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"It's a symbolic statement that we are protecting our students from the onslaught of negative legislation that has come down from Lansing over the past four years." **CHANDRA MADAFFERI**

Novi Education Association president



Novi teachers union VP Brett Meyer marches in the homecoming parade Sept. 26 with an umbrella to protest recent cuts to education funding.



Novi teachers march with umbrellas for homecoming

By Cal Stone Staff Writer

With sunny skies and temps in the 70s, it was perfect weather for Novi High's homecoming parade Friday - and that surely made attendees wonder why the teachers walking in the parade were carrying umbrellas. 'It's a symbolic statement that we are protecting our students from the onslaught of negative legislation that has come down from Lansing over the past four years," said Chandra Madafferi, president of the Novi Education Association. "We feel like we're the last wall in stopping the cuts that have been made to public

education." Madafferi, who has also served as an officer and the treasurer of the teachers union, said members started joining the parade about six years ago and average between 200 and 300 participants, including family members. "We feel as teachers that

look toward the November election," said Dr. Steve Mat-thews, superintendent of Novi schools. "It's a tricky situation we find ourselves in because, ultimately, politics is not something you want to have impact classrooms or schools necessarily. But because we get the majority of our funding from

Contract negotiations continue

By Cal Stone Staff Writer

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we're a big part of students' success," she said. "This year, being an election year, we want to draw attention. People are going to ask, 'What's up with umbrellas?'

Literature was available and the organization came up with talking points to inform those watching the parade about the issues.

Super's view

"Teachers have a right to try and express their opinion and influence people as they

the state, we want policies of interest to students."

Matthews said Gov. Snyder made a conscious decision to fund pensions at the expense of money for classroom support.

"In 2011, we had \$470 cut in per-pupil amount and that was adjusted down to \$250," Matthews said, "but we're still below the amount we received prior to him coming into office."

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Teachers union and administration in the Novi Community School District are negotiating salary and benefits in a wage re-opener agreed upon in the two-year contract settled last year and expiring in 2015. Bargaining sessions have been ongoing since August.

"When school districts controlled more of their revenue and had a better sense of longrange planning, a three-year

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Need for interpreters, translators exploding

By Cal Stone Staff Writer

No matter what language you choose to say it in, the need for translators and interpreters in this area is grow-

ing faster than

just about any

Novi, a city of



people, where 18.6 Jesionowski percent are foreign-born and 21.1 percent speak a language other than English at home.

Remarkably, that's double the 9 percent of metropolitan Detroit's population that is foreignborn, according to a 2013 report

by Global Detroit and Data Driven Detroit - but other cities show an even higher percentage: Hamtramck (41 percent), Dearborn (27 percent), Troy (26 percent) and Sterling Heights (23 percent).

Because those numbers are so high, the need for interpreters and translators is rapidly increasing to keep up with the influx of immigrants and the globalization of business in this region.

These professionals – who are largely unknown to the public, but make up of the Michigan Translators/Interpreters Network - facilitate communications in schools, hospitals, courthouses, businesses and agencies.

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Is new regional water authority good for Novi?

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

What does the Great Lakes Water Authority mean for Oakland County and, more specifically, Novi?

That was the question being answered by county officials Monday at a special town hall meeting at the Novi Public Library.

"It aims to promote fiscal responsibility, accountability and transparency," Chief Deputy County Executive Gerald Poisson said, reiterating County Executive L. Brooks Patterson's stance.

That's why Patterson supports it and believes it's the

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Oakland County Commissioner Kathy S. Crawford, who represents the cities of Novi and Northville and Novi Township in District 9, was at the special town hall meeting Sept. 29 and said this is an issue and decision that will impact all county residents.



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best option to solve this regional issue.

The special meeting was held to give local residents an opportunity to ask questions and voice their concerns relating to the recent proposal to have metro Detroit county commissions vote on forming an authority to take over the supervision of the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department.

GLWA

What was once a great water and sewer system back in the 1960s has become financially troubled and in need of some fixes, according to Oakland County officials.

The message from the town hall meetings, which were held all around Oakland County this past month, is that the new authority is probably the best option to remedy the issues.

According to Poisson, the GLWA will operate and manage all water and sewer lines that serve the suburbs and are part of the DWSD's "common-to-all" assets, the waste water treatment plant, the filtration and water plants, pumping stations and assets providing joint functions of all ratepayers.

He emphasized to the 20 or so residents attending the meeting that there would be clear responsibilities of everyone involved with the authority.

The big question to be

LANGUAGE

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"It is an invisible industry behind so much of every day," said Irina Jesionowski, a Russian interpreter and translator MiTiN was established

what we take for granted

in 1995 and is a chapter



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answered is how this authority will be comprised.

The regional governing body to oversee the operations of water and sewer assets would be made of representatives from the city of Detroit and the counties of Oakland, Wayne and Macomb, as well as some outlying communities in other counties connected with the Detroit-owned system.

In many of the most important decisions, this seven-person board would need a supermajority of five votes for approval.

Poisson said the city of Detroit will operate and manage its own local water and sewer system for its residents and businesses. Detroit will become a wholesale

of the American Translators Association. Its members include translators, interpreters. agencies, educators, students and others with an interest in language. MiTiN promotes continuing education, professional standards and practices, cross-cultural skills and networking opportunities. It also operates a free online referral directory, which puts end-users directly in contact with language specialists.

Novi conference

Jesionowski is cochair of the MiTiN's fifth annual conference, which customer of GLWA, "just like any other suburban customer," he said.

"At no time will Detroit's accounts receivable delinquencies, collection programs and bad debts be the responsibility of the GLWA, Poisson assured the Novi residents at the meeting.

Deputy County Executive Robert Daddow, who also presented at the meeting, said the GLWA will have no taxing authority nor will any county general fund contributions be required to go to the authority.

As far as credit support, he said the current and future bonding will be backed entirely from water and sewer revenues, with no required full faith and credit pledges from the coun-

will be held from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 4, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Novi. The conference will feature a panel with regional and state economic development figures to explore roles for language service providers in this changing economy. Other speakers bring a broad array of expertise in applied linguistics.

The keynote speakers are Judy Jenner, author of The Entrepreneurial Linguist, and Lori Thicke, who founded Translators without Borders, a nonprofit which has provided almost 19 million words in free

ties

All of the revenue collected for the system would be strictly used for it rather than go back to help Detroit's financial challenges.

He did add that because Detroit owns the system, the authority would have a yearly lease for \$50 million up to 40 years for the approximately 400 miles of regional water mains, 360 miles of regional sewer pipes, five water filtration plants, the Jefferson Avenue Sewage Treatment Plant and a number of basins, water stations and pump facilities.

Impact on Novi

According to city of Novi officials, it appears no matter what that Novi residents will see a wa-

translation to humanitarian organizations working around the world.

There are an estimated 1,250 foreign firms from 34 countries in this area, according to the Detroit Regional Chamber. It ranks as the fourth largest U.S. exporter, with a total merchandise value of \$55.4 billion in 2012, U.S. Commerce Department figures show.

That means the need for professionals in this field is expected to increase much faster than the average for all other occupations.

"Bureau of Labor Statistics show employ-

ter rate increase of at least 6 percent to improve the system. It could see an extra bump to get the GLWA off the ground.

Novi Mayor Bob Gatt was at the meeting and asked about the county's take on the support of the authority from the neighboring counties and what would it look like if Oakland created its own water and sewer system.

Poisson said Oakland's decision will play a big part in the overall passing of the GLWA. Daddow said it would be very costly for the county to establish its own system, with costs reaching above an estimated \$6 billion.

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ment for interpreters and translators will grow 46 percent from 2012 to 2022," Jesionowski said.

The Oct. 4 conference will include several interactive sessions, including a mock court trial with interpreters. Workshops will be practical and hands-on. Panels will review new developments in the fields of legal and medical interpretation being driven by new standards and government mandates.

Additional information can be found at www.mitin.org/ conference.

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contract was not unusual," Novi Superintendent Dr. Steve Matthews said. "Now, when year-to-year funding is more volatile, shorter contracts are

funding amount as well as what the district's enrollment number are going to be.

"We met through the summer and then took a break because we didn't know what the numbers would be," said Chandra Madafferi, president of the Novi Education Association, referring to the state funding for schools. "Now we're going at it weekly and we're close to a resolution." Matthews said the two groups are meeting while trying to minimize the impact on the classrooms

of the three teachers involved in negotiations.

"At this point, we are having good conversa-tions," he said. "The focus is on wages and benefits, trying to identify how we can both benefit from a deal that we can strike. Teachers are focused on ways to in-

JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Novi school district Superintendent Dr. Steve **Matthews sits** down Sept. 29 to negotiate with **Novi Education** Association President Chandra Madafferi.

money for the couple of months where we're not receiving any state aid."

Matthews feels there will need to be a few more meetings before a mutually-agreeable conclusion is reached, but said, "we're making progress."

Madafferi cautioned,

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more the norm. Prior to coming to

Novi, Matthews was the superintendent of Grand Ledge schools, where contracts were one year. Educators have to look to the future and anticipate what the state's per-pupil

crease their salary and the district would like to reward teachers, but we are also very sensitive to the budget. The district goal is to continue to have a 10-percent fund balance that protects us from having to borrow

however, that whatever the union and administration agree on still has to be approved by the Board of Education. If it isn't, the negotiations will start again.

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ready for that yet," she

said, "but we are asking

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for a vote for public

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Rick Snyder in the Nov. 4

"Our community isn't

She said her membership has never done any-

thing like this before and is "usually a pretty pas-

sive group when it comes

to things like this."

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Novi currently receives \$8,539 for each of its 6,400 students. As a result, districts haven't had money to put toward salaries and

benefits, which directly impact teachers, Matthews noted.

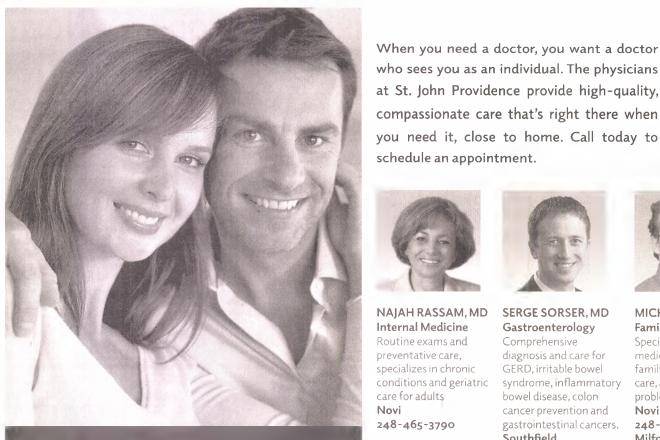
"Things aren't as good as they would like them to be and that (parade) is an appropriate way for them to express their opinion," he said.

The superintendent said he wasn't openly

fond that the teachers were using the homecoming parade, adding that he feels that event should be free of politics, but he said that Tuesday he hadn't heard of much reaction.

Madafferi said teachers unions in other communities are even hand-





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Novi boy walks to help cure juvenile diabetes

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

This weekend, walking for a cure is the goal of Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation as well as one young Novi boy, who was diagnosed with type one diabetes at an early age. At 2 years of age,

Boris Turner, now 10, was diagnosed with type one diabetes and ever since then he and his family have learned to live with this lifelong challenge. However, it's through this walk the Turners hope to help alter that challenge by participating in this fundraising event to help support funding life-changing research in the hope of creating a world without T1D

"I think it's important so we can help raise money to get things like equipment to help find a cure," Boris said.

His whole family (mom, dad and two brothers, as well as extended) are participating in the walk.

Boris, a fifth-grader at Novi Meadows Elementary School, was diagnosed with T1D two weeks shy of his second birthday. His parents said the signs of this included soaking through all of his extra diapers at daycare and vomiting excessively one day at a soccer game.



Boris Turner talks about his involvement in fundraising for finding a cure for type one diabetes, which the Novi Meadows Elementary School student is dealing with.

His doctor thought he may have had pneumonia, but when he rejected his first dose of medicine later that night after a visit, his mom Tierra rushed him to the emergency room at Botsford Hospital. It was there

they discovered his blood sugar level exceeded 600 (normal levels are 80120).

It was a shock to his family, since they did not have a history of the disease.

"It was really scary at first," Tierra said. "We didn't know what it was causing him to vomit like that."

According to JDRF, each day approximately 80 people are diagnosed with type one diabetes and the numbers are rising. JDRF is the leading global organization for T1D research.

As time went on, the Turners learned more about T1D and what needed to be done to get it safely handled so Boris would be healthy. It's worked. He's a healthy kid.

Every day, Boris monitors his sugars closely, with the help of his insulin pump, because he plays soccer, which can cause his sugar levels to dip.

Now the Turner family wants to help others like them in the cause to help others better understand and fight for a cure. Toward this goal, Boris has become a JDRF youth ambassador.

"He's the toughest little boy I've ever seen and this walk means a lot to him," his father Bruce said.

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Novi Jimmy John's stores among those hit by credit, debit card breach

Novi's two Jimmy John's stores are among those affected by a possible security incident involving credit and debit card data.

The local stores and the dates of the incident are 39755 Grand River Avenue (July 23 through Aug. 1) and 31204 Beck Road (June 26 through Aug. 1).

Nearly two months ago, Jimmy John's learned of the incident and immediately hired third party forensic experts to assist with its ongoing investigation. It appears that customers' credit and debit card data was compromised after an intruder stole log-in credentials from Jimmy John's point-of-sale vendor and used these stolen credentials to remotely access the point-of-sale systems at some corporate and franchised locations between June 16 and Sept. 5. The company says the security compromise has been contained and customers can use their credit and debit cards securely at Jimmy John's stores **Approximately 216** stores appear to have been affected and the cards impacted appear to be those swiped at the stores, but did not include those cards entered manually or online. The credit and debit card information at issue may include the card number and, in some cases, the card holder's

name, verification code and/or the card's expiration date. Information entered online, such as customer address, email and password, remains secure.

The list of locations and dates of exposure for each affected Jimmy John's location are here: https://www.jimmyjohns.com/datasecurityincident/storedates.html.

Jimmy John's says it has taken steps to prevent this type of event from occurring in the future, including installing encrypted swipe machines, implementing system enhancements and reviewing its policie and procedures for its third party vendors. "We apologize for any inconvenience this incident may have on our customers. Jimmy John's values the privacy and security of its customers' information, and is offering identity protection services to impacted customers, although Jimmy John's does not collect its customers' Social Security numbers," the company stated in a press release. For more information, call 855-398-6442. Jimmy John's will post information related to its ongoing investigation onnline at www.jimmyjohns.com.

the Upper Peninsula offers suggestions for consumers concerned that their credit or debit cards may have been compromised.

1. Stay calm. Consumers are not liable for fraudulent charges on stolen account numbers.

2. Check with the website of the retailer for the latest information. Type the store name directly into your browser. Do NOT click on a link from an email or social media message.

3. If your card was compromised, you will likely hear from the bank or card-issuer first. If you have questions, call the customer service number on your card. which charges you authorized and which ones you did not.

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6. For those who shopped at the retailer f with a debit card: » Do all of the above as for credit cards, but pay very careful attention to your account. Debit cards do not have the same protections as cred-

actions withdraw funds directly from your bank account.

» Contact your bank for more information, or if you want to preemptively request a new debit card or put a security block on your account.

7. Beware of scammers who may purport to be from the retailer, your bank or your credit card

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issuer, telling you that your card was compromised and suggesting actions to "fix" the problem. Phishing emails may attempt to fool you into providing your credit card information or ask you to click on a link or open an attachment, which can download malware designed to steal your identity.

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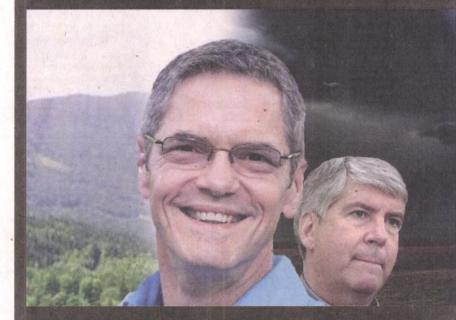
In the wake of this latest data breach, the Better Business Bureau of Eastern Michigan and 4. If your card was compromised, consider putting an alert or freeze on your credit report with the three major credit reporting agencies. A credit freeze will prevent anyone from accessing your credit report or scores. This means you cannot apply for new credit without lifting the freeze.

5. If you shopped at the retailer with a credit card:

» Monitor your credit card statements carefully (go online; don't wait for the paper statement).

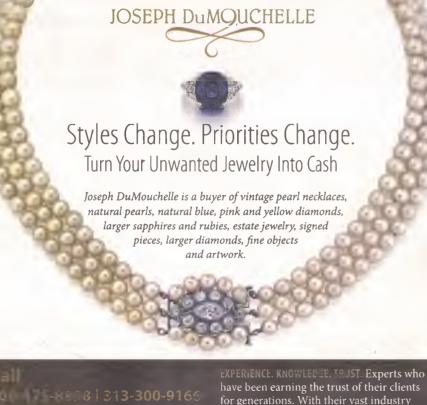
» If you see a fraudulent charge, report it to your bank or credit card issuer immediately so the charge can be reversed and a new card issued.

» Keep receipts in case you need to prove



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All is well at Keith Elementary

Walled Lake's Keith Elementary was recently recognized as one of Michigan's Best and Brightest in Wellness for the school's effort to promote wellness through its community. Keith Elementary and the rest of the award recipients will be honored at the most prestigious symposium and awards gala Oct. 2 at The Henry Autograph Collection Hotel in Dearborn.

The Best and Brightest in Wellness awards program honors companies and organizations that recognize and celebrate quality and excellence in health and wellness. The winners were evaluated by using the WellCompanies assessment, created and administered by Wellco, the nation's leading wellness systems firm.

Keith Elementary received this award thanks to events like the VIP Mileage Club, Jump Rope for Heart and Walk to School Day. Also, the group was recognized for its programs such as the Keith Green Club, the Giving Garden Club and The Keith Caring Com-



Phil Pittman, Keith Elementary principal, runs with students as part of the VIP Mileage Club.

munity Club.

"Each and every member of the Keith community, especially our students, contributes to making our school the best place to be," said Phil Pittman, Keith Elementary principal. "We achieve this lofty goal by

working hard - always giving our best effort and being nice, treating everyone with kindness, compassion and respect."

Michigan's Best and Brightest in Wellness event is co-presented by the Michigan Business and Professional Associa-

tion, Michigan Food and Beverage Association, Wellco and Corp! magazine. Sponsors for the event include Oakwood Healthcare, Quicken Loans and McGraw Wentworth, a Marsh & McLennan Agency LLC company.

to the 2014 school year

for Catholic Central. In

the past few weeks the

school has had 90 of its

students named AP

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and was named Best

by USA Today.

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Boys High School Sports

"Since competition

began in 2004, the Honor

Roll has been a helpful

tool for administrators,

families and benefactors

in recognizing the quality

of a Catholic high school

education," said Patrick J. Reilly, president of The Cardinal Newman Soci-

ety. "The Honor Roll

schools are a reminder

that Catholic education is

not only academically

getting better every day

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Catholic Central named school of excellence

Detroit Catholic Central High School was included on The Cardinal Newman Society's list of schools recognized by the Catholic Education Honor Roll as 2014 Schools of Excellence. Since 2004, the Honor Roll has celebrated quality Catholic education throughout the United States.

Honor Roll schools receiving this desig-nation are marked by the integration of Catholic identity throughout all aspects of their programs and excellence in academics. This year, 71 schools received the honor of being named as a School of Excellence and an additional nine received the distinction of honorable mention. This is less than 5 percent of the Catholic high schools in the United States

"We are very happy to

receive this honor," said the Rev. Dennis Noelke, principal of Catholic Central. "We are known for our academic and athletic excellence, but at the center of everything we do as a school is our Catholic identity. For CC to be recognized as a School of Excellence only encourages us to continue strengthening the faith of our community."

The distinction caps off an award-filled start



There's a difference between a grade and actual learning

n sixth grade, I learned a valuable lesson about learning

I started the year earning really good grades in sixth-grade math. But I was not learning very much math.

When I was in sixth grade, my father was a sixth-grade teacher at another school. Soon after school started, I discovered that my father had the teacher's edition of the sixthgrade math book at our house.

After that discovery, I would do my math homework and then I would check the answers that were found in the teacher's edition. If I had a wrong answer, I would erase my answer and write down the right answer. I would not look back at my work to see how I had erred.

I started the year receiving very good grades on my homework. Then the first test came.

I did not do very well

After the first test, the teacher called me to his desk. He said that he was concerned. My homework was outstanding, but my test did not reflect that same high achievement. He wanted to help me figure out what might be going wrong.

I knew what was going wrong! I was not learning math. I was focused on providing the right answer, but I did not know at the time that the right answer is just part of what learning is all about. The most important part of learning is the thinking that goes into finding the right answer. As this school year

begins to unfold, I once again am reminded that the purpose of school is not just finding the right answer.



to that next level. Right answers help us solve complex problems.

But just as important as the right answer is the ability to think through a problem and find the right answer.

We live in a complicated and complex world. The problems that we face are extraordinarily difficult. Some of the questions that we are seeking answers to have never even been asked before. We do not know the right answer. We have to find it.

Every generation has faced complex and challenging problems. Every generation has needed to discover not only the right answers to complex problems, but what the questions were that needed to be asked and answered.

In the Novi Community School District, we believe it is important that students learn how to find the right answer. But just as important is learning to ask the right questions and learning to think through problems.

This takes time and requires us to help students learn to think about how they go about solving problems.

My sixth-grade teacher understood that the right answer was not very helpful if I did not understand how I arrived at that answer. I confessed to him what I had been doing those first few weeks of sixth grade.

Luckily for me, he helped me see that there is a difference between a grade and actual learning.

In Novi, we work to help our students get good grades, but also to really learn.

AFTER SCHOOL CHILDREN'S PROGRAM



but in the renewal of Catholic identity - and we are delighted to see the increased level of competition among the schools that participated in the program this year."

answers are important. Right answers help us find our way. Right answers help us build things that will last. **Right answers help** move our experiments

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

Banks student third in world championships

Shannon Sahinbas, an eighth-grader at Sarah Banks Middle School in Walled Lake, has already reached the elite levels in wakeboarding at the age of 13. At the World Wakeboarding Association World Championships Sept. 10-13 in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., she placed first in the first round and won third for her division overall.

"This is quite an honor for a Midwestern girl from Michigan to rank so



Shannon

than a dozen competitions behind her makes this a very big accom-plishment," said Lori Sahinbas, Shannon's mom

two years with less

Shannon, who practices on Wolverine Lake one to three hours a day, weather permitting, said she also attended Nationals in July at Waco, Texas, where she placed second in her division.

Her coach is Chris Laske with Wakesessions.

"My future goal is to turn pro and to help advance the sport by teaching more young girls how to wakeboard and to help develop more female specific equipment as well," she said.

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This year's corn maze encompasses 10 acres of thick, very tall corn. When you hear the bell, your journey will begin with a hayride to the corn maze, where you are dropped off and then you are on your own to weave your way through.

The challenge: While winding your way through the maze, find all eight of the wooden animals that are hidden throughout. Complete this challenge and you can enter to win four tickets to this November's Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus Built to Amaze.

Once completed, another hayride awaits to take you back to the farm, where you can enjoy cider, doughnuts and snacks that are available.

Want an even bigger challenge? See if you can complete the corn maze in the dark. The Maybury Farm Corn Maze is open until 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday nights for those who are brave enough to find their way through with just the stars to light the way.

The Maybury Farm Corn Maze is open 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Friday, noon to 10 p.m. Saturday and noon to 7 p.m. Sun-day through Nov. 2. The last wagon leaves for the maze one hour prior to close.

Group tours and bonfires for 15 or more are available. Call 248-374-0200 to reserve a date.

The corn maze costs \$7 per person and includes a hayride and admission to Maybury Farm. Children age 2 and under are free. All of the proceeds from the maze are used to pay for the winter feed bills for the farm's animals.

Maybury Farm is operated by the Northville Community Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. A historic farm, it provides interactive educational opportunities for the public. Maybury Farm is at 50165 Eight Mile, west of Beck Road and Maybury State Park, in Northville. Enter at the Maybury Farm sign, not the state park. Parking is free.

For more information, visit www.northvillecommunityfoundation.org or go online to the Maybury Farm Faceebook page.



This year's Maybury Farm Corn Maze Corn Maze encompasses 10 acres of corn.



The gravestone of the Revolutionary War patriot Hooper Bishop, which is located in the Novi Cemetery, undergoes restoration in preparation for the Oct. 5 dedication.

Northville Woman's Club set for new season

Rob Wolchek, "Hall of Shame" and "Fame or Shame" reporter for WJBK-TV (Channel 2), will kick off the 122nd season of the Northville

Frida Kahlo" exhibit at the Detroit Institute of Arts The final program of

the "Diego Rivera &

the season will be "The

Library Association with the proviso that the Northville Woman's Club be allowed to hold its meeting in the former church in perpetuity. The

New School Church,

DAR to dedicate Novi grave of Revolutionary War patriot

Two local chapters of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution will dedicate Revolutionary War patriot Hooper Bishop's grave in the Novi Cemetery (25445 Novi Road) at 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 5.

Event organizers are inquiring into the local community and worldwide web in hopes of finding bloodline rela-tives of Bishop and a second designated Revolutionary War patriot, Caleb Carr. Anyone with information leading to the discovery of family members is asked to contact Deborah J. Davis at 248-347-1982 or dda-

vis06.dar@mi.rr.com. It was 100 years ago in October when the General Richardson Chapter, NSDAR of Pontiac documented the Novi Cemetery grave of Bishop as an American Revolutionary War patriot. Since then, there was a name change from the General Richardson Chapter, NSDAR to Stoney Creek Chapter, NSDAR.

In coordination with the Stoney Creek Chapter, NSDAR of Rochester, the Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter, NSDAR of Plymouth-Northville will be performing the DAR Ritual for Patriots at the grave site. The ceremony is done

in reverence and respect for the actions Hooper Bishop gave to help create our country. The ritual for use in conducting formal ceremonies of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution was authorized in 1934. If possible, attending the ceremony will be direct descendants of the patriot, members of the Sons of the American Revolution, VFW and the American Legion. The public is welcome to attend the ceremony. The gravestone will be marked with a DAR bronze plaque commemorating his service in the American Revolution.



Woman's Club on Friday, Oct. 3, at Meadowbrook Country Club.

The Emmy-award winning reporter will share insights into his investigative work. Wolchek joined WJBK in 1997 after working as a consumer reporter at WJEO-TV, the CBS affiliate in Fresno, Calif.

The 122nd season of the Northville Woman's Club offers an eclectic mix of programs and speakers. Among this season's highlights are "The Families of Thomas Jefferson and Sally Hemings" by MaryAnn Wheeler, "The Journey of the Letters," by Theresa K. Irish, author of A Thousand Letters Home, "Northville Kit Homes," by Andrew and Wendy Mutch and a preview of

J.L. Hudson Story" by Phyllis Barkey and will include a catered Maurice salad lunch.

The Northville Woman's Club — among Northville's oldest organizations and one of the oldest woman's clubs in Michigan — meets the first and third Friday of each month, October through March. With the exception of the opening luncheon, the club's regular meetings are held at the First Presbyterian Church of Northville on Main Street.

One meeting a year also is held at the New School Church in Mill Race Historical Village, a nod to the club's history and one of its founding members Mary Lapham who bequeathed the 1845 structure to the Ladies

formerly located on South Wing Street, served as Northville's library for more than 70 years Organized in 1892, the club was originally formed as a study group for intellectual and cultural enrichment. The organization — which

has approximately 170 active and associate members - has maintained its original purpose, offering twice monthly programs of cultural and historic interest followed by refreshments and socializing.

Those interested in further information about the Northville Woman's Club may contact president Lorraine Andary at 248-349-9463.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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Schoolcraft College announces that the financial audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, has been completed by Plante & Moran, LLP, Southfield, Michigan. It has been presented to the College Board of Trustees and has been accepted by them.

Notice is hereby given that the audit is available for public inspection in the Office of the Vice President and Chief Financial Officer in the Jeffress Center, Room 406, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia, Michigan, on weekdays, between the hours of 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. The financial statements are also available on our website at www.schoolcraft.edu/a-z-index/budget performance.

Glenn Cerny Vice President and CFO

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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 22, 2014 at 7:00pm in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT 18.271 FOR A RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL FOR AN ORDINANCE TO UPDATE, AMEND, AND REFORMAT APPENDIX A. "ZONING," OF THE CITY OF NOVI CODE OR ORDINANCES (THE PRIOR ORDINANCE NO. 97-18, AS AMENDED) AND **RELATED ZINGING MAP FOR PURPOSES OF INCORPORATION CLEAR ZONING** FORMATTING AND CLARIFYING CERTAIN PROVISIONS.

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing. The proposed reformatted ordinance is available for examination and review at the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, from 8am to 5 pm. Any written comments must be received by 4pm Wednesday, October 22, 2014.

Novi Planning Commission Michael Lynch, Secretary

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Superstar: Alison Albrecht making noise in music world



Novi's Alison Albrecht, 14, performing during the Superstar competition at the Fifth Third Bank Michigan State Fair at Novi's Suburban Collection Showplace on Labor Day weekend.

By Cal Stone Staff Writer

Alison Albrecht ran away with the top prize in the Superstar competition at the state fair in Novi over Labor Day weekend, beating out 13 other acts.

"Live performances are my favorite thing to do," she said. "Recording is great and I love that, but the adrenalin that the crowd gives you – that's my number one. The more you do, the more comfortable you get at it and get people involved."

Here's the kicker: She's only 14 and was the youngest in the competition, in which more than 70 artists and groups applied.

"She really does have star quality, from what I have seen so far," said Nancy Schoenheide-Phares, public relations, Fifth Third Bank Michigan State Fair. "Great poise and personality!" All 14 acts performed Friday and

All 14 acts performed Friday and Saturday and, as the winner, Albrecht headlined that Sunday evening on the main stage, sponsored by St. John Providence Health System.

Intro to music

The freshman at The Roeper School

private instructor, then went quickly to Expressions (see related story) in 2011." At Expressions Music Academy in

Novi, Albrecht gets help from Nick May with writing original songs, records music for fun and sings around the piano.

"I have a really fun time," she said of the 45-minute lessons "I look forward to it every week. Nick is a singer-songwriter, but for years he's just been teaching."

She got her first guitar when she was 9 and started attending open mic sessions at coffee shops in the Novi, Northville and Farmington areas. Her parents, Charles and Mary, then started taking her to open mics in Nashville – not the one in Michigan, the one in Tennessee. Music City U.S.A.

"It was intimidating, yeah!" Albrecht said. "I didn't realize it at all and then I got there and everyone in front of me was absolutely incredible. I was in sixth grade. I performed and loved it. Not nervous at all now. It became fun. We went again this past January."

Superstar performances

Albrecht said she wasn't really ner-

judges kind of saw that."

Her "awesome" friends came and supported her for the Friday and Sunday solo guitar/vocal performances. A lot of her friends are musicians, but she doesn't have a band at the moment.

For Superstar, every act was required to perform *Michigan*, *My Michigan* and Albrecht said she got to play with the lyrics a little bit. "I tried to tailor it to me and what I

"I tried to tailor it to me and what I love about Michigan while still keeping the integrity of this 1800s war song," she said. "I added my own spin to it."

Her other two songs she performed were an original called *Little Girl* and Train's *Hey*, *Soul Sister*.

She said her favorite acts are Colbie Caillat, Hayley Williams (of Paramore), Ingrid Michaelson, Taylor Swift, Parachute and Mayday Parade.

chute and Mayday Parade. Albrecht was in Europe with her school when her dad heard about the Superstar contest online while trying to book her for end of summer and fall gigs. She thought "that would be cool; sounds great" and applied.

After her win

She and her dad and a family friend,

UPCOMING SHOW

Catch a special live performance by Alison Albrecht at 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 17, in the Fireside Lounge in the Hyatt Place hotel on the east side of the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi.

ABOUT THE SUPERSTAR CONTEST

The State Fair Superstar mission is to guide and help launch a new Michigan music career each year. The 2014 judging panel featured some of Detroit's most respected music industry luminaries, including entertainment attorneys Howard Hertz and Joe Bellanca of Hertz, Schram, PC; former WLLZ-FM and XM Radio personality Sari Zalesin; and former *Metro Times* Publisher Lisa Rudy, among others.

The winner was selected by a combination of judge's scores and audience votes and received a prize package, created specifically to enhance and polish their talents.

"Michigan has such a deep pool of musical talent across so many genres and it also offers a terrific platform from which to nurture and launch a new music career. With this new Superstar contest, we are gathering some of the finest coaches and mentors in the region to offer a wonderful opportunity for fledgling talent to polish their skills and quickly ascend to the next level of the music industry," said Steve Masters, executive director of the state fair.

THE PRIZE PACKAGE

As the grand prize winner, Alison Albrecht received \$2,000, along with a music mentoring package which includes: » songwriting coaching, artist and repertoire song selection and publishing consultation from a multiple Detroit Music Award winner for Outstanding Songwriter, Nadir Omowale, and vocal performance coaching from Wayne State University instructor Gordon Finlay, both members of the Masters of Music Learning Conservatory in Royal Oak; » live performance booking consultation from 2 Stones Events of Brighton; » practice studio time at Studio B in Novi; » studio production consultation and direction from internationally-renowned music producer Chuck Alkazian, with recording and mastering of a three-song EP at Pearl Sound Studios in Canton.

WHAT THE JUDGES SAID

"Adorable – so sweet on stage. Intriguing to watch and listen to. Beautiful vocals and technique. Great job with stage presence. Beautiful voice, need some styling w/clothing. Definitely star quality. Strong energy. Gorgeous girl. Very talented."

"Great eye contact. Your talent is obvious! Awesome Train cover, you sounded great! Original song was really good, exceptional finger picking. You

in Birmingham won't turn 15 until March, but she's been singing almost her entire life.

"There are home videos of me singing at age 1," Albrecht said. "I took voice lessons at age 10, starting with a and didn't think about the competition

aspect. "I just did my best to entertain and put on a good show for people. That's what I love to do," she said. "I focused on my friends who were there and the Katlyn MacDonald, are all part of Albrecht's booking process. With her Superstar win, gigs should start increasing. One was a WJBK television interview and performance Sept. 5.

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have a great voice. Fantastic performance, loaded w/talent."

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All interested person are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd, Novi MI 48375 during the cities' regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 8am to 5pm, it must be received by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, October 22, 2014.

Novi Planning Commission Michael Lynch, Secretary

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Music teacher's dream comes true - twice

Schatz operates Expressions academies in Novi and Troy

By Cal Stone Staff Writer

Opening a music academy had been Jessica Schatz's dream since she started teaching piano lessons as a teenager. One could say her dream has come true – twice.

She now owns and operates two Expressions Music Academy locales – one in Novi and one in Troy. One of her students, 14-year-old Alison Albrecht of Novi, recently won the Superstar contest at Fifth Third Bank Michigan State Fair.

After graduating college with a piano performance degree in 2009, Schatz started her own small piano studio in her dad's Novi home, finally having the freedom to implement ideas she had been developing to help motivate and inspire students.

The studio quickly grew to more than 40 students in about nine months. She began to realize that her dream of starting a full-scale, high-quality music academy could become a reality – and was definitely needed in the community.

"I began to eat, sleep and breathe this new realization and spent every spare moment researching, crunching numbers and writing business plans," Schatz said. "With the help of several key players, I leased and transformed an office space into a beautiful facility, hired a handful of instructors, distributed 20,000 fliers, launched a website and told all my students we were moving!"

Opening her first Expressions in Novi was an obvious choice based on the rapid growth of her private home piano studio, which she assumed was a result of the rich, education-focused and familycentered community here. Similar reasons led to selecting Troy for a second location in January 2014.

Services offered

Expressions' primary service is private lessons, teaching all ages and levels of experience on piano/keyboard, guitar, voice, violin, viola, cello, drumset/percussion, saxophone, flute, clarinet, oboe, trumpet, horn, trombone, euphonium, tuba and, most re-



Jessica He taking a lesson from Michal Harris at the Novi academy.

cently, erhu (Chinese violin). For her very young music enthusiasts ages 2-7, she will soon be offering an innovative new program called Music FunTime, which teaches young children how to read music notation, rhythms and symbols and prepares them for private lessons.

"Children learn their letters, numbers, shapes, animals, etc., at such early ages, why can't they learn to read music?" she said.

For her singers ages 5-13, there are several fun showchoir classes which challenge students to learn a variety of songs in preparation for concert performances. The classes include opportunities for solos, movement and choreography and singing in parts. Schatz said in all classes, students learn healthy and effective techniques to improve their voice in both solo and ensemble capacities.

While students of any level may participate in any of these classes, only more experienced students may join one of Expressions' C3 groups. These are small, mixed instrument and vocal ensembles for advancing students ages 8-18. Throughout each four-month session, students work together with their C3 coach and rehearse their own musical arrangements and original compositions.

Uniqueness

Many music companies or stores exist primarily to do repairs, sell and rent instruments, supplies and sheet music and then offer private music lessons or classes in the back of the building as a secondary means of revenue.

"The specialty of those businesses is sales, while the specialty of our business is education," Schatz said. "It is amazing how much variation there can be in the quality of music lessons. And because we focus every spare minute of our time and energy on improving the quality of our music education service, we are really, really good at it."

Her goal is to tap into students' natural motivational styles by providing a variety of motivation-rich programs and options, including twice-yearly recitals and student evaluations, competitions and festivals, level-based achievement programs, organizational re-

"I love music, but I also love in the Canton Guitar Center on ath and science and psychol-

DETAILS

Name: Expressions Music Academy Address: 43370 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi, and 4000 Livernois

Road, Troy Name/Title: Jessica Schatz/

owner Hometown: Shelby Township Opened: September 2010 in Novi

Employees: 40 staff and faculty between Novi and Troy **Hours:** 2-9 p.m. Monday through Friday; 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday **Specialty: p**rivate music les-

sons Phone: 248-773-8364, Novi; 248-845-4611, Troy Website: www.expressions musicacademy.com Chamber membership: Novi and Troy

sources such as customized binders and bags, an interactive music and iPad lab, monthly Studio Classes and an optional incentive program for the younger ones called Bach Bucks.

"One of the most unmatched parts of Expressions is our instructors who make the experience come to life for every student," Schatz said. "We have by far the most highly-qualified faculty you will find in any music school in the area. These people know what they're doing because of their bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees and years of teaching experience, but they're even better at it when they teach at Expressions because of the unique support structure for our faculty."

Her academies are set up so that all instructors need to do each week is focus on their teaching, while her administrative staff handles all the other operational details. This, she noted, allows for a freeing up of energy that keeps the instructors creative, compassionate, refreshed and excited to explore every aspect of their students' potential.

Music as business

It's been a fine-tuning process for Schatz since opening four years ago. She has made significant changes to programs, administrative and operational systems, facilities, the website, marketing strategies, her hiring process and so much more. "Opening and running a business is such a constant learning experience," she said, "and I never want to stop growing and improving Expressions."

Schatz said one of the strongest assets a business can have is a good, strong, loyal team of people.

"Support and genuinely care for your team and you will build a company that has heart and passion," she said. "I would do anything for my staff and I believe they would do anything for me. I can't imagine having it any other way."

She said she's fortunate to have a culture of happy, confident, relaxed and effective people at Expressions and says it's one of the main reasons for the academies' success.

Her choral director and cello instructor met each other a few years ago through the school. They fell in love and got married last month.

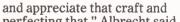
Surprisingly, the two academies don't seem to be too negatively affected by the economy and the recent recession, according to Schatz. She believes music education is so important in the Novi and Troy communities that families prioritize it in their budget.

"We are actually more positively affected by the decrease of music programs in schools and are becoming more of a primary source for music education," Schatz said.

What's next?

Expressions is growing at a fast pace. Between the two locations, there are more than 500 students coming through the doors each week. Additional locations are certainly not out of the question at this point, Schatz said. The main objective, though, has always been to keep improving current programs and offerings.

'My joy and passion in all of this - the reason I work morning until night every single day - is for the fulfillment of watching our students, staff and faculty grow and develop," she said. "I just can't wipe the smile off my face when I think about how many people, students and otherwise, have been forever changed by coming into contact with Expressions. Because inspiring growth is such a genuine and heartfelt passion of our company, at the very core of our vision and mission, we can't help but grow in numbers as more and more people keep finding out about this magical place.



ALBRECHT

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Part of her prize package includes recording a threesong EP in Canton. She's not sure when that is happening, but she knows she's going to do original songs. She used to be in her

She used to be in her school's choir and in musicals, but Albrecht isn't sure if she would go to college just to study music.

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ogy," she said. "I love school. I work really hard in school, but I also love music. Music is always in my life, but there are other aspects."

Albrecht spent a few hours

serving

guitars before settling on a Taylor acoustic – purchased with her \$2,000 Superstar prize. It will serve her well in her music endeavors.

"I really like writing songs

"I write from things that happen in my life. I use life experiences and put that in songs. It ends up being relatable to people and that's the important thing."



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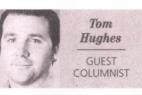
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NTFD open house to take place Saturday

he Northville Township Fire Department invites local residents to join us for our annual Fire Department Open House from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sat-urday, Oct. 4, to kick off Fire Prevention Week. Bring your family and friends and spend the afternoon learning about fire safety. We have a variety of activities planned to entertain and educate people of all ages.

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ing our department has in a non-emergency setting. We would like to spend time with our residents, away from the chaos of an incident, when things are a little more fun.

In honor of Fire Prevention Week, our department, along with the NFPA, are promoting this year's slogan, "Working smoke alarms save lives: Test yours every month." Please spend a few moments to make sure your family is protected.

Start by developing and practicing your home escape plan; check-



A large crowd turned out for the Northville Township Fire Department open house last year.

ing your smoke alarms; replacing your batteries; and replacing any smoke alarm that is more than 10 years old. This week also pro-

vides an opportunity to

prepare your home for the changing seasons. As cold weather approaches and your furnace kicks on, it's important to make sure to have carbon monoxide alarms

installed throughout your home to protect your family. You can learn all about other ways to protect your family at our **Open House**

Both adults and children can enjoy activities including using a live fire hose and a smoke house demonstration that teaches your kids to "stay low" and escape. Whether you can stop by for just a few minutes or stay for hours, our Open House promises to be a good time.

We invite you and your family to stop by the Northville Township Fire Department headquarters located at 45745 W. Six Mile Road (across from Northville High School) from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 4. Enjoy an afternoon filled

with fun, excitement and fire safety education.

Stop by to tour the fire station and meet your firefighters, ask questions about a day in the life of a firefighter, explore the fire trucks, learn about the tools we use, discover what it takes to be a paramedic, watch a live demonstration of a vehicle extrication using the Jaws-of-Life and plenty of other activities for both kids and adults. Join us for a day filled with fun, excitement and safety education.

We hope to see you there.

Thomas M. Hughes, Jr. is the fire inspector for the Northville Township Fire Department. He welcomes your feedback at thughes@twp.northville.mi.us.



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Nancy Sloan, of the Howell Nature Center, holds a Peregrine Falcon. The center will bring their birds of prey Oct. 22 to the Northville District Library.

at 212 W. Cady Street. For more information call 248-349-3020 or visit

Upcoming events include

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preschoolers. All ages welcome to attend. Caregivers must accompany children age 3 and younger. No registration required.

TOP TEN PRESERVATION MISTAKES & HOW TO AVOID THEM

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Monday, Oct. 6 Details: Workshop presented by Priceless Photo Preservation of Ann Arbor explains the confusing world of preserving family photos, movies and slides. Registration required.

UNRAVEL: TEENS KNIT & CROCHET

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 7 Details: Drop in for a casual session for all skill levels. Supplies and basic instruction provided.

FRANKENSTEIN PUPPET SHOW

Time/Date: 4:15 - 5 pm Tuesday, Oct. 9 Details: All ages enjoy a goofy original puppet show with Robert Papineau's whimsical Pippin Puppets. 100 free tickets available 5 minutes prior to the show

BOOK DISCUSSION

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Monday, Oct. 13 Details: Join us for a lively discussion of Karen Joy Fowler's "We Are All Com-pletely Beside Ourselves", this year's Community Reads selection. Her novel was recently listed on the short list for the 2014 Man Booker Prize for fiction. Just drop in.

HOWELL NATURE CENTER BIRDS OF PREY

Time/Date: 4:15-5:15 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 22

Details: Discover the fascinating world of Michigan's birds of prey in this Howell Nature Center presentation featuring live hawks, owls, falcons and vultures, held at the Northville Community Center. All ages welcome. Registration required. Space is limited. Sponsored by the Friends of Maybury State Park and the Library's Youth Department.

TWEEN EVENT: SPECIAL EFFECTS MAKE-UP DEMO

Time/Date: 4:15-5:15 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 29

Details: For tweens ages 9-12. Spark your imagination with special effects artist Alex Thomas & Friends as they demonstrate amazing prostentics techniques and make-up effects to create zombies and monsters. Limit 30. Call to register. 248-349-3020.

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 daily dawn until dusk.

Upcoming events

Mill Race Contra Dance

Mill Race will host a series of contra dancing to a live band sessions Sunday, Oct. 19, Sunday, Nov. 23 and Sunday, Dec. 21. Contra dancing is a subset of English country dancing that combines aspects of square dancing and swing

NHS membership).

Northville Historical Society memberships will be available for purchase at the door at all three dances.

Dinner with Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt: 7:30 p.m. Nov. 14, at Genitti's

Weekly events

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 Inn.

Thursdays and Fridays: Archives open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday: Grounds Closed for

Wedding 5-7 p.m. Saturday: Grounds Closed



LIBRARY LINES The Northville District Library is located

northvillelibrary.org.

DROP-IN MORNING STORYTIME

Time/Date: 10:15-10:45 a.m. Thursdays

Details: Storytime fun for toddlers and

dancing. All ages and experience levels are welcome to the Mill Race Contra Dance. Wear comfortable clothing. Only clean, indoor, smooth-soled shoes are permitted for dancing. Dances begin at 1 p.m., with an introductory lesson at 12:30 p.m. Dances end at 4 p.m.

The cost for general admission is \$10 and \$8 for students, AACTMAD members and Northville Historical Society members. The cost for a fam-ily is \$20 (\$15 for families with

for Wedding 12:30-5 p.m. Sunday: Village buildings open 1-4 p.m.

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

Archives: archivist.nhs@gmail.com

Office information: Open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call 248-348-1845 or email mrhv1845@yahoo.com.

Mill Race Village and its J.M. Mead shop, at right.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST **November 4, 2014 GENERAL ELECTION**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Public Accuracy Test for the November 4, 2014 General Election is scheduled for Monday, October 13, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. in the lobby of Township Hall, located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan.

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to determine that the program and the computer being used to tabulate the results of the General Election, count the votes in the manner prescribed by law

The public is welcome and invited to attend.

Sue A. Hillebrand, M.M.C. Clerk

Publish: October 9, 2014

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NOTICE - Charter Township of Northville REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS

The Charter Township of Northville will receive sealed proposals for Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) according to the specifications of the Charter Township of Northville.

Sealed proposals will be received until 3:00 P.M. prevailing Eastern Time, October 13, 2014 at which time proposals will be opened and read. Proposals shall be addressed as follows

> Charter Township of Northville OFFICE OF THE TOWNSHIP CLERK 44405 Six Mile Rd. Northville, MI 48168-9670

All proposals must be signed by a legally authorized agent of the proposing firm. ENVELOPES MUST BE PLAINLY MARKED

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AND MUST BEAR THE NAME OF THE PROPOSER.

The Township reserves the right to accept any or all alternative proposals and award the contract to other than the lowest proposer, to waive any irregularities or informalities or both; to reject any or all proposals; and in general to make the award of the contract in any manner deemed by the Township, in its sole discretion, to be in the best interest of the Charter Township of Northville.

Instructions to Proposers, the SCBA Specifications, additional requirements, general conditions, check list and Proposal form is available at the Township Clerk's Department, phone 248-662-0491 or email shillebrand@twp.northville.mi.us

> Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk Charter Township of Northville

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS **OCTOBER 9, AND OCTOBER 16, 2014**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that PUBLIC HEARINGS will be held by the Township Board of Trustees on Thursday, October 9, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. and Thursday, October 16, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. at Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Rd., Northville, MI 48168. The purpose of the hearing is to review the 2015 budget.

All interested residents are invited to attend. Comments and questions concerning the proposed budget will be heard at the public hearing. A copy of the 2015 proposed budget will be available for public inspection at the Township Clerk's office beginning September 30, 2014 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. and on the Township's website at www.twp. northville.mi.us.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

> Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk Charter Township of Northville

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING **CITY OF NORTHVILLE**

The Northville Historic District Commission will hold a public hearing to receive public input on a demolition request by the property owner of 500 W. Cady St., Northville, Michigan, 48167 (Mike Malloure). The applicant is seeking to demolish the existing house in order to build a new house on this parcel, parcel number 48 003 03 0294 000. The Guidelines for the Consideration of Applications for the Demolition or Moving of Structures within the Northville Historic District requires the Commission to hold a public hearing on the demolition of a resource in the District unless it finds the resource to have no historical or architectural significance.

The public hearing will be held on October 22, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. at the City of Northville Municipal Building – City Council Chambers, 215 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-449-9902. This is a special meeting of the Historic District Commission for the purposes of holding the public hearing. The purpose of the hearing will be to receive public input on the demolition request. A copy of the demolition application is available for review at the City of Northville Offices during regular office hours, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m

The City of Northville will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audiotapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with special needs at the meeting upon seven days notice to the City of Northville, City Clerk, 215 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248 349-1300.

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Rouge-A-Palooza flows a second year

Celebration of improving Rouge River expands

Communities along the Rouge River's lower branch are starting to realize the recreational opportunities that the stream is beginning to offer after years of water quality improvements. That is certainly the case in the City of Wayne, where local river enthusiasts will be hosting the 2nd Annual Rouge-A-Palooza on Saturday, Oct. 11 at Goudy Park (3355 S. Wayne Road).

Now in its second year, the celebration of the Rouge and the outdoors world in general will be a little bigger than last year, according to organizers. Back will be some of the popular events like the rubber duck and paper boat races, Logjam Classic Canoe Race, and the group canoe/kayak trip put on by Friends of the Rouge. There will also be plenty of food, live music, free bounce houses for the kids, and a beer tent. There will, however, be some expanded activities, including canoe rentals available throughout the festival offered by Heavner Canoe and Kayak Rental.

Organizers are excited about the addition of some new education displays. New this year will be displays by Michigan State Parks and the Howell Nature Center, which will be bringing The Spirit of Alexandria Nature Bus and some live birds of prey. Wayne County Parks will be bringing some live animals and their naturalist, and the Wayne County Water Quality Division will also have displays. Friends of the Rouge, the organization that has led efforts to revive the Rouge River for several decades, will also be on hand, as will the Michigan Department of Community Health.

"We're pretty excited about the different groups that will have displays," said Kurt Kuban, one of the event organizers and a community editor with O&E Media, the media sponsor of the event.

"This is really a family-

oriented event where we hope children and their parents can learn not only about the Rouge River and what they can do to help protect it, but also some of the wildlife that calls our area home. People will be able to see live birds of prey, different kinds of animals, fish and even aquatic insects that live in our river. And the Rouge River is our river. That's what this event is all about. We want people to know what a great resource the Rouge can be," Kuban added

The event is being organized by the Wayne Rotary Club, local river volunteers, and River Restorations Inc., a nonprofit organization formed to put on the event and also continue clean-up efforts in the Lower Rouge River, which flows from the western portions of Canton Township through Wayne, Westland, Inkster, and Dearborn before ultimately dumping into the Detroit River.

Many local organizations will be involved in Rouge-A-Palooza, including Wayne Main Street, which is organizing the rubber duck race and will also be raffling off two kayaks with proceeds going towards the group's efforts to revitalize downtown Wayne. Wayne Rotary is putting on the paper boat race. They will have a booth set up with free supplies where children will be able to build their own boats, which will then be raced at the event, with prizes going to the winners

There will also be booths set up by local nonprofits, including the Wayne Memorial cheerleaders and volleyball team, and local Boy Scout troops.

Live music

There will also be plenty of live music going on throughout the day, beginning with local favorite Tyrone Hamilton, who will once again kick off the event at noon from the Goudy Park stage. Other bands include the bluegrass band Troublesome Creek, the Native American-based Huron Flute Circle, and the Americana band



Lisa Duminske (left) and Brittany Duminske compete in the Logjam Classic Canoe Race last year.

Corndaddy. New to the festival this year is the Ann Arborbased George Bedard and the Kingpins

Bedard's playing style has been described as a blend of "blues, rockabilly, swing, jazz, country chicken pickin', '60s garage band chording, and the sleazier aspects of Chicago and Mississippi blues styles all whipped up into a most heady mix." Bedard is set to go on at 7:30 p.m.

There will also be a beer tent and plenty of food options. The main food vendors this year are Hickory BBQ & Grill and Papa Romano's/Mr. Pita of Wayne.

Canoe race and group paddle

One of the anchors of Rouge-A-Palooza will be the Logjam Classic Canoe Race, which will begin with registration at 9 a.m. behind the Wayne County Environmental Services Water Quality Management Division building located at 3600 Commerce Court in Wayne (just east of Hix Road). The race is a 3-mile sprint along the river through the woodlands of Wayne County's Lower Rouge Parkway. Kuban said last year's race attracted 14 teams. He would like to see a few more adventurous souls enter the race this year.

"Many of the teams from last year weren't sure what to expect," said Kuban, who has canoed this stretch of the Rouge many times. "After the race, most of the people told us they couldn't believe how nice a stretch of river we have right here in Wayne. We had some great competitors last year, and we're hoping to get a few more. There aren't many canoe races in our neck of the woods. We think it's a pretty unique event."

Last year's winners, Michael Parsons of Westland and Steve Landfair of Dearborn Heights, won the event with a time of 37 minutes. The finish line is at Goudy Park, the location of Rouge-A-Palooza.

"We will definitely be back to defend our title," said Parsons.

Those interested in competing in the race should contact Kuban at 734-716-0783 or show up the morning of the race at the time of registration.

2ND ANNUAL ROUGE-A-PALOOZA

When: Noon to 10 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 11 Where: Goudy Park Address: 3355 S. Wayne Road, Wayne

What: Celebration of the Rouge River, including outdoors educational booths, canoe rentals, group canoe trip,

Schedule:

Noon – Tyrone Hamilton 2 p.m. – Troublesome Creek 3 p.m. – Howell Nature Center birds of prey program 4:30 p.m. – Wayne Rotary Build Your Own Boat Race/ Rubber Duck Race 6 p.m. – Corndaddy 7:30 – George Bedard and and Kingpins

Friends of the Rouge has been organizing the group canoe/kayak trip for about a decade now. They have tried to do the paddle trips on other branches of the Rouge, but the Lower Branch offers the best paddling opportunities.

"This event has been pretty popular over the years. We've had close to 40 boats on our trips in the past. We think it's a great way to showcase the Rouge. It's really beautiful with the fall colors at this time of year, as well," said Sally Petrella of Friends of the Rouge.

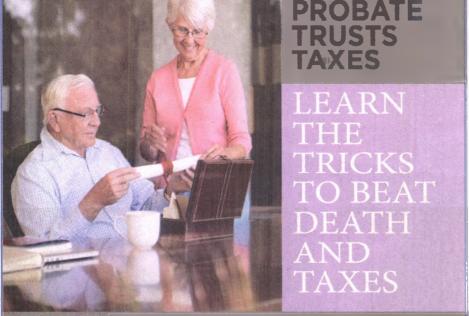
The trip begins at noon, and starts at the same location as the canoe race. Canoe rentals are available for the group trip. Those interested in registering should visit the Friends of the Rouge website at http://therouge.org. Canoe rentals for the trip can be secured by calling Heavner at 248-685-2379.

Organizers said the event has really been embraced by the community, specifically the business community. There are many sponsors this year, including event sponsor Wayne-Westland Federal Credit Union.

"I was amazed at how willing and generous our local business community was when we went out to ask for sponsorships," said Mathew Mulholland, another event organizer. "Without their support this event would not be possible. We think this is a great family event, and their support tells us we must be doing something right."



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School districts had to cut back on the number of teachers. This not only increased class size but it also reduced or eliminated support teachers who regularly took out of the classroom children who needed more individual help than the classroom teacher had time to give them.

Governor Snyder and the Republican' legislators were certainly told that this would happen but they didn't seem to care. Their priority was a tax cut for business.

Democrats in the legislature opposed what they saw as a gift to business owners. They also strongly opposed the cuts in educational spending.

Spending on education is one of the most important things our state government does. There is a clear difference between Republicans and Democrats on this issue. Regardless of how you may have voted in the past, if this issue is important to you, you should vote for the party that shares your position on education.

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Western Wayne County is poised to boom

Business banquet showcases regional cooperation

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

Remembering the common bonds they share as neighbors, leaders from around western Wayne County gathered Thursday night for the second annual Western Wayne Business Leadership Banquet.

Held at the Ford Motor Co. Conference and Event Center in Dearborn, the banquet is the brainchild of the Conference of Western Wayne, a nonprofit, non-partisan advocacy group, and the Livonia Chamber of Commerce, as well as a handful of other local chambers

The event's goal is to build stronger relationships between the business community and political leadership in a region that contains some 700,000 residents and 54 percent of the county's tax base.

"It's a little bit different than other communities and organizations, when you consider the fact that we are a bipartisan organization, that we try to reach consensus on everything that we do and we look to do things that are good for all western Wayne communities," said Redford Township Supervisor Tracey Schultz Kobylarz, chairperson for the CWW.

The CWW

The CWW is a consortium of 18 western Wayne County communities, which meets monthly to discuss issues such as legislation, transportation, public safety, substance abuse prevention, community and economic development, employment and the environmental health of the region.



A group of western Wayne County leaders gathered at the Leadership Banquet to better connect with local business leaders. Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey stands in the middle.

Elected leaders from the cities of Belleville, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Inkster, Livonia, Northville, Plymouth, Romulus, Wayne and Westland and the townships of Canton, Huron, Northville, Plymouth, Redford, Sumpter and Van Buren comprise the board of directors.

"Our main goal is to better represent the people in our communities and western Wayne County as a whole," Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey said of the CWW. "We set aside our differences and come to the table unified in taking on common challenges and problems that we have, which is what people really want to see more of."

Northville Township Supervisor Robert Nix agreed and said the banquet was a great way to establish more relationships between the private and public sectors.

"There are a lot of outstanding leaders here tonight, so this is an important gathering for us," Nix said. "It's critical that local businesses and government work together for this community. What a banquet like this does is gets us better connected."

Brighter future

With 350 people in attendance, speakers at the banquet included Mary Kramer of Crain's Detroit Business and David Sowerby, CFA vice president, portfolio manager at Loomis, Sayles and Co. Both emphasized the positive changes happening in metro Detroit and specifically western Wayne County.

Among a variety of topics, Kramer cited western Wavne businesses as being some of the most innovative in the state.

One company cited was Gentherm, which is in Northville and makes climate control technology for automotive interiors. It was No. 2 on Crain's Fast 50 list, which came out last month. The list is the fastest-growing companies in a five-county region in southeast Michigan. Six are from western Wayne.

Sowerby, the featured speaker, talked about how Michigan is looking market-wise. From his point of view, things are looking better.

He said the state tax climate has improved, there is better state and local fiscal discipline, the auto industry is seeing some profits, there is greater entrepreneurial

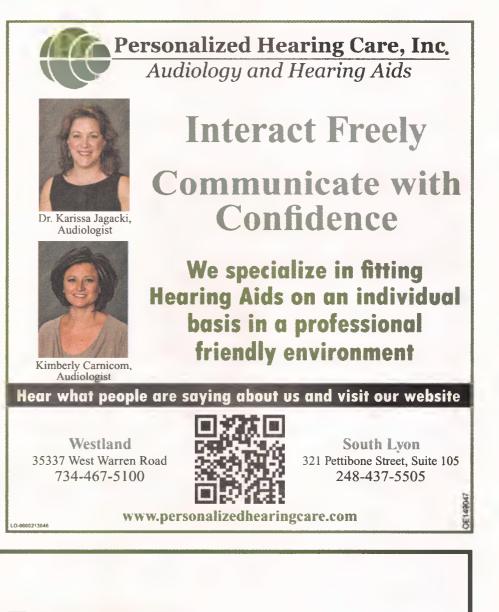


Banquet speakers Mary Kramer (left), publisher of 'Crain's Detroit Business,' and David Sowerby, of Loomis, Sayles and Co., emphasized that metro Detroit is in a better place economically than it was five years ago.

risk-taking and low inflation is yielding a low cost of capital.

In simpler terms, he said, "I feel a lot better about business conditions

locally than I have in a long time.'





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Rare viewing of Lingenfelter's car collection set for Oct. 4

By Cal Stone Staff Writer

Every Saturday for the past few months, the public has been invited to Coffee & Cars at the Lingenfelter Performance Engineering facility in Wixom to attend an event billed as "a place to take your ride, share stories and see some amazing cars". Guests were encouraged to donate a non-perishable food item for Gleaners **Community Food Bank** and/or make a monetary donation.

Giving back is a priority for owner Ken Lingenfelter, who has one of the world's most impressive collections of more than 150 unique vehicles. They're housed in Brighton, and every so often he and his wife, Kristen, open the collection for public viewing – with all proceeds going to charity.

Pink Fundraiser

One of those rare events is slated for 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 4 at the Lingenfelter Collection, 7819 Lochlin



Ken and Kristen Lingenfelter will open their car collection for a public viewing, supporting The Pink Fund, on Oct. 4.

Drive. All donations accepted at the entrance will support the programs of The Pink Fund.

Many breast cancer patients in active treatment lose their livelihoods while fighting for their lives. Patients often face catastrophic financial losses because they're unable to work. The Pink Fund was founded in 2006 by breast cancer survivor Molly MacDonald, who experienced this herself.

The fund provides individuals in active treatment with up to 90 days of direct financial assistance to cover nonmedical expenses (health



LINGENFELTER COLLECTION

This Bugatti Veyron is one of many exotic vehicles in Ken Lingenfelter's collection, which will be open for public viewing Oct. 4 to benefit The Pink Fund.

insurance premiums, housing, transportation and utilities).

The Collection

Lingenfelter's collection is an impressive display comprised of Corvettes, muscle cars and 30 percent exotics. Many are one-of-a-kind vehicles and several -including a Bugatti Veyron, an Enzo Ferrari, and a Lamborghini Reventón – are among the rarest autos on the planet.

So how did Lingenfelter transform five cars jammed into a modest three-car garage to 40,000 square foot of jaw-dropping rides?

He was born the son of a General Motors executive and grew up with an appreciation of high-performance and stylish autos. With his success in the real estate industry, Lingenfelter purchased his first Corvette in 1977 and began adding more cars. He sold his company and dedicated his passion for performance cars to assembling a collection from around the world.

Six years ago, he purchased the assets of Lingenfelter Performance Engineering, founded by a distant cousin, John Lingenfelter. With his passion for speed and excellence, many of the company's products have been instrumental in establishing performance thresholds.

The first 'collector car' Lingenfelter acquired was a 1969 Jaguar XKE, which has since departed. Nearly 40 percent of the collection is dedicated to Corvettes, including some phenomenal new and classic editions: an extremely rare '53 Supercharged Corvette; the 1955 Duntov Test Mule (the first true high performance Corvette); a '77 Corvette Coupe (Lingenfelter's first Corvette); and a 2010 Lingenfelter-powered ZR1.

"The Collection continues to evolve," said Lingenfelter. "We are continually searching for the latest and greatest rare exotics and superior muscle car editions. We are also striving to collect vehicles that are significant to our heritage -- vehicles from John Lingenfelter's racing history."

For Lingenfelter, it's not just about collecting rare and unique automo-biles. His Collection actively raises funds through tours and other private showings to help benefit almost any charity that has a sound cause -- breast cancer research, junior diabetes, youth organizations, as well as many others. The collection currently is not open to the public, but it is available for corporate and charity events, silent and live auctions, and car-club specialty showings. (For more information, visit www.lingen

feltercollection.com.) Guests attending the Oct. 4 open house (which will also include a display by Brighton Harley-Davidson) will be able to support The Pink Fund by making a monetary donation at the door. Donors of \$100 or more will receive a limited edition event hoody: \$50-\$99 receive a limited edition event T-shirt; and \$25-\$49 receive a themed novelty item.

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RV show takes place through Sunday at Suburban Collection

The 25th Annual Fall Detroit Camper and RV Show, sponsored by the Michigan Association of Recreation Vehicles and Campgrounds (MAR-VAC) will welcome unique RVs and great deals through Sunday at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi.

More than 275 new recreation vehicles will be displayed, including folding campers, motorhomes, travel trailers, truck campers and fifth wheel travel trailers. Special discounts on RVs include folding campers from \$6,995, trailers from \$8,995 and motorhomes from \$49,995.

In addition to the great show prices, exhibitor booths will feature parts, accessories, campground information, on-site RV financing and RV rentals, making this a one-stop-shop for all things camping. John Holod, of John Holod Productions and RV Adventures, will host presentations about travel adventures for show attendees. At the show, also enter to win 2015 event tickets and camping packages from Michigan International Speedway.

À special coupon is available at www.marvac.org, Big Boy restaurants and area newspapers. With this coupon, all consumers receive \$1-off any adult or senior admission. The 2014 RV & Campsite guide to camping and RVing in Michigan, which includes coupons from MARVAC members, will be available free to consumers.

DETAILS

Detroit Camper and RV Show Hours: 2-9 p.m. weekdays, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday Cost: adult admission is \$10 (ages 13 and up); senior admission is \$9; children ages 12 and under are admitted free. Parking is not included in ticket price. Location: Suburban Collection Showplace, on Grand River Avenue. south of I-96 between Novi Road and Beck Road, in Novi Phone: 517-349-8881 ext. 10 Web: www.marvac.org

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Novi joins water emergency mutual aid group

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

The recent flooding problems in metro Detroit didn't quite impact Novi, but the city is better prepared to get some help in case of any similar challenges in the future.

Novi has joined a mutual aid organization that was set up as a resource for local municipalities in case of water and/or waste water emergencies.

Novi City Council unanimously approved an agreement to authorize membership in the Michigan Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network.

Established in 2012,



is made up

Hayes

of 14 public agency members and is a "Water and Wastewater Agency Response Network of utilities and public works agencies in Michigan that assist one another to respond to and recover from major emergencies that negatively impact water and sanitary sewage facilities."

"Depending on the situation, Novi would have complete discretion in deciding whether to provide mutual aid to another agency in the form of labor, equipment and materials – all of which would be reimbursed by the requesting agency," Hayes said of Novi's role.

The idea of becoming part of MiWARN came about after Novi was involved in a recent functional exercise facilitated by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

From this, Novi's Department Public Service's Water and Sewer Division established the goal of improving resource allocation through establishment of mutual aid agreements with surrounding communities to share resources during emergency situations.

The group consists of: city of Auburn Hills, Bloomfield Township, Byron and Gaines Townships Water and Sewer Authority, Canton Town-ship, city of Grand Rapids, city of Holland, city of Lansing, city of Muskegon, city of Muskegon Heights, Oakland County Water Resources Commission, city of Plymouth, Southeast Oakland County Water Authority, Waterford Township and city of Wyoming.

The mutual aid and assistance agreement, facilitated through Mi-WARN, provides mutual assistance in the form of supplies, equipment and personnel when requested by another member community as a result of a natural or man-made emergency that disrupts a member's utility operations or facilities.

"Joining MiWARN would improve resource allocation by enabling mutual aid assistance from 14 other Michigan communities," Hayes said.

There is no cost just yet, but according to the agreement, "unless otherwise mutually agreed in whole or in part, the 'Requesting Member' shall reimburse the 'Responding Member' for costs incurred while providing aid and assistance during the specified Period of Assistance."

This includes things like personnel, equipment and materials and supplies.

Hayes said the last emergency in which mutual aid services could have helped Novi's water and waste water systems to recover more quickly occurred during the blackout in August 2003. If MiWarn were in place at that time, then agencies unaffected by the blackout – essentially those located west of Lansing – may have been able to lend assistance in one form or another.

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Time flies by at Mettetal open house

By Julie Brown Staff Writer

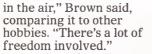
Bill Brown of Northville Township was glad to show his Piper Twin Comanche, one of a number of planes Saturday at the Canton-Plymouth Mettetal Airport open house.

"It's been in our family since the '60s," said Brown, who began to fly in 1973. "I learned here. I just enjoy flying. All over the country, California, Texas, Florida, East Coast. I went to the Bahamas last year. That was a nice trip.

"I have the time to do it," he added. "I was an engineer for 30 years."

His 1963 plane is stored at Mettetal, at Lilley and Joy roads. "It's approaching my age," Brown said with a chuckle. He's a member of the Experimental Aircraft Association at the national level.

"It's just nice to be up



Another who enjoys flying is Marc Stobbe of Plymouth Township, assistant manager of Mettetal. He's the retired deputy police chief for the city of Westland.

The annual open house shows the friendliness of airport staff, Stobbe said. "People can come and visit anytime," he said, and many do, packing picnics to watch planes land and take off.

"There's over 100 planes that are hangared here, that are resident at the airport," Stobbe said. He was pleased with the open house turnout. "We've had quite a few people come and go all day long."

There were plane and helicopter rides available, live music, free cider and doughnuts and tasty Polish food for sale. Yankee Air Museum



Bill Brown Jr. of Northville Township with his Piper Twin Comanche during the Mettetal Airport open house.

volunteers were on hand for fundraising.

Children attending received their "miniwings," similar to those given in flying commercially for boys and girls. There were also toy planes for children. The Canton Fire Department had trucks there.

"That's one of our main goals, to be a good neighbor," Stobbe said of the airport. "We don't get any complaints." In flying over downtown Plymouth, pilots avoid turns and their noise.

Stobbe has flown since 2004, when Mark Neal, former Westland fire chief, got him interested. "We do have a lot of business people fly in," he said of Mettetal. "Economically, I believe it's a great asset to the surrounding communities."

There are flight instructors based at Mettetal, where many learn to fly. Stobbe noted at night approaching pilots turn on runway lights from their planes to land.

Nearby was Bill Brown Sr. of Northville Township, showing remote-controlled aircraft. "That was mine before he bought it," the senior Brown said of his son's Piper Twin Comanche.



JULIE BROWN

Bill Brown Sr. of Northville Township, a longtime Mettetal volunteer, shows remote-controlled aircraft during the open house, including this U.S. Navy fighter.

"We covered the entire U.S. with that thing, Canada, Mexico."

He could have flown to Europe in the plane, but it was too expensive.

As Brown Sr. showed remote-controlled planes, his son approached with an idea of visiting a World War I air show the next day in New York state. "It's all on your iPad nowadays," the son said, as the men plotted their route.

His father is a longtime airport volunteer at Mettetal. "I'm still waiting for a check," said Brown Sr., who began flying in the early 1960s.

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Celebrate Recovery

ch.org.

Time/Dates: 7 p.m. Mondays. Details: Worship, teaching or testimony and open-share

recovery groups. Organizers offer the principles and tools to bring healing for the hurts, deliverance from life-controlling habits and freedom from the hang-ups that keep us from developing strong and healthy relations with God and others. Enter at Door D on the south side of the building. No cost; free child care is available for children birth through fifth grade. Pre-register.

Church of the Holy Family

Location: 24505 Meadowbrook Road. Contact: 248-349-8847 or visit holyfamilynovi.org. **Mass Schedule**



Time/Day: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.

and 12:30 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m.

Monday through Friday; 7 p.m.

a.m. Saturdays or by appointment

Priests: the Rev. Bob LaCroix, pastor, and the Rev. Beto Espinoza, associate pastor. AA: 8 p.m. Wednesdays.

Homosexuality presentation: 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 21; a special parent presentation on homosexuality by Mary Wilkerson and Mike Chamberland, drawing on the Catechism of the Catholic Church to examine what the church teaches about same sex

> mentary School, 49775 Six Mile, Northville. Contact: DestinyW3C@Gmail.com or visit www.DW3C.org.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Location: 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia. Web: www.emmanuel-livonia.org.

Contact: 248-442-8822. Sunday worship: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Youth group: 7 p.m. Wednes-

days. Women's Coffee Break Bible Study: 10-11:30 a.m. Mondays; Christiainity and World Reli-

gions: Wrestling with Questions People Ask by Adam Hamilton The Andy Griffith Bible Study: 11 a.m. Sundays; adult Bible study

Special Needs Ministry: Contact Judy Cook, 248-442-8822.

Faith Community Presbyterian Church

Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile. Contact: 248-349-2345 or visit www.faithcommunity-novi.org. Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

First Baptist Church of Northville

Location: 217 N. Wing. Contact: 248-348-1020. Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays. Men's Bible Study: 9 a m. first Saturday of every month.

First Church of the Nazarene

Location: 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile. Contact: 248-348-7600 or visit dfcnazarene.org.

ing program for ages 4 through fourth grade; Club 56 for fifth and sixth graders; Surge Youth Group, Bible Study with Pastor Troy Ogle; adult classes ("Tell THE Story" through Oct. 8) and Little Critters for preschool age.

First Presbyterian Church of Northville

Location: 200 E. Main. Contact: 248-349-0911 or visit www.fpcnorthville.org Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. (for all ages)

First Presbyterian Church

Location: 205 E. Lake St. (corner of Wells and 10 Mile), South Lyon.

Contact: 248-437-2875.

First Presbyterian Church

Location: 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington.

First United Methodist Church of Northville

Location: 777 W. Eight Mile, Northville Contact: 248-349-1144 or www.fumcnorthville.org.

Sunday Worship (September-May): 9:15 and 11 a.m.

Sunday School (September-May): 9:15 a.m. Nursery 12th grade; 11 a.m. Nursery-sixth grade.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Location: 41415 Nine Mile, corner of Meadowbrook Road, Novi.

Contact: 248-349-0565 Sundays: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible study; 10 a.m. worship.

Holy Cross Episcopal Church

Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile. Contact: 248-427-1175 or holycrossnovi@gmail.com; visit holyCROSSnovi.org.

Sunday Worship: 7:45 and 10 a.m.

Sunday School and Nursery Care: 10 a.m. worship service Alzheimer's Support Group:10 a.m. second Saturday of month.

Hope Lutheran Church

Location: 39200 W. 12 Mile (east of Haggerty), Farmington Hills.

Lakes Baptist Church

Location: 309 Decker Road, Walled Lake.

Contact: pastor Jon Hix, 248-349-5665 or visit www.legacychurch.us. Sunday School/Small Groups for all ages: 9:45 a.m.

Worship Services: 11 a.m. Bible Study/Prayer: Wednesday 7 p.m

Meadowbrook Congregational Church

Location: 21355 Meadowbrook Road between Eight Mile and Nine Mile

Contact: the Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, senior minister, at 248-348-7757; visit mbccc.org; or email to office@mbccc.org. Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. **Church School and Nursery** Care: provided during worship. Fellowship Hour: 11 a.m. **Merry Widows Luncheon:** 11:30 a.m. fourth Thursday of each month. Pilgrim Fellowship: 6 p.m. Sundays

Orchard Grove Community Church

Location: 850 Ladd Road, Building C, Walled Lake. Web: www.orchardgrove.org. Contact: Amanda Rehm at 248-926-6584 or amanda.rehm@orchardgrove.org.

NorthRidge Church

Location: 49555 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth Phone: 734-233-3621 Email: pheaton@northridge church.com

Northville Christian Assembly

Location: 41355 Six Mile. Contact: 248-348-9030; ncalife-.org.

Sundays: 9-10 a.m. Sunday School for adults/youth/children; 9 a.m. Contemporary service in sanctuary; 10:15 a.m.: Contemporary service in worship center; children's super church on the second level (208/210).

Wednesday Family Night: 7

p.m.; Adult elective classes; junior and senior high ministries; children's programs, Nursery and Preschool Program on Sundays and Wednesdays Home of Northville Christian School (day care; preschool through eighth grade); call 248-348-9031.

Novi-Northville Center for Jewish Life

Details: Events, programs and activities for all ages throughout the year — children's programs, Sunday school, adult Jewish classes, youth clubs, holiday services and programs, community social events.

Contact: Rabbi Avrohhom and Leah Susskind at 248-790-6075 or rabbi@novijewishcenter.com; www.novijewishcenter.com.

September 4, 1943 September 7, 2014. www.obriensullivanfunera lhome.com

KUNEC, ANNE B. May 13, 1924 - September 19, 2014. www.obriensulli vanfuneralhome.com

McCollum Shannon L. Age 34, passed away Sept. 25. Services will be Sat., Oct. 4 at 1pm at Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. phillipsfuneral.com

MERTA, RONALD Sept. 28, 2014. Gathering Oct. 3, 5-9 p.m. Courthouse Grille, Plymouth. Mass Oct 4, 9:30 a.m. St Aidan'Catholic Church, Livonia. www.phillipsfuneral.com

MURPHY, MARY May 21, 1928 - September 17, 2014. www.obriensulli vanfuneralhome.com

PARTELLO, **DIANE LaVAUGHN**

Age 72, passed away on September 27. 2014. Diane was the President Ladies Auxiliary at the VFW Post 1224. She is survived by her husband William; children Brenda (John) Connors of South Lyon, Susan (Tom) Walsh of Carleton; step-children Penny Berry, Robert Partello, Herbert (Carol) Nelson, Robert (Michel-le) Nelson, Arthur Valenzula, and Gina (Mark) VanderKeer. She is also survived by 14 grandchildren and two greatgrandchildren; her siblings Robert Anderson, Margaret Combs, John Anderson, Mary Kilok, Bruce Anderson, and Ann Miller. She is preceded in death by her sister Nancy Randall and brother Scott Anderson, Funeral services were held at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME. In lieu of

JONESKU, GREGORY

SCHEER, LILLIAN B.

age 101, of Wixom and formerly of Chesterfield died Tuesday, September 23, 2014. Born February 9, 1913 in Milford to the late James and Iva (Birdsell) Strange. Survived by children James (Neva) Scheer, Carrol William Scheer, Kraft, and daughter-in-law Shirley Scheer, 10 grandchildren, and many great and great-greatgrandchildren. Predeceased by husband James in 1978, son Robert, and siblings Samuel and William Strange and Kathryn Clacher. Funeral services were held Friday, September 26, 2014 at Harold W. Vick Funeral Home, Mount Clemens. Burial in Union Cemetery, Chesterfield. Memorial donations to Salvation Army. Share memories at

www.vickfuneralhome.com.

SEXTON, **CAROLYN ANN**

Of Stockbridge, Michigan, age 71. went to be with her Lord and Savior on Monday, September 22, 2014. She died at home surrounded by her family after an 8 month battle with lymphoma. On May 4, 1963, she married her high-school sweetheart, Lonzy Sexton. Carolyn faithfully raised her family in Milford, MI where attend Christ Lutheran she Church for over 30 years. She openly shared her love of Christ with everyone she met even throughout her last days. She was passionate about people and let her light shine in every circumstance. For the last several years, she was a member of Heart of the Shepherd Lutheran Church in Howell, MI. She is survived by her husband Lonzy; her children: Tonya (James) Sexton-Anderson, Tara (David) Robinson, and Tasha (Jared) Farmer; ten grandchildren; her mother Mary Schuon; her sister Susan (Garry) Cox; her motherin-law Eunice Sexton, brother-in-law Rick (Pam) Sexton, and sisters-in-law Faye Moran and Charlotte Sexton-Miller, along with many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her father Arthur Schuon and her niece Theresa Kull. A Memorial Service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 11, 2014, at Heart of the Shepherd Lutheran Church in Howell with Pastor Galen Grulke officiating. The family will receive friends from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made to the New Day Foundation for Families (www.foundati onforfamilies.com). Arrange ments by Caskey-Mitchell Funeral Home, Stockbridge

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ATWOOD. HAROLD W.

81, passed away Thursday, Sep-tember 4, 2014 at his home in Tampa, Florida. He was born September 21, 1932 in Detroit to his parents Howard and Doris Atwood of Northville. In his youth he achieved Eagle Scout, graduated from Northville High School and was admitted to Alma College. Mr. Atwood had a distinguished career as a Technical Sergeant in the U.S. Air Force and furthered his career at Hillsborough Community College in Tampa. Survivors include his wife of 59 years, Emilia; nephew Scott Atwood; cousins Elaine Pursel; Marsha Chase and Col. Carl Baker. Preceding him in death were his parents, brother Donald, and sister Ardyce Feole. Arrangements were made by Blount & Curry Funeral Home-MacDill Chapel in Tampa. The Atwood family wishes to thank friends, family, and neighbors for all their help, comfort, pray-ers, and flowers. God bless you all.

AYERS THOMAS OWEN

Of Northville, died on September 22, 2014. For information phone 248-684-6645 or visit www. LynchFuneralDirectors.com

BLACK, JACK October 10, 1934 -September 8, 2014. www.obriensullivanfunera lhome.com

Bobrowski, Evelyn November 20, 1925 -September 14, 2014. www.obriensullivanfunera lhome.com

BRAZEN, ANN HELEN Of Northville. April 18, 1923 -September 27, 2014. Services by L.J. Griffin Funeral Home,

Northrop Sassaman Chapel. **COOPER, ALBERT**

Age 82, passed away Sept. 22, 2014. Please contact Phillips Funeral Home or www.phillipfu neral.com for arrangements

COOPER, ALBERT D.

Age 82, passed away September 22, 2014, at his home surrounded by his family. He was born on November 10, 1931, in Hannibal, Missouri, son of the late Al-bert F. and Clema Cooper. Al was a proud Army veteran serving with the 82nd Airborne in the early 1950's. He served as Main-tenance Foreman and Security for Milan Federal Prison for 20 years prior to his retirement in 1990. Al will always be remembered for his loyal, sensitive and unforgettable nature. He is survived by his wife, Nancy; his daughters, Dawn Emanuele and Kristin Faulkner, his grandchil-dren, Haleigh Faulkner, and Bradley Cooper. He is also survived by his brother, Darell Cooper. Visitation and funeral service was held on September 26 at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online guestbook,

www.phillipsfuneral.com.



CURRIER, ROBERT T. Age 50, passed away Sept. 21, 2014. Visitation was held Sept. 23. Funeral Sept. 24 at Phillips Funeral Home.

CZAPSKI, JORDAN November 9, 1990 -September 13, 2014. www.obriensullivanfunera lhome.com

GARRON, NICHOLAS Age 23, passed away September 16, 2014. Visitation was held September 18. Funeral September 19 at Phillips Funeral Home.

HAMMOND, JAMES July 1, 1925 - September 16, 2014. www.obriensulli vanfuneralhome.com

JOHNSON, LINDA

Age 65, of Fenton, died September 28, 2014. Services were held 2 p.m. Wednesday, October 1, 2014 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Linda was born April 7, 1949 in Milford, MI, the daughter of Lyle and Catherine Rose. She was a veteran of the U.S. Army and retired from General Motors. She is survived by her husband, Richard. Online condolences may be posted on the obituaries page of

www.sharpfuneralhomes.com

to American Cancer Society





PERDUE, LARRY "TOMMY"

Age 66, passed away September 22, 2014, at his home, in Roscommon, surrounded by his loving family. He was born on November 10, 1947, son of the late Matt & Annie Perdue. Tommy was a hardworking family man. He was an excellent provider to his wife and six children and will always be remembered and will always be internet to the husbard, father, grandfather, brother and friend. Tommy was known for his love to laugh and had many loving and supportive friends. When he wasn't working or enjoying the outdoors, Tommy could often be found relaxing in front his TV with his favorite snacks: M&M's, potato chips and Pepsi. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him and loved him. He is survived by his beloved wife of 17 years, Sara; his children: Monty (Tamera), (Fiancee, Robynne Trever Cook), Aaron (Julie) Baggett, Chris (Renee), Olivia, and Hel-ena; his five grandchildren: T.J., Taylor, Jackson, Katelyn, and Sophia. He is also survived by his siblings: Matt (Priscilla) Perdue, Kathleen (Don) Rossman, Mildred (Cliff) Sprin-kles, Ronnie (Loretta), many nie-ces and nephews and his longtime friend, Mike Mills. Tommy was preceded in death by his pa-rents and four sisters. Visitation was held on Thursday, September 25, from 3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. with a funeral service Friday, September 26, at 11:00 a.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. Online guestbook at www.phillipsfuneral.com

QUIRK, EVELYN N. October 7, 1926 - September 24, 2014. L.J. Griffin Funeral Home-Northrop Sassaman Chapel, 19091 Northville Rd



STRAUSE, BARRIE R. April 21, 1943 - September 17, 2014 L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Northrop-Sassaman Chapel

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dinner; 6:30 p.m. Caravan Scout-

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Livonia Church of Christ

Location: 15431 Merriman, Livonia.

Contact: 734-427-8743 or visit www.livoniachurch.net.

Sunday Worship: 11 a.m Bible School: Sunday 10 a.m.; Wednesday 7 p.m.

Legacy Church

(formerly First Baptist Church and Orchard Hills Baptist Church)

Location: 23455 Novi Road, Novi.

Novi United Methodist Church

Location: 41671 W. 10 Mile. Contact: 248-349-2652 or visit umcnovi.com.

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/pages/Novi-United-Methodist-Church/59782031433.

Sunday Worship: 9:45 a.m. Healing Service and Holy Communion: 9:45 a.m. first Sunday of every month. Peace Vigil: noon first Sunday

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JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Elvis tribute artist Sherman Arnold entertains an audience Sept. 24 at the Northville Community Center with his playful, flirty ways. The afternoon of song, dance and a few Elvis-themed snacks was presented courtesy of a small cover charge and the sponsorship of Enriched Life care services.

ENGAGEMENT



Angela Johnson and Brian Oates, together with their families, are pleased to announce their engagement. Oates is a former Novi resident and graduate of Novi High School. He attended Western Michigan University. They are both employed at cPanel in Houston, Texas. An October 2015 wedding is planned at The Dearborn Inn.

RELIGION

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of every month in front of the church. Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace.

Oak Pointe Church

Location: 50200 W. 10 Mile, Novi.

Contact: 248-912-0043. **Web:** www.oakpointe.org/lifegroups.

Worship Services: 5:15 p.m. Saturday; 9:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m. Sunday.

ReNew Life Group Ministries: 7-9 p.m. Monday (groups meet weekly).

Women's Life Groups Ministries: 7 p.m. Tuesday; 9:30 a.m. Wednesday.

Men's Life Groups Ministries: 6 a.m. Friday; at the church and various locations.

Our Savior Apostolic Lutheran Church

Location: 54899 Eight Mile, Northville. Contact: 248-374-2268. Children (5-10) & Adult Sunday School: 10 a.m. Bible Study: Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

Orchard Grove Community Church

Location: 850 Ladd Road, Walled Lake. Contact: 248-926-6584; www.orchardgrove.org. Get your tickets at www.orchardgrove.org. Event will feature bungee jump, whirly bird, dunk tank, car bash, 3-on-2 basketball, zorb balls, long board course and prize giveaways all night. Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church

Location: 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth Township. Contact: 734-453-0326, Ext. 221.

Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church

Location: 132 Orchard Drive, Northville. Contact: 248-349-2621 or olvnorthville.org. Saturday Worship: 5 p.m. Sunday Worship: 7:30, 9:30,

Our Shepherd Presbyterian Church

11:30 a.m.

Location: 1200 S. Sheldon, Plymouth.

Contact: pastor Bill Burke at 734-927-0891. Wednesday Bible Study: 7

p.m.

Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. with fellowship and food after service.

Our Savior Apostolic Lutheran Church

Location: 54899 Eight Mile, Northville.

Pentecostals of Novi

Location: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile. Contact: 248-697-8158 or visit www.thepentecostalsofnovi.org.

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Location: 574 S. Sheldon in Plymouth. Contact: 734-453-0190, Ext. 16, or visit www.stjohnsplymouth-.org.

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MILFORD PRESBYTERIAN Pastor Bryant Anderson 238 N. Main Street, Milford MI (248) 684-2805 www.milfordpc.org Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m. Sunday School age 3 thru 5th grade @ 10 a.m. Youth Forup 10 am - Grades 6-10 a.m. Youth Forup 10 am - Grades 6-12 A heritage of area worship since 1836

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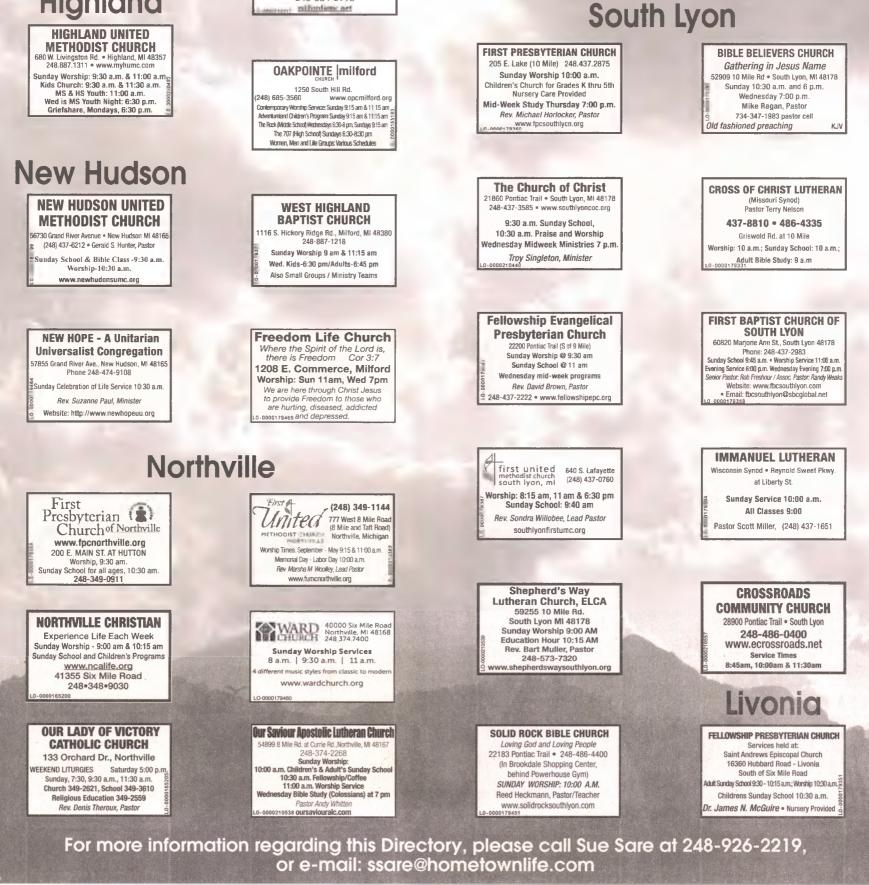
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OPINION

Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the hometowns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.



Novi voters should approve charter amendment

The upcoming general election represents round three of a series of proposals to amend the city of Novi's charter.

The Novi News strongly encourages voters to approve the upcoming amendment, which softens the financial blow on residents who are delinquent in paying their taxes. Here is the exact language on the ballot:

"Shall Section 9.16 of the Novi Charter, relating to collection of fees for delinquent taxes, be amended to remove language assessing an automatic 4% collection fee for delinquent taxes as of September 1, and replace it with language that as-sesses only a 1% collection fee applicable as of September 1 and an additional 3% fee as of Sep-tember 15?"

Basically, if you're tardy on your payment, you'll get two weeks before you're hit with the full penalty. This is a rare case of government giving taxpayers a break. Take advantage of it and vote yes.

Novi voters in the recent August primary showed their love for the mayor and city council by approving (3,565 yes votes to 3,060 no) annual

raises of \$6,500 and \$4,500, respectively. After that vote, Mayor Bob Gatt said "the proc-ess worked" and that voters of Novi looked at the proposed change in the city charter and decided that it needed to be modernized.

However, the mayor also noted that more revisions to the charter would be coming before voters, including the one Nov. 4.

But if you think that this delinquent tax break amendment is a slam-dunk, just take a look at one year ago, when voters decided the fate of five charter amendment proposals.

Proposal 1 - to remove any gender references (he, she, his, her, etc.) in the charter's language passed by a 2-1 margin.

Proposals 2 and 3 were to remove the requirement to publish public notices in a newspaper if state law should change that ordinance in the future. The first barely passed, but the second was shot down

Proposal 4-to reword language to give the city manager the ability to reorganize and create de partments while keeping the city council's right to do so as well - passed by around 600 votes But voters overwhelmingly said no to Proposal 5, which would've eliminated the requirement that checks need to be signed by two different officers of the city. Let's back up a bit and look at why all these proposals to amend the city's charter are coming before voters. Novi was a township before becoming a city in 1969. That original city charter was reviewed and tweaked in 1977 and remained unchanged until recently. Last year, the Novi City Council appointed a Charter Review Committee to look at the 36-yearold charter and recommend changes. That committee includes nine people: three elected officials (Mayor Bob Gatt and city council members Wayne Wrobel and Laura Marie Casey), two members of the city administration (then Interim City Manager Victor Cardenas and City Clerk Maryanne Cornelius) and four members of the community at large (Phil Superfisky, Tom Marcus, Doreen Poupard and David Landry). When the Charter Review Committee initially met, the nine members "committed to review the city charter with no preconceived agenda," said Landry, who served two terms as Novi's mayor before Gatt. "Accordingly, we proceeded to review each of the 17 sections of the charter in order. We discussed each section, what its purpose was, how it was intended to function in 1969 and 1977 and how it functions 37 years later."

COMMUNITY VOICE

What are the Tigers' chances in the playoffs?

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



"I would say they are excellent. I think they will make it to the World Series."

Jeff Crok Novi



"I think they are pretty good. They say the fourth time is a charm!" **Mike Garbacik** Novi



"I think their chances are great. All the way!" **Stephanie Brown** Northville



"They will win the first round and then get beat in the next one." **Brandon Congdon** Northville

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Why you shouldn't vote in the Nov. 4 election

1.) You are happy that the governor and Legislature raised taxes on senior citizens especially after promising not to.

2.) You are pleased that the governor and Legislature diverted millions in funds from successful public schools to for-profit charter schools which perform poorly and are not held accountable for their poor performance.

3.) You are happy that the public schools are forced to cut teacher salaries, cut school programs and then get blamed for all the ills of society.

4.) You are pleased that the governor and Legislature won't do anything about our crumbling roads and infrastructure so that we can have more damaged cars and trucks, broken down bridges, flooded underpasses and accidents.

5.) You are happy that the governor and Legislature eliminated the helmet law for motorcycles, thus guaranteeing that more people will be more seriously injured and killed and everyone else's insurance costs will go up.

6.) You are pleased that the governor and Legislature passed a bill allowing the shooting of aerial fireworks by anyone in our formerly quiet neighborhoods before and after every holiday (including Christmas), thus threatening our peace and safety and threatening our homes with fire.

ed and happy If you are pleas with these things, then you should not vote in the Nov. 4 election. You can be assured that your not voting will enable a continuation of the kind of decisions that our current governor and Legislature are so eager to make.

WHAT DO YOU **THINK?**

We welcome your Letter to the Editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. Letters should be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content. Submit letters via the following formats. Letters must be received by 9 a.m. Monday for Thursday's print edition.

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Finally, do Novi voters want to reelect a representative who voted to tax pensioners and for measures that hurt young families to once again become a county commissioner? The question for voters in November, then, is do we want to elect candidates who will fight for the interests and needs of their constituents or do we want to continue supporting individuals who seem more concerned about representing their own interests and living off of the taxpayers' largess by playing political musical chairs? Walter Sobczak

Novi

Puppy buyers beware

be almost two years. And then it will be summer of next year before workers will start fixing the roads. That means the thump, thump you hear now will be bang, bang long before it is fixed.

Mr. Crawford said they aren't fools; they will raise taxes in the lame-duck session after the election. Apparently we are the fools for paying them for any other time and we are fools if we think his wife will be any different if she gets voted in.

Patricia Gibson Novi

City should speak for puppies

I disagree with the Novi News when you wrote that the city of Novi doesn't have the authority to intervene on the puppy mill issue. People's pets are part of their family and as such, deserve protection. The city of Novi government is the proper forum to give a voice to those who can't speak for themselves, in this case puppies.

The first law to regulate the treatment of animals was passed in 1896 by the parliament of the United Kingdom. It is part of who we are to see to it that animals are treated humanely. **Colleen** Crossey

Novi

Novi should protect pets, families

I feel strongly in people being able to make money, but I do not believe other people or animals should suffer for it. That is just plain wrong

After that review, 19 changes were recommended and ranked by the committee.

However, city council did not automatically agree to put those proposed changes before voters. In fact, the committee felt another amendment-to change the five-vote super-majority vote needed by the city council on items like the budget to a simple majority of four votes - should be on the Nov. 4 ballot, but council disagreed in a 5-2 vote

The city's original charter and the 1977 revision were strong documents that have served this city well. But just as Novi's population has grown from 10,000 to 57,000, things have changed in 37 years.

The charter amendment proposal that will be before voters in the general election next month is a solid one, for which Novi residents should confidently cast a yes vote.



Cal Stone, **Community Editor** Susan Rosiek, **Executive Editor**

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Crawfords playing musical chairs

Musical chairs is a great game for a party, but is it an appropriate game to play for an election? Should voters allow officials to keep trading positions endlessly, especially when they seem more concerned about reaping multiple office benefits rather than striving to represent voters' needs? One has to wonder after reading recent remarks by Mr. and Mrs. Crawford that were published in a recent edition of the Novi News.

Mrs. Crawford, our county commissioner who is running for her husband's office in Lansing, said that road repair was not a priority in her mind. Meanwhile, her husband, who is running for his wife's office in Oakland County, indicated he will wait till after the election to raise taxes to repair roads during the upcoming lame-duck session of the Legislature. Are such attitudes the mark of representatives who truly care about the vital needs of their constituents?

Even if Mr. and Mrs. Crawford finally do vote to increase road taxes in December, it will still be another long, bitter winter of destructive road conditions before anything can be done. Road repair is not the only issue that voters should care about even though it is highest on their list of concerns.

One also wonders if Novi voters would be wise to re-elect a candidate like Mr. Crawford to hold any office when one considers he voted to reduce funds for our exemplary school system to the tune of \$52 million over the last four years and, in addition, did not strive to keep Novi from losing over \$5 million of revenue sharing dollars over the same period of time.

In your recent editorial, "Novi correct to in staying out of dog fight," you write, "If you, as a consumer, do not condone their practices, don't give them your business." Here lies the problem: Consumers do not know they are contributing to neglect or to irresponsible dog breeding. The city is well aware of the impact these two stores have on the community as they have heard testimony from those who have purchased sick animals from the stores and they have reviewed inspection reports for the stores and their suppliers.

Right now, Novi is a "buyer beware" city.

Even if the consumers are OK with large-scale commercial breeding, they may not be OK with enormous veterinary expenses incurred by the purchase of sick animals.

Over last year, The Family Puppy has shipped in dogs with defects ranging from Grade 2 left luxating patellas (unattached kneecaps), stenotic nares (restricted nasal passages), Entropion (inverted eyelids), inguinal hernias and crypt orchid (undescended testicles). These are not only painful, but require surgery. There are no disclosure laws.

Again "buyer beware"?

Over 50 cities across the country are now taking a stand against this side of the pet trade by banning retail sales of puppies in pet stores. Miami is up next. Why doesn't Novi want to protect families? After all, pets are considered family members now. They aren't squeaky toys.

Pam Sordyl Puppy Mill Awareness of Southeast Michigan founder

Will Kathy be same as Hugh?

So I read in your paper that our state representative, Hugh Crawford, says after the election they will vote to raise taxes to fix our roads. My question is, why are we paying these people full time for a job they only do part of the time?

Gov. Snyder said back in January 2013 that they needed more money to fix our roads and waiting until November this year will

Your editorial last week states "freedom of private business to organize and operate for profit in a competitive system without interference by government beyond regulation necessary to protect public interest ..." I agree with this, but do not agree with your conclusion.

The citizens count on the government to have and enforce regulations to protect the public interest. Nobody wants to buy a pet that has defects and deformities that will end up costing them thousands or, God forbid, the children grow attached to their pet and then end up having to put it down. Most people do not want to buy a pet that has been treated poorly nor do most people want to buy a pet whose parents are being treated poorly. Living in dirty wire cages, living in their own filth and pumping out litter after litter after litter often times without proper vet care and clean water. Socialization, toys, clean grass to run in? Forget it!

To prove it, just go into the store yourself and ask questions about their breeders. They will throw out all sorts of government names and laws they follow and give consumers a false sense of security. The problem is, what they are saying is not true. Here is an example: http://aldf.org/press-room/ press-releases/class-action-suit -filed-against-barkworks-claims -pet-stores-deceived-consumers -about-selling-dogs-from-puppy -mills/ I have been in the Novi pet stores, heard their sales pitch and I have also seen the documents and photos detailing abuse and poor conditions at their suppliers.

I am not a fan of government regulation, but I do have a problem with my friends and neighbors in Novi being lied to and suffering consequences as a result. I have a huge problem with people mistreating puppies and dogs. Many other people agree with me and that is why we have laws against it.

We are smart people – we can do better than this.

Tamara Carlone Novi

I-96 a model of how government should work

Atching government work sure is wonderful to see. We all witnessed it with the Interstate 96 rebuild.

It sure felt like a hot knife sliding through a stick of butter. What is that? My commute from Northville to the the Big 'D' down I-96 the first day it reopened.

Closed since last April, the I-96 freeway was reopened a few weeks earlier than the expected mid-October date after being rebuilt between Telegraph and Newburgh roads through Livonia and Redford Township. It was clearly a psychological boost to hear about the early reopening announced by Gov. Snyder.

The inconvenience and frustration seemed as backed up for most motorists as was their daily commute these past five months.

The closure to repair and improve 37 overpasses and 28 ramps in addition to adding new lights, upgrading utilities and removing miles of old concrete and lay new cement must have felt like an eternity for the 140,000 daily commuters forced to find alternative routes.

I felt the stress instantly melt away after five long months of having my main artery available to me once more. I could swear I heard a chorus of *Happy Days Are Here Again* mashed up with Pharrell Williams' *Happy* as I bootscooted my way into work, cutting 40 minutes off my former construction commute.

The past five months can only be described as frustration on steroid. I tried all the alternative routes: I-275 to I-696 to the Lodge – better known as "bottleneck junction." Even I-275 to old tried and true I-94 – that outof-the-way, stop-and-go-



route. Then it was "Pick a Mile Road," any mile road. From Eight Mile to Seven Mile and even Six Mile and Five Mile roads. I was desperate. But they helped find just about any fast food establishment a single man could desire: White Castle, McDonald's, KFC, Tubby's and Little Caesar, to name a few. Traveling the mile roads made it hard to tell what was more clogged: the streets or my arteries!

Perhaps my favorite route - and not because it was the fastest - was traveling along old Schoolcraft Road that now serves as the service drive along I-96. Each day, as I crept along on my way to and from work, I felt like a little boy with my Tonka trucks watching an orchestra of construction workers in dump trucks, backhoes, massive cement trucks, front loaders and concrete crushing equipment. At times, the construction zone looked like an ant colony on amphetamines.

Taxes well spent

I marveled at the efficiency of the planning: Each person and machine seemed imbued with a single purpose, tied to a single mission. Along with the teamwork that showed results as I traveled east in the morning and west in the evening, I literally saw my tax dollars at work and felt they were being well-spent.

There was a sense of pride and accomplishment that emanated from workers on the construction site. There were times when driving by that I wanted to wave an American flag out my



Thousands showed up to celebrate the reopening of I-96.

car window and shout,

'USA, USA, USA!" Each day as I approached the decision of which best-bad alternative route to take, I longed for my old, charming North Rosedale Park neighborhood in northwest Detroit, thinking: "If I hadn't moved, I would be home by now." Seeing a rebirth of the city under Mayor Duggan's leadership is making this alternative more appealing to many.

Credit to go around

The estimated \$150 million construction project is a good example of a productive public/ private partnership. A Michigan-based company, Dan's Excavating of Macomb County, served as general contractor to the oversight provided by the Michigan Department of Transportation.

M-DOT deserves accolades for its management of the enormous reconstruction of I-96, particularly for finishing the project ahead of schedule to the delight of the entire region.

The many men and women – skilled machine

operators to laborers – only deserve a massive sha

amount of credit for the

work performed. One can

only hope that they, too, share in the well-deserved bounty of the \$3 million bonus that the

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contractors will receive for finishing early.

I am one of the more than 140,000 daily commuters who are singing the praises of M-DOT for its management of the I-96 project, an example of a worthwhile public/ private partnership benefiting the taxpayers. It should serve as a model for how government can and should work.

Note to Congress: See what thoughtful planning, leadership, collaboration, working together, tight management and meaningful investment can produce?

A job well done.

Tom Watkins, a Nortville resident, is president and CEO of the Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority – and one happy taxpayer. He can be reached at tdwatkins88@gmail.com and followed on twitter #tdwatkins88@gmail.com.



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Household hazardous waste collections

Collections of household hazardous waste will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 4 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile.

Household Hazardous Waste includes a variety of everyday household items, such as cleaners, paints, herbicides, insecticides and solvents that exhibit the characteristics of regulated hazardous waste. Regulated hazardous waste means items that are flammable, combustible, corrosive, reactive or toxic and would be harmful to the environment if thrown into a regular landfill. HHW isn't considered waste until you need to dispose of the items.

If you are unsure if an item is hazardous, check the product label. Warnings labels that identify the product as poison, toxic, flammable, ignitable or corrosive indicate the item needs to be disposed of through an HHW collection.

Library celebrating women and books

The Detroit Chapter of the Women's National Book Association will present two authors, Lauren Francis-Sharma and Marissa Stapley, for an evening of National Reading Group Month Celebration at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 8, at the Novi Public Library (45255 W. 10 Mile).

The two authors will participate in a Q&A

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moderated by Willetta Heising, local author and current president of the association. Audience members will be able to purchase the authors' works from Book Beat bookstore, which will be set up at the library for the evening. Signings will take place 8-8:45 p.m.

Francis-Sharma, a child of Trinidadian immigrants, was born in New York City and raised in Baltimore, Md. She holds a bachelor's degree in English literature with a minor in African-American studies from the University of Pennsylvania and a juris doctorate from the University of Michigan Law School. She lives in the Washington, D.C., area with her husband and two children. "'Til the Well Runs Dry is her first novel.

Stapley is a writer and former magazine editor who contributes to *Elle*, *The Globe and Mail* and *The National Post*, among others. She also teaches writing at the University of Toronto and editing at Centennial College. She lives in Toronto with her husband and two young children. *Mating for Life* is her first novel.

Boosters craft show Oct. 18

The Novi Athletic Boosters Holiday Kickoff Arts & Craft Show will be held on from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18, at Novi High School, 24062 Taft. This is a juried show offering the finest in handmade arts and crafts

Over 180 crafters are exhibiting a variety of products from sewn items, embroidery, quilting, knitting, paintings, wood crafts, candles, handmade soaps and so much more.

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There is ample free parking for exhibitors and attendees. Admission is just \$3 (under 10 free); no strollers please. This is a community event; a visit will help support crafters and Novi's student-athletes. Enjoy concessions and a bake sale staffed by the boosters.

"Novi student-athletes will assist crafters in the set-up and tear down of the event and our athletic programs will be the major benefactor of this highly anticipated show," said Jack Kilger of the Novi Athletic Boosters.

This show has additional support of local business sponsors, including Allegra Printing, Ameriprise Financial, Applebee's, Balfour Varsity Jackets, Biggby Coffee, Busch's Fresh Food Market, Canine College, Dick's Sporting Goods, EEI Mobile Dealer Group, Guido's Premium Pizza, Show Promotions, SVT and Sylvan Learning Center.

Visit www.noviathletic boosters.com for more information.

Locals part of spooktacular musical

More than 40 children, ages 5-18, including Northville's Brooks Spencer as Farmer Van Veen, have worked feverishly to present a spooktacular musical to audiences of all ages! Children and families love this whimsical musical version of the *Sleepy Hollow* classic written by Washington Irving. This version is set to music and was written with a young audience in mind. Book by Vera Morris. Music and lyrics by Bill Francoeur.

" Sleepy Hollow is a spooktacular, must-see for the fall season and Halloween," said director Barbara Bllom of Novi. "The scene is set in a small 1800s farming community called Sleepy Hollow in New England. The audience will tap their toes to such lively tunes as Brom Bones and Katrina, Won't You Let Me Walk You Home. Many interesting characters are introduced including a nervous school master, a lovely maiden, townspeople, an ardent suitor and, of course, a horse."

This is a Main Stage production at the state-ofthe-art and handicapaccessible Village Theater at Cherry Hill for one weekend only, Oct. 16-18. Showtimes are 7 p.m. Thursday; 10 a.m. Friday for school age groups and others; 7 p.m. Friday; and 2 and 7 p.m. Saturday.

Tickets are \$15 each by calling the Village Theater Box Office (734-394-5300 or 734-394-5460); online (www.canton-mi.org/ villagetheater); at The Summit on the Park; and at the door (the box office opens one hour prior to show-time). Group tickets are available for groups of 15 at \$13 each. Visit www.spotlight onyouthmi.com or e-mail:

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Walled Lake Northern High School 10th-grader Leah Giesey, 15, performed this past Saturday to a large gathering of market patrons as she and her band Leah and the Troublemakers played a selection of music from Rush to Queen at the Huron Valley Farmers Market. The band is based out of Commerce Township.

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

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a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information about the On the Road event, visit www.novilibrary.org or call 248-869-7204.

Register for Novi Parks youth hoop, volleyball

Registration for the city pf Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department fall youth basketball and volleyball leagues is going on now. Basketball leagues are available for boys and girls in kindergarten through eighth grade. Volleyball leagues are available for girls in first through eighth grades. Don't miss this opportunity for your child to improve skills, experience teamwork and create lasting memories. Registration ends Oct. 5.

Practices begin the week of Oct. 20 at Novi Community School District facilities. The first games take place Saturday, Nov. 1. The season includes a weekly practice, six games, a team jersey and an end of season award. The price for Novi residents is \$115 and \$138 for non-residents.

Volunteer coaches are needed to create the best experience for the youth athletes. If interested, please call the Novi Parks office at 248-347-0400. Registration is available online at cityofnovi.org or in-person at the Novi Parks office located inside the Novi Civic Center, 45175 10 Mile Road. To learn about additional youth sport leagues and class offerings, visit www.cityofnovi.org.

Clothing recycling program

For Walled Lake residents, recycling unwanted clothing is now as easy as a walk to the curb with the free curbside collection program offered by Simple Recycling.

The program is simple and convenient since pickup occurs on the same day as recycling service, collection bags are provided and replacement bags are left each time full bags are set out for curbside pickup.

While the focus is on recycling clothing, Simple Recycling will also accept shoes, accessories, tovs, books and small home goods in working condition such as kitchen ware and tools.

Residents who live in communities not serviced by the Simple Recycling program are encouraged to donate unwanted clothing to their favorite charity or thrift shop. A list of local organizations, including those that offer pickup, is available on the **RRRASOC** website.

Novi Farmers Market extends season

The Novi Farmers Market has been extended through Oct. 25. The market is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. each Saturday at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 10 Mile.

In addition to Michigan-grown seasonal fruits and vegetables, market patrons will also find specialty foods to inspire their inner foodie, stock their pantries and entertain family and friends.

The Novi Farmers Market is held rain or shine. In the event of inclement weather, the market will relocate into the Novi Civic Center's atrium.

Vendors interested in participating in the market should call 248-347-0400 or email rtwitchell@citvofnovi.org for more information.

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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

Lego creations



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Lois Lauffer and her granddaughter Sienna Lauffer, 6, work on creating a Lego person Sept. 24 during an afternoon to celebrate the inter-locking plastic bricks at the Northville District Library.

Road, between Six and Seven Mile in Northville Township). The event will take place between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 4.

Activities will include: » Make your own scarecrow - all supplies

provided » Cider and doughnuts

» 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.

'Halloween Soup' at the Marquis

The Northville Marquis Theatre will present Halloween Soup live on stage during the month of October. The Halloweenthemed show is appropriate for children aged 3 and over, and is not scary.

Showtimes are 7 p.m., Friday, Oct. 24; 11 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 25; 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 4, 11, 18 and 25; and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 5, 12, 19 and 26.

Tickets for all performances are \$9 each. Group rates and reserved seating for groups of 20 or more. Birthday parties and Scout Days available.

For more information call the Marquis Theatre at 248-349-8110 or visit www.northvillemarquistheatre.com or facebook.com/MarquisTheatreNorthvilleMi.

Northville Garden Club to meet

The Northville Garden Club will meet at 10 a.m. Oct. 13 in the Cady Inn at Mill Race Village. This is a pine cone and bow workshop. Members will be wiring pine cones and make bows to adorn the group's holiday wreaths for their annual Greens Mart. Guests are always welcome. Call Inge Knoth for more information at 248-348-1835.

Blues @ The Elks

Plymouth-Ann Arbor Elks Lodge No. 325 in Plymouth will present Blues @ The Elks the second Tuesday of each month in partnership with the Detroit Blues Society and Jazz @ The Elks the last Tuesday of each month. The Lodge is located at 41700 Ann Arbor Road, in Plymouth Township. The events run 7-10 p.m.

Blues @ The Elks on Oct. 14 will feature Laura Rain and the Caesars. There is a \$5 donation at the door. Jazz @ The Elks is a \$10 donation at the door, which includes hors d'oeuvres. On Oct. 28, Barbara Ware with the Cliff Monear Trio will perform.

For more information call 734-453-1780 or visit www.plymouthelks 1780.com.

Crafters/vendors wanted

The seventh annual Bizarre Bazaar will take place Saturday, Nov. 8, at the First United Methodist Church of Northville. Organizers are looking for crafters, vendors, and entrepreneurs to participate. This event could allow your business to grow and also help women in third world countries start a business with a micro-loan from a Village Bank.

For details, email fumcbazaar@gmail.com or find the event on Facebook









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It's a happy homecoming: Novi rolls



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Novi's Matt Sabo scores one of his three TDs as he breaks the grasp of South Lyon East tackler Garrett Read (right) in Friday's homecoming win.

Sabo runs for 230 yards in 49-21 win

Brad Emons Staff Writer

Make that two in a row as Novi's football team made it a joyous homecoming Friday night with a 49-21 victory over

visiting South Lyon East. The Wildcats, who improved to 2-3 overall and 2-1 in the KLAA's Central Division, piled up a total of 529 yards, including 347 yards on the ground.

Matt Sabo, a 6-foot, 174pound senior, rushed for a game-high 230 yards on 21 carries and three touchdowns.

"He had a real good night tonight, a real good night," Novi coach Jeff Burnside said of Sabo. "Obviously, when you rush for 347 yards, the offensive line has got to have a pretty good night. I think a little bit of it is that we made guys miss. We broke through tackles. They ran real hard. A lot of good things happened there."

Sabo's running mate in the backfield, junior Emanuel Jackson, contributed 242 allpurpose yards, including 105 yards rushing on 15 attempts and two TDs. Jackson also caught three passes for 137 yards and two more scores to make it four TDs on the night. Sophomore quarterback

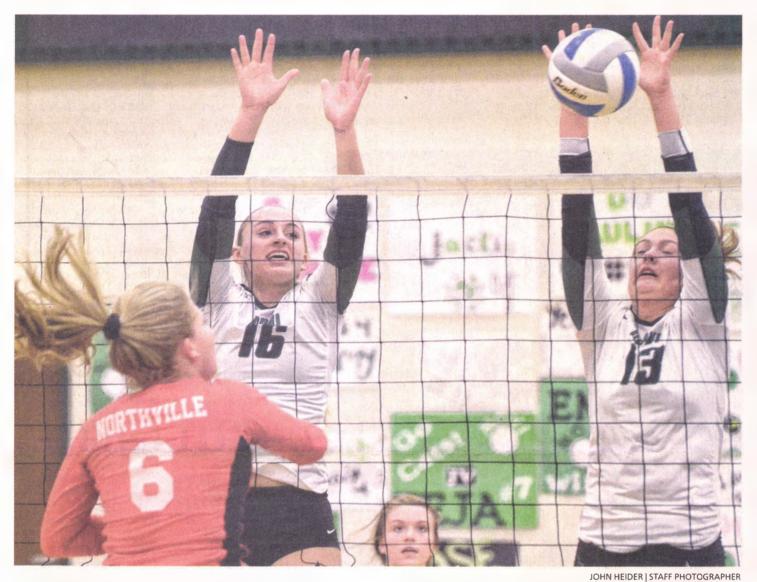
Alec Bageris, making his third

straight start, completed 5-of-10 passes for 182 yards and two TDs.

"Emanuel had a big night," Burnside said, "and our quarterback (Bageris) did a good job of leading the team as a sophomore. I thought we did a real good job. We blocked well on the perimeter. Our receiving. It's a homecoming game, so everybody is pretty fired up to perform." ers did an excellent job block-

The Wildcats jumped out to a 28-7 first-quarter advantage as Sabo scored on runs of 63 and 1 yards, while Jackson caught a 42-yard TD pass from Bageris and scored on a 23-

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Overtime: **Northville** escapes upset bid by Salem

By Tim Smith Staff Writer

Before Salem's homecoming game Friday against Northville, several players from the 1974 state championship team took a bow.

Undoubtedly, that pregame introduction, as well as the large "blue out" for homecoming, fired up the 2014 Rocks, who gave the Mustangs all they could handle. But largely because of the

power running of Northville senior tailback P.J. Schnepp (24 rushes for 84 yards and three TDs), there wasn't a miracle finish or a first victory for the Rocks and their faithful fans to celebrate as the Mustangs won 23-20 in overtime.

"I had two touchdowns during (regulation) and in overtime I just had a lot of confidence and trusted all my line men," Schnepp said. "Just follow them, go right behind them and pound it in.' Schnepp's winner almost didn't happen, however. The Rocks came within a couple of yards of winning in regulation, when senior kicker John Kwiecinski's 46-yard field-goal attempt fell just short. Salem might have gotten closer if not for an untimely illegal procedure penalty. 'All those little things add up," said Salem coach Kurt Britnell, whose team fell to 0-5 overall and 0-3 in the KLAA's Central Division. "John had a great kick, just missed it. That's not on him."

Northville's Katie O'Malley (No. 6) tries to send a spike past the arms of Novi blockers Ally Cummings (No. 16) and Jennifer Smith (No. 13) during the

KLAA Central match

Novi spikers block rival Northville in three sets

By Brad Emons Staff Write

Starting setter out? No problem Sept. 23 for the Novi volleyball team, which relied on a ninth-grader beyond her years to step up to the plate and help deliver a convincing 25-19, 25-17, 25-17 victory at home over visiting Northville.

Erin O'Leary, a 5-foot-10 freshman filling in for injured junior Christina Hudgens, moved from her right-side hitting spot to deliver 25 assist-to-kills, 11 digs and four kills as the Wildcats, ranked No. 10 in Class A, improved to 20-4-1 overall and 4-0 in the KLAA's Central Division.

Ironically, O'Leary was battling an injury of her own, but showed little effect in the three-set win.



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Novi's Victoria Iacobelli (left) tries to elude the block of Northville's **Emily Watkins.**

"We're definitely fortunate to have a backup setter like that," Novi coach Jen Cottrill said, "but she was also hurt at our tournament (Sept. 20 at Portage Central) and is really

fighting through some (shoul-der) pain right now. She's a gamer, a competitor. She fought through it for the team, but we're going to have to manage her from here out forward because Christina is out for a while (bone chip in her thumb).'

Northville (11-7-1, 2-2) found itself down 12-2 and 20-12 at the outset before battling back to within two, 21-19, before the Wildcats were able to close out the first set with a 4-0 run, capped by junior Victoria Iacobelli's kill.

"After our hitters calmed down and decided not to swing for the fences," Northville coach Amanda Yaklin said. "They got smarter about where they were putting the ball, then calmed down and got to that (first) game. And then they were OK.'

The Wildcats, however, controlled a majority of the second set to take a 2-0 lead. They were tested in the third set, tied at 12-12, before pulling away for the win.

'We won the serve and pass battle, which is the key in volleyball," Cottrill said. "That allowed us to be in our system and run our offense. We got them in trouble with our serving and their servereceive, so they were a little easier to predict."

Novi was also missing senior libero and defensive specialist Gabby Littleton, out with mononucleosis. Filling the void was senior defensive specialist Jennifer Kulie, along with sophomore Ally Cummings (three blocks, three kills), a middle blocker

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From there, the game went into OT, with each team getting a crack from the 10-yard line

Salem had the ball first and the Rocks lost 3 key yards on first down and had to settle for a 30-yard field goal from Kwiecinski to make it 20-17.

"Those little things have been haunting us all year," Britnell said. "Just like that big run we had on the other side and get that holding call and it brings us back. And even in overtime, we get a negative play and that puts us offschedule.

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Sinawi taking over Novi hoop reins

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Tass resignation in August leads to coaching change

By Brad Emons Staff Writer

When boys basketball practice officially starts Monday, Nov. 17, Brandon Sinawi will be trading coaching spots within the KLAA's Central Division.



Sinawi

Sinawi replaces Brian Tass, who resigned Aug. 28 after going 24-38 in his three years as the Wildcats varsity coach. Tass, who teaches part time in the Northville school district, reportedly stepped down to

three seasons.

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become more involved in his personal training business.

Sinawi, in his third year teaching health and physical education at Novi Middle School, previously spent six years as Stevenson's JV

coach before taking the varsity post during the 2011-12 season. He went 7-15 last season after posting 9-13 and 14-7 records with the Spartans

"It's sad to leave Steven-

son, but for me it's the right move," Sinawi said. "There's no question about it, being a teacher in the district, starting to build relationships in Novi and that community, it's an opportunity I couldn't pass up."

Novi athletic director Brian Gordon sifted through several candidates before settling on Sinawi.

"We had multiple applicants, all folks with great

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Northville's Terrell Cunningham (21) tries to break free with the help of teammate Alex Putman (6) with Salem's Anthony Gueorguiev (rear) trying to make the tackle.

Rice passing combo too much for CC

LOCAL SPORTS

Malzone finds Perry for three touchdowns in 41-14 triumph

By Brad Emons Staff Write

It was one for the record books as far as **Birmingham Brother** Rice was concerned in its storied 59-game football series with arch-rival Novi Detroit Catholic Central

The Warriors not only ran their winning streak to 27 games with a convincing 41-14 win Friday over CC at Berkley's Hurley Field, but they established some new numbers while improving to 5-0 on the season with the Catholic League Central Division win.

The 41 points scored by Rice were the most points scored by either team in the rivalry, while senior Alex Malzone's 276 yards passing were the most by a quarterback as well.

Senior wide receiver Grant Perry's 10 receptions, along with his three touchdowns, also tied a

mark

"I just think we made some more plays and that never happens against a team like Catholic Central," Rice first-year coach Dave Sofran said. "So we're very grateful, but we're also humble. We give our opponents respect. They're a great school and they got some great kids that play very hard on that team.

Malzone, the University of Michigan commit, was razor-sharp during the first half, hitting 12-of-14 passes for 168 yards as Rice built a 21-0 lead

Perry, a 6-foot, 188pound senior, had TD receptions of 6 and 11 yards in the opening quarter, while Malzone added another scored on a 1-yard scramble up the middle with only 51 seconds left in the half.

'Coach (Rich) Popp (offensive coordinator) did a great job with the tempo all week as far as hurrying up the plays," Sofran said.

'We only had 44 plays last week on offense. We wanted to get 70 - I don't know how many (we had) - but we had 35 at halftime. That was the goal to get 60 to 70 plays. We

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Catholic Central's Ike Marchie (No. 17) gets loose in Friday's 41-14 loss to Brother Rice.

were right around that."

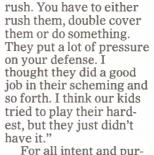
Catholic Central, which slipped to 2-3 overall and 0-1 in the Central, had just 45 yards rushing and only 12 passing, coupled with just three first downs in the first two quarters.

"We weren't getting first downs and not keeping the ball away from

their offense," CC coach Tom Mach said. "We gave them the ball too many times, taking time off the clock, things like that." Rice, meanwhile, had

racked up 251 total yards by halftime.

"It's very difficult," Mach said. "They put a lot of pressure on you. We're trying to get a pass



poses, Rice put the game out of reach with 7:20 left in the third quarter, when Perry got loose around the CC 15, caught a Malzone pass, deked a couple of a tacklers and squirted into the end zone to make it 28-0 (following Alex Nast's point-after).

"I made a couple guys miss," said Perry, who finished with 131 yards in total receiving yards. "I just focused on getting to the end zone. He (Malzone) kind of underthrew me, but he apologized for that. They missed and I took advantage of that."

With 8:21 left the fourth quarter, CC finally got on the board when Joe Fanning hit Michael Edwards on a 32-yard TD pass.

But Rice responded on a 5-yard TD run by Bobby Dixon III, who wound up with a game-best 122 yards on 19 carries.

"They played a very good game," Mach said of Rice. "They're a good football team. I don't think we played very well and I think that's kind of the way it went down."

Linebacker Joe Lewandowski paced Rice's defense with 10 tackles, including eight solo and a sack. Bo Pickens, who also recorded six tackles, including three for loss and a sack, picked off a

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KLAA North-West at Novi 7 p.m

CC pass and ran it back 46 yards for a TD with only 1:53 remaining for the Warriors' final TD.

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It all added up as Rice's defense held the Shamrocks to just 240 net yards.

"They came to play tonight," Sofran said. "I was obviously worried about CC's run. We were able to get some punts and that was huge for us to get the ball in our hands with good field position."

CC got its final TD with just 15.1 seconds left on Ike Marchie's 12-yard TD reception from Fanning

If there was one bright spot with CC's offense it was Alexander Bock, who rushed five times for 92 yards. Victor Dirita also had 127 all-purpose yards, including 110 on four kickoff returns.

But it simply was not enough for the Shamrocks, who now must win their final four games to guarantee a spot in the postseason.

"It wasn't just the play, it was mental mistakes that we were making in a big football game," Mach said. "You can't do that. When we did get something going, we would give up a mental mistake or something like that. The kids tried very hard, but they (Rice) played a better game.

CC's leading tacklers include Jordan Jenkins (one solo, nine assists); Bock (six solo, three assists); Marchie (three solo, five assists); and Tarek Dalou (two solo, five assists).

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Monday, Oct. 6 Detroit CC vs. Brother Rice at Kensington Metropark, 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 7 Novi vs. Northville Novi vs. Northville at Cass Benton Park, 4:25 p.m. Franklin Road at MIAC Jamboree (Rochester Spencer Park), 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 10 Novi at A.A. Huron Invitational (Willow Metropark), 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11 Detroit CC at Stubis Inv. TRA Detroit CC at Stugis Inv., TBA. GIRLS SWIMMING Friday-Saturday, Oct. 3-4 Wayne County Invitational, TBA. Tuesday, Oct. 7 DCD, N.D. Prep at Novi, 6 p.m. Northville at Canton, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 9 Salem at Novi, 6 p.m. **BOYS TENNIS** Thursday, Oct. 2 Detroit CC at W. Bloomfield, 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 3 G.P. South at Detroit CC, 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 4 KLAA 'A' Tourney at Salem, 9 a.m Catholic League Tourney, TBA. Tuesday, Oct. 7 Novi at West Bloomfield, 4 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 8 Detroit CC at A.A. Huron, 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 10 (MHSAA Regional Tourney) Division I at Novi M.S., 8 a.m. GIRLS GOLF GIRLS GOLF Monday, Oct. 6 KLAA Tourney at Walnut Creek, 10 FIELD HOCKEY Thursday, Oct. 2 A.A. Pioneer at Novi, 5:30 p.m. ut Creek, 10 a.m Monday, Oct. 6 Grosse Pte. South at Novi, 4:15 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 7 Dexter at Novi, 4:15 p.m Friday, Oct. 10 A.A. Huron at Novi, 5:30 p.m TBA - time to be announced





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GIRLS GOLF RESULTS

LADY MAVERICK GIRLS GOLF INVITATIONAL Sept. 20 at Prestwick Village TEAM STANDINGS: 1. South Lyon, 329 strokes; 2. Novi, 335; 3. Plymouth, 344; 4. Grand Banc, 347; 5. Dearborn, 351; 6. Northville, 354; 7. Hartland, 370; 8. Livonia Stevenson, 371; 9. Howell, 395; 10. White John Johned, 205 (15 school) Lake Lakeland, 395 (16 schools Individual medalist: Caroline Harding (South Lyon), 72. Novi scorers: 6. Madison Kroetsch, 81; 8. (tie) Abby Livingston and Claire Kalina, B. (tie) Adby Evident All Magan and Canter Kalma, 82 each; 11. Katelyn Henry, 83; 19. Maya Grandstaff, 89; 30. Lauren Henry, 92.
 Northville scorers: 11. Katie Childers, 83; 19. Alyse Clevenger, 89; 23. Madison Berman, 90; 30. Jennifer Kowalczyk, 92; 42. Allison Zwarka, 98; 66. Elizabeth McGowan

NORTHVILLE M&M GIRLS GOLF INVITATIONAL Sept. 20 at Hudson Mills TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Beverly Hills Detroit Country Day, 335 strokes (won tiebreaker); 2. Plymouth, 335; 4. Farmingtor Hills Mercy (A), 346; 4. Novi, 351; 5. Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern, 355; 6. Birmingham Seaholm, 358; 7. Northville, DGG 9. Dethera Divise Child 2000. 366; 8. Dearborn Divine Child, 370; 9. Salem, 376; 10. Birmingham Marian, 380; 11. Mercy (B), 382; 12. Ann Arbor Skyline, 390; 13. Livonia Stevenson, 390; 14. South Lyon, 396; 15. Ann Arbor Huron, 397; 16. Pontiac Notre Dame Prep, 399; 17. Dexter, 414; 18. White Lake Lakeland (A), 421; 19. South Lyon (B), 432; 20. Canton, 435; 21. Livonia Franklin, 453; 22. Hartland (A), 455; 23. Lakeland (B), 483; 24. Chelsea, 490. Individual medalist: Hannah Singh (Forest Hills Eastern), 78. Novi scorers: 10. Abby Livingnston, 84; 13. Alexa Hatz, 85; 18. Maya Grandstaff, 89: 31. Claire Kalina 92: 40. Lauren Henry. Lvon, 396; 15, Ann Arbor Huron, 397; 16,

89; 31. Claire Kalina, 93; 40. Lauren Henry, 95. Northville scorers: 10. Katie Childers,

84; 21. Allison Zwarka, 90; 34. Alyse Clevenger, 54. Elizabeth McGowan, 98; 56 Madison Berman, 99

DUAL MATCH RESULTS NORTHVILLE 159 WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 233

Sept. 26 at Gateway G.C. Northville scorers: Allison Zwarka, 39 (medalist); Nicole Saez, Alyse Clevenger and Paige Rosinski, 40 each; Megan Karian 46; Victoria Zaremba, 48.

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John Glenn scorers: Hailey Arai, 49; Emma White, 60; Olivia Kiesznowski and Holly Pachota, 62 each; Brittney Pachota, 66: Shianne Eaton, 67

Dual match records: Northville, 5-2 overall, 3-1 KLAA Central Division; John Glenn, 1-7 overall, 0-4 KLAA South Division.

NOVI 168 LIVONIA FRANKLIN 234 Sept. 25 at Walnut Creek C.C.

Novi scorers: Katelyn Henry and Claire Kalina, 40 each (co-medalists); Maya Grandstaff, 42; Madison Kroetsch, 46. Franklin's top scorer: Kendall Payne,

Dual match records: Novi, 5-1 overall: Franklin, 3-3 overall

NOVI 161 SALEM 179 Sept. 24 at Walnut Creek C.C.

Novi scorers: Abby Livingston, 39 (medalist, career low); Katelyn Henry and Madison Kroetsch, 40 each; Maya Grandstaff, 42.

Salem scorers: Darby Scott, 42; Hope Warkoczewski, 43; Kiley Flynn, 46; Keista Elder, 48

Dual match records: Novi, 4-1 overall; 3-1 KLAA Central Division; Salem, 3-4 overall, 1-4 KLAA Central.

NORTHVILLE 189 CANTON 218 Sept. 24 at Northville Hills G.C.

Northville scorers: Katie Childers, 41 (medalist); Nicole Saez, 48; Victoria Zaremba and Madison Berman, 50 each; Elizabeth McGowan, 51; Jen Kowalczyk, 53. Canton scorers: Alyce Krumm, 48; Meghan Meredith, 53; Avery Ralston, 57; Lauren Luyet, 60; Molly Mondorf, 64; Caroline Jones, 71

Dual match records: Northville, 4-2 overall; Canton, 2-4 overall.

NOVI 152 WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 251

Sept. 23 at Gateway G.C. Novi scorers: Alexa Hatz, 35 (med-alist; career low); Lauren Henry, 38 (career low); Claire Kalina, 39 (career low); Abby Livingston, 40. Glenn's top scorer: Haley Acai, 49

Dual match records: Novi, 6-4 overall 3-1 KLAA Central Division: John Glenn, 1-6 overall, 0-4 KLAA South Division

Slow start proves costly for Warriors in MIAC showdown

By Brad Emons Staff Writer

Micah Charlick certainly worked up a sweat and his dirt-stained jersey said it all.

The gritty junior midfielder from Novi Franklin Road Christian played on a gimpy knee for much of the second half Sept. 25 and did all he could to help erase an early three-goal deficit, but the host Warriors came up a goal short in 3-2 boys soccer loss to Newport Lutheran South.

First place was on the line in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference's Red Division showdown as the visiting Saints improved to 10-2 overall and 8-1 in the Red. Meanwhile, the loss dropped Franklin Road to 7-3 and 6-2.

Charlick, who came into the game with 12 goals and 12 assists, set up Franklin Road's first goal on a long free kick that found the leg of teammate Tanner Spires inside the Lutheran South box at the 59:45 mark

Following a handball in the box, the Warriors then received a penalty kick in the 69th minute and Charlick found the back of the net to make it a one-goal match with

But Lutheran South was able to hold on thanks to some timely stops from goalkeeper Justin Doede to maintain its grip on first place in the MIAC Red.

only 21 minutes remaining.

"It was a good 18 minutes, but the rest of the game was a challenge," Lutheran South coach John Salewske said. "The first 18, we passed the ball and moved it well, got a couple of good opportunities. Kind of got sloppy after that, but the first 18 was good."

Matt Bosman opened the scoring for the Saints in the fifth minute, when he slid a shot with his left foot just inside the post off an assist from Zach Green, who then scored Lutheran South's next two goals in the 11th minute (from Brandon McNeff) and the 18th minute (unassisted).

"We just gave them the first half, we just didn't play soccer," Franklin Road coach Paul Coombs said. "We didn't come to play the first half. Second half ... we did all right. I was happy with their effort. It would have been nice if Micah would have been healthy. It's his right knee. It was a good effort on everybody's part. And like I said,



they're young, still learning how to trap and pass. You go with what you've got.'

Ironically, the rematch was a total reversal of the first meeting between the two teams Sept. 4, when Franklin Road jumped out to a 4-2 advantage before falling 5-4.

Franklin Road junior goalkeeper Daniel Weaver, who made eight saves, kept Lutheran South from scoring during the final 72 minutes, but the Warriors couldn't find the equalizer.

Playing to near exhaustion up and down the field, Charlick, who has been nursing the sore knee for more than a week, did his best to give the Warriors a chance.

"Charlick is the best player in the conference, by far,' Salewske said, "so we just had to hold him at bay and keep him from shooting ... we did well in that last 60 (minutes)."

FRANKLIN ROAD 4, S'FIELD CHRISTIAN 2: Tanner Spires and Micah Charlick each had two goals and one assist Friday as Novi Franklin Road Christian (8-3) earned a MIAC crossover victory at Southfield Christian.

Southfield Christian. Spires scored on a cross from Charlick to make it 1-0 at halftime before the Eagles tied it in the second half at 1-1. Goals by Spires and Charlick put the Warriors up 3-1, but Southfield Christian pulled within one on a penalty kick before Charlick sewed it up with seven minutes left on a beautiful corner kick from Spires.

"Micah and Tanner do work really well together, Franklin Road coach Paul Coombs said. "Matt Lorey did very well for us in the goal and, on defense, Evan Lorey and Paul Alex made it difficult for Southfield Christian to get off any easy shots."

Northville scores 7 goals in 2nd half to trip Northern

A seven-goal explosion in the second half carried the Northville boys soccer team to a convincing 7-0 win Saturday at Walled Lake Western.

The Mustangs, who improved to 7-4-3 overall, broke a scoreless halftime deadlock by scoring four times during the first 10 minutes of the second half.

"Western played very defensive and our work rate wasn't where it needed to be in the first half," Northville coach Henry Klimes said. "The second half was all about a better work ethic."

Nick Toupin scored twice, while Kyle Johnson added a goal, his sixth of the year, to go along with two assists for the Mustangs.

Dan Baldwin notched his seventh of the year, while Alec Morgan tallied his fifth. Ian McBroom and Mario Plachta also both tallied a goal.

Northville goalkeeper Alec Melucci notched his sixth shutout of the season.

The loss drops Western to 4-9-1 overall.

RICE 1, DETROIT CC 0: Jack Howard tallied the lone goal with only 17:15 remaining Sept. 25 as host Birmingham Brother Rice (3-6-3, 1-4) turned the tables on rival Novi Detroit Catholic Central (8-4-4, 3-1-1) at Ambrose Field. Brother Rice avenged a 2-0 setback Sept. 16 to the

Shamrocks.

The Warriors, who had lost five of their last six games, used three goalkeepers with Ryan Posh, Joe Sarkis and Nick Guglielmetti combining for seven

saves and the shutout. Sophomore Peter Kirouac made five saves for Catholic Central, which remains in second place in the division behind first-place Warren DeLaSalle. NORTHVILLE 1, SALEM 0: Jake Reitzloff's goal

inute held up Sept. 25 as the Mustangs

(6-4-3, 6-2) stayed in the KLAA Central Division hunt with a victory over the visiting Rocks (4-6-2, 3-3-2). Senior goalkeeper Alec Melucci made five saves as

Northville recorded its fifth shutout of the season. NOVI 6, S.L. EAST 0: Tony Asimadu scored just 38 seconds into the match on a penalty kick Sept. 25 as the Wildcats (9-2-3, 5-1-2) cruised to a KLAA Central Division triumph at South Lyon East (0-11,

0-8). Novi which led 4-0 at the half, also got goals from Amissi Kajinake (off an Eduardo DeOliveira cross); Adam Huber (on a give-and-go from Nick Harder); and Andy Lee on a header (off a Shion Maidens

Novi added two more goals in the second half, including a Connor O'Leary direct free kick from 25 yards out, followed by Tommy McMaster (off an Ignacio Brarda cross)

Novi goalkeeper Sam Sheeran made three saves to arn the shutout

earn the shutout, **STEVENSON 1, NORTHVILLE 0:** Livonia Stevenson (9-2-1, 5-1-1) picked up three critical points Sept. 23 by knocking the visiting Mustangs (5-4-3, 5-2) out of first place in a battle in a key KLAA Central Division encounter. Trevor Furkas finished a cross from Dominic Rea in the CFL inclust to recount for the approximation and solve goal

Irevor Furkas thinshed a cross from Dominic Kea in the 65th minute to account for the game's only goal for the Spartans, ranked No. 7 in Division 1. "Fantastic team effort from the boys tonight," Stevenson coach Ken Shingledecker said. "We found our moment on the counterattack and Dom made a great pass to Trevor for the finish." Junior goalkeeper Austin Kaczmarek made two saves as Stevenson notched its sirth shuttut of the

saves as Stevenson notched its sixth shutout of the season. "I thought we had a couple of good chances, "I thought we had a couple of good chances,

Northville coach Henry Klimes said. "It was a tough game, a tough loss. I thought we played well. It was a bad break that gave them the opportunity and they mitclined to it." capitalized on it. The shots were even at 5-5, with Northville senior

goalkeeper Alec Melucci making one save. "We didn't capitalize on their mistakes and they capitalized on ours," Klimes said. "Kudos to them for the win and now we need help to win the division

Stevenson also won the first meeting between the two teams, 2-0, Sept. 4 at Northville. **NOV1 4, SOUTH LYON 0:** Goalkeepers Tommy

McMaster and Sam Sheeran combined for four saves Sept. 23 as the Wildcats (8-2-3, 4-1-2) earned the KLAA Central Division victory over the host Lions (3-5-4, 1-5-1).

(3-5-4, 1-5-1). Playing its fifth match in eight days, Novi led 1-0 at the half on a Sean Dallas goal off a nice drop pass from Tony Asimadu. At the 54-minute mark, Ryan Kobakof took an Andy

At the 54-minute mark, Kyan Kobakot took an Andy Lee pass in the middle of the field and raced past a South Lyon defender and fired a shot into the far post side netting for a Novi 2-0 advantage. With 12 minutes left in the match, Nick Harder would knock in his own rebound from an Asimadu cross for the 3-0 lead. Novi scored again with five minutes remaining left, when Harder notched his second of the night off an Asimadu cross.

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Mustangs tread water in dual-meet victory

By Brad Emons Staff Writer

It wasn't easy, but the Northville girls swim team pulled out a 96-89 KLAA Central Division girls swim victory Sept. 25 over South Lyon Unified in a dual meet at South Lyon East.

Northville sewed up the meet by scoring seven points in the 100-yard breaststroke to take an 86-85 advantage thanks to a second from Jessica Yan (1:14.36), a fourth by Jennifer Ostrowski (1:15.95) and a fifth by Hannah Craig (1:17.13).

"It was a little closer than expected, but we were still able to win," said Northville coach Brian McNeff, whose team is 3-0 in duals and 1-0 in the Central. "I put a lot of our top swimmers in some different events, which made the score a little closer than I would have liked."

Sophomore Laura Westphal captured the 200 freestyle (1:57.09) and 100 butterfly (59.13), while also anchoring the first-place 200 freestyle relay team that included Nicki Pumper, Gillian Zayan and Kelsey Macaddino.

Other Northville firsts came from Alissa Moore, 500 freestyle (5:23.81); Macaddino, 200 individual medley (2:18.95); and Pumper, 100 backstroke (1:02.7)

Carolyn Bischoff led South Lyon with first in the 50- and 100 freestyles with times of 24.91 and 54.99, respectively. South Lyon's trio of 1-meter

divers Heidi Surdyk (322.95 points), Caitlyn Canadi (249.85) and Alyssa Sawyer (240.40) accounted for 13 points

"South Lyon is a very tough, competitive team, though, and when they saw an opportunity to surprise us, they took advantage of it," McNeff said. "Overall, the swims were really good. We swam a little tired, but we are entering into the part of the season now where the girls are going to be a lot more tired and overworked. That is all part of the process. Great swimmers work through that and continue to perform well and I think we have a lot of great swimmers on this team."

DUAL MEET RESULTS NORTHVILLE 96 SOUTH LYON UNIFIED 89

Sept. 25 at South Lyon East 200-yard medley relay: 1. South Lyon (Anna Geyer, Melanie Dunnuck, Emily Kososki, Megan Mieske), 1:56.17; 2. Northville (Darby Mroz, Jennifer Ostrowski, Ana Barrott, Natalie Filipowicz), 2:00.79; 3. South Lyon (Lauren SanMillan, Kaytlyn Ihara, Caroline Storm, Sonya Tyahla), 2:02:24.

3:56.6 26.67 :10.75 JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Northville junior Olivia Burrows picked up two points with a fourth in the 100-yard backstroke in a 96-89 dual win over South Lyon Unified.

200 freestyle: 1. Laura Westphal (N), 1:57.09; 3. Gillian Zayan (N), 2:04.11; 3. Anna Smith (SL), 2:05.41. 200 individual medley: 1. Kelsey Maccadino (N), 2:18.95; 2. Dunnuck (SL), 2:21.38; 3. Nicki Pumper (N), 2:21.54.

(N), 221:54.
 50 freestyle: 1. Carolyn Bischoff (SL), 24.91; 2.
 Geyer (SL), 26.18; 3. Mieske (SL), 26.35.
 1-meter diving: 1. Heidi Surdy (SL), 322.95

points; 2. Caitlyn Canadi (SL), 249.85; 3. Alyssa Sawyer (SL), 240.40.

Sawyer (SL), 240.40.
 100 butterfly: 1. Westphal (N), 59.13; 2. Smith (SL), 1:01.15; 3. Mieske (SL), 1:03.06.
 100 freestyle: 1. Bischoff (SL), 54.59; 2. Zayan (N), 56.98; 3. Mroz (N), 58.76.
 500 freestyle: 1. Alissa Moore (N), 5:23.81; 2. Macaddino (N), 5;30.52; 3. Kososki (SL), 5:33.4.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Northville (Pumper, Zayan, Macaddino, Westphal), 1:42.58; 2. South Lyon (Mieske, Smith, Nerys Gravell, Bischoff), 1:43.39; 3. Northville (Elena Pando, Hannah Craig, Filipowicz, Mroz), 1:48.37.

100 backstroke: 1. Pumper (N), 1:02.7; 2. Sabrina Lee (N), 1:04.37; 3. Geyer (SL), 1:02.7, Z. **100 breaststroke**: 1. Dunnuck (SL), 1:12.78; 2. Jessica Yan (N), 1:14.36; 3. Ihara (SL), 1:15.65. **400 freestyle relay:** 1. Northville (Pumper, Zayan, Macaddino, Westphall), 3:42.9; 2. South Lyon (Smith, Dunnuch, Bischoff, Kososki), 3:50.22; 3.

Northville (Lexi Abernethy, Tyhala, Gravell, Geyer), Dual meet records: Northville, 3-0 overall, 1-0 KLAA Central Division; South Lyon, 0-1 KLAA Central.

TRI-MEET RESULTS Sept. 24 at Walled Lake Northern TEAM SCORES: Novi 137, Walled Lake Western 46; Novi 105, Walled Lake Northern 81; Walled Lake Northern 134, Walled Lake Western, 49.

200 mediern 154, waled Lake Western, 49. 200 medier relay 21. Northern (Taylor Golden-Wise, Kaie Miskanec, Megan Ferretti, Alaina Lie), 2:09.06; 3. Novi (Hanna Dong, Sasha Tretyakova, Sarah Wang, Zijin Huang), 2:16.01. 200 freestylie: 1. Gaby Rosely (WLN), 2:02.43.

200 Individual medley: 1. Alexandra Cortez (Novi), 2:22.06; 2. Dong (Novi), 2:25.0. 50 freestyle: 1. Emily Mayoras (Novi), 26.28; 2. Dana Kilponen (Novi), 26.5; 3. Ava Bianchi (Novi),

1-meter diving: 1. Samantha Randlett (WLN),
 186.00 points; 2. Alyssa Stark (Novi), 170.40.
 100 butterfly: 1. Samantha Kasanic (Novi),
 1:08.66; 2. Wang (Novi), 109.43; 3. Linda Wei (Novi),
 1:0.75

100 freestyle: 1. Maddie Schmidt (WLN), 59.24; 2. Mallory Martlock (Novi), 1:00.37; 3. Alex Nussio (Novi), 1:00.93.

500 freestyle: 1. Cortez (Novi), 5:30.74. 200 freestyle relay: 1. Northern (Schmidt, Lauren Tracy, Rosely, Abigail Brinks), 1:47.64; 2. Novi (Kilponen, Nussio, Karen Xu, Zoe Psiakis), 1:50.09.

100 backstroke: 1. Mayoras (Novi), 102.24; 2. Branchi (Novi), 1:06.72. **100 breaststroke:** 1. Xu (Novi), 1:14.88; 2. Alice

Ying (Novi), 1:16.26. 400 freestyle relay: 1. Novi (Kilponen, Bianchi, Mayoras, Cortez), 3:53.84. Novi's dual meet record: 3-2 overall.

Novi boys harriers third in county

By Brad Emons Staff Writer

The Novi boys cross country posted some more encouraging results Saturday by finishing third in the Oakland County Championships held at Kensing-ton Metropark's Possum Hollow.

"We were seeded fifth going into the meet," Novi coach Rob-ert Smith said. "I would have been happy if we just held our position. To grab third was a nice surprise. There were a lot of state-ranked teams at the meet today."

Waterford Mott, last year's MHSAA Division 1 runner-up, won the title with 93 points, while White Lake Lakeland and Novi placed second and third with 126 and 153, respectively. Meanwhile, Novi Detroit Catholic Central was eighth in the 31-team field with 238

Today was the first time that any team has beaten us all year, but Mott and Lakeland are among the top teams in the state and we are right there with them," Smith said.

Royal Oak's Ben Hill was the individual winner in 15 minutes, 35 seconds, edging Mott's Ryan Robinson by a second in the 5,000-meter race.

Novi had two runners earn all-county honors (top 30) as junior Joost Plaetinck took eighth (16:31) and senior Nathan Hall finished 28th (16:59).

'Cross country is awesome because both teams and individuals can get recognized," Smith said. "I'm very proud of Joost and Nate. All-county is quite an accomplishment."

Novi's other three scorers included Scott MacPherson (36th, 17:09), Sahisnu Malapati (37th, 17:10) and Cameron Misko (44th, 17:16) as only 45 seconds separated the Wildcats' top five.

"These guys really raced well," Smith said. "To have our three, four and five guys in the mix like that gave us the push we needed to overtake teams seeded higher than us."

Novi's non-scorers included Adam Ditri (17:20) and John Landy (17:37), who finished 51st and 63rd, respectively.

"Team depth played a significant role in the success of the team's accomplishments,' Smith said. "We brought in our fifth guy long before any other team did. I would not be too surprised if the spread between our one through seven guys becomes even smaller. Our entire top seven is running extremely well. I don't think the magnitude of their accomplishments has sunk in yet.'

CC's top finisher was Scott Smith, who took 31st (17:00). He was followed by Avery Felty, 35th (17:06); Mark Borek, 46th (17:18); Bailey Hobson, 52nd (17:22); Ben Ludtke, 74th (17:51); Alex McLaren, 91st (18:01); and Brandon Canavan, 105th (18:11).

On the varsity girls side, Audrey Belf took individual honors in 17:43 to lead Birmingham Seaholm to the team title as the Maples scored 40 points, followed by Milford (96) and Clarkston (209).

Novi finished 12th with 336, led by Hannah Lonergan, who gained all-county in 19th with a time of 20:07.

Mustangs spikers ousted by Huron in tourney semi

Despite only 11 healthy players for the day, the Northville volleyball team made a run to the semifinals of its own 12-team invitational.

State-ranked Temperance Bedford captured the tournament with a 25-18, 25-10 win over Ann Arbor Huron, which survived a three-set semifinal battle against the host Mustangs, 20-25, 25-15, 23-21.

"It was a high-energy, competitive battle where both teams kept fighting off game point," Northville coach Amanda Yaklin said of the Huron match. "It would have been an awesome opportunity to see Bedford in the finals.

In pool play, Northville downed Ottawa Lake-Whiteford (25-20, 25-20), Ann Ar-bor Skyline (25-18, 25-12) and Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes (25-7, 25-23)

In the quarterfinals of elimination, Northville bested Livonia Stevenson, 25-20,

team is 16-8-1 overall. "We averaged more than two hitting options off of servereceive (94-of-104 for 90 percent). We are looking forward to the illnesses and injuries healing over the next few weeks.'

lacobelli lifts Novi

Junior Paulina Iacobelli racked up 21 kills and 31 digs Sept. 25 as state-ranked Novi (21-4-1, 5-0) earned a 26-24, 23-25, 25-10, 25-15 KLAA Central Division win over South Lyon (7-7-1, 2-3).

Jordan Massab added 45 digs and eight aces, while freshman setter Erin O'Leary, who only played the last two sets, collected 35 assists.

Junior setter Christina Hudgens is out for the season with a broken thumb.

Mustangs prevail

Senior Makenna Strunk led the way with a team-high 18 kills Sept. 25 as host Northville (12-7-1, 3-2) posted a 25-17, 23-25, 25-12, 25-12 **KLAA** Central Division vic

Mustangs boys runners-up

at Legends XC Invitational

By Brad Emons Staff Writer

Bolstered by top 10 finishes from Conor Naughton and Nick Noles, the Northville boys cross country team earned runner-up honors in Saturday's High School-Running Fit Legends Invitational held at Huron Meadows Metropark in Brighton.

Rockford, led by Isaac Harding's first-place finish in 15 minutes, 43.4 seconds, captured the team title with 69 points, followed by Northville (92) and Pinckney (147).

Naughton and Noles both broke the 16-minute mark with times of 15:58.3 and 15:59.0 to place seventh and eighth, respectively.

Other scorers for the Mustangs included Sean McCullough, 16th (16:22.8); Jason Ferrante, 30th (16:45.1); and Ben Cracraft, 31st (16:48.6).

Northville's non-scorers included Sam Kremke (37th, 16:52.9) and Kenny Goolsby (46th, 17:04.5).

The Northville varsity 'B' squad scored 27 points Saturday to capture the Schoensee Memorial Classic at Center Line, as senior Sean Flanagan broke the 17-minute barrier for the first time in 16:53,

followed by teammates Peter Bejin, fourth (17:07); Christian Freiburger, fifth (17:13); Jacob Kamm, sixth (17:16); and Jacob Blackmore, ninth (17:33).

Mustang girls third

Cayla Eckenroth (fourth, 19:03.6) and Emma Herrmann (eighth, 19:39.8) led the way as the Northville girls took third in the Legends Invitational.

Brighton captured the team title with 69 points, followed by Rockford and Northville with 81 and 116, respectively.

Other Northville finishers included Taylor Gattoni, 22nd (20:18.4); Hailey Harris, 33rd (20:49.2); Mirai Kobayashi, 51st (21:13.8); Rachel Zimmer, 56th (21:20.2); and Katie Chevoor, 73rd (21:40.7).

"It was not our best day of racing," Northville coach Nancy Smith said. "We are still recovering from illness and injury. Our biggest problem right now is we need to get mentally strong and be able to fight the mind game, which I think we are experiencing. Overall, this year compared to last year the times were slower all around by all teams at the Legends."

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CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

GIRLS DUAL MEET RESULTS NORTHVILLE 15 LIVONIA STEVENSON 48

Sept. 23 at Cass Benton Park Individual winner: Cayla Eckenroth (North-ille), 20:01 (5,000 meters). Other Northville finishers: 2. Emma Hermann, 20:01; 3. Hailey Harris, 20:38; 4. Taylor Gattoni, 20:38; 5. Megan Krygier, 21:45; 6. Emily Rudberg, 21:58; 9. Anna Buettner, 22:17. **Stevenson's top finisher:** 7. Emily Chapski, 22:15

Dual meet records: Northville, 3-0 overall, 3-0 KLAA Central Division; Stevenson, 1-2 overall, 1-2 KLAA Central.

BOYS DUAL MEET RESULTS DETROIT CATHOLIC CENTRAL 23 ORCHARD LAKE ST. MARY 32 Sept. 29 at Hathaway Park Individual winner: Joe Gallagher (St. Mary),

16:54 (5,000 meters). **CC finishers**: 2. Brandon Canavan, 17:06; 3. Scott Smith, 17:13; 4. Mark Borek, 17:18; 5. Avery Felty, 17:27; 9. Alex McLaren, 17:51; 11. Ben Racine,

Dual meet records: CC, 3-0 Catholic League; St. Mary, 2-1 Catholic League.

NORTHVILLE 17 LIVONIA STEVENSON 44

Sept. 23 at Cass Benton Park Individual winner: Conor Naughton (North ville), 16:45.3 (5,000 meters). Other Northville finishers: 2. Jason Ferrante. 16:45.5; 3. Nick Noles, 16:45.7; 4. Sean McCullough, 16:49.3; 7. Peter Bejin, 17:30.4; 8, Sean Hanagan, 17:32.2; 9. Christian Frieburger, 17:39.2, Stevenson finishers: 5. Erika Grisa, 16:53.8; 6.

Luke Green, 17:08.8; 10. Andrew Bambach, 17:41.2; 14. Nathan Ward, 18:00.2; 17. Alex Mikonczyk, 18:08.6.

Dual meet records: Northville, 3-0 overall, 3-0 KLAA Central Division; Stevenson, 1-2 overall, 1-2 KLAA Central.

NOVI 21 SOUTH LYON 40 Sept. 23 at Cass Benton Park Individual winner: Casey Croad (Novi), 17:48

(5,000 meters). (5),000 meters). Other Novi finishers: 3. Chris Silva, 17:58; 4. Sagar Mehta, 18:13; 6. Michael Ho (N), 18:28; 7. Aric Landy, 18:47; 8. Scott Beaton, 18:47; 9. Cameron Misko, 18:48; 10. Sahisnu Malapati, 18:48. South Lyon's top finisher: 2. Bryce VanAs-ch 13:26; 7.

Dual meet records: Novi, 3-0 overall, 3-0 KLAA Central Division; South Lyon, 0-3 overall, 0-3 KLAA Central.

Novi Bobcats shoot down Rockets in WLJFL

Andrew O'Connor and Parker Bohland combined for more than 110 yards rushing Sunday as the Novi Bobcats varsity improved to 4-1 in the Western Lakes Junior Football League with a 26-14 win over the Farmington Rockets at Novi High School.

The Bobcats jumped out to a 14-0 halftime lead thanks to Bohland's 55-yard touchdown run, followed by a second-quarter Bohland to O'Connor 12yard TD pass. O'Connor converted the two-point kick.

The Bobcats' defense also held off a pair of Rockets firsthalf drives, helped by four sacks between Mathew Wright and O'Connor.

In the third quarter, the Bobcats' defense continued its dominance led by Michael Willingham, Josh Erno and Makari Paige which resulted in an O'Connor TD run to put up the Bobcats 20-0 before the Rockets quickly respond back with a TD of their own to close out the quarter.

In the final quarter, a forced fumbled caused by Eric Budd and Erno resulted in a 62-yard return by O'Connor to make it 26-6 before the Rockets (0-5) scored on a 30-yard pass to complete the scoring. BOBCATS (JV) 13, ROCKETS 7: Alex Vargas recovered a blocked punt for a TD in the second period an Ethan Cooper ran for another TD in the third quarter to lead the Bobcats (3-2) over the Rockets (1-4)

Statistical leaders on the day for Northville included Makenna Strunk (48 kills, 19 digs); Emily Martin (37 kills, 28 digs); Kiera Borthwick (25 digs, 47 good passes); Rachel Holmes (60 assists, 20 digs); Emily Hogan (41 assists, 11 aces, 17 digs); and Emily Bowers (nine aces).

'The team had a season high for serve-receive statistics," said Yaklin, whose

tory over Livonia Stevenson.

Emily Martin contributed 14 kills, while ryce Quick had five solo blocks.

Setters Emily Watkins had 23 assist-to-kills, while Rachel Holmes added 17.

On the defensive side, Kiera Borthwick led the way with 10 digs and was 20for-20 serving. Strunk and Martin chipped in nine and six digs, respectively.

Clean sweep: Novi netters take first at East Lansing

By Brad Emons

Staff Writer

Talk about impressive. The Novi boys tennis team traveled Saturday to the East Lansing Invitational and captured all 32 matches, including 31 by straight sets, en route to the team title.

The Wildcats, last year's MHSAA Division 1 runnersup, scored 24 points, followed by Traverse City Central (11), Port Huron Northern (10) and the host Trojans (3)

Singles players Tim Wang (No. 1), Alex Wen (No. 3) and Andre Liu (No. 4) each finished 3-0 on the day with straight-set victories, while junior Koushik Kondapi (No. 2) also won all three matches, but was extended to three sets, 3-6, 7-6 (7-0), 7-5, against Port Huron Northern.

Liu, a senior, gave up just three games, while Wen, a freshman, allowed just five. Wang, the defending Division 1 singles champ headed to Columbia University, gave up just six.

In doubles, the Wildcats swept all four flights - Maxx Anderson and Daniel Yu (No. 1); Ryan Fernandes and Aakash Ray (No. 2); Sai Gotur and Abhishek Subash (No. 3); and Robert Chen and Aidtya Chitta (No. 4).

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DUAL MATCH RESULTS NOVI 9, GRAND BLANC 0

Novi Sept. 25 at Novi No. 1 singles: Tim Wang (N) defeated Zach Burau, 6-3, 6-1; No. 2: Koushik Kondapi (N) def. Hunter Li, 6-4, 6-1; No. 3: A lex Wen (N) def. Adam Burau, 6-3, 6-4; No. 4: Andre Liu (N) def. Ben Walter

No. 1 doubles: Maxx Anderson-Daniel Yu (N) def. Sam Lall-Trevor Shick, 6-1, 6-4; No. 2: Ryan Fernandes-Aakash Ray (N) def. Josh McKenzie-Ben Shapiro, 6-4, 6-0; No. 3: Sai Gotur-Abhishek Subash (N) def. Alex McKenzie-Brett Peterman, 6-2, 7-6 (7-3); **No. 4:** Robert Chen-Aditya Chitta (N) def. Graham Procott-Matt Read, 6-1, 6-3; No. 5 Anurag Koduri-Vamsi Nimmagadda (N) def. Rahul Desamuk-Udit Thawani, 6-0, 6-1.

Dual match records: Novi, 7-0 KLAA Grand Blanc, 6-1 KLAA

NORTHVILLE 9 BRIGHTON 0

BRIGHTON 0 Sept. 25 at Northville No. 1 singles: Oliver Daniel (N) defeated Cade Gunther, 6-4, 6-2; No. 2: Charles Gao (N) def. Trevor Faeth, 6-0, 6-0; No. 3: Andrew Schafer (N) def. Jason Fannin, 6-1, 6-0; No. 4: Stephen Freeman (N) def. Alek Anuzis, 6-1, 6-2. No. 1 doubles: Jason Wang-Janak Mukherj (N) def. Ethan Curtis-Zach Wurtz, 6-1, 6-0; No. 2: Nick Chatas-Umais Rao (N) def. James Helwing-Zach Polen, 6-3, 6-0; No. 3: Evan Simodf-Jonathan Bi (N) def. Ryan Andrews-Zach Kupa, 6-2, 6-0; No. 4: Yannis Bi-Victor Lee (N) def. Jadon House-Max Drake, 6-1, 6-1; No. 5: Hoon Oh-Robert Hong (N) def. Matt Vailliencourt-Joey Valenti, 6-1, 6-4. def. Matt Valliencourt-Joer Valenti, 6-1, 6-4, Dual match records: Northville, 6-1 KLAA; Brighton, 4-4 KLAA. NOVI 9 WALLED LAKE NORTHERN 0

NALLED LAKE NORTHERN O Sept. 23 at W.L. Northern No. 1 singles: Tim Wang (N) def. Mac Young, 6-0, 6-0; No. 2: Koushik Kondapi (N) def. Jake Haver, 6-0, 6-0; No. 3: Alex Wen (N) def. Adam Beneson, 6-0, 6-1; No. 4: Andre Liu (N) def. Will Schultz, 6-0, 6-0

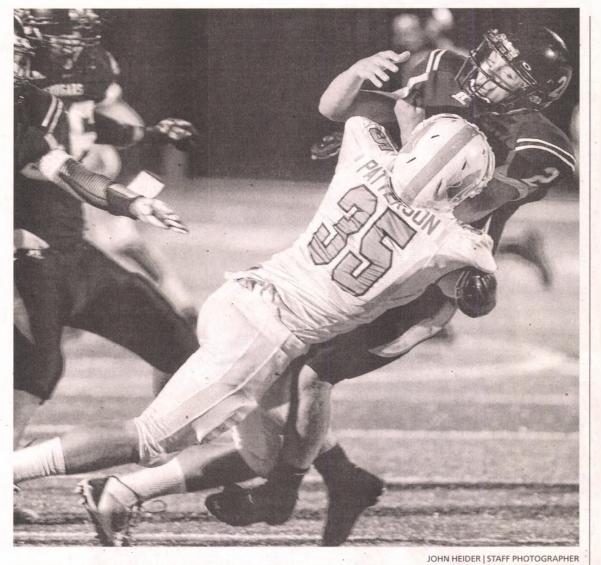
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Dual match records: Novi, 6-0 KLAA; W.L Northern, 5-1 KLAA



South Lyon East quarterback Zach Powers gets crunched by Novi's Ian Patterson in Friday's 49-21 homecoming win.

NOVI

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yard run.

South Lyon East (0-5, 0-3) scored with 19 seconds left in the first quarter on Dorian Watson's 14-yard pass from Zack Powers.

Novi added another scored with 3:04 left in the second quarter on a 5-yard Jackson run to cap a 13-play, 68-yard drive for a 35-7 halftime advantage.

The Wildcats, who played error-free football (no turnovers), then invoked a running clock during third quarter thanks to an 83-yard TD pass from Bageris to Jackson with 9:05 left, followed by Sabo's 76-yard TD run with 1:14 remaining.

maining. The Cougars put two scores on the board in the final quarter, as Powers hit J.D. Simon on a 90-yard TD pass, followed by a 41-yard strike to Josh Smith.

Powers, who threw for a total of 360 yards (18-of-33), went 6-of-6 for 175 yards in the final quarter.

Novi, however, held the Cougars to minus-7 yards rushing as Spencer Vankirk finished with a team-high six solo tackles and one assist, while Patrick Wojtylo chipped in with four solos and one assist. Caleb Wright contributed a pair of sacks, while Ian Patterson also came up with a

sack. Billy Ulle also recovered a fumble. "I thought we tackled bet-

"I thought we tackled better," Burnside said. "We pressured better today. Defensively, I know the stats are a little skewed because they got 200 yards late against our (reserves). I'm totally happy there."

The Wildcats will try to make it three in a row Friday when they host KLAA Central leader South Lyon (5-0, 3-0). Game time is 7 p.m.

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VOLLEYBALL

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who slid into the lineup to play the right side.

"We had a couple of role players really step up for us," Cottrill said. "They haven't played a lot, but stepped up and did a phenomenal job. I thought that was key also."

Junior outside hitter Paulina Iacobelli led the Wildcats with 15 kills and 13 digs, while twin sister Victoria added 10 kills and 10 digs. Senior libero Jordan Massab also recorded 10 digs, while senior middle blocker Jennifer Smith contributed three of her four solo blocks in the first set.

"We've got talented kids," Cottrill said. "We're lucky to have kids who play multiple positions that we can move around."

Northville, a state Class A semifinalist from a year ago, showed flashes of good play after a shaky start. The Mustangs, who went 49-5-3 a year ago, feature a roster with only four seniors and 11 underclassmen.

"If eight people walk out the door, you need that kind of experience, but I was proud of the way they bounced back from it," Yaklin said. "We were all the way down 20-12. It was like it never really affected them, so that was a really nice sign."

Sophomore Émily Martin paced the Northville hitting attack with nine kills, while senior Makenna Strunk and sophomore Katie O'Malley added eight and six, respectively.

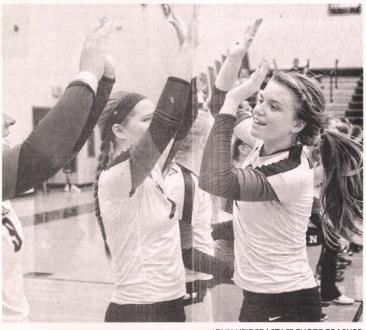
Rachel Holmes, a freshman, and junior Allison Lang, combined for 24 assists with 14 and 10, respectively. Senior Emily Hogan and sophomore Kiera Borthwick each contributed 10 digs.

"I think we have a nice skill set across the board," Yaklin said. "Everything just needs fine-tuning. Every single skill, I keep rotating it and alternating on it because a nice solid base is there."

The two teams will meet again Thursday, Oct. 9, at Northville.

"Novi was definitely a scrappy team," Yaklin said. "They dug a lot of balls, blocked cleanly. Their mature ball control lets them win rallies. It's very impressive."

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Novi players get primed for their KLAA Central volleyball match against rival Northville.

NORTHVILLE

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"I know they (Mustangs) were wanting to go to overtime, they were happy with the 10-yard field with those big horses."

Indeed that was the case, as the Mustangs (4-1, 2-1) didn't waste time with their chance. Schnepp bulled ahead for 8 "He's a tough kid. He did everything that we asked of him," Ladach said. "He had a great night and I'm very happy for him as an individual and for all of our players as a team."

The Rocks were the better team in the opening half, with strong defensive plays turned in by sophomores Jason Arnold (10 tackles for the night), Trevor Nowaske (seven tackles) and senior Devin Cameron Inspired by the halftime chat, the Mustangs had an instant spark to open the third quarter, when Terrell Cunningham bolted up the middle for a 51-yard kickoff return.

Northville then went the remaining 38 yards in six runs (all by Schnepp), who punched it in from 4 yards out to make it 10-10 with 9:12 to go in the third.

The Rocks regained the lead with 8:35 left in regulation, when Nicholson (6-for-10 passing, 163 yards) and senior Joey Miazek collaborated on an 85-yard TD pass. Northville responded on the next series with another Schnepp touchdown (from the 4-yard line) to deadlock things again. A pass interference call against Salem aided the drive. The Mustangs won despite being outgained 281-200. Lee Moore and Jack Ernst paced the Northville defense with 13 and 11 tackles, respectively. "Salem was well-prepared and their players gave tremendous effort," Ladach said. "Our kids gave great effort, too. I'm very proud of the resilience our players showed when push came to shove. "It was a fun and exciting game for both sides and I'm just happy that we were able to pull this one off."

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Novi pom clinic

Novi High School pom pon will stage a youth clinic from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (grades K-4) and 2-6 p.m. (grades 2-6) Saturday, Oct. 18, at Novi Middle School (main gym), 49000 11 Mile Road, Novi.

The cost is \$40 includes small snack and T-shirt, along with learning routine, kick by downloading a form from the www.noviathleticboosters.com website under "Forms" from the Coach's Corner menu.

Individual sports passes are \$60 and family passes for all family members living in one household may be purchased for \$180. Regular gate admission for high school events is \$5 and adult admission for middle school events is \$3.

yards on the first play, setting up his game-winning plunge from the 2.

Schnepp said he just ran behind "the best and biggest linemen on our team, run the power, you know? That's our bread and butter."

Salem led 10-3 at halftime, but Northville's offense came out with a sense of urgency to open the third quarter.

"We simply asked them (offensive line), 'Do you want to put it on your backs?" Mustangs coach Matt Ladach said. "They're the strength of our team and they were fired up with the opportunity and that's exactly what we did."

Ladach added that it doesn't hurt to have someone like Schnepp biting off 4 or 5 yards a pop right down the field. The Mustangs had only 200 total yards offense on the night. (seven tackles).

And Salem got on the board first, when junior running back Deston Langford (19 carries, 66 yards) burst through the middle for a 9-yard TD with 10:27 to go in the second quarter.

Sparking that scoring march of 62 yards in 10 plays were big running plays by junior quarterback Alex Nicholson, who scrambled for 12and 13-yard gains. Junior running back Calin Crawford then had a 22-yard gain around left end to set up Langford's score.

Northville got on the board with 5:21 left in the half, when Jake Moody nailed a 35-yard field goal.

The Rocks, however, answered in the final minute of the second when Kwiecinski connected on a field goal from 30 yards. line and jump basics from the Novi High School team and coaching staff. Clinic participants will perform Friday, Oct. 24, during the Novi home varsity football game against Howell.

For more information, email Gina Catrine at gcatrine@novischools.net. To register, visit www.novi.k12.mi.us/athletics/summercamps/.

Novi sports passes

Novi Athletic Boosters all-sports passes for the 2014-15 school year are available at Novi Middle School and Novi High School.

Community members and students may purchase them

Coaches wanted

Bloomfield Hill Academy of the Sacred Heart has openings for coaches in the following areas: freshman volleyball; pom pon-dance (varsity and assistant); bowling (varsity and JV); JV lacrosse (head coach and assistant); middle school field hockey (assistant); and middle school lacrosse (assistant).

Responsibilities include program and practice development, scheduling and game management.

Send resumes to athletic director Sal Malek at smalek@ashmi.org.

SINAWI

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basketball experience," Gordon said. "The (search) committee was given the charge to narrow it to two finalists and those two finalists met with myself and our principal Nicole Carter. And we came to a conclusion that Brandon would be the best fit for not only our program, but also for the basketball community in Novi."

Gordon said Sinawi, who has a P.E. and health undergraduate degree from Eastern Michigan University, has a wellrounded view when it comes to coaching. Sinawi is currently pursuing a master's in educational leadership from the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

"I liked the fact that he's an educator first," Gordon said. "He said those kind of things in his interview. He understands that Novi is a high-achieving district academically and that our kids are students first, then athletes, so he truly understands the concept of stu-

dent-athlete.

"What I really like about him is that his basketball court is an extension of the classroom with him. He's about teaching kids life lessons. He's about making our players into young men where they're going to be productive citizens in their communities when they get older and, hopefully, want to give back to Novi basketball, give back to the Novi community or give back to the communities they live in."

Sinawi is a 1999 graduate of Farmington Harrison High School, where he played basketball under Mike Teachman. He started is coaching career as an assistant in 2004-05 under Stevenson varsity coach Bill Dyer, who is now at Novi Detroit Catholic Central.

So what style of basketball Novi basketball followers expect in 2014-15?

"I like to play a style that I'm accustomed to when it comes to playing tough defense, making sure that we have guys who are willing to give everything they have for the better of the team," Sinawi said. "Offensively, we're going to get up and down. We're going to move, play transition. Coming into the season, we've got some guys with some size in there and we're going to utilize those players.

"I'm going to do what I can to get the right guys in the right spots to be successful. There's some talent there. I'm looking forward to getting to know the guys and what they can do. There's some good kids there, some good athletes and I'm looking forward to working with them."

Sinawi said he kept Stevenson athletic director Lori Hyman informed throughout the entire Novi interview process.

"She's been very supportive," Sinawi said. "She and I have been 10 years together and she's been nothing but helpful, in my corner every step of the way. "With the relationships I

"With the relationships I built there, it was very hard to leave, but I'm grateful for the opportunity Novi has given me. I look forward to being their coach for a long time to come."

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JULIE COLE

The Northville High School Rowing Club competed in Saturday's Frogtown Regatta at Toledo.

Northville rowers shine at regatta

The Northville High Rowing Club turned in a strong showing Saturday in the Frogtown Regatta at Toledo as 32 teams competed in the threemile race.

Northville sent a contingent of 34 rowers in 10 different events, led senior Julia Moore and sophomore Jackie Cole, who combined for a first in the Women's High School Doubles with a time of 22 minutes, 24.9 seconds. Saline and St. Ursula (Ohio) Academy were second and third, respectively. Northville senior Cameron Ulrich and junior Ashwath Muraganand teamed up for a runner-up finish in the Men's High School Doubles with a clocking of 19:26.5, just three seconds behind the Detroit Boat Club and ahead of Indianapolis Rowing and Toledo St. John's Jesuit.

The Northville Rowing Club will be at Church Square in downtown Northville from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday to compete in a nine-hour Rowa-Thon covering a distance from Northville-to-Mackinaw.

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Northville yoga studio kicks off clothing drive

Julie Cook, owner of Empower Yoga in Northville, is a strong believer in giving back to her community. She also believes nobody should suffer through winter without a coat and boots. That's why she has decided to kick off a coat/boot drive at her studio, which is located at 41620 Six Mile Road.

To show her gratitude, Cook will be giving away one full week of unlimited yoga classes in exchange for a brand new coat or pair of boots. Cook will then donate the coats and boots to the Lighthouse Mission in Pontiac. The Lighthouse helps individuals move from crisis to self sufficiency. Cook said she has supported the organization and its mission for years.

Cook said her goal when opening her studio back in June was to use yoga as a tool to help elevate human suffering, something she refers to as "karma yoga.

"Karma yoga is the act of selfless giving. We can make a difference in someone's life," Cook said. "It's important to give back to our own community, when one of us suffers we all suffer."

The Coat & Boot Drive will run until the end of October, and donations can be dropped off directly at the studio, located at 41620 Six Mile Road. For more information, visit www.empoweryoga.net or calling the studio at 248-719-7520.





BRAD KADRICH

A crew from Detroit-based Blue Star Demolition begins the process of tearing down the former ABC Warehouse building on Ford Road to make room for expansion at IKEA

Work underway on expansion at IKEA

By Brad Kadrich Staff Writer

Crews last week began the work of bringing down the former ABC Warehouse building on Ford Road in preparation for an expansion for the Canton IKEA store.

IKEA officials announced the expansion early this year, saying the ABC Warehouse building will be demolished to accommodate a 44,000square-foot expansion to add warehouse space.

Crews from Blue Star **Demolition of Detroit** were knocking down the building Sept. 23. An official from Lansingbased Clark Construction, the construction manager for the project, said the demolition of the ABC Warehouse building should take "about a week." Clark Construction managed the project when IKEA was built in Canton eight years ago.

"We are very excited about demolition starting today and advancing the expansion of IKEA Can-ton," Matt Hunsicker, IKEA Canton store manager, said in a release. "The store's success created the need to extend the store's self-serve furniture area so it can hold more products and improve our customer shopping experience. We appreciate (Canton) Township's continuing support of IKEA and our customers' patience as we begin this project."

The current project includes expanding the self-serve furniture area (where shoppers collect flat-packed furniture to take home on the same day), rearranging customer service functions to the newly built part of the store and enlarging the home delivery area. During construction and build-up of this extension, the full product selection will remain available on-site, officials said.

For less than a year, officials said, IKEA will undergo phased implementation of a reconfigured self-serve furniture area and a larger 'as-is' section, as well as larger and shifted customer service areas such as furniture pickup and an expanded home delivery area. The Exit Bistro and Swedish Food Market, however, will stay in their current locations.

IKEA's plan to expand its Canton store comes with a \$250,000 gift for improving traffic-snarled Ford Road and the potential for new jobs at the 300-employee site, a company spokesman said earlier this year.

The expansion also means Canton is expected to remain IKEA's only Michigan store for the foreseeable future, spokesman Joseph Roth said.

"That's not going to change anytime soon," Roth said. "By expandi in Canton, we are ensuring that it will be the only IKEA store in Michigan for a longer time now. We think it's a great location and a great community. That's why we're making an additional investment here.'

earlier this year called IKEA a "good neighbor," thinks the expansion will be good for IKEA and for the community.

"If they thrive and make money and stay there and help the community, I think that's good for everybody," LaJoy said.

IKEA already has become a destination for shoppers from southeast Michigan, other states and Canada. The area could draw even more business if Paragon Outlet Partners builds a 357,000-square-foot outlet mall with as many as 100 stores by 2016 on the south side of Ford Road, between I-275 and Lotz. Canton residents are divided over the possible uptick in development, with some fearing more traffic congestion.

Roth earlier had said IKEA's expansion should lead to an increase in sales and potentially more "In theory, sales should go up," he said, "and, in theory, we should be able to hire more coworkers, too.'



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Schoolcraft hosting Meet the Buyers event

The Procurement **Technical Assistance** Center of Schoolcraft College will host its sixth annual Meet the Buyers event Oct. 7 at Schoolcraft College's VisTaTech Center in Livonia. The fee is \$45 per person.

"The PTAC of Schoolcraft College's Meet the Buyers event is one of the key procurement matchmaking and government contracting events in the state," said Jenni Riehle, the vendor outreach coordinator for the state of Michigan. "The number of procurement personnel from regional, state and federal agencies is very comprehensive, resulting in excellent networking

opportunities and vendor-agency discussions for those who attend."

The event, which sells out every year, promotes networking, discussions on purchasing and the ability to initiate conversations about how small businesses can fulfill agency buying needs. Attendees will rotate among different agency tables, learning how the organization buys, what they are buying and other valuable procurement information. Large prime contractors are also in attendance for the event.

Government buyers in attendance often include representatives from the Department of Defense,

General Services Administration, Veterans Affairs, NASA, state of Michigan, Wayne County Airport, southeast Michigan county governments and many others.

Regional and community business resource partners will also be in attendance. Organizations and firms such as the Small Business Administration, Michigan Small Business Development Center, Automation Alley, Michigan Defense Center and more are often available for discussion.

Questions may be directed to the PTAC of Schoolcraft College team at 734-462-4438 or inforeq@schoolcraft.edu.

MacKenzie named president of AJA

52-1 District Judge Brian MacKenzie has been elected the 53rd president of the American

Judges Association. Mac-Kenzie has been on the bench



MacKenzie has written and lectured throughout the country on issues

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including, veterans treatment courts, domestic violence, drug treatment courts and court media relations. He is co-editor of the book Michigan

ceived numerous other awards for his community-based programs, has been recipient of AJA's Judge Bob Jones Memorial Award, recognizing significant contributions to judicial education by a member of AJA, and has been honored by the Foundation for the Improvement of Justice with the Paul H. Chapman Medal for significant contributions to the American Criminal Justice System.

With more than 50 years of service and commitment to the judiciary, AJA continues to exemplify excellence in judicial education.

Criminal Procedure. 'Judge MacKenzie is a distinguished, awardwinning jurist whose innovative court programs have served as models in courtrooms all across the country," said the American Judges Association's current president, Judge Elliott Zide of Massachusetts.

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Golf outing of Realtor association boosts Forgotten Harvest work

The Greater Metropolitan Association of Golfers held its Golf Outing Monday, Sept. 15, at Plum Hollow Country Club. Proceeds support Forgotten Harvest, GMAR's 2014 charity.

A little over \$3,000 was raised through the event for Forgotten Harvest. This organization works to provide food to those in need within the metropolitan Detroit area by "rescuing" surplus food from establishments where it would otherwise be thrown out. In addition to the golf outing profits, GMAR will be collecting donations of food items from its membership for Forgotten Harvest at the General Membership Meeting on Nov. 13 at Shriners Silver Garden Event Center in Southfield.

The GMAR Member Services Committee planned and carried out the event with support from sponsors and several generous donors. Committee Chair Jamie Iodice said, "I'm very thankful to our dedicated committee members and our sponsors. I'm always amazed at the participation and contribution of our Realtor members.'

GMAR President Maureen Francis joined in to personally hand out prizes to the lucky winners and had this to say, "It was a wonderful day for our Realtor and affiliate members. Everyone had so much fun and gave so generously to Forgotten Harvest. I couldn't be more proud of our staff and membership.

James Iodice was chair, with member services committee members of Mary



GMAR Realtor members Cindy Hannah and Steve Williams of Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel in Birmingham on the course at the golf outing Sept. 15.



The dining hall in Plum Hollow Country Club is where the dinner was held directly after the golfers returned from their round of golf Sept. 15.

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Negotiation may work on gate fee for back dues

Q: We live in a gated community in Florida where they charge owners a gate fee for unpaid dues. I am wondering if this is reasonable and whether we should contest it.

A: I think you should pay vour assessments, after you have gotten a lawyer, and then

try to negotiate out the gate fee fine, which may be unreasonable, particularly, if it is not specifically provided for in the documents for the community. I have seen



Meisner situations where this type of arrangement, while we do not necessarily condone it, has resulted in the prompt pay-

ment of assessments by delinquents, but get a good lawyer as soon as possible. Q: I know there is a federal

law that says that a commu-nity association or management company may not adopt or enforce any policy or enter into any agreement that would restrict or prevent a member of the association from displaying the flag of the United States on residential property. My association is not allowing me to put up a flag even though I have a separate ownership interest in my unit. Can I rely on the federal statute?

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Car Report

Drawing from Luxury Crowd, Ford Has 🖕 **A Winner In Popular Explorer Sport**



Soon after launching the souped-up Sport version of its new Explorer in late 2012, nameplate stewards got a gift-wrapped Christmas present in the January 2013 issue of Car & Driver magazine: a mostly glowing review of the pricier new trim level of Explorer with

By Dale Buss

a six-liter EcoBoost engine and styling chops to match its more aggressive capabilities that put it in the same sentence with German-made luxury SUVs.

"If hauling people and [performance] are your two top priorities and you can't swing a more expensive option like the BMW S5M, Mercedes ML63 AMG, Porsche Cayenne Turbo, or Jeep Grand Cherokee SRT8, the Explorer Sport mostly satisfies," magazine reviewers wrote. Explorer "occupies a rare space, and shoppers looking for a reasonably fuel-efficient... luxuriously equipped three-row crossover that won't put them to sleep should like it - especially when they consider its low-ish \$41,545 base price."

That read exactly how Matt Zuehlk might have written a reviewer's perception of Explorer Sport. As brand manager for Explorer with the launch of its substantially overhauled 2011 model nearly four years ago, Zuehlk and his colleagues brought out Explorer Sport about two years later in an effort to appeal not only to Explorer's broad base of existing fans but also to owners of luxury-brand SUVs who would be attracted to a worthy lowerpriced alternative.

And now, Sport is running at about 12 percent of overall sales of the Explorer nameplate, with capacity constraints preventing Ford for the time being from nudging that percentage even



A blacked-out grille is one of Ford Explorer Sport's unique design elements.

higher, Zuehlk said. Overall, Explorer sold 25 percent more units in the United States in August than a year earlier, and year-to-date sales advanced by six percent over 2013, to nearly 130,000 units.

"About one in five Sport customers are coming out of Mercedes-Benz, BMW and Audi," Zuehlk told this writer, who hasn't yet driven an Explorer Sport. "That's because they don't need a brand to define them and validate who they are. The Ford emblem means 'quality' to them, and the Explorer nameplate itself is iconic. It resonates with these customers. It's a capable SUV and if they can get the techy stuff with it and have this iconic brand, it's a nice stew that comes together for them."

As a result, Explorer Sport customers tend to be more affluent than other Explorer buyers, Maritz research told Ford, with 40 percent earning more than \$150,000 a year, compared with 24 percent at that level for the standard Explorer and 17 percent for Ford brand customers overall.

And when they opt for Sport, they're going all-in: Sport's base price versus Explorer now is \$43,565 (higher than in early 2013) versus \$31,495 for the base Explorer, and 90 percent of Sport sales come with a higher-level trim package that brings the cost to approximately \$47,000.

Some other data points about Explorer Sport buyers encourage Ford as well. They tend to be significantly more educated than



A Terrain Management System features hill-descent control.

average Ford buyers; they are younger, with nearly one-quarter of them aged under 35 versus only three percent of that age cohort for standard Ford Explorer; and trendy New York and Los Angeles tend to be the biggest markets for Explorer Sport, followed by Flyover Country cities such as Dallas, Chicago and Detroit.

What these buyers get is the only Explorer model to get Ford's twin-turbocharged, 3.5-liter V-6 EcoBoost engine that provides 365 horsepower and still yields 22mpg on the highway. They also get a roomy, three-row SUV, Sport-exclusive stiffer springs and dampers, quicker steering, up-rated brakes, additional chassis bracing and standard larger, 20-inch tires. All-wheel drive is standard in Sport, and the outside carries plenty of menacing touches such as a black-painted grille and trim.

Nevertheless, as Car & Driver noted, Explorer Sport also demonstrates the qualities that

make Explorer a continued favorite SUV, including not only passenger and cargo capacity but also a relatively quiet cabin and comfortable ride. The magazine's reviewers also generally praised Sport's ride and handling including "additional quickness [and] improved body control" over standard Explorer, to go along with "more sinister looks."

For Ford, there's nothing sinister about Explorer Sport, And Zuehlk believes that the brand will continue to try to build on this successful new mini-franchise. "When we launched we had some media weight [in advertising] behind the product," he said. "Today there's not a whole lot of national advertising for Sport, but the beauty of the brand is that it's at 12 percent right now with very little messaging in the market.

"We'd like to build on the health of the brand even more.'

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How to go back to work after a long leave of absence

By Robert Half

You took several years off from work to be CEO of your household, taking care of a new baby and developing your interpersonal skills of persuasion and patience. Or maybe you off-ramped to travel, care for an elderly family member or focus on volunteer pursuits. Now you're ready to go back to work, but where do you start? Here are six steps to ease your transition back into the working world.

1. Notify your network

It's the best first step in any job search: Tell your family, friends, acquaintances and former colleagues that you're completing your stint as stay-at-home parent or full-time caretaker and you're planning to go back to work. Before you reach out to your network, make sure your resume is ready; if one of your contacts knows about a good opportunity, you'll want to be able to send out an application package immediately.

2. Prepare your pitch

When you start your job search, you need to be able to talk to anyone you meet or reacquaint with about why you're going back to work and what you hope to find in a job. Practice your 30-second elevator pitch so that it comes naturally. Don't hide the fact that you've been on hiatus, and do project a positive attitude about your situation. You might say, "I'm an accountant with eight years of experience. I took the last several years off to be with my kids (or travel or take care of a sick parent), and now I'm looking forward to rejoining the workforce." Then briefly list your previous jobs and describe what kind of position you're looking for now.

3. Build up your resume by volunteering

If you're able to fit it into your schedule, volunteering can be a great way to boost your resume and keep your skills current. For example, you could help a local nonprofit or charitable organization or tutor students. Giving of your time like this is a great way to slowly re-enter the working world, dust off your skills and network with people who might be able to help you in your job search.

4. Take classes

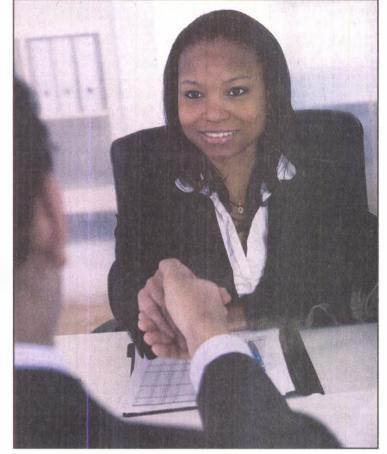
Whether you've been out for two years or 10 years, it never hurts to brush up on your hard skills. Technology is always changing, and it's essential for job seekers to keep up-to-date on the latest industry best practices. Check out the class schedule at a nearby community college, or try to find online courses that will meet your needs. Don't forget about MOOCs (massive open online courses), the vast majority of which are free. Search for courses at MOOC-list.com.

5. Consider temporary or part-time work

If you're at all nervous about going back to work, try easing into it with temporary assignments or a part-time position. This can be an especially smart method if you've taken time off to be a stay-at-home parent, as transitioning directly from fulltime parenting to a 9-to-5 job can be jarring for both you and your family. Accepting temporary positions also gives you the opportunity to sample several types of employers and job roles and assess which ones are good fits and which are not.

6. Focus on the skills you've gained

What skills have you developed during your break from office life? Although your time off might not have given you much time to work on your technical talents, you've had many op-



portunities for personal growth. Employers are increasingly seeking workers who have strong interpersonal skills such as communication, collaboration and adaptability. Mention those assets in your social media profiles, cover letters and job interviews.

Job searching is rarely easy,

and it's even more of a challenge for professionals who've been out of the field for a while. It can take time to find a good position when you're going back to work after an extended break. If you get discouraged, remember all your positives: education, experience, soft skills and determination. With time, patience and perseverance, the right job will come your way.

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