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Addicted to Movies ... Not Drugs

The Novi Youth Council is partnering with the Novi Fire and Police Departments and Emagine Theater to present the annual Addicted to Movies ... Not Drugs event from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. Monday, Nov. 3.

Hosted by Emagine Theater, located at Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk, this event offers Novi students in seventh through 12th grades access to all the food, soft drinks, pizza and movies they can handle. Members of the Novi Youth Council, Novi Fire and Police Departments and Emagine Theater will be on hand to supervise the event. Proceeds will go towards local anti-drug initiatives.

The purpose of the event is to provide an opportunity for students to engage in fun activities.

The permission slip is available online at www.cityofnovi.org and payment may be made at the city of Novi Treasurer's Department, located at the Novi Civic Center (45175 10 Mile). Tickets are \$10 per student.

Crowded ballot faces Novi voters

40,000 in city registered to decide Tuesday's election

By Cal Stone
Staff Writer

Novi voters will see a full ballot when they enter the polls between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. Tuesday, with races stretching from Congress, governor and justice of the state Supreme Court to county commissioner and the local school board.

Several key local races include the Novi school board, state House of Representatives 38th District, Oakland County Commission 9th District and 52-1 District Court judge, as well as a charter amendment proposal for the city of Novi.

To see exactly what your full ballot will look like, go to <https://vote.michigan.gov/mvic/> and plug in your information.

Novi school board

A slate of five candidates seeks three seats on the Board of Education, including incumbent Ann Glubzinski who is finishing her second term. The 57-year-old college professor has lived in Novi 32 years and saw both her children go through the local school system. She wants to continue the work she's done on the board, including keeping the district's fund balance at 10 percent during the recession.

Other candidates include Willy Mena, 50, who was appointed by the board several months ago to fill a vacated term. A tech-

nical account manager, he has lived in Novi 22 years with two children still in Novi schools and one graduated. Mena boasts a lengthy resume of involvement in the community and schools in particular.

Robert Peurach's two sons both graduated from Novi High and the 57-year-old attorney has lived here 20 years. He's hoping to fix what he terms a "disconnection" between the board, administrators and teachers and fears funds have not been allocated to best benefit students.

Paul Cook has two children attending Parkview Elementary. The 52-year-old engineer has lived here 20 years. He's focused on eliminating the gap between Novi's remedial and gifted/talented students and he'd like to

see better communication and community involvement.

A nine-year resident of Novi, Chris Harpeneau has twin girls attending Parkview. He feels his global business, technical and marketing background would be an asset on the board and brings two years of experience as the PTO president of Parkview.

52-1 District Court

An incumbent judge faces his former law clerk in what is one of the most unique races this election.

Brian MacKenzie, 64, who has sat on the Novi court's bench for 26 years, would probably have been unopposed and easily re-

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P.A.L. program promotes reading

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer



P.A.L. volunteer Karen Guiboux listens as fourth-grader Asees Rangi reads from a book at Novi Woods.

The P.A.L. program at Novi Woods Elementary aims to promote reading by bringing together volunteers and students to have a conversation about books.

The idea for the program - People Available for Listening: Having Conversations about Books - came from the school community, Novi Woods Principal David Ascher said. Now in its fourth year at Woods, it's grown each year and Ascher hopes this continues.

"This is an important program for our school," he said. "We want to see it continue to grow and have even more of a positive impact on all of our students."

P.A.L. is a volunteer program designed to develop a love of reading and reinforce good reading habits for reluctant or struggling readers.

"When a volunteer has a conversation with a young reader, the reader gets the opportunity to share, think about and explore his or her book while being the center of attention," Ascher said of one goal.

The volunteers are crucial. It's not just someone off the street; it's usually a parent who goes through some training to

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Novi wears blue to help 'stomp out bullying'

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

In an effort to bring more awareness to bullying and its negative impact on people, the Novi community stepped up to support a new cause called Stomp Out Bullying.

This past month has been devoted to bullying awareness and Novi city officials, school staff and students, local businesses and even police and fire command officers all wore blue to show Novi does not tolerate bullying.

Organized by the Novi Youth Council, this was the first year for the event and planners are eager to get the message out.

"This is a big and growing issue that in many cases goes unseen. We want to help change that by bringing more attention to bullying," said Novi High School senior and Youth Council member Ashi Arora, who chaired the event.

Bullying and cyber bullying

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A quintet of Novi High School students sports anti-bullying T-shirts at school Oct. 6 (from left): Hope Goodearl, Joston Rodrigues, Daniel Yu, Adrian Hart and Bella LaCoe-Nash.

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ected if not for Oakland County Prosecutor Jessica Cooper. Less than a year ago, she said MacKenzie was running a "rogue" court and went after him.

Cooper cited eight cases, out of approximately 150,000 over a 10-year period, that she said MacKenzie sentenced improperly and, in February, Oakland Circuit Judge Colleen O'Brien ordered superintending control of MacKenzie's court. A subsequent claim by Cooper that MacKenzie should be held in contempt was denied by O'Brien in late August.

But by then, attorney Travis Reeds decided it was time to run for MacKenzie's judgeship. In addition, another 52-1 judge, Dennis Powers, was under attack for alleged abuses of his position and eventually

stepped down from the bench. His son Scott ran against MacKenzie and Reeds in the August primary, but lost.

In the primary, Reeds gathered 8,003 votes to MacKenzie's 7,727, moving them both to Tuesday's election for the six-year term. The district includes Novi, South Lyon, Walled Lake and Wixom, the townships of Commerce, Highland, Lyon, Milford and Novi and the villages of Milford and Wolverine Lake.

MacKenzie is a champion of specialty courts, which has been cited as one of the reasons that Cooper, who questions specialty courts' effectiveness, brought her case against MacKenzie in an election season. He was recently elected president of the American Judges Association and has received numerous accolades for his work on the bench.

Reeds has 17 years of courtroom and trial experience in a broad range of criminal and

civil cases. He designated a Super Lawyer (2013-14) by his legal peers and was named to The National Trial Lawyers "Top 100" Trial Lawyers list.

State Senate 15th District

Incumbent Mike Kowall, R-White Lake, is looking to win a second four-year term representing Commerce Township, Lyon Township, Milford Township, Northville, Novi, Novi Township, Orchard Lake, South Lyon, Walled Lake, West Bloomfield Township, White Lake Township and Wixom.

The 62-year-old has lived in this district since 1980 and formerly served in the state House of Representatives from 1998-2002 before becoming supervisor of White Lake Township.

His Democratic challenger, Michael Smith, is 33 and has lived in White Lake his entire life (with the exception of time in college). A deputy city clerk by profession, Smith served as a Walled Lake school board member from 2011-13 and has been a precinct delegate since 2008.

While both cite jobs, unemployment and the economy as their main priorities, the key difference between Kowall and Smith is that the former feels the state is moving in the right direction and the latter doesn't.

State House 38th District

GOP nominee Kathy Crawford wants this two-year seat, currently held by her husband Hugh and she's got the credentials to pull off a win over Democratic challenger Jasper Catanzaro.

Crawford, 72, is a lifelong resident of the district, which includes the townships of Lyon and Novi and the cities of Novi, South Lyon, Walled Lake and (a portion of) Northville. She currently serves as the Oakland

County commissioner representing this area. Her resume of public service is exhaustive and she is considered one Novi's longstanding leaders.

Catanzaro, 68, is a 15-year resident of the district. A retiree of Ford Motor Co. and the United Auto Workers, he has been active for many years in veterans affairs. He feels the state is moving in the wrong direction and says fixing the state's infrastructure (roads, water systems, electrical grid) will promote business growth.

County Commission 9th District

While his wife seeks his current seat, state Rep. Hugh Crawford, R-Novi, is looking for voters to pick him to fill her position on the Oakland County Commission. It's a position he held for eight years before heading to Lansing; he also sat on the Novi City Council for 15 years.

The district for this two-year position includes the cities of Novi, Northville (Oakland County portion) and the township of Novi.

The Democratic challenger, Colleen Crossey, has lived here five years. A 52-year-old licensed clinical social worker, she currently serves on Novi's Beautification Commission.

Novi charter amendment

Novi has asked voters to approve several amendments to the city charter in the last two elections. Some have passed; some haven't. But the one before voters Tuesday is expected to be a slam-dunk.

In a nutshell, the proposed change would soften the financial blow on residents who are delinquent in paying their taxes. Instead of being hit with a 4-percent collection fee for delinquent taxes as of Sept. 1, the penalty would be 1 percent Sept. 1 and 3 percent Sept. 15.

High voter turnout anticipated

With so many key races to be decided, expect voter turnout to be high among Novi's nearly 40,000 registered voters - much higher than the 17.24 percent in the August primary.

"We expect a 50-percent turnout or better from Novi voters," said Maryanne Cornelius, Novi city clerk.

In the past three gubernatorial elections, Novi recorded percentages of 51.76 (2010), 61.99 (2006) and 54.41 (2002).

In the primary, 60 percent of the ballots cast in Novi were Republican; 35 percent were Democrat; and 5 percent were non-partisan.

If the primary was any indication, senior citizens will lead the charge. Novi's highest percentage of voters in the primary, 52 percent, came from Precinct 10, which is Fox Run Retirement Community, where there are more than 900 registered voters.

In Novi, just over 7,000 votes were cast at the primary polls, but more than one-third (2,716) of those were cast via absentee ballots. On Tuesday, those can be tabulated beginning no earlier than 7 a.m.

"As of now, we've issued 4,421 (absentee ballots)," Cornelius said. "They will be available by mail until 2 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 1. Voters may obtain an absentee ballot in person on Monday, Nov. 3, until 4 p.m., but they must vote it in person."

Results should roll in quickly Tuesday as all results in Oakland County are immediately sent by modem installed in the voting equipment. Nothing can be sent in advance of 8 p.m. as the equipment used to receive information is not in use until that time. Novi News readers can go to www.novinews.com to see the results.

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P.A.L.

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become a reading mentor for 45 minutes each week.

The volunteer's role is to communicate with the teacher about when they will be in the classroom, listen to the P.A.L. student read, engage in a conversation, be an enthusiastic, interested listener and, ultimately, be a "champion of the student as a reader."

Parents Karen Guiboux and Nicole Cromwell are volunteers and can attest to the benefits of the program, both for the students and themselves.

"It's exciting to see their growth as readers," Guiboux said.

For Cromwell, volunteering for this was important.

"It's rewarding to help students learn through encouragement and conversations," she said.

There are more than 20 volunteers at this point, but the school is looking for more. For those interested in learning more about P.A.L., contact Ascher at 248-449-1230 or by email at dascher@novischools.net.

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BULLYING

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have rapidly become one of the leading concerns within schools and for law enforcement agencies.

In collaboration, the city of Novi's police and fire departments, Novi Community Schools and the Novi Youth Council encouraged all students, teachers and community members to wear blue Oct. 6, World Day of Bullying Prevention, to tell others, "Bullying stops with me!"

"By wearing blue, we were trying to tell the community that bullying is not OK," Arora said.

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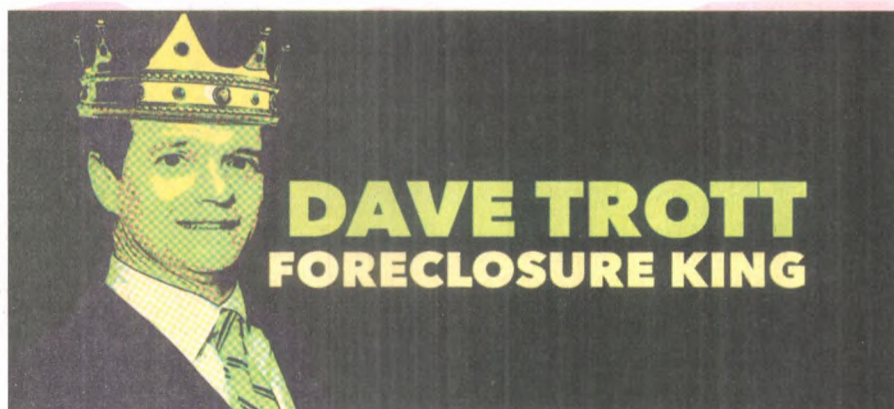
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The Melting Pot closed; building will be sold

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Staff Writer

The Melting Pot in Novi has closed for business.

Located at 26425 Novi Road, the fondue specialty restaurant's ownership announced earlier this week that it is selling the building and land for redevelopment.

According to the release, there are no plans to re-open the Novi restaurant.

"We sincerely regret the impact this closing has on our guests and our family of team members. Team members (about 30 people) have already been notified of the closure," the ownership statement read.

The Melting Pot of Novi opened June 7, 2006.

"We are grateful for the opportunity to serve this community for the past eight years at this location," the statement read.

Even with the closing, the Melting Pot still has other locations in the Detroit area (in Troy and Ann Arbor) and hopes to have more in the future.

The Melting Pot Restaurants, Inc. also said it has a strong interest in opening a new restaurant in the Detroit area in the future. Franchising information is available at <http://www.meltingpotfranchise.com>.

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Located at 26425 Novi Road, The Melting Pot's ownership announced earlier this week that it is selling the building and land for redevelopment.

Bits and Bytes Café is the place for tech-savvy older adults

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Staff Writer

William Deighton has seen technology take huge steps forward during his lifetime and the Novi resident has never been one to shy away from learning a new trick, so the Bits and Bytes Café Club at the Meadowbrook Activity Center has been a great opportunity for him.

"I know more about computers and my phone because of this," Deighton said after a recent gathering of the club, which is a mix of learning and socializing. "The improvements in technology really have made a lot of different aspects to life easier and I hope to take advantage of that as much as I can."

At the cafe, Meadowbrook Commons Manager Tom Gordon shares with participants the exciting ways in which technology can help them meet the needs of a fast-changing society.

Knowing that lives have been changed by learning to use the smart



Bits and Bytes students at the Novi Senior Center to learn about their smart phone and laptop devices from Tom Gordon (left).

phones, iPads, computer, the Internet and email, the club gives older adults in Novi an opportunity to learn about the different technology

options. "I have a passion for this, so it's a lot of fun to help and teach them about the different technology tools they can

take advantage of to help make life a bit easier," Gordon said.

The recent session was on Apple products such as the iPad, iPhone

and Apple television. Gordon went through the different tech tools and how they work.

Once learned, technology can ultimately make

life easier, Gordon told the participants.

"Everything you want to know can be at your fingertips," he said, grasping his Apple iPhone.

Richard O'Donohue and his daughter Amy Finkbeiner also attended the recent gathering. Both said the club is informative and helpful. O'Donohue, a resident at Meadowbrook Commons, is amazed at what can be done now just through a phone or the iPad, which he owns.

"It throws me just how far technology has come, but I like it," he said.

The monthly Thursday meetings allow individuals to ask questions, learn helpful hints and gain valuable information about the many uses of tech gadgets.

For more information on the Bits and Bytes Cafe, visit <http://www.cityofnovi.org/City-Services/Parks,-Recreation-and-Cultural-Services/Older-Adult-Services-Meadowbrook-Activity-Center.aspx> or call 248-347-0414.

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Goals key for reaching potential

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Goals provide both a target and a direction.

Just as importantly, goals can be measured.

In our district, we have established four district goals.

1. The Novi Community



Steve Matthews
SUPER TALK

School District will ensure that each student will make no less than one year's growth in one year's time.

2. The Novi Community School District will ensure that all students achieve at a high level. (There will be no achievement gaps.)

3. The Novi Community School District will evaluate and enhance opportunities for students while maintaining a minimum 10-percent fund balance.

4. The Novi Community School District will improve organizational quality and customer service by creating

common standards, systems and principles.

These goals provide us with a direction and a target. They can also be measured.

We are committed to working with our students to ensure that each year they make one year's growth. Our commitment is that a student who enters third grade in September will be ready for fourth grade by the next September. If a student is behind a little, we will work to catch them up. If they are ahead a little, we will work to ensure that they continue to make progress.

Our goal is to have every student be, at a minimum, proficient. Every student, no matter who they are or where they came from, will meet the standards for their grade or for the subject.

Our district continues to

provide many opportunities for students. In our K-6 buildings, we continue to support the Leader in Me program. At our high school, we offer the Link Crew, a transition program for freshmen. We offer Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate programs. We have a robust arts program that includes band, choir, orchestra and theater. We continue to provide a radio and television experience for students.

We offer a large variety of opportunities for students through clubs and athletics. We work closely with the Novi Public Library to support summer reading programs and an after-school Community Room for students.

In Novi during the past four years, we have worked hard to create a common curriculum

that is leading to common assessments. We have developed a common understanding of our standardized assessments, including both the state and NWEA assessments.

We use district surveys to gather feedback on the start of school, our communication efforts and other key issues.

Goals provide a target and a direction. My goal is to run the half-marathon next year.

Our district's goal continues to be to meet the needs of our students, our parents and our community by living into our four district goals. Together we can continue to make Novi a great place to go to school for our students.

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Japanese Club



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Jose Hernandez (left) and Royelio Mondala try their hands at some Japanese calligraphy during an Oct. 14 Japanese Club meeting at Novi High. Hernandez was attempting to draw the character for "flower" with an ink brush. The club, which meets once a month, has become so well-attended that on this day it needed to bring students in in shifts to learn the Japanese characters.

SCHOOL BRIEFS

Mom2Mom Sale raises funds for The Lily Pad Lane

Novi Community Education's Infant & Toddler Program, The Lily Pad Lane Day Care, is hosting its annual Mom2Mom Sale from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, Nov. 8, in the Novi High School Atrium.

Admission is \$1 per adult and free for children under the age of 12. All proceeds will benefit equipment for The Lily Pad Lane.

Sellers may call 248-449-1713 to rent a table and/or rack space. Tables are \$20 (five feet round) and rack space may be rented for an additional \$10. Complimentary space for large items is available next to seller.

Sellers can sell anything kid related including maternity clothes, baby items and kids' stuff up to preteen.

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Governor Snyder Declares October 2014 Spinal Healthcare Month in Michigan

At the request of the Michigan Association of Chiropractors (MAC), Michigan Governor Rick Snyder has signed an Executive Declaration naming October 2014 "Spinal Healthcare Month" in Michigan. In his Declaration, the Governor proclaimed that "the proper function of the nervous system and the correct alignment of the spine are essential factors to the body's ability to grow and develop appropriately, and to work effectively and efficiently." The Governor further proclaimed that, "during this month we join with back and spinal health care professionals throughout Michigan to remind citizens of the importance of proper care for the back and spine."

"Spinal Health Care Month has become an annual tradition in our state," said Dr. Dennis Whitford, President, Michigan Association of Chiropractors. "It is also an excellent public relations opportunity for MAC doctors to promote their practices and raise awareness regarding the importance of spinal health and chiropractic care."



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Detroit Catholic Central students cheer on their classmates during a tug-of-war competition that was part of the Oct. 17 Boys Bowl pep assembly.

Boys Bowl assembly shows deep school spirit

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

Their teams might not win every sporting event, but no one can deny the spirit and enthusiasm of students at Detroit Catholic Central High School in Novi.

The annual Boys Bowl assembly, held Oct. 17, was a perfect example of the school's love for its traditions and values.

This year marked the 70th Boys Bowl football game and as staff, students and families all gathered in the school's gymnasium for the big assembly leading up to the weekend contest.

Of the many points of pride identified at the assembly, one was the announcement that this fall, Catholic Central was a nominee for the Best Boys High School Sports Program in the Country as part of an online contest through *USA Today*.

In thanks to the overwhelming support and enthusiasm shown by the Shamrock Nation, CC was declared the winner. School officials said CC dominated the competition and tallied a total of 503,947 votes over three rounds of voting, which began Aug. 18 and ended Sept. 12.

According to school lore, 70 years ago, in 1944, the first Boys Bowl game took place. A young Basilian priest, the Rev. James Martin, athletic director and baseball coach at Catholic Central, envi-



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Detroit Catholic Central student Charlie Davidson (with trophy) enjoys the moment after being recognized for his fundraising efforts in a recent marathon run to raise funds for the Make-a-Wish Foundation. Davidson was recognized during the Boys Bowl pep assembly at CC.

sioned a football game between the best team in Michigan against the best team in America. At that time, the best team in America was Father Flanagan's Boys Town squad from Omaha, Neb.

Thus began the Boys Bowl.

The special speaker at

this year's Boys Bowl assembly was former CC football player and class of '88 graduate Chris Kovath. He summed it up well what the Boys Bowl means to CC, which he described like Super Bowl week.

"This is a great Catholic Central tradition," he

said of the Boys Bowl.

Varsity football co-captain Cameron Hender shot seconded this when he said, "There is no other school like Catholic Central."

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During the assembly, CC graduate and former football team member Chris Kovath gave a rousing speech to the current players for their upcoming game.



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During the CC Boys Bowl pep assembly, Annemarie Wright (right) was named homecoming queen. The Brighton High senior is escorted by Catholic Central's Eddie Szczypka.

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Novi mom fights cancer with daughter's help

Her struggle featured in PBS documentary

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

Juanita Gee has a lot of reasons to get up each day and fight her stage four, terminal breast cancer, which has caused her so much pain and difficulty over the past six years. Among those many reasons is one big one as to why she strives to stay positive: her daughter Alexis.



"She's a blessing for me and I probably wouldn't be here today if it wasn't for my daughter," said Juanita Gee, a Novi resident fighting her terminal breast cancer diagnosis, here with her daughter Alexis.

"She's a blessing for me and I probably wouldn't be here today if it wasn't for my daughter," said Gee, a Novi resident.

She was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2008, when her daughter Alexis was only 2. However, she was cleared in 2009, only to find out in 2010 that the cancer was back and had metastasized. She now undergoes a daily regimen of medicine and has begun radiation and surgeries.

"It's treatable, but not

curable," is how she describes her situation.

Her story is one that isn't always talked about. Juanita's husband, overwhelmed by the diagnosis, left her soon after, unable to cope, leaving her without a crucial piece of support. In spite of this, she has found a

way to live and thrive with her daughter at her side each step.

It's this story she wanted to tell so people would understand and, in some cases, might even find their own inspiration.

Both mother and daughter agreed to share

their journey with Novi director/producer Keith Fanie for his television documentary series *The Embrace of Aging*, which airs on Detroit Public Television. She was in the show's third episode "Fighting Cancer," which aired Oct. 26.

In that episode, the

producer stepped into the lives of three brave women who are all living with breast cancer. Between doctor's appointments, chemo and radiation treatments, medical professionals help the audience better understand what breast cancer is.

While planning the series, Fanie found a lot of similar stories of support and survival about breast cancer, but he wanted to have another perspective to go along with those stories. He found that in Juanita.

She was hesitant at first to put their lives out there for viewers, but the deciding factor was about bringing understanding to some misconceptions about people with terminal cancer, while also helping others relate who might be in a similar situation.

"Her story represents a different look into the fight against cancer, not one always told," Fanie said. "It's insightful and emotional, yet very endearing to see the bond between mother and

daughter."

He said there's a lot of people who can learn from the series. Juanita said she did. Even though she lives it daily, she said after watching her episode she came to a better realization how much she and her daughter have and are going through together.

It's made her even more appreciate each day she has with her daughter.

"I have a strong, brave little girl who has given me the inspiration to live as full of a life as I can," Juanita said.

There may be another opportunity to see the episode when Detroit Public Television repeats it. The next one, episode four, is 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 2, and it's called "Men and Women." In this episode, they hope to shed some light on how to grow old with your life partner — and still be in love.

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POLICE BRIEFS

NOVI

Cash stolen from home

A Novi home was the scene of a breaking and entering case in which the thief got away with \$5,000 in cash.

According to a Novi Police report, a home on Reeds Pointe Drive was broken into some time Sept. 24-25. The police believe the suspect gained entry either through an unlocked front sliding door wall or basement door. The homeowner, who lives alone, came home and found it had been rummaged through.

The thief bypassed a television and computer and snagged an envelope full of \$100 bills.

Larceny

The daughter of a Fox Run resident told Novi Police that a credit card and \$200 in cash were stolen from her mother's residence.

The daughter said the theft occurred Sept. 28. There are

no suspects. The daughter said someone would need a key to gain entry. It was reported there were some other recent thefts at the senior community, but they were being handled internally.

The case remains open.

Neighborhood sign damaged

An entrance sign at the east entry of the Bella Terra neighborhood was damaged, with a letter being torn off by an unknown suspect.

The incident was reported Sept. 26 to Novi Police. The letter was ripped of a decorative wall. It was estimated that \$500 was needed to repair the wall.

There are no suspects.

Walmart attempted theft

Two men attempted to rob Walmart of more than \$800 in merchandise, according to Novi Police report.

The incident happened Sept. 27 and the men were caught on

security camera pushing a cart around full of groceries and covered with a sweat shirt. The store security told police the men made no attempt to pay and pushed the cart outside before being stopped.

The men admitted to the theft attempt and were arrested.

NORTHVILLE

Broken window

A Plymouth man had his truck window broken by an unknown suspect while it was parked at Ford Field in downtown Northville, a police report said.

The window was broken the morning of Oct. 17 while the man was inside Planet Fitness. It appeared as if it was a larceny attempt, but there was nothing reported taken from the truck.

Driving high

A Livonia woman was arrested for operating a vehicle under the influence of mari-

juana after being stopped by Northville City Police for erratic driving.

The police reported spotting the 24-year-old woman swerving and generally driving erratically early Oct. 22. The police stopped her along South Center Street and reported smelling an odor of marijuana inside the car. She told police she had a few beers at a friend's house, but would not consent to a search of the car.

Police had her perform field sobriety tests, which she had trouble doing and stumbled a few times. She told police she had smoked marijuana earlier at her friend's. After being arrested, she told police there were two small bags of marijuana in the car.

Tires slashed

Four vehicles parked at a Spring Drive home had their tires slashed by an unknown person.

The incident occurred the night of Oct. 23 and Northville

Police responded to the neighborhood after getting a call from a witness who said there were loud sounds outside similar to gunshots. Another witness told police he heard them as well and ran outside to see a person running away from the scene.

He told police he then noticed the vehicles in the driveway with their tires slashed. Each vehicle had two tires slashed.

There is no further information on a suspect.

License suspended with warrants

A Novi woman was arrested by Northville City Police after she was spotted driving with a broken taillight, according to the police report. She was stopped on South Center Street. She did not have a license and told police she had warrants out on her.

She was arrested for driving on a suspended license and for two warrants out of Novi and Canton.

City of Novi Public Hearing Notice

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Zoning Board of Appeals for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, November 18, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Council Chambers Novi Civic Center 45175 Ten Mile Road to consider:

CASE NO. PZ14-0041 40800 W. 13 MILE RD - BRIGHTMOOR CHRISTIAN CHURCH
The applicant is requesting a variance from Section 2503.2.A and 2503.1B of the Novi Zoning Ordinance to allow construction of scoreboards with a reduced yard setback of 34 ft. for the baseball field scoreboard and 70 ft. proposed for the softball field scoreboard and accessory structures (sheds) within exterior side yards. The property is located north side of 13 Mile Rd and west of M-5.

CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 2503.2.A requires that all accessory structures must meet the setback requirements of the district, which in this case, requires a 75 foot setback in all exterior side yards, and Sec. 2503.1.B requires accessory structures must be located in the rear yard.

CASE NO. PZ14-0046 47190 ELEVEN MILE RD
The applicant is requesting a VARIANCE from the CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, 2400 to allow construction of a new screen-in-porch extending 2.5 ft. into the required 20 ft. side yard setback of an existing home. The property is located south of Grand River Ave. and east of Beck Rd.

CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 2400 requires a minimum 20 ft. side yard setback in the R-A Zoning District.

CASE NO. PZ14-0047 DUNBARTON PINES 45082 NINE MILE ROAD
The applicant is requesting a variance from CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES; Section 2513 allowing an entrance monument signs within the corner clearance zone area. The applicant is also requesting variances from 28-5(2).d.3 to allow placement of the entrance monument signs within a required street right-of-way setback as follows:

- 9 Mile & Plaisance, proposed at 6 ft. from Nine Mile Rd. R.O.W.
- Taft Rd. & White Pines, proposed at 12 ft. from Taft Rd. R.O.W.
- 9 Mile. & Foxton Dr., proposed at 4 ft. from 9 Mile R.O.W.
- Taft Rd. & Dunbarton, proposed at 14.5 ft. from Taft R.O.W.

The property is located on the east side of Taft Road and north of 9 Mile Rd.

CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Sign Ordinance Section 2513 which requires a 25-foot corner clearance (clear view) zone and section 28-5(2).d.3 which requires entranceway signs be located at least 10 feet from any street right of way.

CASE NO. PZ14-0048 42875 GRAND RIVER - ROJO MEXICAN BISTRO
Applicant is requesting a variances to sections 28-5(2).b.1.(b)(i) and 28-5(2).b.3 to allow a 64.75 square foot sign on the second floor wall for a first floor business.

Sign Code Section 28-5(2).b.1.(b)(i) permits a 65 square foot sign for a first floor business.

Sign Code Section 28-5(2).b.3 allows a first floor business sign to be located within the lineal frontage of the business.

CASE NO. PZ14-0049 28350 CABOT DR - BOGE
The applicant is requesting a variance from CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 28-5(3)f to allow a second wall sign of 24.2 square feet located on the west side of a separately owned and operated businesses. The property is located east of Haggerty Rd and north of 12 Mile Rd.

CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 28-5(3)f permits a single wall sign where two (2) or more separately owned and operated businesses occupy a building on a single parcel of land with only one main entrance.

CASE NO. PZ14-0050 (PARCEL 5022-21-101-001)
The applicant is requesting variance from the CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 2400 to allow development of four parcel with a reduced lot width of 141.75 (150 ft. required). The parcels are located east of Wixom Rd and north of 10 Mile Rd.

CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 2400 requires that parcels within the RA zoning district have a minimum lot width of 150 ft.

CASE NO. PZ14-0051 45605 NINE MILE RD
The applicant is requesting variances from the CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 2503.1(I) to allow construction of a new (1) story with a building height of 18 feet (14 ft maximum) detached garage on an existing single family parcel. The property is located west of Taft on the south side of 9 Mile Rd.

CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 2503.1 (I) limits detached accessory buildings to fourteen (14) feet in height in the R-1 Zoning District.

CASE NO. PZ14-0052 PINNACLE HOMES 27661 ESTRADA LN
The applicant is requesting a variance from CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 28-10 to allow installation of an awning sign located on model home. The property is located east of Napier Rd. and south of 12 Mile Rd.

CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 28-10 prohibited awnings signs within R-4, One Family Residential District.

CASE NO. PZ14-0053 SHIRO RESTAURANT 43180 NINE MILE ROAD
The applicant is requesting a variance from Section 28-8 to allow continued placement of a thirty six (36) square foot off-premises pole sign for an existing restaurant business. The property is located on the north side of 9 Mile Rd and east of Novi Rd

CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 28-8 allows off-premises advertising signs in the I-2 Zoning District only.

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Firefighters support Northville Youth Assistance

Northville Township Firefighters have partnered with Northville Youth Assistance to help support its mentoring program. The NYA mentoring program matches screened and trained volunteers with young people in the community to act as positive role models that provide friendship and guidance.

The Northville Township Firefighters Charity Fund recently donated \$375 in gift cards to area restaurants, cinemas and activity centers to be used by mentors and their charges during outings. Although volunteers are encouraged to do activities that don't cost anything, such as visiting parks and play-



Northville Youth Assistance Director Sue Campbell accepts \$375 in gift cards from Northville Township firefighter Jeff Sims.

ing board games, they sometimes like to go out to eat or to other places where they have to pay admission. This gift will allow mentors to take their charges someplace special without footing the bill themselves.

"We work hard to better the Northville community both on-duty

and off and we're happy to assist those who do the same." Northville Township firefighter Jeff Sims said.

NYA Director Sue Campbell said she is grateful for the gift.

If you're interested in making a difference, contact Campbell at 248-344-1618.

NOTICE OF CITY COUNCIL VACANCY CITY OF NOVI

Notice is hereby given of a vacancy on the Novi City Council. If you are interested in applying for appointment for the term ending November 2015, please obtain and complete an application for Boards and Commissions at www.cityofnovi.org or contact the City Clerk's office, 45175 Ten Mile, Novi, MI 48375, by email to mcornelius@cityofnovi.org, by phone 248-347-0456 or by fax 248-347-0577. The deadline for submission of applications is Thursday, November 6, 2014 at 4 p.m. The City Council will hold interviews at a special meeting on Thursday, November 13, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375.

Maryanne Cornelius, MMC
City Clerk

NOTICE CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT PTSLU 14-0008

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the representative for Irwin J. Arkin LLC/Martin Technologies is requesting a Temporary Special Land Use Permit in accordance with 3004.2 of the Novi Zoning Ordinance for outside storage of new unlicensed, operable vehicles located at 43100 Nine Mile Road until November 14, 2015.

A public hearing can be requested by any property owner of a structure located within 300 feet of the boundary of the property being considered for a Temporary Special Land Use permit.

This request will be considered at **2:00 PM on Friday, November 14, 2014** at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Road. All written comments should be directed to Tom Walsh and must be received prior to **Wednesday, November 12, 2014**.

Tom Walsh
Building Official
(248) 34 7-0415

MILL RACE MATTERS

Mill Race Historical Village is located at 215 Griswold Ave., north of Main Street near Ford Field. Buildings will re-open each Sunday in June of 2015. Grounds open daily dawn until dusk. Mill Race relies on rentals and memberships to maintain the Village. Please consider becoming a member or making a donation today! Please see the website for details: www.millracenorthville.org

Upcoming events

» **Dinner With Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt** – 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14, at Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall, Northville. A fundraiser to support the Mill Race Historical Village. Commemorate Veterans Day by going back to 1944 and interacting with seasoned actors portraying Franklin and Eleanor. Event will feature a family style Italian dinner with the Roosevelts. Cost is \$45 per person. Reservations can be made at Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall, 108 Main, Northville, or by calling 248-349-0522.

» **Christmas in the Village** – 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23. This event is free and open to the public. It will feature historical presentations by St. Nicholas, live music and choral

performances. Artisan demonstrations, NHS 50th Anniversary Retrospective NHS exhibit, "A Window on our Past." Museum buildings open and decorated for the season with docents guided tours. Volunteers are needed.

Weekly events

Tuesdays: 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.

General info

Website: www.millracenorthville.org

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

Donations: Donations accepted for the Garage Sale each Tuesday only from 9 a.m. to noon.

Archives: archivist.nhs@gmail.com

Office info: Open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday. Contact 248-348-1845 or mriv1845@yahoo.com.

Holiday wreaths in the works



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Northville Garden Club President Inge Knoth (right) and other helpers work on making their holiday wreaths using pine cones and other natural materials during an Oct. 13 get-together at Mill Race Village. The group will soon begin taking orders for its wreaths and deliver them to buyers Nov. 17-18 at Mill Race. Members will also sell them Nov. 22 in downtown Northville.



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Wind energy and recycling hold as much promise, if not more, to create new investment and jobs over several decades, as does drilling for fossil fuels.

Michigan's energy boom more about wind than oil

Michigan sits at the precipice of an energy boom and the future is not just about oil, gas and pipelines.

Wind energy and recycling hold as much promise, if not more, to create new investment and jobs over several decades, as does drilling for fossil fuels. Also, an unprecedented construction boom to upgrade or replace coal-fired power plants means billions of new investment and thousands of construction jobs.

But even ramping up renewable energy production, such as wind and solar, can

pose environmental risks. Some groups and elected officials contend new drilling technologies to extract oil and natural gas reserves, plus newly proposed pipelines, could impact the health of the Great Lakes — and Michigan residents.

They point to the devastating Enbridge pipeline spill in 2010 near Marshall and say infrastructure, including a 61-year-old oil pipeline under the Straits of Mackinac, poses grave risks for massive oil spills that couldn't easily be contained. They worry new

pipelines could destroy private property and put land, water and residents at risk.

But those who promote a Michigan energy boom say more natural gas and oil can safely be extracted from the ground using special drilling and hydraulic fracturing technologies, though gas reserves remain harder to tap here than in other states. They contend the state's modest energy industry workforce of 83,000 could expand greatly with more wind and renewable energy investment and a greater focus on recycling

and efficiency programs for homeowners.

Livonia already quietly operates three small oil wells in the city and wind energy investments in the Thumb have paid off for utilities.

A study conducted for Michigan's Energy Innovation and Business Council said local investment in renewable energy projects — advanced energy storage, biomass, solar and wind — could support nearly 21,000 jobs in Michigan by 2015 and contribute more than \$163 million in local and state tax revenues.

Fortis CEO: State should have its own energy boom

'Either you hit oil — or you don't,' Conway says

Before he became an oilman, Nathan Conway wanted to be a farmer.

"I thought I'd be in agriculture," the CEO of Bloomfield Hills-based Fortis Energy said of his youth in North Dakota. As a child, he raised sheep. But his father and late grandfather were in the oil business so, at 16, he started working in that industry, too. "There's no industry more exciting."

"You spend a lot of money to take big risks," Conway added. "Either you hit oil — or you don't. If you hit a dry well, you're crying. If you hit oil, you're celebrating."



Fortis, which has about 100 employees and has expanded rapidly, doesn't drill, but it provides services to companies that do. The company deploys service rigs, crane-like devices that are used for below-ground repairs to wells, throughout the Midwest and northeast, including Michigan, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio, New York, Indiana, Illinois and North Dakota.

Technology such as three-dimensional imaging and horizontal drilling has led to an oil and gas boom where big oil deposits have been extracted. Conway contends there is potential for more of that prosperity in other states, including Michigan.

"If we were allowed to drill more here, I believe Michigan would be in a much better financial situation," he said.

At the same time, industry innovations have also generated energy policy debates as business leaders and environmentalists clash over the benefits and dangers of drilling.

One controversy has been over fracking, a process of extracting oil and natural gas from layers of shale deep underground. Water and chemicals are pumped into the ground to create cracks to release gas. The process, also called hydraulic fracturing, has allowed companies to tap gas deposits that had been unreachable. Critics have raised concerns about the potential to contaminate groundwater.

In Michigan, there are 10 high-volume fracking oil and gas wells and 27 pending active permits, according to the state Department of Environmental Quality. New rules, state officials said, increase the information available to residents about fracking and enhance how water-impact is tracked.

"There's pros and cons to everything in life," Conway said. "But you have to do responsible development. In my opinion, that's oil and gas."

Oil money has been flowing so freely in North Dakota that state's unemployment was the lowest in the nation at 2.8 percent in August.

In Conway's view, the oil and gas industry is environmentally safe — and boosting the economy.

About a year ago, the \$13.5 million company changed its name from Arrow Energy Services to Fortis, which Conway said means strength in Latin. This year, the company

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FORTIS ENERGY SERVICES

About: Fortis Energy has oil and gas well services throughout the Midwest and northeast, including Michigan, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio, New York, Indiana, Illinois and North Dakota. Last year, the company changed its name from Arrow Energy Services.
Headquarters: 36700 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills
Annual sales: \$13.5 million
Employees: About 100
Website: fortisenergyservices.com

Michigan's energy potential

From traditional fossil fuels to renewable energy, Michigan has vast untapped energy resources.

» **Oil and natural gas:** The Antrim Shale formation, a geological band through the northern Lower Peninsula, is Michigan's richest natural gas resource. Almost 7.8 billion cubic feet of gas are produced from the formation each month — and that's down from better economic times a decade or so ago.

A U.S. Geological Survey assessment of undiscovered, technically recoverable oil and gas resources in the Michigan Basin, which includes the entire state of Michigan and parts of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin, showed 990 million barrels of oil, 11 trillion cubic feet of natural gas and 220 million barrels of natural gas liquids.

The natural gas potential is equivalent to a large chunk of the entire natural gas usage of the U.S. in a year, 26 trillion cubic feet.

» **Wind:** Michigan ranks 16th among U.S. states with 1,163 megawatts of installed wind power, enough to power more than 300,000 average Michigan homes.

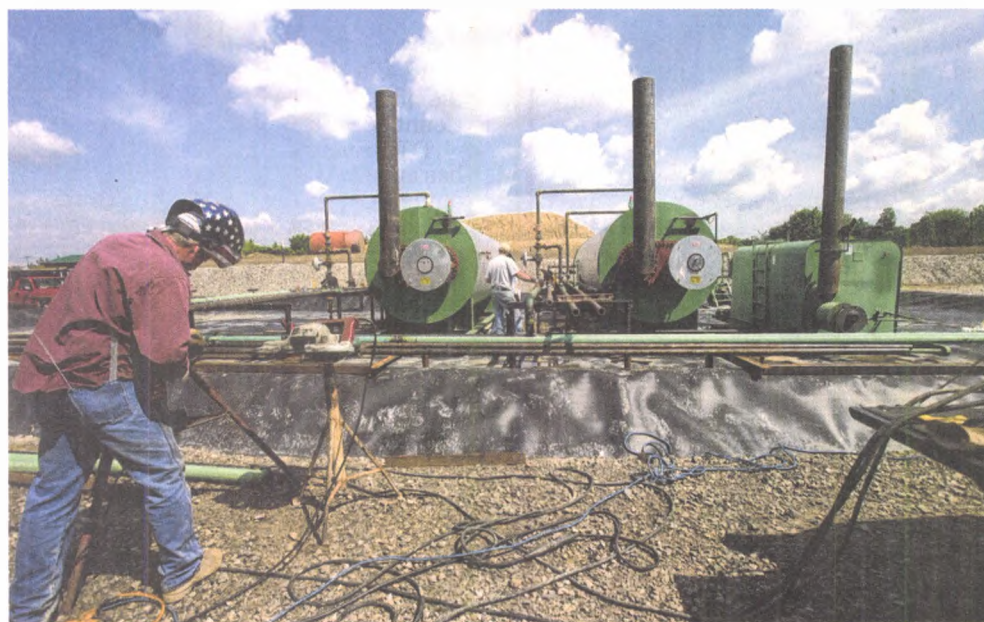
The state has the potential for more than 59,000 megawatts of wind energy

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Electrician Bill Dillionson helps guide into place a solar panel at the DTE solar farm near Old Plank Road on March 3, 2014, in Lyon Township.



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The site of two recently drilled oil wells is being readied for production in Livonia in this July 2008 photo.

Drilling in backyards benefits land owners

By Frank Witsil
Gannett Michigan

A little-known source of revenue for Livonia, the city's longtime Mayor Jack Kirksey said, is three — and soon, possibly four — active oil wells.

"It's a subtle operation," Kirksey said. "They don't see it, they don't smell it, they don't taste it. Even if I told you where they were, I'd have to give you a map so you can find them."

One of the three wells in Livonia, he said, is on the campus of Schoolcraft College.

New technology in the past decade, such as three-dimensional imaging and horizontal drilling, has led to an oil and gas boom in places like North Dakota and put more wells in urban and suburban areas so some landowners and cities can reap a steady income.

As oil and gas production surges, cities like Youngstown, Ohio, that declined as industry left are trying to revive. Property owners, potentially sitting on rich deposits of fossil fuel, are negotiating lucrative contracts. More oil and gas drilling — combined with more alternative energy development, which has been slow and steady in Michigan as costs have dropped — could lift the state's economy.

But while some are cashing in, others — particularly residents who live near

wells but don't have contracts and environmental groups — are fighting oil and gas exploration and drilling, underscoring a growing tension among competing interests that is playing out nationwide.

Oil and gas drilling in Michigan has gone up and down since the 1950s. In a ranking of total energy production by the U.S. Energy Information Administration, Michigan is in the middle of the states at 26th, with 618 trillion BTUs. The top state is Texas and the bottom, Rhode Island. In crude oil production, Michigan is 18th and in natural gas it's 17th.

West Bay Exploration, which has wells throughout the state, is using technology to improve the efficiency of its operations and allow it to drill in more urban and suburban areas, but the company is limited by regulation and geology.

"I don't expect an energy boom in Michigan," said Tim Baker, vice president at West Bay, based in Traverse City. "We think it's going to be a slow, steady situation."

Unlike in other states, where big deposits of oil can be sucked out, much more targeted drilling is required in Michigan. There are more than 4,500 active oil wells and nearly 12,000 active natural gas wells — all in the Lower

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WIND ENERGY INDUSTRY SOARING

By Frank Witsil
Gannett Michigan

The shift to renewable energy sources in Michigan — particularly wind — has picked up in the past few years and could get more of a boost as the Obama administration seeks a 30-percent reduction in carbon dioxide emissions by 2030, advocates and utility companies say.

That could mean more investment and more jobs to add to Michigan's modest energy sector profile of about 83,000 workers. One recent study concluded targeted local investment in wind and other renewable energy could support nearly 21,000 jobs in the state by next year.

"Wind energy has been the primary source of new renewable energy in Michigan," John Quackenbush, the chairman of the Michigan Public Service Commission said as he spoke earlier this year to green energy proponents at the Michigan Energy Fair in Mason.

One reason: It's about half as expensive to produce than utility companies initially expected, down to as little as \$50 a megawatt hour last year from more than \$100 a megawatt hour in 2009.

In the past few years, wind power in Michigan has created jobs, given rise to new companies that supply components — such as Ventower Industries in Monroe — and even inspired a few school projects and tourism. The nonprofit group Natural Resources Defense Council says Michigan is home to about 120 companies that supply wind components and employ 4,000.

DTE Energy and Consumers Energy, the two companies that serve Michigan's Lower Peninsula, are building wind turbines in the Thumb area. Consumers built turbines recently in the Ludington area in western Michigan. The Thumb has enough wind to be a top site nationally for harnessing the resource, officials from the companies say. Wind and other renewable sources of power are expected to provide a steadily increasing amount of Michigan's power needs by 2030.

A state law that requires 10 percent of electricity produced come from renewable



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This 2013 photo shows the wind turbines in Tuscola County. Consumers Energy is now building a second \$255 million wind farm, Cross Winds, in the county.

sources by the end of next year has increased demand and helped propel the construction of wind farms. Michigan still gets more than half (54 percent) of its power from coal, a significant source of carbon dioxide emissions.

Since the state law passed in 2008, utilities have invested more than \$2.2 billion in renewable technology, including building hundreds of wind turbines, some as tall as the Fisher Building. There are now more than 20 wind farms in Michigan that are operational and in development, the public service commission said.

Michigan utilities and energy producers have strategies to reduce carbon dioxide emissions, mostly by adding scrubbers to coal-fired power plants and also by replacing coal-fired plants with ones that run on cleaner-burning natural gas. More renewable energy also has become a big part of the equation. Because of that demand, Michigan's growing wind business has meant falling prices for residential consumers.

To cover the extra cost of green energy production, residential customers have been paying a utility surcharge. This year, largely because of the lower cost of wind, DTE has reduced its surcharge from \$3 per meter a month to 43 cents, while Consumers Energy eliminated its surcharge altogether, down from \$2.50.

Education and tourism

Wind farms — which sprout towers 400 feet tall — have been praised and derided.

Some Michiganders don't like the turbines' humming noise from the whirling blades. They complain that the towers

ruin views and kill birds.

As a source of power, wind farms are less reliable and efficient than coal- or gas-fired power plants largely because wind comes and goes.

But utility companies say wind farms are a clean source of power and increasingly less expensive to build and operate. Wind, after all, is free. After a wind farm is built, it takes fewer people to operate than a power plant.

While the blades are dangerous to birds, harm can be mitigated with good operating and management practices and protection plans, conservancy groups say.

In addition, some school districts, such as Laker Schools in the Thumb, have incorporated wind power to save money on electricity and teach kids about science and the environment, said Brion Dickens, who installed three 80-foot tall turbines through a \$265,000 state grant.

Right now, he said, the district's turbines are not running because of a dispute over who should cover the cost of repairs. But he said the project illustrates wind's potential. He said he's working with other schools and districts as they develop renewable energy projects.

Michigan went from a capacity of 2.4 megawatts of wind power in 2007 to 287 megawatts in 2011, enough to power more than 120,000 homes. The state is expected to produce an additional 3,000 megawatts as more projects are developed, according to the NRDC.

Consumers Energy, based in Jackson, built its first wind farm, Lake Winds, on the west side of the state in Mason County in 2012. It has 56 turbines.

As a side benefit of the wind farm, the Lu-

WIND ENERGY ON THE RISE

» **More watts:** Electricity generation from wind increased to 168 billion kilowatt-hours last year from six billion kilowatt-hours in 2000. The boom is from improved technologies.

» **Lower production costs:** Power from wind in Michigan is half as expensive to produce than utility companies initially expected, down to as little as \$50 a megawatt hour last year from more than \$100 a megawatt hour in 2009, according to the Michigan Public Service Commission.

» **Lower utility bills:** DTE cut its renewable energy surcharge fee to 43 cents per meter a month from \$3 per month. Consumers Energy eliminated its \$2.50 a month charge in July.

dington & Scottsville Area Chamber of Commerce offered bus tours so curiosity seekers could see the turbines up close. The chamber is no longer giving those tours, but a local operator, it said, has added the stops to its tours.

Consumers Energy is now building a second \$255 million wind farm, Cross Winds, in Tuscola County in the Thumb. It should be completed by the end of the year, utility spokesman Brian Wheeler said. Plans for Cross Winds call for 62 turbines. The project also is expected to create about 150 construction jobs.

Meanwhile, Consumers Energy is closing seven coal-burning power plants in Michigan, including the J.R. Whiting plant in Monroe County, by April 2016 and is buying a natural gas-fueled plant, which emits far less carbon dioxide, in Jackson County.

DTE Energy, which has acquired wind development rights on 80,000 acres, is planning a fifth wind park, also in the Thumb.

The Detroit-based utility commissioned its first wind farm in 2012. Its existing ones are Thumb Wind in Huron and Sanilac counties; Gratiot County Wind in the middle of the state; and Pheasant Run Wind, which was renamed Brookfield Wind, and Echo Wind, both also in Huron County.



PATRICIA BECK | GANNETT MICHIGAN

Workers pull oil-soaked booms from the Kalamazoo River near Marshall on Aug. 6, 2010. A burst oil pipeline caused major environmental damage.

Environmental disasters lurk in pipelines

By Keith Matheny
Gannett Michigan

Michigan's increasing role in petroleum products transport doesn't just pose potential risk, it's already causing problems.

An oil pipeline operated by Canadian oil transport giant Enbridge burst near Marshall in July 2010, resulting in the largest inland oil spill in U.S. history. The spill decimated Talmadge Creek, a tributary to the Kalamazoo River, prompting a \$1 billion-plus cleanup that is still incomplete.

As Enbridge works to comply with EPA orders to clean the river, it's also expanding pipelines across North America, including in Michigan, to ship increasing amounts of heavy tar sands oil from Canada to new markets. That includes Detroit's Marathon oil refinery, which in 2012 completed a \$2.2 billion renovation so the refinery can use more oil sands product known as diluted bitumen or "dilbit."

"We are in the midst of a very big, fundamental change in the type of fuel we get in this country," said Josh Mogeran, spokesman for the Natural Resources Defense Council.

As Michigan and Midwest investment in energy extraction and transport increases, rising threats to the environment and communities have become painfully apparent and worrisome, including potential oil spills in the Great Lakes, aging natural gas pipeline on lands and clouds of harmful petroleum dust polluting the air in some residential communities.

Economic development officials point to increased investment and jobs from extracting and transporting natural gas and other fossil fuels, but environmentalists say the track record is already spotty and that the health of the Great Lakes and other Michigan environmental jewels is at increased risk. The health of some residents who have breathed in polluted air or who live near fracking operations and drink the water could also be at risk, they contend.

The dilbit proved particularly problematic in the Kalamazoo River spill. As the chemicals evaporated, causing short-term air quality and public health concerns, heavy oil then sank to the river bottom, making it more difficult to recover. The EPA last year ordered a new round of dredging, as the bottom oil persisted and was moving downriver.

The Midwest's growing relationship with dilbit led to the controversial rising mounds of petroleum coke on the banks of the Detroit River last year. Pet coke is a by-product of dilbit refining and is being sold as a fuel source despite environmentalists' concerns that it burns dirtier than coal.

Dust off the pet coke piles wound up in nearby residents' homes and likely in their lungs. It also swirled in black clouds over the Detroit

River, before the city ordered the piles removed. The piles' host, Detroit Bulk Storage, attempted to store the product at another site downriver near River Rouge, but the state Department of Environmental Quality rejected that request.

Enbridge also operates pipelines at the bottom of the Straits of Mackinac, where lakes Michigan and Huron come together. The 61-year-old pipes — and the potential for a catastrophic oil leak into the Great Lakes — have garnered the attention of many, including state Attorney General Bill Schuette and DEQ Director Dan Wyant, who have convened an examination of the straits pipelines and Michigan's general pipeline safety.

A University of Michigan study earlier this year examined Great Lakes currents near the Straits and developed models of oil spills from underwater pipelines. The scenarios show that a spill could move eastward into Lake Huron, westward into Lake Michigan and then move back and forth through the straits several times.

Shoreline areas most impacted would be Mackinac Island, Bois Blanc Island and the Lake Huron shoreline east of Mackinaw City. Contamination could spread as far west as Beaver Island in Lake Michigan to Rogers City in Lake Huron, the study found.

"I can't think — in my experience — of another place on the Great Lakes where an oil spill would have as wide an area of impact, in as short of time, as at the Straits of Mackinac," said David Schwab, a research scientist at the U-M water center.

On land, while Michigan's two major utilities, Consumers Energy and DTE Energy, have stepped up efforts to replace aging natural gas pipelines, the pace remains slow and the danger is rising.

DTE continues to have 2,419 miles of cast-iron main in its pipeline system — the second-most of any utility in the U.S. — and 285 miles of unprotected, bare steel pipe in its system.

Consumers Energy has 575 miles of cast-iron pipe and 203 miles of unprotected, bare steel line. It's the kind of outdated pipe considered most at risk of failure by federal regulators. Replacement plans are expected to take 25 years or more.

DTE gas leak surveys showed average hazardous leak counts quadrupled from 2006 to 1,248 in 2010. More than a quarter of the leaks in that average were caused by corrosion, according to data from regulators.

The problems help make the case for more investment in renewable energy, said Anne Woiwode, director of the nonprofit environmental group Sierra Club's Michigan chapter: "The lack of a long-term strategy for how we get to Michigan-owned clean power is a serious problem we continue to face."

CONWAY

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has doubled the size of its headquarters and added new rigs to its fleet. It plans to add an office in southeast Ohio.

"Our business is fueling America," said Conway, who moved to Michigan 11 years ago to work for Ward Williston Oil. "We're reducing our reliance on foreign oil. We're bootstrapping America. The oil and gas industry is now one of the hottest industries. It's just not one of the most well-liked."



MEET NATHAN CONWAY

Title: CEO
Education: Minot State University in North Dakota, bachelor's degree; University of Michigan, master's of business administration
Family: Wife Molly
Hobbies: Traveling, golf
Car he drives: 2013 BMW 550

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Peninsula, according to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

"I think we'll see ongoing development," said Hal Fitch, chief of the regulatory department's oil, gas and minerals office. "It all comes down to balancing the demands for energy, the respect for property rights — and protecting the environment."

To reach deposits, companies and investors take risks and go through regulators and environmentalists, some of whom have opposed drilling and new methods, such as fracking, which they

worry pose safety risks to residents and could do ecological harm.

"Right there, you have a built-in, natural tension," said Arthur Siegal, an environmental attorney.

Siegal, a Jaffe Raitt Heuer & Weiss partner, this summer represented Scio Township residents who organized as Citizens for Oil-Free Backyards to fight West Bay's operations in their community near Ann Arbor.

Laura Robinson, president of Citizens for Oil-Free Backyards, said the group is concerned about the harmful effects of drilling on the environment and to their safety. Even if a community chooses to welcome drilling, it should be

protected, she said.

The group was unable to persuade the courts to stop drilling, but West Bay said its exploratory well was dry and quit operations there.

Meanwhile in Livonia, Kirksey said the community has embraced drilling and the city has earned a total of about \$500,000 in royalties. That doesn't include what residents with homes on top of deposits are getting — some earning \$200 or so each month, depending on the agreement and size of their lots.

"I thought it was a wonderful opportunity," Kirksey said. "Millions of people have passed by and not known it was there. You really have to know where to look."

POTENTIAL

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generation — more than 1.6 times the state's current energy needs. That capacity is the 18th best wind resource in the U.S.

» **Solar:** Michigan generated just 33 gigawatt hours of photovol-

taic solar power in 2012, but it has the potential to generate 74,373 gigawatt hours per year through rooftop solar panel programs and other solar utility efforts. That's enough power to serve Detroit's needs for a year and then some.

» **Biomass:** Michigan could produce 4 million dry tons of

sustainable feedstock each year for bioenergy, enough to produce 50 million gallons of ethanol that could power more than 80,000 cars each year.

Sources: National Renewable Energy Laboratory, Natural Resources Defense Council, American Wind Energy Association, U.S. Geological Survey

Medicaid Expansion and the Costs of Grandstanding

Under the Affordable Care Act, Medicaid was to be expanded to include the working poor. The U.S. Supreme Court declared the states could opt in or out of the expansion. Here in Michigan, the legislature and governor opted in for Medicaid expansion. Yet some Republican state senators led by Patrick Colbeck were able to block the legislation from taking immediate effect and thereby cause a three month delay in the expansion of Medicaid to the working poor.

There were four reasons for states to go with the expansion. The first is the Golden Rule one. If you were poor and could not afford health insurance, wouldn't you still want to have it?

The second was that it would save the state government money even after the state had to eventually start contributing 10% of the cost. It relieved the state of much of the cost it was already paying for indigent health care.

The third reason was that the expansion would bring a lot of money into the state economy that would not come if expansion was rejected.

Lastly, hospital reimbursement rates for the uninsured were lowered a lot because it was expected that there would be a lot less uninsured people. The failure to expand Medicaid would mean that there would be a lot more uninsured people than planned for. This could give hospitals major fiscal problems.

On the other side, legislators could selfishly show their disdain for Obamacare by voting against the expansion. Colbeck and the other Republican state senators used this opportunity to grandstand against Obamacare. This caused the three month delay that hurt both the working poor and our state government's finances. Michigan lost at least \$630 million in federal dollars for those three months. This is money that would have come into our state's economy. This was a very high price to pay for state senators grandstanding.

These Republicans apparently saw this vote as being about themselves and how they looked, not about the working poor or the taxpayers. Should you reward their bad behavior with your vote?

Who to Believe on School Spending

Democrat Mark Schauer claims that Governor Snyder and the Republicans in the Legislature cut education spending by nearly a billion dollars to help compensate for the revenue lost by their large tax cut for business owners. His claim is based on the cut of \$960 million in the 2011-12 budget for K-12 and higher education the Legislature passed and the governor signed. Some have criticized this figure because K-12 spending was not quite as bad as budgeted for. The nation pulled out of the Great Recession a little faster than expected so the 2% sales tax income dedicated to education was a bit higher than expected. Still, it was the original intent of the Republicans that supported this figure.

Governor Snyder and Republicans such as State Senator Patrick Colbeck claim they actually increased K-12 spending. This claim is based on the fact that if you add pension contributions to classroom spending, this fiscal year's spending is higher than Governor Granholm's last budget year of 2010-11. Classroom spending by itself is still lower than it was in 2010-11. Granholm's last budget was itself much lower than the 2008-09 which was passed before the Great Recession hit.

The reasons why pension costs to the state are up are twofold. First, while the employees have made their required contributions, the state has not. This goes back to the Engler Administration when tax cuts were more important than pension contributions.

The second reason is that many teachers retired earlier than they otherwise would have because all the budget cuts made teaching more difficult and less rewarding. Class size went up and there was the elimination of many of the support teachers who saw students who needed more individual help than the classroom teacher had time to give them.

It is my belief that the added cost of pensions is a debt owed by the Legislature to the pension fund and should be paid like any other bill that has come due. The school districts did not cause the Legislature to underfund pensions. There really are no grounds for calling this money school aid. The school districts are not receiving a penny of this money.

The Republicans' claim that they actually increased education spending is very misleading because it implies that they increased classroom spending. It also implies that they increased spending for the prior three years which they clearly have not.

You can check at kidsnotceos.com to see how much your school district has lost since 2010-11 because of state budget cuts. For the Livonia School District it is \$14,268,912. For the Northville School District it is \$5,070,767. For the Clarenceville School District it is \$1,500,144.

One question not often asked is why our classroom funding is not back to where it was before the Great Recession hit. The Livonia school district is receiving \$495.00 less per student for operations than it received in the 2008-9 school year. And this is not adjusted for 6 years of inflation.

Regardless of how you may have voted in the past, if you believe that our schools are way underfunded, you must decide whether or not you want to reward with your vote those who cut school funding.

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Carbon monoxide alarms can save lives

Earlier this month, the Northville Township Fire Department responded to a carbon monoxide alarm activation at a residence in town. According to the caller, he and his family of four had just returned home from vacation and the kids were already in bed. Due to the changing temperatures, he cranked up the furnace for the first time this year and, after about an hour, the CO alarm began to beep.

He first attempted to change the batteries in the device, but the alarm continued to sound. After calling 9-1-1 to report the incident, the dispatcher advised him to evacuate his family from the home and wait for the fire department. When units arrived, they used specialized gas monitors and found that there were readings of 85 parts per million in the home. Fire crews shut down the furnace and the water heater and ventilated the home to remove the hazard. The family was put up in a hotel for the night until HVAC contractors could repair the leak.

The following morning, it was determined that the leak originated from a faulty heat exchanger in the furnace.

While no one was hurt during the emergency, this incident serves as a great lesson to all of us. Had the family fallen asleep or not had a CO alarm installed, who knows what could have happened as the CO levels continued to climb. According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, as concentrations rise above 70 ppm, symptoms become more evident. When exceeding 150 ppm, it can lead to death. CO alarms save a lives.



Tom Hughes
GUEST COLUMNIST

CO is known as the "silent killer," because it is a deadly, odorless and colorless gas that is undetectable by humans. Symptoms and outcomes are dependent on the level of CO, the duration of the exposure and the patient's overall health condition. Exposure to high enough concentrations of CO can be fatal, while lower levels can cause headache, dizziness, nausea, weakness, fatigue, confusion and unconsciousness. Symptoms of low-level CO poisoning can easily be mistaken for the flu. While CO can be harmful to anyone, children and seniors are more susceptible to CO poisoning than adults.

CO is produced by the incomplete burning of various fuels, including wood, charcoal, kerosene, propane and natural gas. CO can be produced by furnaces, fireplaces, water heaters, clothes dryers, vehicles running in attached garages, generators and more.

CO alarms are found in a number of varieties, including battery-operated, plug-in, hardwired or even combined with smoke alarms. New devices contain a sealed "long-life battery" that lasts for 10 years and is not required to be plugged in. It's important to install CO alarms on each floor of your home and especially near sleeping areas. Avoid installing these devices near heating vents or in areas that can be covered by furniture or curtains. The family involved in

this incident was lucky that the home they recently purchased was equipped with this life-saving device. While CO alarms provide notification, the best protection is to follow these simple safety tips:

» Make sure that appliances are installed and operated according to the manufacturer's recommendations and local building codes.

» Have your heating system serviced annually by a qualified professional.

» Have your chimney and flue checked for proper operation and for any blockages.

» Keep your dryer, water heater and furnace vents clean.

» Make sure animal nests, snow or other debris do not block vents.

» Never operate a portable generator in an enclosed space, including your garage.

» Do not use grills inside enclosed spaces, including garages.

» Do not leave your car running in your garage, even with the garage door open.

If your CO alarm sounds, immediately move your family outside and call 9-1-1. Make sure that all of the occupants are out of the home and wait for the fire department to arrive. Once the department gives you an all clear to return, make sure to have the source of the CO serviced by a professional. For more information, visit us at www.northvillemich.com/fire or contact us at 248-348-5807.

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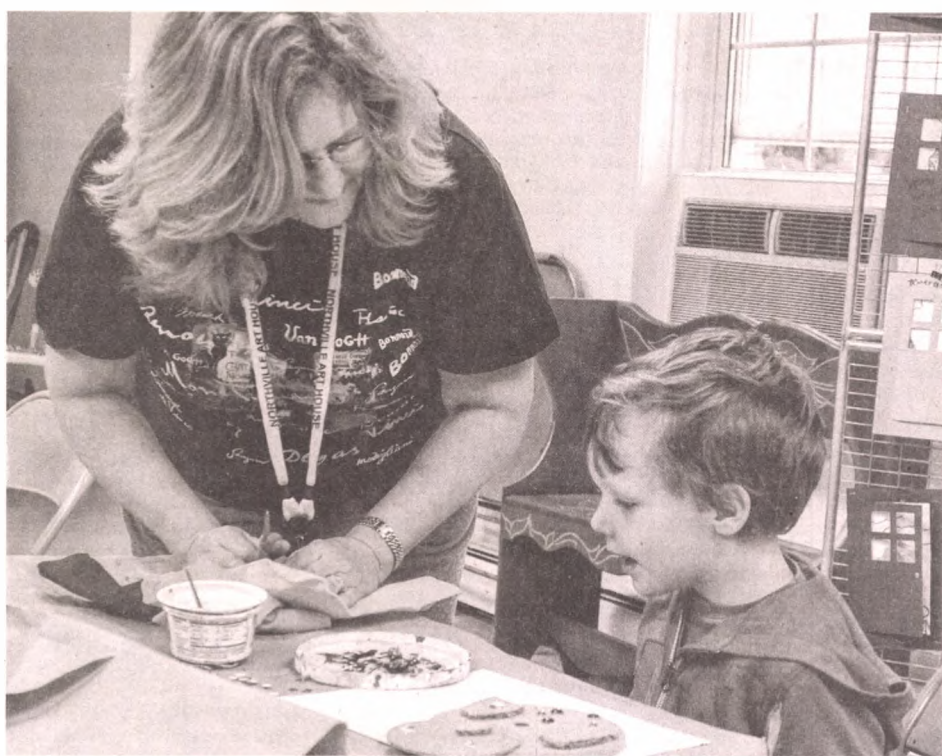
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Tots get creative



Julie Woodard works with student Rowan Bryer during an Oct. 20 Creative Tots class at the Northville Art House. The kids that day were creating owls out of circular bits of cork board and colorful bits of cloth. Woodard has been teaching classes at the Art House, located on Cady Street, for many years. For a complete list of classes and activities offered, visit northvillearthouse.org.

JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Novi Civic Theatre presenting 'Annie Jr.' with two casts

More than 85 young actors have been hard at work for months perfecting the Novi Civic Theatre's upcoming production of *Annie Jr.* Tickets are on sale now for shows taking place Nov. 7-9. Tickets may be purchased online via cityofnovi.org or at the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services office, 45175 10 Mile Road.

The popular production will feature two casts with actors ranging from ages 6-17. Novi resident Lauren Trainor and Canton resident Kylie Scarpace portray Annie. Nick Czarnota and Austin DuBois, both from Novi, play the part of Warbucks.

Performances for the Broadway cast are 7 p.m. Nov. 7; 5 p.m. Nov. 8; 1 p.m. Nov. 9. Times Square cast perfor-



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mances are 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Nov. 8; and 5 p.m. Nov. 9.

Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$8 for children (ages 4-12) and seniors (ages 55 and over) and

free for children under 3. All seats are general admission.

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

Halloween photo contest

Visit our website hometownlife.com and upload your favorite Halloween photo for a chance to win movie tickets to Emagine Theaters and a free Buddy's pizza. This contest is intended to be fun. Share the link with friends and see if you come out on top! We are ending the contest Nov. 11, so don't wait too long to enter. The photo can be of just about anything related to Halloween. You may also go directly to the contest at this link: <http://woodbox.com/mevtpe>.

Good luck!

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Plan with Novi Older Adult Services

Leaves are falling and the air is getting colder! City of Novi Older Adult Services is planning a variety of fall events providing fun opportunities for attendees to stay active and socialize with friends. Each below event includes a meal and entertainment.

» Friday, Oct. 31 – "Freaky Fright Day" Halloween luncheon, noon to 2 p.m., Meadowbrook Activity Center

» Thursday, Nov. 6 – "Home of the Free, Because of the Brave" Veterans Brunch, 10 a.m. to noon, Novi Civic Center

» Thursday, Nov. 13 – "Gab and Gobble Get-Together" Thanksgiving luncheon, noon to 2 p.m., Meadowbrook Activity Center

» Thursday, Dec. 11 – "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree" Holiday luncheon, noon to 2 p.m., Meadowbrook Activity Center

The events are \$7 for Novi residents and \$8.50 for non-residents. There

is no cost for Veterans at the Home of the Free, Because of the Brave Brunch. Pre-registration is required and is available now at the Older Adult Services office (45175 10 Mile Road) and the Meadowbrook Activity Center (25075 Meadowbrook Road).

To learn about the above programs or additional older adult social and educational programs, call 248-347-0414 or visit www.cityofnovi.org.

Rotary presents McQuade

Barbara McQuade, United States attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan, will speak to the Rotary Club of Novi at noon Thursday, Oct. 30, at the United Methodist Church, 41671 W. 10 Mile Rd. Public is invited. Cost of lunch is \$12; RSVP by calling 248-349-2652.

McQuade was appointed by President Barack Obama in January 2010. She was as an assistant U.S. attorney in Detroit for 12 years. She served as deputy chief of the National Security Unit, where she prosecuted cases involving terrorism financing, foreign agents, export violations and threats. During her career as a federal prosecutor, McQuade has also prosecuted cases involving violent crime, fraud and racketeering.

From 2003-09, McQuade served as an adjunct law professor at the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, teaching criminal law in the evenings.

Coffee with the Superintendent

Join Novi Schools Superintendent Steve Matthews for Coffee with the Superintendent at the Novi Public Library at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 3,

in the East Meeting Room (105B) and at 10:15 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 5, in the Board Room 202.

There will be a number of future coffee dates throughout the school year.

Author to visit library

New York Times bestselling author Karen Joy Fowler will speak at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 18, at the Novi Public Library. There are still openings for this event. Fowler will speak about her book *We Are All Completely Beside Ourselves*, which was a finalist for the 2014 Man Booker Prize for fiction. In this curious, wonderfully intelligent novel, Fowler brings to life a most unusual American middle-class family, ordinary in every way but one. She is the author of *The Jane Austen Book Club* and has written six

novels and three short story collections.

The book is the 2014 Community Reads selection by the Neighborhood Library Association, composed of five libraries: Lyon Township Public Library, Northville District Library, Novi Public Library, Salem-South Lyon District Library and Wixom Public Library. The visit is presented by all five libraries.

Registration is required for the author visit. Visit the website at novilibrary.org or call 248-349-0720. Please visit the NLA website for more information: <http://mynla.info>.

NORTHVILLE

Holiday Lighted Parade

Entries are now being accepted by the Northville Chamber of Com-

merce for the annual Northville Holiday Lighted Parade which will take place Friday, Nov. 21. The 2014 parade theme is "All I Want for Christmas is ..." and entries are invited to follow the theme in order to compete in three award categories. Bands, floats, dancers and entertainers are welcome to perform in the evening parade that kicks off the holiday season in downtown Northville.

There is now charge to participate in the parade, but an application form is required. Applications are available on the Chamber website at www.northville.org or by calling 248-349-7640.

The parade, sponsored by Tom Holzer Ford, begins at 6:30 p.m. and travels through the streets of downtown Northville. Following the parade, a community sing-a-long and tree light-

ing ceremony will be held. Local churches will provide free refreshments before and after the parade in Town Square.

Bizarre Bazaar

The seventh annual Bizarre Bazaar will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 8 at the First United Methodist Church of Northville, 777 W. Eight Mile, in Northville. The Bizarre Bazaar will feature more than 40 unique local vendors and crafters. There will also be door prizes, vendor drawings, bake shop and lunch. Admission is \$2 (children 12 and under are free).

All funds raised will benefit Village Banking. For more information, visit www.fumcnorthville.org/biz-baz-village-banking/ or villagebanking.org. Look for the event on Facebook.

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 JOHN WICK (R) 12:05, 2:25, 4:45, 7:05, 9:25 FRI/SAT LS 11:50
 THE BOOK OF LIFE (PG) 11:55, 2:05, 4:20
 ALEXANDER AND THE TERRIBLE, HORRIBLE, NO GOOD, VERY BAD DAY (PG) 11:30, 1:50, 4:05, 6:35, 9:00
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - PUBLIC HEARING

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) has scheduled a public hearing for Wednesday, November 19, 2014, at the Northville Township Municipal Office Building, located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168. The ZBA will consider the following requests for variances to the zoning ordinance:

- 15550 Haggerty Road-Article 12, Local Business District B-1 (outdoor storage)
- 19717 Maxwell Road-Article 18, Schedule of Regulations (front yard setback)

Written comments regarding these requests will be received by the ZBA at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168. The meeting will begin at 7:30 P.M.

Paul Slatin, Chair
 Zoning Board of Appeals

Publish: October 30, 2014

INVITATION FOR BIDS City of Northville

222 S. Wing Street Building Demolition Project

Sealed bids will be received in the City of Northville Council Chambers, City Hall, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan 48167 until 2:00 p.m. local time on **Thursday, November 20, 2014** for "222 S. Wing Street Building Demolition Project" for the City of Northville.

This project consists of all labor and equipment necessary for the demolition of 222 S. Wing Street in Downtown Northville. This work will also include site clearing and final grading and seeding of the lot once the building have been removed and the basement area is filled.

Contract documents may be obtained by calling The Northville Department of Public Works at 248-449-9930

A Contractor awarded this work will be expected to comply with all regulations specified in Title VI as outlined in the City's contract documents.

The City of Northville reserves the right to waive any irregularity or informality in bids, to reject any and/or all bids, in whole or in part, or to award any contract to other than the low bidder, should it be deemed in its best interest to do so.

James P. Gallogly
 Public Works Director

Dianne Massa
 City Clerk

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Local church volunteers feed homeless



On Oct. 20, 20 volunteers of all ages from First United Methodist Church in Northville worked together to prepare 200 lunches for homeless people in Detroit. The meals are distributed by the N.O.A.H. project just one block from Comerica Park at Central United Methodist Church. N.O.A.H. stands for Networking, Organizing and Advocating for the Homeless.

RELIGION CALENDAR

Send calendar information to cstone@hometownlife.com by noon Monday to be included in Thursday's publication. The calendar is also available online at www.hometownlife.com.

Brightmoor Christian Church

Location: M-5 and 13 Mile, Novi.

Contact: 248-668-7014 or CelebrateRecovery@brightmoorcc.org.

Web: www.brightmoorchurch.org.

Celebrate Recovery

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 holymfamilynovi.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. Monday and Tuesday; 4:30 p.m. Saturday; 6:30 p.m. Saturday (Spanish).

Holy days: 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Reconciliation: beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appointment.

Priests: the Rev. Bob LaCroix, pastor, and the Rev. Beto Espinoza, associate pastor.

AA: 8 p.m. Wednesdays.

Crosspointe Meadows Church

Location: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile.

Contact: 248-669-9400, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or visit crosspointemeadows.org.

Sunday worship: 11 a.m.

Bible study classes: 10 a.m. for all ages.

Details: Nursery and older children programs available. Worship blends traditional and contemporary elements resulting in a multi-sensory worship experience.

Destiny Worship Center

Location: Ridge Wood Elementary 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. Wednesdays.

Women's Coffee Break Bible Study: 10-11:30 a.m. Mondays; *Christianity and World Religions: 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.

Sunday School/Small Groups for all ages: 9:45 a.m.

Worship Services: 11 a.m.

Bible Study/Prayer: Wednesday 7 p.m.

Legacy Church

(formerly First Baptist Church and Orchard Hills Baptist Church)

Location: 23455 Novi Road, Novi.

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@northridgechurch.com

Books of Ruth and Esther

Wednesday: 5:30 p.m. family dinner; 6:30 p.m. Caravan Scouting program for ages 4 through fourth grade; Club 56 for fifth and sixth graders; Surge Youth Group, Bible Study with Pastor Troy Ogle; 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.

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

Peace Vigil: noon first Sunday of every month in front of the church. Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace.

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.

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Sunday Worship: 9:45 a.m.

Family reunited with dog with lots of community help



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Anita Pirone in her Northville Township home with her no-longer-lost dog, Buckey took off from his home a week ago, but was tracked down by helpful neighbors who saw the Pirones' flier.

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

The Pirone family is very grateful to have their dog Buckey back home after he went missing for several days. Family members want to thank the local community for its help.

"A lot of sympathetic people in this community really helped us out. We are very appreciative and grateful for this," Anita Pirone said.

Buckey, a schnoodle, which is a cross between a schnauzer and a poodle, went missing Saturday, Oct. 18. The Pirones were out of town and some friends were watching him. During a walk near Nine Mile and Beck roads, he ran away.

The search began immediately, with friends and others in the neighborhood keeping an eye out, but there was no

luck at first.

When the Pirones returned home, they went into action, putting together fliers, posting a story on Facebook and asking people in the surrounding neighborhoods if they had seen Buckey. He was mostly an inside dog and was not used to being out in the elements, so they were really concerned for his well-being.

The posters got people involved. Some people had spotted him in the next day or so, specifically one homeowner near Eight Mile and Beck, who called the phone number on the poster.

Finally, the following Monday, Oct. 20, the Pirones got a phone call from someone saying they saw the dog and called for him, but he ran away.

Anita immediately drove to the neighborhood across from Moraine Elementary School where the caller

said Buckey was seen and looked for him. While driving around, she finally spotted him.

"He was just as happy as I was," Anita said of finally seeing Buckey.

The next step would have been getting the Humane Society involved and tracking him down through the lost chip system, but it didn't come to that. With the help of some caring people in the community, he was found safe and sound. The Pirones wanted to offer a reward to the caller, but he declined, saying he was just happy Buckey was safe.

"We want to say thank you to everyone who helped. I know he's just a dog, but he's family to us and it meant a lot to us," Anita said.

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OUR VIEW

Recap of our choices in Nov. 4 election

Trio best for school board

A trio of seats on the Novi Schools Board of Education are up for grabs in the Nov. 4 general election and the most qualified are **Ann Glubzinski, Willy Mena and Paul Cook**.

Glubzinski is the lone incumbent and has served on the board for the past nine years, including two years as president and four years as treasurer. She possesses skills that have served her well for two terms – teamwork, communication, leadership, critical thinking and business analysis. The latter has proven crucial as the district continues to maintain its goal of a 10-percent fund equity balance. She has worked her way up through the school system via the athletic boosters, various PTOs and the Novi Educational Foundation.

Mena was unanimously appointed by the board a few months ago to fill a vacated seat and his credentials and demeanor make his colleagues' choice easy to understand. A 22-year resident of Novi, one would be hard pressed to find an individual more involved in this school district and the community in general. He has been on numerous school committees and could easily be considered one of the most qualified persons for a seat on the board. Mena is ready to take his passion for Novi schools to the next level.

Cook, 52, is a newcomer to the school community – his 5- and 7-year-old children both attend Parkview Elementary – but he's lived in Novi 20 years. One of the attributes that's most impressive about Cook is his way of looking at issues. He's a professional engineer who will approach problems with logical solutions – a welcome addition to a board blessed with business and finance minds. He has volunteered in classrooms and has seen first-hand that there is definitely an achievement gap in Novi; he's focused on eliminating it.

Crawfords best to represent area

They're attempting to swap their state House 38th District and Oakland County Commission 9th District seats and we support Republican husband-and-wife duo **Hugh and Kathy Crawford**, both 72.

Who would represent this area better than two people who both grew up here and have spent their entire lives in Novi? They know more about this area than perhaps any candidate running for either of these seats in recent memory. They have both spent a great deal of their adult lives serving and representing this community in a mind-boggling and exhaustive list of positions, both in official capacities and as volunteers.

Kathy Crawford is a leader. She's been an Oakland County commissioner since 2010 and prior to that served on the Novi City Council for three years. Perhaps even more impressive is her 30-plus years in the public service field of aging for Oakland County. She



Glubzinski



Mena



Cook



Hugh Crawford



Kathy Crawford



Kowall



Broderick



Gebhardt



Gilligan

will get results in our state's capital and will continue the fiscally-conservative philosophy that has been part of this state's turnaround. She has cited additional investment in education has one of her top priorities and we fully expect her to fulfill that priority if elected. We trust she will stick to her conservative values, but will also embrace bipartisan efforts to truly solve problems as Novi's state representative.

Her husband's credentials are equally impressive. In fact, he held the 9th District commission seat for eight years before serving as our state representative for six years. And prior to those stints, he sat on Novi City Council for 15 years and the Novi Parks and Recreation Commission for 10 years. Hugh is term-limited and can't seek re-election as state rep, but there's no reason he shouldn't still be involved in serving this area. Coming back to the county commission is a perfect spot.

The state House 38th District includes the townships of Lyon and Novi and the cities of Novi, South Lyon, Walled Lake and (a portion of) Northville. This is a two-year seat. The boundaries for county commission 9th District include the cities of Novi, Northville (Oakland County portion) and the township of Novi. This is also a two-year seat.

Kowall best option for state Senate

Incumbent **Mike Kowall**, R-White Lake, should be the choice for voters in western Oakland County on who will represent them in the state Senate.

Kowall reflects the diverse makeup of the district, which includes Commerce Township, Lyon Township, Milford Township, Northville, Novi, Novi Township, Orchard Lake, South Lyon, Walled Lake, West Bloomfield Township, White Lake Township and Wixom. The district is slightly different this election, with Highland, Rose and Holly townships being redistricted to the 14th.

He has sway within the Senate itself as chair of the Senate Economic Development Committee and vice chair of the Senate Transportation Committee. He also serves as a member of the Senate Natural Resources, Environment and Great Lakes Committee and the Senate Reforms, Restructuring, Reinventing Committee.

Kowall's focus continues to be on improving the economic climate in the state. He plans to look at education funding more closely next year, as well as ensuring school districts provide a turn-key career or

college-ready education to graduating high school seniors.

He's conservative, to be sure, though it has been our experience that he looks past the party platform when voting on legislation. Kowall is a veteran legislator and his experience places him in a position of leadership – something we expect he will take full advantage of if re-elected for a second term.

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 and **we strongly encourage voters to support this 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 assesses only a 1% collection fee applicable as of September 1 and an additional 3% fee as of September 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.

Re-elect three Schoolcraft incumbents

Three incumbents on Schoolcraft College's Board of Trustees are running as a slate for re-election and we recommend voters give them another six years.

Brian Broderick, Joan Gebhardt and Terry Gilligan are part of a team that works well together and can point to several key accomplishments during the past few years, including the school's new "Schoolcraft to U" partnership with the University of Toledo and Wayne State University.

We see no reason to fix what isn't broken by replacing any of them with one or both of the challengers. Together, with the other four members, they have consistently balanced the college's budget while also continually improving the campus and the curriculum. Their accomplishments include opening the Public Safety Training Center and Jeffress Administration Center, among other buildings, achieving unprecedented culinary arts and nursing accreditation and developing a culinary baccalaureate for 2015.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Backing Judge MacKenzie

As a former assistant Oakland County prosecutor, president of the Oakland County Bar Association and practicing attorney for 40 years, I heartily endorse the re-election of Judge Brian MacKenzie in the 52-1 District Court.

During his 26 years on the bench, he has competently and fairly served the public on the bench and has originated many highly successful programs, including a Sobriety/Opiate Court. He pioneered one of the original Veterans Treatment Courts in the United States, which has reached out to over 200 military veterans to afford them the help they desperately needed.

He truly cares about the people who appear before him and his re-election is in the best interests of the citizens.

Michael D. Schloff
Condit, McGarry, Schloff & Graham

Questions Snyder

I would like to ask Gov. Snyder "why" on several key issues he has signed into law. The governor said taxing pensions was about making our tax system fair. Then why is the tax leveled differently for different ages? Younger seniors pay more. Isn't that age discrimination?

On right to work, he said it was about letting workers decide to be in a union or not. Why then do we not allow our first responders this choice? State and local governments still sign agreements with police and fire unions that require all to be members of those unions.

This law forbids business from signing any such agreements with unions. Isn't that government interference in free enterprise?

In the construction industry, some contractors want to sign with unions so they can be assured they will get trained and qualified workers and that the workers and their families will receive healthcare benefits and pensions.

Why is it good for government to do this but not business?

The motorcycle helmet law, he said, was about individual freedom of choice of the rider. Why is this choice to not use a safety device not given to car drivers? Drivers in cars are already safer just by being in a car and yet we must wear seat belts or be ticketed and pay a fine. Was this law passed to pacify the insurers because death cost less than lifetime disability?

On school funding, Snyder took money out of the classroom and used it in teachers' pension fund to cover a shortage created by Lansing. So why does he still claim he did not cut education?

I know the answer to that one: Because he is an accountant and knows how to "cook the books" so he can say one thing when the truth is something completely different.

Chuck Tindall
Novi

Vote for pro-education candidates

It's not particularly brave or illuminating when a politician states they "support high quality education in our community." What matters to me is what they've done while in office and with whom they've kept company.

The *Novi News* ran an editorial in September correctly criticizing the Great Lakes Education Project for an outrageous and offensive tweet it sent out Aug. 14. The *News* accurately portrayed GLEP as being founded and funded by public schools' longtime nemeses Betsy and Dick DeVos. When GLEP was founded, its primary mission was lifting the cap on the number of charter schools in Michigan. It accomplished that in 2011, with the support of Novi's current representative in the House, Hugh Crawford. Now, Betsy DeVos has stated, "GLEP plans to invest up to \$1,000,000 in supporting education reform candidates for the state Senate and House in the 2014 election." GLEP is openly hostile to public schools and rhetoric like "reform" and "choice" are code words for expanding charters and school vouchers.

O&E's readership area has quite a few candidates who have been endorsed by GLEP. They have likely filled out questionnaires and GLEP has liked what it has read. Clint Kesto, Laura Cox, Kathy Crawford and Lana Theis have all been endorsed by GLEP. I'm hopeful that as you've developed your own endorsements, you've asked these candidates whether they're proud to have GLEP's support and endorsement.

For Novi in particular, Kathy Crawford is running for her term-limited husband's seat in the House. She has pledged to "continue Hugh's great record..." That's not encouraging for our schools. Mr. Crawford was a co-sponsor in March 2014 of the bill expanding the Education Achievement Authority statewide. The EAA dismantles local school boards, hires inexperienced teachers, and turns control of schools over to Lansing. When he voted to expand the EAA, it had a two-year track record of failure in Detroit. Math and reading proficiency of the students in EAA schools declined over the first two years of its existence.

This year, it would be brave for a candidate to state that they'll introduce legislation to restore classroom funding for our K-12 public schools, plus fund the MPERS retirement system, and publicly reject the positions and tactics of GLEP. We supporters of our great public schools are facing an overwhelmingly well-funded, relentless campaign to eliminate them. Our kids need prominent and powerful voices pushing back.

Kathleen Hood
Novi

Re-elect Glubzinski

I'm writing to voice my perspective on the upcoming school board election. As parents of three young children in our district, my wife and I are very hopeful that Novi schools will continue to exhibit the same degree of excellence that they have displayed for many years. To that end, we will be

voting Nov. 4 for Ann Glubzinski and we would appreciate if our fellow Novi residents would consider re-electing her to represent us.

Among this year's strong slate of candidates, Ann is uniquely qualified based on her impeccable record as a board member (nine-plus years of service, including stints as president and treasurer). We have known her for almost 20 years now and she is diligent, analytical, loyal, wise and absolutely a woman of utmost integrity. Our community will be better if she has a voice in the decision-making for our schools.

Brian and Rachel Trost
Novi

Support Hwang

Roland Hwang is just the kind of person we want on our school board.

As the parent of two students, he understands what it takes to help children reach their full potential. He understands that students need a balanced curriculum which includes art, music and physical education.

Roland knows that it takes all of us working together to educate a child. It takes a family that values education and lives those values every day in their home. It takes dedicated education personnel and a school community that understands the importance of supporting their local schools.

Roland has already demonstrated his commitment to the school community as a member of the District Curriculum Committee. He is committed to being fiscally responsible and to providing the tools necessary to ensure that all students have the opportunity to achieve their personal best.

I hope you will join me in supporting Roland Hwang for the Northville school board.

Karen B. Zyczynski
Novi

Support Mena for school board

I'm writing in regard to our upcoming election, specifically about the school board positions and my support of Willy Mena.

Novi voters deserve the type of independent, critical thinking that Willy Mena brings to all Novi School District issues. He has an outstanding track-record as a good steward of taxpayer dollars, while serving on the Novi Library board.

I want Willy Mena to share this same philosophy on the Novi Board of Education.

Willy is running for trustee on the Novi School board Nov. 4. Five people are seeking three seats. Willy deserves one of them. Willy knows and understands how to make the tough decisions for us. He understands how to prioritize budget and instructional issues, based on sound decision-making, for the betterment of our kids.

Willy has also worked on many school bond campaigns that DID NOT include tax-rate increases and stresses that the school district must operate within the limits of existing revenue sources which is very important to me.

Willy Mena has the qualifications, experience, knowledge and passion to serve on the Novi Board of Education. Please support him Nov. 4.

Wendy Hollman
Novi

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Endorsements not easy, but important

I'm sure you are as sick of this political season as I am. I've been completely inundated with phone calls, mailings, television commercials, etc. Heck, even my Facebook feed is full of paid ads from political candidates, political action committees and seemingly just about anybody else with a political ax to grind. Talk about over-saturation. There's no place to hide.

As a voter, it's just so hard cutting through all the nastiness and vitriol that has come to define our current political system. What to believe? What not to believe? It wouldn't be so bad if some of the stuff had real substance to it and actually inspired me to support a candidate rather than trying to scare me not to vote for someone. It's pretty easy to see why so many Americans are completely turned off by the political process in our country.

I was talking about this very topic with a good friend the other day. I was talking about a couple of candidates I respect and mentioned our newspaper endorsed a couple of them. That's when he got kind of indignant and said he didn't understand why newspapers actually endorse one candidate over another. I found myself defending the process, which is kind of odd considering the endorsement process is one of the things I like least about my job.

It's oftentimes pretty tough to, as a newspaper editor, tell readers to vote for one person over another, particularly when you like both candidates and are even friends. Feelings often



Kurt Kuban
STAFF WRITER

get hurt and there have been times in my career where an endorsement of an opposing candidate ended up severing relationships that I held pretty dear.

But when I contemplate all the crap (there's no better way to say it, well, unless going full expletive) that voters are confronted with via the mail, phone, television, radio and even Internet, I now realize why newspapers take the time to make endorsements. The fact is most voters don't get the opportunity that we do to meet and vet candidates. We are able to ask questions and see how candidates actually respond when being put on the spot about a position that they may have taken.

One of the points my friend made in arguing against newspaper endorsements is everyone has a bias. You've probably heard how liberal the media is. And you probably heard that on the conservative Fox News or from some other right-leaning media source. The point is well-taken. Everybody who isn't living under a rock has their own thoughts about politics. Anyone who knows me certainly knows I do.

Yet, as a professional, I like to think that I am able to separate those feelings from the endorsement process. I can tell you that we here at the *Observer & Eccentric* take the process very seriously. I wish our readers could sit in

on some of our meetings after we meet all the candidates. It sometimes gets pretty testy. But at the end of the day, we look at each candidate – their background, professional and community experience and their positions on the issues – and see how it all meshes with the community they want to serve. I don't care if a candidate has an 'R' or a 'D' after their name. I care how much their beliefs are in line with the community. If you don't believe that, I ask you to take a look at our endorsements for next week's election. We are kind of split down the middle.

And in the end, those endorsements are just our opinion. We explain to our readers why we support the candidates in a particular race and then we leave it up to them to decide whether or not they agree with us. Believe me, I've endorsed my share of candidates I knew didn't have a shot of winning. And I've also endorsed my share of candidates who I had a hard time stomaching. But I always did so because I thought they were best for the community. That's what newspapers do – at least in my experience. Take it for its worth – just like our endorsements.

In the meantime, I'm just counting down the hours until the polls close Tuesday. Hopefully I can find some shelter to get away from the bombardment of all these political ads. Does anybody have a rock I can hide under?

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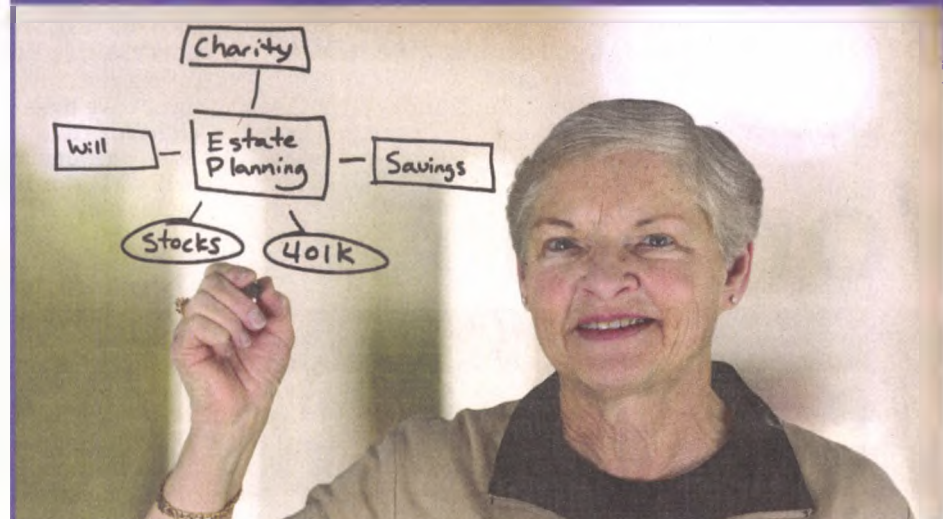
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OUR VIEW

MacKenzie gets nod for 52-1 District judge

It's not often an incumbent district court judge faces a challenger, at least not in the 52-1 courtroom.

The Novi court, which handles cases from throughout southwest Oakland County, has longtime Judge Brian MacKenzie of Novi facing a spirited challenge from Travis Reeds of South Lyon. Reeds actually tallied more votes in the primary election than MacKenzie, though the margin was close.

Why? Well, judges aren't always popular, particularly when they are known for handing down harsh sentences to those found guilty in the courtroom. And in the local court, the majority of cases that come across the three judges' benches are for drunken driving.

But more likely is that MacKenzie has been in the news much of this year in a public spat with Oakland County Prosecutor Jessica Cooper, who found several cases during the course of MacKenzie's career in which he set aside sentences without the consent of the prosecutor's office. In a review of 10 years' worth of cases before the judge, eight were found to be improper.

In court filings, MacKenzie admitted to the errors in those cases and pointed out the guilty party had not violated the law subsequently. He did what he thought was the best option for all parties involved.



MacKenzie

MacKenzie is a strong proponent of rehabilitation whenever it seems appropriate.

The 26-year district judge isn't perfect, but we suspect if anyone were to review every case of every district court judge that mistakes would be found. And measures have been put in place to avoid such problems again, MacKenzie said.

We have no doubt challenger Reeds, a 41-year-old attorney practicing in Walled Lake, would make a fine district court judge. Reeds is familiar with a wide variety of cases that typically come before the district court, particularly drunken driving statutes. He has an even temperament, which is needed in the judge's seat. But had the controversy not been raised so publicly, we question if any challengers would have stepped forward this election season.

We admire MacKenzie's focus on rehabilitation, which has shown results over the years. MacKenzie created and operates a number of specialty courts, including veterans, sobriety, domestic violence and drugs. Several of these courts were among the first of their kind and have since been used as a model elsewhere.

MacKenzie focuses on sentencing the individual instead of solely basing a decision on the one crime itself. He's taken a more scientific approach in sentencing, looking at circumstances and prior legal actions.

Specialty courts are designed as alternatives to jail time, requiring intense commitments from those who voluntarily take part in them. But the results appear promising with a far better recidivism rate than those taking the traditional path of jail time. And programs he's initiated – like the holiday testing court, taking those people most likely to pose a danger of driving drunk during popular drinking days – have made the roads safer for everyone.

It's forward-thinking efforts like that which appeal to us and we look forward to seeing MacKenzie's plans to focus on human trafficking problems if re-elected. MacKenzie's ultimate goal on the bench is to make sure the community is a safer place, something we can all agree is needed.

We endorse **Brian MacKenzie** for judge in the 52-1 District Court, which encompasses the cities of Novi, South Lyon, Walled Lake and Wixom and the townships of Milford, Highland, Commerce, Lyon and Novi.

MORE LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Broderick for Schoolcraft trustee

We are supporting Brian Broderick for Schoolcraft trustee. He has been on the board for a long period of explosive growth for the college

and has been an integral part of making Schoolcraft a leading post-secondary choice for students in our area. His commitment to education and vision for what the college can be are strong reasons to support him

on Nov. 4. He has proven to be a strong advocate for students, faculty and the entire community. We urge you to consider placing your vote for Brian Broderick on election day.

Tom and Kathy Spillane
Northville

Short memory

It is said "the voter has a short term memory." With this newspaper's endorsement of the Crawfords you are showing you do too. The editorial staff must have forgotten denouncing them for taking part with the Kowalls (Mr. Senator and Mrs. State Rep) and L. Brooks Paterson to change the rules after Democrats were elected so Republicans would not lose the majority on the Oakland County Commission.

They must have also forgotten the editorial on Novi not getting its fair share of revenue sharing dollars from Lansing, which happened while Hugh was Novi's representative.

It was so long ago this newspaper might have been a completely different paper for it certainly looks that way now, but in the '90s that paper consistently denounced the Novi City Council as they attempted to build a golf course the citizens did not want. In 1999, a

citizens group put a charter amendment on the ballot and the voters passed it stopping that City Council from going forward with its municipal golf course plan and also voted out the sitting mayor and two others on the council who were all pro golf course. Hugh Crawford was mayor pro tem and was not up for re-election that year.

This newspaper praised the citizens for stopping Hugh and the others, but not before they spent \$10,000 on a feasibility study for a golf course the voters would not let them build.

But now it seems no matter how many wrongs the Crawfords commit, they are always right. It is time to elect someone who will put the needs of the citizens of this district first.

Cynthia Churches
Novi
Novi-Northville Walk

Substitute teachers are underpaid

So you think teachers make too much money?

How about substitute teachers?

Northville substitutes work 7½ hours per day and make \$80. That comes to \$10.67 per hour. If a substitute worked all 180 school days, they would make a whopping \$14,400 a year. It is my opinion that substitute teachers provide a valuable service for both students and teachers. Without them, the whole system would be left in chaos. In my case, I have both a bachelor's degree and master's degree and do not feel that I make too much money.

So the next time you think that teachers make too much money, think again!

John Maliniak
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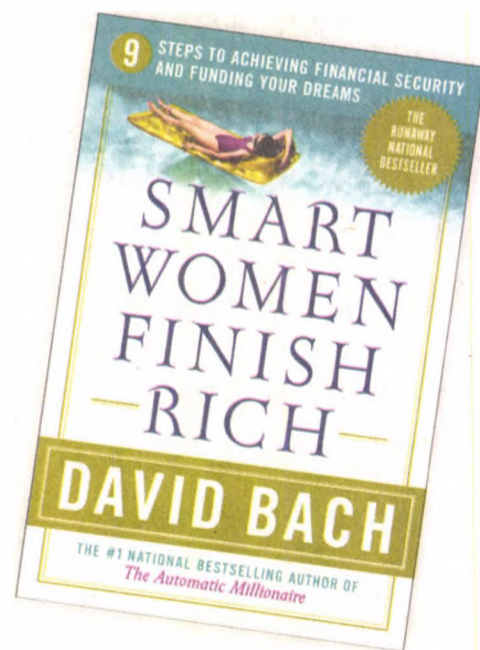
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McKenzie hopes lessons lead to Washington

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

When Bobby McKenzie was in high school, people told him he was never going to play basketball.

Remembering the lessons his father taught him – “Don’t let anything stand in your way” – McKenzie was a team captain at Crestwood High School and walked on for Tom Izzo at Michigan State University.

Now embroiled in a race for the U.S. House 11th District seat against Republican multimillionaire David Trott, McKenzie, a Canton Democrat, is hearing the same message: “You can’t do it.”

He’s hoping history repeats itself and he’s counting on the influence of his father, a polio survivor and longtime small-business owner, to get him there.

“He’s one of the pillars of my life,” McKenzie said during a recent interview. “He imbued in me the idea you fight, don’t give up and you don’t let things get in your way.”

Learning lessons

They were lessons forged as he grew up in Dearborn Heights, after his grandfather brought the family north from Alabama. His father has owned the same small vacuum cleaner sales and repair service in Westland for 50 years.

And his dad thinks, despite the polls and the pundits who say otherwise, his son makes an excellent candidate.

“He’s a unique individual in a very positive sense,” Bobby McKenzie Jr. said. “He knows what it takes to make things happen. In direct sales, you have to make it happen. Everyone wants to make things happen, but not everybody is willing to do what it takes. Bobby is willing.”

McKenzie, who worked part time for his dad’s business as a youngster, had his eyes on bigger prizes growing up. While studying economics at Michigan State, McKenzie, not the tallest player in the world, walked on for Izzo’s Spartans.

Last guy

He remembers asking Izzo once if there was “any chance”



SHIRIN KHAN

Bobby McKenzie, who now lives in Canton, grew up in Dearborn Heights, earned a bachelor’s degree from Michigan State and was a walk-on for the Spartans basketball team.

he was ever going to see game action and Izzo’s matter-of-fact response: No. “I was the last guy on the bench,” McKenzie said with a smile. “In (Izzo’s) mind, I was probably the last guy on all of his benches.”

Still, McKenzie prepared, and eventually saw 9.6 seconds during mop-up time against Central Michigan in a Thanksgiving tournament in 1997.

“For me, it was the idea of getting in the game,” McKenzie said. “It was something I wanted to do. It was being on the team, being able to compete in practice. Being in that environment was an experience. I was humbled.”

McKenzie went on to earn a

master’s degree in security studies from Georgetown University and eventually earned a graduate fellowship in the CIA. At the tender age of 19, McKenzie was an analyst focused on the politics of the Middle East.

Dreams realized

McKenzie had fulfilled two dreams.

“Two things I wanted to do as a kid – play basketball at MSU and go into the FBI,” he said. “(The CIA fellowship) was another extraordinary opportunity and I was grateful to get it.”

When the two-year fellowship ended, McKenzie went

into the private sector, though he continued to be a political analyst.

Most recently, McKenzie was a senior adviser in the Bureau of Counterterrorism at the U.S. Department of State. Before that, he worked on African refugee issues and taught courses at Wayne State University as an adjunct lecturer.

Not surprisingly, his dad thinks that varied experience makes his son a perfect candidate.

World views

“He’s been all around the world. I think that experience will have a great impact (on his ability to be effective), partic-

ularly with everything happening on the planet Earth at this time,” the elder McKenzie said. “It’s a very unique time, especially in the Middle East. It sure won’t hurt having the kind of experience he has.”

McKenzie notes the influence his family has had. His grandfather, with only an eighth-grade education, brought the family to Dearborn Heights and found work on the docks. His dad has plugged away for five decades as a small-business owner.

And his mother has been behind a lot of the success. To this day, she’s both his biggest fan and biggest critic. McKenzie remembers being interviewed by Chuck Stokes of WXYZ-TV (Channel 7) recently and the phone call he got from his mother afterward.

Sitting up

“She called to tell me I was slouching,” McKenzie said, laughing. “Here I am on TV, running for Congress and my mom is telling me to sit up straighter. She’s my biggest critic, but she’s a great supporter.”

Ever the optimist – and perhaps fueled by his father’s notion that you don’t let things stand in the way – McKenzie believes he can win, despite the millions Trott can spend and despite the perception the district is too conservative for a Democrat to win.

McKenzie takes issue with that last notion.

“I don’t think it’s as partisan as people think,” McKenzie said. “At the end of the day, people want to know their kids can find a job here. They want to find people who will look beyond the labels.”

While McKenzie said he hasn’t been surprised by much on the campaign trail, he has been struck by the amount of involvement voters are willing to give him.

“It’s far more engaging and interesting than I thought,” McKenzie said. “I like being out talking to people. The part I enjoy the most is being out with the voters and hearing what they think.”

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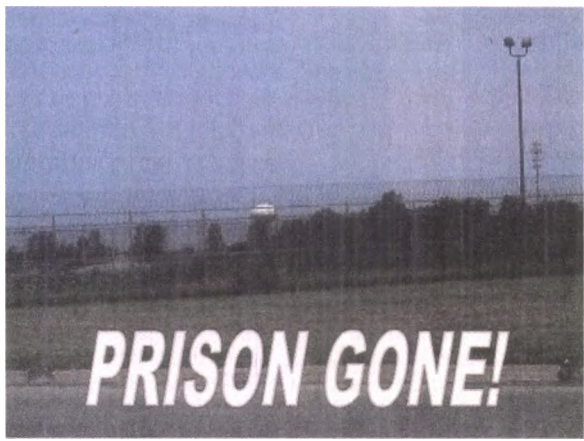
ABOUT PATRICK

Patrick Colbeck is currently serving his first term in elected office as the State Senator for MI's 7th District. Starting in 2014 the district will include the communities of Northville, Plymouth, Canton, Livonia and Wayne. He is a graduate of the University of Michigan with Bachelors and Masters Degrees in Aerospace Engineering as well as a graduate of the International Space University in Strasbourg, France. Included in over 20 years of engineering and management work in a variety of industries, he has worked on International Space Station systems and instructed students at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center's Space Camp. He and his wife, Angie, are members of Northridge Church and have been residents of Canton for 18 years.

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Colbeck's views on the issues

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rather than allowing teachers to tailor instruction to suit the individual student. Furthermore, we have no objective proof that these new standards will actually improve student performance. I have been and continue to be the most outspoken opponent of Common Core in the Senate."

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EDUICATION "Like many parents, my parents were always passionate about ensuring that their kids received a quality education. A quality education is a team effort that requires hard work from students, parents and teachers. Together, we worked to lower the cost of higher education by expanding dual enrollment programs. We also changed teacher tenure law to reward educators on the basis of performance not length of service and went on to provide a **K-12 funding increase of over \$1B** during my tenure. We still need to remove roadblocks to innovation like Common Core. The Common Core Standards Initiative adopted by the State Board of Education in 2010 not only micromanages our state standards and assessments, it also micromanages the classroom by mandating not only what kids are taught but also how they are taught. The teaching profession has been reduced to following a script rather than allowing teachers to tailor instruction to suit the individual student. Furthermore, we have no objective proof that these new standards will actually improve student performance. I have been and continue to be the most outspoken opponent of Common Core in the Senate."

Novi five-peats as Association champion

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

The Novi volleyball team held serve – and then some – in Saturday's KLAA Association Gold Tournament.

The host Wildcats repeated as Association champs for the fifth straight year by going 5-0-1 on the day, capped by a 25-14, 25-14 victory over Hartland in the championship final.

Novi, ranked No. 2 in Class A, improved to 40-4-2 overall, as junior Victoria Iacobelli led the way with 56 kills, 50 digs and 10 total aces on the day.

Twin sister Paulina Iacobelli added 37 kills and a team-best 56 digs, while freshman setter Erin O'Leary added 128 assist-to-kills and 39 digs. Ally Cummings also chipped in with 22 kills.

"I'm thrilled with our performance on Saturday as we had a

tremendous amount of pressure placed on us," Novi coach Jen Cottrill said. "I thought we stayed focused on each opponent and then really stepped up in the finals against Hartland."

The Wildcats opened pool play in the 12-team tournament by defeating Plymouth (25-14, 25-16) and Walled Lake Northern (25-12, 25-13), while splitting with Milford (25-15, 21-25).

Novi ousted Livonia Churchill, 25-18, 25-22, in the quarterfinals and Grand Blanc in the semifinals, 25-19, 25-20. Hartland downed White Lake Lakeland in the other semifinal.

"I believe it says a lot about our players, parents, program and administration to win the KLAA five consecutive years in a row," Cottrill said. "I'm certainly very proud and honored to be a part of it."

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DAVID MAYLEN

Novi players celebrate after winning their fifth straight KLAA Association volleyball championship.

Northville foiled in regional finals

Canton escapes with 3-2 penalty kicks win

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

It was almost criminal that one of the teams that played Friday night's outstanding, entertaining Division 1 boys soccer regional final at Westland John Glenn had its season end.

In a game with many twists, turns and subplots, the No. 2 team in the state, Canton, emerged victorious 3-2 in penalty kicks over Northville to win the regional title and move on to the semifinals at Holt.

"My boys all stepped up," Canton coach Mark Zemanski said. "Hunter Olson stepped up, Matthew Causley stepped up. My seniors in the back, Sam (Belcher), Chris (Dooley), Nick (Wendel), Kyle (Mettlach) all stepped up and did a great job."

"Northville battled us and played really hard. They should be proud of themselves. It's a tough way to lose."

Northville coach Henry Klimes said his team "knew coming in it was going to be a great soccer game. ... It was a great game. There was nothing more I could have asked for."

Indeed, it wasn't easy, other than an own goal credited to Canton with one second to play in the first half to send the



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Northville's Troy Borawski (left) tries to keep Canton's Chris Dooley from getting to the ball in Friday's Division 1 regional final.

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Northville, Novi top two at boys cross country regional

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

The final pit stop for the MHSAA boys cross country season will be this Saturday at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn.

And recently crowned Division 1 regional champion Northville and runner-up Novi should figure prominently at the finals.

Northville won comfortably by scoring 53 points, while Novi was runner-up with 93, a wider than the 49-73 spread the Mustangs enjoyed while capturing the KLAA Kensington Conference meet Oct. 16.

Novi Detroit Catholic Central placed third with 110 and earned a spot at the finals.

"We ran a much better team race today," Northville coach Chris Cronin said. "The coaches stressed pack running in practice all week and the message got through. If we run together, we are a tough team to beat. As a coach, that's been my message to this team all year. We have some very good runners on this team, but as a team, we have the potential for greatness."

Salem's Chaz Jeffress captured the 5,000-meter race in

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KIMBERLY GOERING

Northville's Nick Noles (right) and Jason Ferrante placed third and fifth, respectively, for the regional champion.

Just-in time: Zimbo rides Mustangs into playoffs

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

It looked as if Northville's football season would end Friday night in Grand Blanc in a battle of 5-3 teams seeking that elusive sixth win and a berth into the state playoffs.

But desperate times often lead to desperate measures – and look no further than Northville junior quarterback Justin Zimbo, who helped orchestrate a second-half rally to stun the host Bobcats, 23-20.

The victory puts the Mustangs, who earned their fifth playoff berth in six years, into Division 1-Region 3-District 1

match-up at 7 p.m. Friday at Canton (7-2).

Zimbo, who did most of his work on the ground – rushing for game-high 166 yards on 26 carries – made his signature play with 54 seconds left and the Mustangs trailing 20-17.

After Northville had driven to the Bobcats' 17, they were set back 22 yards because of a high snap from center along with a holding penalty.

Faced with a third-and-22 and less than a minute left, Zimbo went to the air and found senior wide receiver Kevin Bak available in the end

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GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Barrott bolsters Mustangs' regional championship quest

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Lexa Barrott was back in the lineup just in time for Northville girls cross country squad.

The junior, out for a majority of the season with an injury, finished third overall as the Mustangs edged Salem, 41-46, to capture MHSAA Division 1 regional title Saturday at Willow Metropark in New Boston.

Northville, the defending Division 1 state champion, placed four in the top 15 and all six runners in the top 20 to repeat as regional champion. Livonia Churchill edged Novi for the third state qualifying team spot, 123-128.

Farmington High's Maddy Trevisan placed first in the 5,000-meter race in 18:41.5, while Northville sophomore Cayla Eckenroth and Barrott took second and third, respectively, with times of 18:53.4 and 19:12.1.

"Lexa ran a conservative first race back since Sept. 6 and looked good," Northville coach Nancy Smith said. "Without her we would have finished second, so it just shows how important she is to the team."

Rounding out the Northville contingent were junior Emma Herrmann (sixth, 19:32.2), junior Hailey Harris (12th, 19:51.1), sophomore Emma Smith (18th, 20:31.4) and freshman Rachel Zimmer (10th, 20:37.0).

"The others ran a smart race and stepped up where needed," Smith said. "Emma and Hailey continue to be a solid three and four runners for us. The overall entire region was slower than last year. I'm not sure if it was because of the wind and the sun came out, or what."

The Division 1 girls finals will start at 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1, at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn.

"Emma and Rachel will be important next week for us and one of them will have to really step up to be a solid fifth if we want to finish in the top five," Smith said. "Lexa, Cayla and Emma will be the only three



The Northville girls cross country team repeated as Division 1 regional champion Saturday at Willow Metropark in New Boston.



Novi senior Hannah Lonergan finished fifth in the Division 1 regional at Willow Metropark to qualify for the state finals.

with state meet experience." **Lonergan qualifies**

Novi senior Hannah Lonergan earned an individual qualifying spot for the finals at MIS with a fifth-place regional finish in 19:17.3.

Other scorers for Novi were sophomore Jacalyn Schubring (21st, 20:45.2), sophomore Jessica Lypka (27th, 21:04.8), freshman Shaily Fozdar (28th, 21:06.1) and sophomore Hadley

Peterson (48th, 21:53.6). Novi's non-scorers were sophomore Yash Patil (55th, 22:11.7) and sophomore Heather Blair (67th, 22:37.8).

Warriors take fifth
Riverview Gabriel Richard (46), Wixom St. Catherine of Siena (50) and Royal Oak Shrine (58) earned team qualifying berths out of Saturday's Division 4 regional meet held at Willow Metropark.

Lutheran High Westland, led by individual winner Jenna Wisner (20:42.94), placed fourth with 84, while Novi Franklin Road Christian was a distant fifth with 154.

Franklin Road's top finisher was freshman Audrey Govan, who took 17th overall in 22:54.33, just two places away from an individual qualifying spot.

Other scorers for the Warriors included Audrey Hicks (40th, 28:56.72), Sidney Lipovsky (41st, 29:30.61), Maddie Austin (42nd, 29:40.61) and Shelby Buis (43rd, 31:08.71).

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Shamrocks make cross country cut

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Recently winning its eighth straight league championship was nice for Novi Detroit Catholic Central.

But even more satisfying will be a trip to the MHSAA Division 1 boys cross country finals following a third-place showing in Saturday's regional meet at Willow Metropark in New Boston.

CC scored 110 points to place behind champion Northville (51) and runner-up Novi (93) as all three teams gained automatic berths to Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn.

Salem, behind individual winner Chaz Jeffress, took a distant fourth with 153, while Canton wound up fifth with 165.

It will be CC's first trip to MIS for the state finals since 2010, which was the last time the Shamrocks captured a regional crown.

Juniors Scott Smith and Bailey Hobson placed 11th and 14th, respectively, with times of 16:21.77 and 16:31.06, to pace Catholic Central.

"With about a quarter-mile to go, Novi and us were about a point apart and then our kids faded a little bit at the end," CC coach Tony Magni said. "We knew we had to get three or four kids in the top 15 or close to it for us to get out. Finishing 11th and 14th really helped out."

CC's other scorers included sophomore Mark Borek (25th, 17:00.38), junior Avery Felty (28th, 17:03.93) and sophomore Ben Racine (32nd, 17:10.98).

Ben Ludtke (44th, 17:24.88) and Brendan Canavan (54th, 17:50.22) rounded out the Shamrocks' seven-man contingent.

"Our varsity is four juniors and three sophomores, so I wanted to get them the experience this year to see how it is," Magni said.

Times were generally slower than a year ago on the Willow Metropark course with Jeffress, a junior, winning the 5,000-meter race in 15:46.74.

"On that course there's nowhere to block the wind," Magni said. "And it was windy most of the race. It should be a fast course. It was not wet, but it was soft a little bit. That's a course you can really fly in. I thought the first 10 or 15 kids would be under 16 (minutes), but that wasn't the case at all."

"But the thing is, it doesn't matter what the time is ... you only count the points."

CHSL champion

On Oct. 19, CC captured its eighth straight Catholic League title at Kensington Metropark by outdueling Orchard Lake St. Mary's, 49-67, while Birmingham Brother Rice placed third with 103. Warren DeLaSalle's Mickey Davey was first (16:13), 30 seconds ahead of runner-up John Pennington of Brother Rice (16:43).

Smith was third in 16:56, followed by Borek (seventh, 17:22), Hobson (eighth, 17:27) and Avery Felty (ninth, 17:28). The CC quartet all earned all-league honors by finishing in the top 10.

The Shamrocks' fifth runner was Racine (22nd, 18:07), while junior Alex McLaren (27th, 18:13) and Canavan (30th, 18:22) rounded out the CC contingent.

"We knew it was going to be us and Orchard Lake St. Mary's," Magni said. "Nobody was going to come close to us, according to dual season. We said coming in that our fourth man had to come in front of their second man, for sure, because I knew we'd bunch up pretty well. I just told them hang together and see what happens because we really don't have any front runners, so to speak, especially in a big meet."



Smith

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15 minutes, 46.74 seconds, while Novi junior Joost Plaetinck was runner-up in 15:55.8.

Senior Nick Noles paced Northville in third (15:58.41).

"Nick showed why he is an all-state runner," Cronin said. "He is such a terrific big meet runner. Whether he finishes first or third for us, Nick sets the tone for our team."

Senior Jason Ferrante (fifth, 16:05.44) and junior Conor Naughton (eighth, 16:08.16) also earned top 10 finishes for Northville.

"Jason turned in another solid," Cronin said. "His continued improvement this season is one of the big reasons our team has had so much success. Conor had a good race, but the junior will be called on to tighten up his team's top pack at MIS. Conor's competitive fire will be one of the intangibles we'll take to the line next week."

Northville's other two scorers were senior Sean McCullough (15th, 16:32.0) and sophomore Ben Crafcraft (20th, 16:48.48).

"This was Sean's first race in October and we were thrilled to have him back in the lineup," Cronin said. "He makes us better and links our top three to our fifth and sixth runners. Ben has had a fantastic season and today's finish is a testament to all of his hard work this season."

Kenny Goolsby (24th, 16:59.94) and Sam Kremke (66th, 18:12.04) were Northville's two other finishers.

In addition to Plaetinck's second-place finish, Novi also got solid efforts from Sahisnu Malapati (16th, 16:36.02), Scott MacPherson (19th, 16:46.04), John Landy (27th, 17:03.6) and Nathan Hall (29th, 17:05.02).



Novi's Joost Plaetinck was runner-up at the Division 1 regional at Willow Metropark.

"Joost ran a great race," Novi coach Robert Smith said. "Northville was a pretty tough challenge to beat, but we ran up to our expectations. We didn't really have any issues with health, but I think we're running on all cylinders right now."

"All the other guys were close," Smith said, "but Sahisnu was the only varsity guy to make that distinction. It was an outstanding effort on his part. Scott was the second fastest sophomore in the field today and that was only by one second and one place."

Meanwhile, Cameron Misko (17:06.3) and Adam Ditri (17:08.17) placed 30th and 31st, respectively, for the Wildcats.

"As what usually happens, the field took off fast," Smith said. "The first time I saw our runners, they were just past the one-mile mark. It was difficult to tell, but I had my doubts about us being in the top three. But the guys really held their

composure and continued to push their pace throughout the remaining two miles. I think we closed better than any other team today."

The Division 1 boys finals starts at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1, at MIS.

"There's a lot of teams like us," Smith said. "I can see us finishing anywhere between maybe eighth and 15th. I'm hoping for better, but I don't want to have too much of an expectation because it's a disappointment. I'm trying to be realistic with that."

"It's really going to be a good race from top to bottom. I know Northville is really going to be challenged with (Waterford) Mott, (White Lake) Lakeland and Traverse City (Central and West), maybe even Holly. It's going to be a lot of fun. And there's going to be so many teams like us. It's who can put all together. It's bunch of cliches, but it's all so true."



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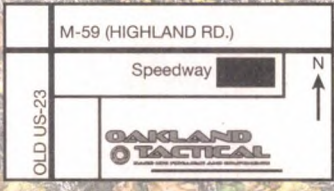
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PREP FOOTBALL

Wildcats put wrap on season with 21-19 win

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Novi football won't be a part of the postseason, but the Wildcats took some solace from their 2014 campaign Friday night with a 21-19 victory over visiting Howell.

Novi held off a late Howell fourth-quarter rally to finish its season at 4-5 overall.

"It's not the overall record that I wanted for our program, but they've made some strides and I feel they're going in the right direction," Novi coach Jeff Burnside said. "I probably have to preach more patience, including to myself, because it's hard to be patient and I know that."

Novi got on the scoreboard with three minutes left in the opening quarter following a seven-play, 51-yard drive capped by senior Matt Sabo's 8-yard touchdown run. Kent Maidens converted the extra-point kick.

Howell (4-5) then answered with 1:33 to go in the same quarter on a Greg Kearns 30-yard field goal to trim the deficit to 7-3.

Junior Emanuel Jackson, who rushed for a game-best 136 yards on 20 carries, then scored a pair of second-quarter TDs - the first coming on a 7-yard run with 6:05 left, followed by a 21-yard run with 3:04 to go. He also set a school record with 2,067 career yards rushing in the process.

Patrick Wojtylo's interception led to Jackson's second TD run.

Wojtylo, a senior line-backer, finished the night with a team-best 18 tackles, including six solo and eight assists.

"He's a real good player and has kind of been the anchor of our defense all year," Burnside said of the 5-foot-9, 194-pound Wojtylo. "It was our best defensive performance of the year, by far. I think we kept them to under 300 (total) yards for the first time all year. We finally had some turnovers tonight, made some big-time short yardage stops, did some great things tonight and good to win a game like that."

Howell, however, trimmed the deficit to 21-10 after three quarters thanks to an 11-play, 87-yard drive that culminated in Austin Fournier's 5-yard TD pass to Evan Siemen with 2:35 left.

And with 10:15 left in the final quarter, Kearns made it a one-score game when he booted a 28-yard field goal to pull the Highlanders to within 21-13. An interception by Michael Betz set up the score.

Howell then drove 80 yards in eight plays, resulting in a 3-yard TD run by Thomas Lassitter with only 2:18 remaining.

Down by only two, quarterback Brett Chaperon (105 yards on 17 carries) was stopped short of the goal line on the two-point conversion attempt to keep the score at 21-19.

The game was far from over, as the Highlanders' Nick Rauch successfully recovered the onside kick at the Novi 42.

But a Chaperon pass was intercepted by Aaron Pringle with just 1:02 remaining to end the suspense.

"It was like two teams with nine lives and I think we ended up with one less life at the end," Burnside said. "It was an interesting game. Howell's kids fought hard, our kids fought hard. And our defense stepped up and made plays they needed tonight. They did a great job."

Senior Rohit Moga-layapalli and sophomore Alec Bargeris shared the Novi quarterback duties, going a combined 4-of-8 passing for 35 yards. Sabo added 75 yards on 16 carries as the Wildcats had 232 total yards.

Connor Howell collected four solo and five tackles, including a sack. Christian Durham was in on seven tackles for Novi.

But despite the season-ending victory, it will be the sixth straight year that Novi has missed the playoffs, something that

doesn't sit well with Burnside, who is 8-10 overall in his first two seasons.

"I feel disappointed, I feel like I let our kids down," he said. "I think that's the way anybody would feel, a couple of plays here and there from being a playoff team. You feel like you let 36 seniors down. It's frustrating to me, but on the other hand our kids have done some things this year that we haven't done in this program for a long time."

Jackson, meanwhile, broke season records for all-purpose yards (2,002), TDs (23) and points (138). He now holds the career mark for all-purpose yards (3,749) and TDs (38).

Another plus to the 2014 season was a 50-33 win over KLA Central and Kensington Conference champ South Lyon, which finished 8-1 overall.

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PREP FOOTBALL

Shamrocks trounce Osborn in grid finale

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Novi Detroit Catholic Central scored early and often Friday in its football season finale against Detroit Osborn en route to a 49-6 victory.

The Shamrocks finished the year 4-5, their first losing season since 2006, which was the last time they failed to make the Division 1 state playoffs. CC has made 24 post-season appearances and won 10 state titles under coach Tom Mach, who just completed his 41st season.

CC jumped out to a 28-6 first-quarter advantage and led 42-6 at halftime before invoking a running clock for the second half against Osborn (3-6).

Blake Livingston started the parade of CC touchdowns with a 7-yard run just 1:44 into the game. Cole Gingell followed with the first of his six straight extra points.

Before the quarter ended, Nicholas Gies added a 1-yard TD run, set up by a Philip Schmitz interception return to the Osborn 1. Schmitz then added a 2-yard TD run

with 6:15 left and Giese ran in from 4 yards with 1:05 to go.

With 11:14 left in the second quarter, Giese scored again on a 1-yard run, his third TD of the game.

Osborn then got its only TD with some trickery as Shayshone Bonner faked a punt and ran 42 yards for a score with 8:03 left in the half. The Knights failed on the two-point conversion pass.

Schmitz then got loose for a 79-yard TD run with 6:34 left until intermission to make it 42-6.

CC, ironically, did not run an offensive play from scrimmage in the third quarter, but scored its final TD when Daniel Wick picked up a fumble and returned it 8 yards. Tyler Laurentius added the PAT.

All of CC's total yards (272) came on the ground, with Schmitz (92), Livingston (70) and Giese (64) leading the way. The Shamrocks did not attempt a pass and had 13 first downs to Osborn's seven.

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zone.

"I don't even know what went through my head," the 6-foot, 180 pound quarterback said. "I just kind of threw it up there and let him (Bak) make a play and he came down with it."

The 29-yard touchdown pass with only 47 seconds remaining put Northville back on top, but a poor exchange on the hold foiled the extra point, giving Grand Blanc one more shot down by only three.

Starting at their own 31 with just 40 seconds to go and along with two timeouts in their pocket, Bobcats quarterback Tre'veon Avery connected on three straight passes to the Northville 45.

Avery, who was elusive all night scrambling out of the pocket, then heaved a desperation pass in the vicinity of the Northville 15-yard line and found Desean Brown wide open, only to have the pass drop incomplete.

Avery then had one more play with six seconds left, but Northville's Aaron Huggins snatched the ball away from a Grand Blanc receiver at the 6 for an interception to end the game.

Grand Blanc scored on its first possession of the game, when Elias Smiley ripped 26 yards through the middle of the Northville defense for a TD with 9:45 left in the opening quarter.

The Mustangs' Jack Burke then picked off an Avery pass and returned it to the Bobcats' 47 after the ball popped out of receiver Andrew Blake-more's hands.

Northville got down to the Grand Blanc 19 before settling for a 35-yard field goal from Jacob Moody with 3:02 left in the same quarter that cut the deficit to 7-3.

Getting the ball at its own 39 to start the second quarter, Northville mounted 14-play drive before being faced with a fourth-and-goal situation at the Bobcats' 2.

"My calf was cramping

up," said Zimbo, who was forced out of the game. "I was in a lot of pain, so I had to come out for a couple plays, but I just fought through it and got back in there."

But not before back-up Burke was forced into emergency action on the critical play.

But the back-up QB never got a chance to make a play as a high snap from center sailed over his head. And on the ensuing scramble, Grand Blanc's De'Aundre Simpkins headed the other way 85 yards for a touchdown, making it 14-3 with 5:08 left in the half.

Down 11 points, Northville got back on the board with 3:05 left in the third quarter as Zimbo got loose on a 62-yard run, followed by a 5-yard TD pass two plays later to 6-foot-7 tight end Ryan Roberts.

The point after attempt was blocked, leaving Northville still five points in the hole.

Backed up on their own end at the 4 starting the final quarter, the Mustangs went 96 yards in 13 plays, eating up 5:30, capped by Zimbo's 5-yard TD scramble on fourth-and goal with a dive to the goal line.

Zimbo also ran in the two-pointer to put the Mustangs on top for the first time on the night, 17-14, with only 6:30 remaining.

"We had a bunch set, then we'd motion and shift a whole bunch over," Northville coach Matt Ladach said of his team's bread-and-butter running play that helped propel it into the lead. "We ran our jet-sweep off of there and we had a couple of counters off that jet as well."

But that Northville advantage was short-lived as Avery scrambled and hurled a 53-yard TD pass to Matt Mastromatteo with just 5:04 remaining. Northville, though, remained just one score down, 20-17, after the extra point was missed.

Zimbo, who was 8-of-14 passing for 109 yards, accounted for 275 of Northville's 381 total yards.

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GIRLS SWIMMING

Northville swimmers clinch dual crown

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Talk about going out in style.

Northville's senior swimmers went out a winner Oct. 23 in their final home meet of the season with a 99-87 victory over Livonia Stevenson, while clinching the KLAA Central Division dual-meet title in the process with a 4-0 record.

The Mustangs, who improved to 7-0 overall in duals, held off a determined Stevenson squad led by individual double-winners Laura Westphal and Kelsey Macaddino.

Westphal hit the wall first in the 200-yard individual medley (2:12.59) and 100 butterfly (1:00.41), while Macaddino captured the 50 freestyle (25.96) and 100 freestyle (55.36).

"It was a little more special than a regular meet," Northville coach Brian McNeff said. "Typically, there is not as much focus on the swimming part of senior night, but we were going up against a tough opponent in Stevenson, so we had to make sure we still brought our best. No one wanted to let the seniors down, so a lot of people stepped up and we swam pretty fast."

The Mustangs also got a victory from Nicki Pumper in the 200 freestyle (2:02.34) and Darby Mroz in the 100 backstroke (1:03.43). Meanwhile, the quartet of Gillian Zayan, Alissa Moore, Hannah Craig and Nicki Pumper added a first in the 200 freestyle relay (1:44.86).

"We had some nice time drops from some people and really set ourselves up well for



WILL HAYES

Northville's Jessica Yan finished third in the 100 breaststroke as the Mustangs edged Livonia Stevenson.

divisions and conferences," McNeff said. "The meet was really about the seniors, though. This group of nine girls had never lost a home meet and end their careers with a dual meet record of 32-1. They have been a big part of this program since they first got here and a lot of our success has been because of what they have done both in and out of the pool. We are definitely going to miss them next year." The Mustangs, who have

now captured four straight division dual meet crowns, will focus their attention on the KLAA Central Division meet, which starts at noon Saturday, Nov. 1, at Novi. Diving prelims will be at 4 p.m. Friday, also at Novi.

The Kensington Conference meet will follow Friday and Saturday, Nov. 7-8, at South Lyon East.

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DUAL MEET RESULT
NORTHVILLE 99, STEVENSON 87
Oct. 23 at Northville
200-yard medley relay: 1. Stevenson (Rebecca Arakelian, Merrill Froney, Rachel Arceri, Brenna Erickson), 1:54.57; 2. Northville (Darby Mroz, Jennifer Ostrowski, Kelsey Macaddino, Laura Westphal), 1:57.12; 3. Northville (Alison Tucker, Erin Szara, Sarah Ptashnik, Rachel Mazzara), 2:05.54.
200 freestyle: 1. Nick Pumper (N), 2:02.34; 2. Bayne Froney (LS), 2:03.77; 3. Natalie Filipowicz, 2:04.59.
200 individual medley: 1. Laura Westphal (N), 2:12.59; 2. Arceri (LS), 2:14.18; 3. M. Froney (LS), 2:19.52.
50 freestyle: 1. Macaddino (N), 25.96; 2. Sara Bowen (LS), 26.27; 3. Gillian Zayan (N), 26.64.
1-meter diving: 1. Jessica Weak (LS), 234.30 points; 2. Samantha Ellis, 189.52; 3. Aethia Blough (N), 113.28.
100 butterfly: 1. Westphal (N), 1:00.41; 2.

Arakelian (LS), 1:02.37; 3. Brittany Nayh (N), 1:06.76.
100 freestyle: 1. Macaddino (N), 55.36; 2. Pumper (N), 55.81; 3. Bowen (LS), 57.1.
500 freestyle: 1. Arceri (LS), 5:23.68; 2. Jessica Yan (N), 5:24.13; 3. Cherisa Song (N), 5:47.91.
200 freestyle relay: 1. Northville (Zayan, Alissa Moore, Hannah Craig, Pumper), 1:44.86; 2. Stevenson (Bowen, Melissa Flannigan, Kate Ptashnik, Erickson), 1:45.0; 3. Northville (Ana Barrott, Nayh, Sabrina Lee, Mroz), 1:50.94.
100 backstroke: 1. Mroz (N), 1:03.43; 2. B. Froney (LS), 1:05.8; 3. Olivia Burrows (N), 1:05.68.
100 breaststroke: 1. Arakelian (LS), 1:11.54; 2. M. Froney (LS), 1:14.78; 3. Yan (N), 1:15.16.
400 freestyle relay: 1. Stevenson (Arceri, Erickson, M. Froney, Arakelian), 3:44.13; 2. Northville (Pumper, Zayan, Macaddino, Westphal), 3:45.53; 2. Stevenson (Flannigan, Ptashnik, B. Froney, Bowen), 3:53.14.
Dual meet records: Northville, 7-0 overall, 4-0 KLAA Central Division; Stevenson, 2-2 KLAA Central.

PREP VOLLEYBALL

Hard-hitting Novi attack clips Canton in conference final

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Baseball Hall of Famer "Wee Willie" Keeler once said: "Keep your eye clear and hit 'em where they ain't."

The same could be said Oct. 21 for the Novi volleyball team, which found enough holes in Canton's defense to earn its second straight Kensington Conference title, 25-17, 26-24, 25-17, in a rematch of last year's championship final that lasted five sets.

Victoria Iacobelli, a 5-foot-9 junior outside hitter and one half of the Wildcats' potent identical twin tandem along with her sister Paulina, hit for a high average as she finished with 18 kills to go along with 13 digs.

Paulina, meanwhile, chipped in nine kills and a team-best 17 digs as the KLAA Central Division champions, ranked No. 2 in Class A, improved to 35-4-1 overall.

"Victoria played really smart tonight," Novi coach Jen Cottrill said. "We were really working hard for a while on our other attackers and I think she took a little dip, then this last week we've been really focusing on them and moving the ball around a little bit and I thought she did a great job of that tonight."

The Chiefs (19-8-1) couldn't recover from an 18-8 first-set deficit, but regrouped to make it a battle of it in the second set, pulling even at 24-24.

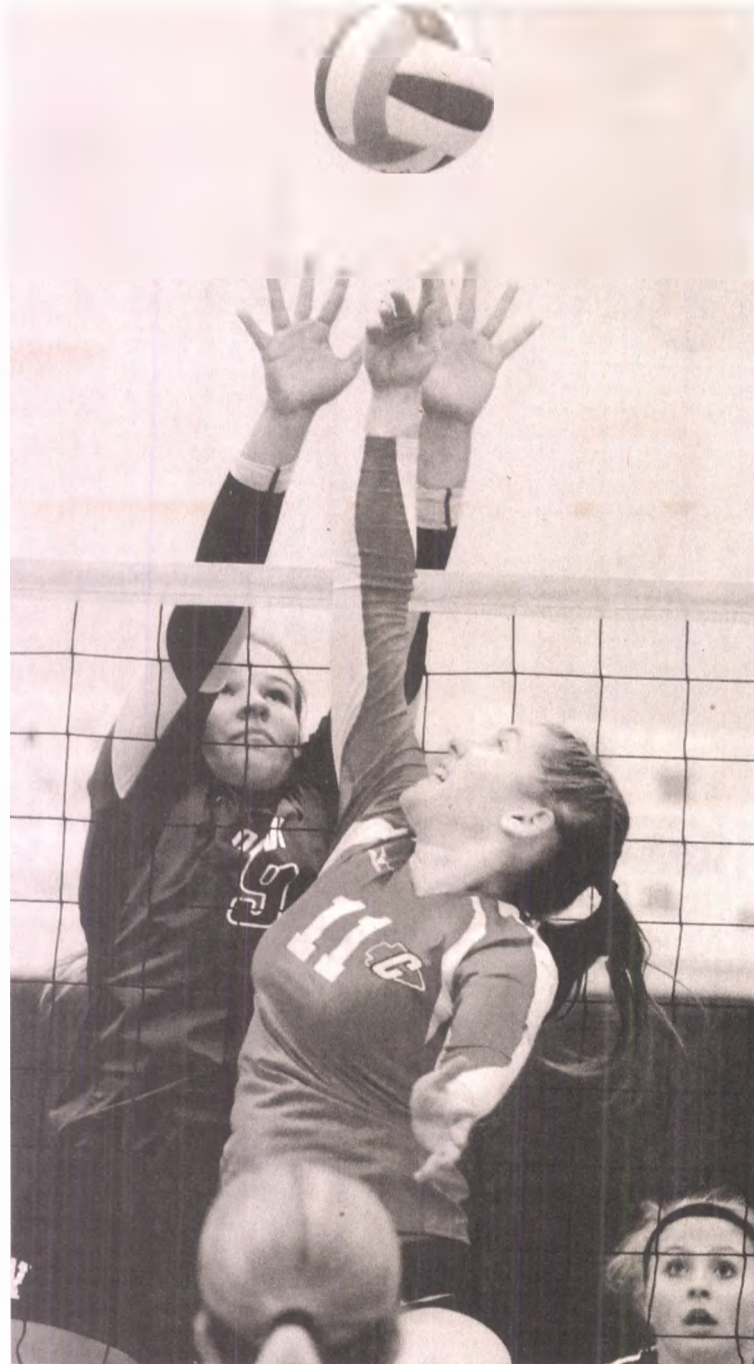
But Novi got a clutch kill from Paulina Iacobelli to close out the set.

"They see the court well, especially when they stack out of the middle like they do," Canton coach Steve Johnson said of the Iacobelli twins. "And when they swing from the outside, they see the court well."

In the third set, Novi led 13-9, but Canton came back to within two, 16-14. The Wildcats then went up 20-16 before Johnson was forced to use his final timeout.

Seniors Courtney Kurkie and Lauren Schornak paced Canton's hitting attack with 10 and nine kills, respectively. Emma Clark chipped in five for the KLAA South Division champs.

Meanwhile, setter Carleigh Vela collected 19 assists, while Alyssa Burke added seven. Haley Diedrick and Schornak each finished with eight digs.



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Novi's Olivia Bradford (left) goes high for the block on Canton's Alyssa Burke during the Kensington Conference championship.

"We're kind of a mid-season slump a little bit," Johnson said. "I think the team had a good run through the division and then we just kind of ran into a wall a little bit. I wouldn't say a wall, but ran into a rough patch. I think we've learned from it."

The two teams could cross paths again Saturday at Novi for the KLAA Association tournament, which features the top three division finishers from the South, Central, North and West. Pool play matches start at 9 a.m.

"It's the first time we've seen Novi this year; we've only heard things as opposed to seeing things," Johnson said. "So now to see what they do and we'll be able adjust."

"I'd like to see us run our plays a little more consistently because we have some nice plays out of middle and from the different pins, too. I think just having the ability to run those is what we'll be looking for next time."

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YOUTH FOOTBALL

Colts varsity, JV advance with playoff victories

Brennen Van Riper scored a pair of touchdowns Sunday as the host Northville Colts improved their varsity record to 9-0 with a 36-6 Western Lakes Junior Football League playoff win over the Northville Stallions at Tom Holzer Field.

The Colts led 8-0 after one quarter as Ben Shuart hit Daniel McLaughlin on a TD pass, followed by Josh Porter's two-point kick.

The Colts increased their lead to 23-0 at intermission when Nick Prystash and Ryan Silberg each ran for a TD. Porter kicked a two-pointer and Prystash also ran for a one-pointer.

Van Riper added TD runs in the third and fourth quarters, while Porter contributed a two-point kick to complete the scoring.

Enzo Rodriguez had the lone TD in the final quarter for the Stallions (4-5). He also had an interception.

The Colts were led defensively by Brian Tijan, Alex VanNocker, Luke Lindsey-Zayti Aiden Hayek and Jake Khoury.

COLTS (JV) 31, STALLIONS 7: Brett Rankin rushed for 236 yards and three TDs as the Colts

(8-1) rolled over the Stallions (4-5). Rankin had TD runs of 79, 38 and 63 yards, while Jake Willerer (1-yard run) and Brett Rudolph (42-yard run) also found the end zone. Willerer set up his own TD run with a 44-yard pass to Rankin.

The Stallions' Kristopher Stojanovski rushed for 68 yards on 11 carries. He had a 63-yard TD run in the third quarter to cut the deficit to 18-7 before the Colts put it away with 13 fourth-quarter points.

The Colts held the Stallions to less than 150 total yards as Adam Harp, Shane Sandhu and James Monticelli led the way, while Andrew Hayek and Kellen Gonda each came up an interception.

Stallions quarterback Jack Bugar was 3-of-5 passing for 33 yards.

BOBCATS 27 (FRESHMAN), COLTS 0: On Sunday, Niko Krall rushed for 73 yards on five carries and a TD Sunday as the host Bobcats (9-0) rolled to a playoff win over the Northville Colts (4-5) at Novi High School.

The Bobcats led 7-0 after one quarter on Robert Lalain's 29-yard TD pass to Charlie Lewinski, followed by Kral's extra point conversion run.

In the second quarter, Bacari Scott scored on a 34-yard TD run and Kral added a 49-yard scoring run. Lalain and Calvin Taulbee each added a one-point conversion run.

Dominic Senatore's 2-yard TD run in the third quarter sewed up the win. Lalain was 8-of-14 passing for 57 yards.

Tackle leaders included Thad Lawler (eight) and Senatore (six).

Colts quarterback Cole McGowan completed 5-of-7 passes, while the defense was led by Ryne Socha (sack), Jack Davis (caused fumble), Santino Petroia (blocked pass) and Matthew McLaughlin (tackle for loss).

STALLIONS (FRESHMAN) 14, CHARGERS 13: On Sunday, the host Stallions (8-1) overcame a 13-0 first-quarter deficit to beat the Commerce Chargers (6-3) in a WJFL playoff game at Tom Holzer Field.

The Stallions scored all 14 of their points in the second quarter to take the lead for keeps.

Devin Shaffer scooped up a Chargers fumble and returned it to the Commerce 25 setting up a Grady Zoroya's TD run. Luca Prior then hit Caden Besco for the one-pointer.

Zoroya then intercepted a Chargers pass which resulted in a 60-yard TD pass from Prior to Max Anderson with only 17 seconds left in the half. Zoroya then scored the go-ahead one-pointer.



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Northville Colts JV ball carrier Kellen Gonda is tackled first by Luke Brodde (left) as teammate Kristopher Stojanovski comes in for support.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL
DIVISION 1-REGION 3-DISTRICT 1
Friday, Oct. 31
Northville at Canton, 7 p.m.

PREP VOLLEYBALL
DISTRICT PAIRINGS
CLASS A
at NOVI

Monday, Nov. 3: (A) Canton vs. (B) Plymouth, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 5: Novi vs. Salem, 5 p.m. Northville vs. A-B winner, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 6: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 11 at West Bloomfield vs. Linden district champion.)

CLASS D
at BIRMINGHAM ROEPER

Monday, Nov. 3: (A) Birmingham Roeper vs. (B) Southfield Christian, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 5: Novi Franklin Road Christian vs. A-B winner, 6 p.m.; Detroit Winans Academy of Performing Arts vs. Detroit Universal Academy, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 7: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals, 6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 11 at Plymouth Christian Academy vs. Clarkston Everest Collegiate district champion.)

PREP CROSS COUNTRY

MHSAA FINALS

Saturday, Nov. 1

Division 1 girls race, 2 p.m.

Division 1 girls race, 3 p.m.

GIRLS SWIMMING

Friday, Oct. 31

KLAA Central Diving at Novi, 4 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 8

KLAA Central Meet at Novi, noon.

Friday, Nov. 7

Kensington Conference Prelims at South Lyon East, 4 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 8

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BOYS SOCCER

Mustangs go two OTs to gain regional final

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

It took Northville 97 minutes, 18 seconds to get a goal. And it was a very important one as the Mustangs earned a 1-0 boys soccer victory Oct. 21 over stubborn Temperance Bedford in the Division 1 regional semifinal at Westland John Glenn.

Senior midfielder Kyle Johnson scored the game-winner with only 2:42 left in the second 10-minute overtime period to

propel the Mustangs (14-5-3) into the regional final against Canton (see related story).

"It wasn't pretty, but we got it done," Northville coach Henry Klimes said. "We possessed the ball, I'd say, 80 percent of the game. Their goalie did make a couple of good stops, but first half we should have put three or four in the net. We weren't bearing down and pushing into the goal. We played a little bit too loose, a little bit overconfident, I think, at times.

"But give credit to Temperance. I thought they worked their tail off and they defended very well. Their goalie made great saves. And as the game progresses, it gets tougher and tougher. It took a while to finally get that nice cross by (Alec) Morgan, then to Kyle (Johnson), who got that nice header goal. It was a very nice goal, but maybe 75 minutes longer than I needed."

The Mustangs were not quite as sharp after coming off an emotional 1-0 district cham-

pionship victory over Novi Detroit Catholic Central.

Northville senior goalkeeper Alec Melucci, who was the hero in the victory over CC, had to make only one save against Bedford to record his 11th shut-out of the year.

"Our back line has been pretty steady, but overall we just did not execute the way we need to execute," Klimes said. "I think the work rate was good. But you have to finish and you have to do the simple things. You've got to play as a

team and I thought it was a little bit too much individual. And we were not executing in the offensive third. There were a lot of mistakes everywhere.

"But then again, I don't want to take anything away from Temperance. They certainly worked very hard. They had nine behind the ball at all times. They tried for counters. They had one opportunity, but it was offside when there was a little bit of a mix-up."

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SOCCER

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teams to halftime 1-1.

The Chiefs (22-0-3) needed a brilliant clutch goal by junior midfielder Hunter Olson with 4:58 to play in regulation to knot the score at 2-2.

And after that, it was the "Andrew Loehnis Show" as the senior goalkeeper stoned the Mustangs (14-6-3) in the two 10-minute extra sessions and penalty kicks.

With the first OT winding down, Alec Morgan's free kick from 40 yards flew into a crowd in front of Loehnis. Getting a head on it was Northville's Johnny Rodriguez and the ball caromed toward the top of the cage.

But Loehnis skied as high as he could to snare the ball.

Then in PKs, Loehnis dove to deny a bid by Blake Becker and batted away another attempt taken by Kyle Johnson.

Canton ultimately won the PK round when junior midfielder Jason Ren's hard shot bounced in off the body of Mustangs goalkeeper Manuel Kansy (who took over from starter Alec Melucci after overtime).

"I was just thinking, 'I got to be on top, I got to get the job done' and coach chose me to get the job done," Loehnis said. "Jay (Krebs, Canton's usual goalie for PKs) is out with a sprained ankle, so coach told me to step up."



Canton's Hunter Olson (left) and Northville's Dan Baldwin go head-to-head during Friday's regional final.

Loehnis played the first half, giving up the game's first goal to Grant Tyburski, whose spinning boot from 10 yards in front found the inside of the left post.

Canton made it 1-1 on a strange goal. Throwing the ball

in from the left side in Northville's end was senior midfielder Jack Zemanski and the ball was flicked into the box by senior forward Carter Schenk (who left the game with an injured ankle early in the sec-

ond half).

The ball then bounced in off a Mustangs defender past Melucci.

"The own goal, that was a tough one to give up, but we kept going," Klimes said. "But

there's nothing to be down about, the boys played their hearts out. They have no regrets and what more can you ask for high school kids?"

Playing the second half for the Chiefs was senior goalkeeper Dylon DaSilva and he was beaten on a pretty shot by Jonathon Mitchell with 27:41 remaining in regulation to put Northville up 2-1.

Taking a corner kick from the right side was Jake Reitzloff and the ball bounced out of a scrum to the top of the box. That's where Mitchell's left-footed strike sent the ball into the top-left corner.

"It felt good to put the ball in the net," Mitchell said. "At that point, we were winning so it felt good. ... It's heartbreaking (to lose), but we put forth our best effort and that's all you can ask for."

For more than 20 minutes, that goal stood as the winner before the Chiefs scored the equalizer.

Causley sent a pass from the left side of the Northville 18-yard box in front to Olson, who flicked it in with a perfect header.

"At first I didn't think I had a chance to get a piece of it," Olson said. "But at the last second, it came toward me and I was able to jump backward for it and get a head on it."

That reprieve helped get Canton into overtime and the Chiefs managed to survive to move into Wednesday's Division 1 semifinal at Holt.

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Labor expert says job market is strong

Michigan's jobless rate improved more than 1.5 points in the past 24 months to 7.7 percent according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, and leaders at the largest recruitment research firm in the nation have identified specific employment skill sets that are driving this growth.

According to Qualigence International founder and CEO Steve Lowisz, while it may appear the growth in Michigan is



Lowisz

specific.

"For the past 24 months, we have seen a steady uptick in recruiting activity throughout the state of Michigan," said Lowisz, a Northville resident. "Although it

seems that most industries are seeing some movement, there appears to be a steady growth trend in automotive, health care and general technology related fields."

The talent needs in the following employment fields are greatest:

- » Programmers/Developers - Skill sets are generally not industry specific
- » Mechanical/Electrical Engineers - Although industry-specific experi-

ence is still preferred, cross-industry experience is becoming more common.

» Revenue generators - Sales positions (inside/outside positions).

» Accounting/Finance/Compliance - Administrative responsibilities including: claims, accounts payable.

» Health Care Providers - There are more nurse openings today than there are nurses available in Michigan, however, there are wait-

ing lists to get into nursing programs at local universities.

"The important thing to note is the domino effect related to these industries," said Lowisz. "For example, the Big Three and many of its local Tier 1 and Tier 2 suppliers are being very aggressive in recruiting various professional roles with a heavy emphasis on engineering and development. As the economy continues to improve, this growth

continues to the automotive dealer network."

Lowisz explains that in late 2013, Ford Motor Company announced it would hire 5,000 new employees in 2014, with more than 80 percent in product development, manufacturing, quality and technology. This type of investment in Michigan leads to increased hiring in technology, services, and related businesses required to support this overall growth.

T&M Associates comes to Novi

A leading automotive and waste management industries firm has set up shop in Novi.

T&M Associates, a leading national engineering, environmental services and consulting firm, announced the opening of its Michigan office, which will focus on serving the automotive and waste management industries.

The new office is located at 39555 Orchard Hill Place.

It has full portfolio of services, including EHS auditing and program development/implementation, regulatory compliance and permitting, site investigation and remediation, risk assessment, due diligence and transactional support, underground storage tank/aboveground storage tank evaluation and investigation, industrial hygiene, grants and funding, energy efficiency, transportation engineering, water resources, storm water management and construction admini-

stration.

Natalie Pryde, who specializes in regulatory compliance at the local, federal and global levels, will lead the Novi office. According to T&M, she brings nearly 15 years of environmental, health and safety and compliance experience with General Motors, Ford, FIAT Chrysler Automobiles and numerous public and private clients in the sector.

T&M also appointed environmental geologist Nathan Hull as solid waste specialist, whose team will provide a broad portfolio of services to clients throughout the region. Hull comes from T&M Associates' Ohio regional office and brings 18 years of experience in construction inspection, quality assurance and environmental investigation.

"Natalie's automotive and regulatory leadership, combined with Nathan's environmental expertise, enables us to



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bring best-in-class services to Detroit and enhance our offerings in the greater Midwest market," said Ihsan Al-Fayyumi, senior vice president and environmental services business unit leader at T&M.

About T&M Associates

T&M Associates is an engineering consulting firm specializing in development, energy, envi-



ronmental and transportation services.

Established in 1966 and headquartered in Middletown, N.J., the company has earned dozens of awards for project excellence and is consistently ranked in the top half of Engineering News Record's list of the Top 500 Design Firms. T&M's tagline, "Your Goals. Our Mission," encapsulates its commitment to develop effec-

tive, creative and timely strategies and solutions to achieve its public and private clients' business objectives.

The firm has nearly 400 employees and operates in 16 office locations throughout Delaware, Indiana, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Ohio.

For more information, visit <http://www.tandmassociates.com/>.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Lakes Chamber hosting Expo

Members of the Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce in Walled Lake will come together from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1, to host an Expo, Taste and Fun Fest at Walled Lake Western High School (600 Beck Road in Wixom).

Highlighting the event will be an appearance by Stacie Zotovich, the 2014 Mrs. Michigan United States. She will be on hand to greet attendees and sign autographs. A wife and mother of two young children, Stacie is also a working professional, community leader and avid runner.

Other highlights will include an appearance by children's author, playwright and director Debbie Lannen. She has written two children's books, including *Crystal: A Fairy's Dream* and *Same Dumb Lake, Same Dumb Curves*, and several plays, including *I'm Sorry*, an anti-bullying play. Debbie will entertain children with readings from her books at noon, 1 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. Additional entertainment will be provided by Magic Joe, who will entertain young and old with his amazing magic tricks, the Howell Conference & Nature Center, who will be stopping by with a live animal, and Face Flair who will be providing complimentary face painting.

Additional information on the event can be found at www.LakesAreaChamber.com or by calling 248-624-2826. The Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce, with offices in Walled Lake, has served the communities of Commerce Township, Union Lake, Walled Lake, Waterford, White Lake, Wixom and Wolverine Lake since 1963.

Restaurant show



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Gordon Food Service employee Patrick Callan prepares some turkey Swiss sliders with a tropical aioli dressing at the Oct. 14 Michigan Restaurant Show at Novi's Suburban Collection Showplace. The two-day event filled the main hall with hundreds of restaurant suppliers of food, equipment, furniture and personnel. Gordon Food Service has a location in Novi on 12 Mile Road

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Tops in the field: Commercial real estate leaders in region lauded

The Building Owners and Managers Association/Metro Detroit (BOMA/Metro Detroit) has named its 2014 Exceptional Leaders in the commercial real estate industry.

The recipients will be honored at The Outstanding Building of the Year (TOBY) and Leadership Awards Program on Friday afternoon, Nov. 7, at the Motor City Casino Sound Board in Detroit.

The program honors outstanding leaders in the local commercial real estate industry. Named to receive this year's exceptional leadership awards are:

» **Gina Goodin**, RPA of CBRE – Property Manager of the Year

» **John Guardiola**, RPA, LEED AP of Bedrock Real Estate Services – Facility Manager of the Year

» **Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates, Inc.** – Service Provider of the Year

» **Karen Skierski** of Comcast Business – Supplier Member of the Year

“We have recognized and will celebrate the collective



Karen Skierski of Comcast Business



Gina Goodin of CPRE



John Guardiola of Bedrock Real Estate Services

and individual efforts of these exceptional leaders. It is the generosity of their time and talent that validates the integrity of what we do every day, the difference we make to our professions, our tenants, our customers, and our communities,” said Paul Magy, president of BOMA/Metro Detroit.

For additional information on the 2014 Leadership Awards, contact Emily Keranen or visit www.bomadetroit.org.

Founded in 1908, BOMA/Metro Detroit is a professional, nonprofit trade association whose nearly 400 members either own or manage commercial real estate, or provide goods and services to the industry.

BOMA Michigan members represent organizations managing more than 250 million square feet of office and industrial space, with employees and tenants totaling more than 1.25 million people in

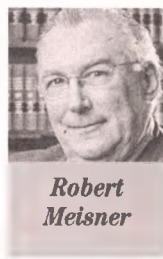
Michigan. Michigan members' annual expenditures contribute \$3.2 billion to the State's economy.

BOMA/Metro Detroit provides commercial real estate professionals the opportunity to work together for professional growth, advocacy rights, corporate profit, and the benefit of the Southeastern Michigan communities it serves. For more information on BOMA and membership, visit www.bomadetroit.org.

Audit law or no, bookkeeping should be solid

Q: I hear there was an amendment to the Condominium Act regarding financial statements and audits. Can you provide me with any information?

A: A statute was passed, I think, inadvertently, to provide that an association of co-owners with annual revenues greater than \$20,000 shall on an annual basis have its books, records and financial statements independently audited or reviewed by a certified public accountant. Unfortunately, the association may opt out of the requirements on an annual basis by an affirmative vote of a majority of its members by any means permitted under the association's bylaws. I think it is important that every association have its financial statements, books and records independently audited or reviewed by a certified public accountant, but this is what the legislature has prescribed along with Gov. Snyder.



Robert Meisner

Q: I have a pit bull and the ordinance in my municipality prohibits pit bulls. I am an ex-military man and my psychiatrist has diagnosed me with PTSD. I want my assistance animal because for my therapeutic use and function. The association is saying that they don't have to agree to let me have my dog because it is dangerous and because of the ordinance. What do you think?

A: I think that the association will be compelled to allow you to keep your dog, because, otherwise, it will have violated the Federal Fair Housing Act. To prevail on a failure to accommodate claim under the Federal Fair Housing Act, a person must establish that 1) he or she is disabled within the meaning of the Federal Fair Housing Act; 2) he or she requested a reasonable accommodation; 3) the accommodation is necessary to afford him or her an opportunity to use and enjoy his or her dwelling; and, 4) that the association refuses to make the requested accommodation. In your particular case, Section 3615 of the Federal Fair Housing Act provides that “any law of the State, a political subdivision or other such jurisdiction that purports to require or permit any action that would be a discriminatory housing practice under the Federal Fair Housing Act would to that extent be invalid. I would suggest, therefore, that your ordinance is invalid as it relates to the Federal Fair Housing Act.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of “Condo Living 2: An Authoritative Guide to Buying, Selling and Operating a Condominium.” It is available for \$24.95, plus \$5.55 for tax, shipping and handling. “Condo Living 2” is available in both print and e-book editions. The e-book is available for download through iTunes, Amazon.com and barnesandnoble.com. He is also the author of “Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track,” second edition. It is available for \$9.95, plus \$2.20 for tax, shipping and handling. Call 248-644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-law.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

Realtors applaud domain announcement for Web use

The National Association of Realtors has won the rights to the new .realestate top-level domain. NAR intends to use the .realestate domain along with the recently acquired .REALTOR domain to create order for real estate information on the Internet and to provide NAR members with tools that help brand themselves as the most trusted, valued source of real estate information.

While .REALTOR will be used exclusively by NAR members and its affiliated NAR business partners, it is anticipated that .realestate will have wider business ap-

plications. NAR encourages members to participate in the .REALTOR domain launch later this month, during which the first 500,000 members who register will be awarded a free one-year license, and procure the domain names they want and as many as they wish to creatively brand themselves.

“NAR is thrilled that it has acquired the rights to the .realestate top-level domain,” said NAR President Steve Brown, co-owner of Irongate, Inc. Realtors in Dayton, Ohio. “As the leader in the real estate industry and the ‘voice for real estate,’ NAR has been

a pioneer for new technology in the digital space and intends to use the .realestate domain in conjunction with the .REALTOR domain to build an online space where home buyers, sellers and investors can find credible and professional real estate resources and services.”

NAR Senior Vice President of Marketing Bob Goldberg is excited about how these acquisitions will help transform the way Realtors do business online. “Obtaining this top-level domain along with .REALTOR will solidify NAR and our members' standing as groundbreakers in the rapidly

changing real estate environment and change how the Internet is used to educate and connect with consumers, not only today, but in the future.”

NAR applied for the top-level domains through the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers, or ICANN, the organization that directs domains and IP addresses for the Internet.

Details on business rules, pricing and the launch date of .realestate will be available in the second quarter of 2015. For more information, visit www.realtor.org/topics/top-level-domain.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of June 9-13, 2014, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS

15609 Amherst Ave \$155,000
19146 Bedford St \$394,000
18215 Birchwood Ave \$236,000
20730 Kennoway Cir \$390,000
16141 Reedmere Ave \$292,000
16161 Wetherby St \$255,000
16187 Wetherby St \$295,000

BIRMINGHAM

421 Arlington St \$2,300,000
298 Bird Ave \$283,000
1375 Bird Ave \$525,000
2421 Buckingham Ave \$220,000
1407 Cole St \$553,000
1664 Cole St \$403,000
1627 Derby Rd \$585,000
2286 Dunstable Rd \$325,000
1505 Emmons Ave \$530,000
1885 Humphrey Ave \$668,000
836 Lakeview Ave \$635,000
536 Southfield Rd \$440,000
2424 Windemere Rd \$270,000

BLOOMFIELD HILLS

4165 Antique Ln \$405,000
5169 Nob Hill Ct \$425,000
10 Barbour Ln \$240,000
235 Barden Rd \$230,000
229 Lone Pine Rd \$1,225,000
2473 Thistle Pointe \$374,000
4589 Wagon Wheel Dr \$398,000

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP

1081 Alter Rd \$306,000
3660 Burning Tree Dr \$419,000

856 Foxhall Rd \$350,000
3651 Halla Ln \$600,000
4866 Malibu Dr \$440,000
6300 Norham Rd \$255,000
3845 Oakhills Dr \$520,000
1948 Pine Ridge Ln \$275,000
663 Sedgewick Dr \$220,000
1142 Timberview Trl \$245,000
4080 Willoway Place Dr \$335,000
5167 Woodlands Ln \$393,000
5499 Woodview Dr \$418,000

COMMERCE TOWNSHIP

206 Annon Dr \$55,000
1823 Applebrook Dr \$430,000
3175 Belle Terre \$75,000
4550 Commerce Woods Dr \$225,000
7958 Flagstaff St \$800,000
8567 Hummingbird \$335,000
2155 Palmetto \$249,000
2351 Palmetto \$241,000
1885 Sleeth Rd \$40,000
3580 Stallion Way \$388,000
5706 Strawberry Cir \$439,000
8240 Vandell St \$75,000

FARMINGTON

22515 Floral St \$126,000
33812 James Ct \$60,000
33100 Slocum Dr \$155,000

FARMINGTON HILLS

23424 Barfield St \$138,000
34570 Bridgeman St \$60,000
37801 Carson St \$169,000
25312 Chapelweigh Dr \$110,000
25312 Chapelweigh Dr \$176,000
23047 Cora Ave \$92,000
23731 Cora Ave \$200,000
30856 Country Ridge Cir \$287,000
28344 Farmington Rd \$174,000
36950 Fox Gln \$365,000

30016 Greenboro St \$215,000
31134 Harmony Ln \$70,000
28976 Kendallwood Dr \$215,000
22100 Malden St \$145,000
23218 Montclair St \$140,000
27456 Old Colony St \$535,000
21185 Parklane St \$260,000
30007 Pipers Ln \$207,000
30315 Rockshire Ave \$227,000
24300 Springbrook Dr \$128,000
30601 Sudbury Ct \$285,000
22667 Vacri Ct \$248,000
29680 Vista Ct \$175,000
27508 Westcott Crescent Cir \$175,000

FRANKLIN

25260 Westmoreland Dr \$223,000

HIGHLAND

27220 Apple Tree Ln \$329,000

MILFORD

1943 Shewchenko Dr \$175,000
939 Bird Song Dr \$168,000
1055 Byron Dr \$200,000
1306 Evergreen \$271,000
3889 Foxthorn Ct \$525,000

NORTHVILLE

21615 Kilrush Dr \$255,000
22249 Lujon Dr \$75,000
22835 Poppleton Dr \$100,000
675 River Park Village Blvd \$205,000

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43000 12 Oaks Crescent Dr # 5066 \$190,000
25811 Abbey Dr \$377,000
22881 Balcombe \$290,000
24251 Hampton Hill St \$250,000
45069 Huntingcross Dr \$299,000
41763 Independence Dr \$165,000
25700 Lochmoor Ln \$380,000

41601 London Ct \$460,000
45678 Marlborough Pl \$395,000
24011 Meadowbrook Rd \$120,000
24879 Reeds Pointe Dr \$515,000
22213 Roethel Dr \$650,000
41254 Scarborough Ln \$397,000
31065 Seneca Ln \$165,000
30129 Sterling Dr \$415,000
49941 Streamwood Dr \$400,000
27147 Victoria Rd \$370,000
24307 Weatherhervane Ct \$227,000

SOUTH LYON

25600 Belladonna \$292,000
232 Columbia Dr \$305,000
833 Eagle Heights Dr \$225,000
23379 Elm Point Dr \$495,000
22999 Fremont Dr N \$480,000
1052 Paddock Dr \$245,000
27965 Pontiac Trl \$395,000
24383 Ravine Dr \$475,000
850 Westbrooke Dr \$228,000
999 Westbrooke Dr \$215,000

SOUTHFIELD

25735 Grand Concourse St \$165,000
27180 Johnny Cake Ln \$47,000
24500 Lois Ln \$116,000
18188 Magnolia Ave \$100,000
19678 Raleigh Cir N \$46,000
5000 Town Ctr # 303 \$65,000
19922 Villa Ct W \$84,000
18301 W 13 Mile Rd Unit A1 \$70,000
29185 Wellington Ct # 48 \$73,000

WHITE LAKE

10094 Elizabeth Lake Rd \$239,000
325 Farnsworth Rd \$124,000
8104 Kenwick Dr \$150,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of June 30 to July 3, 2014, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON

40473 Blytheheld Ln \$142,000
45717 Graystone Ln \$154,000
42553 Lilley Pointe Dr \$90,000
6442 Raintree Dr \$200,000
1650 Steeplechase Rd \$455,000

GARDEN CITY

415 Belton St \$50,000
32531 Bridge St \$80,000
6431 Golfview St \$110,000

LIVONIA

14204 Arden St \$184,000
10948 Edington St \$228,000
14947 Henry Ruff St \$265,000
14959 Henry Ruff St \$285,000
15600 Hidden Ln \$170,000
30178 Hoy St \$165,000

14611 Hubbard St \$140,000
8925 Lathers St \$117,000
29726 Mason St \$149,000
38672 Mason St \$190,000
30934 Orangelawn St \$136,000
17947 University Park Dr \$99,000
32448 Washington St \$175,000

NORTHVILLE

47130 Seven Mile Rd \$1,210,000
18435 Donegal Ct \$371,000
48245 Four Seasons Blvd \$919,000
46782 Merion Cir \$800,000
39499 Village Run Dr \$315,000

PLYMOUTH

1409 Beech St \$269,000
9013 Hackberry Ave \$175,000
15214 Lakewood Dr \$230,000
9357 Mapletree Dr \$312,000
276 N Holbrook St \$225,000
49465 Pointe Xing \$148,000
11846 Trailwood Rd \$305,000
12428 Wendover Dr \$420,000
1078 York St \$219,000

REDFORD

24784 Ashley Ct \$5,000
24787 Ashley Ct \$5,000
24793 Ashley Ct \$5,000
24796 Ashley Ct \$5,000
24799 Ashley Ct \$5,000
11371 Farley \$64,000
17438 Garfield \$40,000
15513 Norborne \$75,000
11717 Tecumseh \$60,000

WESTLAND

7850 August Ave \$115,000
34227 Beechnut St \$105,000
8635 Cardwell St \$202,000
35424 Dove Trl \$105,000
35515 Dove Trl \$88,000
34827 Hazelwood St \$80,000
360 Lansdowne Dr \$155,000
220 N Byfield St \$140,000
1181 Rahm St \$79,000
35879 Schley Ave \$44,000
1215 Shoemaker Dr \$44,000
694 Superior Pkwy \$85,000
7315 W Frumin Ct \$117,000

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Short sales

If you owe more than what your house is worth, you may be interested in a free informational seminar on short sale procedures.

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

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

Investors

The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne will have an open forum. Investors will answer questions and offer a market update. Meetings are at 6-9 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the Red Lobster

on Eureka in Southgate.

Members are free, guests \$20, which will be applied to their membership. The Red Lobster is next to 7-11, near Trenton Road.

Any questions or concerns, call Bill Beddoes at 734-934-9091 or Wayne Koehler at 313-819-0919.

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Your guide on how to use a headhunter effectively



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Some job seekers are reluctant to use a professional recruiter. Yet using a headhunter can give you a leg up, because he has inside information and the knowledge of jobs before they are advertised. Here is how you can work successfully with a headhunter:

Use a specialist:

If you work in finance, find a headhunter who deals with finance folks all day long, as she will have a solid understanding of what you are talking about, what the prospective employer is looking for and how to coach you.

Be careful:

Do not give out confidential information about yourself or your employer on the phone without having met the headhunter or knowing for which company he works. Also, find out how your headhunter works: If she shares resumes without asking the candi-

dates first, that could be an issue.

Don't spread yourself too thin:

Try to stick with a maximum of three headhunters. Headhunters may not be as willing to share your information if they know you're working with their competitors too. On the other hand, working with too many recruiters may give the impression that you're desperate.

Be prepared:

Some candidates come to the interview late, badly dressed or with an outdated resume, with the excuse of, "Yeah, but that is only because you are the headhunter. I would never do that for the real interview." This is not how you will motivate a headhunter to find you a job. Prepare for the headhunter meeting as you would for an interview.

Be honest:

Just as with a prospective em-



ployer, don't try to hide anything or lie. If a headhunter finds out that a candidate is lying, he will likely stop the interview and may even blacklist the candidate. You should be completely transparent, and if there are bumpy parts in your career, your headhunter can help talk you through how to explain them to the prospective employer.

Like us or leave us:

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Jorg Stegemann is a headhunter and his advice blog can be found at www.MyJobThoughts.com.

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