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The Observer & Eccentric Media is reaching out to artists and crafters in the area. Artisans who don't have time to travel to sell their work – this show is for you.

The O&E will sponsor its first Arts & Crafts Show from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, at the Quality Inn & Suites on Plymouth Road in Livonia.

Participants can take advantage of a discounted rate – \$90 per artisan.

Participants receive exhibit space and a listing in a digital ad directory published on hometownlife.com, which attracts more than 375,000 visitors monthly.

The October edition of Hometown Life Woman will also feature special preevent news coverage of the event.

Refreshments sponsorships are also available, along with others for businesses that include speaking/presentation opportunities.

Those interested in learning more about the show should visit hometownlife.com/artsandcrafts or email cbjordan@ hometownlife.com.



City picks ex-Auburn Hills manager

Council confident Auger will take Novi to 'next level'

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

With the marching order to take the city to the next level, former Auburn Hills City Manager Peter Auger was selected by the Novi City Council and mayor at a special meeting Thursday to take on the same role in Novi.

By a 6-1 vote, council made the selection for the new city manager, which had been vacant since Clay Pearson resigned for an opportunity in a larger community in Texas. Assistant City Manager Victor Cardenas has been filling in the last several months.



Auger

Final selection

Although he usually waits to speak last on most votes, Mayor Bob Gatt went first and gave his support to hire Auger, who had been

ger, who had been city manager of Auburn Hills since 2007 and previously with the city of Davison.

Auger and other candidates – Paul Brake, Peter Dame and Vincent Pastue, all with city manager experience – were interviewed Tuesday.

Gatt said the role of city manager is one of the most important jobs in the city government. From creating a budget to hiring and firing to making sure there are enough police and firefighters protecting the community, Gatt said the city manager is the real powerhouse behind the scenes and out front leading the community.

"The city manager is, frankly, the straw that stirs the city's drink," Gatt said.

Believing Auger can help with further economic development and take Novi to the next "level," council members made their selection in confidence.

In his hiring process, Auger cited some crucial results from his time in Auburn Hills: "We became the third largest industrial employer city in Michigan, the fifth best city for engineers in the United States and no other city had more Fortune 500 companies run from their community in Michigan."

During his interview Tuesday, Auger said he sees a lot more potential in Novi and wants to help foster growth in a positive direction. He believes he can take the city to the "next level."

"I see a lot of excitement here," he said in his closing interview statement.

Tough decision

Mayor Pro Tem David Staudt, like others on council, called the hiring decision difficult and said all four demonstrated capabilities to lead Novi.

However, Auger's track record in leading Auburn Hills may have put him over the top.

Council member Wayne Wrobel said Auger's role and responsibilities in Auburn Hills best mirror what he will see in his new role in Novi.

Council member Gwen Mark-

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Novi Fire and Rescue personnel remove an injured patient Monday from the office of Dr. James Ross at 43985 Novi Road. An SUV, driven by a female driver, slammed into the building, entered it and pinned one patient under its wheels and injured another nearby. All three victims, including the driver who was trapped in the SUV for about an hour, were transported to nearby hospitals with what were said to be non life-threatening injuries.

Elderly driver crashes into dentist's office

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

An elderly driver crashed her SUV into a Novi dentist's office, injuring herself and two others Monday afternoon.

The accident occurred at the office of Dr. James Ross in the 23900 block of Novi Road, just south of 10 Mile Road. According to Novi Police, the vehicle went half-way into the building and struck a patient sitting in a chair and hygienist.

Novi Police and emergency

responders arrived at the office just before 1 p.m. to find a 2012 GMC Acadia crashed into Suite A-104 of the building.

"Upon arrival, emergency personnel found a vehicle partially inside the building," said Jeff Johnson, Novi's Fire/EMS director. "There were three injuries as a result of the accident."

"All three injuries are not life-threatening," Novi Assistant Police Chief Victor Lauria said Monday afternoon.

According to Johnson, prelim-

inary facts show that the driver of the vehicle was preparing to back into a parking space.

"The driver did not put the vehicle in reverse. Upon accelerating, the vehicle hit the sidewalk curb and collided with the building. When the front of the vehicle entered the building it struck a patient and employee," Johnson said.

The driver of the vehicle was also complaining of an injury, Johnson said. All injured parties were treated at the scene and transported by ambulance to local hospitals.

Additionally, Johnson said DTE secured the electric service and Consumer Energy the gas service for safety, while the Novi Building Department also assessed the structure. A contractor was called to repair the damage and board up the opening.

The accident remains under investigation by the Novi Police Department, according to Lauria.

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Cemedine picks Wixom for North American headquarters



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Cemedine Automotive Co., Ltd., has a new Wixom facility located at 48561 Alpha Drive, Suite 300.

By Cal Stone Staff Writer

Cemedine Automotive Co., Ltd., recently established a new subsidiary headquarters in Wixom to meet the diverse needs of its North American customers to go along with a Japanese base of technical development and domestic manufacturing.

Wixom has been engaged in an ongoing process to improve service delivery and strengthen its organizational culture to better support entrepreneurial initiatives and business development.

Located at 48561 Alpha Drive, Suite 300 (248-448-7325), Cemedine held an opening ceremony Aug. 22 at the new Wixom facility. Rick Snyder, president of the North America subsidiary, hosted the event and Susuma Arai, chairman and president of Cemedine Automotive Co., was one of the guest speakers, along with Kazuyuki Katayama, consul general of Japan in Detroit.

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Firefighters' get wage increase in new contract

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

The city of Novi has reached at new contract with its firefighters union that will see the paid on-call employees getting a bump in pay.

The labor agreement between the city and the Michigan Association of Fire Fighters for a term of July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2017, was approved by a 7-0 vote during Monday's Novi City Council meeting.

The contract expired last year, but the union recently ratified the tentative agreement at a union meeting Sept. 7.

According to Novi Fire/EMS Director Jeff Johnson, the MAFF representing the Association of Novi Fire Fighters - has 40 paid on-call and 14 auxiliary firefighters.

"This is a very good step that addresses the needs of the membership in securing additional pay increases to approach the level of other departments that in many cases pay their paid on-call and auxiliary firefighters more than what was discussed and negotiated. However, we need to be respectful of the economic times and be willing to find a com-promise," union spokes-person and Novi firefighter Mark Pehrson said of the contract.

When asked if it's fair, Pehrson said: "Certainly we would like to be on par with our fellow career firefighter brothers in that we train, hold the same level of skill accreditation and do the same work - however, without many of the tra-

"Certainly we would like to be on par with our fellow career firefighter brothers in that we train. hold the same level of skill accreditation and do the same work - however. without many of the traditional fringe benefits. I would have liked to have seen us be closer to those surrounding communities that are paid a higher wage, but it is a good step forward for the group." **MARK PEHRSON**

Novi firefighter, union representative

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Pehrson said overall, all parties involved "won."

According to city officials, this union group includes approximately 60 paid on-call and auxiliary firefighters. These employees are all part time, work between 24-29 hours per week and receive no health or retirement benefits. Additionally, they have not received an increase to their hourly rate of pay since 2008

The highlights of the contract include a 2percent wage increase upon ratification by city council; a \$200 one-time stipend paid on or about Oct. 3 at time of pay period change; a \$400 onetime stipend (effective July 1, 2015); and a 2percent wage increase in 2016.

Other details will have the city compensating officers at their regular

hourly rate of pay for all mandatory department meetings; the updating of the management rights section of the contract to specify part-time employees cannot work more than 1,500 hours annually pursuant to the Affordable Care Act; the expansion and amending of promotional language; and elimination of the certification stipend and Level II of pay schedule.

For the city, the agreement allows it to change its pay period in order to discontinue the longstanding practice of prepaying employees, which had it issuing payroll every other Friday but paying through Saturday.

"Once accepted by all employee groups (one group remaining on prior pay date), this change will allow the city potential options when obtaining quotes for a Time and Attendance Time Sheet Module," the city's human resources department stated as to why this new policy is imporbut the timing will be moved to allow adequate time to input actual hours worked instead of the current practice of advancing pay, according to the contract language. With the wage increase, a recruit's hourly rate will go from \$8.15 to

\$8.31 and in two years will rise to \$8.48. Auxiliary and Level III firefighters will see their respective wages go from \$18.81 to \$19.19 to

\$19.57. "The Novi Fire Department utilizes a combination department of career firefighters, as well as paid on-call and auxiliary firefighters, and it has a great part in the heritage of the com-munity," Pehrson said. "For the most part, these people covered in this agreement live in the city and are your neighbors. We have a vested interest in making our community the safest, while delivering the highest level of customer service.'

The other department union is the International Association of Fire Fighters Local 3232, representing 26 full-time firefighters, which has a contract with the city that expires June 30, 2015, according to Johnson

"Both of our groups do a tremendous job serving the fire and emergency medical services to the city of Novi," Johnson said. "We look forward to continuing our positive working relationship and to make Novi a safer community.

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Ex-con guilty of murdering woman

By L.L. Brasier and John Wisely Gannett Michigan

An Oakland County jury deliberated for a little more than an hour Sept. 12 before convicting Peter G. Jones of murdering his elderly neighbor Jan. 13 in Novi.

Jones faces mandatory life in prison after being convicted of first-degree felony murder and first-degree murder in the death of 84-year-old Bernice Schaufele in her condo. He is scheduled to be sentenced Oct. 14.

"Although I know this verdict does not lessen the suffering endured by Mrs. Schaufele's family, I hope the conviction brings them some peace," Novi **Public Safety Chief** David Molloy said in a statement. "Peter Jones is a career criminal with convictions in several states.³

Schaufele was looking forward to moving from her Novi condo to South Carolina to be closer to family.

"She was friendly and outgoing; this is a lady who had a great life," Assistant Oakland **County Prosecutor Ken** Frazee told a jury Friday in closing arguments. "But was a life that was brutally taken from her.'

Frazee made his argument in the final day of trial for Jones, 47, an ex-con accused of strangling and stabbing Schaufele in her home, stealing money and jewelry to buy crack cocaine.

Frazee, in an hourlong argument, methodically laid out the evidence against Jones. Jones lived two

doors down from Schaufele and had a long criminal history. He was on parole at the time after pleading no contest to manslaughter after he stabbed a Detroit man to death in 1997

Kim Lukacs, Schaufele's daughter, said Friday that as the verdict was being read,



Schaufele Jones

sister. They found Schaufele's jewelry and Clinique makeup bag stashed above the heating ducts in the basement, where Jones had been sleeping each night. They also found a bloody dish towel that matched dish towels in Schaufele's home.

A Michigan State Police crime scene technician and expert on footprints told jurors bloody footprints in Schaufele's home matched the shoes Jones was wearing at the time of his arrest. And two inmates in the Oakland County Jail testified that Jones, while jailed and awaiting trial, told them details about the killing only he would have known.

"There is no question who committed this murder," Frazee said as Jones, wearing a dark gray suit, sat at the defense table staring straight ahead. Noting that the autopsy showed both strangulation and a stab wound to her neck, a killing that likely took four to five minutes, Frazee said, "The last person she saw alive was defendant Peter Gerard Jones.'

Defense attorney Mitchell Ribitwer attacked the credibility of the two inmates testifying against Jones, noting that one was a paranoid schizophrenic who admitted to being off his medications. "Are these people reliable?" Ribitwer said. "Is this the kind of person you are going to depend upon?"

And he said Jones may have come upon Schaufele's cosmetic bag outside, after another person killed her. and hidden it in his basement because he was afraid. "I'm asking you to find him not guilty."

tant The total compensation will not be impacted,

Ex-Novi resident pleads guilty to attempted welfare fraud

A former Novi resident is employed by the Michigan Department of Human Services employee recently pleaded guilty to attempted welfare fraud following an investigation by the department.

Nina Mitchell, of Detroit, will be sentenced Nov. 6 in Oakland County Circuit Court.

Mitchell is accused of receiving food assistance from her job without reporting lost wages income she was paid

while on leave from work and not reporting income that her husband re-

ceived. She paid the Michigan Department of Human Services (DHS) \$1,390, which represents the amount of overpaid benefits as part of the plea

agreement.

exhibit integrity," Corrigan said.

"However, we are committed to protecting taxpayer dollars and making sure assistance goes to people who are truly in need."

The DHS Office of Inspector General investigated, resulting in



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DHS Director Maura Corrigan said the investigation that led to the charges is part of the department's efforts to crack down on fraud.

"I want to emphasize that the overwhelming majority of our employees play by the rules and

A Novi woman's car

was robbed of \$150 in

owner found the door

cash that had been in a

wallet inside the vehicle

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missing, according to the

Novi Police report.

The vehicle was

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charges filed by the office of Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette.

Mitchell is on unpaid suspension. The department will proceed with its disciplinary process now that she has pleaded guilty.

she and her family held hands. Lukacs said she quietly cried.

"It was such a huge relief," she said.

In the hours after Schaufele was killed, police searched the home Jones shared with his mother and

Lukacs said Friday that the conviction doesn't bring her mother back, but she feels like her mother got her day in court.

"I think justice has been served," Lukacs said.

Cash stolen

next to it was also robbed of a pair of prescription sunglasses. The vehicles were unlocked.

There was case is closed pending further information.

Broken window and tires flat

A Novi car owner had the window of her Monte Carlo broken in by an unknown suspect and the tires flattened sometime Aug. 14-15 at a condo complex on Olde Orchard Street. The Novi Police report stated it appeared as if a blunt

instrument was used to break the window. Two tires were flat as well and the report stated the stem caps had been taken off the tires.

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The owner suspects a person she is acquainted with, but the case is closed pending further evidence.

Make-up bag stolen

A hooded suspect was caught on security camera scoping out a Ford Escape that had a makeup bag stolen from it.

The owner told Novi Police that the theft most likely occurred the morning of Aug. 13 at a residence on Vasilios Court. A camera at the residence did catch a hooded man walking around and looking inside the vehicle, but he went out of frame so the actual theft was not caught on tape. However, the bag was reported missing that same day and a window on the vehicle smashed ın.

The case is closed pending further information.

– By Lonnie Huhman

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Project challenges views (including the artist's)

By Cal Stone Staff Writer

Imagine an artist creating a piece which draws attention to a social issue that winds up forcing the artist to rethink the issue itself.

Ironically, that's what has happened to Novi native Veronica Kirin, now a resident of Grand Rapids, with her ArtPrize project titled The Gradient of Humanity.

It started out based on the idea that wonderfully beautiful skin tone is only skin deep. Kirin wanted to show a light-todark gradient of skin tones, but soon realized that would require a call for certain demographics – a form of racial profiling that her piece was meant to challenge. "I began to feel very awkward," Kirin said. "I actually had to start profiling my friends, family and acquaintances in order to fill the project. That made me back off for a while, leaving the final project a little sparser than I'd hoped."

After graduating in 2009 with a bachelor of arts degree in social anthropology from Grand Valley State University, Kirin has made her mark as a freelance photographer, consultant and web designer.

One can view her entry in progress online (http://gradientofhumanity.com/) before the first public viewing Sept. 23. That kickoff party – free and open to the public – will be at the Boardwalk Condominiums (904 Monroe Avenue NW, Grand Rapids). At 16 feet wide by 3 feet tall, the final print will take up a full wall at the complex.

"Participants are arranged from lightest skin tone to the darkest, literally a human gradient," as stated on the website's home page. "It is a reflection on the beauty of us all, both skin deep and beneath the skin. Meant as a celebration, this piece will challenge its viewers to see beyond their first impressions and address the essence of what we are."

While the project's first purpose is not to address social and racial issues, according to Kirin, viewers are encouraged to feel challenged in that way.

"That is, so much of

our society is based on hard lines, black and white and far extremes," she said. "By arranging participants in a linear coloring with no discernible separation, it is hoped that preconceived notions might be dissolved."

Kirin had initially hoped to have a greater group of participants to demonstrate a more gradual gradient.

"To me, this was integral to the integrity of the project, to displaying the lack of drastic differences between us," she said. "Unfortunately, I encountered an awkwardness I could not overcome."

Because requested participation eventually required racial profiling, the participants in the project remained a bare minimum. Still, she hopes that it's enough to prove her point – "that our skin is beautiful in all its variation and race is terribly subjective."

Participate

Up to the project's printing and public viewing – and even afterward – Kirin welcomes participants. Of course, not everyone will be pictured in the final print for Art-Prize, but all the participants will be recognized on her website's Participants page.

Although the project is based in Grand Rapids, participants aren't required to live there. By the basic premise of the piece, people from any and everywhere are encouraged to participate. (It's pretty simple – shoot a photo of yourself in a black shirt from the shoulders up in front of a light background; sign a waiver and send her your photo.)

Participants are also asked to fill out a short bio online. "I feel those stories add an important dimension to the piece, bringing religion, gender and world-view into what was once only visual," Kirin said. "I hope that this project will challenge ArtPrize goers, if only a little. Overtly, the project is about the beauty of human skin. But covertly, it is obviously about race and gender."

One can follow the project on Twitter (@GradientofHuman) and Facebook (GradientOfHumanity).



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AUGER

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ham agreed and said she was impressed with what Auburn Hills has become under Auger's management.

"He brought Auburn Hills to a level I never expected," she said.

Both council members Andrew Mutch and Laura Marie Casey also agreed. Mutch said the task now before Auger is to work even harder and challenge himself and council to do better by the community.

Council member Justin Fischer voted against hiring Auger and said Pastue, current city manager for the city of Farmington, would best represent

HR.

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Novi's values and is the type of people person needed. Fischer said after taking everything into consideration, Pastue elevated to the top of his list and was the cream of the crop.

What's next?

Council approved Auger's compensation at its Sept. 15 meeting and he began his new duties Tuesday. His base annual salary will be \$140,000 and the city will contribute 10 percent of the base salary into a 401(k) retirement savings plan, paid in proportionate amounts each pay period, according to Tia Gronlund-Fox, Novi's director of human resources.

In lieu of providing Auger with a retiree health care savings account for post-retirement health care costs, the city is putting 1 percent of his base salary into a 401(a) retirement plan.

He will also get an annual auto allowance of \$8,400, which will be paid in monthly installments of \$700.

Cardenas was thanked by council and mayor for his work since Pearson left, which included Cardenas directing the current city budget into its approval this past June. Mutch said he told Cardenas to not see this as just an opportunity to fill in temporarily, but to keep moving the city forward, which he said Cardenas did.

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Tony Nowicki, city manager, offered his appreciation for Cemedine's confidence in Wixom to provide municipal services and the environment necessary for the firm to thrive and grow.

According to Snyder, a comprehensive site selection process was employed.

"I am very pleased with Tony Nowicki and his team," Snyder said. "We were able to progress through the building permit and approval process efficiently and without delay."

Nowicki did not know what other cities or townships Cemedine was considering and he wasn't

ABOUT CEMEDINE

Cemedine Automotive Co., Ltd. was formerly known as Cemedine Henkel Co., Ltd. The company was founded in 1999 and is based in Yokohama-shi, Japan. It has branches in Nagoya and Hiroshima, Japan, and a factory in Kinuura, Japan. As of Dec. 15, 2011, Cemedine Automotive Co., Ltd., operates as a subsidiary of Cemedine Co. Ltd.

The company manufactures and markets adhesives, sealants, coatings and structural foams for use in the automobile-manufacturing process. The company offers rubber-like adhesives for bonnets, doors and roofs for water leakage prevention, reinforcement, anti-fluttering and rust prevention in spot welding parts; structural adhesives for preventing discrepancy and pre-cure baking; steel sheet reinforcement materials for hardening steel sheets; undercoats for protecting under floors and wheels from rust; and body sealants. It provides soundproof and anti-fluttering materials for reducing vibration while driving, adhesives for windows and foaming resins for making vehicles stiff.

sure at this point what the company will mean to Wixom's tax base. He did say it would begin with a smaller staff as it establish itself and added that there is a "possible manufacturing facility in the future with a yet-to-bedetermined location."



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Three new administrators join Walled Lake district

EDUCATION

Walled Lake Consolidated School District welcomes Patricia Chinn, Hickory Woods Elementary School principal; Desmond Smith, Walled Lake Western High School assistant principal; and Diane Kochis, human resources manager. Chinn and Smith began their employment in August, while Kochis will begin Sept. 22.

Chinn has 10 years of leadership experience with Birmingham Public Schools, first as a school psychologist and most recently as assistant



Chinn

Smith

principal and middle school athletic director. She has her bachelor's, master's and education specialist degrees in psychology and has an administrative certificate. She is a

collaborative leader who will serve the Hickory Woods community well.

Smith has eight years of experience in education, most recently with the Ypsilanti School District, where he assisted non-traditional students transition back into high school. He taught history and social studies at South Redford School High School for seven years. He has a bachelor's in history, master's in educational leadership and has an administrative certificate. Having

served as a freshman basketball coach, a class sponsor, a mentor teacher and a lead teacher, Smith brings many perspectives with him in this new role of assistant principal.

For the past eight years, Kochis was the chief development officer for Vista Maria, a nonprofit human service agency serving teenage girls. She worked in similar capacities for St. Joseph Mercy Oakland and Walsh College. Kochis holds a bachelor's degree in of business administration. She is

a problem solver and has strong interpersonal skills that will help her be successful in human resources.

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'Walled Lake Schools is fortunate to have these three talented, collaborative and dynamic leaders join the district," said Kenneth Gutman, superintendent. "They have demonstrated strong leadership and the application of best educational practices. We believe they will serve their schools and the district with integrity."

Viral meningitis case reported at Novi Meadows Elementary School

By Cal Stone Staff Writer

A case of viral meningitis has been reported at Novi Meadows Elementary.

An email from the district to that school's families was sent Sept. 10 with information explaining the infection.

"In most cases, people who are infected with viruses do

not develop viral meningitis," wrote principals John Brickey (fifth grade) and Lisa Fenchel (sixth grade)

The email included two documents from the Oakland County Health Division – a Viral Meningitis Public Heath Fact Sheet (see infobox below) as well as the 2014-15 Communicable Disease Reference Chart.



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According to the latter chart, the incubation period and period of communicability for viral (or aseptic) meningitis "depends on type of infectious agent". And the actions to be taken and/or exclusion period indicates "exclude until physician approves re-

"We would also like to let you know that additional cleanings have already taken place at Meadows and will occur again in the near future,"

wrote the principals.

Parents with questions or concerns are asked to contact the district nurse, Cathy Farris, at cfarris@novischools.net.

'Please know that we are taking every possible measure to ensure a safe learning environment for our school community," concluded the email.

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Super book discussion

Dr. Steve Matthews, Novi Schools superintendent, in cooperation with the Novi Public Library, presents A Parentto-Parent Book Discussion 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 23, at the library.

This month's book will be The Motivation Breakthrough: 6 Secrets to Turning On the Tuned-Out Child. Registration is required; visit www.Novi-library.org or call 248-349-0720 for more information.

Seniors named NMSP semifinalists

Twenty-seven Novi High School seniors have been named National Merit Scholarship Program semifinalists. Approximately 1.4 million students in more than 22,000 high schools entered the National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the 2013 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying test. Only 16,000 of the students become qualified as semifinalists.

The Wildcats are Raghu Arghal; Namratha Atluri; Ryan Barnhart; Aditya Doddipatla; Ziyang Huang; Eshwar Înapuri; Vineet Jammalamadaka; Aarthi Janakiraman; Steven J. Jecmen; Dong Hyun Kim; Suhas Kodali; Anurag Koduri; Kevin Li; Andre Liu; Samantha Martin; Nagendra S. Mogasala; Tanaz H. Naterwala; Vamsi K. Nimmagadda; Alexander W. Pan; Jason K. Pastoor; Cody Renton; Aditya Savanur; Arthur K. Shi; Dhivya Sridar; Pradyumna Uppula; Mahati S.

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The rankings can be found at http://www.thedailybeast.com/features/2014/america-s-top-high-schools.html.

Six indicators were used when ranking public high schools in the U.S. These include graduation and college acceptance rates, AP and IB courses and exams, as well as results on standardized SAT and ACT exams. Novi High School is proud to earn this recognition and stand among the best schools in the nation.

Ghannam chosen for CMU medicine school

Novi's Alexander Ghannam is one of 32 Detroit-area residents among the 104 students welcomed recently in the second class of the Central Michigan University College of Medicine.

At 104 students, the second class is larger than the inaugural class of 64 and it was selected from 3,007 applicants. Ninety percent of the incoming students have ties to the state of Michigan.

Classes started Aug. 11 for the incoming students. Medical students in the College of Medicine undergo a specially designed, rigorous curriculum of team-based learning and problem-solving that includes early clinical experiences. Third- and fourth-year students will be based in primary care practices, with many of them learning and serving in Saginaw at Covenant Health-Care or St. Mary's of Michigan.

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I see Democrats as having two uniting values. Democrats value jobs and those people who depend on those jobs for their livelihood. For all practical purposes, this is the middle class and the working poor. We want the middle class to prosper and the working poor to be able to reach the middle class. In order to do this, we need a vibrant economy where the wealth created by our nation is not concentrated in the hands of the few.

Democrats also value other people and treat them the way we would want to be treated if we were in their shoes. This means that we must help those in need, be fair to everyone and, other than that, live and let live. We do not do unto others what we would not want done unto our-selves. For example, if we do not want the rights we use taken away, we should not try to take away the rights other people use.

You may recognize this as the Golden Rule. Some people are reluctant to use this term because of its religious origins and they see this as mixing religion and politics. I think we should not worry about that and go ahead and use the term that describes one of our party's values in two words. There is no other term that does the job.

I see these two values, one economic and one moral along with the concept of representative government as the driving forces behind the Democratic Party's policies.

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LOCAL NEWS

Extracurricular clubs play a key role at CC

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

Students at Detroit Catholic Central High School get a well-rounded education, thanks in no small part to the various clubs offered at the school.

"Student activities are important here and our clubs demonstrate the level of variety we have available for students to try out," said Michael Carrier, director of student activities at Catholic Central

A well-rounded student at CC will be developing his spirit, mind and body, according to school

officials. These clubs are an extracurricular activity and are in addition to the daily academics and sports. Students participating are very dedicated to them.

The list of clubs at CC is mostly outside of sports that engage students. Some are very competitive and others have nothing to do with competition. Some are relatively new and others are as old as the institution itself, Carrier noted.

"Our hope is that every student will find a club that interests them," said the Rev. Dennis Noelke, CC principal. "We believe they play a big

part here at our school." A high percentage of the students gets involved and thankfully there is a wide variety of clubs to attract them. New clubs are constantly forming based upon stu-

dent interest. The most recent groups are the Robotics Team, Student Athletic Broadcasters and, new this year, HOSA, a club for those interested in learning more about health care professions. Some sports are in included in the club list, with intramural basketball being one of the most popular.

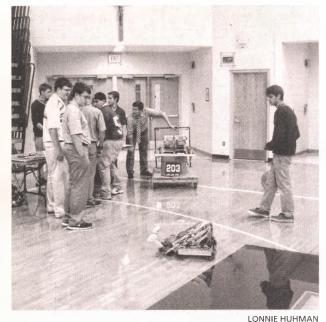
At the start of the

school year, students, like the incoming freshmen, go to learn more about the nearly 30 clubs at the school's clubs fair that was held recently. It gave many a chance to see the range of offerings.

'The clubs are a great opportunity to pursue different interests," freshman Joseph Russell said. "There's something for everyone."

At the fair, Russell chose to participate in Mock Trial and Debate. He said he's interested in politics and thought these two clubs looked fun.

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The Robotics Club is one of the newer clubs at Detroit Catholic Central.

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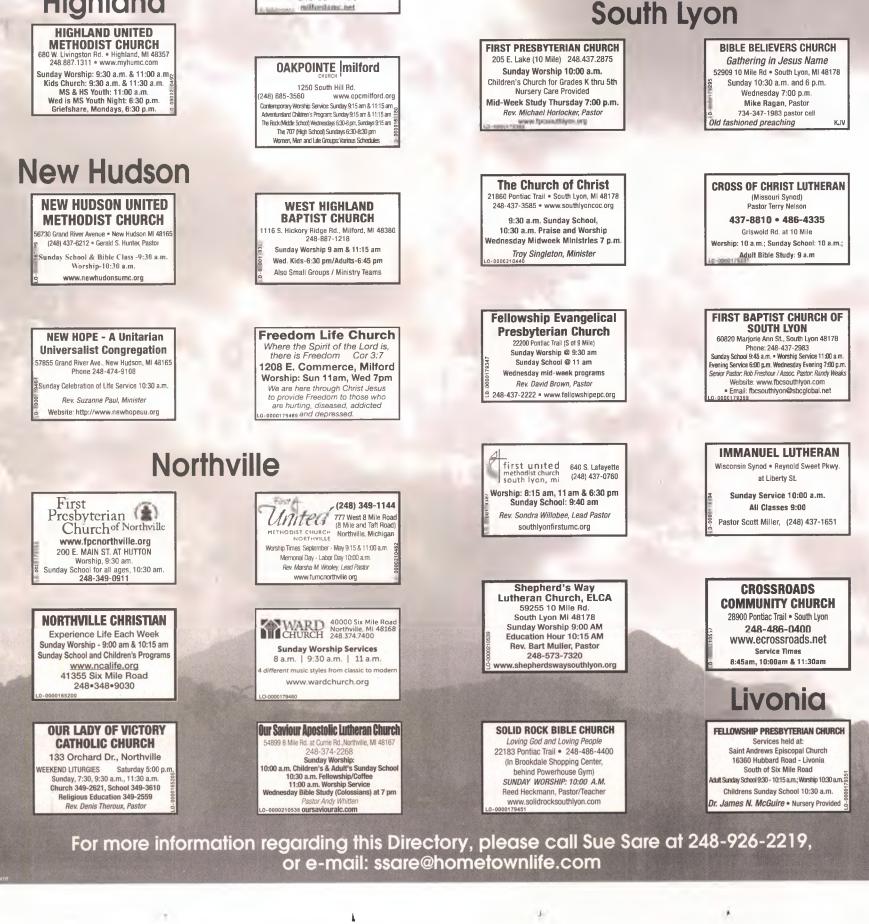
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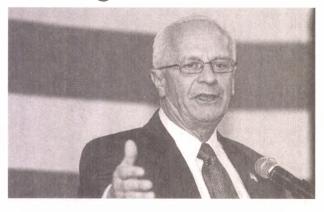
Bentivolio weighs write-in campaign after primary loss

LOCAL NEWS

By Todd Spangler Gannett Michigan

First-term U.S. Rep. Kerry Bentivolio — his re-election hopes dashed when he was trounced in last month's Republican primary - said he is considering mounting a write-in bid, even though he acknowledges it could have the effect of electing the Democratic nominee.

Bentivolio, R-Milford, told the MIRS Monday Podcast that he is "seriously considering" a write-in campaign for the Nov. 4 general election on the chance he can keep the seat out of the hands of Birmingham lawyer David Trott. He



U.S. Rep. Kerry Bentivolio was beaten in last month's primary.

told the Detroit Free Press he would "stand by" his statement to MIRS. "Everywhere I went

here at home or in D.C., I

had a Trott tracker working for a self-serving, self-absorbed entitled bully," Bentivolio wrote in an email to the Free Press. "Now they want

unity?

In last month's primary, Trott beat Bentivolio by nearly a 2-1 margin.

In the race to represent a district widely considered to lean Republican, Trott faces Bobby McKenzie, a former Ú.S. State Depart-ment employee and the Democratic nominee, who Bentivolio said he also opposes.

Bentivolio told MIRS he was "pretty frustrated" by the loss and the amount of money Trott spent defeating him. He said he has been approached by "a lot of people out there" who want him to run as a write-in "because they

don't see much difference" between the two parties.

He said he and his family intend to write in his name, but that he's still deciding whether he will attempt to mount a formal write-in campaign.

"I have to weigh, real-ly, what am I doing here," he said, noting that as a write-in candidate, he could likely only expect to get 5 percent of the vote — which could have the effect of delivering the election to McKenzie. "I don't know if I real-

ly want to do that," he said.

But he said that it's difficult for him to listen to Republican Party calls for unity and support given that he was targeted for defeat by mainstream elements in the party when former U.S. Rep. Thad McCotter resigned abruptly in 2012 and left Bentivolio the only other GOP name on the ballot.

Stu Sandler, an adviser to Trott's campaign, reminded Bentivolio that when he was on the ballot in 2012, he called on Republicans to show party unity by backing him and not Nancy Cassis, who was running as a write-

"I think he should follow his own advice," Sandler said.

Jasti earns GOP nomination for Wayne State Board of Governors

Satish Jasti is one of two candidates representing the Republican Party for the office of Wayne State University Board of Governors on the Nov. 4 general elec-

tion ballot.

"I am proud to be on the November ballot," said Jasti, who earned the selection when hundreds of delegates voted for him at the Republican

State Convention last month in Novi. "I want to thank all the delegates who trust me to bring balance and financial integrity to Wayne State University."

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Abercrombie, Eugene D Age 80, passed away September 6th. Services were Wednesday at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. phillipsfuneral.com

CASTIGLIONE, MARIE M.

Age 89, September 14, 2014. Funeral services will be held at St. Mary's, Milford on Friday, September 19, 2014 at 11AM. For further information please phone 248-684-6645 or visit ww w.LynchFuneralDirectors.com



FOLEY, PATRICK D.

Age 53 and a lifelong resident of Highland, died at his home in the care of his family on September 10, 2014 after a short, but vi-cious battle with cancer. Pat was preceded in death by his parents Tom and Betty. He is survived by his siblings, Mary Foley, Tim Foley, Anne (Jeff) Heyn, Tom (the late Lisa) Foley, and Nancy (Mike) Nesterowich; nephew and nieces, Matt Crudder, F. Joseph Crudder, Michael Foley, Joseph Crudoc, Joseph Chris Heyn, Jeremy Foley, Chris Heyn, Molly Heyn, Jeff Heyn, Gene Foley, Bill Foley, Jake Hughes, Hanna Nesterowich, Hanna Casey Nesterowich and great nephew Alex Crudder; his dog, Kinker, and many dear friends. Patrick enjoyed the pristine country life of Pettibone Lake and loved nature. His artistic skills showed in his work and in his hobbies. He was a master of creativity, genius of car mechanics and wonderful brother and friend. Funeral Services were held at Lvnch & Sons Funeral Home, Milford, on Saturday, September 13, 2014. Memorials may be made in his name to the Ameri-can Cancer Society. For further information, please call Lynch & Sons, Milford at 248.684.6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirector s.com



GRAHL, CHARLES R.

Age 73, of Northville, passed away September 10, 2014 at his home, surrounded by his loving family. Charles was born on December 17, 1940 in Ferndale, son of the late Harry and Mildred Grahl. He was employed with General Motors at the Willow Run and Hamtramck plants for 44 years prior to his retirement. Charles and his wife, Gayle were former proprietors of the J&G General Store. He was a hardworking, wonderful man who was known as being an excellent provider to his wife and children. Charles will always be remembered as a loving and devoted family man. He is survived by his children; Paul (Jackie), Charles (Michelle), Michael (Lynda) and Cameron. He is also survived by 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Gayle in 1998, his son, Daniel in 2007, his brother, Harry and his parents. Visitation will be held on Friday, September 12 from 3-8 p.m. with a funeral service being held on Saturday, September 13 at 11:00 a.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. He will be laid to rest beside his wife in South Lyon Cemetery. Because of Charles love of animals, the family requests donations be made to the Michigan Humane Society.

SERRIDGE, FRANCIS "FRANK" Age 92, September 12, 2014. Funeral Services were held at Lynch & Sons, Milford, Sept. 16, 2014. For further information



TONDA, FLOSSIE B.

Age 88, a resident of Lyon Township, passed away September 11, 2014. She was born January 30, 1926; daughter of Earl and Lily (nee Wiseman) Self. She was a 1944 graduate of Darlington High School in her hometown of Darlington, Indi-ana. Flossie was united in marriage to Tony Tonda on July 18, 1953 and they spent 31 loving years together until his death in 1985. Flossie was a homemaker who enjoyed baking for her family; Italian bread was a specialty. She also enjoyed tending to her beautiful garden Flossie was dedicated to helping others, especially children. Flossie fought to make her community safer; her first victory was the skywalk across Joy Road. In 1994 the Flossie B. Tonda Elementary School opened in Canton; a small token of appreciation for all of her hard work and dedication. When she retired she moved to Sarasota, Florida and her community involvement did not end. She is survived by her daughters Tina (Mark) Servies and Toni (Frank Noverr) Tonda; her stepdaughter Pamela Tonda; her sisters Ginny (Don) Anglin and Donna Tonda; her grandchildren Tammy (Mat-thew) Trasky, Kurt (Tina) Servies, Tracy (Alex) MacDonald, Andrew Space, and Tyler Space; and her great grandchildren Teagan, Grace, and Emma. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, her twin sister Florence Floury, her brother Jack Self, and her sisters Dorothy Jahnke, Ada Pickering, and Catherine Self. A memorial service will be held Thursday, September 25, 2014 at 6:30pm at the Flossie B. Elementary Tonda School. 46501 Warren Road, Canton, Michigan 48187. Memorial contributions would be appreciated to Tonda Elementary, please note in memory of Flossie B. Tonda. Please share condolences and memories at www.casterline funeralhome.com

With aggregate student debt at more than \$1 trillion nationwide, Jasti is focused on addressing this crushing load that is holding back students for attaining higher education.

Jasti believes in the value of cutting costs in certain areas of Wayne State's budget and reallocating that money to more effectively benefit the student population.

He said he plans to be a strong advocate for Wavne State in Lansing to ensure that students receive the proper levels of state funding to help control rising tuition costs.

Jasti also supports a strong focus to increase graduation rates, which will help attract more talented professors and research scientists to the

institution. Jasti believes that the current Democratcontrolled board has Jasti

not done enough to address declining student graduation.

Jasti, a Wayne State graduate, and a University of Chicago MBA, has extensive experience in the financial industry, including his experience of working for the Federal Reserve. As a local entrepreneur, he founded a business-oriented community bank (Lotus) in Novi in 2007 by raising \$14 million from investors. Under his guidance and leadership from 2008-09, his bank lent more than \$55 million to small businesses, which



helped to create and to retain hundreds of jobs in local communities during the great financial crisis.

If elected, Jasti says he will bring balance and a "business focus" to Wayne State's Board of Governors. Jasti's feels his financial experience will help to analyze major university investments, as well as achieve cost reductions by streamlining processes, restructuring organizations and raising revenues - without compromising education quality.

Jasti holds an accounting degree from Wayne State University and an MBA from University of Chicago. He resides in West Bloomfield with his wife Sree Jasti. They have two daughters, ages 24 and 17.

Worthy praises teamwork on rape kit processing progress

By Julie Brown Staff Writer

Progress is reported on a backlog of rape kits in Detroit and Wayne County.

"We are working very diligently on this," Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy said. She praised partners who've made processing of kits possible and anticipates working well with the new county administration beginning in January 2015 Worthy was joined by Gov. Rick Snyder and Attorney General Bill Schuette in June 2013 to announce a \$4 million plan to DNA test thousands of rape kits from crimes committed in Detroit.



Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy speaks to the including finding and interviewing witnesses. "It's a huge part of the case," but not all.

Older cases are difficult to prosecute, Worthy added, in part due to the statute of limitations, death of suspects/defendants or insufficient DNA.

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HOBBS, DAVID C. 83, Sept. 11, 2014. Services were held Sept. 15. For more info: 248-684-6645 or visit LynchFuneralDirectors.com

HOWD, RAYMOND Age 84, Sept. 10, 2014. Visita-tion Sept. 14 Phillips Funeral Home, Funeral Sept. 15 St. Joseph Catholic Church, S. Lyon.



RUSSELL, ANDREW G. "ANDY"

A longtime resident of Milford and a former resident of Coulterville, California, passed away peacefully in his home on Monday, September 8th, 2014 after a valiant battle with esophageal cancer. He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Olga and is survived by his wife, Teri Gonzales Russell; stepdaughters, Alexandra and Caitlin Warner; brothers, Michael (Margie) and Richard and many extended family and dear friends. He was a proud member of the Sons of the American Legion and was a founding member of the American Legion Riders Post 216, Milford. A Memorial serv-ice will be held at the Milford American Legion Post 216, 510 W. Commerce Road, Milford, Sunday, October 12, 2014 at Twelve Noon. Memorial Contributions may be made in Andy's name to The Legacy Fund, c/o American Legion Riders, 510 W Commerce Road, Milford, MI 48381. For further information phone 248-684-6645 or visit ww w.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

WESTERMEIER **CELIA**

A long time resident of Highland, died on September 11, 2014 at the age of 83. She was preceded in death by her hus-band Charles Westermeier and a son, David. She is survived by sons, Michael (Karen), Steven and Warren Westermeier; daughter, Patricia (Tom) Mott; grandchildren, Jessica, Ross, Katie, Ryan and Ella; great grandchildren, Kailee and Dillon. Memorial Services were held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, Milford, on Sunday, Sep-tember 14, 2014. Memorials may be made in her name to the American Heart Association. For further information please phone 248.684.6645 or visit www.Lync hFuneralDirectors.com

May you find comfort in family and friends

"It was extraordinary and it was crucial," Wor-thy said of the funding.

To fund the rape kit testing, Snyder included a \$4 million appropriation for the State Forensics Laboratory Fund in his proposed supplemental budget. The appropriation was funded by settlement money recovered by Schuette from state and national litigation.

In 2009, approximatelv 11.300 untested rape kits dating back 25 years were discovered in a Detroit Police Department property storage facility. Each kit has the potential to solve multiple crimes, including those committed by serial rapists. Since the closure of the Detroit Police Department Crime Laboratory in September 2009, the Michigan State Police has provided forensic science services to the city of Detroit and the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office.

The MSP's Forensic Science Division has been instrumental in the laboratory analysis of sexual assault kits and works with the Wayne **County Prosecutor's** Office and the Detroit Police Department on efforts to test the remaining sexual assault kits.

In February 2010, the Michigan State Police and DPD partnered with Michigan State University on a project to test 400 randomly selected

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Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth in an earlier appearance.

sexual assault kits to determine the statistical probability of obtaining an offender profile from the stockpiled kits. This project, called the 400 Project, used a federal grant awarded to the Michigan Department of Human Services from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women, to outsource the initial analysis of the selected kits. The 400 Project was completed in March 2011. The result was 90 CODIS associations.

Worthy's office reports a total of 21 cases resolved, including eight pleas, five jury convictions, three jury acquittals, three dismissed at preliminary exam (one insufficient evidence, two for defendant lack of competency) and two cases pending now (bound over for trial)

In a Sept. 10 interview, Worthy said, "There have been a number of prosecutions." In addition to the 400 kits processed under the 400 Project, an additional 1,600 have since been processed.

Two private labs are now testing 4,000 each under MSP contracts, Worthy said. That leaves approximately 1,000 to process.

She explained DNA evidence helps to identify perpetrators as well as work at the crime scene. "We need to still do an old-fashioned gumshoe kind of investigation. It's not the only tool," she said of DNA.

Worthy said the public can think because of television crime programs that DNA matching is effortless. "There's a lot more work that has to be done," she said,

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we can bring justice," she said. "We want to do the best we can."

Observer-area legisla-tors had a role in the bills in 2013 to process the rape kits. State Rep. John Walsh, R-Livonia, was the sponsor of H.B. 5445, which outlines the process and time line for kit processing and the han-dling by law enforcement.

"He was the bill sponsor, because this is an issue that's important to him," said Valerie Knol, legislative aide to Walsh.

Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth Township, explained the approximately \$4 million in 2013 was "to help process the rape kits that were on backlog. We fast tracked it basically," he said of legislative efforts including Walsh.

"They're processing them nicely now," Heise said of state police and the kits. "It's going well. The work is getting done. I think Kym Worthy is pleased with how it's going."

Heise, who chairs the House Criminal Justice committee, said, "When you don't have the rape kits processed, you are denying justice. It's also not fair to the accused, the defendants. They don't get their day in court.

Heise noted many are serial rapists. "Chances are those individuals are out committing additional crimes," he said. "It's just bad all around.'

Worthy said of metro Detroit, "Ours wasn't really a backlog. Ours were abandoned. We had to start from ground zero.

Worthy said other cities including Cleveland, Ohio, and Memphis, Tenn., have also had unprocessed rape kits. "So it's a very prevalent problem," she said.

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Novi student's artwork bowls over Livonia business

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

Novi High School junior Adam Huber looked to the past to give his winning art design the look it needed.

Huber's depiction of downtown Detroit with bowling pins standing in as skyscrapers will decorate the inside of Merri-Bowl Lanes in Livonia as the winning piece of art selected by new owner Richard Glomb. Huber will be recognized for his work Friday at a special reception. "It's exciting to be

part of a competition like this, but it's even more exciting and surprising to win it," said Huber, whose love for art took hold as a freshman when he took his first drawing class.

According to NHS art teacher Melissa Edmunds, Glomb asked Novi High's art department to conduct a competition for art/design work to be created for his unit masks at the end of each bowling lane. It was a last-minute competition



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Novi High School junior Adam Huber created this graphic design of old Detroit and bowling pins for Merri-Bowl Lanes in Livonia.

before the school year ended this past June, but that didn't deter the students from entering their pieces.

Livonia Churchill High School was asked to conduct a competition for the business' new logo.

"Two weeks before school came to an end,

my graphic art/design classes and my digital imaging/computer art class worked very hard on creating some outstanding work," Edmunds said. "Richard and his team came in to view and pick their winning design."

Huber won the client's business by taking into

consideration what themes it wanted and being creative with them. Because of this, he will be awarded a cash prize of \$100 by Merri-Bowl. For Edmunds, this was a great learning and real world experience for the students that can't always be duplicated in the classroom.

Tour five area homes and travel 300 years

Lace up your walking shoes and prime your imagination for a rare chance to see inside the walls of five of Northville's most interesting homes. This unique annual home tour, organized by the Northville-Novi branch of the American Association of University Women, takes place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20.

Whether visiting an 1800s Victorian or a 1990s lakeside condo, guests set their own pace while hearing interesting facts from stationed docents. This year, ticket-holders get exclusive access to a 2-5 p.m. bonus garden party at Starring "The



This home on McDonald Drive is one of several on this year's tour.

Gallery," at 118 W. Main Street in Northville. Free refreshments are provided by Edwards Cafe and ticket-holders receive a

10-percent discount on all purchases.

Homes for tour are an original mid-1800s Victorian, a newly-constructed

Victorian-style, a 1980s renovated two-story, the Pheasant Hills home of a well-known custom builder and a Blue Heron Pointe condominium on the water. More than 30 local businesses help sponsor the event.

Now in its 19th consecutive year, the home tour is the major fundraising event of the Northville-Novi branch of the AAUW. Funds support educational scholarships and community events to promote achievement in local girls and women. Nationally, AAUW promotes equity, education and development for women around the world.

"All of the students did an outstanding job," she said. "This was an exciting opportunity."

Glomb will have an opening reception in the newly renovated Merri-Bowl (30950 Five Mile Road) that will include Livonia Mayor Jack Kirskey cutting the ribbon. After, he will recognize Huber for all of the printed art work that will be placed from one side of

the building to the next. The NHS art department will also receive a

\$500 check as a donation. "We are very excited

to have a student have his art work bought, printed and put on display in a business for decades to come!" Edmunds said.

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New Beaumont Health executive team includes locals

Beaumont Health President and CEO Gene Michalski has been named the top executive for the new \$3.8 billion health care organization that combined Beaumont Health System, Botsford Health Care and Oakwood Healthcare.

The team includes three Northville residents: J. Paul Conway is chief human resources officer; Subra Sripada is chief transformation officer; and Lisa Diehl Vandecaveye is chief corporate responsibility officer.

Conway was previously the senior vice president of human resources for Oakwood Healthcare. Sripada was the chief administrative and information officer for Beaumont Health System. And Vandecaveye transitions from her position as chief legal officer for Botsford Health Care.

The Beaumont Health executive team will work at temporary offices at the PNC building in Troy.

Beaumont, Botsford and Oakwood announced their intention to come together to form a new health care organization March 26. They reached a definitive agreement June 23. The new organization was launched Sept. 2 after federal and state regulatory officials reviewed and approved the affiliation and granted tax-exempt, not-for-profit status.

Beaumont's Health's 14-member board of directors is a blend of former board members

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Conway Sripada



ecaveye organizations and is chaired hy John Lewis, former

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three

Vandecaveye former chairman of the Oakwood Board.

"We had a deep pool of qualified internal candidates from throughout our new organization to draw from in selecting the team to lead Beaumont Health," Michalski said.

Now that the new organization is launched, teams of leaders are working with their counterparts at the other organizations to develop plans for integrating functional activities that build on the individual strengths of the three legacy organizations.

Beaumont Health includes hospitals, outpatient centers, physician offices, long-term care centers, home care services and a multistate medical transportation business.

Between now and year end, Michalski and the executive team will work to consolidate and align all the individual entities that make up Beaumont Health.

For more information, visit beaumonthealth.org.



Christine and Chris Raymond take a look at some of their shop's spice offerings. The couple has opened Spice Merchants of Northville at 110 N. Center and have hundreds of spices, salts, peppers and teas available.

Adding some new spice

Spice Merchants opens its doors in downtown Northville

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

The renovation work is complete at 110 N. Center Street, formerly Sincerely Yours, and a new downtown shop called Spice Merchants of Northville is now open.

Opened by a Northville couple, this shop offers a variety of spices, teas and many other cooking ingredients. It's a difficult place to just do a quick stop and go. The owners believe its selection will have customers browsing longer than expected.

"We think this shop fills a need here in downtown and we're excited to show the community what we have to offer," owner Chris Raymond said.

He and his wife Christine are current small business owners and former Ford Motor Co. marketing and sales employees, so they bring knowledge and experience to the venture. But they are huge fans of good cooking and flavors, so this new shop is an opportunity for them to share ideas with customers and help spread good tastes around Northville.

The shop has more than 200 different spices and teas. It also has a wide variety of spice mixtures created by the Raymonds and others. There's a spice or mix for every type of meat, meal or dish. There are also specialty items like the Himalayan sea salt blocks, which can add another twist to a meat

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dish.

"Spice Merchants prides itself on its selection," Chris Raymond said.

Renovation work

The building the shop is in is at least 100 years old and since Sincerely Yours was a completely different business, the Raymonds felt the location needed a new look. The inside is very welcoming and comfortable, exactly what they were trying to achieve in the renovation.

"We really like this location. It's exactly what we wanted when we first set out looking last year," Christine said. "We wanted it to be modern, but also pay homage to its history."

The interior includes reclaimed wood from old homes in the Detroit area that were set for demoli-

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» Use break even analysis to improve your decision making » Find the source of tion, giving the main wall behind the register an interesting look. The ceiling is a throwback to the copper-stamped ceilings of old.

Opening

So far, the shop has been well-received by the community and customers. The Raymonds said many have stopped in to see them. With its soft opening the weekend of the Victorian Festival, the shop was not lacking in foot traffic.

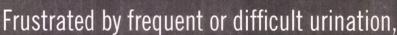
The shop is located at 110 N. Center and can be reached by phone at 248-735-8300. Its hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday and noon 5 p.m. Sunday. They also have a website at https://secure.spicemerchants.biz/sm.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Signature sells space in Wixom

Signature Associates has negotiated the sale of 19,483 square feet of industrial space located at 28031 Grand Oaks Court, Wixom. Jim Montgomery of Signature Associates represented both the seller, Fleet Service Corp, which consolidated to a 125,000-squarefoot facility in Novi, and the purchaser, Vend Tek, which is expanding its operations.



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Sept. 23, 9 a.m. to noon

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Business Research: Feasibility to Expansion

Oct. 8, 6-9 p.m. Thinking of starting a business and want to research your business idea? Do you want to identify market trends and opportunities to grow your sales? Are you looking for new customers or to diversify your market base? **Business Research** shows you ways to find your ideal customers, your competitors, perform competitive analysis and more. Presented by The Oakland County One Stop Shop Business Center, Oakland County Market Research Department and an Oakland County Public Library business reference librarian.

This workshop is free, but pre-registration is requested.

Cooper Standard to increase equity

Novi-based Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc., the parent company of Cooper-Standard Automotive Inc., announced it has agreed to purchase an additional 47.5 percent of Huayu-Cooper Standard Sealing Systems Co., Ltd., its joint venture with Huayu Automotive Systems Co.

Upon completion, Cooper Standard will become the 95-percent equity owner of the business, while 5 percent will be retained by the Shanghai Zhaotun Collective Assets Managing Co.

This acquisition is anticipated to close in the first quarter of 2015 and is subject to Chinese regulatory and other approvals.

The 2013 sales of Huayu-Cooper Standard Sealing Systems, on a combined basis, were \$187 million. Following the closing of this acquisition, Cooper Standard will own nine manufacturing facilities and two technical centers in China, and will be the largest automotive sealing manufacturer in the domestic Chinese market.

"This transaction is an important element in our growth strategy and positions Cooper Standard as the clear leader in sealing and trim systems in the China automotive market," said Jeffrey Edwards, chairman and CEO, Cooper Standard.

NEWSMAKERS

Meenahan receives Heritage Partner Award

A Commerce Township man was honored with the 2014 Heritage



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Jim Meenahan was honored for his contributions to preserving Oakland County's natural and built heritage. The award was presented last week during the 17th annual Heritage Conference, which was held at Addison Oaks County Park in Addison Township.

Meenahan, who has a degree in chemical engineering, has been a member of the Oakland County Business Roundtable Quality of Life Committee since 2001, is an advocate for historic preservation, Main Street Oakland County and the Trail, Water and Land Alliance.

He was a founding member of a citizens group, Save Our State Land, which campaigned to save 550 acres of the Proud Lake State Recreation Area that were to be removed from public ownership as part of the state's land consolidation strategy. The site was ultimately purchased by Commerce Township, which is working on a master plan for a new park.

Casalou named to American Heart Association board

Novi resident Robert Casalou, president and chief executive officer of Saint Joseph Mercy Hospitals-Ann Arbor, Saline and Livingston, has been appointed to the board of

directors of the American Heart Association, Midwest Affiliate for a two-year term. In this role, Casalou will help lead the achievement of the association's mission to build healthier lives.

Prior to coming to Saint Joseph Mercy Health System, Casalou served as president of Providence Park Hospital and was responsible for overseeing the construction of the 200-bed, full-service teaching hospital in Novi that opened in 2008. Casalou received his bachelor's degree in economics and a master of health services administration and master of business administration from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

Fox Run constructing new building

Construction of a new 94-apartment home residence building at Fox Run retirement community in Novi is now underway, with 64 percent of the building already being reserved.

"The time is right for growth in the form of a new residence building, because our occupancy is nearly full and the list of people wanting to move to Fox Run has grown over 35 percent within the last two years," said Fred Moschetta, assistant executive director.

The new building is named Edgewater in honor of Detroit's classic amusement park. For many Michiganders, Edgewater evokes the warmth and care-free spirit of Detroit's golden era, according to Moschetta.

"Edgewater will be built near a pond and a select number of apartment homes will feature soothing water views," he said. It



RENDERING COURTESY OF ERICKSON LIVING In spring 2015, Fox Run is planning to open its first new building in six years.

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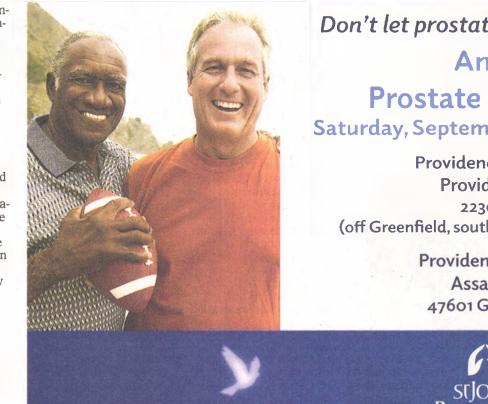
Edgewater will feature 16 never-before-seen floor plans, including a deluxe, two-bedroom, two-bath apartment with a den and balcony or patio. An extralarge, two-bedroom, two-bath home with a patio will also be found at Edgewater, as will a deluxe, two-bedroom, two-bath unit.

Like all of the apartment homes at Fox Run, the units at Edgewater will offer 90-percent refundable entrance deposits ranging from about \$200,000 to \$400,000. Depending on the unit size and occupancy, 2014 monthly service package rates range from \$1,930 to \$2,980. In addition to 24/7 home maintenance, the monthly service package includes all utilities (except telephone), use of all campus amenities, flexible meal plan options and access to Fox Run's clubs and activities.

When construction of the Edgewater is complete, Fox Run will feature a total of eight residence buildings on its spacious campus. Moschetta said he expects about 150 new residents to move into Edgewater and, when that building is full, there will be nearly 1,200 retirees living at the community.

Edgewater is scheduled to open in spring 2015. Fox Run is managed by Erickson Living.

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MDOT: Interstate 96 could reopen by Sept. 30

By David Veselenak Staff Writer

All that "I-96 to reopen in October" talk may not be the case after all.

Officials involved with the Interstate 96 reconstruction say the rebuilding of the freeway is ahead of schedule and it could reopen as soon as Sept. 30.

The countdown on the 96fix.com website was changed Thursday from Oct. 11 to Sept. 30 after project leaders announced plans to reopen the freeway were ahead of schedule.

"You're going to see a big push at the end to get this open," said Jeff Horne, an engineer with the Michigan Department of Transportation.

The Oct. 11 date is the deadline in the contract between MDOT and Dan's Excavating. If the freeway were to not open by that date, the state agency would have imposed a \$150,000 fine per day for every day the freeway is not open to traffic.

In contrast, opening the seven-mile stretch between Telegraph in Redford and Newburgh in Livonia early would result in a \$150,000-a-day bonus incentive for the company. If the freeway were to reopen Sept. 30, the company would receive more than \$1.6 million in incentives.

The seven-mile, \$148 million project has left the freeway closed since early April, forcing motorists to use alternate routes.

With the final push for the freeway to reopen, Horne said there would be some other work taking place in the coming weeks along the freeway that's open to traffic. "Who are design a let of

"We are doing a lot of

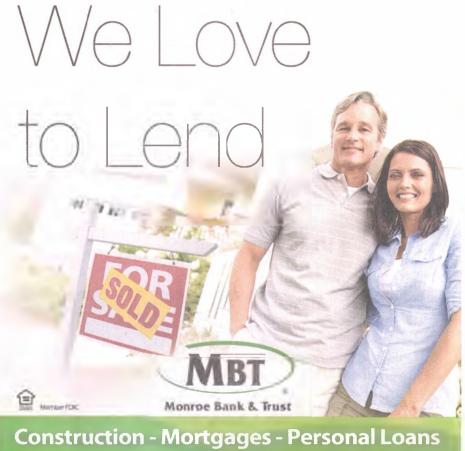
concrete patching west of the project between Haggerty and Newburgh roads," he said. "There's going to be some lane closures."

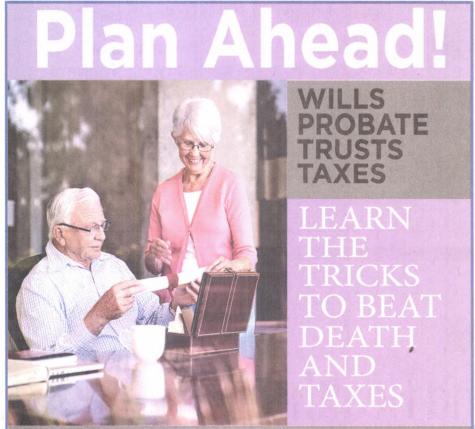
The concrete batch plant at the west side of the project will start to come down Monday as well, Horne said.

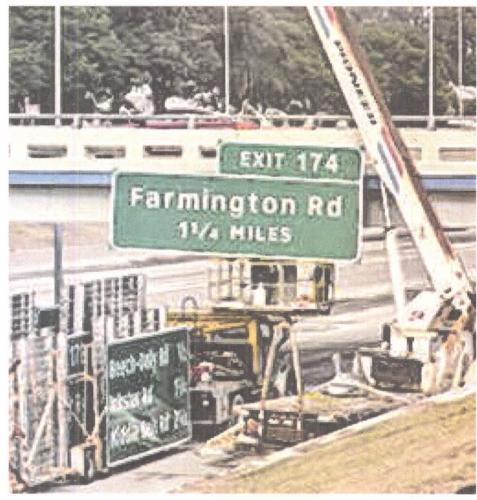
Even if the work is completed early, the contractor will be liable for any major malfunctions in the next five years. Horne said MDOT inspectors are routinely checking to make sure the freeway is being built up to standard.

"It still needs to meet our specifications. The contractor is not doing a shoddy job," he said. "Everything will last and will be good."

Some lane closures and other work will take place alongside the freeway later this fall and winter, as well.







Michigan Department of Transportation officials say I-96 through Redford and Livonia could reopen by Sept. 30, several days ahead of schedule.

Of course, all scheduled items, including the freeway reopening, could change depending on weather and other outside factors. Horne said the project could go into October if issues arise, as well.

"This is all weatherdependent," he said. "Things could change."

No celebration possible

All the talk of an onthe-road celebration when the I-96 reconstruction is finished may not be enough for one to take place.

Horne said there are no immediate plans for a celebration on the freeway, as proposed by some local community members. He said there are a lot of discussions with the contractors, who are worried about allowing residents onto the freeway while it is still under construction.

"A concern is having people down in an active construction zone," he said. "There's a lot of liability with that idea."

Some people, including Livonia resident Joe Neussendorfer, have pitched the idea to MDOT to possibly allow pedestrians, bicyclists and classic car drivers on the freeway for a "family fun day" for a short time to celebrate its reopening.

Neussendorfer sent the idea of holding such an event to MDOT director Kirk Steudle earlier this summer.

"It just seems to me it would be a golden opportunity," he said.

Horne also said the goal of reopening the freeway remains a top priority of the contractor, which would not take place as quickly if an event were held on the freeway.

Horne said if something were to be planned, it would most likely be done very quickly, as progress on the freeway changes almost daily.

"We really don't have anything planned at this time," he said. "The contractor is going to have so many people in there at the end to do a mad rush to get this done."



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LOCAL NEWS

New Hope offers fall workshops for grieving adults

New Hope Center for Grief Support began a multi-week workshop at Ward Presbyterian Church in Northville Township for those grieving the loss of a loved one. The workshop is offered at no cost to those grieving the loss of a loved one.

The Northville workshops will take place 7-8:45 p.m. each Monday for the next seven weeks (ending Nov. 3).

Each session will begin with a presentation

on one aspect of grief followed by small group participation guided by trained facilitators. At-tendees will be placed in groups with others with similar losses. New Hope's workshops have consistently been highly rated as a positive experience that helped people reach a place of hope, healing and new begin-

nings. 'New Hope helped me with my own personal grief journey," said Karen Laing, executive

director at New Hope. "It is heartwarming to hear how this workshop has helped many people throughout the years and that New Hope saved their lives.'

Ward Presbyterian Church is located at 40000 Six Mile Road and can be reached at 248-374-7400.

Additional New Hope Center for Grief Support workshops in metro Detroit include:

» Livonia - Holy Cross Lutheran Church (30650

Meeting the 'Queen of Talk'



Kathryn Bailey (left) and Basma Shamoun Miscovich, owners of Bailey & Shamoun Interiors in downtown Northville, had a chance to visit with the "Queen of Talk" Oprah Winfrey during her visit to the Detroit area last week. Bailey & Shamoun Interiors is known for carrying unique home furnishings that include several of Oprah's favorites, such as Maple Leaf Home boards and trays along with Corkcicle wine chillers. Bailey & Shamoun Interiors is located at 191 Cady Centre in downtown Northville.

MILL RACE MATTERS

Mill Race Historical Village is located at 215 Griswold Avenue, north of Main Street, near Ford Field

Buildings are open to the public 1-4 p.m. each Sunday until Oct. 19. The grounds are open da

Tuesday: Stone Gang; The Stone Gang is a group of volunteers who handle Village care and maintenance. New volunteers always welcome. Meet at 9 a.m. in the Cady

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Eclipse Base Ball Volunteers: The Northville Historical Society at Mill Race Village accepts volunteers in many different areas. Contact the office for more details.

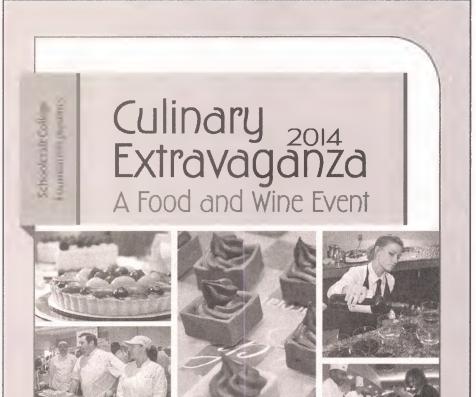
Six Mile Road, Livonia), 7-8:45 p.m. each Thursday for eight weeks beginning Sept. 25. » Canton - St. Mi-

chael's Lutheran Church (7000 N. Sheldon Road, Canton), 7-8:45 p.m. each Monday for eight weeks beginning Oct. 6.

» Plymouth – First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth (701 Church Street, Plymouth), 7-8:45 p.m. each Tuesday for eight weeks beginning Oct. 21.

"From Grief to New Hope" eight-week work-shops are offered in

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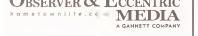
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OUR VIEW

Eight-month search for best 'straw' worth it City manager position key for community

"Finding somebody who can work with the team going in the right direction will take longer than people normally anticipate."

Clay Pearson said that back in late January, when he told Novi City Council that he would be leaving his position as city manager to head south and lead Pearland, Texas.

He also said that a good search firm will even find candidates who weren't necessarily looking who would be a good fit. Pearson knew that because that's what happened to him a few months before he left Novi.

It did take quite a while to find the right person as city manager, but it's a position of incredible importance to Novi. Waters Consulting, based out of (ironically) Texas, helped the city prepare a recruitment profile for a nationwide search. The firm sifted through nearly 30 applicants, while council narrowed that list down to four candidates

to bring in for on-site interviews. That was in June and Mayor Bob Gatt said at that time: "I am confident we will find the right person who will continue to lead our dynamic community in the right direction."

By July, the city still hadn't found the person for the job and the pool of candidates was expanded. With a population of roughly 57,000 and a bud-get of \$30 million, city council wanted to be posi-tive that its next city manager could handle the task.

Finally, Sept. 9, came a round of interviews with four city managers - Vince Pastue (Farmington), Peter Auger (Auburn Hills), Paul Brake (Grand Blanc) and Peter Dame (Grosse Pointe).

"It's an honor to be considered for the position," Pastue said. "Novi is a very, very nice com-munity with a lot of good qualities, restaurants, shops, recreation. It's a well-run city with good political leadership.

Indeed. The man who has been Farmington's leader since 2003 has no doubt watched as neighboring Novi flourishes - even through the recent recession. The city's first charter adopted was in 1969 and, over the last 45 years, Novi has become one of the most desirable places in not only Michigan, but the entire country, to live, work, do business and visit.

Much of its recent success was due to the team led by Pearson, who went from assistant city manager to city manager in July 2006 after Richard Helwig retired.

When he accepted the Pearland position, Pearon said, "The Novi traditions of having an eye to the future while always maintaining high standards of quality and professionalism are values that I think that I have helped sustain and that I know will continue.³ Novi's assistant city manager, Victor Cardenas, has done a great job serving as interim city manager while the city sought its next manager. Cardenas made it clear from the beginning that he did not want to be the next city manager at this time, but he kept focused on moving the city forward

COMMUNITY VOICE

Are you even thinking about holiday shopping yet?

This question was asked at Twelve Oaks Mall.



"Not personally, but since I work here (Macy's), I am because we are putting up our Christmas stuff this week."

> Katie Assi Macy's employee

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Vote against Trott

The polls have consistently shown the current U.S. Congress to be at all-time lows and it is on track to be the least productive ever. This Congress is truly dys-functional and Republican David Trott, candidate for the 11th District, would be a perfect fit for this Congress. However, those elected this November will be in a new Congress. Do we in the 11th District really want to send the "Foreclosure King" to Washington? I think not, voters in this district must vote for his opponent.

Simply not voting for Trott will not clear voters of guilt should this shyster succeed and buy the office. You must vote against him by voting for the other guy.

This man is the proverbial "wolf" in the flesh our fathers referred to who they said they worked to "keep from the door". Through his behind-the-scenes manipulation of the law, he found ways to kick down the door and throw out the widow, orphans and others faster for his benefit and the "banksters". He does not seek this office to

represent us; he seeks it to join others in ruling over us. Note the riches he gathered at the state level. Think what he could amass at the national level.

Voters of the 11th District must step up and do their civic duty. Do the right thing and vote against this man.



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This should make it clear to all

that what's more important to Hugh Crawford is his wife Kath-

y's chances of getting elected to

Recent polls show roads are

the No. 1 issue for voters. Kathy

the office he now holds, not to

mention his own chances for

county commissioner.

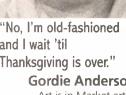
openly state it. But as I said,

I am not surprised at his posi-

lame-duck session.'

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"I am because I need to get ready by bringing more people in to work, so I need to train them and get them ready for the busy season." **Stephanie Hoffmeyer** DC Sports manager

An ad that is fully endorsed by foreclosure king, Republican David Trott, makes the claims that U.S. spending is out of con-trol and debt and deficit levels are costing millions of jobs and threatening economic ruin. According to the CBO, the

budget deficit inherited by the Obama administration has been cut more than 60 percent, the fastest reduction in 60 years. If Trott's claim that cutting spend-ing creates jobs, it would follow that employment would be rising rapidly. No one can legitimately make that claim. The ad tells us economic and financial Armageddon awaits if

financial Armageddon awaits if we don't change our evil borrowing ways. As a nation, we have never been debt-free, not since our inception in 1776. Since I am sure that Dave is on the bandwagon for "American Exceptionalism," I wonder why he thinks something we have done (carry public debt) since day one as a nation, that has no doubt contributed to our raging success, is no longer acceptable?

We are then told we need to pass a balanced budget amendment, I suppose so our government behaves like us poor little old citizens who spend only what we make. Well, we really don't as a rule "live within our means" by Trott's definition. Most of us borrow large sums to purchase homes, cars and pay for educations.

A BB amendment is a very stupid idea in that it would make

Gatt knows just how important the new hire will be to Novi: "The city manager is, frankly, the straw that stirs the city's drink.

Yes, it has taken eight months for the city of Novi to carefully select that straw - Peter Auger but we're confident he will continue the same hard work he put into Auburn Hills (now the third largest industrial employer city in our state) and help Novi become an even better city.

Chuck Tindall Novi

Roads not important?

With the coming election in November, we should be questioning the candidates on their positions on important issues. Since I recently attended a candidates forum at Fox Run senior center and saw no one from the media there, I thought I should inform my fellow citizens of what I thought to be a telling response by 38th House Rep. Hugh Crawford, R-Novi.

When asked about voting on a fix for our terrible roads, Mr. Crawford responded, "We aren't

Crawford told the *Novi News* "roads were not a high priority in 2011." It's easy to see why our roads are so bad now and why they are not being fixed now. We deserve better and should expect more from those that represent us.

Cynthia Churches Novi

Same old stuff

Here we go again with another alleged Republican whiz-bang business candidate either demonstrating total ignorance of U.S. finances and their impact upon the economy or fear-mongering by outright lying or misrepresenting the facts.

responding to an unanticipated emergency impossible. Does Trott think we could have answered a Japanese attack upon Pearl Harbor, responded to the Soviet launch of Sputnik by winning the race for space in little more than a decade or been able to render adequate aid to the victims of Katrina or Sandy without the ability to borrow?

And was the subsequent generation, mine, devastated by debt incurred from World War II that exceeded the current debt/ GDP ratio by 25 percentage points? Certainly not! **Mitch Smith**

Canton

GUEST COLUMN

Legislature has to act fast to avert trial court crisis

egislation introduced at the Capitol last week will fix a funding crisis in Michigan's local courts. Without prompt action on and passage of House Bill 5785, Michigan's trial-level courts, which handle almost three million criminal and traffic cases a year, will lack the resources they need to properly administer justice in the state.

Like a summer thunderstorm, this crisis brewed suddenly. In June, the Michigan Supreme Court ruled in



People vs. Cunningham that trial courts could not impose against defendants some of the costs they have passed on for about a decade.

Without these "user fees," circuit and district courts across Michigan would be short millions of dollars.

A survey of counties by the Michigan Associ-



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ation of Counties in the aftermath of the June case found, for example, that Grand Traverse County would lose as much as \$500,000 a year. Clinton County's estimate is a whopping \$1.9 million.

The remedy to this dilemma is simple common sense: Restore in law the authority local courts have exercised for years, while taking the opportunity to improve practices by increasing transparency of court costs applied to defendants.

Quick action is needed, because local courts have been restricted in their work since the June ruling and the two alternatives to a restoration of "user fees" are, in a word, unwise.

The state could, for example, decide to create a new revenue stream - read tax - to properly fund lower courts. In an election

year, that's as unlikely as it is inadvisable.

Of greater concern is a lack of action, which would leave it to Michigan's 83 counties to find new dollars to divert to courts.

Michigan counties already provide about half of the \$1 billion-plus used by local courts each vear. About \$1 in every \$10 in general funds in Grand Traverse County goes to local courts now. In Newaygo County, almost 40 percent of the general fund budget goes to the court system. In Saginaw County, 25 percent goes to courts. In Cass County, the figure is 30 percent; in Marquette County, 22 percent.

So to come up with more money for courts would certainly mean cuts to other key services, such as road patrols, jails, health initiatives, foster care and

animal control.

Since the Supreme Court decision, a coalition of public servants and interests, led by MAC, has been educating legislators on the issues at play. This effort boils down to three points: "user fees" have worked as a fair method to fund court operations; courts already are the single largest unfunded mandate imposed by the state on the counties; and the state itself is unlikely to identify the necessary dollars in the face of other policy demands, such as road funding.

If legislative action isn't taken to reverse the Cunningham ruling's effects, these percentages only will soar. And counties, trying to recover from years of underfunding by the state, are in no position to absorb a huge new burden.

It's also important to

note that the Michigan Supreme Court didn't rule that court costs were fundamentally improper. Rather, the Cunningham decision stated that courts only could impose costs identified in statute. If laws are changed to restore the authority that trial courts have exercised for nearly a decade, a major crisis is averted for courts and counties.

Legislators have plenty to do in September, but passage of court funding legislation has to be at the top of the list.

Jon Campbell is an Allegan County commissioner and the incoming president of the Michigan Association of Counties (www.micounties.org), a non-partisan, nonprofit organization that advances education, communication and cooperation among county government officials in Michigan.

Annual Schoolcraft food, wine event benefits student scholarships

O&E Media Staff

Treat your taste buds to a culinary extravaganza Sunday, Šept. 28, at Schoolcraft College for a good cause.

The 23rd annual Schoolcraft College Foundation's Culinary Extravaganza will run 2-5 p.m. in the VisTaTech Center, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia.

The food and wine celebration benefits student scholarships at Schoolcraft. Sponsorship packages ranging from \$300 to \$5,000 are available and offer additional benefits. Call 734-462-4463 for more information.

Some 60 restaurants, pastry shops and beverage vendors will serve tastings of their signature culinary creations. Certified Master Chef Jeff Gabriel and expert vintner Lee Hershey will demonstrate healthy food and wine pairings.

A silent auction will include gift baskets, fine dining, travel and sporting event packages, along with other items. A raffle will award the luckiest ticket-holder with \$1,500. Other prizes will include cash and dinner for two at the college's American Harvest Restaurant.

Tickets for the Culinary Extravaganza are \$50, \$20 of which is a charitable contribution. Order tickets by calling 734-462-4689 or visit scf.schoolcraft.edu/culinary-extravaganza.

The chicory-chocolate-cherry ice cream, created by Chef James Rigato of The Root restaurant in White Lake, will be among six Guernsey Farms Dairy ice

cream flavors served in the expanded "tailgate" portion of the annual event that raises funds for student scholarships and the college's culinary arts program.

The Northville-based dairy will participate in the Culinary Extravaganza for the first time, offering Peanut Butter Mackinac Island Fudge, Lemon Custard, Grandpa's Blueberry Way, Creme de Novi and Vanilla ice cream flavors, in addition to Midnight Train to Traverse.

"Nowhere else can you attend an event of this magnitude for such a great price while helping such a great cause," said Sheri Frader, Extravaganza coordinator. "We have several new restaurants this year and we are continually working to add new restaurants.

"The tailgate area will be expanded to include the Lions game and possibly the Ryder Cup.

The tailgate room will offer pub- and tailgatestyle foods, along with the Detroit Lions game televised live on large viewing screens. The main event, located in the DiPonio Room, serves signature dishes and fine dining cuisine. Rigato, a 2005 School-

craft graduate, will be represented in both locations. While Guernsey Farms Dairy serves Midnight Train to Traverse in the tailgate area, Rigato will offer foods typical of his The Root restaurant in the DiPonio Room

He'll wait until closer to the event to choose a menu

Enjoy the afternoon and celebrate food and wine offerings from the

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Community Open House and Health Fair

Learn all that Novi has to offer in one convenient location at Fall for Novi, as city departments, Novi Public Library, local schools, health care providers and civic groups will be at the Civic Center (45175 10 Mile, between Novi and Taft roads) sharing valuable information, eco-friendly tips, health screenings and more from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20.

Highlights of the event include a comprehensive health fair, including flu shot clinic, screenings, information booths; Novi Police Department open house; Novi Fire Department demonstrations (jaws of life demo); child safety seat inspections (weather permitting); Novi Beautification Commission's perennial exchange; farmers market; free Zumba demonstration; Novi Walking Club walk; free refreshments and giveaways; and kids' activities

For more information about Fall for Novi, visit www.cityofnovi.org or contact Stephanie Schuetzler at 248-347-0416 or sschuetzler@cityofnovi.org.

Door to Freedom: The Anne Frank Project comes to Novi

The Holocaust Memorial Center Zekelman Family Campus is teaming up with four Oakland County libraries, including Novi's, to present an educational, interactive program.

Families and people of all ages are invited to attend the events taking place 6:30-8:30 p.m. Sept. 18 at the Novi Public Library.

A local Holocaust survivor will be among the speakers for this age-appropriate introduction to the Holocaust that will emphasize important concepts such as the inherent value of each individual, the need to stand up for the rights of others and the imperative of helping those in need.

The program also will include a discussion on Anne Frank's diary and exploration into the issues Anne faced at that time and how they compare in today's world.

Children ages 11-15 can take part in a handson project whereby they decorate a door that opens up to a photo of themselves and their handwritten answers to the questions: If you could walk through a door without fear, where would you go? Where would it lead you? What obstacles are in the way of getting there?

The goal of the exercise is to help confront some of the same issues Anne Frank faced, such as identity, being a teen, dealing with parents, hope versus despair, bravery, responsibility to stand up for what's right and to fight discrimination and bullying. Children participating in this art project will receive a copy of Anne Frank's The Diary of A Young Girl and a special gift from the Holocaust Memorial Center.

To register for the Novi Public Library Anne Frank program, call 248-349-0720 or visit www.novilibrary.org.

Free Fall Fair

MSU Tollgate Educational Center Farm will host a Free Fall Fair from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, at 28115 Meadowbrook Road in Novi.

Enjoy children's crafts and interactive events; bees, bugs, birds, bats and butterflies; catch a fish; climb onto a fire truck; go for a hayride; decorate a pumpkin; and enjoy live entertainment and free refreshments.

For more information, visit

www.tollgate.msu.edu or call 248-347-3860.

Novi Travel Fair

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

City of Novi Older Adult Services invites community members to discover travel opportunities near and far at the Novi Travel Fair at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 10 Mile.

Attendees will engage with local travel agencies as they showcase their sensational trips and answer questions about the many group travel day and extended trip offers.

Group travel is a great way to get out and see the sights without the challenges of going alone. The fair will highlight trips in a variety of price ranges.

The Travel Fair is free to attend and door prizes and refreshments will be provided.

The Novi Older Adult Services hosts three travel fairs annually, including Jan. 29 and April 16, 2015.

New trips are added year-round and information is available at the Novi Civic Center. Trip announcements are also made on the city of Novi Boomers & Beyond Facebook page.

To learn more about programs and services offered by Older Adult Services, visit cityofnovi.org or call 248-347-0414.

Wixom's Passport Fair

The city of Wixom is hosting a Passport Fair from 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 23, at the city clerk's office (49045 Pontiac Trail) to provide passport information to U.S. citizens and to accept passport applications. The city of Wixom is joining the Department of State in celebrating Passport Month in the USA 2014, a national passport acceptance and outreach event.

U.S. citizens must present a valid passport

book when entering or re-entering the United States by air. U.S. citizens entering the United States from Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean and Bermuda at land borders and sea ports of entry must present a passport book, passport card or other travel documents approved by the U.S. government.

Information on the cost and how to apply for a U.S. passport is available at www.travel.state.gov. U.S. citizens may also obtain passport information by phone, in English and Spanish, by calling the National Passport Information Center tollfree at 1-877-487-2778.

On the Road

Enjoy taking day trips, but not the planning and driving part? Mark your calendars for Tuesday, Oct. 14, and join tour guides and local experts Kathy Crawford and Margi Karp-Opperer for a cultural, historic and entertaining trip to The Player's Club of Detroit (Michigan historic site) and Cliff Bell's (historic supper club).

This cultural and entertaining day will begin at 8:45 a.m. from the Novi Civic Center and continues until approximately 5 p.m. The \$89 trip includes step-on guide touring of unusual spots in Detroit, an exceptional luncheon, concert with musician/songwriter John D. Lamb and deluxe motor coach transportation.

Availability is limited and registration can be done by calling the Novi Library Administration Office at 248-869-7204 (10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. No refunds will be allowed after Sept. 14. For more information about the On the Road event, visit www.novilibrary.org or call 248-869-7204.

Oh, My Aching Back Saint Joseph Mercy Health System, IHA and

Kaleidoscope series



Mary Brady, owner and certified executive chef of Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro, located in the Novi Town Center, will be the opening speaker for the Kaleidoscope Lecture Series that gets underway at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 23, at the Novi Public Library (room 105). Brady will give a behind-the-scenes observation about fine dining as it relates to her restaurant, a Detroit tradition since 1954 that will be celebrating 60 years in business this December. She will also provide a sample to taste of an original 60-year-old recipe. The Novi Public Library is located at 45255 W. 10 Mile Road. Call 248-349-0720 or log on to www.novilibrary.org.

Anesthesia Associates of Ann Arbor have partnered to hold a pain symposium – Oh, My Aching Back – from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 28 at Novi's Suburban Collection Showplace to address how to manage chronic back pain.

Former Red Wings player Chris Chelios will talk about the challenges he faces as an athlete both on and off the ice. Health reporter Lila Lazarus will emcee the event, which will feature presentations by a panel of expert physicians on how to work with your healthcare provider, rehabilitation methods, anesthesiology pain management and integrative medicine options such as acupuncture. Vendor and "Ask the Experts" tables will be available after the presentations and Chelios will be on hand for a limited time for autographs.

Cost is \$15 per person and includes a boxed lunch. Pre-registration is required. Call 800-231-2211 or register online at www.stjoeshealth.org/ pain.

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Northville Art House fundraiser

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BRIEFS

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porting the Northville Art House is planned for 7-10 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18, at the Northville Winery & Brewing Co. Tickets are \$35 each and include wine and cider tastings, hors d'oeuvres and the chance to bid on artist "altered" chairs.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.northvillearthouse.org/events.

Thayer's Corner Fall Fun Day

The Friends of Thayer's Corner Nature Area will present their Fall Fun Day for families at Thayer's Corner Nature Area (8250 Napier Road, between Six and Seven Mile Roads in Northville Township). The event will take place between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 4. Activities will in-

clude:

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» Make your own scarecrow - all supplies provided » Cider and donuts » Paint your own pumpkin » Hayrides (weather permitting) Cost for the event is

\$8. Advance registration guarantees supplies. Walk-ins welcome as long as supplies last. Registration sent to "Friends of Thayer's Corner," 40138 Bexley Way, Northville, MI 48168. For more information, call 734-751-1567.

In addition, the Friends of Thayer's Corner Nature Area will host a fall clean up day at the park from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25. Bring work gloves, garden tools (rakes, clippers); a skidsteer would be helpful. Lunch and water will be provided. Please RSVP to Marv by calling 734-751-1567.

Blood drives

The American Red Cross will host several local blood drives in the coming weeks. They

include: » Sunday, Sept. 21, from 7 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. at First United Methodist Church of Northville

» Sunday, Sept. 28, from 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. at Our Lady of Victory in Northville

» Wednesday, Oct. 1, 2-7:45 p.m. at the First Church of the Nazarene Donors can contact

Diane at Diane.Risko@redcross.org or 313-549-7052 to set up an appointment or for more information.

'Art Quilts: Then and Now'

The Northville Art House will present the evolution of art quilts through the work of talented, local fiber artists. Showcasing both early and current work, this exhibit illustrates the evolution in techniques, trends, styles and materials of the "Art Quilt" genre by mem-bers of Ann Arbor's "Paradigm Fiber Art Group," including Mary Andrews, Jill Ault, Mary Bajz, Deborah Danko,

LOCAL NEWS

Cindy Geist, Mary Gentry, Donna Hamilton, Pat Holly, Patricia Ingersoll, Carolyn King, Gretchen Jackson, Barbara Kilbourn, Linda Larsen and Carol Wineman. These

talented and award winning artists have exhibited with distinction in prestigious national and international shows and are known throughout the international fiber art community. There is an opening

reception scheduled for 6-9 p.m. Oct. 3. The exhibit then runs through Nov. 1 during regular Art House Gallery hours (1-5 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday).

The opening reception is being sponsored by the Ameriprise Financial office of Pete Vannice. Admission to the Northville Art House is free.

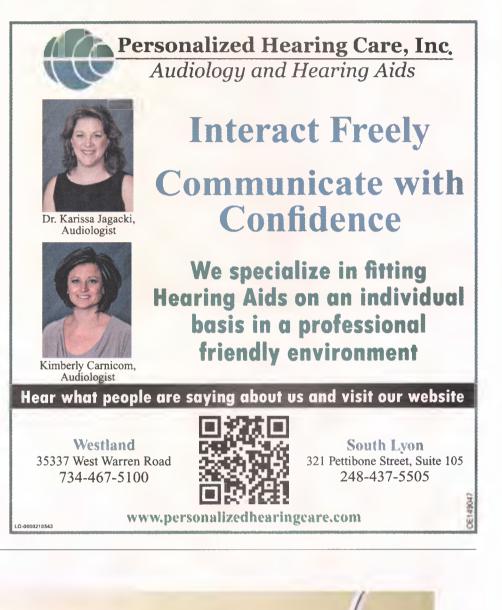
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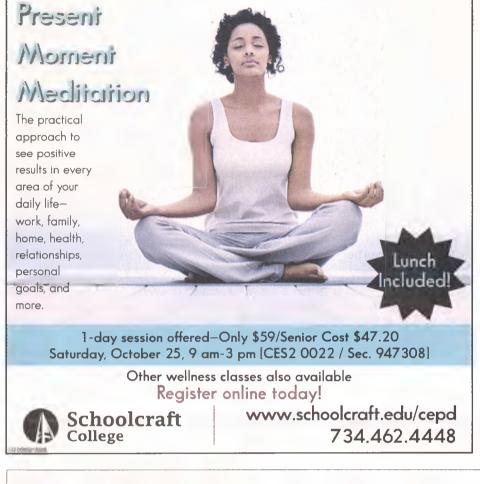
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CURTIS DROGMILLER

The Novi Brass Quintet, made up of members from Oakland County, created a Friday night football first Sept. 12 at the McDonald's on Beck Road and Pontiac Trail. Staged outside the restaurant, the Novi Brass Quintet welcomed guests with soothing sounds of popular musical selections in preparation of the evening's Walled Lake Western High School game against Waterford Kettering. Shown are (from left) Erik Nieman (Northville, trumpet); Leonard Mondrow (Farmington Hills, trumpet); Donald Bilger (Livonia, trombone/euphonium); Edwin J. Jones (Wixom, French horn); and Stuart Pollock (Northville, tuba).





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JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Novi's Connor Howell (54) takes down Stevenson's Jack Ferguson during Friday's KLAA Central clash.

Stevenson edges Novi with two-minute drive

Tanderys' last-second TD pass gives Spartans 31-28 win

By Brad Emons Staff Writer

Livonia Stevenson's Jeff





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Northville's Gunnar Spruit (center) tries to split Novi defenders Amissi Kajinake (left) and David Schulte in Thursday's Central Division showdown.

My left foot: Baldwin's stunner lifts Northville

Mustangs defeat Novi 1-0 thanks to off-foot goal by senior forward

By Brad Emons Staff Writer

It might of come off the wrong foot for Daniel Baldwin, but it turned out to be the right outcome Sept. 11 for the Northville boys soccer team in a 1-0 victory over rival Novi.

The senior forward tallied the game-winning goal with only 15:09 remaining as the host Mustangs improved to 3-2-3 overall and pulled into a first-place tie with the Wildcats at 3-1 in the KLAA's Central Division.

Ironically, Baldwin used

Great for Dan to be there. I thought Johnny (Rodriguez) and Jake (Reitzloff), with their speed up top, was havoc for their defense, which created the goal."

The loss, meanwhile, dropped the Wildcats to 5-2-1 overall.

"I thought we played well for the most part, did the things we wanted to do," Novi coach Brian O'Leary said. "But I think we let the game get a little to hyper, a little too escalated and that ended to set pieces where we maybe could have maintained our composure a little bit better

Tanderys had the final say in Friday's battle of sophomore quarterbacks.

The 5-foot-10, 170-pounder, making just his third varsity start, put together a Joe Montana-like last-minute drive that resulted in the gamewinning touchdown, a 7-yard pass to senior Jack Ferguson with only 14 seconds remaining, to give the host Spartans a 31-28 victory over Novi.

Tandery's connected on 16-of-21 passes on the night for 217 yards, while Novi counterpart Alec Bageris, making an emergency start in place of injured senior QB Rohit Mogalayapalli (hurt in Thursday's practice), also shined by hitting 18-of-25 for 189 yards.

After Novi took a 28-24 lead with only 2:55 remaining on Matt Sabo's 1-yard TD run, it appeared the Wildcats were in position to come away with their first victory in three starts, especially after Caleb Wright sacked Tanderys for a 9-yard loss with 1:08 left, coupled with a 26-yard passing play that was nullified by a penalty for an illegal man

JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Novi's Emanuel Jackson breaks away from a Stevenson tackler in Friday's KLAA Central encounter.

downfield.

But the Stevenson sophomore hit his next three passes, including one of 22 yards to Carlin, another a 40-year strike to Ferguson, followed by the 7-yard game-winner to Ferguson to complete the victory – all in the final 40 seconds.

"When I just got outside of

the pocket, I just saw (Ferguson) wide open," Tanderys said. "It was all an easy pitchand-catch from there. I'm just thankful for being at that spot so we could even win. That's all I'm happy about."

Tanderys showed poise beyond his years on the final

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his left foot as he slid a shot past Novi goalkeeper Tommy McMaster. But in scoring his fourth goal of the season, Baldwin admitted he rarely shoots with his opposite leg.

"Not really, but I had to do what I had to do," Baldwin said. "(Alec Morgan) took the corner kick, it deflected off (Johnny Rodriguez), he ended up on the ground and I saw an opportunity. I just came in. It was a lucky break, but it worked out well, actually."

It was almost like the Mustangs flipped a switch midway through the second half as they began applying heavy pressure on Novi's defense, which resulted in a series of restarts.

"I thought the game was pretty evenly played, but the second half the last 25 minutes we started to using more of the flank work, which created more opportunities," Northville coach Henry Klimes said. "We went at them, which created more fouls and corner kicks, which we got a good break and we finally cashed one in when we got a break in front of the net. and had a better result."

Northville first-year senior goalie Alec Melucci earned the shutout thanks to a strong effort in front of him.

The Wildcats, however, certainly had their chances, but couldn't dent the Northville defense when getting in and around the Mustangs' 18-yard box.

"I would say for the first 60 minutes of the game we were better team and it would have been nice to get on the board, then it would have been a big difference," O'Leary said. "But definitely, the last 20 minutes they took it to us."

The game became a war of attrition for the Wildcats, who had two players out with injuries – Kyle Bandyk (broken leg) and Matt Netter (broken neck). Novi also lost senior Alan Rakovic to an injury with less than a minute to go in the first half.

"We're a little beat up, but I have the luxury where we've got some depth and we

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Setter Martin looks to engineer Georgia Tech volleyball revival

Former Northville standout starter for Ramblin' Wreck

By Brad Emons Staff Writer

Before Rebecca Martin graduates from Georgia Tech, she'd like to not only be – as the famous school fight song says – "a hell of an engineer," but also would like to go down as a "hell of a setter" for the Ramblin' Wreck as well.

The Novi native, who helped Northville High to its firstever Class A final four appearance and a 49-4-4 overall record as a senior in 2012, is entering her second season with the Ramblin' Wreck, where

she is the team's Martin starting setter.

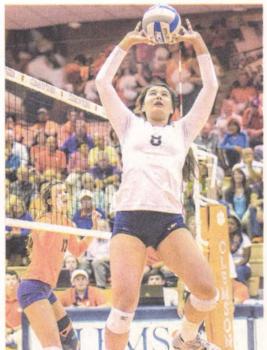
Georgia Tech, a member of the ACC, is off to a 4-5 start under new coach Michelle Collier, who arrived in the spring from Jacksonville (Fla.) University.

In her second season, the 5-foot-11 Martin has a teamhigh 292 assist-to-kills, including a season-high 50 in a win over David Lipscomb (Tenn.), to go along with 46 total digs.

One of the Georgia Tech's early season losses came against No. 24-ranked Oklahoma in three sets.

"It's still very early in the season, so we still have some work to do," said Martin, who started 13 matches last year as a freshman. "But overall, I'm pretty happy with what our team has been doing. We've been pretty competitive, a lot more competitive than what we have been before. We've been doing a lot of things our

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GEORGIA TECH ATHLETICS Rebecca Martin, a 2013 Northville High grad, is the starting setter for Georgia Tech University.

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LOCAL SPORTS

Northville routs South Lyon East

By Brad Emons Staff Writer

Northville racked up 433 yards in total offense Friday night as the Mustangs opened defense of their KLAA Central Division title Friday with a 40-6 victory at South Lyon East.

The state-ranked Mustangs, who improved to 3-0 overall, jumped out to a 27-0 first-quarter lead and never looked back while keeping the Cougars winless in three starts.

"I was very proud of the way we started out the game," Northville coach Matt Ladach said. "We came out focused, and we executed very well early on. It's was definitely good to get off to the great start like we did.

"I felt we played well at times. Unfortunately, we went through some spurts where we didn't execute to the best of our ability. We have got to eliminate those lulls in execution.'

Northville junior quarterback Justin Zimbo had another big game hitting 7-of-11 passes for 226 yards and four touchdowns.

Senior running back P.J. Schnepp also rushed for a game-high 141 yards on 13 carries and two TDs.

Sophomore slotback Terrell Cunningham was Northville's top receiver with four catches for 122 yards and three TDs, while senior Kevin Bak

added three receptions for 97 yards and a TD. In the first quarter,

Schnepp ran 8 yards for a TD, while Zimbo connected with Bak on a 31-yard scoring pass followed by scoring passes of 25 and 29 yards to Cunningham.

In the second quarter, South Lyon East's Stosh Scheleske booted a pair of field goals from 33 and 18 yards, but Zimbo countered before hitting Cunningham again on a 45-yard strike with 1:56 left in the half to make it 34-6 on Nathan Lane's extra point.

The Mustangs then scored again in the third period on Schnepp's 1yard TD run.

South Lyon East fin-ished with 235 total yards led by J.D. Simon, who had 102 yards rushing on 15 carries. Trent Willenborg had five catches for 37 yards.

Top tacklers for the Mustangs included Lee Moore (nine assists); Jack Ernst (two solo, five assists); Alex Putman (one solo, five assists); and Andy Tang (one solo, five assists, fumble recovery).

"They got two field goals, but we kept them out of the end zone, which was good," Ladach said.

The Mustangs return to KLAA Central action beginning 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19 at South Lyon (3-0, 1-0).

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Shamrocks roll by Toronto squad

CC gets first win after two losses

By Brad Emons Staff Writer

Novi Detroit Catholic Central snapped its modest two-game losing streak Friday night, downing Toronto St. Michael's (Ontario) Collegiate in a non-league football game, 55-7.

CC (1-2) jumped out to a 35-7 halftime advantage before invoking a running clock with 13 more points in the third quarter.

The Shamrocks led 14-0 after one quarter on Alexander Bock's 50yard touchdown run, followed by Blake Livingston's 6-yard TD run. CC added three more

touchdowns in the third quarter thanks to a 60yard run by Bock, a 57-yard punt return by Victor Dirita and a 2yard run from Nick Geise.

In the third quarter, CC quarterback Joe Fanning hit Cameron Hendershot on a 67-yard TD pass, followed by Dan Quaine's 4-yard scoring run. Austin Darkangelo

completed the scoring for CC in the final quarter with an 11-yard TD



DENNIS BARNES

Catholic Central's Nick Giese (31) runs for daylight in Saturday's 55-7 win over Toronto St. Michael's.

run.

Catholic Central finished with 388 yards in total offense, including 285 on the ground led by Bock, who had 107 yards on just five attempts, and Geise, who added 88 on 11 carries. Fanning was 2-for-3 passing for 103 yards.

The Shamrocks finished with 14 first downs to nine for St. Michael's.

CC's defense held the Ontario team to 170 total yards, including 74 on the ground and 96 passing.

Top tacklers for the Shamrocks included

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Grant Hartwig (two solo, five assists), Philip Schmitz (eight assists), Nicholas Cococcetta (three solo, one assist) and Matthew Foreman (one solo, five assists). William Frush also had a fumble recovery, while Edward Szczypka added an interception.

Catholic Central returns to action at 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, against host Traverse City Central (3-0) at Thirlby Field. On Friday, Central defeated rival Traverse City West, 20-13.

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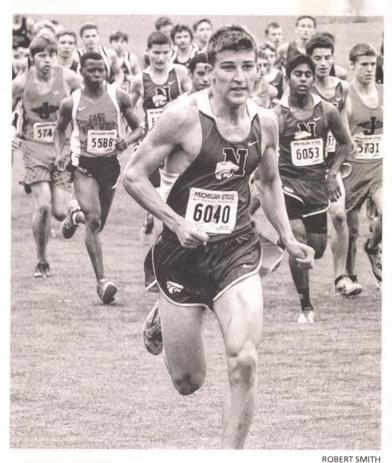
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Novi boys race to Spartan Green crown



Novi's Nathan Hall ran a career-best 16:16 en route to a fifth-place finish at the MSU Spartan Invitational.

By Brad Emons Staff Writer

For the second straight year, the Novi boys cross country team ruled the Green Division at the Michigan State University Spartan Invitational, which was held Friday on the Forest Akers East Golf Course

By an even wider margin than the previous year, the Wildcats won decisively over the 38-team field for Division 1 and 2 teams by scoring 104 points

Okemos and Orchard Lake St. Mary's were a distant second and third with 204 and 205, respectively.

Donovan Brazier of Grand Rapids Kenowa Hills was the individual winner in 15 min-utes, 57 seconds (5,000 meters), but right behind were Novi's Joost Plaetinck, a junior, who took third in 16:10, along with senior Nathan Hall, who placed fifth in a careerbest 16:16.

"This was the first time all season that Joost had runners with him for an entire race," Novi coach Robert Smith said. "There was a little bumping going on at most of the curves. That usually happens up front. I's good that Joost had that

experience. It's part of racing. "Nate had a huge breakout

race today. He set a career best by 18 seconds. With that type of performance comes confidence and I will not be surprised to see Nate racing at or near the front in all of our remaining contests.

Also scoring for the Wildcats were Cameron Misko, 27th (16:46); Scott MacPher-son, 32nd (16:51); and Adam Ditri, 37th (16:59)

Misko and Ditri each shaved off 11 seconds off their previous career bests, while MacPherson equalied his personal best.

Senior Sahisnu Malapati and sophomore John Landy finished 42nd and 47th, re-spectively, in 17:04 and 17:09.

"The Spartan Invitational draws teams from hundreds of miles away," Smith said. "It gives followers of the sport a clear view of what is happening across the entire state of Michigan.

On the girls side, Novi took sixth in the Green Division with an even 300 points, as senior Hannah Lonergan finished 11th in 19:09.

Other Novi scorers included sophomore Jacalyn Schubring, 36th (20:08); sophomore Hadley Peterson, 37th (20:10); sophomore Jessica Lypka, 106th (21:25); and freshman Kacy Shaheen, 110th (21:29).

Caledonia (211), Kenowa Hills (220) and Livonia Churchill (242) took the first three places.

Karenna Duffy of Macomb Township L'Anse Creuse North finished first in 18:28.

Novi boys dual

Sophomore John Landy (17:19) and senior Sahisnu Malapati (17:21) finished onetwo as the Novi boys cross country team downed host Salem, 15-48, in a KLAA Central dual meet Sept. 9 at Willow Metropark in New Boston. Aric Landy (17:30) and Ca-

sey Croad (17:36) took third and fourth overall, respectively, both career bests. Other Wildcats in the top 10 were Scott Beaton, fifth (17:42); Collin Thomas, sixth (18:00); Declan Winship, ninth (18:14); and sophomore Chris Silva, 10th (18:25).

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Mustangs teams place third among MSU's Elite Division

Northville does well against best teams from across state

By Brad Emons

Staff Writer

Both the Northville boys and girls cross country teams found their way to the podium with third-place finishes in Friday's Michigan State University Spartan Invitational.

Both teams competed in the Elite Division as Birmingham Seaholm, led by the one-two finish of Audrey Belf (17:52 for 5,000 meters) and Rachel DaDamio (17:54), scored 58 points to lead the 28-school girls field.

Traverse City Central (139) and defending state champion Northville (169) finished second and third, respectively.

"This was a great day for us as we raced well and had a good showing against the top teams in the state," Northville coach Nancy Smith said. "We raced without our top runner Lexa Barrott, who we kept out because of a quad problem. It is early in the season and we did not have to risk her by putting her in. The rest of the girls stepped up and filled the void of her absence." Sophomore Cayla Eckenroth paced the Mustangs with a 12th-place finish in 18:43, followed by Emma Herrmann, 19th (18:57); Hailey Harris, 22nd (19:09); Emma Smith, 60th (19:57); Taylor Gatoni, 67th (20:01); Rachel Zimmer, 103rd (20:43); and Mirai Kobyashi, 106th (20:44). "Of the seven who raced today, only Emma Herrmann has raced in the varsity race at MSU and she put in her career best time and broke into the 18-minute area," Smith said. "Hailey Harris and Taylor Gattoni also used the competition to run career best times."

and duplicated their thirdplace finish of a year ago be-hind Waterford Mott (118) and Rockford (153) among the 35-team field.

Royal Oak's Ben Hill was the individual winner in 15:06, while Northville junior Conor Naughton ran a personal best 15:50 to place 16th overall.

"I was thrilled with our results; five of our varsity runners had career PRs, Northville coach Chris Cronin said. "It was a tough week for Conor. His grandmother and number one fan, Norma Hastings, passed unexpectedly earlier in the week and the funeral was Friday morning. After the race, we shared a pretty emotional moment. To handle everything he did this week speaks volumes to Conor's character and resiliency. He's a great young man. We are lucky to have him running

need to work on moving forward," Cronin said. "We are in the hunt for a title, but there is work that needs to be done.'

Dual meet sweep

It was a landslide victory for both the Northville girls and boys cross country teams Sept. 9 in the KLAA Central Division dual meet opener against South Lyon at Cass Benton Park.

Freshman Rachel Zimmer's first place time of 21:07 led the Mustangs girls to a 18-45 win over the Lions, while senior Sean McCullough crossed the finish line first for the Northville boys in a 15-49 triumph.

The Northville girls captured nine of the first 10 spots, with South Lyon's Maiju Okssa breaking up the domination in third (21:44).

Others in the top 10 for the Mustangs included senior Mira Kobayashi, second (21:08); freshman Megan Krygier, fourth (22:03); sophomore Emily Kerr, fifth (22:08); junior Paige Zimmer, sixth (22:14); senior Julia Slatin, seventh (22:19); senior Addison Gaines, eighth (22:30); sophomore Katie Chevoor, ninth (22:37); and sophomore Helena Bryans, 10th (22:46). The Northville boys, meanwhile, took 19 of the top 20 places, including nine of the first 10. Following McCullough were senior Christian Freiburger, second (17:29); senior Sean Flanagan, third (17:43); sophomore Peter Bejin, fourth (18:03); junior Thomas Smither, fifth (18:11); junior Peter Martin, sixth (18:14); sophomore Jacob Blackmore, eighth (18:28); junior Rohan Patel. ninth (18:30); and sophomore Evan Ferrante, 10th (18:37).



BRIAN MCNEFF

The Northville girls swim team captured first place in the Walled Lake Invitational.

Northville girls swimmers first at Walled Lake invite

Laura Westphal and Kelsey Macaddino each figured in four first-place finishes Saturday as Northville earned a first-place team finish in the Walled Lake Invitational held at Walled Lake Northern.

stroke (1:02.58); Zayan, fourth, 50 freestyle (26.7); fifth, 100 freestyle (57.46); Mroz, fourth, 100 backstroke (1;04.34); fifth, 200 IM (2:21.19); Ana Barrott, fourth, 100 butterfly (1:04.33); Yan, fourth, 100 breaststroke

Meanwhile, the Northville boys finished with 153 points

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out front.

Meanwhile, senior teammate Nick Noles finished 27th in 16:03 to also make the podium (top 30).

"Nick is still knocking the racing rust off, but his 16:03 is a good sign that he getting close," Cronin said. "Nick's a stronger runner and thrives when the terrain gets lumpy. I look for him to really take flight in our upcoming races."

Northville's other three scorers included senior Jason Ferrante, who missed the podium in 31st (16:06); Sean McCullough, 49th (16:28); and sophomore Ben Cracraft, 63rd (16:34)

Junior Kenny Goolsby (68th, 16:43) and senior Sam Kremke (104th, 17:10) rounded out the Northville contingent.

"Those are the times the elite teams in the state are running and races like the Spartan Invitational make us acutely aware of what we

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Shamrocks harriers runners-up at Holly

By Brad Emons Staff Writer

The Novi Detroit Catholic Central boys cross country team found the footing treacherous during Saturday's Nike/Holly/Duane **Raffin Festival of Races** held at Springfield Oaks.

"It's a tough terrain, because if it rains, which it did that morning, it gets really soggy and it's really tough to run on it," Catholic Central coach Tony Magni said. "But everybody has to run on it. And what made it bad for us is that it was the last race of the day. We were like the 12th or 13th race of the day. But you get the spikes on and just off you go."

The Shamrocks made a strong showing, finishing runner-up in the 19-team

Division 1 field with 111 points. White Lake Lakeland captured the title with 73, while Walled Lake Central placed third with 124.

Salem's Chaz Jeffress was first overall as he covered the 5,000-meter course in 16 minutes, 2 seconds.

Junior Scott Smith was CC's top finisher in ninth (16:35), followed by Bailey Hobson, 19th (16:48); Avery Felty, 20th (16:50); Mark Borek, 29th (17:05); Brendan Canavan, 34th (17:12); Alex McLaren, 57th, 17:37; and Matthew Fosdick, 61st (17:40).

The Shamrocks return to action at 11 a.m. Saturday at Cass Benton Park, when they host the CC Invitational.

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CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

BOYS DUAL RESULTS NOVI 15, SALEM 48 Sept. 9 at Willow Metropark

Individual winner: John Landy (Novi), 17:19

(5,000 meters). Other Novi finishers: 2. Sahisnu Malapati, 17:21; 3. Aric Landy, 17:30; 4. Casey Croad, 17:36; 5. Scott Beaton, 17:42; 6. Collin Thomas, 18:00; 9. Declan

Stort Beaton, 17.42, 6: Commindings 18.00, 5: Declar Winship, 18.14.
Salem's top finisher: 7. Jacob Kubinski, 18.12.
Dual meet records: Novi, 1-0 overall, 1-0 KLAA Central Division; Salem, 0-1 overall, 0-1 KLAA Central.

NORTHVILLE 15 SOUTH LYON 49

Sept. 9 at Cass Benton Park Individual winner: Sean McCullough (North-ville), 17:04 (5,000 meters). Other Northville finishers: 2. Christian

Freiburger, 17:29; 3. Sean Flanagan, 17:43; 4. Peter Bejin, 18:03; 5. Thomas Smither, 18:11; 6. Peter Martin, 18:14; 8. Jacob Blackmore, 18:28. South Lyon's top finisher: Bryce Van Asselt, 18:21.

Dual meet records: Northville, 1-0 overall, 1-0 KLAA Central Division; South Lyon, 0-1 overall, 0-1 KLAA Central.

GIRLS DUAL RESULTS NORTHVILLE 18 SOUTH LYON 45

Sept. 9 at Cass Benton Park Individual winner: Rachel Zimmer (Northville), 11:07 (5,000 meters) Other Northville finishers: 2. Mirai Ko-

bayashi, 21:08; 3. Megan Krygier, 22:03; 5. Emily Kerr, 22:08; 6. Paige Zimmer, 22:14; 7. Julia Slatin, 22:19; 8. Addison Gaines, 22:30.

South Lyon's top finisher: 3. Maiju Okssa. 21:44

Dual meet records: Northville, 1-0 overall, 1-0 KLAA Central Division; South Lyon, 0-1 overall, 0-1 KLAA Central

I ne Mustangs scored 4/0 points, followed by Livonia Stevenson (435), Hartland (366), Lake Orion (313), Northern (228), Walled Lake Central (133), Walled Lake Western (133), Dearborn (111) and the Hartland Hurricanes Swim Club (93).

"I thought we had a really good meet," Northville coach Brian McNeff said. "In the past, we have not swam well at this meet, but the girls did really well this year. There were a lot of personal bests and we scored a lot of points."

Westphal, the defending Division 1 state champion in the 500-yard freestyle as a freshman, captured the 200 individual medley (2:12.88) and 500 freestyle (5:16.65), while Macaddino added firsts in the 200 freestyle (2:00.69) and 100 butterfly (58.99).

They also teamed up with Nikki Pumper and Gillian Zayan for a first in the 200 freestyle relay (1:43.82). The foursome of Westphal, Macaddino, Pumper and Natalie Filipowicz also won the 400 freestyle relay (3:45.14). Northville's 200 medley

relay team of Darby Mroz, Jessica Yan, Brittany Nayh and Zayan contributed a third place (2:01.19).

Other top individual finishers for the Mustangs included: Pumper, second, 50 freestyle (26.02) and 100 back-

(1:15.99); Alissa Moore, fifth, 200 freestyle (2:05.74); Filipowicz, sixth, 100 freestyle (59.24); and Jennifer Ostrowski, sixth, 100 breaststroke (1:17.55).

"This was the first time all season that we had our top lineup in and it was pretty impressive," McNeff said. "If we can continue to swim like this and be able to put together this type of lineup, than it will be a pretty fun season.'

DUAL MEET RESULTS NORTHVILLE 126 LIVONIA CHURCHILL 60 Sept. 11 at Northville 200-yard medley relay: 1. Northville (Olivia Burrows, Erin Szara, Sarah Ptashnik, Alison Tucker), 2:05.2; 2. Northville (Shannon Hayes, Nora Orlandez, Veliz Morcae, Medeliae Willearunki) Orlandea, Kelsi Morgan, Madeline Wilczewski),

209.43.
200 freestyle: 1. Julia Scavnicky (N), 2:12.03;
2. Rachel Mazzara (N), 2:15.4; 3. Chelsea Lepish, 2.18.01

2:18.01. 200 individual medley: 1. Laura Westphal (N), 2:12.88; 2. Hayes (N), 2:32.84. 50 freestyle: 1. Ptashnik (N), 27.27. 1-meter diving: 1. Sydney Grenier (LC), 197.78 points; 3. Kylie Vanloo (N), 100.21. 100 butterfly: 1. Scavnicky (N), 1:09.45; Daniel Siwula (N), 1:18.19. 100 freestyle: 1. Ptashnik (N), 1:00.06; 2. Tucker (N), 1:02.04. 500 freestyle: 1. Maddy Hagood (LC),

500 freestyle: 1. Maddy Hagood (LC), 5:59.92; 2. Mazzara (N), 6:05.33; 3. Wilczewski (N), 6:08 98

200 freestyle relay: 1. Churchill (Tolen, Crystal Dombrowski, Kylee Anderson, Hagood) 1:57.35; 2. Northville (Allie Pierce, Allie Stellon,

1:57.35; Z. Northville (Allie Pierce, Allie Stellon, Kelsi Morgan, Tucker), 1:57.44; 3. Northville (Claudia Sharp, Jenna Manske, Kelly Leary, Jenna Booker), 2:05.68.
100 backstroke: I. Burrows (N), 1:09.69; 2. Hayes (N), 1:11.37; 3. Emilie Chen (N), 1:14.68.
100 breaststroke: I. Szara (N), 1:20.11. 2.
Nora Orleanda (N), 1:24.33; 3. Manske (N), 1:25.43.
400 freestyle relay: I. Northville (Burrows, Cherias Song, Mazzara, Wilczewski), 4:13.2; 3.
Northville (Lepish, Brittany Macaddino, Evelyn Curry), 4:24.41.

Curry), 4:24,41

Northville's dual meet record: 1-0

Wildcats tie in field hockey

It was slow going Sept. 11 in the wet grass as the host Novi field hockey team fought to a scoreless draw with Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central.

With the non-league tie, the Wildcats stand 2-0-3 overall and 2-0-2 in Division 1 of the Michigan High School Field Hockey Association.

"It was kind of a little bit of a sloppy game, playing in the grass as opposed to the turf, so the ground was a little bit soft," Novi coach Kevin

Kilgore said. "We personally played a little bit sloppy. They (Forest Hills Central) got seven penalty corners in a row and that was rough.

"We had a couple of chances offensively. Amanda Minnasale (senior forward) was really working hard tonight. She made some things happen on the offensive end. We couldn't convert though. And our goalie, (junior) Katrina Kooman, stepped up huge and made some great, great saves."

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Novi proves its net worth

Mustangs' Johnston stops state champ Wang in three sets

By Brad Emons Staff Writer

Northville's Connor Johnston won the battle in his marquee match-up Tuesday against defending MHSAA Division 1 singles state champion Tim Wang.

But host Novi captured the war, earning a 7-2 KLAA Central Division boys tennis victory against the Mustangs in a match-up of top 10-ranked teams.

Johnston, a junior who was the state runner-up at No.1 singles to Wang a year ago, overcame a first-set deficit to post a 3-6, 6-3, 6-1 victory.

But in the other three singles flights, Novi's Koushik Kondapi (No. 2), Alex Wen (No. 3) and Andre Liu (No. 4) all won handily in straight sets and the Wildcats captured four of five doubles matches to sew up the team win.

Wang took three of his four high school meetings last fall against Johnston and had posted a 6-1, 6-3 win when the two last met April 20 in a U.S. Tennis Association Midwest Level 3 junior event.

"I played really well and we had really long points," said Johnston, who is currently No. 34 in the USTA boys 16 rankings. "I won the points when I was very aggressive. I played him three or four months ago in a USTA tournament and he beat me, so I'm pretty happy about it.

After pulling even after the second set, Johnston carried his momentum right through and into the third and final set.

"I just wanted to stay ag-gressive and keep hitting my shots," Johnston said. "When I hit the ball deep, I came in off it and that worked really well for me.'

Wang, a senior who has committed to Columbia University, played this summer in the US-TA boys 18 nationals in Kalamazoo, as did Johnston, who was in the boys 16.

"You just got to give credit to Connor, he played well," Wang said. "I did everything I could. It was just a battle to the end and today he got the better of me. He was the better player.

"He was much more solid this time. I wasn't serving as I would have liked, but there's always next time.

In doubles, Novi's Maxx Anderson and Daniel Yu (No. 1), along with Ryan Fernandes and Aakash Ray (No. 3), Sai Gutur and Abhishek Subash (No. 4) and Anurag Koduri and Vamsi Nimmagadda (No. 5), all won in straight sets.

"We knew it was going to be a tough match ... it was," said Novi coach Jim Hanson, who guided the Wildcats to a runnerup team finish in 2013. "We were tested in every flight. Northville is a quality team. They're ranked in the top 10 in the state. Basically they had a majority of their team back, so it was good that we did as well as we did in doubles."

Northville, however, had a breakthrough at No. 2 doubles, as Nick Chatas and Umais Rao outlasted Novi's Robert Chen and Aditya Chitta in three sets, 6-3, 1-6, 6-4.

"I thought overall it was a solid match," Northville coach Matt Stetson said. "They (Novi) are so tough that they're going to have a couple of the top

seeds in the state at all four singles spots. We knew those were going to be tough going in.

"I thought in doubles that my guys played competitively. I don't think we've taken a doubles match off them in at least four or five years in any flight. We've taken some singles matches off them, but have not taken doubles. It was good to see my number two doubles come through. In most of the other matches, the scores don't show it, but I thought we played them closer.

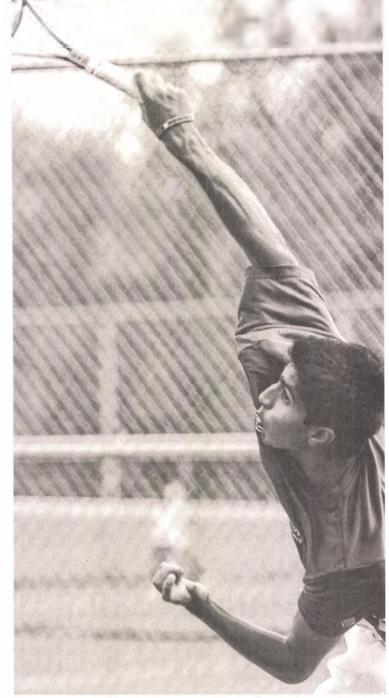
"I felt good about what I saw tonight and it's something to build on when we see them in the future.'

Meanwhile, Hanson was more than satisfied with the final result.

"Our singles, obviously, is the strength of our team," he said. "We have practice the next couple of days and we can work on some things that we need to work on. But overall it was a good team win. Like I told the kids, we face them three times and they're going to be harder to beat the second time and the third time. It's a good competition, good rivalry between the schools and good sportsmanship always. It was a win-win for high school tennis."

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DUAL MATCH RESULTS NOV1 7, NORTHVILLE 2 Sept. 9 at Novi M.S. No. 1 singles: Connor Johnston (N'ville) defeated Tim Wang, 3-6, 6-3, 6-1; No. 2: Koushik Kondapi (Novi) def. Oliver Daniel, 6-1, 6-0; No. 3: Alex Wen (Novi) def. Andrew Schafer, 6-0, 6-0; No. Alex Wen (Novi) def. Stephen Freeman, 6-2, 6-0; No. 1 doubles: Maxx Anderson-Daniel Yu (Novi) def. Jason Wang-Janak Mukherji, 6-2, 6-0; No. 2: Nick Chatas-Umais Rao (N'ville) def. Robert Chen-Aditya Chitta, 6-3, 1-6, 6-4; No. 3: Ryan Fernandes-Aakash Ray (Novi) def. Evan Simof-Jonathan Bi, 6-1, 6-4; No. 4: Sai Gotur-Abhishek Subash (Novi) def. Yannis Bi-Victor Lee, 6-2, 6-3; No. 5: Anurag Koduri-Vamsi Nimmagadda (Novi) def. Hoon Oh-Robert Hong, 6-2, 6-2: Dual match records: Novi, 3-0 overall, 2-0 KLAA Central Division; Northville, 9-3 overall, 2-1 KLAA Central. Robert Hong, 6-2, 6-2



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Novi's Koushik Kondapi cruised to victory at No. 2 singles with a 6-1, 6-0 win over Northville's Oliver Daniel. Novi won the KLAA Central Division match, 7-2.

Novi shaves Country Day for title

Wildcats capture invite despite missing Wang

Even without its top player in the lineup, the Novi boys tennis team notched its fourth tournament title of the season Saturday, capturing the East Grand Rapids Invitational by a point over three-time MHSAA **Division 3 champion Birming**ham Detroit Country Day

The Wildcats, minus Division 1 singles state champion Tim Wang, who was visiting Columbia University over the Grandville and the host Pioneers with seven and four points, respectively. Novi, last year's Division 1

state runner-up, still managed to win three of four singles flights along with a pair of doubles titles.

Junior Koushik Kondapi (No. 2), freshman Alex Wen (No. 3) and Andre Liu (No. 4) all went 3-0 on the day while sweeping each of their three matches in straight sets.

Juniors Sai Gotur and Abhishek Subash finished 3-0 at No. 3 doubles, highlighted by a 4-6, 6-4 (10-7 super-breaker) win over Country Day, while freshman Robert Chen and

Aditya Chitta also emerged victors at No. 4, yielding just

six games in three matches. The Wildcats No. 1 doubles team of junior Maxx Anderson and sophomore Daniel Yu finished 2-1 on the day, with their only loss coming against Country Day, 6-3, 6-4.

Novi's Ryan Fernandes, a senior, and Aakash Ray, a sophomore, also won two of three matches, with their only loss coming in a three-set super-breaker against East Grand Rapids, 4-6, 6-4, 10-7

Senior Anurag Koduri filled for Wang at No. 1 singles.

Sign up for Heroes on Hines 5K race or half-marathon

Wayne County, in partnership with Running Fit, will host its second annual Heroes on Hines Half-Marathon and 5K Run on Saturday, Oct. 4.

Proceeds from the annual race will go to support and maintain the First Respond-



weekend, edged Country Day for the title, 19-18, followed by but finished 0-3.

MARTIN

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new coach (Collier) has been talking about and what she wants us to do. We're just kind of working into it. It's pretty early, but we still have a lot of potential that we really haven't tapped into."

In her first season, Martin played for the coach that recruited her - Tonya Johnson but after five seasons as Georgia Tech's head coach, Johnson stepped down Feb. 14 and eventually returned to Texas as an assistant coach.

During her freshman season, Martin paced Georgia Tech with 410 total assists in just 19 matches, including a careerhigh 45 against AČC foe Virginia Tech. The Ramblin Wreck finished 12-20 overall and 6-14 in the ACC

Collier, a native of Brazil who was an All-American at the University of South Florida, came aboard March 21.

"I like her a lot," Martin said. "I don't really think my role has changed that much, just a different person to play under. I'm still trying to work hard and play."

And Collier has certainly taken notice of the sophomore setter, who arrived in 2013 at Georgia Tech as a heralded

recruit after earning Class A all-state and Under Armour honorable mention All-America honors as a senior at Northville.

"Rebecca is serving as one of our leaders on and off the court," Collier said. "She has been given a great responsibility to run our offense and she has stepped up to it.

'She is a strong student of the game and she will continue to get better and better as the season progresses. She is adapting well to what we have asked of her as a staff and she has been a tremendous asset to this program."

Martin, who is majoring in industrial engineering, liked a lot of things about Georgia Tech from the start. According to U.S. News & World Report, Tech ranks No. 7 among the nation's top public institutions and is tied for No. 35 overall.

"Tech was just kind of the perfect school for me," she said. "Overall, it had one of the top engineering programs in the country, which I wanted to do. It's obviously a good academic choice. The coaching staff was really nice and I was pleased with them last year and even more pleased with new coaching staff now. Everything was just kind of the perfect fit.

"I wanted to go to a little warmer climate. Everything just kind of clicked when I went to visit it. I really liked the

girls, the fans. The volleyball atmosphere at Tech is so much bigger and has so much more emphasis on Tech's campus than any other school I visited."

Georgia Tech's volleyball venue, O'Keefe Gym, seats around 2,000. Friday's "Gold Out" match against rival Georgia of the SEC is already sold out.

"Pretty much every game is packed regardless, whether it's a night game or a day game, pretty much everybody will come," Martin said. "I think we have one of the best fan bases in the ACC."

And for being a northern girl, Martin has adjusted well to the Atlanta campus life.

"I picked up some southern drawl," Martin said. "I realized I say a couple of words differently now. I say 'you all' a lot. I picked up that one, for sure.'

Meanwhile, the goal is to compete among the upper echelon of the ACC and earn a possible trip to the NCAA tournament.

'We only have four upperclassmen, only two seniors and two juniors," Martin said. "A majority of us are pretty young, we're still developing. It's early in the season, but I think we have a lot of potential, to say the least, this season and the next couple of seasons.'

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ers Memorial in Hines Park, located at the corner of **Hines Drive and Haggerty** Road in Plymouth Township.

"The memorial and the annual Heroes on Hines race are powerful tributes that honor the heroic men and women who lost their lives while serving as first responders in Wayne County," Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano said.

The half-marathon begins at 8 a.m. and the 5K begins at 8:45 a.m. The registration fee for the half-marathon is \$59 through Oct. 2 and \$70 on race weekend, Oct. 3-4. The registration fee for the 5K is \$34 through Oct. 2 and \$40 on race weekend. Entry fee includes a race shirt for all distances and finisher's medal for half-marathon distance.

The Heroes on Hines Half-Marathon and 5K Run offers an opportunity for registered participants to create teams to compete against each other during race challenges. First eesponder divisions are able to create their own teams for camaraderie and friendly competition.

Police, fire and EMS departments throughout Wayne County's 43 communities can promote a healthy lifestyle by gathering co-workers to get fit, come out and show some team spirit.

The Heroes on Hines course travels through the western Wayne communities of Plymouth and Northville

Participants in the inaugural Heroes on Hines 5K and half-marathon showed their their American pride.

at the northwest end of Edward Hines Drive. Both the half-marathon and 5K start and finish at the memorial site. As a security precaution, all bags and backpacks will be prohibited at the race start/finish area and along the race course.

The memorial contains 403 names of police, fire and EMS personnel from the Wayne County communities who died in the line of duty.

The memorial includes monuments, seat walls, concrete walkways, a paver plaza, site furnishings, plantings as well parking and lighting.

Sponsors for Heroes on Hines include Lou LaRiche Chevrolet, Skyway Precision, Argent International, Hines Park Lincoln, Durr, Burroughs, Observer & Eccentric and Friends of Wayne County Parks.

To register or get more information on the races, visit heroesonhines.com.

Novi levels Rocks in Central Division opener

Paulina Iacobelli finished with 13 kills and 11 digs as Novi launched its KLAA Central Division schedule Sept. 9 with a 25-12, 25-11, 25-20 at Salem in a rescheduled match from Sept. 4. Jordan Massab added 14 digs and five ace serves, while setter Christina Hudgen contributed 19 assists as the stateranked Wildcats (No. 9 in Class A) improved to 12-3-1 overall.

Mustangs prevail

Makenna Strunk came up with nine kills and Rachel Holmes added 13 assist-to-kills Sept. 11 as host Northville opened KLAA Central Division volleyball play with a 25-18, 25-17, 25-18.

Other standouts for the Mustangs, who improved to 7-4-1 overall, included Kiera Borthwick (19 good passes, seven digs); Bryce Quick (three solo blocks, six assists); and Emily Martin (five kills).

"What a wonderful start to the division games," Northville coach Amanda Yaklin said. "The team played with heart for a three-set victory. Every player found a way to contribute. Proud day to be a Mustang."

GIRLS GOLF RESULTS

NOVI INVITATIONAL

NOVI INVITATIONAL Sept. 14 at Cattails G.C. TEAM STANDINGS: 1. South Lyon (Blue), 346 strokes; 2. Plymouth, 349; 3. Novi (Green), 364; 4. Hartland (Blue), 382; 5. Livonia Stevenson, 396; 6. Pontiac Notre Dame Prep, 406; 7. Northville, 411; 8. Novi (White), 414; 9. Farmington Hills Mercy, 416; 10. South Lyon (Gold), 418; 11. White Lake Lakeland Blue) 427: 12. DeWitt 428: 13. Caton, 433: 14. (Blue), 422; 12, DeWitt, 428; 13, Canton, 433; 14. White Lake Lakeland (White), 438; 15. Birmingham Seaholm, 439; 16. South Lyon (White), 443; 17. Livonia Franklin, 475; 18. Livonia Churchill, 484; 19. Hartland (Gold), 486.

Individual medalist: Sydney Murphy (Plymouth), 79. AREA TEAM SCORING

Novi (Green): 4. Abby Livingston, 83; 10. Maya Grandstaff, 92; 14. Alexa Hatz, 95; 13. Katelyn Henry, 94; 19. Madison Kroetsch, 98.

Northville: 3. Katie Childers, 82: 4. Jen Kowalczyk, 102; 55. Victoria Zaremba, 109; 77. Nicole Saez, 118.

Novi (White): 17. Lauren Henry, 96; 29. Claire Kalina, 100; 48. Morgan Krupic, 48; 62. Marissa Catner, 112; 72. Stacey Sirabian, 116.

DUAL MATCH RESULTS NOVI 180 LIVONIA STEVENSON 200 Sept. 11 at Walnut Creek

Novi scorers: Katelyn Henry, 42 (medalist); Alexa Hatz, 43; Madison Kroetsch, 47; Maya Grandstaff, 48.

Stevenson scorers: Megan Gronav, 49; Kristen Szabelski, 50; Danielle Marzec, 51; Rachel Crachiola, 58

Dual meet records: Novi, 2-0 KLAA Central Division; Stevenson, 0-1 KLAA Central.

FOOTBALL

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drive, which started at the Stevenson 33.

"We were waiting to see if we could even get inside the red zone because we had a play where he could get open," Tanderys said. "But as soon as I got outside of the pocket, it just like, 'Hey, he's open. (Ferguson) wasn't the guy designed to get the ball, but it just turned out that way. It's a good win."

The loss dropped Novi to 0-3 and 0-1 in the KLAA Central, with the last two losses coming by a total of six points.

"A couple of breakdowns in coverages, Novi coach Jeff Burnside said of his defense. "That's all it was. And it's not on one play, it's not. That whole drive ... we get to that quarterback a half-inch quicker, we win that game.

"I think last week was even a tougher loss (21-18 to Waterford Kettering). Our kids showed a lot of character tonight. When things got ugly, we did not give in. I thought our kids responded well and I expect they'll be resilient and respond again.'

Starting on its own 24, Stevenson took just five plays to score on its first possession of the game,



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PHOTOGRAPHER Novi sophomore quarterback Alec Bageris made his varsity debut, completing 18-of-25 pass for 189 yards in a 31-28 loss to Stevenson.

as junior Austin Petrie bolted up the middle 40 yards for a TD. Ian Henzi converted the PAT.

Novi then moved the ball down to the Stevenson 32, but Sabo (teamhigh 122 yards on 17 carries) was stripped of the ball at the 22 and the Spartans' Hyder Mansour recovered at the 13 with 2:18 left in the first quarter

Novi defensive back Christian Durham had a sack and intercepted a Stevenson pass at his own 15 to set up a nine-play, 67-yard Novi drive that resulted in an Emanuel Jackson 3-yard TD run with 4:22 left in the first

half to even the count at 7-7 following Kent Maidens' PAT.

But the Spartans, having all three timeouts left, regained the lead, going 62 yards in 11 plays, capped by Tanderys' 6-yard TD pass to C.J. Weiss with only 10 seconds remaining for a 14-7 advantage.

On the first play of the third quarter, Tanderys hit Frank Carlin on a 72-yard pass for an apparent TD, but the ball was spotted at the Novi 40 after a 10-yard penalty (illegal block). It didn't matter, as Stevenson scored five plays later on Petrie's 4-yard run for a 21-7 lead.

But Novi, converting a pair of critical fourthand-six situations, marched 73 yards in 13 plays resulting in a 1-yard TD run by Sabo with 3:47 to go in the third, cutting the deficit to 21-14.

Stevenson's Ian Henzi then nailed a 43-yard field goal just 15 seconds into the fourth quarter to give the Spartans a 10point cushion, 24-14.

Not to be denied, Novi took just five plays to go 75 yards to pull within three, 24-21, on Sabo's 4-yard TD run and Maidens' point-after. The Wildcats then forced Stevenson to punt and got the ball back on their own 37 with 7:20 left.

With Bageris at the

controls in the Wildcats' hurry-up offense, Novi went 63 yards in 11 plays as Sabo and scored the go-ahead TD run with only 2:55 left to make it a 28-24 advantage.

The Wildcats may have scored too quickly, but Burnside didn't want to disrupt his offense.

"We haven't had a lead all year, we thought we could hold them for two minutes," Burnside said. "We got to hold them for two minutes, we have to. I was not waiting for us to get out of our rhythm, so that we could fumble the snap or fumble the ball. I wasn't going to do that."

Stevenson had 415 yards in total offense, including 189 on the ground, with Petrie, a junior, leading the way with 127 yards on 16 carries.

Stevenson, meanwhile, gave up 385 total yards on the night and seemed to be on its heels most of the fourth quarter.

"Their kids played extremely hard," Mical-lef said of Novi. "They're very big up front and they were able to get some momentum. I know they were playing with their quarterback (Mogalayapalli) out, so they kept their game plan to run the ball between the tackles and did a very good job.'

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THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL Friday, Sept. 19 Novi at Salem (CEP), 7 p.m South Lyon at Northville, 7 p Saturday, Sept. 20 Detroit CC at Traverse City Cent., 4 p.m. Firaday, Sept. 26 South Lyon East at Novi, 7 p.m. Northville at Salem (CEP), 7 pm. Detroit CC vs. Birm. Brother Rice at Berkley (Hurley Field), 7 p.m. BOYS SOCCER Thursday, Sept. 18 Novi at Stevenson, 7 p.m. S.L. East at Northville, 7 p.m. Parkway at Clarenceville, 7 p.m. Roch. Adams at CC, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20 Saline at Northville Saline at Northville, noon. W.L. Western at W.L. Western at Novi (Meadows), 1 p.m. Det. Chavez at Detroit CC, 2 p.m. **Monday, Sept. 22** Brighton at Novi (Meadows), 7 p.m. Brighton at Novi (Meadows), 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 23 Luth. W'sid at Franklin Road, 4:30 p.m. Novi at South Lyon, 7 p.m. Northville at Stevenson, 7 p.m. U-D Jesuit at Detroit CC, 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 25 Luth. South at Franklin Road, 4:30 p.m. Detroit CC at Brother Rice, 5:30 p.m. Novi at South Lyon East, 7 p.m. Salem at Northville, 7 p.m. Salem at Northville, 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27 Northville at W.L. Western, 1 p.m. Detroit CC at Bedford, 5:30 p.m. VOLLEYBALL VOLLEYBALL Thursday, Sept. 18 Stevenson at Novi, 6:30 p.m. Northville at S. Lyon East, 6:30 p.m. Baptist Pk. at Franklin Road, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20 Novi at Portage Central Inv., TBA. Northville at Bedford Inv., TBA. Tuesday, Sent. 23 Tuesday, Sept. 23 Northville at Novi, 6:30 p.m. Everest at Franklin Road, 6:30 p Thursday, Sept. 25 South Lyon at Novi, 6:30 p.m tevenson at Northville, 6:30 p. 6:30 p.m Friday, Sept. 26 Franklin Road at Luth. South, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27 Northville In 9 a.m CROSS COUNTRY

Friday, Sept. 19 Novi at Anchor Bay Inv., 4:15 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20 CC Inv. at Cass Benton, 11 a.m. N'ville (Boys) at Jackson Inv., TBA. Monday, Sept. 22 Detroit CC vs. DeLaSalle at Cass Benton Park, 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 23 Northville vs. Stevenson, Novi vs. South Lyon at Cass Benton, 3:50 & 6:10 p.m. Franklin Road at MIAC Jamboree at Nankin Mills, 5 p.m. at Nankin Wills, 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27 Oakland County Meet at Kensington Metropark, 8 a.m. Northville Legends Inv., TBA. GIRLS SWIMMING Thursday, Sept. 18 Novi at Waterford Mott, 6 p.m. Brighton at Northville, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Sant 20 Saturday, Sept. 20 N'ville at Lakeland Inv., noon. Tuesday, Sept. 23 Novi at W.L. Northern, 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 25 Northville at S.L. East, 6:30 p.m. BOY'S TENNIS BOYS TENNIS Thursday, Sept. 18 Novi at Saline, 4 p.m. DeLaSalle at Detroit CC, 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20 Novi Invitational, 8 a.m. CC at A.A. Pioneer Quad, 8 a.m. Monday Sent 22 CC at A.A. Pioneer Quad, 8 a.m. Monday, Sept. 22 Detroit CC at U-D Jesuit, 4 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 23 KLAA North at Novi, 4 p.m. KLAA North at North, 4 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 24 Northville at U-D Jesuit, 4 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 25 KLAA West at Northville, 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27 Novi at East Lansing, 8 a.m. GIRLS GOLF Thursday, Sept. 18 Thursday, Sept. 18 Novi vs. S. Lyon (Cattails), 3 p.m. Northville vs. Stevenson at Fox Creek G.C., 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20 N'ville M&M Inv. at Hudson Mills, 8 a.m. Hudson Mills, 8 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 23 Novi vs. Westland John Glenn at Fellows Creek, 3 p.m. Northville vs. Plymouth at Fox Hills G.C., 3 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 25 Novi vs. Livonia Frankin Novi vs. Livonia Frankin at Walnut Creek C.C., 3 p.m. Northville vs. Canton at Hilling G.C., 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27 N'ville at Seaholm Inv., noon. FIELD HOCKEY Tuesday, Sept. 23 A.A. Greenhills at Novi, 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 25 Novi at Saline, 7 p.m. TBA – time to be announced.



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BOYS SOCCER ROUNDUP

Catholic Central stymies Cubs for divisional win

Noah Kleedtke and Austin Smith each scored a goal Sept. 11 as Novi Detroit Catholic Central earned a 2-1 Catholic League Central Division victory at fifth-ranked University of Detroit-Jesuit.

The Shamrocks, who improved 1-0-1 in the Central, led 1-0 at halftime when Kleedtke scored on a penalty kick after Will Coffman was pulled down on the box.

The Shamrocks went up 2-0 in the 45th minute on Smith's volley on an assist from Coffman.

CC goalkeeper Peter Kirouac was backed be a

strong defense. U-D Jesuit (7-1-1, 1-1) got a goal with 25 minutes remaining from 6-foot-9 Nigerian native

Gregory Eboigbodin. On Saturday, host CC (5-1-3) and Toronto St. Michael's (Ontario) Collegiate played to a 1-1 draw as Justin Murray scored the Shamrocks lone goal off an assist from Paul Wiedmaier.

Connor Gaskin was in goal for Catholic Central. FRANKLIN ROAD 7, BAPTIST PARK 1: Juniors Tanner Spires and Micah Charlick each notched a hat trick Saturday for Novi Franklin Road Christian (4-2, 4-1) in a Michigan Independent Athletic Confer-ence Red Division match. Junior Matt Lorey also added a goal for the Warriors, who led 2-0 at halftime.

The defense was sparked by sophomore sweeper Paul Alex and goalie Daniel Weaver

NORTHVILLE 2, SALEM 1: Seniors Nick Toupin and Dan Baldwin each tallied a goal as the Mustangs (2-2-3, 3-4, 2-1) downed the host Rocks (3-4, 2-1) in a KLAA Central Division match Sept. 9. Toupin's goal came off a free kick from 20 yards out in the first half, while Baldwin's and accelerated by Alex Mource automatic

goal – assisted by Alec Morgan, who dribbled down the wing – with only eight minutes left in the match gave Northville a two-goal cushion

m's Nick Massey scored off a set piece just a minute later to cut the deficit to one, but the Mustangs held on behind a solid effort from their defensive corps along with five saves from goalkeeper Alec Melu

CATHOLIC CENTRAL 1, DeLa SALLE 1: On Sept. 9, Catholic Central (4-1-3, 0-0-1) got a goal from Brendan Paul with only 10 minutes remaining to earn a Catholic League Central Division draw host Warren DeLaSalle (7-1-2, 0-0-1). The Pilots, ranked No. 4 in Division 1, took a 1-0 lead with 20 minutes left in the match

on a deflected goal by Jack Ryan Williams from Aleks Vushaj. Peter Kirouac was in goal for the Shamrocks, while Jake Town-

ley (nine saves) went all the way in net for Del aSalle NOVI 9, S. LYON EAST 1: Eight

different players scored, led by Ryan Kobakof's two goals, as the Wildcats (5-1-1, 3-0) rolled to KLAA Central Division Sept. 9 over visiting South Lyon East (0-6,

Other Novi goal scorers include Nick Harder, Adam Huber, Amissi Kalinake, Alan Rajkovic, Andy Lee, Connor O'Leary and Eduardo DeOliveira. Tony Asimadu also collected two assists, while Harder, Jake Geary, Sean Dallas, Kent Maidens, Kobakol and O'Leary each contributed one. FRANKLIN ROAD 4, HURON

VALLEY 0: On Sept. 9, junior Gavin Harris scored twice and assisted on another goal for host Novi Franklin Road Christian (3-2, 3-1) in a Michigan Independent Athletic

Conference match. Junior Tanner Spires also tallied a pair of goals, while junior Micah Charlick chipped in with three assists. Goalkeeper Daniel Weaver posted his second straight shutout On Sept. 8, Franklin Road rolled to a 6-0 MIAC Red win over Warren Macomb Christian as Spires and Harris had two goals, while Charlick added a goal and assist. Dennis Clemente had the other goal for the Warriors.

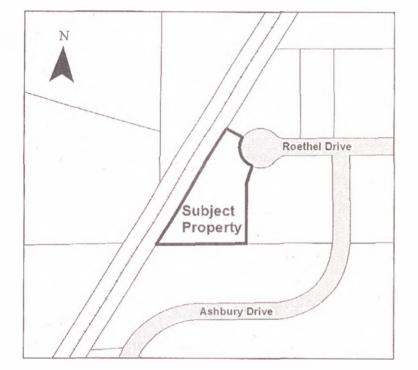


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Catholic Central's Paul Wiedmaier (right) takes aim on the St. Michael's goalie, which led to teammate Justin Murray's goal.

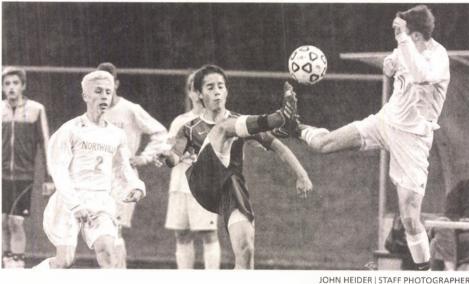
CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, October 8, 2014 at 7:00P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, Ml to consider DI-COAT ROETHEL DRIVE EXPANSION. SITE PLAN NUMBER 14-50, LOCATED AT 22213 ROETHEL DRIVE ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF ROETHEL DRIVE, WEST OF ASHBURY DRIVE, FOR PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN AND SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT APPROVAL. The subject property is approximately 1.69 acres and the applicant is proposing to occupy the existing light industrial building. Plans are available for review at the Community Development Department in the Novi Civic Center.



All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be made to the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, Ml 48375 during the City's regular business hours, Monday thru Friday, from 8:00A.M. to 5:00P.M., and must be received by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, October 8, 2014.

Novi Planning Commission Michael Lynch, Secretary Published September 18, 2014



Novi's Sean Dallas (middle) and Northville's Daniel Baldwin (right) both try to take control in mid-flight as Northville's Manuel Kansy (left) awaits the rebound.

SOCCER

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got some players that can step in," O'Leary said. "Our bench is pretty deep.

Also, it didn't help matters when senior midfielder Ryan Kobakof was also sent off with a red card as Novi played down a man during the final 3:26.

"I thought we played a really good defensive game," Klimes said. "Our

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back four guys really played solid. Novi is a dangerous team. They're very good. (Kobakof) in the middle, it's unfortunate he got a (red) card. I'm not sure what he said. When he's their game player and losing him - I don't know, the last three minutes maybe they played short ... he makes things happen.

"But overall I thought it was a solid game. I think it was a deserving outcome. I thought played we played a little more offensive than they

did."

Meanwhile, the two teams will face off again Tuesday, Sept. 30, at Novi.

"It's big to be on top (of the division) and always good to beat Novi," Baldwin said. "The key was teamwork, keeping possession of the ball and just playing our game, just sticking with our good stuff. We were confident going in and we felt we could win. That's how we got it done.'

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These area students were among the more than 455 named to the Dean's List for the Spring/Summer 2014 Semester, with a grade point average of 3.25 or higher.

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OUTLOOK IMPROVING FOR COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE

The strong rebound in economic growth during the second quarter and ongoing job creation are gradually improving the outlook for all of the major commercial real estate sectors, according to the National Association of Realtors quarterly commercial real estate forecast.

Lawrence Yun, NAR chief economist, says after many false starts, the economy finally appears to be turning a corner to firmer ground. "The job market has been the bright spot of the economy this year as employers are feeling more confident about their growth prospects and adding to their payrolls," he said. "This gradual turnaround from being overly cautious to more optimistic should slightly boost the demand for leasing and purchase activity as well as new construction projects in

the upcoming year." Yun added, "The economy can handle the inevitable rise in interest rates as long as commercial rents steadily rise to generate investor returns.'

National office vacancy rates are forecast to remain unchanged over the coming year, mostly due to added inventory, entering the market. Rising exports and a shrinking trade deficit should lead to a declining vacancy rate for industrial space (0.4 percent), while retail space is forecast to decline 0.2 percent behind favorable gains in personal income and

consumer spending. "New construction for multifamily housing has picked up in recent months and looks to be alleviating the short supply," said Yun. "However, the demand for rental housing continues to show strength. As a result, rent growth will outpace broad consumer inflation in upcoming years."

NAR's latest Commercial Real Estate Outlook offers overall projections for four major commercial sectors and analyzes quarterly data in the office, industrial, retail and multifamily markets. Historic data for metro areas were provided by REIS Inc., a source of commercial real estate performance information.

Office markets

Office vacancy rates are forecast to remain unchanged at 15.7 percent through the third quarter of 2015.

Currently, the markets with the lowest



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office vacancy rates in the third quarter are Washington, D.C., at 9.3 percent; New York City, 9.6 percent; Little Rock, Ark., 11.5 percent; San Francisco, 12.4 percent; and New Orleans, at 12.7 percent. Office rents are projected to increase

2.6 percent in 2014 and 3.2 percent next year. Net absorption of office space in the U.S., which includes the leasing of new space coming on the market as well as space in existing properties, is likely to total 36.2 million square feet this year and 50.7 million in 2015.

Industrial markets

Industrial vacancy rates are expected to fall from 8.9 percent in the third quarter to 8.5 percent in the third quarter of 2015.

The areas with the lowest industrial vacancy rates currently are Orange County, Calif., with a vacancy rate of 3.5 percent; Los Angeles, 3.8 percent; Seattle, 5.9 percent; Miami, 6.1; and Palm Beach, Fla., at 6.6 percent.

Annual industrial rents should rise 2.4 percent this year and 2.8 percent in 2015. Net absorption of industrial space nationally is seen at 107.6 million square feet in 2014 and 104.9 million next year.

Retail markets

Vacancy rates in the retail market are expected to decline from 9.8 percent currently to 9.6 percent in the third quar-

ter of 2015.

Currently, the markets with the lowest retail vacancy rates include San Francisco, at 3.5 percent; Fairfield County, Conn., 3.9 percent; San Jose, Calif., 4.6 percent; Long Island, N.Y., 5.2 percent; and Or-ange County, Calif., at 5.3 percent.

Average retail rents are forecast to rise 2.0 percent in 2014 and 2.4 percent next year. Net absorption of retail space is likely to total 11.2 million square feet this year and 19.3 million in 2015.

Multifamily markets

The apartment rental market - multifamily housing - should see vacancy rates slightly decline from 4.1 percent currently to 4.0 percent in the third quarter of 2015. Vacancy rates below 5 percent are generally considered a landlord's market, with demand justifying higher rent.

Areas with the lowest multifamily vacancy rates currently are Orange County, Calif., Providence, R.I., and Sacramento, Calif., at 2.2 percent; and two Connecticut cities (New Haven and Hartford) at 2.5 percent.

Average apartment rents are projected to rise 4.0 this year and in 2015. Multifamily net absorption is expected to total 223,400 units in 2014 and 171,000 next year.

The Commercial Real Estate Outlook is published by the NAR Research Divi-sion. NAR's Commercial Division, formed in 1990, provides targeted products and services to meet the needs of the commercial market and constituency within NAR.

The NAR commercial community includes commercial members; commercial real estate boards; commercial committees, subcommittees and forums; and the NAR commercial affiliate organizations - CCIM Institute, Institute of Real Estate Management, Realtors Land Institute, Society of Industrial and Office Realtors, and Counselors of Real Estate.

Approximately 70,000 NAR and institute affiliate members specialize in commercial brokerage and related services, and an additional 283,000 members offer commercial real estate services as a secondary business.

Check income tax implications on short sale

Q: We entered into a short sale of our property. Do you think that we have any in-come tax liability for the amount that we saved?

A: For federal income tax purposes, such as a cancellation of the debt is generally considered ordinary income. Many distressed homeowners face the risk of not only losing their homes, but also thousands of dollars in income

taxes. Fortunately, homeowners using waivers of deficiencies face a very difficult choice. 1) They



Robert Meisner lars in attorney fees and discharge personal liability or 2) they can settle with their lender and face many more thousands of dollars of tax liability from cancellation of debt (COD) at ordinary income rates. Again, you should consult with an experienced real

respect to the ramifications of this undertaking. Q: I am thinking about buying a new condo in New Buffalo, Mich. Has the market picked up?

estate and tax consultant with

A: Most assuredly, the market has picked up and the homes and/or cottages-condos have increased approximately 20 percent over the last year. There are still a number properties for sale, however, and negotiations may result in a good opportunity for you during the winter months, but learn as much about the subdivision or condominium project as you can before you are bound by a purchase agreement.

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

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real-estate closings recorded the week of May 26 - 30, 2014, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities.

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1536 Aberdeen St	\$175,000	33387 Broadmoor Ct	\$240,000	8812 Briarwood Dr	\$193,000	Westland	\$50,000	author of "Condominium Operation:
6576 Bostonhill Ln	\$165,000	9833 Brookfield St	\$140,000	9865 Fellows Creek Dr	\$635,000	33028 Alamo Ct	\$39,000	Getting Started & Staying on the Right
7508 Burgundy St	\$208,000	19122 Canterbury Dr	\$282,000	169 Hamilton Ave	\$325,000	30927 Beechnut St	\$70,000	Track," second edition. It is available
1986 Century Ct	\$183,000	14227 Cardwell St	\$146,000	724 Irvin St	\$415,000	8097 Coventry St	\$22,000	for \$9.95, plus \$2.20 for tax, shipping
45177 Claymore Dr	\$250,000	18959 Deering St	\$52,000	11666 N Haggerty Rd	\$61,000	728 Easley Dr	\$88,000	and handling. Call 248-644-4433 or
1766 Delancy Cir	\$506,000	17020 Farmington Rd	\$140,000	40628 Newport Dr	\$74,000	7195 Fox Chase Ln	\$230,000	visit bmeisner@meisner-law.com. This
1962 E Franklin Dr	\$87,000	11029 Flamingo St	\$145,000	49824 Plymouth Way	\$153,000	36645 Hazelwood St	\$125,000	column shouldn't be construed as
4095 Elizabeth Ave	\$143,000	8961 Frederick St	\$100,000	450 Provincetown Ln	\$180,000	33636 Krauter St	\$74,000	legal advice.
896 Foothill Rd	\$237,000	9675 Garden St	\$152,000	1199 S Sheldon Rđ	\$39,000	613 Larchmont Ct	\$136,000	legal advice.
6904 Fox Hills Rd	\$232,000	16309 Golfview St	\$188,000	11222 Walnut Rdg	\$550,000	624 Larchmont Ct	\$165,000	
45011 Glengarry Rd	\$298,000	11779 Haller St	\$59,000	Redford		34129 Marquette St	\$74,000	
39872 Lynn St	\$129,000	19569 Hardy St	\$141,000	9528 Columbia	\$51,000	34929 Marquette St	\$106,000	DEAL ECTATE
1588 N Morton Taylor Rd	\$242,000	15031 Harrison St	\$128,000	12801 Fenton	\$68,000	33209 Melton St	\$85,000	REAL ESTATE
45435 N Stonewood Rd	\$175,000	35634 Joy Rd	\$112,000	18840 Fox	\$47,000	506 N Newburgh Rd	\$121,000	BRIEFS
6590 Paul Revere Ln	\$144,000	8809 Knolson Ave	\$144,000	9586 Garfield	\$72,000	35452 Pheasant Ln	\$86,000	DRILIS
7005 Poppleton Rd	\$360,000	32225 Meadowbrook St	\$180,000	10000 Kinloch	\$70,000	304 S Marie St	\$124,000	
352 Sheffield Ct	\$220,000	16565 Middlebelt Rd	\$47,000	18240 Kinloch	\$115,000	1042 S Wildwood St	\$65,000	Short sales
3484 Shepherd Ct	\$231,000	29663 Nottingham Cir	\$118,000	26178 Lyndon	\$140,000	34720 Stacy St	\$160,000	
1560 Stafford Dr	\$136,000	27703 Oakley St	\$265,000	26427 Lyndon	\$120,000	32463 Steinhauer St	\$85,000	If you owe more than what
936 Whittier Dr	\$178,000	31545 Perth St	\$169,000	15620 Macarthur	\$55,000	6308 Twin Oaks	\$130,000	your house is worth, you may
7043 Willow Creek Dr	\$173,000	14121 Stonehouse Ave	\$193,000	9006 Mercedes	\$66,000			be interested in a free informa-
435 Worthington Rd	\$195,000	15421 Sunset St	\$151,000	14314 Mercedes	\$33,000			tional seminar on short sale
		33100 W Chicago St	\$122,000	14314 Mercedes	\$54,000			procedures.

Bonnie David, broker/owner of Quantum Real Estate, is the presenter. It will be 6-7 p.m. each Thursday at 129 N. Lafayette, downtown South Lyon.

Please call the office at 248-782-7130 or email june.quantum@gmail.com for your reservation or additional information.

Condo operation

The Meisner Law Group, P.C., has announced that attorney Robert M. Meisner will be conducting a four-week course Tuesdays from Oct. 7-28, from 7-9 p.m. covering Introduction to Successful Condominium Operation.

This seminar is designed for board members and officers, managers, developers, and association members living in or working with a condominium, subdivision, cooperative, or community association. Explore the many legal issues involved in the successful operation of an association. Cost is \$95 (\$85 per person when two or more enroll from the same organization). For registration information contact The Meisner Law Group, at 248-644-4433 or 800-470-4433, via email at: bmeisner@ meisner-law.com, or visit the seminar page on the website: Meisner-law.com.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real-estate closings recorded the week of May 5 - 9, 2014, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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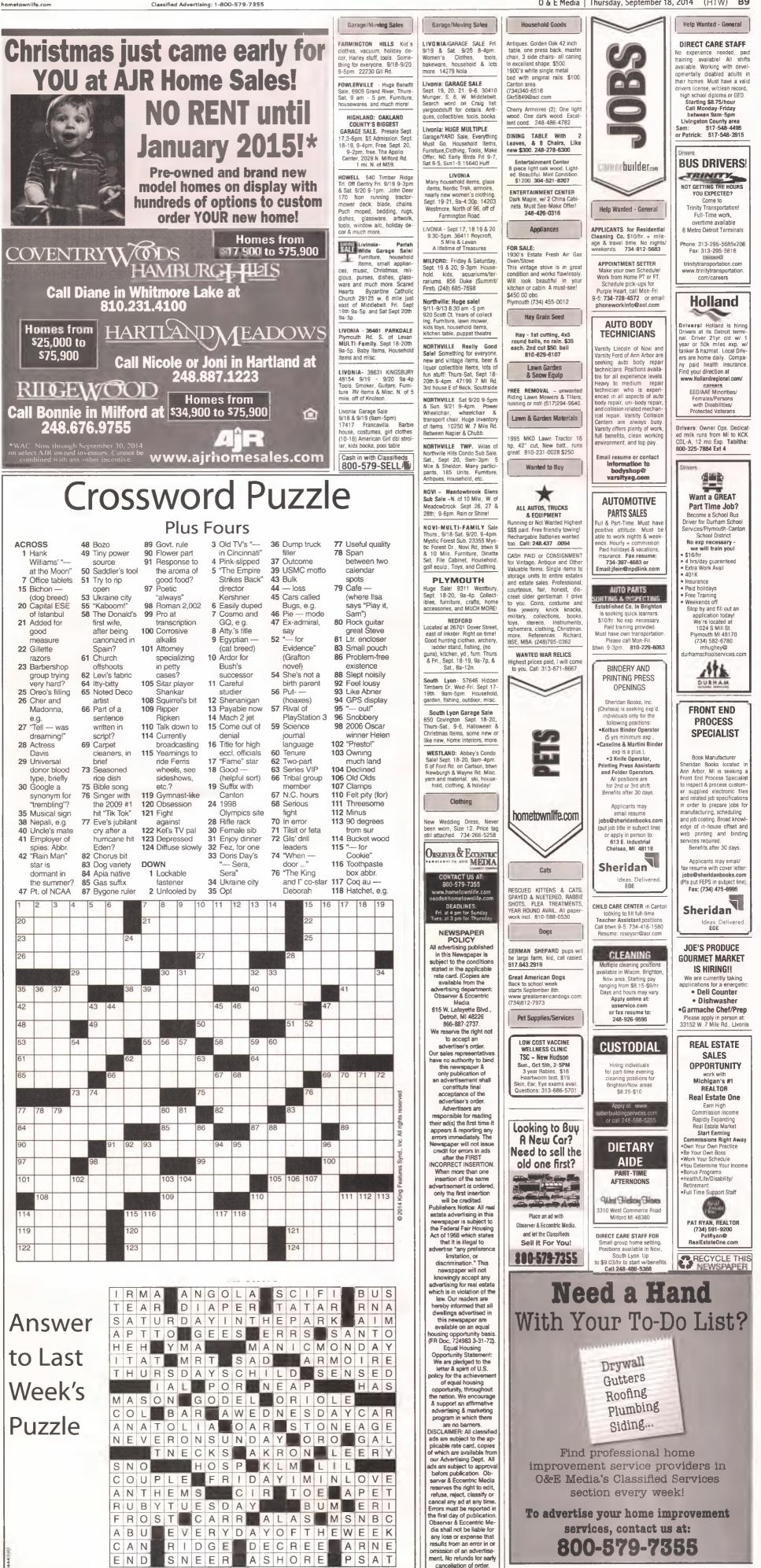
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	27339 Lexington Pkwy	\$119,000
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Recent grads with shiny new degrees. Mid-career professionals vying for new (or better) jobs. Retirees looking for a supplemental income. The value of professional networking is rarely outgrown or overstated. Sure, everyone is on social networks these days, but there's a big difference between knowing the perks of networking and knowing how to network effectively. Hint: Setting up an online profile and halfheartedly touching base with connections now and again probably won't cut it.

Here's a look at what will:



lege classmates and colleagues is a solid way to begin building your network, but it may not be enough. You don't have to hand your business card to every stranger you exchange pleasantries with on the subway, but why not think bigger than the alumni finder on your favorite networking website? CollegeFeed recommends touching base with a wide breadth of people, including former high school teachers, community and religious leaders, and even your friends' parents. Networking functions are another great way to meet new contacts.

2. Be a yes man (or woman).

In a column she penned for Harvard Business Review, Kathryn Minshew, CEO and co-founder of The Muse, offers a helpful piece of advice to young professionals: NYFO, or Network Your Face Off (figuratively speaking). That means saying yes to as many networking opportunities as possible. That Toastmasters meeting across town on a Tuesday night? Make it happen. Out-ofthe-blue coffee invite from an old co-worker or classmate? Be there. The networking gig sure to be a waste of time is the one not taken.

7 networking tips for young professionals

3. Be likeable.

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It goes without saying that prospective employers and clients are probably more likely to hire someone they like, but how can you be sure that someone is you? Being polite and on time is a start, but there are a few other tips that can hedge the bet in your favor. For example, Salesforce recommends asking contacts plenty of questions about themselves. This creates a comfortable environment for them and an air of friendliness around you.

4. Be proactive.

You've handed out your body weight in business cards. You've made every networking event and touched base with every semirelatable contact you could think of. Time to sit back and wait for the calls to start rolling in, right? Wrong. The only way you can be sure opportunity knocks is to go calling literally. Instead of waiting for the phone to ring, Forbes recommends calling new contacts and putting the ball in their court. You need not pester them, but even a brief voicemail is a welcome mat for potential contacts.

5. Be a follower.

Remember when we suggested being likeable? Another way to do this and create a positive impression is to follow experts in your field. Follow them on Twitter. Follow their publication. Follow their careers on LinkedIn or in the news. Follow them in every professional capacity you can think of, and then let them know about it.

6. Be polished.

That snazzy new blazer may help cement the right first impression at your next networking event or interview, but being polished extends far beyond your wardrobe. It means proofreading every email you send, being polite even three hours into a painfully boring conference and not drinking too much at that business mixer. It also means not making bad decisions elsewhere, especially on social media (a tool human resources pros and recruiters love to leverage).

7. Recalibrate now and again.

Your current network may not always be the right one: As you grow and achieve more, so should your professional circle. Forbes recommends periodically asking yourself what you aim to accomplish, who can help you do it and why they should care to at all. This results-oriented thinking is what separates successful people from career coasters.

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