopt-a-Family programs were two important ways in which this was being done.

NYA will be having its big fundraiser in March with its annual bowl-a-thon. To learn more about NYA or get involved, go to <http://www.cityofnovi.org/services/YouthServices> or stop by its office inside the Civic Center.

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Novi educators committed to 'doing a good job'

I started earning a paycheck when I was 15 years old. Evidently, child labor laws were a little more lax back in the last century.

My first job was at Heidi Pies. I was the dishwasher, busboy and pie cook. My sister was a waitress. I worked after school until 8 p.m. I felt a sense of pride earning my own paycheck.

My second job was at McDonald's. We didn't have computer cash registers, so we took the orders on paper and added up the total bill by hand. Every day when you went to clock in, the manager would post the math mistakes from the previous day by the time clock. That certainly encouraged you to perfect your simple math skills.

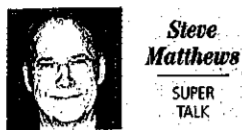
My manager at McDonald's was very focused on customer service. One day, as I was working the counter taking orders, a customer approached and said that her table was dirty. I handed her a rag to clean it off. It seemed like the logical thing to do. My manager had a fit. He let me know, in very clear, that cleaning tables was my job - not the customer's.

Why did I work there? My parents said that if I wanted money to do things, I would have to find a job. They would provide me with the necessities in life, but the extras were my responsibility.

I wanted some extras, so I found a job.

The lessons that I learned while working in high school are still with me today. I learned to listen. I learned to follow directions. I learned to be on time. I learned that when I made a mistake, I was responsible for making things right.

But the most important lesson I learned while I worked in high school was that I needed to do a good job. People counted on me to do my job. If I didn't do my job, then other people were disappointed. That



Steve Matthews
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lesson is still with me today. I feel a keen sense of responsibility to do a good job. People count on me to do a good job. If I don't do a good job, then other people will be disappointed.

Every month, I visit the schools in our district. I sit down next to the students who attend our schools. I ask them what they are working on. I ask them about their lessons and what they are learning.

I don't want to disappoint those students. They are counting on me to ensure that their schools provide a meaningful learning experience. The great thing is, I am not alone in wanting to provide our students with the very best. The employees in our district feel that same sense of responsibility. I talked with a teacher who changed grade levels this year. She spoke to me about working hard to make sure her lessons were meaningful, that she was prepared and that her students received a quality education.

As I talk to our bus drivers, cooks, preschool teachers, lunch room aides, administrators, technology paraprofessionals and maintenance workers, I hear them express the desire to do a good job.

The lessons that I started learning so many years ago while I was in high school are still with me today. Doing a good job is at the top of the list. More importantly, I am confident that every day we have employees who are committed to doing a good job and providing our students with a great educational experience.

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Novi Community Schools makes the honor roll again

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

For the third consecutive year, the Novi Community Schools District has been recognized as a top school district by the AP District of the Year Honor Roll by College Board.

Novi is one of 367 U.S. public school districts that simultaneously achieved improved placement courses for a broader number of students and also maintained or improved the rate at which AP students earned scores of 3 or higher on the AP exam.

"These school districts have achieved something truly remarkable. They managed to open the doors of their AP classrooms to many more students, while also increasing the percentage of students earning high enough AP exam grades to stand out in the

competitive college admission process and qualify for college credit and placement," said Trevor Packer, the College Board's senior vice president of Advanced Placement and College Readiness.

Novi also achieved this honor roll status in 2011-12. "We attribute our district success to our conscientious students, phenomenal teaching staff, supportive school board and engaged parents," Novi High School Interim Principal Nicole Carter said.

Novi has 652 students participating in 18 advanced placement courses, with more than 1,200 course placements scheduled for the 2013-14 school year.

According to the district, it should be noted that when considering these numbers, AP courses are just one component of advanced level offerings in Novi.

This was indicated at the

last school board meeting, when Assistant Superintendent J.J. Webber presented Academic Opportunities: Advanced and Accelerated. Webber's report provided highlights of the current program of offerings and plans for expansion to the elementary grades of additional options for students to further excel in their learning careers within the district.

"While this award is just one of the many accolades the district has received, we are appreciative of the recognition. The Novi Community Schools District strives on a daily basis to live out our vision statement of developing each student's potential with a world-class education," the school district stated in a release.

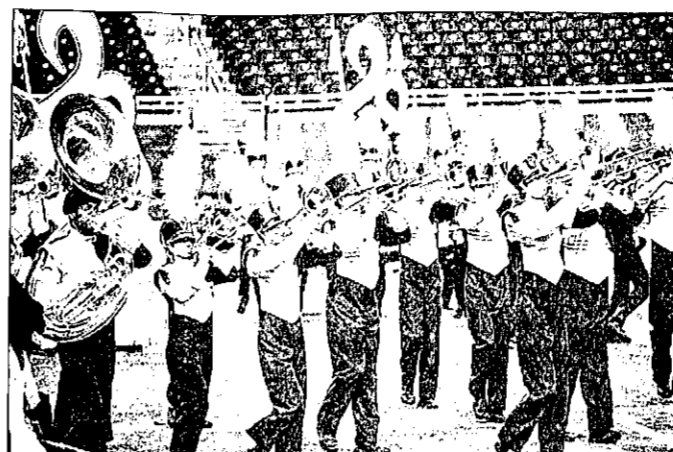
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Army recognition



Walled Lake Central High School marching band members Harrison Seltzer (tenor sax), Halle Perrett (color guard) and Michael Perry (trumpet) were selected to the 2014 U.S. Army All-American Marching Band, based solely on their auditions; recommendations were not considered during the selection process. They will be performing with the rest of the U.S. Army All-American Marching Band members Jan. 4 at the Alamo Bowl in San Antonio, Texas. Seltzer is the son of Marian Keidan and Phillip Seltzer. He plans to attend either the University of Michigan or Michigan State University to study premed. Perrett is the daughter of Dawn and Fred Perrett. She plans to attend either the University of Michigan or Michigan State University to study biomedical engineering or biochemistry. Perry is the son of Debra and Wayne Perry. He plans to attend either the University of Michigan or Michigan State University to study engineering. Pictured are (from left) Charles Morgan, W.L. Central principal; Kenneth Gutman, WLCSD superintendent; Seltzer; Perrett; Perry; and David Rogers, W.L. Central band director.

State champs



The Walled Lake Central High School Marching Band won the Michigan Competing Band Association State Championship on Nov. 2 at Ford Field in Detroit. The band received a score of 91.55, a school record and the highest score for any school since 2007. The Marching Vikings also won all sub captions (Music, Visual and General Effect) for the first time in school history. This is the third time in the last four years that Central has won the state championship. This season's show was called "Conquest" and had a conductor theme featuring the music of H. Owen Reed's La Fiesta Mexicana Mvt. 2, "Mass," Alberto Ginastera's Estancia Suite and Arturo Marquez's Danzon 2. This season, the students chose a purpose statement of "Best Always" meaning at everything associated with the band performances and practices they would do their best. They specifically focused on giving their best effort in the areas of "Integrity, Kindship, Autonomy, No Regrets, Leadership and Passion." "I am immensely proud of and happy for our students and staff, and what we were able to accomplish at the state championships," said Dave Rogers, band director. "The competition this year was the deepest it has ever been. The other bands were incredible. We could not have been as successful without the wonderful support of the parent boosters, our outstanding middle school band teachers and our building principals, led by Chuck Morgan, as well as Walled Lake Schools for supporting the arts so well."

WALLED LAKE SCHOOL BRIEFS

Western presents 'Shrek - The Musical'

Walled Lake Western High School Performing Arts Department presents *Shrek - The Musical* Nov. 14-16 and 21-24 at the school (600 Heck Road, Walled Lake). Evening performances will begin at 7:30 p.m. and the two Sunday matinees will begin at 2 p.m.

The cast includes 60 high school members, 20 non-high school members, 25 students working in the technical crew and 25 students in the pit orchestra. Students in leading roles include: Carter Jones as Shrek; Rachel Zack as Princess Fiona; Noah Miller as Donkey; Sam Bloch as Lord Farquaad; and Emma Murphy as Pinochio.

"To reclaim his swamp from squatting, displaced fairy creatures, the ogre Shrek must rescue the dragon-guarded Princess Fiona and deliver her to

Lord Farquaad, who must marry a princess to become a king and make his land of Dulac into a real kingdom. Along the way, Shrek meets magical friends and even learns a lesson or two. Tickets can be purchased online at www.wlwmusical.com or by phone at 248-956-4625. Tickets range in price from \$14 to \$20 and all tickets are reserved. For more information, visit www.wlstmusical.com.

Northern presents 'David and Lisa'
Walled Lake Northern High School Performing Arts Department presents *David and Lisa* at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 14-16 at the school, 5000 Rogie Lake Road, Commerce.

There are 22 students in the cast and approximately 12 crew members working on lights, sound, props and stage managing. Students in leading roles include: Lucas

Stringer as David; Paige Goetz as Lisa; Jesse Perkins as Dr. Alan Swinford; Lucy Price as Mrs. Clemens; and Abi Meyer as Maureen Hart.

David and Lisa focuses on the students at the fictional Berkeley School in New York, run by Dr. Alan Swinford. It is a boarding school for students with various emotional challenges. Two of the most severe cases are David Clemens, who thinks that "a touch can kill," and Lisa Hart, who has a dual personality and speaks only in rhyme. It is a story of successes and setbacks in the struggle for emotional stability and growth, not just for the title characters, but for the rest of the students and the adults as well.

Tickets will be on sale at the door before each performance. Tickets are \$6.95. For more information, visit www.wlstmusical.com.

Thanksgiving game gig



The Walled Lake Central High School Marching Band has been chosen to perform Nov. 28 at halftime of the Detroit Lions Thanksgiving Day game at Ford Field. The Detroit Lions contacted the Michigan Competing Band Association to find a band for the Halftime show and the honor went to W.L. Central. Members of the band will be on the field during the halftime show and some members will actually be on stage with Michigan native singer/songwriter, Tony Luca. The W.L. Central pep team, cheerleaders and the Twirl M's will also be participating. The Lions will be arranging transportation to and from the stadium for all practices, rehearsals and the game. They are also providing food for the students. The Lions are providing members of the band with standing room tickets to the game. They are buying Lions colored flags for the band to use during the performance as well as color guard uniforms. The Lions are also making a donation to the band program at W.L. Central. Said Dave Rogers, W.L. Central band director: "I am so happy for our kids to be able to experience this. This will be the largest audience they will have ever performed for and we are thankful to the Detroit Lions for this opportunity. We will do our best to make our community proud."

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

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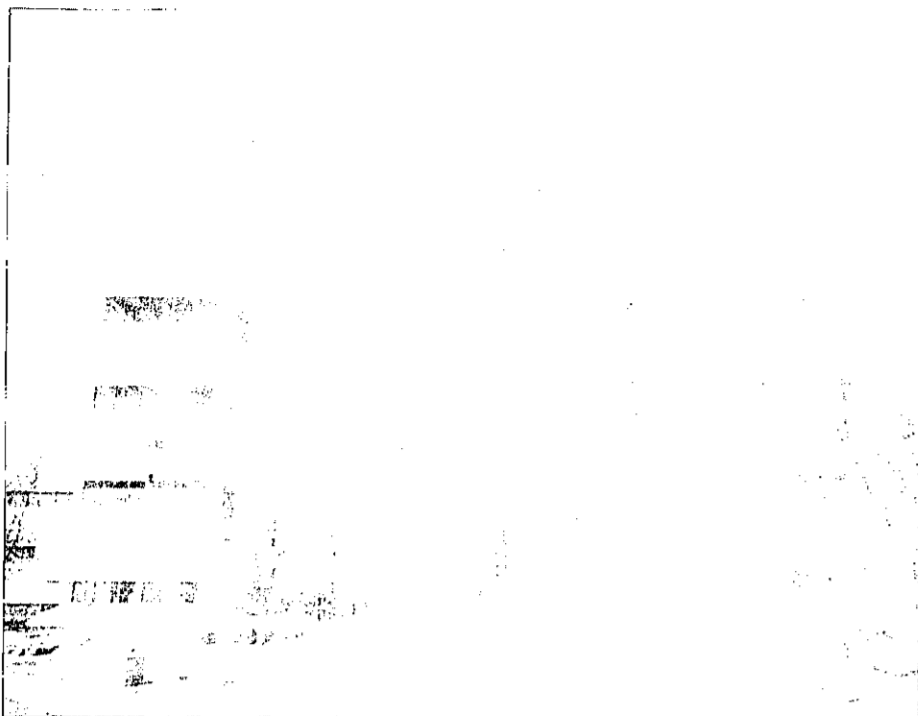
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Veterans Services Coordinator Pam Paxton-Keelner, Schoolcraft College
Ms. Paxton-Keelner will answer questions about how veterans can use their educational benefits to pursue a college education. Learn more at www.schoolcraft.edu/ veterans or 734-462-4400, x5346.

This event is free and open to all veterans and those who care for and support them.



The 110,000-square-foot American Community Center in Livonia, was recently purchased by Schoolcraft College.

Wayne State and Schoolcraft degree program

Schoolcraft College has created a new bachelor's and master's degree partnership program with Wayne State University and the University of Toledo that will begin in the fall of 2014.

Degrees in business, nursing, engineering, criminal justice and more will soon be available at Schoolcraft's main campus in Livonia.

While many community colleges offer university completion programs, the new "Schoolcraft to U" partnership is more than what others have offered, officials said. Both universities will offer classes on Schoolcraft's main campus in Livonia and online. The University of Toledo also will waive out-of-

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"Schoolcraft College is much more focused on helping its students become a bachelor's degree graduate," said Dr. Charles J. Jeffress, Schoolcraft's president. "We are excited because we believe we have the programs that give our students the best chance of success in the workforce."

The program will be available to students who are currently enrolled in a two-year program at Schoolcraft. Students will be able to earn credit for up to 12 semester hours of coursework at Wayne State and the University of Toledo. The program will be available to students who are currently enrolled in a two-year program at Schoolcraft.

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

Departmental tours
This fall the college is hosting a brand new series of tours to provide prospective students and their families with an opportunity to experience firsthand what it is really like to study at Schoolcraft College.

Nine departments, including the three public safety programs (Fire Technology, Police Academy/Criminal Justice and Emergency Medical Technology/Paramedic), Computer Graphic Technology, Sound Recording Technology, Manufacturing, Medical Assisting, Health Information Technology and Massage Therapy, will provide evening tours that include demonstrations by faculty members and current students.

Tours will be held at the facility that houses each program. For more information, including the complete schedule of departmental tours, and to register, visit the tours section of the college's website, www.schoolcraft.edu or call 734-462-4683.

Registration for CEFD classes Nov. 21
Final registration for the 2014 CEFD classes is now open. Classes are held at the college's main campus in Livonia, Haggerty between Six Mile and Seven Mile; the Radcliff Center in Garden City; the Public Safety Training Complex in Livonia; and online at www.schoolcraft.edu.

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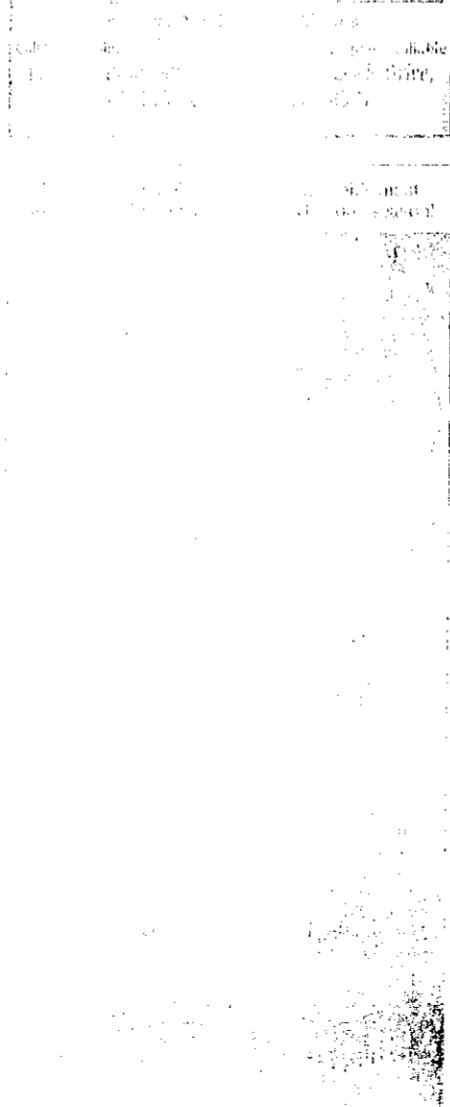
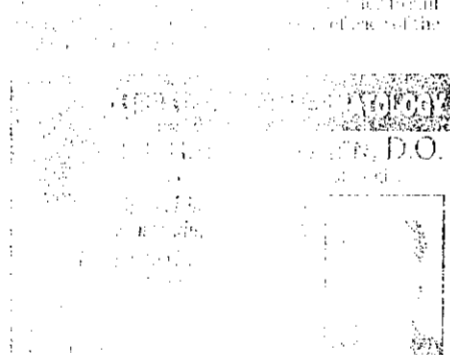
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PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF NOVI PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES

The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department of the City of Novi will facilitate a public hearing on Wednesday, November 20, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 Five Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48242. The purpose of the meeting is for the public to comment on the current and future development of the City of Novi. The City of Novi is currently in the process of developing the Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Community Review. The City of Novi is currently in the process of developing the Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Community Review. The City of Novi is currently in the process of developing the Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Community Review.



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Ex-State Dept. official seeks to unseat Bentivolio

By Paul Egan
Gannett News Service

Former U.S. State Department official Bobby McKenzie announced Oct. 24 that he will seek the Democratic nomination for Congress in Michigan's 11th District, which includes parts of Oakland and Wayne counties.



McKenzie

Republican incumbent Kerry Bentivolio of Milford already faces a GOP challenge from Birmingham attorney David Trotter and former Michigan Secretary of State candidate Jocelyn Benson is also consider-

ing running as a Democrat.

McKenzie, a Dearborn Heights native who lives in Canton, denounced Bentivolio as a "tea party extremist" and said Trotter, whose law firm deals in real estate and foreclosures, "made a fortune off the bankruptcies and foreclosures that have devastated our region."

Trotter spokeswoman Megan Piwowar said Trotter "is the only candidate with a record of creating jobs and we look forward to discussing how to best help the people of the 11th District in the coming months."

A message left with the Bentivolio campaign was not returned.

McKenzie, 39, said in a news release he has worked in counter-terrorism for the last 15 years, most recently with the U.S. State Department as a senior adviser.

If elected, "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 said.

He has a bachelor's degree in economics from Michigan State University and a master's degree in security studies from Georgetown University.

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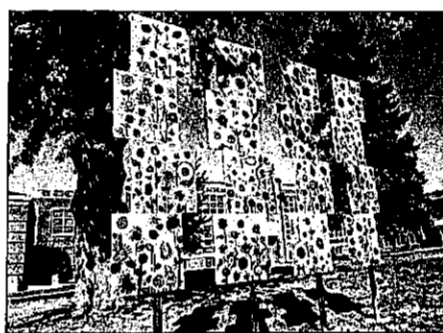
Walled Lake Schools continues art partnership with community

The Walled Lake Consolidated School District and the community of Walled Lake continue to work with community promoter Valerie Kemp to make various art projects in the community a reality.

The most recent district/community art installation is a sunflower mural currently on display in front of the Walled Lake Community Education Center on Pontiac Trail Road in Walled Lake. The mural was painted by second-, third- and fourth-grade students from Walled Lake Elementary. Each student painted a sunflower that is as unique as they are. The young artists were inspired by the sunflower fields in Walled Lake and from a sunflower garden at the school.

The boards for the mural were donated by The Corner Car Hop in Walled Lake, an anonymous donor contributed the painting supplies and the installation was done by the Walled Lake Consolidated School District.

"The students are so excited to have their artwork on display for the entire Walled Lake community to view and enjoy," said Lani Werner-Yuen, art teacher at Walled Lake Elementary. "It is very important for students to understand how artists can positively impact their community and instill a sense of pride, ownership and



This sunflower mural was painted by second-, third- and fourth-grade students from Walled Lake Elementary.

social responsibility."

The partnership between Walled Lake Schools and the community started this past summer with the schools participating in the Detroit Institute of Arts Inside/Out project (sponsored by the Knight Foundation). The project consisted of replicating paintings inside the DIA and placing them throughout suburban communities. A painting was placed on the Walled Lake Community Education Center for students and the public to enjoy for three months and four other paintings were placed throughout the city.

Students of the district also participated in the Walled Lake Photo Mural Art Project. Photographs of the faces of students and community residents (45 total) enjoying water were posted throughout the city. Walled Lake Schools

art teachers Cindy Scarpace, Mary Grosvenor and Andrea Novak volunteered their artistic talents to help paint the "Putting Walled Lake on the Map" mural located across from the public beach in downtown Walled Lake.

District art teachers also continued the DIA Inside/Out Project theme through the district's Summer Art Camp. Art teachers and students duplicated the Photo Mural Art Project as a sub-project and picked up the sunflower art theme (2011 Walled Lake Green Art project) by making clay sunflowers.

Another project that is currently underway comes from Jane Culling, Walled Lake Western High School art teacher. She is working with her advanced placement students to bring yet another piece of art to the city of Walled Lake in spring 2014.

Officials: No-fault worth the cost

By Christopher Behnan
Gannett Michigan

Auto-related medical claims cost Michigan insurers 57 percent more than similar claims in states that rely on courts to resolve them, making premiums 17 percent higher in Michigan, a new Citizens Research Council of Michigan report claims.

But both conservatives and liberals want to preserve Michigan's no-fault system, which was created 40 years ago this year to keep accident disputes out of courts, in some form.

The tradeoff is that personal injury protection, or PIP, coverage on auto policies guarantees unlimited coverage of auto-related injuries, they said.

The Citizens Research Council report claims repealing no-fault could create immediate savings.

It says average premiums sharply declined in Georgia, Connecticut and Colorado when they repealed their no-fault laws

and shifted to tort-insurance systems, or those that resort to courts to resolve claims.

"Studying these states can help Michigan policymakers assess what outcomes may occur if they were to repeal, rather than reform, no-fault insurance," the report states.

In all cases, no-fault insurance premiums in Michigan have been higher than those in other states, according to the report, which only explores no-fault medical costs.

The report found that Michigan's no-fault system has shown to pay claims more quickly and may allow accident victims to receive more timely and better treatment, however.

No-fault supporters argue the system may be more costly, but that the cost is worth covering all accident victims and keeping courts out of it.

Laura Appel of the Michigan Health & Hospital Association said it's unfair to compare Michigan's no-fault system

with other states, none of which has the unlimited medical benefit Michigan has.

New Jersey's insurance system, for example, would pay its maximum benefit of \$50,000 for the same accident Michigan's unlimited system could eventually pay \$10 million for, Appel said.

The center's report claims a major factor driving insurance costs in Michigan is use of auto policies as the primary source of accident-related medical care.

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No-fault supporters argue the system may be more costly, but that the cost is worth covering all accident victims and keeping courts out of it.

Those opposing the bills argue they would jeopardize the health of those critically injured in accidents.

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Veteran says military service 'made a man out of me'

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Veteran is a title George Leland wears proudly. A member of the "Greatest Generation," the 89-year-old Garden City resident served in the Army Air Corps during World War II and flew missions over Europe as a nose gunner on a B-24 Liberator Bomber.

He enlisted at age 18, fresh out of high school. He hitchhiked to Selfridge Field to enlist in the Army. His mom knew he was going to the airfield and "probably was glad I was going."

From there he went to the Michigan Central Depot and left.

He saw a lot of the western United States during his training and a good part of Europe from 30,000 feet. He received six bronze battle stars and a Presidential Award from the president of Greece, as well as a special diploma on the 58th anniversary of D-Day from the French government for his contribution to the liberation of the country.

"During World War II, everyone wanted to go into the service as soon as they got to be 18. There was a big war going on and they just wanted to go," he said. "If you volunteered, they gave you mother your diploma, if you had 'C' averages, I was already gone."

He went in 1943 and when he came out three years later, he was "awfully skinny," weighing

128 pounds and having a 26-inch waist.

"They called us the Yugo Boys, because we spent so much time at a crash landing strip in Zara, Yugoslavia, run by the British and Yugoslavian partisans," he said.

Wanted to fly

Leland wanted to serve in the Army. He wanted to fly. He didn't get to pick what he wanted to do, instead, he did exactly what he was told. He criss-crossed the western United States with his training, stopping in places like Shepherd Field in Texas, "the hell hole of the world."

He learned about bombs at armament school, went to gunnery school in Fort Myers, Fla., and got to meet his crew in Caspar, Wyo., before they picked up their plane in Topeka, Kan.

The pilot was given an envelope on the runway, telling them where the plane was going. Leland was hoping Europe. They flew to Bangor, Maine, and then to Gander, Newfoundland, where he was given another envelope. "I still thought we were going to England, but when we landed in the Azores, I knew we were going to Africa," he said. "The fighting was just over in Africa and they were opening up the air bases. We flew to Italy on bomb missions."

Even though it's been almost 70 years, he rattled off a list of bombing missions over places like Vienna, Graz and Klagenfurt, Austria; Prague, Czechoslovakia; and



George Leland holds a photograph of himself, taken while he was serving in the Army Air Force during World War II. He was a nose gunner on a B-24 Liberator Bomber and flew 25 missions over Europe. BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

"We had close calls on every mission because while you were flying, they were shooting at you."

GEORGE LELAND
World War II veteran

Regensburg, Germany. He also flew on some missions over France and a lot over Italy, mainly hitting aerodromes, oil fields and marshaling yards.

"Moos Niederbayern was the roughest," he said. "It was a visual target; we had to make four passes before we could drop the bombs. We had close calls on every mission because while you were flying, they



George Leland's collection includes six bronze battle stars for Rome Arno, the North Apennines, Po-Vally, Rhineland, Central Europe and Air Combat Balkans. BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

were shooting at you." But the worst part of it was the cold. The plane flew at 28,000 to 30,000 feet. It had heated seats, but they "didn't work." The temperature was minus-50 degrees.

"When it's that cold, you can't keep warm," he said. Formations of seven Leland was with the 460th Bomb Group, 762nd Bomb Squadron, 15th Army Air Force. The bombers flew in formations of seven planes. There were stops on the gun to keep the gunners from shooting their own planes and they were careful not to shoot their own bombers, although "there were some lost to friendly fire and from bombs dropping through the formations." Planes that were shot up sometimes crashed into other planes.

The P-51 fighters were the bomber crews' "salvation."

"They were the greatest thing we had," Leland said. "The saved many bombers' lives. We had the Tuskegee Airmen as an escort, but you didn't pay attention to who was flying with you, just that they were there."

The crew on his plane was fairly young. The oldest was the navigator, he was probably in his middle to late 20s.

"I think I was the youngest," Leland said. "Most of the gunners were 18, 19 years old. The smallest guy was gunner

in the ball turret." For the bomb crews, the day started at 5 a.m. with breakfast, followed by the briefing, where they find out where they were going. A truck would take them to the flight line, where they'd talk to the ground mechanic and check the guns. Leland had one extra assignment. He was the armor gunner and had to check the bombs.

Planes would take off in 30-second intervals and, when they reached 10,000 feet, he would pull the pins and arm the bombs. He didn't go into the bomb bay until he knew the mission was a "go."

When they returned to base, planes with injured had first priority to land, followed by damaged planes. On the ground, they were met with a table with a bottle of whiskey on it.

"After 3 1/2 hours in a turret, you weren't in good shape," Leland said. "We were supposed to get four ounces of whiskey, but everyone got more."

"They were given rations to eat on the plane, but no one had time. However, the four cigarettes in the ration were smoked."

Back home Leland returned to the U.S. in March 1945, having completed 25 bomb missions. He received a 30-day leave, the only one he ever had, to go home, before reporting to the

Santa Ana Convalescent Hospital. He eventually was sent to Fort George Wright Convalescent Center in Spokane, Wash., before receiving a service-related discharge because of a lung problem Oct. 31, 1945.

Sitting and listening to her husband, Delores Leland admitted there's a lot she didn't know about his time in the service.

"He doesn't talk about it much," she said. "They 'bumped into each' in Detroit and started going together. They married and lived in Detroit and Hazel Park before moving into their starter home in 1953. They are still in that home 50 years later."

"She says I was nice, but I was a little wild," Leland said. "For me, it was much harder adjusting to getting out than going in. I loved it going in, but when I came out, there was no one telling you when to eat, when to bathe and go to bed. There was no regimentation."

Looking back 70 years ago, he admits that it wasn't easy, but the experience helped him. "It made a man out of me, it made me very independent," Leland said. "All the guys in World War II were Depression kids. They had a different outlook than today. They figure no one owed them anything."

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CITY OF NOVI VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO SERVE ON CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Notice is given that the Novi City Council will be interviewing applicants for appointment to the following Boards & Commissions:

- Beautification Commission
- Board of Review
- Election Commission
- Historical Commission
- Housing & Community Development Advisory Committee
- Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Commission
- Library Board
- Zoning Board of Appeals

If you are a registered voter and interested in volunteering to serve on a City Board or Commission, information about the various Boards and Commissions is available at www.cityofnovi.org or at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375. (248) 347-0456.

The deadline for filing an application (available on the website or at the City Clerk's office) is Friday, November 22, 2013. All applicants will be required to be present at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, December 2, 2013 in the Council Chambers to be interviewed by City Council. All City Council meetings are televised.

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Maryanne Cornelius, City Clerk



This is the crew Lawrence Witt served with during World War II.

Author tells of dad's World War II ordeal

Lawrence Witt lived his entire life within miles of his Detroit birthplace. He was a family man, a faithful Ford employee and an avid gardener. Yet, for many decades, no one knew his story. Family and friends did not know that he served with the Army Air Corps during World War II. They did not know that his plane was shot down over Germany and half his crew killed. They did not know that he was once a prisoner of war. These topics were never discussed.

But Witt's eldest daughter, Laura Edge, was curious and began

digging into her father's past. She interviewed her dad's surviving crew mates, his fellow prisoners of war and his forced march companions. She sent for military records and pored over the letters her father sent home from war. The result of Edge's research is now published in the book *On the Wings of Dawn: American Airmen as Germany's Prisoners*.

This account of survival follows Witt and five of his crew mates through their narrow escape from a fiery, out-of-control B-17 bomber to their poignant return to freedom after 11 1/2 months of captivity

in German stags and as participants on a brutal forced march. This book reads like an action-packed novel, but is meticulously researched and documented. Edge's account of the POW experience at Stalag Luft IV, the Black March and Stalag 357, is accurate in every detail.

Those interested will be able to meet Edge 1-2:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 23, at the Next Chapter Bookstore and Bistro in downtown Northville. She will be available to share her research journey and to sign her book.



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LOCAL EVENTS

DEMOCRATS MEETING

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Tuesday Nov. 19

Location: Novi United Methodist Church, 4167 W. 10 Mile

Details: Mark Schauer, candidate for governor, will address a meeting of the Democrats of West Oakland County. Meeting is free and open to the public. Snacks provided, pizza may be purchased.

Contact: www.mysdensinfo

BLOOD DRIVES

Time/Date: 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12

Location: St. Mary Mercy Hospital

Contact: To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE or visit redcrossblood.org.

Appointment sign-ups are also available in the hospital cafeteria. Walk-ins are accepted, but appointments are preferred.

CARELINK LECTURES

Transitions—Life After Treatment group

Time/Date: 5:30 p.m. on second and fourth Mondays

Location: Providence Park Hospital's Assarian Cancer Center, Second Floor Conference Room, 47601 Grand River Avenue, Novi

Details: If you have recently finished cancer treatment or have been out of treatment for a while and would like to connect with other survivors, please join this informative discussion and peer support.

Contact: Jenny Bailey at 248-465-5466

FRIENDS OF ISLAND LAKE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. fourth Tuesdays (except December)

Location: Island Lake State Recreation Area headquarters at Kensington and Grand River Avenue

Details: Meetings are open to any interested individual. The group's purpose is to support, enhance, protect and promote the natural, historic, & recreational features of the park and the Huron River by increasing awareness of the park's assets through the education and outreach activities, encouraging and facilitating communication and cooperation between diverse users of the park and its staff, organizing volunteers and stewardship activities and fundraising through contributions and grants to support these initiatives.

Contact: www.islandlakefriends.org

BEREAVEMENT MEETING

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. third Tuesdays

Location: Novi Civic Center (10 Mile between Taft and Novi roads)

Details: Led by Michael M. Meyer, D. Min., goal is to give each participant an opportunity to share their story.

NAMI METRO

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. second Tuesdays

Location: Providence Park Hospital, Novi

Details: Family support group meetings.

Contact: For more information, or questions, contact NAMI metro at 248-348-7197 or visit http://www.namimetro.org.

WOMANHEART OF NOVI

Time/Date: 7 p.m. fourth Wednesdays

Location: Providence Park Hospital, Novi

Details: For women with concerns about cardiac health to share information and sisterhood at monthly meetings.

Contact: Sharon Mallon, 248-348-5189.

SUBURBAN COLLECTION SHOWPLACE

Location: 46100 Grand River Ave, Novi

Phone: 248-348-5600

Web: www.suburbanshowplace.com

NOVI PET EXPO

Dates: Nov. 15-17

Details: The 10th annual Novi Pet Expo offers pet lovers and families from across the region a wonderful opportunity to interact with adoptable animals and learn more about the responsibilities of pet ownership, training and health care.

There will also be hilarious pet contests and dazzling feats of dog-daring, as well as a large shopping area for fans of pets who run, jump, fly and swim. Admission is \$10 for adults; \$5 for children ages 6-12, free for children 5 and younger.

Contact: www.NoviPetExpo.com

CHRISTMAS WONDERFEST

Dates: Dec. 5-8

Details: Christmas Wonderfest is modeled upon traditional European Christmas Markets, offering seasonal shopping for gifts and holiday treats, and also

NOVI COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Believe



Macy's kicked off its Believe holiday campaign Nov. 1 with fireworks and Santa at Macy's Oakland in Troy. More than 1,000 people standing outside (and many in cars around the mall) were given red Santa hats and glow bracelets. Santa and Mrs. Claus arrived in a horse-drawn carriage along with William, the 7-year-old Make-A-Wish representative. Shown are Sarena Chiridon, 11, and Sawyer Chiridon, 7, of Novi with the Clauses. Macy's Believe campaign supports Make-A-Wish. By writing a letter to Santa and mailing it in-store by Dec. 24, Macy's donates \$1 for each letter mailed in store, up to \$1 million.

featuring special activities and thrills for youngsters, including a special North Pole area for Santa visits, holiday crafts, indoor carnival rides, and more seasonal fun for treasured family memories.

BUSINESS NOVI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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

TAX SYMPOSIUM

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Location: Sheraton Detroit/Novi Hotel, 21111 Haggerty Road

Details: Southfield-based law firm Maddin, Hauser, Wartell, Roth & Heller P.C. will host its 22nd Annual Tax Symposium. The program, attended by tax professionals, including certified public accountants, will include a series of presentations made by firm attorneys.

LOCAL BUSINESS NETWORK MEETING

Time/Date: 8:45-10:15 a.m. first and third Wednesdays

Contact: To RSVP, call 248-349-6225 or 248-685-9226.

AMERICAN BUSINESS WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Time/Date: 6:15-8:30 p.m., second Wednesdays

Location: DoubleTree Hotel, 42100 Crescent Blvd., Novi

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

NORTHVILLE-NOVI BUSINESS NETWORKING BREAKFAST

Time/Date: 7:30-9 a.m. first and third Tuesdays (except November and December, which are just the first Tuesday)

Location: Kerby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty

Details: Business networking focused on building relationships. The Sunrise Networking Group, LLC (www.sunriseNETWORKINGgroup.com) is a group of about 250 business leaders who help each other to build more business by referring people to each other. Breakfast is \$10.

Contact: Fonda Milana, 586-232-3009 or fmlana@sunrisefi-

METRO NOVI BNI

Time/Date: 7-8 a.m. every Wednesday

Location: On the Border Restaurant, 21091 Haggerty (north of Eight Mile), Novi

Details: BNI is a structured networking environment for professionals. The Metro Novi BNI team members are committed to providing bona fide referrals. Members learn how to create and refine an "elevator speech," develop a network of other business professionals in the community and receive training/education on networking more efficiently. Guests are invited free of charge. Continental breakfast provided.

Contact: Contact Julie Paquette at 248-797-6655 or juliepaquette67@gmail.com; www.metronovibni.com.

LIBRARY LINES

WALLED LAKE LIBRARY

Location: 1499 East West Maple Road, Walled Lake

Contact: 248-624-3772

HUD COUNSELING

Time/Date: 5-8 p.m. first Mondays

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

Book Discussion Group

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. first Thursdays

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

CLUBS

NOVI ROTARY CLUB

Time/Date: Noon every Thursday

Location: Novi Methodist Church 41671 W. 10 Mile

Details: Lunch is \$10 to meeting. Visitors welcome. Check website for speaker information: novirotable.org.

NOVI PUBLIC LIBRARY

Location: 45255 W. 10 Mile

Hours: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday; 1-5 p.m. Sunday

Details: Unless noted below, all programs take place at the library. Register for programs at the library or on the website.

Contact: 248-349-0720

Web: www.novipubliclibrary.org

Story Times: Please see the

library website or story time brochure for details.

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

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Tuesday

Details: Meet with an OLHSA (Oakland Livingston Human Services Agency) staff member for support with Medicaid, food or cash assistance, foreclosure assistance and many other human services. Call the OLHSA office at 248-209-2683 to make an appointment.

Knit Zgether Knitting Circle

Time/Date: 10-11:30 a.m. every Thursday

Details: If you have a leaning toward knitting or any of the related handcrafts (crocheting, needlepoint, embroidery, etc.) Knit Zgether Knitting Circle just might be your cup of tea. Skill levels range from "newbie" to "expert."

No instructor; no registration. Bring your gear; your enthusiasm, your questions, and your stories. And, of course, attendance is free.

NOVI TOASTMASTERS CLUB

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., every first and third Tuesdays

Location: Novi Civic Center, Activities Room, 45175 W. 10 Mile, Novi

Details: Novi Toastmasters is a community-based club, part of Toastmasters International. The group helps all develop and refine their public speaking and leadership skills. Members also have fun while building confidence in day-to-day communications and mentoring toward professional and personal excellence. Guests are welcome. Visit www.novi.treetoasthostus.com.

NOVI LIONS CLUB

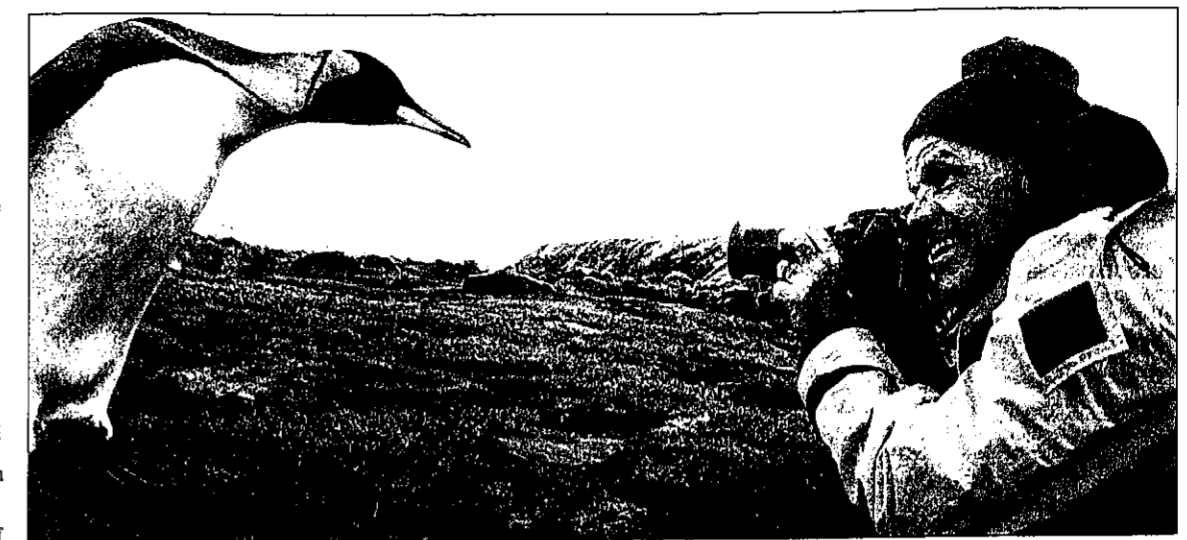
Time/Date: 6 p.m. social; 6:30 p.m. meeting starts; second and fourth Wednesdays

Location: Leo's Sports Bar & Grill Restaurant, lower level, 40380 Grand River, west of Haggerty. Visitors are welcome, dinner is from the menu. Novi Lions is part of Lions International, the largest service organization in the world. The purpose is to serve the blind and the community. Principal activities are fundraising for Leader Dogs, Penickton Center for Blind Children and other blind charities along with fundraisers for high school scholarships.

Contact: Lita President Ron Martin, 248-173-1156, or Secretary Ed Kramer, 248-348-2747.

World traveler to hit library, tell tales of Antarctica

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer



Steve Jochmans of Northville Township photographs one of the penguin species native to Antarctica during his visit.

Steve Jochmans of Northville Township is a retired Northwest Airlines pilot and U.S. Navy pilot. Since his 2006 retirement, Jochmans and wife Jody have been able to travel, including to Antarctica twice.

"My focus is visiting unique and fragile environments," said Jochmans, 62. "Antarctica was at the top of that list."

He visited with a National Geographic trip both in 2009 and 2012 and will share slides and his experiences at a program at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 21, at the Novi Public Library on 10 Mile east of Beck. It's a Friends of the Library Kaleidoscope presentation.

"I'm going to show close encounters with the wildlife," he said, including the three types of penguins in Antarctica. He has video and pictures of orca whales and will show images of humpback whales, too.

Attendees will also see images of ice floes and mountains of Antarctica. Jochmans will show images of old whaling villages and factories where ships would come in the late 1800s and early 1900s.

"They would basically use cables to drag whales onto the shore," and all parts would be processed, he said. "It was an assembly line process."

Travel has increased for the couple in recent years. "I've always been traveling, but the majority of the traveling has occurred in the last seven years," said Jochmans, who has a 32-year-old son, a high school physics teacher who lives in Baltimore.

Jody battles breast cancer after a 2011 Stage II diagnosis, going through chemotherapy

and radiation.

"She's very proud of it," he said. "Everything's fine. It's like a new chapter in her life. She's a real role model. She just tackled breast cancer head-on."

In lieu of a speaker fee, the Novi library will make a donation to the American Breast Cancer Society for the couple. Jochmans has done other presentations and doesn't take a fee, but does ask for the donation where possible.

"I do it simply out of my love of traveling," he said of his presentations. "A lot of my pictures are very personal" and people will often want to travel, asking, "How do I get there? What do I do? This is a trip anybody could do."

He found National Geographic trip information online. "It's not like a cruise, but it's not rustic either," he said, comparing it to the cable channel of the same name. "I just enjoy what they do and how they do it."

Other trips were to the Arctic, three safaris, New Zealand twice, the

Swiss Alps, the Galapagos Islands and Alaska three times. He's just back from Nepal, where he hiked Mount Everest.

When both spouses worked, it was hard to synchronize vacations, but in retirement that's easier.

Jody was a General Motors manager for 30 years at Willow Run. When home, they enjoy swimming, biking and running. Both volunteer at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia. Jody in the image recovery area that helps with wigs and other appearance help for patients, Steve in pre-op post-op twice a week.

"We like going down to downtown Northville," he said, for Friday night summer concerts and parades. "It's a very unique downtown area. We enjoy it."

Trips for 2014 include Belize and its barrier reef for kayaking and snorkeling, as well as a longer trip to Australia.

"We are very blessed, we count our blessings," he said. "Especially with my wife's breast cancer, we've appreciated it even

more."

He's working on other group presentations, including Nepal and the

Galapagos Islands.

For information on the Nov. 21 presentation, call the Novi library at 248-

349-0720. Reservations are encouraged.

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IN AND AROUND NOVI

Nov. 15-18: 10th annual Pet Expo

The Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi will present the 10th annual Novi Pet Expo, Nov. 15-17. This super fun family event is a celebration of all furry, feathered and finned family members, featuring dozens of pet rescues with adoptable pets from across the region, plus dazzling displays of agility from Rock N Roll K9 and Classic K9 Performance Groups, The International Cat Association Show, The American Rare Breed Association Dog Show, Splashy Dock Diving with Ultimate Air Dogs, training advice from Bark Busters, Sit Means Sit and other area trainers — and a sprawling Pet Expo Super Store by Premier Pet Supply of Beverly Hills.

Hours are noon to 8 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Friday is Senior Day; admission for those 60 and over is \$5. Admission all weekend is \$10 for adult, \$5 for children ages 5-12 and free for those younger than 5.

"This year at the

Novi Pet Expo we are launching an important new fund raising campaign to support the rescues that attend the show," said Blair Bowman, owner of the Suburban Collection Showplace and the Novi Pet Expo. "We will be gathering donations from the public at several locations on the show floor and matching them, dollar-for-dollar. At the end of the show on Sunday, we will be selecting two of the participating pet rescue nonprofits from the expo to split the proceeds. The Novi Pet Expo plans to continue this program for 2014 and years ahead, with two different rescues being featured each year. It is one way we can provide ongoing support for the important work that rescues perform for our community."

Nov. 23: Festival of Trees

The 2013 Banks-Dolbeer Historic Home Festival of Trees live and silent auction fundraiser will take place 6-9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 23, in Stonecrest (207 Liberty Street, downtown Walled Lake). Sponsors have provided decorated trees,

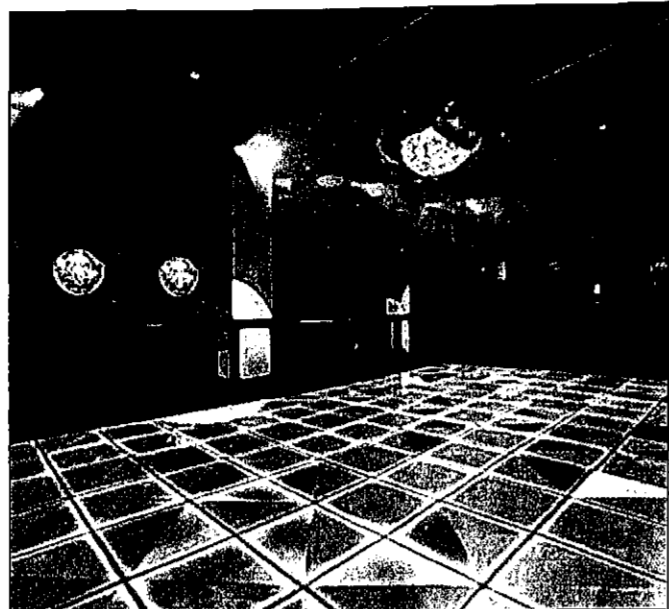
wreaths, centerpieces, swags and garland. The themes range from holiday, seasonal and nature. A large assortment of other items is provided in time for holiday shopping. Live music, door prizes, refreshments and wine-tasting are included at the event.

The public may also participate in the silent auction during the week. Stonecrest will be open 1-8 p.m. Nov. 20-23.

On Wednesday, visitors may create their own holiday cards provided by Bev Robertson's Stampin' Up. On Thursday, sample tea and cakes by The Plum Door Loose Leaf Tea Co. of Milford and Buttercream Bake Shop of Wixom. Take home a bunch to share with family and friends. On Friday, kids may visit Santa and decorate their own holiday cookie. Bring your camera.

In 1997, The Banks-Dolbeer Historic Home, formerly known as the Foster Farmhouse, was saved from the wrecking ball and through grass-roots efforts was moved to a city park. The original log foundation dates back to 1833 and the present Greek revival and Italianate-style architecture was completed in 1858. The Banks family were northern sympathizers and participated in the Underground Railroad. Their daughter, Dr. Sarah G. Banks, graduated from the first graduating class at the University of Michigan Medical School in 1878.

All auction and weekend event proceeds will benefit the restoration of the Historic Home for reuse as a local history museum and community cultural center. For more information, visit www.walledlake.com or call 248-624-4847.



Stayin' Alive features a 640-square-foot LED dance floor.

New Stayin' Alive club brings back disco vibe

Novi's new Stayin' Alive night club opened Nov. 2 to packed crowds, who danced the night away in the night club located inside Lucky Strike and Liquor Store in the Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk complex.

Lucky Strike Entertainment's new venue captures the spirit of the '70s, '80s and '90s in an energized dance club atmosphere featuring a 50-foot full-service bar and a massive disco ball hanging above a 640-square-foot LED dance floor.

Guests can also get the VIP treatment by reserving the glassed Shag Room for private events or tables on the outdoor patio overlooking Fountain Walk. Stayin' Alive is a creative collaboration between Lucky Strike Entertainment and Vladimir Mir-

kovich, who will serve as the night club director.

"We had a blast working with the team at Lucky Strike Entertainment in developing exciting, new nightlife concepts here in Michigan and I can't wait for everyone to come out and dance the night away at Stayin' Alive," Mirkovich said. "We're going to have themed nights and talented DJ D-Trip spinning music from the '70s, '80s and '90s in a really sleek and classic setting. It's going to be the go-to spot for nights out with friends, bachelorette and bachelor parties, birthdays and more."

Stayin' Alive will run from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. each every Friday (\$5 cover) and Saturday (\$7 cover).

"We're so excited to bring this high-energy and spirited concept of

Stayin' Alive to metro Detroiters and provide them with a new experience on the nightlife scene," Lucky Strike co-founder and CEO Steven Foster said. "It captures the hip, retro essence with a modern take that Lucky Strike Entertainment's events and venues embody. We've had a fruitful collaboration on other projects with Vladimir and we're looking forward to Stayin' Alive catching fire and spreading throughout the rest of the country."

Entrances will be through Lucky Strike or through the West Entrance near Emagine Movie Theatre on the second floor of the Fountain Walk Complex (4417 S. 12 Mile Road, Novi). For reservations or for more information, please visit <http://stayinalivenovi.com>.

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Novi shop one of five new Peet's locations

By Frank Witsil
Gannett News Service

PEET'S COFFEE & TEA

Founded: 1966
History: Alfred Peet, a native of Holland, moved to the U.S. after World War II and opened a coffee shop in Berkeley, Calif. The shop became a gathering place for devotees who called themselves Peetniks. Peet sold the business in 1979. It changed hands until it was purchased by German company J.A. Benckiser for about \$974 million.

Headquarters: Emeryville, Calif.
CEO: Dave Burwick

CARIBOU COFFEE

Founded: 1992
History: After a trip to Alaska, John Puckett and his wife decided to open a coffee shop in Edina, Minn., a suburb of Minneapolis. They sold their interest in the company in 1998 for \$10 million to Arcapita, then Crescent Capital. In 2012, J.A. Benckiser bought Caribou for about \$340 million.

Headquarters: Minneapolis
CEO: Michael Tattersfield

Peet's Coffee & Tea, which was a forerunner of Starbucks, is set to open this month in seven former Caribou Coffee outlets in metro Detroit.

Dave Burwick, Peet's president and CEO, described the experience of visiting the shop as if it were a seduction. "All the senses will be aroused," he said, describing the sound of grinding beans, the rich aromas that fill the air, the creamy milk that gets steamed — and the taste and feel that leaves customers yearning for more. "People who appreciate great food and great beverages are Peetniks."

Five shops — in Novi, Royal Oak, Shelby Township, Rochester Hills and Commerce Township — opened Monday, while two — in Grosse Pointe and Ann Arbor — debut Nov. 18.

In April, Caribou Coffee announced it would

be leaving Michigan, converting some stores to Peet's and closing others.

A few licensed shops, however, will remain.

The German private equity firm, J.A. Benckiser, bought both Peet's and Caribou last year.

But the changeover from Caribou to Peet's

Caribou is pulling back to Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, western Wisconsin, Iowa, Kansas, North Carolina, the Denver area and a few international markets, while Emeryville, Calif.-based Peet's is expanding.

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involves more than changing the name outside.

The coffee and ambience of each chain is distinctive — and in many ways, the shops are going from rustic to refined.

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Coffee at Peet's tends to cost a bit more than

Caribou, but is made by hand. The stores have a more modern look than the Caribou shops, with hardwood and tile floors, and customers expect high-quality gourmet coffee.

By the middle of next year, Peet's expects to have about 300 stores nationwide.

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Peet's Coffee & Tea opened seven Michigan locations Monday, including this one in Novi at 47490 Grand River Avenue. JOHN HEIDER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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Coffee at Peet's tends to cost a bit more than

Caribou, but is made by hand. The stores have a more modern look than the Caribou shops, with hardwood and tile floors, and customers expect high-quality gourmet coffee.

By the middle of next year, Peet's expects to have about 300 stores nationwide.

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NOVI NEWSMAKERS

Frederick Schlemmer

Gov. Rick Snyder announced seven appointments, including Frederick Schlemmer of Novi, to the newly formed Commission for Logistics and Supply Chain Collaboration.

The commission was created under Public Act 76 of 2013, signed in June, which replaced the Michigan Supply Chain Management Development Commission that was within the State Department of Treasury.

Schlemmer is the chief financial officer of SteelPro, a family of companies in the steel transportation and warehousing industry. With SteelPro, he has directly

negotiated the acquisition of two companies and has developed a business case model for two other potential acquisition candidates. He previously worked for Air International Inc., STM Power Inc., Bossal North America, Car-O-Liner Corp. and Nissan Motor Corp. Schlemmer has a bachelor's degree in economics from Hope College and a master's of business administration degree from Michigan State University. He will serve as the nominee of the Senate Majority Leader.

The seven-member commission is housed within the Michigan Economic Development Corp. and will advise state agencies on freight

transportation and supply chain management issues. It will also work with local, state and regional governments and the Canadian government concerning economic development, trade and commerce, transportation, and industrial affairs related to supply chain management. Members serve terms expiring at the pleasure of the governor and their appointments are not subject to the advice and consent of the state Senate.

Lawrence Millman

Novi businessman Lawrence Millman, CPA, of Grant Millman & Johnson, PC, Certified Public Accountants and Business Advisors, has

become a community partner of the southeast Michigan program of Leave a Legacy.

Founded in 1997, the southeast Michigan program of Leave a Legacy is a public awareness campaign conducted by the Planned Giving Roundtable of southeast Michigan to inspire people to make charitable bequests, a type of planned gift to be distributed sometime in the future to a charity meaningful to the donor. Leave a Legacy is a national broad-based community campaign that involves all types of nonprofit groups and is conducted by professionals who assist donors with charitable estate planning.

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NOVI BUSINESS BRIEFS

GamePlay opens at Novi Town Center

GamePlay in Novi Town Center has opened. GamePlay buys, sells and trades video games, game systems and game accessories. It also sells next generation, current generation and retro games, systems and accessories. The store has a video game pod setup for people to come in and test play games. The store is offering free membership cards through Nov. 16.

"GamePlay adds another dimension to the overall mix of stores for all audiences here," said Jim Clear, Novi Town Center general manager. "As one of the premier locations for video games and accessories, Novi Town Center shoppers now have a place to go for all their video gaming needs."

GamePlay phone is 248-344-1445 and the website is www.gameplay.com. Store hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday.

Novi Town Center is located on the northeast corner of Novi Road and Grand River Avenue.

Cooper Standard reports 3Q results

Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc., a supplier of automotive sealing, fuel and brake, fluid transfer and anti-vibration systems, announced financial results for the third quarter and nine months ended Sept. 30. The company has updated its previous financial guidance for the full year.

"During the quarter we delivered solid year-over-year revenue

growth and EBITDA margin," said Jeffrey Edwards, chairman and CEO, Cooper Standard.

The company reported revenue of \$764.1 million for the third quarter of 2013, compared to \$684.0 million for the third quarter of 2012. The 11.7-percent increase in sales was driven by strong volume increase in North America, market share gains in Europe and notable sales increases in all other regions of the world. In addition, the company's acquisition of Jyco Sealing Technologies provided \$11.9 million of incremental sales.

Gross profit for the quarter was \$115.0 million or 15.1 percent of sales, compared to \$103.1 million or 15.1 percent of sales for the third quarter of 2012.

The increase in gross profit was driven primarily

by increased volumes in all regions and favorable impact of lean savings, partially offset by customer price concessions, higher staffing costs and other expenses.

The company reported net income of \$20.3 million or \$1.08 per share on a fully diluted basis in the third quarter of 2013, compared to \$10.4 million or \$0.44 per share in the third quarter of 2012. The improvement in earnings per share was primarily the result of lower restructuring costs and lower share count driven by the second quarter 2013 share repurchase.

Net income for the nine months ended Sept. 30, was \$66.3 million, compared to \$110.3 million in the same prior year period, which included a one-time \$48.3 million tax valuation benefit in the United States.

Catching up on tech buzz

If a tree falls in a forest and nobody is there, it still makes a sound — especially if it has its Facebook account.

Recently, Facebook rolled out its new search feature to the global community. In doing so, it set everyone's past private posts to public. Awesome.

To make sure your past posts and future posts stay private, log on to Facebook, click on account settings and change your security to make your past and future posts private. It only takes about 30 seconds to change and can spare you some embarrassment from having the wrong people see the wrong posts. Of course, this Facebook change is another teachable moment in why nothing you want kept private should ever be posted to a social network.

Twitter plans IPO

Meanwhile, the social network everyone thought was a fad is now planning an IPO. And it probably couldn't come at a better time. As of this being written, Facebook's stock is nearing its 52-week high of \$50.99 per share, while LinkedIn is hovering around \$25 per share. LinkedIn's 52-week high is \$25.56 and its 52-week low is \$9.75.

Reports show Twitter plans to raise about \$1 billion with its initial offering. Impressive for a company that is only 7½ years old. Twitter now has an estimated 200 million or more users — including the Pope, who joined in September. It also offers some interesting multimedia, including free NFL instant replays courtesy of Verizon Wireless, as well as universal emergency alerts.

Make your home smarter

I've written about Nest Labs extensively in this space thanks to a pair of smart thermostats that allow owners to control the temperature of their homes from their phones. Nest thermostats are full of modern features that save time and energy for users. Now Nest has done it again with an advanced smoke alarm called Nest Protect.

The Nest Protect (\$129) is a smart smoke alarm that can also be controlled by a mobile

device. The smart smoke alarm will send alerts to phones when a battery needs to be replaced, instead of chirping. Moreover, if the Nest Protect senses steam or smoke from cooking or taking a hot shower too long, it will ask you if everything is OK, instead of buzzing and freaking out your family members, pets, neighbors and anyone within a square mile.

When there is smoke, Nest will use a combination of mobile, visual and phone alerts to tell you where the smoke is. The new Nest Protect can be preordered at Nest.com and comes in black and white.

Apple iPhone hacks

The new Apple iPhone 5s has a fancy finger print scanner and it only took about 10 days for hackers to discover how to break in. It turns out a picture of the user's fingerprint or a cat's paw can both be used to hack into someone else's phone. So I guess the moral of the story is, if you are a phone burglar, make sure to befriend some cats.

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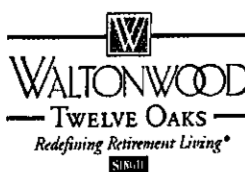


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"Why All the Household Dust?"

I'm 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. My new we've all heard the statistics: 50% of all illness is a direct relation to dirty indoor air and our indoor air is up to 90 times more polluted than outdoor air. Yet, 90% 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 parking the dust out 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.

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

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

Could air returns also be the reason new homeowners are experiencing dust. While 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 house. To prove it, take a walk down into your basement, look up at the

ceiling for thin sheets of tin nailed between your floor joists. Between these joists, give them a good pounding. You'll see piles of dust seeping out of the edges that my friends, in the season you have uncontrollable dust problems!

This debris cannot be removed without a professional. Which brings me to my next point: choosing an actual cleaning company. Most companies use portable units, which are like a shop vac that you would vacuum your car with, obviously a 3-4-10-15-20-cups.

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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When asked what sets you apart from your competitors Keith says "The best service is number one, equipment is number two, I know the importance of being on time, working with a smile, and respecting people's homes and their belongings." There are a lot of duct cleaners around but not around that will receive the same quality and service we expect American Power Vac to family owned and were here to help by offering a

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Location: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile... Contact: 248-669-9400, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or visit www.crosspointemeadows.org... Sunday worship: 11:15 a.m. Bible study classes: 10 a.m. for all ages

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Location: 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia... Contact: 248-349-2345 or visit www.emmanuel-livonia.org... Women's Bible

First Baptist Church of Northville

Location: 217 N. Wing... Contact: 248-349-1020... Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Thursdays... Men's Bible Study: 9 a.m. first Saturday of every month

First Baptist Church of Novi - Family Integrated Church

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

First Church of the Nazarene

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

Sidewalks needed for revised Novi condo project

Councilman insists they be included by developer



A developer is planning on putting new life back into a dormant property, which Novi City Council member Andrew Mutch is glad to see, but he first wants the project to add some sidewalks. Robertson Charneff Fen LLC is proposing to alter the previously approved site plan and unit style for the Charneff Fen attached condominiums, originally approved by the Novi City Council in 2003. The property is located on the

struction of the site infrastructure and roadways and had also completed one building (five units) of the previously approved 27-unit plan before the site was acquired by a new owner, according to Barb McBeth, Novi's deputy director of Community Development. Mutch voiced his concerns about the new plan because it doesn't take into consideration adding sidewalks. The original plan didn't require them and it was suggested that walking in the street would be fine, but he didn't agree and said it was unacceptable that this wouldn't be considered. "This is a high-density area and there is a need," Mutch

said of adding sidewalks. He added this is particularly important for seniors and children that may end up living in the neighborhood. It was agreed upon that the developer would work with city staff to add sidewalks to the project, from the consent agenda at the council's Oct. 28 meeting because of the importance he saw in it. As far as he is concerned, Novi is placing more emphasis on walkability since the original decision was made to approve this condo development. The new developer has proposed a total of 25 units (including the five already constructed) using altered building footprints and slightly

altered site layout (using the previously constructed roadway), along with revised elevations and floor plans. The revised plan has deficient front yard building setback (Novi requires 7.5 feet, but there is 6.4 feet provided) as well as deficient front yard parking setback (7.5 feet required and 6.5 feet provided). The council approved the developer's requests for a Revised Special Land Use Permit and Preliminary Site Plan. Planning Commission previously approved the requests. Huhman@hometownlife.com 248-437-2011, ext. 255 Twitter: @huhman

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ASHER, RICHARD A.

Age 59, passed away Nov. 7, 2013. He was born on April 14, 1954. Richard is survived by his wife Janine Asher; daughters: Jessica Kerry, Rose Perugia, sons: Chris and Matt Asher; grandson Mason; Mother-in-law Janet Groom; Mother Marge; brothers: Jerry, Ron (Bevly) Asher, brothers-in-law: Tom Green, Martin Green; sisters-in-law Charlotte (Brian) Fullerson, Rick was a great husband, father, grandfather and friend and will be greatly missed. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

BOHN, BETHANY ANN

Died October 15, 2013. Beloved mother of Lucas, Loving daughter of Charles and Joetta Bohn. Fond sister of Anita Bohn, Bonnie (Ross) Willett, Juanita (Chris) Gee and Matthew (Wendee) Bohn. Aunt of Christopher, Brian, Clayton, Boie, Alexis Gee, Dayne Bohn, Madison Bohn and Gabrielle Griffin. She will be missed by many family and friends especially her Bell Neighborhood in Chicago. Bethany grew up in South Lyon and graduated from South Lyon High School in 1984. Funeral services were held at St. Benedict Church and interment at Roselife Cemetery, both in Chicago. In lieu of flowers, donations to a trust for Bethany's son Lucas Bohn. Checks payable to: Charles Schwab. Send to: Krista Linn, Curators, 4000 Management 150 S. Wacker Dr., Suite 3200, Chicago, IL 60606

KROLICKI, RICHARD

of Milford and formerly of Detroit, died on November 9, 2013 at the age of 87. Richard was born on September 20, 1926. After graduating from Chabrey High School, Richard enlisted in the Navy at the age of 17. Upon returning back from the service, Richard married the love of his life, Virginia (Tarek) in 1947. Richard had a long and successful career at Henry Ford Hospital, where he began working as a boiler operator in 1948, and retired after 44 years of service as Vice President of Corporate Facilities for Henry Ford Health System. His cherished wife, Virginia, preceded Mr. Krolicki in death in September of this year. He is survived by his loving children, Linda (David) Roszel, Alton (Regina) Krolicki, Richard (Andrea) Krolicki, Susan (Michael) Ross, Diane (Neil) Belgiano, John (Kathleen) Krolicki, Carol (Michael) Twigg, nineteen grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, a great-grandchild due in November. Other survivors include sisters Marge Connell, Lucille (Anders) Krolicki, and Geri Krolicki, as well as many extended family members and dear friends. A Memorial Mass was held at St. Mary Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church, Milford, on Wednesday, November 13, 2013. For further information, please contact Lynn & Sons at 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynnFuneralDirectors.com

POLICICCHIO, PAUL JAMES

On the evening of Tuesday, November 5, Paul passed away in the comfort of his home surrounded by his beloved family at the age of 63. Paul was a leader to service workers, a bright voice to his friends and an embodiment of love to his family. Paul's greatest joys were experienced with his family as a proud husband and father. He provided his wife Michon and three sons experiences and memories that they cherish. Paul battled pancreatic cancer for nearly two years with strength, determination and dignity that impacted all around him. Paul was born outside of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania to John and Jane Policicchio. Richard (Andrew) Krolicki, Richard (Andrew) Krolicki, Susan (Michael) Ross, Diane (Neil) Belgiano, John (Kathleen) Krolicki, Carol (Michael) Twigg, nineteen grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, a great-grandchild due in November. Other survivors include sisters Marge Connell, Lucille (Anders) Krolicki, and Geri Krolicki, as well as many extended family members and dear friends. A Memorial Mass was held at St. Mary Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church, Milford, on Wednesday, November 13, 2013. For further information, please contact Lynn & Sons at 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynnFuneralDirectors.com

REDMAN, RICKIE

Age 61, passed away October 28, 2013. He was born on March 3, 1952, in Northville, to Cleah and George (Thomas) Redman. He enjoyed being outdoors, working in the woods, cutting firewood, and fishing. He loved being with his wife, grandchildren and family. He was known for being witty, funny and his sense of humor. Rickie is survived by his wife of 43 years, Sharon; children: Tracy (Jared) Moseley, Aaron (Regina) Redman, Adam (Alaina) Redman; his mother Georgia Redman; 9 grandchildren: Carter, Curtis, Shelby, Riley, Everett, Wyatt; siblings: Verna Hatfield, Kenny (Linda) Redman, Doug (Kathy) Redman, Troy (Johnna) Redman; and many nieces, nephews and friends. He was preceded in death by his father, Cleah Redman, on Oct. 21, 2004. Visitation was held on Oct. 30, Wednesday, from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. A funeral service was held on Oct. 31, Thursday, at 11:00 a.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, 122 West Lake Street, South Lyon. Pastor John Anshush officiated. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

BIASE, MAXINE M.

Age 92, of Greenock, Connecticut passed away November 5, 2013. Maxine was a talented and creative artist and writer. She will always be remembered as a loving and devoted step-mother, sister, aunt and friend. She is survived by her loving sister, Doris "Lod" (Bob) Baker, her step-son, Tom (Cathy) Biase and family, her niece, Pat (Larry) Mason and many loving nieces nephews and friends. She was preceded in death by her husband James Biase. A funeral Mass will be celebrated on Monday, November 18, at 11:30 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 830 S. Lafayette, South Lyon, MI 48178. Online guestbook at www.phillipsfuneral.com

D'ALESSANDRO, JOYCE

June 23, 1940 - November 4, 2013. www.obrienullivanfuneralhome.com

FAAS, WILLIAM H.

Age 75, passed away November 4, 2013. He was born on May 2, 1938, in Detroit, to the late Henry Robert and Gabrielle (Vanderheide) Faas. He enjoyed archery and was a long-time member of The Detroit Archers Club. He was a Navy Veteran and a life member of the Boy Scouts of America. He is survived by his loving wife of 56 years, Susan Faas; children: Ellen Wright, Eric Faas, and Nicholas Faas; and his loving wife of 56 years, Susan Faas; children: Ellen Wright, Eric Faas, 3 grandchildren: Zoe, Ava, and Keith. He was preceded in death by his daughter Julie Holcomb, and brother Robert Faas. Visitation was held on November 5, Friday, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. with a funeral service following at 3:00 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. Online guestbook at www.phillipsfuneral.com

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January 18, 1922 - October 30, 2013. www.obrienullivanfuneralhome.com

TRESIK, DONALD H.

Age 82, passed Nov. 10, 2013. Visitation: Nov. 14, 3-9pm. Funeral: Nov. 15, 11am. Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon.

WILLIAMS, LOIS

September 11, 1925 - October 29, 2013. www.obrienullivanfuneralhome.com

BLACKER, THOMAS R.

Age 60, passed away November 3, 2013. He was born on August 14, 1953, in Detroit, to the late Alma and the late Douglas Blacker. He was a devoted and loving husband, father and grandfather. Thomas will always be remembered for his honesty and loyalty and for always doing the right thing. He was an excellent provider to his wife and three children and his adoring grandson. Thomas was respected by his friends and work colleagues. He was a history buff and loved something about everything. He enjoyed many rounds of golf, accompanied with the occasional gourmet and loved to play with his brothers and his son, Eric. He loved to ride his motorcycle and was fascinated with airplanes. On his 60th birthday, his family arranged for him to ride in a B-17 bomber. The same airplane his father was a gunner in during WWII. He is survived by his beloved wife of 35 years, Lisa; his loving children: Adam (Rachel), Eric, and Laura Blacker; his grandson, Gavin and one grandchild, Brielle expected in February; and his mother, Alma Blacker. Thomas is also survived by his siblings: Carol (Jeff) Johnson, George (Carole), David (Laurie), Nancy (Bret) Popp and by many nieces, nephews and loving friends. He was preceded in death by his father, Douglas Blacker. Visitation was held on Wednesday, November 6, from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. A funeral service followed at 4:00pm at Phillips Funeral Home, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. Online guestbook at www.phillipsfuneral.com

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PEARSON, AL

Passed away November 10, 2013 at the age of 71. He was born February 3, 1942 in Oswego, Kansas to Alfred and Gladys (Overmyer) Pearson. He is the beloved husband of 51 years to Patricia and dear father of Wendy Short, Alfred Guy Pearson and Carol (Jim Carothers) Pearson. He is the dear grandfather of James Wood, Coleman Wood, Thomas Short, Justin Pearson, Joshua Pearson, Cheyenne Pearson, Alfred Guy Pearson Jr., Isiah Pearson, Natalie Pearson, Ashley Pearson and Nicholas Pearson. Dear brother of Earlane Levi, George Pearson and the late Linda Goritz. Al was a resident of Lyon Township for the past 13 years, previously of Plymouth. He founded his own company when he was 18 years old, most recently known as Pearson and Son Excavating. The business, located in Plymouth, was primarily a well repair and Septic Tank company; they also did asphalt work. He was a member of the Livonia Lodge #536 F&AM. Al raised, trained and raced harness horses. At one time he farmed 1100 acres in and around South Lyon and Plymouth and owned the Pumpkin Patch at Napier and N. Teritorial Road. Al was also a licensed Pilot. But his greatest joy in life was his family. He especially loved being with his grandchildren, which he would play and joke with even after he was wheelchair bound. Funeral services took place Wednesday, November 13, 2013, at the Schneider-Howell Funeral Home, 2nd S. Main St., Plymouth. Pastor Fred Hill of Plymouth Church of the Nazarene officiated. Burial at Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth, followed the Funeral Service.

McGUCKIN, LUISEAN

December 23, 1946 - October 28, 2013. www.obrienullivanfuneralhome.com

SOAVE, GUISEPPE

January 18, 1922 - October 30, 2013. www.obrienullivanfuneralhome.com

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Grid of church listings for Brighton, Milford, Novi, Walled Lake, Whitmore Lake, Highland, South Lyon, New Hudson, Northville, and Livonia. Each listing includes church name, location, contact info, and service times.

OUR VIEWS

Getting out in the field

Hunter safety should be No. 1 priority on eve of opening day

By now you may have heard the tragic story of an Indiana man who died last week after a hunting accident.

Timothy Bowers, a 32-year-old father-to-be, kissed his wife goodbye on a recent Saturday afternoon, just like he often did during hunting season, and went out into the woods. But, as Bowers climbed up to his tree stand for an afternoon hunt, he fell some 16 feet to the ground and shattered his spine. When he awoke in the hospital, doctors told him he would be paralyzed for the rest of his life and could no longer breathe on his own. Faced with such a bleak prospect, he chose to be removed from life support and died shortly thereafter, surrounded by family, leaving behind his wife, pregnant with the couple's first child.

The horrible tale is a reminder just how dangerous hunting can be. It's especially pertinent considering tomorrow, Nov. 15, is opening day for firearms deer hunting season in our state.

For the next two weeks, the vast woodlands of Michigan will be crawling with a virtual army of hunters, who will be taking up the annual tradition that still runs deep for a great many of our residents. Opening day, and deer hunting in general, is a part of our culture here in the Great Lakes State. It's a big deal, especially in more rural areas, where many businesses and even whole school districts will close opening day, because so many take to the woods in search of the elusive white tail.

Hunting is also big business. According to state officials, deer hunters contribute more than a half billion dollars of economic activity annually. That includes buying hunting equipment, staying at hotels and so much more. In fact, the state estimates 5,300 jobs are supported by the deer hunting economy alone.

According to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, of the more than 700,000 hunting licenses sold in 2012, nearly 600,000 people took part in the firearms deer season, which runs Nov. 15-30.

As such, it is so important that the hunting community recognizes the dangers associated with the sport. Hunter safety should be at the top of the priority list as people head out to deer camp and prepare to enter the field.

Each year in Michigan, there are usually around a dozen serious accidents, including a few fatalities. Considering so many people will be going into the woods toting along high-powered rifles and other firearms, it is amazing that there are not more accidents.

But the Bowers incident shows the dangers of hunting extend beyond shooting accidents. It is imperative hunters understand and practice safe hunting methods to avoid becoming a statistic, particularly when hunting with a firearm.

The DNR's website (www.michigan.gov/dnr) lists some safety tips that every hunter should keep in mind. Here are a couple of the basics:

- Before you go on your hunting trip, let a family member or friend know where you are hunting and when you plan on returning.
- If you plan on hunting on someone else's land, always be sure to get permission from the property owner and, if obtained, make sure they know when you will be there.
- Always treat every firearm as if it is loaded. Always point the muzzle in a safe direction and always keep your finger outside the trigger guard and off the trigger until ready to shoot. Be certain of your target and what's beyond it.

All firearm hunters must wear clothing made of "hunter orange" that consists of at least 50 percent of the surface area. The hunter orange must be visible from all sides.

Do not carry a loaded weapon as you climb up or down from an elevated stand. Falls are one of the fastest growing injuries to sportsmen and women.

Never hunt while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

It's not a bad idea to visit the DNR's website for more safety tips and other pertinent hunting information.

We realize hunting season is a special time for many of our readers. To all you hunters, we wish you luck. Perhaps this is the year you will bag that big buck. But please, be safe. Coming home in one piece should be your No. 1 objective.



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COMMUNITY VOICE

Are you a hunter and, if so, what do you look forward to on opening day of firearms season?

This question was asked to customers at Gander Mountain in Novi.



Mark Fink
Livonia



Jeff Klein
Howell



Bradley Baker
Livonia



Brian Henning
Livonia

"I am and I look forward to the whole experience of getting outdoors in the crisp air and seeing nature."

"I hunt and, hopefully, I see some deer. Maybe a buck, but at least something."

"Yes, I'm a hunter. It's 95 percent preparation going into opening day. Getting out in the woods and enjoying God's creation, spending time with the guys. And if you get a deer, that makes it 100 percent of an experience."

"I do hunt. It's about nature and time alone with God. It's also about getting away from the busy world."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Kuzdak family's appreciation

The children and grandchildren of Richard A. "Allstar" Kuzdak would like to acknowledge with grateful appreciation our family and friends, the Hospices of Henry Ford Detroit, Gary Lepak, general manager, and chef Jamie Fleissner and staff of Tanglewood Restaurant; Matthew Sheffler and staff of Phillips Funeral Home; and the Rev. Stan Tokarski and attendants of St. Joseph Catholic Church of South Lyon for their services, caring, guidance and support during our time of loss.

Karen Belliveau
Novi

Walled Lake bond kudos

On Nov. 5, the Walled Lake Schools community approved the Safety, Security and Technology Bond for the Walled Lake Consolidated School District and we are humbled by their support.

On behalf of the Board of Education, I want to thank each and every resident who participated in the election. I also want to thank the Citizens Committee for Walled Lake Schools who worked tirelessly on this effort.

This bond was a parent-driven initiative led by Mr. Tim Lynch and Mrs. Stephanie Kaplan. They deserve the utmost gratitude and admiration, as they led a true grassroots campaign that reached out to the whole community. Everyone who served on the Citizens Committee demonstrated absolute dedication and commitment.

Kenneth Gutman
Superintendent of W.L. Schools

Give others Novi education opportunity

Novi High School is one of very few schools in Michigan that is not a school of choice. If a student in another city wished to attend Novi Community Schools, they would not be allowed. Novi's schooling system is an incredibly good one and that opportunity is not given to many.

According to test results of the MME, Reading & MME Mathematics, the Novi school district is ranked as the 10th best school district in all of Michigan. There are 34 school districts in Michigan that are a school of choice.

Novi should be a school of choice to those who choose. More opportunities should be made available to those who wish to attend Novi schools. If we don't make this possible, how will students feel about Novi or its school policy? We should work to make Novi school district a choice for those in a lesser community.

Lilly Roush
Novi

Texting and driving deadly

It's about time that everyone in Novi took a crash course to be able to see the dangers of texting and driving. Texting and driving is not worth the danger it creates on the road. When you text and drive, you not only put yourself in danger, but every other car that passes, turns and even stops in front of you. I believe the education of the consequences that the staff of Hebrew Memorial Chapel provided at Paradise Park race track Oct. 13 was very much needed to help stop texting and driving.

Every year, about 330,000 of

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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ers. Anything that you can do would help, no matter how small the contribution. I hope that you will join me in the quest to improve the importance placed on academics.

Dane Holst
Novi High School student

As I am sure you and many others have noticed, there is a large amount of invasive plant species in Novi. Just walking out my backyard, I can see garlic mustard in my yard. I have started to clean it up, and I hope for others to do the same.

After picking garlic mustard for just two days, I have noticed a large difference. Novi is a beautiful city, and I hate to see it ruined by invasive species.

Some may think it is not a big deal, but the city of Novi has identified six invasive species: Purple Loosestrife, Common Reed, Tree of Heaven, Multiflora Rose, English Ivy, and Garlic Mustard. That number is far too large a number to have in a city like Novi.

In the entire state of Michigan there are only 40 invasive species, and in just a small portion of the state we have six of them.

The people of Novi can do something, however. If everyone would just chip in a little and clean up their neighborhoods, or volunteer on weekends, then we could have this problem solved within a year. If everyone just chips in a little, then we will accomplish a lot.

Anthony Rose
Novi

Adopt a dog or cat

Each year, millions of dogs and cats in the United States receive death sentences. Frequently these animals end up on death row through no fault of their own. They are released to shelters because of family situations that make it impossible for their owners to care for them.

Unfortunately, animals are often euthanized simply because shelters don't have enough resources or space. Pet adoption presents a way to save these animals.

Shelters offer prospective owners healthy pets that have been fully vaccinated. Many have already been spayed or neutered as well. While in shelters, these animals receive medical examinations that often include a screening to determine the type of new home that would provide the best fit. Many animals have even received extra socialization in foster homes. Also, shelters are a great alternative to purchasing a dog from a pet store because it's less expensive and pet store dogs may come from puppy mills where dogs are bred in horrible conditions. This can result in puppies with health problems.

Please consider adopting a shelter animal. You will save a life and enrich your own because pets offer companionship and stress relief. It may be easier than you think since most shelters have web sites where you can begin your search. Also, available pets are often showcased at area events. Don't wait to rescue your very own four legged package of unconditional love. Your new furry friend will thank you for it.

Katie Telder
Novi

Too much spent on athletics
The amount of money spent on sports in Novi is much higher than the amount of money that is spent on education. Some teachers don't have tissues in the classroom. Not only is this a health issue, due to the buildup and spread of bacteria, but it is just sad. Tissues don't cost too much at all, yet I still walk into classrooms and there are none. Yet we spend time out of our educational time to support the football team in pep rallies.

The amount of money in the newspaper spent on sports is higher, too. The education section is only two pages long and has advertisements all through it. The sports section gets a cover page in its own separate insert and three full pages.

The millage renewal is another example of this imbalance. Proposal 2 is the recreation millage, where the money, over \$1 million, goes just to recreational areas like sports fields and grounds. Proposal 1 is the operating millage, where nearly \$18 million goes to all of the Novi school district, which is then divided among the separate schools, then among the programs, which includes athletics. By the time it is boiled down very little of the overall millage goes purely to academics.

In order to become part of the solution, not part of the problem, we can all participate in activities like science fairs or spelling bees or math Olympiads. Even if you don't want to actually compete, you can still visit them. It costs a small amount of money to enter, which can help. If you find these types of things boring, then you could even go to school-sanctioned academic fundrais-

Adaptive Martial Arts and Hoedown

The city of Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department has partnered with the Family Self Defense Center and Oakland County Parks to host adaptive recreation programs. An introductory Adaptive Martial Arts class will take place 5:30-6:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 18. The Adaptive Hoedown will take place 6:30-8:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 22. Both programs will take place at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 10 Mile.

Novi residents and non-residents age 8 and up are invited to join the staff of the Family Self Defense Center in a class designed to accommodate those with physical disabilities, including veterans. The PSDC promotes a friendly and safe environment and has been chosen as a Top Five Isshinryu Dojo in the country by the Karate Hall of Fame five years consecutively. If the introductory martial arts class is well-received, a regularly scheduled session will be added.

In addition to a great interactive opportunity, the Adaptive Hoedown for individuals 18 and older with developmental disabilities will encourage movement and fun. Music and refreshments are included. The cost is \$8 per person before Nov. 15; \$10 after. Chapters pay the same price. Registration forms are available for download at destinationoakland.com and can be mailed with payment to 27725 Greenfield, Southfield, MI 48076. Registration is also accepted by phone at 248-424-7081.

UPDATES FROM CITY OF NOVI

Workshop on Affordable Care Act

The city of Novi, together with the Health Insurance Consumer Assistance Program, is offering a free information workshop for those interested in learning more about the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and its impact on the older adult population. The workshop will take place at 10 a.m. Monday, Nov. 25, at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 10 Mile.

This workshop will provide a facts-only explanation of the ACA sections already in effect and provide a preview of what's to come when the remainder of the law takes effect in 2014.

Although the program is free of charge, pre-registration is required at the city of Novi Older Adult Services Office, located inside the Novi Civic Center or by calling 248-347-0414.

Palette & Brush Club to display artwork

The city of Novi is partnering with Palette & Brush Club to showcase numerous artworks including oils, watercolors, glass and mixed media and more in the Novi Civic Center Atrium Gallery (45175 10 Mile) through Dec. 27.

To learn more about the Palette & Brush club, visit paletteandbrush.org. The artwork included in the exhibit will be available for purchase.

Overwhelmed by technology?

Tech Talk classes, offered by the Health Insurance Consumer Assistance Program, are designed just for those 50 and above who want to become more tech-savvy. Classes held 6:15-8:15 p.m. each Monday at Novi Civic Center (45175 10 Mile).

Each class includes a presentation and hands-on session featuring new technology being used today.

Cost per class is \$15 per resident and \$18 per nonresident. Pre-registration is required for each class online at cityofnovi.org or at the Novi Civic Center. Upcoming topics include iPhones and iPads on Monday, Nov. 18.

Light Up the Night

The city of Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department will host the fourth annual Light Up the Night craft show 6-9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6, at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 10 Mile.

The cost per vendor space is \$30 and includes a table and two chairs. Additional tables may be purchased for \$15 each.

Mini ride



Melissa I. Boyd rides her carted miniature horse Sam I Am, during the opening day Nov. 8 of the Suburban Collection Showplace's Equestrian Show. The three-day event featured everything possible for the horse lover and owner and lots of seminars for those raising and riding horses. The show even had a Sunday morning inter-denominational equestrian-based church service in the show's main ring. JOHN HEIDER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Electricity will also be available for an additional \$5 cost. Crafters and vendors will keep all proceeds from the event. Interested crafters should complete an application, which can be found via www.cityofnovi.org or at the Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department, located inside the Novi Civic Center.

Limited vendor space is available and the deadline to submit an application is 5 p.m. Nov. 18. Applications will be considered by the Light Up the Night Committee and vendors will be notified of acceptance by 5 p.m. Nov. 19. Full payment is due by Nov. 25. If payment is not received, the vendor space will be immediately released to another vendor.

In addition to the craft show, the Light Up the Night event includes family entertainment, photo opportunities with Santa, live reindeer, crafts, and more holiday fun.

For more information, call 248-347-0400 or visit cityofnovi.org



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Mustangs crush Wildcats in district final

Northville gets best of fifth Baseline match, outscored Novi 75-36

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

It was a rubber match to determine a district champion and whose volleyball season would continue and it was lost Northville which would get the victory. In a Nov. 7 district match at Northville, the No. 6 Mustangs (48-12-1) defeated No. 5 Novi (35-10-1) for the third straight time in the past week, after having lost both dual matches to the KLAAs champion Wildcats earlier in the fall.

Behind a blistering 24 kills, 12 digs and two aces from senior Symone Abbott - who will continue her career in the Big Ten Conference with Northwestern University - the Mustangs knocked off the Wildcats 25-12, 25-15, 25-9.

"We're fortunate to have a Division I outside hitter and, as she matures, her game just keeps getting better," Northville coach Amanda Yaklin said. "We won the serve/serve receive game to



The Wildcats bench players get to their feet after their team scores a point against the Mustangs. JOHN HEIDER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

day. If we win the serve/serve receive, it gives us a good chance to finish a lot and they absolutely executed.

"Thank you to the super fans who come out. They're really the seventh man out on the court." With a thunderous Northville student section, Novi met an emotional end to a season with high hopes. "It was a great season and it's hard

to finish this way," Novi coach Jen Cottrill said. "They played great, Northville played great and they were ready for us. It was tougher for the team to not have us there the last two weeks of the season (due to a maternity leave), not only at games, but at training and practices. Hats off to Northville. They played awesome." The Wildcats found themselves in

deep holes all night, with the most alarming being a 13-1 deficit to start the second set after falling behind 20-9 in the first set.

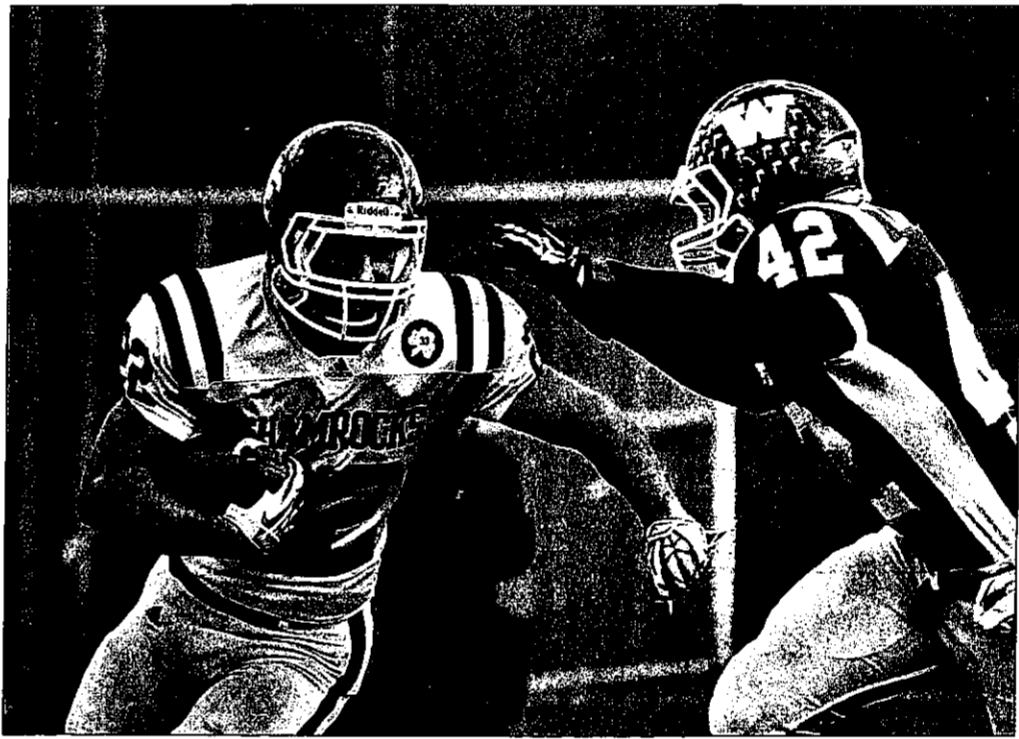
Novi kept things closer in the final set at 9-9 before being outscored 16-6 to end the season.

"They just played their system," Cottrill said. "They serve and pass well so they can get Symone the ball and get her opportunities to score. And we didn't pass well, so we were out of system at times, sending her free balls. And she's an amazing player and impossible to stop."

The Mustangs' big win went well beyond Symone and a spirited "seventh man," as both junior Olivia Boineau and senior Olivia Landis had seven kills, senior Katherine Boss had 19 assists, senior Rachel Zawodny had 18 assists, senior Julia Colasanti had 13 digs and senior Cassidy Minghine had four aces.

"I think we're fortunate to be healthy and peaking at the right moment," Yaklin said. "They definitely came together as a team in the last

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Senior running back Connor Holton added 80 yards rushing on 18 carries for Catholic Central. DENNIS BARNES

South Lyon gets best of Baseline tankers

Northville places second, Novi sixth at conference meet

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

The Baseline brethren from Novi's and Northville's girls swim and dive teams competed in the KLAAs Kensington Conference meet last Friday and Saturday at South Lyon East, but it was the host South Lyon Unified team (2-1, 2-1-1 Central) that won the conference crown with 914 points.

The Mustangs (9-0, 4-0 Central) finished second with 817 points and Novi (2-7, 0-4 Central) was sixth of 11 teams with 437 points, as the very competitive Central Division's five teams all landed in the top six.

"This was a tough loss," Northville coach Brian McNeiff said. "Headed in to prelims, we really thought that we could win but, unfortunately, South Lyon swam better than us and we lost. Our girls did everything I asked them to. Just about everyone dropped time in their events and we had some amazing swimmers."

The Mustangs crowned two conference champions, with Andrea Meister winning the 1-meter dive at 409.70 points and Laura Westphal

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Shamrocks roll to district title

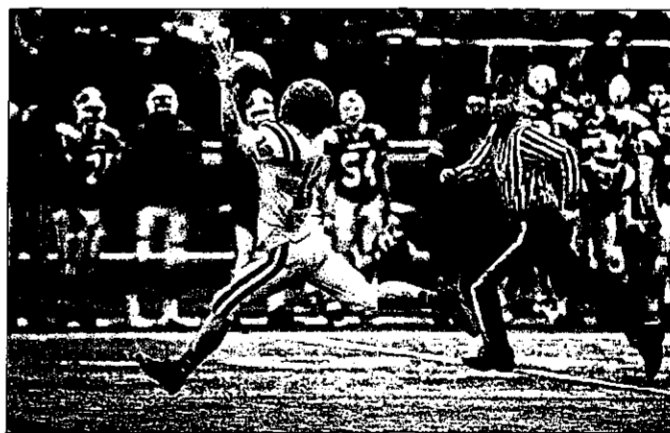
Gridders now heading to regional game against Temperance Bedford

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

Why, yes, Virginia - Detroit Catholic Central can throw the football. The Shamrocks, who typically bring a run-heavy offense to each and every game, used a few aerial attacks to put up a win over Walled Lake Western last Saturday, 37-27, and advance in the Division I state playoffs.

The victory, which gave the Shamrocks the district title, found Tom Mach's team throwing 10 times in the first half alone - a remarkable occurrence if you're a follower of the Catholic Central program.

The Shamrocks scored on a long 33-yard pass in the second quarter, when senior quarterback Sean Birney hit senior Zach Bock as he raced down the sidelines for the score and a 14-7

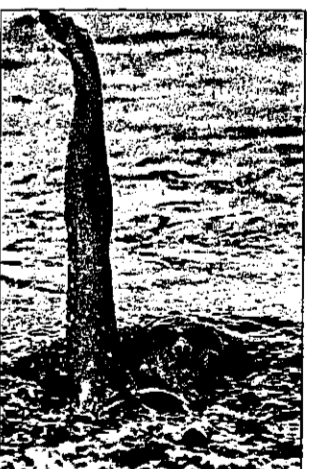


Alexander Bock hula one in for CC against W.L. Western. DENNIS BARNES

advantage over the Warriors. Another passing touchdown in the second quarter also went to Bock, but not Zach. Instead, Birney connected with sophomore Alex Bock on a 64-yard pass that put Catholic Central up 28-14 at half-time.

"We were extremely happy with our team's effort and competitiveness," Catholic Central assistant coach Mi-

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According to head coach Annette VanderMey, Novi's Emily Mayoras "swam her heart out" during the KLAAs conference meet. Mayoras is one of five Wildcats headed to the state finals. JOHN HEIDER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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Northville gets 12 all-KLAA gridders, Novi receives six

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

It was a successful year for the Northville football team, as evident by the school's first-ever Kensington Conference championship and unofficial KLAA title.

That success was reflected in this year's all-KLAA team, as the Mustangs, who finished 9-2 on the season, were honored with 12 players.

Novi, which finished the year 4-5, was honored with six players on the all-KLAA team.

Both schools earned four honorable mention nods as well.

Novi had three seniors, two juniors and a sophomore named to the all-KLAA team. Seniors earning places are Mark Ryan (linebacker), Austin Racicot (linebacker) and Bepin Serraj (offensive line). The juniors are Steven Davis (offensive line) and Jalen Ward (tackle), while the lone Novi sophomore — and one of just two on the entire all-KLAA team — is Emanuel Jackson (tackle).

For Northville, seven seniors and

five juniors were chosen for the all-KLAA team, which sported 70 players.

Seniors earning nods this year are Joey Hewlett (quarterback), Zach Wilds (kicker/punter), Nick Stegmeyer (wide receiver), Sean Conway (wide receiver), Takuo Chiyo (defensive line), Jake Cheslik (defensive back) and Dimitri Angela (left guard).

Juniors are David Moorman (right tackle), Lee Moore (inside linebacker), Zach Graham (left tackle), Jack Ernst (inside linebacker) and Kevin Bak (defensive back).

Novi's honorable mention players are Matt Sabo (safety), Marshall Sayles (fullback), Keaton Figurski (linebacker) and Christian Durham (safety).

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Hockey classes for youths

The Novi Ice Arena (42400 Nick Lidstrom Drive) has skilled instructors gearing up to teach hockey to boys and girls in the 4-14 age group — everything from putting on hockey equipment, to taking their first shot on goal and working in a team environment — in their upcoming "Learn to Play Hockey" classes.

This program is for kids who have a basic knowledge of skating. It will be broken into two sessions of nine classes

each, running 6-6:50 p.m. each Wednesday. Session 1 runs through Jan. 22 (no classes Nov. 27, Dec. 5 or Jan. 1). Session 2 runs Jan. 29 to March 26. Sign up for both sessions now and save with a discounted price.

The emphasis of the class is to create a fun and challenging environment for players to learn the beginning stages of balance, skating in equipment and stick handling. Each skater will receive a hockey jersey as a part of the class, but will be required to have their own hockey equipment.

VOLLEYBALL

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week or so and it definitely shows on the court."

With the full onslaught of a healthy Northville team, Novi was unable to serve up any aces on the night as senior Belle Glancy led the team with nine kills and 10 digs. Senior Emily Robb set up 19 assists and junior Jordan Massab tallied 17 digs, while senior Brooke Laney added five kills and seven blocks.

"They're a great group," Catrill said. "They're a lot of fun to coach. (The seniors) had three varsity coaches over the past four years, so they've had a lot of inconsistency. They did a great job leading the team in our absence. They're a great team and will be hard

to replace."

Two teams had both come off strong semifinal victories one night prior. Northville defeated Canton 25-18, 25-16, 25-20 and Novi beat Plymouth 27-25, 25-23, 25-14.

A solid 31-assist performance by Robb led to 14 kills by Glancy and eight kills by Laney in the Novi victory, which was accompanied by 22 digs from Emily Jennings and 10 digs from Glancy.

Meanwhile, Northville moved on to Class A regional semifinal at Novi against Fenton (41-16-4) in hopes of returning to the Wildcats' home court at 7 p.m. tonight to face either Brighton (25-10-0) or Lakeland (18-9-2) for the regional title and a spot in Tuesday's state quarterfinals at Fenton.

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

FC Pride champs



Vardar South, an under-13 boys soccer team, recently captured the FC Pride Cup for the second straight year, capped by victories over the PS C Impact from Ohio (4-0) and MWC Alliance '00 (4-1). Team members include (front row, from left): Eric Schulte, Novi; Ethan Lakatos, Westland; Ryan Gorman, Novi; Gavin Brose, Canton; Daniel Kohut, Novi; Christian Hajjar, West Bloomfield; and Ilija Iadic, Ontario; and (back row, from left) Tyler Piper, Westland; Sam Clifford, Dearborn Heights; Hesham Moez, Farmington Hills; Griffen Fenton, Ontario; David Hiser, Farmington Hills; DaVion Page, Detroit; Justin Soltes, Ontario; Kelsey Turner, Northville; Josh Butkevitch, Westland; Oliver Zhao, West Bloomfield; and coach Slobodan Pavlovic, Novi.



CC's Sean Birney hit senior Zach Bock as he raced down the sidelines for the score and a 14-7 advantage. DENNIS BARNES

SHAMROCKS

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chael Mach said. "It was a hostile environment at Walled Lake Western against a very capable opponent. Walled Lake is a good football team that kept the pressure on us all day."

But it wasn't just the passing game that got on in the scoring. The Shamrocks' defense, which held the high-powered Warriors to 360 yards, scored when Zach Bock scooped up a fumble and bolted 15 yards for a touchdown. Zach Bock also added a 66-yard run for a touchdown.

"The Block brothers were

huge, accounting for four of our five touchdowns today," Mach said. "Sean Birney, our quarterback, is such a confident and poised kid who relishes the big moment. Without him, we don't win this game and we aren't playing for the regional title."

"Connor Holton, our tailback, is just so solid and so steady and once again set the tone for our offense from the first series."

Offensively, the Shamrocks put up 453 yards of their own, including 129 from Birney's passing, while senior Dylan Roney had a 2-yard touchdown run and 83 rushing yards. Holton, a senior, added 80 yards on 18 carries.

"Fortunately, our team kept

responding every time they got within striking distance in second half," Mach said. "The defense made some timely stops and forced a couple turnovers, including one for a touchdown. Offensively, we had some longer drives, but also some big plays when we needed them and they came from our key players, which is what you need this time of year."

Walled Lake Western's standout quarterback, Kyle Bamard, completed 13-of-19 passes for two touchdowns and 178 yards while rushing for another 105 yards.

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ON TAP

Detroit Catholic Central will be taking on an undefeated opponent when it heads to Temperance Bedford at 7 p.m. Friday to take on the Mules.

The Shamrocks (9-2) are familiar with Bedford, having participated in a four-way scrimmage with it prior to the start of the regular season. The Mules bring a dynamic option offense that is known for spreading the defense and then punching out some big plays. That's how they've piled up an 11-0 record thus far.

The Mules have scored 455 points (41.4 per game average) this year while allowing just 156 points (14.2 per game) against. The closest game of the season for the Mules came last week against Saline (9-2), when they won by just seven points in a 36-29 decision.

The Shamrocks are no slouches on either side of the ball. On offense, they've put up 321 points (29.2 per game) and have held their opponents to just 125 points (11.4 per game). Only two teams have scored 20 or more points against them: Brother Rice (11-0) with 28 and 20 points during the regular season and Walled Lake Western (9-2) last week with 27.

TANKERS

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winning the 500 freestyle in 5:01.78. Westphal wasn't alone in the 500 free, as teammate Alissa Moore took fifth in 5:12.18.

As far as top-five finishes at the conference meet, Northville had at least one swimmer land in the top few spots at every event, while Novi had top-five finishes in three events.

The Wildcats were led by Lauren Kim, who was fifth at 1:09.86 in the 100 breast stroke. Plymouth Salem won in 1:05.12, while a pair of Mustangs — Sarah Lohman (1:07.42) and Lauren Jazembowski (1:08.92) — took second and third, respectively.

Several Mustangs saw individual success, but fell just shy of conference titles. Moore took second in the 200 free (1:55.52) behind Livonia Stevenson's winning time of 1:53.90, while Westphal was second in the 200 individual medley (2:07.30) behind Salem's winning time of 2:05.76.

Nicki Pumper took third in the 100 free (54.08) and fourth in the 100 back (1:01.31) for Northville, while South Lyon won both events in 53.68 and 56.12 seconds, respectively.

The Mustangs' Kelsey Macaddino took third in the 100 butterfly (59.53) and fifth in the 50 free (25.06), while South Lyon won both of those events in 55.18 and 24.57 seconds, respectively.

Both Novi and Northville saw solid performances from their relay squads. Although Stevenson won the 200 free relay in 1:39.00, Northville (Gillian



A quintet of Wildcats will be representing Novi at the upcoming high school state finals (from left): Dana Kilponen, Alexandra Cortez, Lauren Kim, Emily Mayoras and Eva Bianchi. ANNETTE WANDERMEYER

Zayan, Jarzembowski, Lohman, Moore) took third in 1:41.33 and Novi (Ava Bianchi, Alexandra Cortez, Dana Kilponen, Emily Mayoras) was fourth in 1:42.04.

In the 200 medley relay, Salem won in 1:48.89, while Northville (Pumper, Lohman, Macaddino, Westphal) finished second 1:49.11 and Novi (Mayoras, Kim,

Cortez, Kilponen) took fifth in 1:53.84. South Lyon wrapped up its conference title with a win in the 400 freestyle relay in 3:34.01, where Northville's Pumper, Macaddino, Moore and Westphal finished third in 3:38.20.

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ON TAP

The girls swim and dive teams from Novi and Northville compete next at Tuesday's diving regionals at Ann Arbor Pioneer before the Division 1 state meet Nov. 22 at Oakland University in Rochester.

City champs



The varsity St. James Thunder 1 volleyball team captured its first CYO city championship this past week, defeating St. Patrick's White Lake, 2-1. Its path to victory included defeating Our Lady of Sorrows 2 and St. Raphael for the district championship, Our Lady of Good Counsel for the regional championship and Our Lady of Sorrows 1 and St. Joseph (South Lyon) for the Westside championship. The St. James team includes seventh- and eighth-graders Danielle Karr, Ally Zayan, Julia Lalain, coach Jenna Kulin, Lauren Murphy, Meghan Giroux, Mackenzie Kwazniewicz, Mallory Lynch, Ella Duckworth, Kaylee Peterson and Molly Anderson. Also part of the team is coach Julie Kerby.

Northville mortgage pro sees industry trends looking up

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Daniel Smith, senior loan officer with Cole/Taylor Mortgage in Northville, is a 32-year veteran of the mortgage industry. Smith, a Northville Township resident, is encouraged by recent mortgage industry trends.

"We're getting back to a traditional market, traditional lending standards," he said. That means doing more to verify income, and using technology to dig deeper into applicants' finances.

"I think the biggest issue of buyers is what they may have done 10 years ago and has changed," he said. Smith and others in the field believe standards in recent years got too lax.

"In the past, we didn't have the technology," he said. Con-

cerns about privacy remain. "But we are lending money so we have to make sure we get paid back."

There's, unfortunately, a lot of fraud among applicants, he said, who can easily manufacture real-looking documents like pay stubs. Smith said some 80 percent of mortgage deals now come through with tax returns, helping to verify things like rental property income and self-employment income from things like Amway.

He encourages those who wish to apply for a mortgage to read up on the process. "Go spend some time with a lender," to learn about mortgage hurdles, he said. "They need to know all those things and get their ducks in a row."

Paying bills on time to establish good credit remains key. Smith finds some appli-



Daniel Smith

cants have false expectations. "It's definitely tougher but it got pretty stupid there," he said of lending in recent years. Delinquency rates on

mortgages are dropping now, a trend he's glad to see. "I personally don't believe good money management can be called too basic." Your rates will depend on your credit score, much like buying a car.

He sees the real estate industry rebounding, with prices up and property moving.

Smith hasn't seen a short sale in eight months.

"Things are moving in the right direction," he said, even if sometimes slower than desired. "Absolutely. No doubt in my mind."

Smith believes homeownership is earned and not a right. "I think the quicker we get back to that thinking, the better it's going to be for everyone."

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You should check with your association attorney to determine how you are going to determine the record date for purposes of voting at the meeting.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of "Condo Living 2: An Authoritative Guide to Buying, Selling, and Operating a Condominium." It is available for \$24.95 plus \$5.55 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. He is also the author of "Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track," second edition. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.



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REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

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Free foreclosure tours are held every other Sunday. Meeting place is Panera Bread on the southeast corner of Middlebelt and I-96.

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A free seminar on government-insured reverse mortgages is offered by Colonial Mortgage Corp. on Tuesdays

Investors

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Scoop's Hound Dog Highlights

THANKSGIVING

Good Food - Good Times

Thanksgiving, a time to appreciate friends and family over Thanksgiving dinner. It's also a good time to talk about health and nutrition. This month's Scoop Hound Dog Highlights is devoted to celebrating good food and good times. Enjoy and Happy Thanksgiving!

What is your favorite healthy treat or activity? Send a photo of yourself and tell us about it. You could win a Community Bowling Center \$20 Gift card. Include your name, age, city, and contact info.

Join Scoop's Birthday Club!

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Boy or Girl: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

*Parent's Printed Name: _____

*Parent's Signature: _____

Fill out the form and have your parents fill in their name and signature. Clip and mail, it's that easy!

* Required for Birthday Club

HEALTHY ME

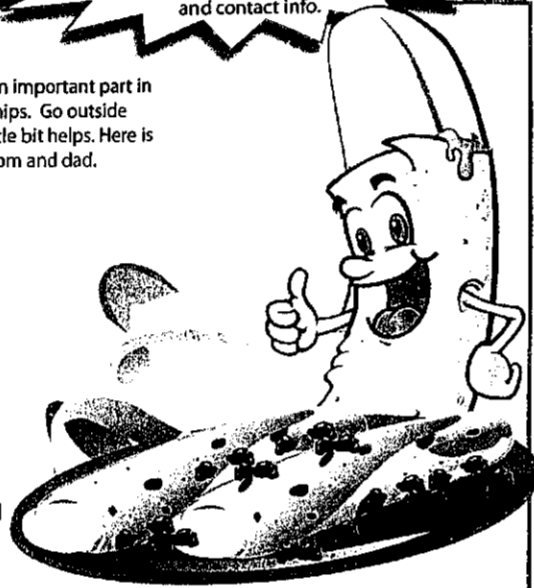
Everyone is talking about being healthy. You play an important part in staying healthy. Reach for fruit instead of potato chips. Go outside and play instead of playing a video game. Every little bit helps. Here is a delicious healthy treat that you can make with mom and dad.

Banana on a Blanket

- 1 whole wheat tortilla
- 1 tablespoon peanut butter
- 1 banana
- 1 teaspoon of honey
- 1 tablespoon granola cereal

Spread peanut butter on the tortilla and sprinkle granola over it. Place peeled banana on tortilla and roll the tortilla around it. Spread a little honey on top and sprinkle more granola. Yummy!!

Courtesy of fruitsandveggiessmatters.org



BIRTHDAY WISHES

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Did You Know?

THE WORD "PUMPKIN" COMES FROM THE GREEK "PEPON," WHICH MEANS "LARGE MELON." THE ENGLISH TERMED IT PUMPKIN, OR POMPKIN, IN THE 16TH CENTURY.

Courtesy of Metro Creative

Healthy Thanksgiving

Word Search:

HEALTH	TEXERCISEHJ
FAT	QHWTURKEYENM
NUTRITION	WFAMILYPAER
EXERCISE	DFANIGFULQS
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SHARE YOUR TALENT

Do you write, draw, make crafts, take photographs, or do something else that you would like others to know about?

We may share your extraordinary talent in an upcoming Scoop's Hound Dog Highlights

How they say that in...

ENGLISH: Pie
SPANISH: Tarta
ITALIAN: Torta
FRENCH: Tarte
GERMAN: Torte

Fun Turkey Facts:

- While domesticated turkeys cannot fly, wild turkeys can fly for short distances up to 55 miles per hour.
- 46 million turkeys were eaten in the U.S.A. during Thanksgiving.
- You may know that Neil Armstrong and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin landed on the moon way back in 1969, but you may not know that their first meal eaten on the moon was a food packet containing roasted turkey with all the trimmings.
- It's a little known fact that Benjamin Franklin wanted to make the wild turkey the country's national bird.

Source: The U.S. Poultry & Egg Association

COLORING FUN

Riddles and Giggles

Q. What fish goes well with Peanut Butter?
A. Jelly Fish

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