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Light Up the Night show

The city of Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department is currently accepting vendor applications for the Light Up the Night craft show Friday, Dec. 5. The show has an annual attendance of more than 5,000 people.

The craft show will take place 6-9 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 10 Mile. The vendor cost is \$30 and includes an eight-foot table and two chairs within a 10- by 10-foot area of space.

Interested vendors should complete an application available via www.cityofnovi.org or at the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services office located inside the Novi Civic Center.

The deadline for submitting an application is 5 p.m. Nov. 17. Accepted vendors will be notified by 5 p.m. Nov. 18. Full payment is due by Nov. 24. If payment is not received, the space will be immediately released to another vendor.

For more information about the Light Up the Night event and craft show, visit www.cityofnovi.org or call 248-347-0400.

2014 ELECTION

REEDS EDGES MACKENZIE; CRAWFORDS BOTH WIN BIG

Just under 50 percent of Novi's voters show up

By Cal Stone
Staff Writer

The closest local race of Tuesday's general election was decided by just 215 votes, as Travis Reeds beat incumbent Judge Brian MacKenzie for a seat on the 52-1 District Court bench. Reeds, a former law clerk of MacKenzie's, had 23,830 votes to 23,615 for MacKenzie.

"I would like to say that I feel proud of our effort and the positive and upbeat message of qualification, temperament and experience which the 52-1 communities deserve," Reeds said. "Elections are about the future and I look forward to getting to work to serve and to moving the court forward in a positive direction."

MacKenzie, who held the position for 26 years, had been embroiled in a dispute with Oak-

land County Prosecutor Jessica Cooper over his handling of eight cases.

Republican Hugh Crawford will succeed his wife Kathy as Oakland County commissioner representing the 9th District. He had 11,610 votes to the 7,783 votes for Democratic challenger Colleen Crossey. Crawford held this position prior to being elected state representative six years ago.

Likewise, Kathy Crawford will now take over her husband's seat in Lansing as the state House 38th District representative. She had 19,232 votes to Jasper Catanzaro's 11,507 votes on the Dem's side.

"It was never a life goal or my objective to run for the Michigan state House, it's just that my community involvement, experience and the many people who urged and trusted me to represent them brought me to this juncture," Kathy Crawford said.

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Wife and husband duo Kathy and Hugh Crawford take a moment out a busy night at Novi's Hyatt Hotel to be with each other. It didn't take long for the results to reveal they had both won their races. She'll take over his seat as state representative for the 38th District and he'll assume her role as Oakland County commissioner for the 9th District.

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Novi High student Brent George takes a look at the polished design of a converted Airstream trailer during its Oct. 29 visit to the campus by the Columbus College of Art and Design. Students were given an idea of how their art and design careers can be used to work on things like portable work homes for young, mobile artists.

Novi marches to fifth in state

Plymouth-Canton wins Ford Field event

By Kim Ward
Correspondent

The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Marching Band regained its crown Saturday, earning a Flight I state championship with a score of 94.200 in the Michigan Competing Band Association state championship at Ford Field in Detroit.

The 171-member band also captured two special awards: Best Music and Best Visual Performance.

Of the 12 bands performing in Flight 1 competition, which is composed of the largest high schools in Michigan based upon enrollment, Rockford took second place with a score of 93.075. Walled Lake Central, the 2013 state champion, earned third place with a score of 93.050 and the award for Best General Effect.

Novi took fifth place with a score of 91.700 for its show, "Persephone's Passage." Livonia Franklin took 12th place with a score of 83.125 for its show, "Under the Big Top."

"Our band put on a fantastic show," Novi Band Director Mark Hourigan said. "It was the best of the season and it came at the best time - at the state championship."

But it was PCMB that wowed the crowd and judges. Dave Armbruster, director of P-CEP bands, summed up the band's performance in one word: "Outstanding!"

"They had a wonderful performance and I couldn't be prouder," Armbruster said. "We've been talking about states all week, but it was not about regaining the title, it was about putting on their best performance of the season and they did."

Streaming to the future

Travel trailer helps Novi High students see what could be

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

Novi High School art students recently got a cool visit from the Columbus College of Art and Design during an eight-city tour with its newly-designed Airstream travel trailer.

The tour stopped in Novi to give students an idea what they could learn and experience at CCAD.

"I think this is phenomenal," NHS art teacher Jennifer Harvey said. "It shows the students how learning can translate into a career. They might think they could do something like this."

Novi High junior Adam Huber, who sat in twice on the CCAD presentation, said it was a cool



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Novi High students prepare to take a look at the Airstream trailer designed by students at the Columbus School of Art and Design.

concept. "It's very unique with hidden features that are all useful," said Huber, who is a big fan of combining art and product design. The trailer is visiting eight

cities on CCAD's fall admissions tour of high schools and colleges throughout the Midwest. It kicked off Sept. 25 in Pittsburgh

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and is concluding Nov. 24 in Washington, D.C. Other stops on the tour include Chicago, Cincinnati, Indianapolis, Cleveland and Louisville.

"This Airstream is all student-designed and created, so this tour is chance for us to show off what can happen at CCAD," said Greg Renda, who is with CCAD's admission department and who drove the trailer to Novi.

He said the Airstream Pursuit was designed and named by a team of students who collaborated across all nine of the college's majors.

"Designed with the millennial (which consists of the generation of current college and high school-aged students) in mind, the trailer features a work area combined with a living

space, geared toward young professionals looking for a mobile office concept that allows them to blend their personal and professional pursuits," he said.

Working together, 120 students and 17 faculty members developed the full-scale prototype with the primary goal of helping Airstream, whose current customer base averages 60 years old, reach a younger audience.

The project, a part of Airstream's Live Riveted Campaign, was a 16-week undertaking during spring semester 2014.

"As discipline-specific lines blur, this experience is invaluable to our students," said Thomas White, president of CCAD.

To learn more about the Airstream project, go to <http://ccad-on-the-road.tumblr.com/>.

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ELECTION

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"People have always been what matters the most to me, more than position or personal glory. I am committed to working hard on behalf of all people in the 38th District and I am deeply grateful for their trust."

Three open seats on the Novi schools Board of Education were won by Ann Glubzinski (4,955), Willy Mena (3,989) and Paul Cook (3,942). The trio topped Chris Harpenau and Robert Peurach for the six-year seats.

"I am honored and very grateful for the confidence shown by the Novi community for me today," said Glubzinski, the lone incumbent in the race. "This indicates that the community supports the direction the district is headed. I look forward to serving my third term on the board and continuing our tradition of providing an excellent education to all Novi students. Thank you to everyone who voted."

Mena, who was appointed by the board in the summer to fill a vacated seat, said he was humbled and blessed to get the support of the Novi community.

"I look forward to representing this community for the next six years and I expect many important issues," he said. "I don't know exactly what those are, but I assure everybody my decisions will be in the best interest of everyone."

In the state Senate 15th District race, incumbent Republican Mike Kowall handily defeated his Democrat opponent, Michael D. Smith, 52,799 votes to 37,487, to earn another four-year term in Lansing.

The city of Novi's charter amendment proposal passed by a 3-1 margin (12,709 to 4,352) and relaxes the fine schedule for those delin-

LOCAL RESULTS

These are the results for Novi precincts only. Overall winners in bold. Parties: R - Republican; D - Democrat; L - Libertarian; U - U.S. Taxpayers; G - Green; N - Natural Law

GOVERNOR
Rick Snyder (R) ...12,244
Mark Schauer (D) ...6,781
Mary Buzma (L) ...154
Mark McFarlin (U) ...40
Paul Homeniuk (G) ...52

SECRETARY OF STATE
Ruth Johnson (R) 12,005
Godfrey Dillard (D) 6,252
James Lewis (L) ...292
Robert Gale (U) ...106
Jason Gatties (N) ...57

ATTORNEY GENERAL
Bill Schuette (R) ...10,905
Mark Totten (D) ...7,245
Justin Altman (L) ...306
Gerald Van Sickle (U) ...96
John La Pietra (G) ...101

U.S. SENATOR
Terri Lynn Land (R) ...8,785
Gary Peters (D) ...9,621
Jim Fulner (L) ...332
Richard Matkin (U) ...125
Chris Wahmhoff (G) ...104

U.S. HOUSE
11TH DISTRICT
Dave Trott (R) ...10,178
Bob McKenzie (D) ...7,762
John Tatar (L) ...480

STATE SENATE
15TH DISTRICT
Mike Kowall (R) ...10,478
Michael Smith (D) ...7,529

STATE HOUSE
38TH DISTRICT
K. Crawford (R) ...11,043
J. Catanzaro (D) ...7,117

COUNTY COMMISSION 9TH DISTRICT
H. Crawford (R) ...10,649
Colleen Crossey (D) ...7,196

CITY CHARTER AMENDMENT - DELINQUENT TAX FINES
Yes ...12,709
No ...4,352

STATE PROP. 14-1 - WOLF HUNTING SEASON
Yes ...7,180
No ...10,272

STATE PROP. 14-2 - GAME DESIGNATION
Yes ...5,764
No ...11,591

52-1 DISTRICT COURT JUDGE
Brian MacKenzie <WL> 7,359
Travis Reeds ...6,843

SUPREME COURT JUSTICE (2)
Richard Bernstein 7,356
Doug Dern ...776
Bill Murphy ...3,820
James Redford ...5,915
Brian Zahra ...10,116

SUPREME COURT JUSTICE
Kerry Morgan ...1,112
Deborah Thomas ...3,306
David Viviano ...10,282

CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE
Karen Geibel ...3,936
Lisa Langton ...7,190

NOVI SCHOOL BOARD (3)
Paul Cook ...3,942
Ann Glubzinski ...4,955
Chris Harpenau ...3,026
Willy Mena ...3,989
Robert Peurach ...2,635

NORTHVILLE SCHOOL BOARD (3)
Scott Frush ...998
Roland Hwang ...1,137
Ann Kalass ...1,306
James Mazurek ...1,261

SOUTH LYON SCHOOL BOARD (3)
Anthony Abbate ...82
Randy Clark ...113
Georganne Ehlert ...93
Justin Gusick ...81
Amy McCusker ...154
Daniel Schwiegler ...88

WALLED LAKE SCHOOLS MILLAGE RENEWAL
Yes ...2,477
No ...1,196

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION (2)
Maria Carl (R) ...9,010

J. Williams (R) ...8,502
Pamela Smith (D) ...7,108
C. Ulbrich (D) ...6,781
Kimberly Moore (L) ...633
Gregory Stemfle (L) ...446
John Adams (U) ...339
Karen Adams (U) ...285
Sherry Wells (G) ...260
Nikki Mattson (N) ...121

U-M REGENT (2)
Rob Steele (R) ...8,834
Ronald Weiser (R) ...9,218
Mike Behm (D) ...6,188
Kathy White (D) ...7,102
James Hudler (L) ...411
John Jascob (L) ...383
Joe Sanger (U) ...254
C. Schwartz (U) ...323
Ian Swanson (G) ...271

MSU TRUSTEE (2)
Melanie Foster (R) ...9,185
Jeff Sakwa (R) ...8,965
Faylene Owen (D) 6,100
George Perles (D) 6,610
Michael Miller (L) ...454
Raymond Moses (L) ...348
Crystal Van Sickle (U) ...285
Stephen Young (U) ...212
Adam Adrianson (G) ...155
Terry Link (G) ...312
B. Guzman (N) ...137

WSU GOVERNOR (2)
Michael Busuito (R) 8,737
Satish Jasti (R) ...7,913
Marilyn Kelly (D) ...7,122
D. Thompson (D) ...6,271
Dan Goebel (L) ...519
Brian Wright (L) ...385
Shari Matkinm (U) ...240
Marc Sosnowski (U) ...267
M. Guttshall (G) ...205
Latham Redding (G) ...134
Yolanda Robson (N) ...94

OCC TRUSTEE (2)
Lionel Bodzin ...511
Shirley Bryant ...2,842
Al Gui ...435
Robert Kuhn ...1,622
John McCulloch ...2,166
Chris Noordhoorn ...923
Dennis O'Connor ...2,033
Joel Ross ...944
Randy Ston ...718
Steve Thomas ...1,478

SCHOOLCRAFT TRUSTEE (3)
Robert Breslin ...887
Brian Broderick ...1,060
Joan Gebhardt ...1,085
Terry Gilligan ...1,033
Howard Petty ...504

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Of Novi's 39,341 registered voters, 19,370 made their voices heard Tuesday for a 49.24-percent

turnout. That includes 5,029 choosing to use absentee ballots. Straight party ticket votes were 57.19 percent Republican and 41.75 percent Demo-

crat. The remainder were Libertarian, Green, U.S. Taxpayers and Natural Law party supporters.

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Novi makes big water meter purchase

City hopes to meet increased demand

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Staff Writer

In an effort to streamline the purchasing process, the Novi City Council approved Oct. 20 the purchase of water meters from Michigan Meter Technology Group, Inc. for an estimated annual amount of \$255,000.

The Novi Department of Public Services' Water



Hayes

and Sewer Division is responsible for issuing water metering equipment for new developments and to existing users who are in need of replacement equipment.

"We are buying the meters based on the level of demand we anticipate over the current fiscal year for various sizes of

meters. We keep an inventory of meters and we'll order more as inventory gets depleted over the year (in lieu of ordering them en masse)," DPS director Rob Hayes said of the purchase decision.

Hayes said the water meters and associated equipment would be purchased for installation at residential, commercial and industrial properties in the city. The cost gets passed on to the customer.

"These would either be

existing customers who need a meter replaced or new customers who are connecting to our system," Hayes said.

Although in the past this type of purchase hasn't been done on a yearly basis, Hayes said the city will be doing so going forward.

"We received council's approval for this procurement as an annual expenditure because many of the individual orders in the past exceeded the \$15,000 purchasing

threshold, which required council approval with each order," Hayes said.

In an effort to standardize the water metering system, Novi staff selected Neptune brand meters in 2011. DPS staff said standardization of equipment allows for cost savings through the use of only a single meter reading system. In addition, a uniform system allows for standard replacement parts, which results in improved operations and maintenance

efficiencies.

Michigan Meter Technology Group is the sole retailer for Neptune water meters.

"Having a standard meter means that we can keep a standard stock of parts and supplies, plus having a standard meter type allows us to have full compatibility with our meter reading system," Hayes said.

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Novi Library gets \$1,000 grant to establish parent-based reading program

With 1,100 in attendance Oct. 20 at the Metro Detroit Book and Author Society, Pat Brunett, a trustee of the Friends of the Novi Library, accepted the Elaine R. Irvin Friends grant award for \$1,000.

This yearly event, which originated in 1972, is considered one of the largest and best author events in the country. It allows guests the opportunity to hear from national best-selling authors, buy their books and have them signed.

The Elaine R. Irvin Friends Award, which is presented to one Friends of the Library group, supports a program or project which fills a substantial need that influences the library's patrons and the community.

This grant will allow the Novi Library to partner with the Novi Community School District to establish a parent/caregiver-based reading program, focusing on a book that would inform, inspire and include, in addition to building a great educational foundation for students in the Novi Com-

munity.

For more than 50 years, the Friends have continued to be supporters, promoting the Novi Library as a vital establishment to not only the Novi community, but to society as a whole. This dynamic group of individuals has sponsored and continues to sponsor numerous library events. Some, but not all, include the Listen @ the Library series, the Summer Reading Program and the annual Community Reads event. Through fundraising opportunities and spreading awareness about library services and programming, this dedicated group is selfless and deserving of this grant.

The Novi Library, Friends of the Novi Library and Novi Community School District continue to work closely together to engage the community in reading and learning, to benefit the educational growth of their learners.

For more information on the Friends of the Novi Library or to become a member, visit novilibrary.org or call 248-349-0720.



Julie Farkas (left), Novi Public Library director, and Pat Brunett with a \$1,000 Elaine R. Irvin Friends Award grant.



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I earned my D the old-fashioned way - I didn't do anything.

My parents were not very happy. They made it quite clear to me that a D was unacceptable.

I tried to make my case. The class was too hard. The teacher was mean. I needed to be in another, less challenging math class.

My parents did not listen. Instead, they told me that the expectation was that I would do better. If I needed



Steve Matthews
SUPER TALK

help, they would make sure I received it. If I needed to go to school early or stay after school to work with the teacher, they were willing to make sure I had a ride. They would ask me about my math class every day. They would check on my grades more frequently. They would call the teacher to make sure I was keeping up.

Not surprisingly, my grade improved. I earned an A the next quarter.

In November, parents in Novi have the opportunity to participate in parent-teacher conferences. For some par-

ents, the conferences are rather anti-climatic.

With the advent of technology, grades can be checked rather frequently. Missing assignments are now discovered quickly instead of hidden away for weeks on end.

Parents have the opportunity to check in with teachers via email. Every teacher has a phone in their classroom. Phone calls, while typically not regular, can be done relatively painlessly.

Even with the increased communication between parents and teachers, I still believe in the value of parent-teacher conferences. Teachers have the opportunity to meet parents, to say hello, to continue developing a positive relationship. Teachers can highlight the good things that a

student is doing in class.

Teachers can also take the opportunity to highlight the trend that they see. Is the student paying attention? Is the student turning in assignments? Is the student asking a question when things go awry?

Parents can also benefit from parent-teacher conferences. Even if a parent knows exactly where their student stands because they frequently check MI-STAR, talking with the teacher in person builds that positive relationship that can help to support a student when they begin to struggle.

Talking with a teacher can also give a parent insight into who their student is at school. Is the student inquisitive? Does the student care about school? Does the student have friends and positive peers?

Has the student changed over the course of the semester?

Parent-teacher conferences provide a chance for us to support the students in our schools.

I would encourage every parent in our district to take the time this November to participate in parent-teacher conferences. Working together, we can ensure that a low grade like a D doesn't define a student. Working together, we can ensure that a student understands the importance of school and the value of working hard.

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

Werner honored



Dr. Pat Werner, retired Hickory Woods Elementary principal, was honored Oct. 14 with a special "walk in the woods" as the HWE staff unveiled the Dr. Patricia Werner Bird and Butterfly Garden. HWE Daisy Troop No. 71309 and Girl Scout Junior Troop No. 74682 embellished the garden with creative scarecrows and plants. "I am honored and overwhelmed at the beautiful garden that will grow, with the help of students and staff, for many years to come. Thank you Hickory Woods Elementary staff, students, parents and community," Werner said. The garden is in the midst of the nature trail that is in the back of the school and it is used as a natural classroom by Hickory Woods Elementary.

SCHOOL BRIEFS

Night at the Joe

The Detroit Red Wings, in partnership with the Novi Educational Foundation, extend special group savings for all Novi Community Schools District students for the third annual Novi Educational Foundation Night at the Joe at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 30, as the Detroit Red Wings take on the Vancouver Canucks.

From each ticket sold through this special offer, \$5 goes toward the foundation to support the Novi Community School District. Ticket packages include Preferred (\$45 - Upper Level, rows 4-12) and Regular (\$30 - Upper Level, rows 15-21).

Wilson, Lindsey Stone, Chelsea Domagalski, Joslyn Skully, Adam Erhardt, Christina Roeser, Leslie Meloni, Alexandra Scott and Joseph Dobson.

The first 2,500 children under 12 in attendance will receive a Kids Day lunch box.

If ordering more than 10 tickets, call Jamie Clark directly to pick your seats and get your per-ticket service fee waived. To purchase tickets, visit www.DetroitRedWings.com/novi and use the promo code: novi.

W.L. Northern presents 'The Dining Room'

Walled Lake Northern High School Performing Arts Department presents *The Dining Room* Nov. 6-8 at 7:30 p.m. with doors opening at 7 p.m.

There are 12 students in the cast: Claire Smith, Devan Saylor, Rachel Jenkin, Clara

Wilson, Lindsey Stone, Chelsea Domagalski, Joslyn Skully, Adam Erhardt, Christina Roeser, Leslie Meloni, Alexandra Scott and Joseph Dobson.

The Dining Room is performed as a series of vignettes where the actors portray different upper-middle class American families, better known as WASPs. Some characters are holding onto tradition in a dying culture as others challenge and push forward into a newer generation.

Tickets will be on sale at the door before each performance. Tickets are \$6 for students and senior citizens, \$8 for adults. For more information, visit www.wlcstickets.com.

ON CAMPUS

Bowling Green State University

Summer graduates were honored during a commencement ceremony on the Uni-

versity Hall lawn.

Among the 1,016 diplomas awarded were 51 associate, 545 bachelor's, 302 master's and 34 doctoral degrees.

Novi grads included Sarah

Greenberg, master of arts; Reetha Perananamgam, doctor of education; and Adriana Schlemmer, bachelor of fine arts.

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W.L. schools host Fun Runs to raise money

Elementary schools throughout the Walled Lake Consolidated School District recently held PTA Fun Runs to help students to be more active and make healthy choices every day. The Fun Runs also served as major fundraisers for each building to help provide funds for various PTA activities and events throughout the school year.

Commerce Elementary hosted its Fun Run Sept. 26 and raised \$16,967.34 for PTA events, special assemblies, classroom magazines, field trips, a new Buddy Bench, new bulletin boards for the hall-

ways and so much more.

"We thank our community for their generous donations, which helped the PTA reach their operating budget through pledges," said Jillian Moutafis, Commerce Elementary PTA president. "Way to go Commerce Cougars. We are so proud of your achievements!"

Dublin Elementary hosted its annual Fun Run Oct. 17 and raised \$13,309.47. The money raised will be used for classroom supplies, books, field trips, assemblies and their annual Ice Cream Social.

"We had tremendous support from our families

and also from local businesses, who donated food items and raffle prizes," said Jessica Allio, Dublin Elementary PTA president. "We had a total of 14 businesses support our school including Pepsi, Meijer, Gordon Food Service, Alpine Valley and the Detroit Red Wings."

Glengary Elementary held its annual Fun Run Sept. 30 and its Fall Festival Oct. 10, raising more than \$16,500.

Kathy Gruzaz, Glengary Elementary PTA president said: "We are so thankful for the overwhelming support from our families. The money raised will be used towards continuing our support of field trips, assemblies, supplies, etc. as well as looking into new exciting purchases for the school."

Hickory Woods Elementary hosted its Fun Run Oct. 3. It raised \$14,742.37, which will go to the PTA for events at Hickory Woods Elementary.

"The support from the families at Hickory Woods is truly incredible," said Dana Gorman, Hickory Woods Elementary PTA president. "The money raised from our Run for Funds will be used for many things including, but not limited to, classroom supplies, the Fall Festival, muffins with mom and, most importantly, updating and beautifying our nature area to create an outdoor classroom for teachers to use throughout the school year."

Keith Elementary hosted its annual Fun Run Oct. 10 as part of its Fitness Week. The week's activities included Mileage Club VIP Days in which parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc. walked/ran the Mileage Club Track with their special students. On Oct. 8, the school participated in International Walk to



Students and the Glengary Gator participate in the 2014 Fun Run.

School Day and then the week ended Friday with the Fun Run. Fun Run donations are still coming in and the school hopes to reach its goal of \$10,000 to help pay for items such as a school wide subscription to the online math program "IXL" and two new adjustable basketball hoops for our playground so students of all ages will be able to shoot baskets at recess.

Loon Lake Elementary hosted its Color Run Oct. 10 with the goal of raising \$10,000 to \$15,000 for the school and PTA. These funds will be used for a variety of experiences including assemblies, family nights, Science Night, Book-O-Bingo and more. The class that raises the most money will get to "color Ms. Qonja" later this month.

"The PTA is our partner in educating the whole child," said Anita Qonja, Loon Lake Elementary principal. "Events like the fun run help to raise funds that will support our instructional and social goals for our students."

Mary Helen Guest Elementary hosted its

Color Splash and Dash Run Oct. 10, which culminated with a very successful Guest Gets Going Raffle fundraiser. Students, parents, teachers and staff dashed through various color stations along the course, getting splashed with bold and bright powder paints.

The event organizers, Leslie Kirk and Amy Stasak, said: "We had a vision of what we hoped to accomplish and WAY exceeded our expectations. It wasn't even about the money we raised, but the pure joy on all the faces of our kiddos! The students are already talking about doing it again next year."

Meadowbrook Elementary hosted its Mustang Mile Sept. 30. It raised over \$14,500. Proceeds will go toward erecting a pavilion on MBE's playground.

"We are so proud of our Meadowbrook students, staff, and families," Meadow Brook Elementary PTA President Sarah Piggott said. "Our community once again has rallied together for a great cause to support our awesome

school."

Pleasant Lake Elementary hosted its Fun Run Oct. 3. It raised over \$22,000, which will go directly back into the school through activities such as student enrichment, staff supplies, technology, school assemblies and more.

"It was great to see our whole school community come together for this important cause," said Lisa Butler, Pleasant Lake Elementary PTA president.

Walled Lake Elementary was hosting its Fun Run Oct. 31 as part of their Halloween festivities.

Wixom Elementary hosted their fifth annual "Fall Fund Walk" Oct. 17. The whole school gathered on the paved Walking Path that rings the playground for the Walk. The families at Wixom donated a total of \$12,606.88, which the PTA is using to fund staff training on Wixom's new Conscious Discipline program, teaching supplies for each classroom, books for the Literacy Library, subscriptions for non-fiction magazines for each class, scholarships for Fifth Grade Camp and other field trips, family fun events and more.

Jenn Ludwig, the Wixom Elementary PTA president, said: "We really appreciate the great support of our Wixom Elementary families as well as over 20 local businesses that donated prizes for our event!"

"The Walled Lake Schools' PTAs walk, and in this case, run, hand-in-hand with our principals, teachers, and all staff to benefit our children. We are so very fortunate to have the significant partnership with our parents and especially with our school PTAs," said Judy Evola, director, community relations and marketing.

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Northville publisher presents parenting workshop

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Marian Nelson thinks kids and families are too connected to “devices” these days and that the dependence on those devices dulls the ability of parents to connect with their children.

So Nelson, who owns Nelson Publishing & Marketing in Northville, is trying to do something about it. The 20-year teaching veteran who publishes books with character-building themes, makes an hour-long presentation Saturday, “Parent You 101, Dig Deeper: Inspiring Kids to Find Success at Home and in School.”

The presentation takes place at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 8, at the Northville Barnes & Noble, 17111 Haggerty.

“I really want to develop a way for parents to have tools to teach their kids to build strong character skills at home so they will grow up to ingrain these skills and carry them through a lifetime of happiness and success,” Nelson said. “We use our books as tools, as well as teach them how to have a family mission and make the connections to school and community.”

Nelson said she’s heard for years from teachers and preschool teachers how there is the ever-increasing use of devices with parents and kids. She’s also noticed parents who are walking their kids in strollers, all the while chattering on their cell-phones.

She believes kids learn communication



Northville publisher Marian Nelson presents a parenting presentation at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Northville Barnes & Noble.

and language from the interactions with the parents and that their vocabulary increases daily with the words they learn and how they communicate with peers and others.

“If people don’t talk to kids, they will not learn the vital words they need to learn to be able to read and communicate with others,” Nelson said. “Children learn problem-solving techniques, self-regulation skills and confidence. This has led me to talk to as many people as I can to encourage

them to set the devices aside and connect with their kids instead.”

In the interactive presentation, participants will take away 23 mindsets to strengthen inner character, learn ways to build their family mission, get character books with tips and reflections to spark conversation, service learning projects that will ingrain empathy and a formula for success

Nelson recommends the presentation for parents and grandparents of all ages.

“I realize it takes a village to raise kids and so it is important that all people who are involved in raising children are equally invited to attend,” she said. “The more the merrier. The biggest aim is improving communication, establishing how we treat each other and striving to help kids be better people for this world.”

For more information, visit www.high5forcharacter.com or call 248-735-0418.

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“A Thousand Letters Home” book cover.

Northville author to share father’s World War II story

On the cusp of Veterans Day, Northville author Teresa Irish will share her father’s World War II story — the inspiration for her book *A Thousand Letters Home* — with the Northville Woman’s Club on Friday, Nov. 7, at the First Presbyterian Church of Northville.

A Thousand Letters Home draws from the nearly 1,000 handwritten letters, Irish’s father, Aarol W. “Bud” Irish, sent home to his parents and to his sweetheart and future wife, Elaine Marie Corbat, during his more than three years of active duty in the U.S. and Europe with the 102nd Mechanized Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop.

Teresa Irish discovered the letters in a trunk in her family’s Saginaw home a month following her father’s death in 2006. For the next 5½ years, she organized the letters along with hundreds of corresponding photographs, eventually completing *A Thousand Letters Home*.

The book provides a first-hand account of one soldier’s journey through World War II, mirroring the saga of other young Americans of “The Greatest Generation.”

A graduate of Michigan State University and a former vice president for a national home health care and hospice company, Irish retired in 2012 to devote her time to sharing her father’s story.

Since the book was published, she has appeared on ABC News, NPR, Veterans Radio and other media outlets.

For more information about the Northville Woman’s Club and its programs, call club president Lorraine Andaray at 248-349-9463.

Northville’s Morrow is ‘Champion of Justice’

Brian Morrow, a Northville resident and deputy chief of the Juvenile Division of the Wayne County Prosecutor’s Office, has been named a 2014 “Champion of Justice” award recipient by the State Bar of Michigan.



Morrow

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the State Bar of Michigan to recognize “an extraordinary professional accomplishment that benefits the nation, the state or the local community in which the lawyer or judge lives.”

Morrow received the award for his work in

establishing a Teen Court diversion program in Wayne County, which allows juveniles who have committed first-time, relatively minor misdemeanor offenses to have their cases heard and decided by a group of teenage “jurors.”

Morrow and his wife Mary, a Champion of Justice Award winner in 2008, also established the Brian and Mary Morrow Community Service Scholarship in 2011 to help seniors from the Detroit Public Schools attend college.

Local foundation developing new cancer treatment

The Northville-based KressWorks Foundation is developing an engineering-based, clinically usable systematic treatment methodology to cure or put into remission Ewing’s sarcoma, a type of cancer that normally attacks patients ages 5-25. While it appears most commonly in the pelvis, followed in order by the thighbone, shinbone, upper arm bone, shoulder blade and ribs, Ewing’s can be found in any part of the body. Ewing’s sarcoma is the second most frequent type of bone tumor in children and young adults, with an overall incidence of about 1.3 cases per million people.

The KressWorks methodology can be applied to Ewing’s, other cancers and essentially any treatable disease that can be mathematically modeled and simulated via computer. The initial research target is Ewing’s and, once successfully applied there, the worldwide virtual organization will seek out and apply the treatment to other forms of cancer as well as other diseases.

It will be a clinical tool



Dr. Jim Kress, who founded The KressWorks Foundation, with his children Kira and Devin. Kress lives in Northville.

doctors can use with patients to design, implement, monitor and adjust their treatment so that it is targeted, effective and efficient. The methodology will allow the patient and doctor to choose a mutually agreeable treatment regimen that will simultaneously optimize treatment effectiveness, patient quality of life and cost efficiency.

Northville resident James Kress founded KressWorks in 2009 in honor of his youngest sister, Patience Kress Hensley, who succumbed to Ewing’s after being in remission for 25 years. Hensley first contracted Ewing’s in her early 20s and endured rounds of chemotherapy, radiation and surgery. She was repeatedly declared cancer-free for the fol-

lowing 25 years, but when the Ewing’s returned in her mid-50s and because her treatment was not targeted, effective or efficient, she could not be saved.

“Science is the art of mankind understanding how nature works,” Kress said. “Engineering is the utilization of science to make nature work for mankind. We are applying fundamental science and engineering, whereas other organizations are applying big-data analysis technology to assess the likely success of a treatment regimen. The cancer death rate, adjusted for the size and age of the population, has decreased by only 5 percent between 1950 and 2010. In today’s cancer research and clinical institutions, we find a proliferation of the pursuit of answers to individual questions, but we

believe a coordinated systems engineering approach is the key for developing a cure.”

Kress says he is working jointly with experts in various fields from across America and even as far away as Russia and other parts of Europe.

“Our present difficulty in winning the war on cancer is that there is no coordinated framework to provide a complete solution to the treatment and cure of cancer. In today’s cancer research and clinical institutions, we find a multitude of good people working hard on individual pieces of the cancer puzzle. We have many facts, but they don’t seem to be shared among the communities,” Kress said.

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O&E Media: Tell us about your business, including the types of services and/or products you feature.

Laura Dyas: PCS-Global provides confidential counseling and therapy services to adults, adolescents, couples and families.

O&E Media: How did you first decide to open your business?

Laura Dyas: I decided to open this service in 2014 after determining there was a void in interactive groups for individuals in which humor and creativity were being used. Typical support groups are often viewed as boring, frightening and not seen as desirable for most people. These interactive groups that are being offered are very unique and very different, offering



Dyas

participants the opportunity to grow and learn in a fun, safe environment.

O&E Media: Why did you choose Northville?

Laura Dyas: PCS-Global services varies areas and Northville is one that has young families which would have interest in these interactive groups.

O&E Media: What makes your business unique?

Laura Dyas: The interactive groups are creative, fun, exciting, challenging and, above all, very different. They offer an educational component, an interactive session and a chance to change patterns and behaviors in your life all while

being surrounded with others who are working on the same issue. Growth and learning comes from the group and from within yourself.

O&E Media: Do you have a funny tidbit or story to share with our readers about your experience so far as a small business owner?

Laura Dyas: While creating the curriculum for the interactive sessions, I shared with my husband some of the titles and he looked up from what he was doing and commented, "Why do I have the feeling that I am going to the subject of most of these groups?" It is true that these sessions were created from real life situations and the content will be fun, it will have lots of humor in it and participants will walk away feeling like they have

made significant progress. We all are busy in our daily lives, but everyone needs to take time out for themselves to make a real difference.

O&E Media: Any advice for other business owners?

Laura Dyas: If you have an idea, something you truly believe in, do not stop thinking you can make it happen. From one conversation, from one meeting, you can make dreams come true. You just need to trust your gut, stay the course and never give up on your ultimate goal.

O&E Media: What's in store for the future of your business?

Laura Dyas: Continue to provide therapy and begin offering diverse group offerings for community members. We will be offering a

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large variety of these interactive group sessions this fall, both at our downtown Northville office but also in conjunction with Ward Church. Hope to meet you soon.

Small Business Conference and Expo scheduled for Nov. 12 at Walsh College

The 2014 Small Business Conference and Expo will take place from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 12, at Walsh College in Novi. The theme of this year's event is Celebrating Diversity with Michigan Entrepreneurs.



Barfield

The event will feature 25 breakout sessions, 40 exhibitors and numerous resources for business owners. Representatives will be on hand from the Small Business Administration, CEED, Score, Michigan Economic Development Corp., Michigan Women's Foundation, Comerica Bank and others to answer questions. Breakout session topics include how small businesses are using technology, access to capital, sales and marketing strategies, social media marketing, networking strategies, health care reform and more.

The recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award, John W. Barfield, will be the keynote speaker at the luncheon. Barfield, awarded for his accomplishments in business, leadership and philanthropy, is founder of Bartech Group, an industry-leading staffing and workforce management firm. Barfield began his career as a janitor making \$1.75 an hour. He built a cleaning company so profitable that

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This event is open to the public. Registration is \$39 for the entire day and includes breakfast and lunch. The event was organized by Walsh College and the Southeast Michigan Entrepreneurs Association, a support group for local business owners. For additional information or to register, visit www.semea.info or call 248-491-3146.

ITT outbid three other corporate giants to buy it in 1969.

Launching many successful companies, Barfield developed one of the nation's largest African American-owned business organizations, that now manages more than \$2 billion in sales. His new autobiography, *Starting From Scratch*, will be released this year, followed by a Public Television documentary that will air in early 2015.

"If I can escape the gravity of negative situations, so can you," Barfield says. "It's just a matter of realizing what you are really worth. Once you realize your self-worth, there's nothing that can hold you back."

This annual event is designed to give current and aspiring business owners the tools they need to succeed in business.

A Christmas card for Northville

Businesses carrying Christmas cards featuring downtown scene

The Northville Gallery has partnered with local artist John Baker to create limited-edition downtown Northville Christmas cards.

The scene, Main Street looking west toward the iconic clock, was painted in acrylics and captures both the spirit of Northville and the holiday season.

Boxes of cards will be available at The Northville Gallery, Gardenviews, Stampedler and Starring the Gallery starting Friday, Nov. 7. They're also available for pre-order at the Northville Gallery right now. The cards are 5 inches by 7 inches printed on high-quality paper and are blank on the inside. They come in boxes of 12 cards and envelopes for \$22.95.

A portion of each sale will be donated to Northville Civic Concern.

Baker has created two other downtown Northville scenes that are available, along with this holiday print, at The Northville Gallery. He has also created artwork for the Indianapolis Motor Speedway and most recently completed a commemorative painting for the Detroit Tigers in honor of the 30th anniversary of the 1984 World Series championship.

All of Baker's prints and other work can be custom-framed at The Northville Gallery, which features a



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Artist John Baker created this scene titled "Snowfall on Main Street" that is available at The Northville Gallery in framed prints, prints and Christmas cards. The card is available at other downtown businesses as well. Some of the proceeds from the sale of the cards will go to Northville Civic Concern.



"Snowfall on Main Street"

large variety of matting and framing options.

"Downtown Northville has

that beautiful, classic holiday look. As someone who grew up in Northville, I can't think of a better scene for a Christmas card than Main Street on a snowy evening," Northville Gallery owner Dan Ferrara.

The Northville Gallery, known for its hand-painted oils, is also featuring a collection of affordable gifts for the holiday season.

Local artist works, as well as its Walt Disney Fine Art Collection, are available at price points between \$20 and \$150 until Christmas.

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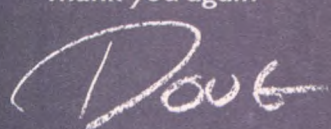
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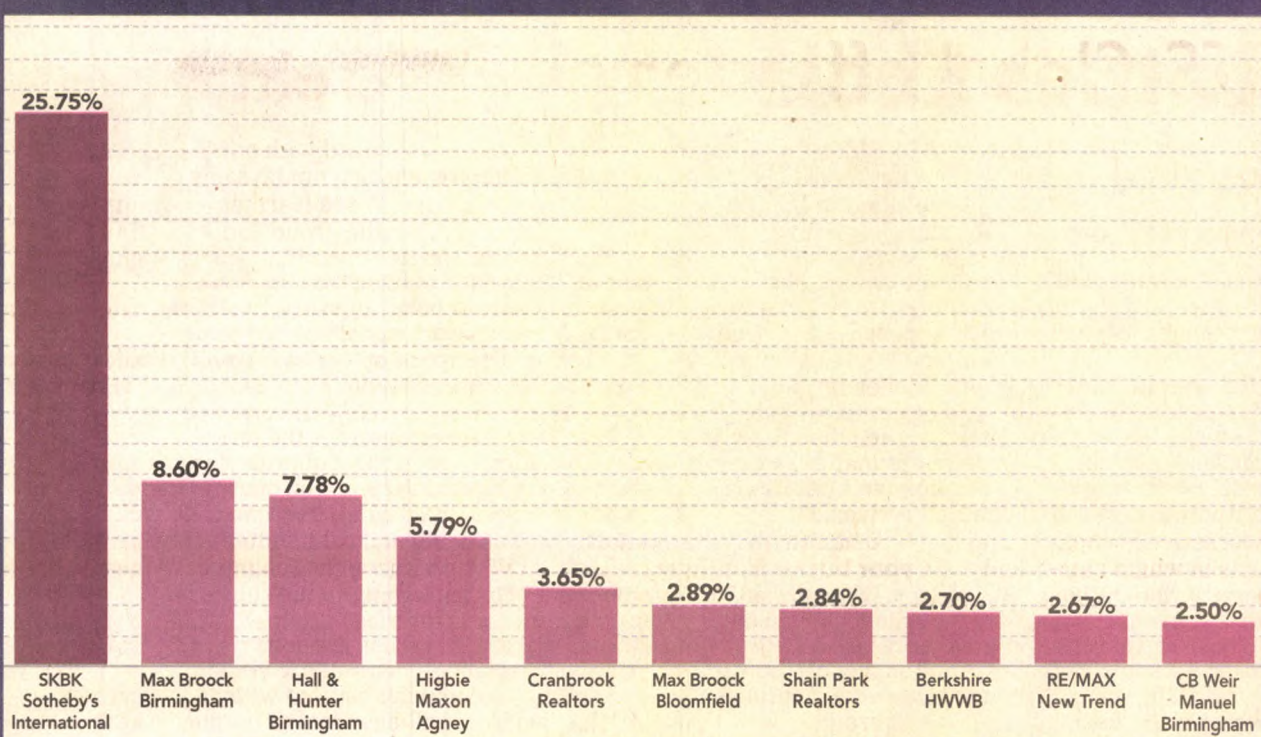
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Bucket brigade battles Ebola

Fear of disease among factors driving crisis, area woman says

By Jim Totten
Michigan.com

Milford resident Vicki Kloosterhouse said her heart breaks when she reads about what's happening in Liberia with the Ebola virus outbreak.

"These are our friends; we know who they are," she said.

The retired Oakland Community College professor said fear of an unknown disease, the ritual of carrying a body to be buried and the lack of a modern medical system have created a crisis in the West African country, which is one of the poorest in the world.

Kloosterhouse has lived in Liberia on and off since 2008. She would spend eight to 10 weeks in a remote village helping to set up an education program at the African Bible College, return to Michigan for a short period and then go back.

"It's a mess over there; it's terrible," she said.

Kloosterhouse said the country was still recovering from a brutal civil war that destroyed its infrastructure when this Ebola outbreak came along. Her last visit to Liberia was in 2013.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said Liberia and Sierra Leone could have 1.4 million Ebola cases by Jan. 20 if the disease keeps spreading without effective methods to contain it.

The center said reported cases in Liberia are doubling every 15-20 days.

Even though she can't return to Liberia, Kloosterhouse has been helping with the Women's Bucket Brigade. The program provides buckets and disinfectants to families so they can help prevent Ebola, which is spread through contact with bodily fluids.

Kloosterhouse said 500 buckets have been delivered there so far. She said each county has a hospital, but those facilities are like the "hospitals of the late 1800s."

She said West Africa hasn't seen the Ebola virus before and health workers didn't know how to handle people who were getting sick.

When health workers began dying, Kloosterhouse said, others "became petrified and they fled."

"Hospitals closed down," she said.

Now, she said, people are dying from diseases such as malaria and typhoid.

Verna Somerville, a Genoa Township resident, has been friends with Kloosterhouse for 25 years.

The two women and another woman, Dian Wood of Canada, recently met at Somerville's home and talked about the Ebola outbreak.

"I don't think we are hearing enough about it," Somerville said. "And I don't think we're taking it seriously."

For more information or to contribute to the Women's Bucket Brigade, visit www.gofundme.com/womens-bucket-brigade.

Local clinics, hospitals prep for Ebola

Possibility of disease enough to prepare

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

There's no reason to fear an Ebola outbreak in western Wayne County, but Dr. Mohammed Arsiwala knows it's important to be prepared in case it does arrive.

That's why Livonia-based Michigan Urgent Care clinics, located in 10 locations across southeast Michigan, are taking precautions with patients who come into their clinic in communities such as Livonia, Canton, Novi and, soon, Ferndale.

Arsiwala, the founder of Michigan Urgent Care, said employees at the clinics began Monday asking each patient who came in if they had traveled to or from the west African nations that have seen Ebola, such as Liberia, Sierra Leone and Guinea. If the answer is yes, that individual is separated and placed in a room until further assistance can be received.

"Emergency services are called. The (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) in Atlanta is called," Arsiwala said. "We have under 200 employees (trained) to do that."

The Ebola virus, which has claimed thousands of lives in Africa in recent months as well as one death in Texas (someone returning from overseas), has had many medical groups on high alert in case it comes to certain areas of the United States.

Arsiwala said while there's no indication to believe an outbreak is imminent, the possibility of the disease is enough for the clinic to take precautions, especially since it does not have the proper equipment to handle such a virus.

"We don't have a vac-



St. Mary Mercy Hospital has prepared in the rare instance that Ebola ends up in its emergency rooms.

cine for this disease. We don't have a standard treatment," he said. "Any secretion off that individual could carry the virus."

St. Mary Mercy proactive

St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia and the other St. Joseph Mercy Health System hospitals have also prepared in the rare instance that Ebola ends up in one of their emergency rooms, said Garry C. Faja, the system's regional president and CEO.

While there have been no instances of the virus in Michigan, Faja said in a statement that the hospital system would immediately inform state officials and the public if something were to arise.

"Our infection prevention and control teams are continuously engaged in emergency preparedness and, as with any infectious disease outbreak, we participate with the CDC, local and state public health departments on calls to monitor the current status and risk," he said. "We continue to make updates to our clinical protocols as more information comes in daily so that staff can quickly identify and respond in the event they are faced with a high-risk patient."

Several state officials met recently to discuss the virus and what is being done around the state to prepare.

The state's Depart-

ment of Community Health has set up protocols that allow for more hospitals to keep in contact regarding the virus.

"It is clear from our assessment that hospitals across the state are working very actively with their staffs over the past several days and weeks to implement the very latest set of recommendations from the CDC and ensure that their health care workers are informed, trained and prepared," said Dr. Matthew Davis, the state's chief medical executive. "MDCH continues to promote and coordinate hospital readiness, along with preparedness of emergency medical services and community-based health care providers."

Arsiwala said a big reason he has had his clinics prepare is because of the proximity of Detroit Metro Airport, a large travel hub that connects passengers from all over the world. Many who come to the area for work stay in the area, including Livonia, with several hotels along I-275. Many of those workers have come to Michigan Urgent Care's clinic on Seven Mile in Livonia for treatment while they are in town, Arsiwala said.

"I have treated them over the years," he said. "Livonia is a center point for a lot of them to stay there."

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PROVIDENCE'S PLANNING

St. John Providence Health System, which includes Providence Park Hospital in Novi, has begun emergency preparedness planning for the possibility of treating Ebola patients in its facilities.

"St. John Providence has a response team that is building on the protocols we already have in place for infectious disease to further ensure the detection of infected patients and protect healthcare workers and patients," said Brian Taylor, media and public relations for the health system. "The safety of our associates and patients is our first priority. The response team is a multidisciplinary group, consisting of infectious disease, intensive care, and emergency physicians, our laboratory experts, nursing leaders, infection control specialists, environmental services partners, and many others."

Taylor said St. John Providence Health System is working closely with Ascension Health, and following the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and other federal, state and local partners to increase associates' understanding of Ebola and to prepare for any potential cases.

"We are using triage tools to screen our patients at care sites in the acute and ambulatory setting to help identify patients who may be at risk for Ebola, specifically those who have traveled to West Africa in the last 21 days," Taylor said.

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Walled Lake native serves with military's 'Zappers'

A 2003 Walled Lake Western High School graduate is serving with Electronic Attack Squadron 130 (VAQ-130), also known as the "Zappers."

Petty Officer 2nd Class Jeffrey Koening is an aviation electronics technician with VAQ-130, a Whidbey Island-based



Koenig

squadron that operates the Navy's newly designed electronic warfare aircraft, the EA-18G Growler. Each aircraft has two seats, is more than 60 feet long, may weigh up to 66,000 pounds (max gross) and can travel more than 1,100 mph and nearly 2,070 miles on a tank of gas.

As petty officer with numerous responsibilities, Koening said he is learning about himself as a leader, sailor and a person.

"I have learned how to be a sea sailor," Koening said. "I am getting used to the increased demands and the wider variety of skills it takes to be successful here."

Koenig is proud of the work he is doing as part of the squadron's 174-member military team, which protects America on the world's oceans.

"There is more of a camaraderie here than anything else I have experienced," Koening said. "People are willing to take the time to teach and are more patient."

Sailors' jobs are highly varied with VAQ-130. Approximately 32 officers and 142 enlisted men and women make up and keep all parts of the squadron running smoothly — this in-

cludes everything from maintaining aircraft airframes and engines to processing paperwork, handling weaponry and flying the aircraft.

"Every day I feel an extraordinary amount of pride to serve alongside our great nation's most inspiring men and women," said Cmdr. Eric Illston, VAQ-130's commanding officer. "Our team is filled with hard-working and highly qualified professionals who hold uncommon levels of responsibility and accountability in support of our mission: To win in combat with trained aircrew and combat ready aircraft whenever called upon to support and defend the Constitution of the United States through the military element of power. Their work ethic, commitment, enthusiasm and esprit de corps are second to none!"

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As a member of one of the U.S. Navy's newest electronic warfare aircraft platforms, Koening and other VAQ-130 sailors are proud to part of a war fighting team that readily defends America at all times.

"I have more of a sense of purpose at this squadron than I did at my last command," Koening said.

Military vets get helping hand at Schoolcraft

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Lawrence Smith of Canton served 22 years in the U.S. Army, from 1983 to 2005. His military service included time as a helicopter mechanic. He served in Egypt, Germany and all over the U.S.

Smith, now a Detroit Police Department officer of 16 years, returned to school at Schoolcraft College, graduating with honors in 2012 with an associate's degree in criminal justice. He tips his hat to Pam Paxton-Keehner, Veterans Services coordinator at Schoolcraft.

"She's the best I've ever run into," Smith said of Paxton-Keehner. "She's very good. She really was there to help you at all times. She's still my friend. We still talk."

Smith, 51, is now at Eastern Michigan University and will graduate from EMU with honors with a bachelor's degree in public safety administration this December. His wife Kawana and Paxton-Keehner both encouraged his return to school.

Smith and his wife are parents of three sons. He recalled "being in school with a lot of teenagers" as an adult, but also helping those young people with life skills.

"My study habits were tested," he said. "It came out all right." He also praises Eastern Michigan, saying, "EMU has been good to me," and has a similar staffer to help with veterans benefits.

"Going back to school was a great experience," Smith said. "I wouldn't trade it for the world."

Other veterans, including those who served in Iraq and Afghanistan, also benefit from Paxton-Keehner's expertise. Schoolcraft recently expanded its Veterans

Services facility, to coincide with Veterans Day Nov. 11. A ceremony, open to the public, will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 11, to celebrate the expanded Veterans Resource Center in Room 240, upstairs in the McDowell Center on the Livonia campus, on Haggerty north of Six Mile.

"It's really nice they have a place they can call their own," said Paxton-Keehner, who started as Veterans Services coordinator for Schoolcraft in spring 2009, right around the Post-9/11 GI Bill.

Paxton-Keehner and colleagues in Student Services work with many Iraq and Afghanistan veterans and others, about 220 now. She noted servicemen and women get an out-processing on discharge from the service, but the information can be a lot to process.

"A lot of them have

not even applied for their benefits," she said. "We can take them through that process." She'd worked before in admissions and can help with that.

Financial aid is through another Schoolcraft office, although Paxton-Keehner can answer questions and help resolve issues regarding paperwork and eligibility.

She shows with pride the large-screen TV and comfy chairs for veterans to relax and socialize. Nearby is the study area with four computers, with fax and printer access.

She said her vision is to cover three areas with the center, construction for which took place this summer and early fall: education, veterans and community resources. She's glad to have the capable help of Reginald J. Rogers, a VetSuccess

on Campus counselor who visits Schoolcraft each Tuesday and Friday morning.

"He has extensive background," Paxton-Keehner said of Rogers, who also works at several other area colleges and universities. Rogers works heavily on vocational rehabilitation issues, the employment picture and has a desk at the Veterans Resource Center of Schoolcraft.

Paxton-Keehner can be reached at 734-462-4351 or pkeeheer@schoolcraft.edu. She serves as the veterans academic adviser and knows VA requirements they must meet for course planning.

"I hope they take advantage of it," she said of the veterans and dependents. "The ones that have been up here and seen it really like it."

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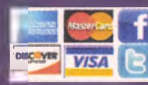
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Regina Mingela from Northville with vendor Helen O'Neal from HTO Designs.



Bizarre Bazaar takes place Nov. 8 at the First United Methodist Church in Northville and will feature dozens of vendors.

Bizarre Bazaar organizers hope to raise \$100K

The annual Bizarre Bazaar is scheduled to take place Nov. 8 at the First United Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile, in Northville.

The Bizarre Bazaar is a craft/vendor show that raises money to support a variety of causes both in the local community and around the world. Since 2008, Bizarre Bazaar has raised \$84,800 to sponsor 15 village banks in six third world countries. Each bank requires \$5,000 to open, enabling hundreds of loans to individuals to grow businesses in their small villages. About 70 percent of borrowers are women, who repay 95 percent of the loans.

The Bizarre Bazaar parallels village banking by inviting local home-based entrepreneurs to grow their businesses at a friendly venue. Many of the vendors donate some or all of their proceeds to the charity of their choice. For example, Trisha Hopkins of Northville will be donating proceeds to the

Joy-Southfield Community Development Corp. Sue Plummer of Farmington Hills will be bringing products made by severally disabled students from Cooke School in Northville.

"With support from the community and local businesses, we can bring sustainable change to the lives of the poorest of the poor. With a hand up, not a hand out, we empower them with a path out of poverty," said Beth Bentley, one of the event organizers.

For more information about village banking, visit www.FIN-CA.org.

Doors open at 10 a.m. and admission is \$2. There will be prize drawings beginning at noon, early birds can enjoy fresh cinnamon rolls for \$2.50, while supplies last, and lunch service begins at 11:30 a.m.

In addition, at Attic Treasures, a tag sale takes place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7, and from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Nov. 8.

Good crowd turns out for O&E craft show

Some 450 people got an early - and crafty - start on their holiday shopping Oct. 25 at the first *Observer & Eccentric Arts & Crafts Show*.

Quality Inn Suites in Livonia played host to a variety of vendors, local artists, crafters and home businesses. The event featured things like a stress reduction workshop and raffle prize drawings every 30 minutes.

O&E officials were happy with the results of

the company's first craft show.

"We had a great turnout," publisher Susan Rosiek said. "The artists and crafters were very good and the people who came out really enjoyed the show."

Visitors got to enjoy free refreshments and the first 100 visitors received movie passes to Emagine Theater and a coupon to Buddy's pizza.

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Snyder, Calley visit Fox Run residents for Q&A session

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer



Snyder

During Gov. Rick Snyder's campaign stop in Novi Oct. 29 for a question-and-answer town hall with residents at Fox Run, he detailed where he believes the state has come from since he's been in office and how he wants to continue taking it in the right direction.

He also answered some tough questions. Snyder, who was accompanied by Lt. Gov. Brian Calley, said Michigan under his administration's guidance has risen from the ashes of a

difficult decade. "Think back to 2009; we were a broken state," he said to a packed auditorium inside Fox Run's Belmont Clubhouse. But through strategies like reforming the tax code to balancing four solid budgets in a row, he says Michigan is now on solid ground. The theme for Snyder's talk was that Michigan is on the road to recovery and the general

atmosphere his administration has helped cultivate has played a big part. He cited successes like adding nearly 300,000 new private-sector jobs and unemployment being at its lowest in six years. "We need to keep going," said Snyder, who has a 10-point plan (www.rickformichigan.com) for his potential second term to do things like create more jobs, revitalize the education system and reinvent government. Calley said getting the state on the right fiscal footing was the first priority undertaken to

help set the table. "I think we've helped create a solid foundation and now it's time to focus on the future and the initiatives that will create more positive outcomes," Calley said. **Tough questions** The Q&A session was a serious one, with Fox Run residents asking questions about a range of topics. One pertained to gay and lesbian rights and was asked by a woman who said her daughter will not move to Michigan because "she has no rights here." Snyder said this ques-

tion has two areas: marriage law and employment rights under the Elliott-Larsen civil rights act. He said he's asked the state Legislature to review Elliott-Larsen to see what should be done under this act to ensure a fair approach to employment. However, for marriage he said he follows the state constitution. Because of the vote of the people a decade ago banning same-sex marriage, he adheres to that law as it is currently written. He added though that the people, if so desired, could vote on this issue again. But in the short

term, he said this issue will play out in the U.S. 6th Circuit Court of Appeals. Once the judges make a decision, he will respect it. "I will follow what the law is as it's defined in Michigan," he said and assured the mother he understands. "And again, there's an issue and I appreciate your thoughts ... there's a lot of the business community speaking up in addition to parents that are concerned about their kids," he said. *lhuhman@hometownlife.com*
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50200 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi
Saturday Worship 5:15 p.m.,
Sunday 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.
Casual, contemporary service
Phone (248) 912-0043
www.oakpointe.org

Highland

HIGHLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
680 W. Livingston Rd. • Highland, MI 48357
248.887.1311 • www.myhmc.com
Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Kids Church: 9:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.
MS & HS Youth: 11:00 a.m.
Wed is MS Youth Night: 6:30 p.m.
Griefshare, Mondays, 6:30 p.m.

Milford United Methodist Church
1200 Atlantic St., Milford, MI 48381
Sunday Worship: 8:30 am, 10:30 am, 6:00 pm
Children's Church: 10:30 am
Groups for Children, Youth and Adults
248-684-2798

ST. JAMES ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH NOVI
46325 10 Mile Rd. • Novi, MI 48374
Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 8, 9:30 & 11:30 a.m.
Msgr John Kasza, Pastor
Parish Office: 347-7778

NOVI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
41671 W. Ten Mile Road • Novi, MI 48375
Sunday Worship 9:45 a.m.
Rev. Jami M. Smith, Pastor
248-349-2852
www.umcnovi.com
"Loving God, loving each other and living our core values"

South Lyon

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
205 E. Lake (10 Mile) 248.437.2875
Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.
Children's Church for Grades K thru 5th
Nursery Care Provided
Mid-Week Study Thursday 7:00 p.m.
Rev. Michael Horlocker, Pastor
www.fpcsouthlyon.org

BIBLE BELIEVERS CHURCH
Gathering in Jesus Name
52909 10 Mile Rd. • South Lyon, MI 48178
Sunday 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.
Wednesday 7:00 p.m.
Mike Ragan, Pastor
734-347-1983 pastor cell
Old fashioned preaching

New Hudson

NEW HUDSON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
56730 Grand River Avenue • New Hudson MI 48165
(248) 437-6212 • Gerald S. Hunter, Pastor
Sunday School & Bible Class - 9:30 a.m.
Worship - 10:30 a.m.
www.newhudsonumc.org

WEST HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
1116 S. Hickory Ridge Rd., Milford, MI 48380
248-887-1218
Sunday Worship 9 am & 11:15 am
Wed. Kids-6:30 pm/Adults-6:45 pm
Also Small Groups / Ministry Teams

The Church of Christ
21860 Pontiac Trail • South Lyon, MI 48178
248-437-3585 • www.southlyoncoc.org
9:30 a.m. Sunday School,
10:30 a.m. Praise and Worship
Wednesday Midweek Ministries 7 p.m.
Troy Singleton, Minister

CROSS OF CHRIST LUTHERAN
(Missouri Synod)
Pastor Terry Nelson
437-8810 • 486-4335
Griswold Rd. at 10 Mile
Worship: 10 a.m.; Sunday School: 10 a.m.;
Adult Bible Study: 9 a.m.

NEW HOPE - A Unitarian Universalist Congregation
57855 Grand River Ave., New Hudson, MI 48165
Phone 248-474-9108
Sunday Celebration of Life Service 10:30 a.m.
Rev. Suzanne Paul, Minister
Website: http://www.newhopeuu.org

Freedom Life Church
Where the Spirit of the Lord is,
there is Freedom Cor 3:7
1208 E. Commerce, Milford
Worship: Sun 11am, Wed 7pm
We are here through Christ Jesus
to provide Freedom to those who
are hurting, diseased, addicted
LD-0000179468 and depressed

Fellowship Evangelical Presbyterian Church
22200 Pontiac Trail (S of 9 Mile)
Sunday Worship @ 9:30 am
Sunday School @ 11 am
Wednesday mid-week programs
Rev. David Brown, Pastor
248-437-2222 • www.fellowshippepc.org

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SOUTH LYON
60820 Marjorie Ann St., South Lyon 48178
Phone: 248-437-2983
Sunday School 9:45 a.m. • Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.
Senior Pastor: Rob Freshour / Assoc. Pastor: Randy Weeks
Website: www.fbcsouthlyon.com
Email: fbcsouthlyon@sbccglobal.net

Northville

First Presbyterian Church of Northville
www.fpcnorthville.org
200 E. MAIN ST. AT HUTTON
Worship, 9:30 am.
Sunday School for all ages, 10:30 am.
248-349-0911

First United Methodist Church
(248) 349-1144
777 West 8 Mile Road
(8 Mile and Tait Road)
Northville, Michigan
Worship Times: September - May 9:15 & 11:00 a.m.
Memorial Day - Labor Day 10:00 a.m.
Rev. Marghi M. Worley, Lead Pastor
www.fumcnorthville.org

first united methodist church south lyon, mi
640 S. Lafayette
(248) 437-0760
Worship: 8:15 am, 10:45 am,
11 am & 6:30 pm
Sunday School: 9:40 am
Rev. Sondra Willabee, Lead Pastor
southlyonfirstumc.org

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN
Wisconsin Synod • Reynold Sweet Pkwy.
at Liberty St.
Sunday Service 10:00 a.m.
All Classes 9:00
Pastor Scott Miller, (248) 437-1651

NORTHVILLE CHRISTIAN
Experience Life Each Week
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Sunday School and Children's Programs
www.ncalife.org
41355 Six Mile Road
248•348•9030

WARD CHURCH
40000 Six Mile Road
Northville, MI 48168
248-374-7400
Sunday Worship Services
8 a.m. | 9:30 a.m. | 11 a.m.
4 different music styles from classic to modern
www.wardchurch.org

Shepherd's Way Lutheran Church, ELCA
59255 10 Mile Rd.
South Lyon MI 48178
Sunday Worship 9:00 AM
Education Hour 10:15 AM
Rev. Bart Muller, Pastor
248-673-7320
www.shepherdswaysouthlyon.org

CROSSROADS COMMUNITY CHURCH
28900 Pontiac Trail • South Lyon
248-486-0400
www.ecrossroads.net
Service Times
8:45am, 10:00am & 11:30am

OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH
133 Orchard Dr., Northville
WEEKEND LITURGIES Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, 7:30, 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.
Church 349-2621, School 349-3610
Religious Education 349-2559
Rev. Denis Theroux, Pastor

Our Saviour Apostolic Lutheran Church
54899 8 Mile Rd. at Currie Rd. Northville, MI 48167
248-374-2268
Sunday Worship:
9:45 am Children's & Adult's Sunday School
10:30 am Fellowship/Coffees
11:00 am Worship Service
Wednesday Bible Study at 7 pm
Pastor Andy Whitten
oursaviouralca.com

SOLID ROCK BIBLE CHURCH
Loving God and Loving People
22183 Pontiac Trail • 248-486-4400
(In Brookdale Shopping Center,
behind Powerhouse Gym)
SUNDAY WORSHIP: 10:00 A.M.
Reed Heckmann, Pastor/Teacher
www.solidrockssouthlyon.com

FELLOWSHIP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Services held at:
Saint Andrews Episcopal Church
16360 Hubbard Road - Livonia
South of Six Mile Road
Adult Sunday School 9:30 - 10:15 am; Worship 10:30 a.m.
Childrens Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
Dr. James N. McGuire • Nursery Provided

For more information regarding this Directory, please call Sue Sare at 248-926-2219 or e-mail: ssare@hometownlife.com

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://woobox.com/mevtpe>.

Good luck!

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Garden Club demonstrations

Three members from the Northville and Novi Garden Club (a.k.a. No-No's) will demonstrate how easily it can be to construct three projects – watering irrigation system, a bee house and a floral Christmas arrangement – at the monthly meeting Monday, Nov. 10, at Novi High School. A camera, pen and paper may be helpful to bring to the meeting.

Social mixer begins at 6:30 p.m. and the presentations will begin at 7. Non-member fee is \$5. The school is located at 24062 Taft Road, park in staff parking lot. Event will take place in the Student Forum, Room 198C. Enter the building via brown steel doors and directional signs will guide you to room 198C.

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.

» 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.

Hunger-Free Holidays bazaar at The Showplace

The Diamond Center at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi will usher in the holidays 6-10 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20, with the inaugural Hunger-Free Holidays Bazaar benefiting Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan (Gleaners).

Patrons will enjoy a strolling dinner while shopping the marketplace of items – abundant hostess and holiday gifts, furniture made from reclaimed materials and unique apparel and accessories, crafted by Michigan artisans.

Guests will enjoy Epoch Hospitality's Detroit BBQ and Fajita stations – offering braised brisket with crispy onions, pulled buffalo chicken sliders, fresh tortillas with chicken, sauteed peppers and onions with all the fixins. A cash bar will

also be available.

Every dollar raised provides three meals, helping to ensure a hunger-free holidays season for southeast Michigan families. Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. To purchase tickets, visit <http://www.gcfb.org/holiday>.

Equestrian Expo Nov. 14-16

The 20th annual Novi Equestrian Expo gallops Nov. 14-16 into the Suburban Collection Showplace, produced in collaboration with the Michigan Horse Council, for all Michigan horse owners and fans.

The 2014 Equestrian Expo features exciting riding and agility exhibitions, a wealth of equine health and training tips, and an extensive shopping area. Visit www.noviequestrianexpo.com for a complete schedule.

Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 6-11; free for children 5 and under; \$5 for seniors 55 and older Friday; and free for all current 4-H members with ID card Friday only. Hours are 2-8 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Stickley historian at Gorman's

Stickley Corporate Historian Mike Danial will return to Novi's Gorman's Home Furnishings and Interior Design showroom at 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 16, to share his experience and anecdotes, methods of identification, style and construction techniques, helpful tips and insider secrets.

“Stickley has been recognized most often for their return to simple ideas, honest craftsmanship and sturdy wood and leather construction reflective of the Arts and Crafts movement,” said Tom Lias, president of Gorman's.

Guests are encour-

Swinging for the fences



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Blake Boring puts his whole self into concentrating on a T-ball swing Oct. 29 during a Coach Dave (East) kiddie clinic at the Hillside Recreation Center. The kiddie clinic series is one of many offered by the popular coach and allows kids to have a lot of fun while they learn some basics about sports and being a good sport.

aged to bring photographs of Stickley furniture and small items for casual appraisal by Danial. Those interested in attending should call the store locations for reservations, as space is limited. Call 248-344-0880.

Novi Chorales holiday concerts

The Novi Chorales holiday performances include 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, at the Novi Senior Center Auditorium (25075 Meadowbrook Road); 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12, at the Farmington United Methodist Church (33112 Grand River Avenue); and 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, at the Church of the Holy Family (24505 Meadowbrook). Tickets are \$12 for adults; \$10 for seniors and children under age 12; and \$10 for groups of 10 or more.

Visit www.novichorales.org

for more information.

Coffee with the Superintendent

Join Novi Schools Superintendent Steve Matthews for Coffee with the Superintendent at the Novi Public Library in the Board Room 202 on: Dec. 15 (6:30 p.m.); Dec. 17 (10:15 a.m.); Jan. 12 (6:30 p.m.); Jan. 14 (10:15 a.m.); Feb. 9 (6:30 p.m.); Feb. 11 (10:15 a.m.); March 9 (6:30 p.m.); March 11 (10:15 a.m.); April 13 (6:30 p.m.); April 15 (10:15 a.m.); May 11 (6:30 p.m.); and May 13 (10:15 a.m.).

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 author 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://mylna.info>.

Art classes for older adults

City of Novi Older Adult Services invites those 50 years and above to socialize, relieve stress and lift moods by taking part in the upcoming Color Your World art class series. The classes are led by volunteer Novi High School art students who want to share their love for art. No previous experience is necessary. Pre-registration is required and can be completed online at www.cityofnovi.org, at the Novi Civic Center (45175 10 Mile) or Meadowbrook Activity Center (25075 Meadowbrook Road).

Classes are held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. each Saturday at the Meadowbrook Activity Center. There is no cost to register, but a \$3 supply fee will be due to the instructors at each class. The schedule includes:

Saturday, Nov. 15: colored pencils; learn shading techniques and blending techniques

Saturday, Dec. 13: oil pastels; learn color-blending techniques

For more information, call 248-347-0414.

Clothing recycling program

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

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

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

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

Tech Talk classes this fall

Tech Talk classes, offered by city of Novi Older Adult Services, are designed just for those 50 and above who want to sharpen technology skills or learn new methods. Each class will cover specific topics relevant to current technology.

The cost for each class is \$15 per resident and \$18 per non-resident. Pre-registration required and available online at cityofnovi.org or in-person at the Older Adult Services Office located inside the Novi

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Passages

Obituaries, Memories & Remembrances

How to reach us: 1-800-579-7355 • fax 313-496-4968 • www.mideathnotices.com

Deadlines: Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. for Thursday papers • Holiday deadlines are subject to change.

ASHTON, JOHN "JACK" WALTER

Age 86, passed away October 20, 2014 in Commerce Township. Mr. Ashton was born to John Sr. and Pearl Ashton on June 18, 1928 in Holmesburg, Pennsylvania. John is survived by his 4 children, Sue (George) Kerver, Bill (Helga), Bob (Katie), Betty Cotner and Brian Hulslander, 9 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife of 44 years, Frances and his long time companion of 15 years, Ellie Myers. The Memorial Service will be at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 7, 2014 at the Highland Chapel of Elton Black and Son Funeral Home, 3295 E. Highland Rd., Highland, Michigan 48356. The family will receive friends and relatives beginning at 4:00 p.m. until the time of service. Memorials may be made in honor of Mr. Ashton to: Disabled Veterans Association.

Paying tribute to the life of your loved one.



BAKHAUS HILDRETH M.

Died October 22, 2014 at age 99. Hildreth Marcille Bakhaus, daughter of Irving and Belle (Bowers) Clark was born in April 1915 at Rushton in Green Oak Township, Livingston County, Michigan. She was a descendant of original settlers in Lyon, Green Oak and Hamburg Townships. She lived her entire life in the South Lyon Area until moving to an assisted living home in Ypsilanti in 2002 and another in Hillsdale in 2010. She attended grade school at Washburn School in Green Oak Twp., high school in South Lyon and college at Michigan State Normal (Eastern Michigan), graduating in 1936 with a BA in English. She taught at the Brighton High School until she married Edward J. Bakhaus in June of 1940. Her interest ranged from her church and family to reading, travel and preserving local and family history. She felt privileged to have been able to visit every state and most of the Canadian provinces. A booklet, “Wanderings”, of her articles about early Green Oak was published by the Green Oak Historical Society in 1985. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of South Lyon, the Tuesday Club, the South Lyon and Green Oak Historical Societies, the Golden Kiwanis Club and the South Lyon Senior Citizen Club. A room in the Brummer School near the Clark family homestead is named in honor of Hildreth and family. She was predeceased by her parents, sister Muriel in infancy, brother Carvel in 1989, husband Edward in 1982 and son-in-law John O'Brien in 2009. Surviving are three children, Kenneth (Nancy) of Stanwood, Diane O'Brien of Vacaville, California and Marilyn (Keith) Lewis of Jonesville; two grandchildren, Brooke (Greg) Stiverson of Reading and Benjamin Lewis of Ypsilanti; two great grandchildren Peyton Green and Karter Stiverson of Reading. Also surviving are two sister-in-laws, Rosemary Clark of Vance, Alabama and Frances Manzel of Chelsea as well as several nieces and nephews. A memorial service, with Pastor Michael Horlocker presiding, will be held on November 13, 2014 at the First Presbyterian Church of South Lyon at 2:00 PM. The family will greet guests one hour prior to the service. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts to the church or Hospice of Hillsdale County are requested.

BRETZ, RUTH ANN

Of Milford, passed away October 30, 2014. She was 78. Ruth was preceded in death by Gerald Bretz, her beloved husband of 37 years. She is survived by her son, John (Amiee) Bretz, and daughter, Joan (Kevin) Cranmer; grandchildren, Andrew and Abigail Bretz and Lydia and Nicholas Cranmer; sister of Janet (Dave) Landrie, Laura (Jim) Barrette, Judy (Cles) Hulbert, Jim (Sherri) Douglas, and the late Doris Deroshia. Also survived by many loving extended family and dear friends. A Funeral Mass was held at St. Mary Catholic Church, November 3. Burial St. Mary Cemetery. Memorials to Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. For further information call Lynch & Sons, Milford, 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com.

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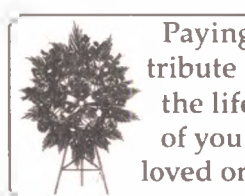
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CRONIN, BEVERLY ANNE

Age 79, of Milford, passed away October 30, 2014. Beloved wife of the late Glenn. Loving mother of Steven Cronin, Ricky (Leigh) Cronin, Wally Cronin, and Bonnie (Jim) Parsons. Proud grandmother of 10 and great-grandmother of nine. Dear sister of Janet (Les) Hall, Maynard (Charlotte) Chase, Debbie (Mike) Tatton, and the late June Manier. Beverly was a member of the Blind Bowlers club, worked in retail but especially loved her time as a homemaker. Share a memory at www.eltonblackandsonwhitelake.com.

Elton Black & Son Funeral Home



Paying tribute to the life of your loved one.



HANADEL, JOHN "JACK"

Age 83, of Mission, Texas and New Hudson, MI, died October 30, 2014 at his home in Mission. Jack loved his retirement, spending time in Texas and summering in Michigan. He was born and raised in Detroit. He was an outdoorsman, who spent many days camping in Michigan and brought his love of the outdoors to his children. Jack served in the military with the US Navy and was transferred to the Air Force, where he served his remaining time in Korea during the Korean War. Upon returning to Detroit, he joined the Detroit Police Department and served as a motorcycle patrolman for most of his career there. Retiring from the department provided Jack the opportunity to live and work at Haas Lake Park in New Hudson, MI, where he was employed as a manager from 1974-2010. Jack is survived by his wife Patricia (Monkman), Beloved father of Sharyn Williamson, Jill Wozny (Jerry), Gail Allen (Mark Brown), Robert Hanadel (Michelle), and Lynne Marino (Tom). Beloved step-father to Michael Monkman (Julie), Robert Monkman (Christina), Linda Monkman, Neil Monkman (Stella), and Tim Monkman. Beloved grandfather to 57 grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren. Loving brother of the late Robert Hanadel (Esther) and Marge Stazel. Visitation will be from 4:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 5 with services at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, November 6, at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. Donations in lieu of flowers can be sent to the Detroit Police Officers Association, www.detroitpolice.com. Please visit www.phillipsfuneral.com.



HORWATH, KENNETH E.

Of Northville. Oct. 16, 1930 - Oct. 30, 2014. L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Northrop-Sassaman Chapel. griffinfuneralhome.com

LITSENBERGER, LEATHA L.

Age 104, a longtime resident of Northville, passed away peacefully on October 31, 2014. She was the beloved wife of the late Robert Litsenberger. She loved exercising and walking every day; she and her husband would often be seen walking around downtown Northville. Leatha also enjoyed playing cards, gardening, and going out to eat. She is survived by many loving nieces and nephews and dear friends. Leatha will be laid to rest at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens with her husband Bob. Memorial contributions can be made to the American Heart Association.

CASTERLINE FUNERAL HOME, INC.



McEVILLY, THOMAS P.

Age 93, of Northville, formerly of Dearborn, passed away November 2, 2014. Beloved husband of Adeline "Del" McEvilly. Cherished father of Karen (John) Hill. Adored grandfather of Jason Hill and Amy (Michael) Ruschak, and great grandfather of Nick, Kaitlin, and Dylan. Dear brother of Eileen Blazo and Leo McEvilly. A memorial service will be held Friday November 7, 2014 at Noon with a time of gathering beginning at 10:30 a.m. at Casterline Funeral Home, 122 W. Dunlap, Northville. The family would appreciate memorial contributions to Alzheimer Association or Henry Ford Hospice. Online condolences at www.casterlinefuneralhome.com

VAN VLIET, HERBERT

Age 90, passed away October 27, 2014. www.phillipsfuneral.com

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Civic Center, 45175 10 Mile Road. Classes are held 6:15-8:15 p.m. each Wednesday at the Novi Civic Center. Upcoming topics include Nov. 12 and 19 - iPhones and iPads. To learn about additional programs designed for those 50 and older, visit www.cityofnovi.org.

NORTHVILLE

Holiday Lighted Parade

Entries are now being accepted by the Northville Chamber of Commerce 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 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 lighting ceremony will be held. Local churches will provide free refreshments before and after the parade in Town Square.

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

Holiday Home Tour

The Northville Community Foundation's Holiday Home Tour will take place Friday and Saturday, Nov. 14 and 15, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

each day. Once again five beautiful Northville homes have been selected to be decorated for the holidays by five designers including Pottery Barn of Novi, Haven, Embellish, and It Was Me Interiors. The style of each home and decorator is different and there truly is something for every taste.

One of the homes is located in historic downtown Northville and more than 100 years old. It has been recently renovated.

Tickets for the 2014 Holiday Home Tour are just \$20 in advance and \$25 the day of the event. To purchase tickets visit Haven of Northville, Gardenviews or the Northville Chamber of Commerce. Tickets may also be purchased on Visa or MasterCard by calling 248-374-0200. Tickets are limited and the tour does sell out each year. To purchase tickets on the day of the event, visit Ward Church at 40000 Six Mile Road. Tickets may be purchased at the Church on Nov.15 and Nov. 16 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m..

Proceeds from the Holiday Home Tour help fund the Northville Community Foundation's senior Holiday Baskets program which provides gift baskets to senior citizens in assisted living facilities as well as the Foundation's scholarship program for high school seniors.

For more information please visit www.northvillecommunityfoundation.org or call 248-374-0200. You can also find the Northville Community Foundation on Facebook.

'Beyond Borders: Mosaic Exhibit and Auction'

The Northville Art House will present 141 mosaic artworks from artists representing 13 countries that are available for bid in an online auction benefiting Doctors Without Borders

through the website: www.BiddingForGood.com/DWB-MSF. The opening reception for this unique exhibit is Friday, Nov. 7 and continues through Dec. 6. The Art House is open to the public Wednesdays through Saturdays, 1-5 p.m. and First Fridays only from 6-9 p.m.

Photo exhibit

Local photographic talent will be featured in an exhibit called "The Art of Light": A Northville Camera Club Exhibit in the lower level of the Northville Art House during November and December. This exhibit opens with a special reception Friday, Nov. 7 and ends December 6.

For more information, visit <http://northvilleart-house.org>.

Garden Club

The Northville Garden Club will be meeting on Monday, Nov. 10, at the Cady Inn at Mill Race Village. The meeting begins at 10 a.m. and will be the group's annual Pine Cone and Bow Workshop. Members will be wiring pine cones and making bows to adorn the holiday wreaths for their annual Greens Mart.

Guests are always welcome. For more information, contact Inge Knoth at 248-348-1835.

Attic Treasures Sale

The Attic Treasures Sale will be held at the First United Methodist Church of Northville, 777 W. Eight Mile, in Northville. The sale will feature gently used items from the very old to almost new.

The sale will be open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7, and from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Nov. 8. Admission is \$2 (children 12 and under are free). All funds raised will benefit Village Banking. For more information go to: <http://www.fumcnorthville.org/biz-baz-village-banking/> or villagebanking.org.

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 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
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Thursdays and Fridays: Archives open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Saturday: Wedding, 3:30-5:30 p.m. (grounds closed)

General info

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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.

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OUR VIEW

Give thanks, honor all veterans Nov. 11

For almost 100 years, the nation has paused at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month to honor our veterans. In ceremonies in communities throughout the United States, people will say thank you to our service personnel and the sacrifices they have made in peace time and during war to keep this the land of the free.

The time, date and month for the Veterans Day observance are tied to the signing of the armistice that ended World War I. But the observance now encompasses conflicts ranging from World War II to Iraq and Afghanistan.

Originally known as Armistice Day, this special Nov. 11 holiday was first celebrated in 1919 to recognize the men and women who died during World War I. In 1938, it became an official federal holiday. The name was changed to Veterans Day in the aftermath of World War II and the Korean War to commemorate veterans of all wars.

As the ranks of veterans who served in World War II and Korea dwindle, a new group of men and women is taking their place. They served in Vietnam, the Persian Gulf, Iraq and Afghanistan. They saw action in places like Grenada, Lebanon, Panama, Guatemala and Somalia.

The somber ceremonies are meant to remember their sacrifices and show gratitude for what they have done for us and for the world. It's a time to make amends for those times in our history, specifically Vietnam, when there was no respect and honor given to our soldiers when they came home.

A lesson was learned from that conflict. We realize that despite our personal feelings, we must support our troops. We tied yellow ribbons around trees for the Persian Gulf War and to this day continue to send care packages to our troops.

The observance of Veterans Day not only preserves the historical significance of the Nov. 11 date, but helps focus attention on its important purpose: A celebration to honor all of America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.

A "Home of the Free Because of the Brave" Veterans Day brunch will be held from 10 a.m. to noon today at the Novi Civic Center (45175 W. 10 Mile). Free for veterans (\$7 for residents; \$8.50 for non-residents), the event is hosted by the Novi Older Adult Services in partnership with the Novi Youth Council. Call 248-347-0414 for more information.

A number of area business are showing their support for veterans, too. Great Clips is offering veterans a free hair cut from Nov. 11 through Dec. 31; Golden Corral is providing veterans a free buffet meal and beverage Nov. 17; Tubby's Sub Shops are offering all veterans and active duty military free carryout of selected sandwiches Nov. 11.

Michigan is home to more than 680,000 veterans (the 11th largest figure nationally) and our Secretary of State office has unveiled a number of initiatives in support of them:

» Creating a veterans designation on driver's licenses and state ID cards that helps identify Michigan veterans so they can be connected with the benefits they have earned and deserved.

» Pushing new ways to ensure that military personnel have their votes counted on election day, such as successfully advocating to extend a federal write-in ballot to state and local races.

» Waiving road tests for veterans applying for a commercial driver's license to help their transition to civilian life if they have sufficient heavy truck experience in the military.

» Offering more than two dozen military license plates that are available for veterans and their spouses, allowing them to display their service with pride.

Ceremonies and gestures like these may pale in comparison to what our military personnel have gone through or are experiencing now. We need to take a moment out of our day to say thank you. They are doing a job that has left many maimed and emotionally scarred. They need to know we care about them and that we support them. We all need to take a moment to say thank you.

These people are more than just veterans. They are heroes and champions of the American cause. We need to let them know that's why we celebrate Veterans Day.

FILE PHOTO
We are able to show our love of flag and country because of the courage and bravery our veterans.



COMMUNITY VOICE

Do you think political ads turn people off of politics?

This question was asked at various polling locations in Novi.



"Yes, but at the same time they are effective in getting out a message and getting voters to think about their decisions."

Adi Sathi
Novi



"I think the negative ads do because there are a lot of negative ads that run on the edge of the truth."

Bruce Markham
Novi



"It depends on the ad. The ones that say, 'I wouldn't do this' are frustrating because I want to hear what you would do. I want to know what's the plan."

Bruce Glubzinski
Novi



"I think they can turn people off. I've heard a lot of people say this year they've objected to a lot of different ads because of the negativity."

Bob Langan
Northville

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

History lesson

It is said "the voter has a short term memory." With the endorsement of the Crawfords, the *Novi News* is showing it does, 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 a majority on the Oakland County Board of Commissioners.

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

It was so long ago the *Novi News* 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 it 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.

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

But now it seems no matter how many wrongs, the Crawfords are always right.

Cynthia Churches
Novi

Ending hunger

It must have been the most beautiful day of the season, with red and golden leaves blazing under the brightest blue sky. That was the setting for the 103 of us who walked along Walled Lake and the nearby area to raise funds to help stop hunger.

Church World Services sponsors this drive to fund its many projects, first and foremost being food distribution. Others include wells that provide clean water, crisis clean-up supplies, schools, blankets, cottage industries and more. In addition, each walk chooses local charities to share in the one quarter of the gleanings that goes to local work. This year, we are giving that money to Everyone Eats in down-

town Detroit, Northville Civic Concern, Redford Interfaith Relief, and the Novi Emergency Food Bank.

Just to make sure that our own walkers didn't get depleted, Absopure Water donated bottled water for stops along the six-mile trail. Guernsey Dairy donated lots of delicious vanilla ice cream to revive everyone at the end. And the Novi High School Honor Society donated hours to earn community service credits by helping set up and man the water and ice cream serving areas.

Last year the Novi-Northville Walk brought in \$17,603.00. We will continue to take donations for this walk through Nov. 10. Checks should be made out to CWS/ CropWalk with "Novi/ Northville MI" in the memo. Mail them to: CWS, P.O. 968, Elkhart, IN 46515. Or you can give online at www.cropwalk.org and click on the map of Michigan and scroll down to the Novi/Northville Walk. These are steps well worth taking to help provide enough for hungry people around the world. Thanks to the communities of Novi and Northville for hosting this event and making a difference.

Margaret Connors
Farmington Hills

GUEST COLUMN

Congress sends strong message against ISIS

In September, Congress took an important step in our fight against the terrorist group ISIS, authorizing President Obama's plan to train and equip friendly forces to confront the brutality from ISIS on the ground in Syria.

Earlier this year, the Senate Armed Services Committee approved a similar Syria train-and-equip provision by a bipartisan vote of 23-3 as part of the annual defense authorization act. Here's why I supported that provision and the measure Congress adopted in September.

While ISIS is currently focused on building an Islamic "caliphate" in the Middle East, its poisonous ideology is hostile not only to the Middle East, but to the world, and there is a real risk that the area that it controls could become a launching pad for future terrorist attacks against the United States and its friends and allies.

ISIS is terrorizing the Iraqi and Syrian people, engaging in kidnappings, killings, persecutions of religious minorities and attacking schools, hospitals and cultural sites.

The threat to Americans and American interests was dramatically and tragically brought home by the brutal beheadings of American journalists James Foley and Steven Sotloff and British aid worker David Haines.

The president has announced a four-pronged strategy to degrade and ultimately defeat ISIS. Those four prongs are as follows: first, increased support to Iraqi, Kurdish and Syrian opposition forces on the ground; second, a systematic campaign of air strikes against ISIS, in



Carl Levin

GUEST COLUMNIST

Iraq and in Syria; third, improved intelligence and efforts to cut off ISIS funding and recruiting; and fourth, continued humanitarian assistance to ISIS victims.

Our senior military leaders support the president's strategy. When Gen. Martin Dempsey, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, testified before the Armed Services Committee, I asked whether he personally supports the president's strategy and his response was, "I do."

He explained that the best way forward runs "through a coalition of Arab and Muslim partners and not through the ownership (of this fight by) the United States." Training and equipping the moderate Syrian opposition is a critical step. As Dempsey explained, we need to build "a force of vetted, trained moderate Syrians to take on (ISIS) in Syria."

Some Americans have expressed the concern that this new military effort will lead us back into a quagmire we entered with the Iraq invasion in 2003. But the differences between that situation and today's are huge.

First, in 2003, we invaded Iraq and threw out Saddam Hussein's government. This year, by contrast, the Iraqi government has requested our assistance against ISIS. This request has been joined by leaders of Iraq's Shiites, Sunnis, Kurds and other religious minorities.

The global community will

provide support in response to this request, but ISIS remains a problem that only Iraqis and Syrians can solve. They can solve it with our help, but only they can solve it.

The contrast to the Iraq invasion of 2003 is particularly sharp with regard to ground combat troops. In 2003, almost 200,000 American and British combat troops invaded Iraq. This year, by contrast, the president's policy is that ground combat operations in Iraq and Syria will be carried out not by us, but by Iraqis, Kurds and Syrians. While the United States and a broad coalition of nations, including Arab and Muslim countries, will support this effort, there is no plan to have American combat forces on the ground.

The struggle against ISIS in Iraq and Syria will be a long, hard one to which we should give our support. We cannot take the place of the Iraqis and the Syrians. They must purge the poison that they have in their country. These extremist groups like ISIS and al-Qaeda must be purged by the people that they plague. But we can help them get rid of this poison.

That assistance now includes training and equipment for moderate groups seeking to prevent ISIS from taking over Syria. The bipartisan support in Congress for this assistance was an important statement to the very countries that we are seeking to help rid themselves of this cancer of America's commitment to help stamp out ISIS.

Carl Levin is the senior senator from Michigan and the chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

Milford woman hopes to share deceased sister's music with others

By Laura Colvin
Staff Writer

For as long as she can remember – all the way back to the days when she was a painfully shy little girl who would only sing in her closet – music has been an important part of Amy Heard's life.

Over the years, bit by bit, she overcame her introversion – at least while she was performing. She started by landing a part in a middle school musical and by the time she was in high school, Amy was playing an important role in nearly every school production. Her desire to perform only grew from there.

Amy attended Oakland University and went on graduate school from the University of Montana, where she earned a master's degree in musical theater. She's been singing ever since – with Christian musicians, in secular bands, on stage at various venues, in television commercials and in church.

But today, Heard, who lives in Milford, is working on a project especially close to her heart. She recently recorded 14 songs written by her sister, Danielle Heard, shortly before she died and is hoping to share that music with the world.

"I don't believe God would have given Danielle this incredible gift and these incredible songs the last two years of her life if he didn't want them to be shared," Heard said.

Danielle

It was a beautiful morning in June 1996. Danielle, seven months pregnant with a little girl she'd named Scarlett, was on her way to a class when she was involved in a tragic traffic accident near M-59 and Michigan Avenue in Howell. The doctors couldn't save



HAL GOULD | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Amy Heard of Milford hopes to raise enough money to manufacture and market the CD "Meant to Be," a collection of her sister's music.

them.

Danielle and little Scarlett were buried together.

Today, 18 years later, Heard still carries an empty spot in her heart for the sister she lost.

"I was shy and quiet and Danielle was the opposite of that," she said. "But we were alike in so many ways. When we were together, she was the only one who appreciated by child-like humor, my goofiness. No one else has that same sense of humor Danielle and I shared. She was my best friend."

A resident of Howell, where her parents Paula (Jourdan) and Danny Heard still live, Danielle had graduated from Harland High School just a year prior to her death. She'd been a varsity cheerleader and played varsity softball. She never had trouble making friends.

But it was the year before that – during her junior year in Petoskey, where Danielle and her parents lived for a year when her father changed jobs – that Danielle found music; some friends taught her a few chords on the guitar and she began writing.

After that, Danielle carried her guitar everywhere.

"Beautiful stuff," Heard said. "Incredible lyrics like her song *Wild Streak*, which really capture her essence because it shows her inner struggles yet her great faith to overcome."

Danielle, after all, was full of life, full of energy and, like her sister and the rest of the Heard family, full of a deep sense of Christian faith.

"We are all very strong Christians and Danielle was no exception," Heard said. "She was never afraid to wit-



Danielle Heard

ness to her friends. She was not perfect, she made a lot of mistakes, which I think make her that much more approachable to her friends. At her visitation, so many people came up to us and said she led them to the Lord or she made a difference in their life. She was a friend when they didn't have a friend. She would hang out with the popular crowd, with the strange people who wore black all the time and with the nerds. She loved people – all types of people."

An outlet

After Danielle died, Heard found an outlet for her grief in Danielle's music.

"My dad wrote a book called *Sweet Angel* and I started learning her music," she said. "That's how we grieved. I pulled out her old tapes and learned her music. I

knew her well, but her lyrics were deep and meaningful and it helped me through the grieving process."

And now she wants to share it.

With the recording, mixing and mastering already finished, Heard is hoping to raise money for manufacturing and marketing the CD, *Meant to Be*.

"This project is very special," said Amy and Danielle's older sister, Tammy Enger, a Novi resident. "Amy has the most incredible talent and hearing her sing those songs brings Danielle back to life. You can hear part of her soul in Amy's voice."

And that, Heard said, is her hope.

"I want people to feel and experience Danielle's spirit through her music," she said. "From the complex, painful parts to the daring, dangerous parts, the spiritual parts to the absolute goofy parts."

Meant to Be contains a number of Christian songs and others, too. "Funny ones, some

love songs and rockin' ones," Heard said.

But while she loves to sing across the genres, Heard said her heart is most alive when she's sharing her love of Christ.

"My heart just flutters and I know that's what I'm supposed to be doing," she said.

"When I'm in front of the church or in someone's wedding singing or on stage singing Christian music from the heart, I get chills all over and I feel it pouring out of me without my full control."

Donate

To learn more about Amy Heard or to help support her project, visit www.amyheard.com and click on the photo of Danielle Heard playing guitar on the home page.

Anyone who makes a donation of \$25 or more, Heard said, will receive a copy of the upcoming CD, *Meant to Be*, but even a \$5 donation will help.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A BROWNFIELD PLAN AMENDMENT FOR THE FORMER NORTHVILLE STATE PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF SEVEN MILE AND HAGGERTY ROAD, TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Trustees of the Township of Northville will hold a public hearing on Thursday, November 20, 2014, at 7:30 P.M. at the Northville Township Hall located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48168 to consider the adoption of a resolution approving a Brownfield Plan Amendment (the "Amendment") for the property located at the intersection of Seven Mile and Haggerty Road formerly known as the Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital (the "Property"), pursuant to and in accordance with Public Act 381 of 1996, as amended.

A copy of the Amendment is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Office of the Township Clerk, Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48168.

All aspects of the Amendment are open for discussion at the public hearing. All interested persons desiring to address the Board of Trustees shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard in regard to the consideration of the Amendment.

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JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Niklas, 4, (right) and Luke Celiski, 2, prepare to head out on to the streets of Northville on Halloween night dressed as a pair of bulldozers.



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Trick-or-treaters visit a house in Northville's historic district during a cold and wet Halloween evening. The fun began precisely at 6 p.m.



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Reese Irving (left) and Vanessa Bryer, both 7, trick or treat together along West Main Street in Northville.



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Dressed as a "Harry Potter" character, Anna Wiseley hands out goodies at a house along Dunlap Street in Northville.

The weather wasn't exactly perfect Friday for Halloween. In fact, you might say it was downright frightening – with frigid temperatures, howling winds, rain and even a little snow. But it sure didn't stop all the boys and girls from hitting the pavement in search of treats. Northville was brimming with trick-or-treaters, especially in the historic

downtown area. The kids, many accompanied by their parents, dressed up in some great costumes and were greeted at most homes with sweet treats. The Northville fire station was also a popular stop for the kids, as there were plenty of firefighters on hand giving out popcorn and cotton candy, as well as apple cider and doughnuts, which seemed per-

fect for a chilly autumn evening. *Northville Record* photographer John Heider also hit the streets and captured some of the fun. Here a few of his shots from another successful Halloween night in Northville. Be sure to visit www.hometownlife.com to see more of Heider's shots.

– By Kurt Kuban

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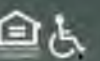
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Northwestern University freshman Symone Abbott has been named Big Ten Freshman Player of the Week twice.

Northwestern lands a keeper in frosh Abbott

Northville graduate paces Wildcats in kills

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer



Abbott

The way Symone Abbott can jump off the floor, the sky probably isn't the limit for the 6-foot-1 freshman outside hitter from Northwestern University.

And the 2014 Northville High grad has not disappointed in her first season with the Wildcats as she leads all Big Ten freshman with 3.37 kills per set and ranks eighth overall in the conference.

Abbott, who came home last weekend to face both Michigan (Friday) and Michigan State (Saturday), appeared to be coming from another stratosphere Oct. 5 when she buried a career-high 21 kills in a three-set win over No. 18 Minnesota.

"Minnesota was a really good game for us," said Abbott, who has been named Big Ten Freshman Player of the Week twice already this sea-

son. "It was a home game and we just came out and played the best volleyball we could without anybody telling us to. It wasn't stressful, we just played that best that we could. It was really natural. Even though Minnesota is nationally ranked, we proved that we can beat those kind of teams."

Abbott recorded a team-best 17 kills Friday in a 25-20, 25-19, 24-26, 25-18 victory at Michigan, followed by a six-kill effort Saturday in a 25-17, 25-18, 25-16 setback at MSU.

Nothing, obviously, comes easy in the Big Ten, which has proven to be a meat

grinder when it comes to NCAA Division I women's volleyball. The Wildcats, who are 14-9 overall and 4-8 in the conference, have gone 1-6 against nationally ranked teams, including 1-5 against the Big Ten's top 25-rated foes.

In high school, Abbott helped Northville to back-to-back Class A final four appearances. And during her Premier Volleyball Club days, she could get away with just going up with her explosive vertical jump and blasting away at opponents on the block, being rarely challenged.

But when she arrived at Northwestern, it became a bit of a learning curve for the former Northville all-state player.

"Probably I had to make a mental adjustment," Abbot said, "because when you're in

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GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Mustang girls run a strong third at states

Northville garners three Division 1 all-state finishes

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

The future appears to be sooner than later for the Northville girls cross country program.

The defending MHSAA Division 1 champion Mustangs, paced by five underclassmen, capped their 2014 season Saturday at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn with a strong third-place showing.

Birmingham Seaholm, led by the one-two finish of Audrey Belf and Rachel DaDamio, captured its second state title in three years with 88 points, while Traverse City Central was runner-up with 115.

Northville, getting three all-state (top 30) performances, took third with 135, while Milford (169) and Saline (230) rounded out the top five.

"I was thrilled with the results today and each one of the girls stepped up to the best of their ability," Northville coach Nancy Smith said. "We were hoping to be in the top five after winning the title last year. And only bringing back three from last year's state team, we exceeded our expectations."

Belf defended her state title with a 5,000-meter time of 17:19.0, while DaDamio was



NANCY SMITH

Northville's Cayla Eckenroth (from left), Hailey Harris and Lexa Barrott earned Division 1 cross country all-state honors Saturday at MIS.

runner-up in 17:29.4.

Northville's all-state trio included sophomore Cayla Eckenroth (11th, 18:08.7); junior Lexa Barrott (15th, 18:18.1); and junior Hailey Harris (27th, 18:32.2).

All three ran career personal bests.

"Cayla continued to excel in her second all-state showing

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MARYBETH FERRANTE

The Northville boys cross country team recorded a fourth-place finish Saturday in the MHSAA Division 1 state finals at MIS.

Northville boys fourth, best in school history

Noles earns all-state honors in 26th place

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

The 2014 Northville boys cross country team walked out of Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn on Saturday with distinction of being the best in school history.

The Mustangs placed fourth in a highly competitive MHSAA Division 1 state finals

as Rockford captured the team title with 140 points, followed by White Lake Lakeland (146), Waterford Mott (148), Northville (165) and Saline (203) rounding out the top five.

"This group of seniors has had an incredible run," said coach Chris Cronin, who guided Northville to a fifth-place last year and 11th in 2012.

"Their legacy has left an indelible mark on this program." While Grand Blanc's Grant Fisher blistered the 5,000-

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GIRLS SWIMMING

Northville girls four-peat in KLAA Central Division

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

The Northville girls swim team appears primed for the stretch run as the Mustangs garnered their fourth consecutive KLAA Central Division meet title Saturday at Novi.

Northville took only three individual titles, but displayed plenty of depth to score a team-high 666 points, followed

by Salem (468.5), South Lyon Unified (455), the host Wildcats (322) and Livonia Stevenson (287.5).

"We had a great division meet," Northville coach Brian McNeff said. "This was the last swim of the season for most of our team, so they were ready to swim fast. There were some real great swimmers, with a lot of time drops. I was really proud of the whole team for how they

swam and for what they accomplished all season long. This was a hard-working team and the hard work definitely paid off yesterday."

Northville got firsts from Laura Westphal, 200-yard freestyle (1:56.91); Darby Mroz, 200 individual medley (2:13.74); and Alissa Moore, 500 freestyle (5:11.61).

The Mustangs also got individual seconds from Gillian

Zayan, 100 freestyle (55.14); Jessica Yan, 500 freestyle (5:19.47); and Mroz, 100 backstroke (1:00.72).

Northville's 200 medley (1:56.16) and 200 freestyle (1:42.94) relay teams also added seconds.

"We were also able to finalize our conference team," McNeff said. "There were still a couple of spots that were open and some girls really

stepped up and showed that they want to keep swimming. It's always a tough decision of who to take to the meet. We have such a deep team that I am leaving people off who probably would score."

Novi's only first came in the 200 freestyle relay, as Dana Kilponen, Alexandra Cortez, Aiva Bianchi and Emily May-

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Eldest Harding sister tops list of All-Area golfers

By Jeff Theisen
Sports Writer

South Lyon golf was dominated by the Harding sisters this year.

And at the top of that three-person list was senior Caroline Harding, who is the 2014 All-Area Golfer of the Year.

Harding also earned first team all-state honors after averaging 38.5 for nine holes and 78.4 for 18. She was medalist for 10 of her 16 matches and tournaments.

The Lions captain saved some of her best golf for the end of the year, when she finished second at the regional and third overall at the Division 2 state finals as the Lions finished runner-up as a team.

Michigan State University will get the services of Harding, who also earned academic all-state honorable mention.

"Caroline is easily one of the top 10 players in the state in all divisions," said coach Dan Skatzka, who also earned Division 2 Coach of the Year honors. "She is one of our

captains and a great team leader who leads by quiet example. She is one of the hardest workers that I have ever worked with in over 40 years of coaching."

First team Priscilla Harding South Lyon

The junior was another Harding force with averages of 41.1 for nine holes and 82.1 for 18. She earned a spot on the all-state first team after finishing 10th at the Division 2 state finals.

"Priscilla is also a very hard worker, like her sisters," Skatzka said. "On a few of the occasions when Caroline was not match medalist, it was because Priscilla was. She was also instrumental in contributing to our championship season and our No. 1 ranking for four consecutive weeks."

Elizabeth Harding South Lyon

The freshman showed some of her best golf at the regional with a medalist score of 83. She averaged 42.3 for nine holes and 85 for 18. She

ALL-AREA GIRLS GOLF TEAM

PLAYER OF THE YEAR Caroline Harding, South Lyon

Jen Kowalczyk, Northville
Alex Bernas, South Lyon

FIRST TEAM Priscilla Harding, South Lyon Elizabeth Harding, South Lyon

Katie Childers, Northville
Katelyn Henry, Novi
Madison Kroetsch, Novi
Abby Livingston, Novi

SECOND TEAM Alexa Hatz, Novi Maya Grandstaff, Novi Julia Stevenson, Milford Alyse Clevenger, Northville

earned all-state honorable mention thanks to finishing in the top 10 five times this season.

"Elizabeth had the best freshman season of anyone who has ever played for us," Skatzka said. "She was a big reason for our undefeated dual meet season and us winning the division and conference championship."

Katie Childers Northville

The senior will take her talents to Bucknell (Pa.) University after averaging 81.5 for 18

holes. She cracked the top five in five different tournaments and was top 10 in seven tournaments. She was voted team MVP thanks to a low round of 35 and runner-up finishes at the regional and at the KLAA Association tournament.

"She is one of the hardest workers I have ever coached," Northville coach Jeff Balagna said. "She is never satisfied and is consistently looking to improve. On any given day, she could be the best player in the state and compete against the best."

Katelyn Henry Novi

The senior helped Novi finish fourth overall at the Division 1 state finals. She tied for 12th individually. The two-time captain averaged 39.8 for nine holes and 82.8 for 18. She finished runner-up at the KLAA Association tournament with a 78 and was fifth at the regional. She holds three individual school records, including a low-



HAL GOULD | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

South Lyon's Caroline Harding is the 2014 All-Area Player of the Year.

the regional and eighth at the KLAA Association tournament. She shot 89-87 at the finals and averaged 43.3 for nine holes and 89.7 for 18.

Maya Grandstaff Novi

The junior posted the third-best score for the Wildcats at state with an 84-88. She averaged 89.4 for 18 and recorded two top 10 finishes. She was 14th at the KLAA Association tournament and 21st at the regional.

Julia Stevenson Milford

The junior reached the Division 2 state finals as an individual and recorded averages of 44.5 for nine holes and 89.4 for 18. Stevenson was team MVP and earned KLAA Lakes Conference first team honors.

Alyse Clevenger Northville

The junior shot an 86 to tie for 15th at the Kensington Conference tourney while averaging 45 for nine holes and 91.8 for 18. She also finished 13th at the regional.

Jen Kowalczyk Northville

The junior saved some of her best golf for the end of the year. She averaged 91.6 for 18 holes and was 16th at the regional. She was also all-conference after finishing in the top 18.

Alex Bernas South Lyon

The senior was fourth at the regional and averaged 45.6 for nine holes and 92.5 for 18. She played in the state finals the last two years and earned academic all-state honorable mention.

CITY OF NOVI, PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES COMMISSION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

APPROVAL OF THE STRATEGIC COMMUNITY RECREATION AND MASTER PARK PLAN

NOTICE is hereby given that the City of Novi, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services (PRCS) will hold a Public Hearing at the regularly scheduled PRCS Commission meeting on Thursday, November 20, 2014, 7:00 p.m., in the Novi Civic Center, Council Chambers, 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan, to consider the adoption of the proposed Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department's (PRCS) 2015-2019 Strategic Community Recreation and Master Park Plan.

The Strategic Community Recreation and Master Park Plan has been developed and updated in accordance with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) requirements. The plan will serve as a guide for the acquisition and development of the PRCS Department's parks, facilities and programs for the next five (5) years and is necessary for the application of grants through the MDNR.

All interested citizens are requested to attend this Hearing

Comments will also be received in writing or in person at the City Clerks Office - City of Novi, 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375, until 5:00 p.m., November 20, 2014.

Arrangements to reasonably accommodate special needs, including handicap accessibility or interpreter, will be made upon receiving 72-hour advance. Contact Maryanne Cornelius at 248.347.0456 for special services.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP VOLLEYBALL DISTRICT PAIRINGS CLASS A

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.)

champion.)

CLASS D
at BIRMINGHAM ROEPER
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.)

GIRLS SWIMMING

Friday, Nov. 7
Kensington Conference Prelims at South Lyon East, 4 p.m.
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Kensington Conference meet at South Lyon East, noon.



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HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

Canton sends Northville packing in playoffs

Chiefs' rush attack proves too much for Mustangs, 48-7

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

The wind was gusting upward of 35 mph, it was damp and temperatures plunged into the 30s.

Just what a meteorologist would dial up on a Friday Halloween night for Canton's wing-T running attack as the host Chiefs took advantage of the elements and opened the Division 1 football playoffs with a resounding 48-7 pre-district victory over Northville.

Canton, which improved to 8-2 overall, also had the statistics to back up its performance up by rushing for a total of 469 yards to go along with 20 first downs, while limiting Northville to 142 yards total.

Canton coach Tim Baechler could revel in the fact that there were also snowflakes serenading the victory afterward as the Chiefs will move on to face Livonia Churchill (8-2) for the Region 3-District 1 title next Friday at home. It will be a rematch of the Oct. 3 meeting won by Canton, 40-35.

"This is perfect Canton football weather," Baechler said. "I saw the forecast on Sunday and I said, 'Oh, my God, I hope this comes true.' The worse it is, the better for us. And it did."

Canton led 21-0 after one quarter and 34-7 at halftime, racking up a total of 280 yards - all of which came on the ground.

One of the big reasons was the play of the offensive line.

"We've been waiting for this," Baechler said. "I think we finally came of age on the offensive line, too. We've had some injury problems, just plugging people around and keep grinding it out. And I think today, I finally think we have a Canton offensive line - finally."

On its first possession, Canton took just six plays to score.

Senior Brian Newton started the scoring parade with 1-yard TD run with 9:17 left in the first quarter, which was set up by Newton's own 42-yard burst down to the Northville 13 on just the third play



Northville's P.J. Schnepf tries to break free from Canton tacklers Ali Mashhour (left), Colin Eglas (right) and Jalen Cochran (back).

DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK



Northville's Zach Prystash runs the jet sweep in Friday's pre-district clash at Canton.

DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK

The Chiefs scored again with 1:16 to go in the first quarter on their third drive, this time on a Charles Turfe 9-yard TD run, to go up 21-0 (following Andrew Loehnis' extra point).

"The hardest thing playing against that offense is that you're depending on 11 players to remain disciplined at all times," Northville coach Matt Ladach said. "And, of course, they're teenagers and it's just easy for one of them make a mistake or not have him do his assignment. And when that happens, they make big plays."

The Mustangs, who went three-and-out twice to start the game, got on the board with 8:13 left in the half on quarterback Justin Zimbo's 5-yard TD pass to tight end Ryan Roberts to cap a 12-play, 65-yard drive. Jake Moody's PAT cut the deficit to 21-7.

Canton, which went four-for-four on its first-half drives, took just five plays to score again as quarterback Greg Williams faked a handoff into the line, the Northville de-

fense bit, and the Chiefs QB kept it himself for a 46-yard touchdown with 5:39 left in the half to make it 28-7.

"There were a couple of times where we blew up the trap, they bounced it out and had a huge seam on the outside," Ladach said. "Those are back-breakers. A kid does everything he's supposed to, blows it up and their kid just makes a great play."

Northville then gambled on fourth-and-two at its own 37, but P.J. Schnepf was stopped short of the first-down marker by Canton linebacker Jacob Stephan with 3:26 to go.

And the Chiefs took advantage by taking just five plays to score once again, capped by Sanders' 11-yard TD run with 1:00 left in the half. The PAT attempt was blown short by a stiff wind to keep it 34-7 at intermission.

"Until they (Northville) had the wind at their backs, I definitely think it was our advantage for us because we got that early lead and they were kind of stuck running the ball," Baechler said. "We did a

great job containing their quarterback (Zimbo) most of the time running. He's a good athlete, very shifty and quick. We didn't give up the big pass play. That was our goal coming into the game."

After a scoreless third quarter, Sanders scored with 10:43 remaining on a 30-yard run and Williams ran in for two to make it a running clock as the Chiefs increased their advantage to 42-7.

And with 3:34 left, Newton broke through the seam of the Northville defense to score on a 67-yard TD run to complete the rout.

Newton paced the Chiefs with 171 yards rushing on 14 carries, while Sanders added 168 on just 12 attempts. Turfe had 13 carries for 81 yards.

Northville (6-4) loses 37 seniors to graduation.

"This is a great group of kids," Ladach said. "I'm truly blessed to be the head coach here and this class is just another example of why I love my job as much as I do."

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WESTERN LAKES JUNIOR FOOTBALL

Colts, Bobcats punch tickets to Super Bowl

The Northville Colts exploded for 42 first-half points Sunday en route to a 52-22 Western Lakes Junior Football League varsity semifinal playoff victory over the visiting Novi Bobcats at Tom Holzer Field.

The Colts, who improved to 10-0, move into the WLJFL Super Bowl this Sunday at Novi High School.

Nick Prystash accounted for all three touchdowns as the Colts jumped out to a 22-0 lead. Two of his TDs came on runs, while the other was a result of an interception return following a pressure of the Bobcats quarterback by Jeff Varner. Josh Porter kicked a pair of two-pointers.

In the second quarter, the Colts added 22 more points as Daniel McLaughlin hit Ryan Silberg on a TD pass; Zach Bordchart added a 1-yard run TD run (set up by Jake Khoury's 50-yard kickoff return); and Brian Tijan scored on a fumble

recovery. Porter booted a pair of two-pointers.

The Bobcats (6-4) scored all 22 of their points in the second quarter as Andrew O'Connor accounted all the scoring thanks to TD runs of 51 and 41 yards, along with an 80-yard kickoff return. He also converted a pair of two-point kicks.

In the final quarter, Brennen VanRiper ran for a TD and Porter converted the two-point kick.

Other Colts standouts defensively included Tijan (two sacks), Ivan Kosenov (sack), Khoury (fumble recovery), Varner, Luke Lindsey-Zaht, Aiden Hayek and Ryan Logan.

BOBCATS (JV) 19, COLTS 0: Ethan Cooper rushed for 163 yards on just 16 carries and a pair of TDs as the Bobcats (7-3) blanked the host Colts (8-2) in a WLJFL semifinal Sunday at Holzer Field.

Cooper scored on TD runs of 60 and 30 yards in the first and fourth quarters, respectively. He also caught a pass for 20 yards, while Bryce Lubin had an 11-yard reception.

Quarterback Jack Beno, who was 4-of-7 passing for 39 yards and rushed for 32 yards, added one-point conversion run in the first quarter followed by a 5-yard TD run in the second to give the Bobcats a 13-0 halftime advantage.



The Stallions' Isaac Pace (4) tries to bring down Bobcat ball carrier Bacari Scott (3) in Sunday's WLJFL freshman playoff game.

TONYA DARR

Defensively, Ashton Chapman and Terry Newson sparked the Bobcats with six tackles apiece, while Gavin Parenti and Malik McGhee each recovered a fumble. Aiden Shires also had an interception.

Brett Rankin led the Colts with 52 yards rushing, while top tacklers included Andrew Hayek, Gavin Najso and Kameron Naujokas.

BOBCATS 19 (FRESHMAN), STALLIONS 0: Bacari Scott rushed for 119 yards on 15 carries and a pair of touchdowns Sunday as the Bobcats (10-0) kept their perfect record intact with a WLJFL semifinal playoff win over the host Northville Stallions (8-2) at Holzer Field.

Niko Krall, who added 65 yards on eight attempts, scored on a 1-yard TD run in the

opening quarter, followed by Robert Lalain's one-point conversion run, for a 7-0 Bobcats advantage.

The Bobcats then put it away in the final quarter as Scott scored on TD runs of 9 and 10 yards, respectively, with 8:34 and 4:22 remaining.

Jackson Kinter also added 59 yards rushing on just three carries to go along with a fumble recovery, while Lalain, Dominic Senatore and Cole Shires each converted a key first down to contribute to the win.

Krall posted a team-high nine tackles and recovered a fumble, while Thad Lawler made eight tackles.

The Stallions got key offensive gains by Max Anderson, Grady Zoroya and Luca Prior.

SWIMMING

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oras were clocked in 1:40.53.

The Wildcats also got seconds from Cortez in the 200 IM (2:16.77) and Bianchi in the 50 freestyle (25.05). Novi's 400 freestyle relay team was also runner-up (3:42.88).

The KLAA Central and South Division teams will now collide in the Kensington Conference championships set for noon Saturday, Nov. 8, at South Lyon East.

South Lyon Unified won the title last year with 914 points, followed by Northville with 817.

"Even though this was a great win for us, we have done it before and what we really are swimming for is another win next week," said McNeff, whose team finished 7-0 in dual meets this year. "Hopefully the girls bring the same attitude and effort next week and we can celebrate another victory."

KLAA CENTRAL DIVISION GIRLS SWIM MEET

Oct. 31 and Nov. 1 at Novi

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Northville, 666 points; 2. Salem, 468.5; 3. South Lyon Unified, 455; 4. Novi, 322; 5. Livonia Stevenson, 287.5.

FINAL HEAT RESULTS

200-yard medley relay: 1. Salem (Molly Rowe, Katie Xu, Lisa Zhang, Linda Zhang), 1:49.3; 2. Northville (Darby Mroz, Jennifer Ostrowski, Kelsey Macaddino, Madeline Wilczewski), 1:56.16; 3. South Lyon, 1:57.03; 4. Novi (Ava Bianchi, Alice Ying, Hanna Dong, Dana Kilponen), 1:57.37; 5. Stevenson, 1:57.65; 6. South Lyon, 1:58.65.

200 freestyle: 1. Laura Westphal (N'ville), 1:56.91; 2. Rebecca Arakelian (LS), 1:57.56; 3. Alissa Moore (N'ville), 1:57.81; 4. Patricia Freitag (Salem), 1:59.47; 5. Gillian Zayan (N'ville), 1:59.77; 6. Nicki Pumper (N'ville), 2:02.22.

200 individual medley: 1. Mroz (N'ville), 2:13.74; 2. Alexandra Cortez (Novi), 2:16.77; 3. Rowe (Salem), 2:17.54; 4. Emily Mayoras (Novi), 2:17.9; 5. Ana Barrott (N'ville), 2:24.57; 6. Bayne Froyne (LS), 2:25.0.

50 freestyle: 1. Lisa Zhang (Salem), 24.7; 2. Bianchi (Novi), 25.05; 3. Rachel Arceri (LS), 25.61; 4. Pumper (N'ville), 26.13; 5. Karen Xu (Novi), 26.55; 6. Melissa Flannigan (LS), 26.68.

1-meter diving: 1. Heidi Surydyk (SLU), 456.75 points; 2. Madison Canadi (SLU), 401.05; 3. Sarah Ploshetski (SLU), 376.50; 4. Jessica Weak (LS), 354.55; 5. Caitlyn Canadi (SLU), 344.90; 6. Alicia Schmitt (SLU), 323.55.

100 butterfly: 1. Linda Zhang (Salem), 57.28; 2. Freitag (Salem), 59.95; 3. Macaddino (N'ville), 1:00.28; 4. Xu (Salem), 1:00.91; 5. Rowe (Salem), 1:03.02; 6. Brittany Nayh (N'ville), 1:03.32.

100 freestyle: 1. Lisa Zhang (Salem), 53.36; 2. Zayan (N'ville), 55.14; 3. Westphal (N'ville), 55.66; 4. Kilponen (Novi), 55.76; 5. Cortez (Novi), 55.92; 6. Natalie Filipowicz (N'ville), 57.69.

500 freestyle: 1. Moore (N'ville), 5:11.61; 2. Jessica Yan (N'ville), 5:19.47; 3. Melanie Dunnuck (SLU), 5:33.94; 4. Anna Smith (SLU), 5:37.87; 5. Sarah Ptashnik (N'ville), 5:40.84; 6. Jenna Chen (Salem), 5:41.49.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Novi (Kilponen, Cortez, Bianchi, Mayoras), 1:40.53; 2. Northville (Zayan, Filipowicz, Hannah Craig, Pumper), 1:42.94; 3. South Lyon, 1:32.45; 4. Salem, 1:44.03; 5. Novi (Mallory Martlock, Samantha Kasanic, Idalia Moore, Lindsey Vaughn), 1:51.04; 6. Northville (Barrott, Julia Scavnicki, Katherine Gruschow, Brooke Verbie), 1:51.09.

100 backstroke: 1. Linda Zhang (Salem), 1:00.34; 2. Mroz (N'ville), 1:00.72; 3. Sabrina Lee (N'ville), 1:01.22; 4. Mayoras (Novi), 1:01.47; 5. Stephanie Solterman (Salem), 1:03.42; 6. Olivia Burrows (N'ville), 1:03.69.

100 breaststroke: 1. Arakelian (LS), 1:09.58; 2. Xu (Salem), 1:10.66; 3. Yan (N'ville), 1:12.51; 4. Arceri (LS), 1:13.48; 5. Erin Szara (N'ville), 1:13.68; 6. Ostrowski (N'ville), 1:13.86.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Salem (Linda Zhang, Freitag, Solterman, Lisa Zhang), 3:41.18; 2. Novi (Kilponen, Mayoras, Bianchi, Cortez), 3:42.88; 3. Northville (Lee, Moore, Filipowicz, Westphal), 3:44.8; 4. Stevenson, 3:54.08; 5. South Lyon (A), 3:56.25; 6. South Lyon (B), 3:59.47.

Northville Cup champs

BRIAN VANCE

Team Arsenal, an under-9 girls soccer team, recently finished 6-2 during the fall season en route to the Northville Cup championship. Team members include: Rylee Vance, Madeline Czopek, Cecilia Finkbeiner, Audrey Guyot, Maryelle Hall, Ava Lenox, Jocelyn Phelps, Lilly Tower, Grace Walsh, Casey Leonard, Annika Anderson and Elizabeth Lewis. Adam Phelps is the head coach assisted by Brian Vance, Dave Czopek, and Jim Lenox.



PREP VOLLEYBALL

No. 2 Novi spikers seize Seaholm tournament title

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

The second-ranked Novi volleyball team got off a somewhat shaky start Saturday, but finished with a bang to capture the Birmingham Seaholm Tournament.

The Wildcats, who improved to 47-5-1 overall, knocked off Class A No. 8-ranked Romeo in the finals, 25-15, 25-19, after earning a 25-21, 26-24 triumph over the host Maples in the semifinals.

"We serve received well so were able to spread our offense and also played with tenacity and desire to win," Novi coach Jen Cottrill said. "It's always nice to win a tough tournament like Sea-

holm headed into postseason play."

Junior twins Victoria and Paulina Iacobelli led the way both offensively and defensively. Victoria posted 47 total kills and 38 digs on the day, while Paulina added 30 kills and 65 digs.

Freshman setter Erin O'Leary chipped in with 120 total assist-to-kills to go along with 20 kills and 28 digs. Sophomore Ally Cummings also contributed 27 kills.

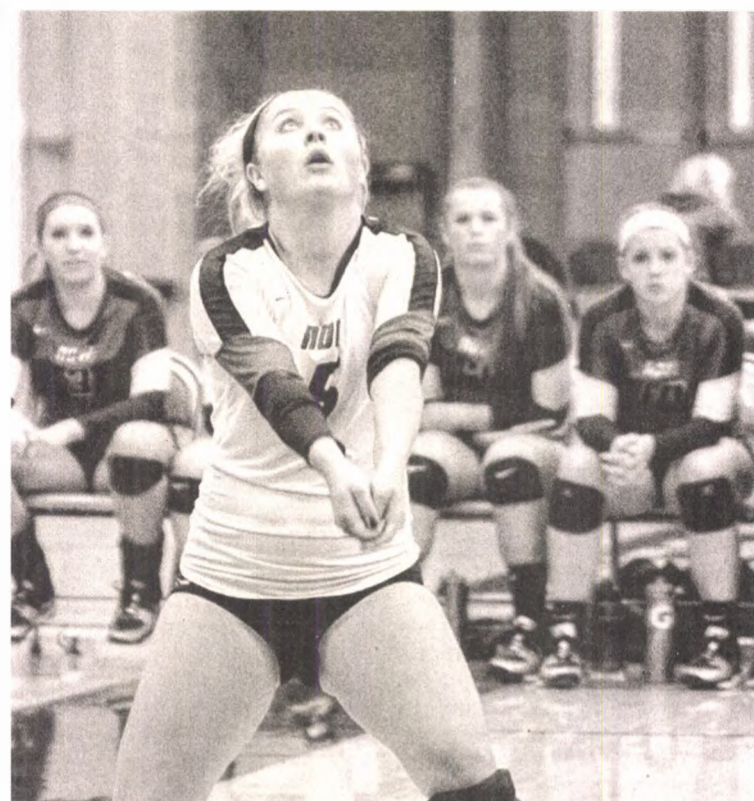
In pool play, Novi lost its opener to White Lake Lakeland (25-14, 25-22), but rebounded with victories over Grosse Pointe South (25-14, 25-18) and Romeo (25-21, 25-23) to reach the quarterfinals, where they ousted Macomb

Dakota (25-15, 24-26, 15-6).

"We started out very slow in our first pool play match on Saturday, but were able to regroup and get back on track," Cottrill said. "We were hoping to play some tough competition to prepare us for the postseason and we were able to play ranked Romeo twice and also Seaholm (honorable mention)."

The Wildcats were scheduled to begin Class A district play Tuesday at home against Salem. The second match of the doubleheader pitted Canton against Northville. The semifinal winners will meet for the district title at 7 p.m. Thursday at Novi.

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Novi libero Jordan Massab makes a pass during Saturday's Birmingham Seaholm Tournament.

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BOYS CROSS COUNTRY FINALS

Novi harriers wind up 15th, Catholic Central 17th at MIS

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Reappearing in the MHSAA state finals was an accomplishment in itself for the Novi boys cross country team.

The Wildcats, paced by junior Joost Plaetinck's 13th-place all-state (top 30) finish, wound up 15th in the Division 1 team standings Saturday with 356 points at chilly and windy Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn.

Rockford, scoring 140 points, won a close battle for first place over runner-up White Lake Lakeland (146), Waterford Mott (148) and Northville (165).

"Just making it to the finals is a huge accomplishment," Novi coach Robert Smith said. "There are dozens of quality teams that didn't make it out of regionals. For us to finish in the top 15 is really icing on the cake."

Grand Blanc's Grant Fisher, a senior, successfully defended his individual title in the 5,000-meter race with a time of 14 minutes, 52.5 seconds.

Plaetinck, who finished 48th a year ago, was clocked in 15:39.5, which ranks him seventh on the Wildcats' all-time list.

"Without a doubt, Joost is one of the state's best runners," Smith said. "His performance today validated that reputation. Somehow, in all that wind, Joost managed to chop 10 seconds off of his personal best."

Rounding out the Novi scoring contingent were sophomore Scott MacPherson (112th, 16:36.1), senior Sahisnu Malapati (114th, 16:37.4), senior Nathan Hall (149th, 16:54.3) and sophomore John Landy (155th, 16:56.4).

"These two guys worked really well together," Smith said of MacPherson and Malapati. "Scott tied his personal best, while Sahisnu was only two seconds off of his season PR."

"Nate and John employed the same racing strategy as MacPherson and Malapati. I



The Novi boys cross country team, led by All-Stater Joost Plaetinck (92), comes out of the shoot in Saturday's Division 1 state finals at MIS.

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was very impressed with these two guys today. Hall is coming off an injury and Landy has been running varsity for only part of the season. Both ran a gutsy race."

Senior Cameron Misko (174th, 17:04.4) and first-year junior Adam Ditri (203rd, 17:19.8) rounded out the top seven for Novi, which has enjoyed a rich tradition of performing well at the state finals.

The Wildcats had their first team qualify under Smith in 1990 with a ninth-place finish, followed by three-year run where they captured back-to-back Class A titles in 1998 and 1999, along with a runner-up finish in 2000 (Division 1).

Novi continued its remarkable run with top 10 finishes through 2006. The team qualified again in 2008 (13th) and 2009 (10th).

"It's great to be back," Smith said. "We've continued

our state meet appearances over the last few years with individuals, but getting the team there is really what it's all about."

Smith top CC finisher

Junior Scott Smith was Novi Detroit Catholic Central's top individual finisher as the Shamrocks, making their first Division 1 finals appearance since 2010, placed 17th overall in the 27-team field at MIS with 391 points.

Smith finished 92nd overall in 16:25.8, followed by junior Avery Felty (95th, 16:27.0), junior Bailey Hobson (113th, 16:36.4), sophomore Ben Racine, (123rd, 16:45.4) and sophomore Mark Borek (185th, 17:09.2).

CC's non-scorers included junior Ben Ludtke (214th, 17:24.8) and sophomore Brendan Canavan (240th, 18:02.1).

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ABBOTT

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club (volleyball) and playing all these teams, all the girls aren't really Big Ten college material, so you stick out a little bit and you don't have to work as hard to score points. So I just depended on my arm and stuff to score points for the team.

"But then when you come to the Big Ten, everybody is good. I have to think about it, 'Hit it this way, hit it that way.' That's the biggest technical change I've had to my game."

Abbott, however, became a quick learner as evidenced by a 15-kill outing in her collegiate debut Aug. 29 against Colorado. She racked up 17 kills and two blocks Sept. 27 in a win over Maryland. She also posted double digits in kills in all three victories during the Wildcat Classic, leading Northwestern with 3.80 kills per set.

She leads the Wildcats with 259 total kills in 21 matches.

"It's been a joy to watch Symone continue to grow develop as a young member of our Northwestern volleyball family," Northwestern coach Keylor Chan said.

"Coming in, we knew that she had the ability to be a special player on this level, but she's continued to impress us day in and day out since the day she arrived on campus. She's already shown that she can play well in the best conference in the country and, as Symone continues improve and become a more consistent

threat, she'll be someone truly remarkable."

Abbott's first introduction to volleyball came during her eighth-grade year.

"It was an intramural thing that was open to anybody that wanted to go," Abbott said. "And I really liked the way the knee pads looked on other people, so I thought I wanted to wear knee pads, too. So I thought the only way I could wear knee pads was to go to the intramural volleyball. It wasn't any revolutionary story. I just liked the knee pads and started playing volleyball after that."

Abbott - one of five children, including an older sister who attends Michigan - chose Northwestern over Georgia Tech, where she almost joined former Northville High teammate Rebecca Martin, now a sophomore setter with the Yellowjackets.

Abbott also considered Central Michigan and Florida International University, but eventually chose Northwestern (where her grandfather Art earned a master's in audiology in 1966.)

And so far, the Evanston campus appears to be a good fit both athletically and academically for the former Northville standout.

"I'm going to switch to journalism next semester," Abbott said. "I didn't know I wanted to go into journalism until I got here. I applied and got in Weinberg (School of Arts & Sciences). I may go into editing or broadcast journalism. It's good thing because it's such a great school."

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BOYS

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meter MIS course in 14 minutes, 52.5 seconds, Northville senior Nick Noles earned all-state (top 30) honors for the third time in his career in 26th (15:46.2).

"I knew I was going to have a good race today," said Noles, who posted mile splits of 4:57, 5:15 and 5:10. "I felt it when I woke up this morning."

Noles joins Dan Sims, currently a freshman at Michigan State, as the only two runners in Northville boys cross country history to earn all-state honors three times.

"You could see Nick building toward this day for three weeks," Cronin said. "He has looked so strong at meets and in practice. It wasn't a surprise to see him finish his career with a race like he had today."

"Nick's forte is his finish and, with its long flat finish, the course at MIS sets up perfectly for his mental toughness. It has been a true joy to coach Nick. The fact that he is a good runner just makes the journey sweeter."

Rounding out Northville's top five were junior Conor Naughton (32nd, 15:51.0), senior Jason Ferrante (38th, 16:00.0), senior Sean McCullough (60th, 16:13.9) and junior Kenny Goolsby (122nd, 16:44.5).

Naughton, just two places away from all-state, was one second off his career and season best clocking.

"As a team, we believed we had a chance to win today," Naughton said. "In that sense, finishing fourth is tough, but that's where we ended up. I feel so blessed to have run with these seniors. I couldn't

ask for better teammates."

Naughton will be the team's top returnee in 2015.

"Were are fortunate to have Conor back for another season," Cronin said. "We think he can become the fastest Mustang in school history."

Ferrante will be another senior graduating, along with McCullough, who bounced back for the stretch run after missing most of October with an injury.

"I was happy for Jason," Cronin said. "The course at MIS has been a huge obstacle for him the past two years. Today he showed how far he has come, both mentally and physically. Jason's ability to lock in with Nick and Conor made us a formidable team all season. Ferrante's everyday effort and leadership will be tough to fill next year."

"And I was confident that Sean would have a great race. He is such an experienced runner and today's conditions were ideal for him. Sean worked exceptionally hard when he wasn't able to run and we needed his best today and we got it. It's a credit to his fortitude and tenacity."

Meanwhile, it was Goolsby's first trip to the state finals.

"Kenny ran a solid race today and he will go fast next year," Cronin said. "Kenny's contributions this season helped solidify the back end of our top seven all season."

The Mustangs' non-scorers included sophomore Ben Craft (147th, 16:54.2) and senior Sean Flanagan (173rd, 17:03.0).

"Both boys were running in their first finals race and they performed admirably," Cronin said. "These two were a big part of our success all season and I was glad they had the opportunity to race this year."

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GIRLS

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and improved again this year running a career PR by around nine seconds," Smith said. "She has stepped up each race this year to lead the team. And Lexa came right back after being sidelined the last month and showed what an incredible athlete she is and how determined she was to get back on the podium and be an important part of the team."

Meanwhile, junior Emma Herrman just missed all-state honors in 33rd with a career-best 18:46.2, while sophomore Emma Smith placed 72nd in the team total and 106th overall with a season-best 19:45.4. Both bettered their previous times by 11 seconds each.

"Our top four were solid, just like they had been all year long," Smith said. "The biggest surprise was from Hailey Harris. All year long she has



Novi's Joost Plaetinck (left) and Hannah Lonergan earned Division 1 cross country all-state honors by finishing 13th and 21st, respectively, at MIS.

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been getting better and yesterday she told me she was ready. She ran a smart race and exploded at the end, running a 30-second PR and earning all-state honors by over 1:13 from last year."

The Mustangs' lone senior, Mirai Kobayashi, took 193rd (20:048.8), while freshman Rachel Zimmer was 198th (20:53.7).

"I couldn't have asked for any more from them," said Smith, who guided the Mustangs to a fifth-place showing in 2012. "I told them to just run their race as the bull's-eye was not on us this year and they did just that. We are looking ahead to next year, as we only lose one from today's lineup and there are several waiting to take the challenge and go after bringing home another state title next year."

Lonergan all-state

On the heels of her fifth-place finish at the regional to earn an individual state qualifying spot, Novi senior Hannah Lonergan turned in her best showing of her career by earning all-state honors with a 21st-place finish in 18:21.8.

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No. 1: Wang leads Wildcat netters to dream season

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Tim Wang couldn't have asked for a better finish to his high school tennis career.

The senior from Novi repeated as MHSAA Division 1 singles champion and led the Wildcats to their first-ever state championship in the process.

Wang, a USTA nationally-ranked player in the Boys 18s headed to Columbia University, was named All-Area Player of the Year. He capped his senior season with a 31-2 record, including five invitational tourney titles, a KLAA Association 'A' crown and regional runner-up finish.

His only two losses this season came against his longtime singles rival Connor Johnston, a nationally-ranked junior from Northville and two-time state runner-up at No. 1 singles.

"Tim utilized his all-court game and competitive spirit to beat the best players in the state," Novi coach Jim Hanson said. "His ability to play his best tennis in the big matches paid dividends for the Wildcats."

First team singles Connor Johnston Northville

The junior, two-time state runner-up, finished 21-2 this season going 2-2 against Wang, including a three-set victory over his nemesis in the regional final.

"Connor didn't give up more than five games in any match and that included the state tournament," Northville coach Matt Stetson said. "His game continues to evolve and develop. This year he added a big serve to complement his amazing athleticism and heart."

Koushik Kondapi



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Novi senior Tim Wang, a two-time MHSAA No. 1 singles champion, was named All-Area Player of the Year in boys tennis.

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The junior No. 2 singles player went 35-1, including the state No. 2 singles, KLAA 'A' and regional titles. He also captured five invitationals.

"Koushik's ability to attack short balls off of the baseline allowed him to capture his second straight state championship," Hanson said. "He kept his opponents off-balance with deep ground strokes, offensive lobs and drop shots, which were all part of his overall match strategy."

Alex Wen Novi

The freshmen No. 3 state singles champ, a USTA Boys 14s nationally-ranked player, finished with a perfect 36-0 record, including six invitational titles, along with KLAA 'A' and regional crowns.

"Alex used his powerful ground strokes, strong serve and crisp volleys to dominate the competition," Hanson said.

Andre Liu Novi

The senior No. 4 singles state champ went 30-0, which also included regional, KLAA 'A' and four invitational tournament titles.

"Andre's steady back court game, coupled with well-placed serves, volleys and overhead, allowed him to overpower his opponents," Hanson said. "His experience added to the unmatched depth in our singles line-up."

First team doubles Maxx Anderson, jr. Daniel Yu, soph. Novi

This No. 1 doubles tandem finished 33-3 en route to a runner-up state finals finish. They also claimed four invitationals, a KLAA 'A' and regional crowns.

"Their ability to transition from defense to offense led to an aggressive style of play that allowed them to compete with the best in the state," Hanson said.

"They had big serves, good service returns and their ability to hit winning overheads were keys to their success."

Janak Mukherj, fr. Jason Wang, sr. Northville

This No. 1 doubles duo teamed for a 19-10 record, which included runner-up finish at the regional and KLAA 'A' tournament.

"Jason finishes up a great career as a senior, while freshman Janak shows that he will be a force in the future," Stetson said.

Ryan Fernandes, sr. Aakash Ray, soph. Novi

The regional champions at No. 2 doubles finished the season with a 25-6 record. They also captured three invitationals and took second in the KLAA 'A' tourney.

"Ryan and Aakash showed steady improvement throughout the year, allowing them to score many valuable points for the Wildcats," Hanson said. "Fernandes' solid net play and Ryan's consistent back court game propelled this team to a semifinals appearance at the state finals."

Nick Chatas, sr. Umair Rao, sr. Northville

The KLAA 'A' No. 2 doubles champs and regional runners-up posted a 24-6 season record. They also won a match at the state finals.

"This is a team of all heart and effort," Stetson said. "Both worked extremely hard over their careers to put it all together for great senior years."

Second team singles Oliver Daniel Northville

The junior No. 2 singles player finished 16-14, which included a win at the state tourney along with a regional runner-up

finish.

"Oliver continues to develop as a singles player," Stetson said. "He has an incredible drive and focus."

Andrew Schafer Northville

The senior No. 3 singles player wound up 21-8, including runner-up finish at the regional and KLAA 'A' tournament.

"Andrew had an incredible senior year," Stetson said. "He has one of the best backhands around and used it be one of the best players in the state at No. 3 singles."

Stephen Freeman Northville

The 10th-grader posted a 13-9 mark en route to a runner-up finish at the regional.

"Stephen made huge strides from freshman year to sophomore year," Stetson said. "He added a big serve and forehand to help deal with playing at No. 4 singles."

Second team doubles Andre Hijaouy, sr. Duggan Doloway, sr. Catholic Central

The No. 3 duo finished 10-4 on the season, capped by a Division 1 regional title.

"Andre and Duggan played their best tennis at the regional finals and played big when we needed them most," CC coach Joe Stafford said.

Sai Gotur, jr. Abhishek Subash, jr. Novi

The No. 3 tandem teamed up for a 23-7 record, including the KLAA 'A' crown and regional runner-up finish. They also captured three invitationals.

"Sai and Abhishek utilized their quickness and steady all-court game to counteract the offensive firepower of their opponents," Hanson said. "Their ability to

extend points, lob and finish at the net made them a tough team to beat."

Jonathan Bi, jr. Evan Simoff, jr. Northville

The No. 3 doubles team earned runner-up honors in the KLAA 'A' tourney and finished 20-9 overall. They also took a match at the state tourney.

"They're a powerful team where both have continued to excel in doubles," Stetson said.

Robert Chen, fr. Aditya Chitta, fr. Novi

This No. 4 doubles duo seized both the KLAA 'A' and regional titles en route to a 29-4 record. They also teamed up to win five invitational crowns.

"The strength of this team was their ability to win rallies from the baseline," Hanson said. "And as the season progressed, so did their ability to play the net. They made a big contribution to Novi's first state title by getting to the semifinals."

Yannis Bi, jr. Victor Lee, jr. Northville

This No. 4 doubles team posted a 21-9 record earning runner-up finishes at both the KLAA 'A' tourney and regional.

"These are two players that complement each other well," Stetson said. "Victor has great hands at net and Yannis has a big serve and heavy forehand."

Honorable mention

Novi: Anurag Koduri, sr.; Vamsi Nimmagadda, sr.; **Northville:** Hoon Oh, jr.; Robert Hong, jr.; **Catholic Central:** Steve Magagna, sr.; Caleb Roberts, soph.; **Lakeland:** Ben Evans, sr.; Collin Scott, jr.

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The Northville Rowing Club's Women's Junior 4, led by coxswain Ashwath Muruganand with Bethany Holub, Bella Wood, Maya Sankaran and Jackie Cole took a bronze medal.

Northville Rowing Club earns slew of medals from Leelanau Regatta

The Northville High Rowing Club ended its fall season Oct. 25-26 at the Leelanau Chase Regatta led by senior Cameron Ulrich, who placed first in the men's singles with a 2.5-kilometer time of 10:52.0.

Right behind was junior Ashwath Muruganand, who was runner-up in 10:55.0. Senior Kyle Westfall added a fifth in 11:31.0 in the 14-boat race, which also included teams from Ann Arbor Skyline Crew, Saline High School, Cadet and Detroit.

Ulrich and Muruganand also teamed up for a third in the men's 2.5K doubles (11:14.0).

Coach Russ Miller's squad, made up of primarily of underclassmen, earned a total of 27 medals in the two-day regatta held at Fountain Point Resort at Lake Leelanau.

Northville had three more boats earn bronze medals:

» Women's Junior 8 - Bella Wood (coxswain), Maya Sankaran, Sierra Dattilo, Andrea Lay-

bour, Bethany Holub, Sureena Sokhal, Kate Westphal, Kate Koppin and Natalia Soss.

» Mixed Junior Novice 8 - Julia Moore (coxswain), Bella Wood, Andrea Laybourn, Maddie Scott, Kate Westphal, Kate Koppin, Sohan Yadav, Jacob Rice and Garrett Henderson.

» Women's Junior 4 - Ashwath Muruganand (coxswain), Jackie Cole, Maya Sankaran, Bethany Holub and Bella Wood.

The NRC competed Oct. 21 in the Head of the Grand Regatta in Lansing on a 3,300-meter course which featured 32 high school and collegiate rowing clubs.

Ulrich and Muruganand finished second in the men's high school doubles, while Westfall and Daniel Kargilis took fourth and fifth, respectively, in men's high school singles.

On the women's side, Moore added a fourth in singles, while also teaming up with Cole for a fourth in doubles.

The Northville Row-

ing Club will now take a month off before starting winter conditioning.

For more information, visit www.eteamz.com/northvilleroxing/.

ICE Breaker champs



RICHARD CUMMINGS

The Motor City Madness Red, a 10U girls fast-pitch softball team, recently captured the ICE Breaker tournament with a 13-6 victory in the finals over the Batbusters. Team members include (front row, from left) Marisa Mazoway, Britain Beshears and Payton Ross, (middle row, from left) Grace Walters, Allison Sharnowski, Morgan Rood and Madison Mckenzie and (back row, from left) Cassie Sylvester, Alexis Deboer, Zoe Radinski and Emma Bay.

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Car Report

Lexus IS Line Shows Brand Stepping Up Game To Regain Spot in U.S. Market



By Dale Buss

Lexus reigned as the U.S. automotive luxury-market champion for many years before it was dethroned by a number of factors three years ago. There was the earthquake and tsunami in Japan in March 2011 which devastated the Lexus supply chain for several months. At the same time, BMW and Mercedes-Benz were rising fast in the American market and challenging Lexus's supremacy anyway. And in 2011, BMW finally ousted the Toyota-owned premium marque.

But lately Lexus has been coming back in a big way. And fortunately,

over the last several weeks I've been able to drive and enjoy the three sedans that are the staples in the brand's return to the front pack in the U.S. luxury segment: the GS 350, ES 350 and IS 250 C.

Americans' enthusiasm for the latest versions of those vehicles, and renewed regard for the venerable Lexus brand, has become obvious in how Lexus is setting a vigorous sales pace in the U.S. this year. Through September, Lexus sales were up by 16 percent compared with a year earlier. And September constituted the brand's twelfth straight month of year-to-year percentage gains and its seventh consecutive month of double-digit such increases.

And that's even before Lexus launches the RC and RC F sports coupes, two new models to the lineup, in late November. "These

coupes will build on the success the IS and GS have generated this past year and should provide a more emotional connection with our customers," Steve Hearne, Lexus vice president of sales and dealer development, said in the wake of the September sales report.

Indeed, Lexus sedans have been generating all sorts of excitement. For one thing, in September, sedan sales were up by 16 percent compared with 12 percent for the brand overall, and they're up by 17 percent for the year. Specifically, IS 250 was the hottest nameplate, with sales up nearly 70 percent so far this year as it continues to bring younger and new buyers into the brand, according to Hearne. It's been more than a year since the vastly improved new IS went on the market.

You'd certainly know something is new with IS if you watched one recent TV commercial for the car, which was most decidedly a departure from the traditionally rather staid Lexus personality. In the spot, a young woman springs a plumbing leak in her apartment kitchen and yells down the hall for help. A strapping Millennial hunk happens to be in the area, hears her cry of distress, takes off his shirt and stops the leak — just at the moment when her significant other male comes home.

"It's not what you think," she says. But before her guy can catch up to the misunderstood and half-naked good Samaritan, the man not only is already out of the building — but hopping into his getaway car, a new



Upscale interiors are a Lexus trademark.

2015 Lexus IS.

Nothing quite like that happened to me when I was driving IS, but it was a thrilling experience nonetheless.

The thing I've always most enjoyed about Lexus vehicles is the effortless required to drive them and the seamlessness with which they accomplish their mission. Everything is smooth: acceleration, ride, handling, ingress and egress, ranging of the seats, opening and closing of the doors. And that certainly is still the case with the new IS.

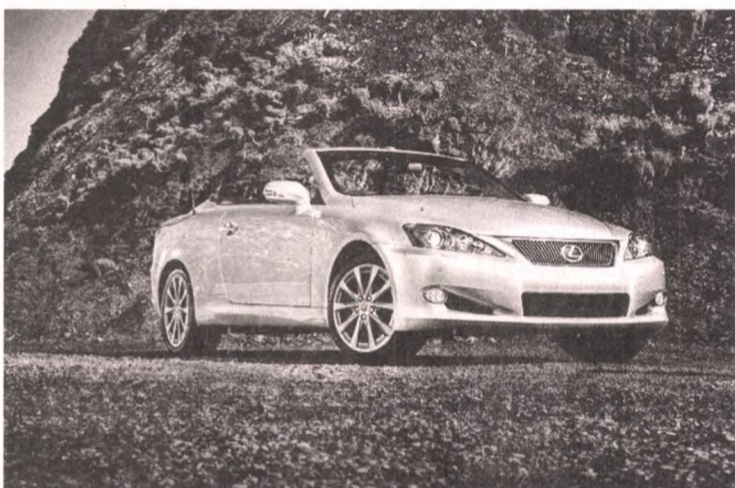
But in the 2015 version of the IS, which is largely unchanged from the significantly enhanced 2014 IS, there's the additional factor of sporty performance and the nameplate's best styling yet. Plus, the version I drove was the IS 250 C — for "convertible."

The bona fides of the new IS line

reflect the long Lexus tradition of providing an impeccable interior design rendered from premium materials, silky-smooth ride and excellent steering. In fact, as Edmunds.com puts it, "the best thing about driving the Lexus IS 250 is its precise and communicative steering, which arguably sets the standard for the entry-luxury class."

In this third generation of IS that began with the last model year, the sedan also has gotten more rear-seat room and trunk space (although the C version understandably has minimal trunk space because the hard roof resides there when the top is down) as well as revised suspension and steering tuning.

And while some competitors have more "vrooom," I found the 250 C provided plenty of power when that was the point. When that wasn't the point, I was just enjoying the ride.



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Bilingualism AND YOUR JOB SEARCH

By Justin Thompson
CareerBuilder Writer

Many people were exposed to a foreign language in high school or college. However, a year of conjugating verbs or learning conversational phrases such as, "Excuse me, where is the post office?" doesn't qualify someone as bilingual. Yet some job seekers exaggerate their linguistic skills on their resumes.

Multilingualism is becoming more common in the workplace. According to a 2011 CareerBuilder survey, 29 percent of companies said that if they had to decide between two equally qualified candidates, they would choose the candidate who is bilingual. According to Bloomberg Rankings, Mandarin Chinese is considered the most useful language to know for business, followed by French and Arabic. Sign language is also prevalent in the workplace. As businesses expand globally, having multilingual workers on staff is becoming more important.

Here are some tips for proving your multilingual prowess during the job search:

Don't put your language skills under "other"

As you would with any other skill on your resume, you should quantify your ability to speak fluently. Don't treat it like a hobby and bury it at the bottom of your resume. "I would treat it like any other skill by listing it on your resume and including examples of how it was used to your advantage," says John Millikin, clinical professor of management at Arizona State University's W.P. Carey School of Business. Quantify how your language skills helped business, whether it was by growing sales or reaching new audiences.

Understand what they need and what you can do

When researching the position,



How to prove it's an asset

find out why the company might need a bilingual employee. Is the company expanding into a new region or diverse markets? Is it looking to better support an existing market?

Some positions will require someone who is a native speaker due to the level of written and oral interaction. Other positions may just require someone with

the ability to correspond with internal teams from the around the world. By understanding how your language skills will be used, you'll be better able to fine tune your resume and cover letter.

Don't oversell abilities

"Do not exaggerate your skills," says Jonathan Riedel,

CEO of Forword Translations. "If your conversational skills are intermediate and you claim they are advanced, you will embarrass yourself and your company when they ask you to interpret for a conference or to call a potential client on the phone. There is no need to cram for an interview if the job requires knowledge of Spanish and you feel unprepared.

Only say you can do what you can do."

Riedel adds that even if a candidate lists himself as a "beginner" in several languages on his resume, it shows an employer that he's open-minded, eager to learn and try new things, culturally sensitive and well-rounded.

How to quantify your bilingualism

If you were proving your sales skills on your resume, you would include revenue earned, market share or client needs that were met. Treat bilingualism the same way. Provide evidence of your abilities and potential, either during the interview, on the resume or in the cover letter. Here are some ways to do so:

Show translated documents or content written in another language: Examples could include marketing materials, press releases, emails or social media interactions.

Identify specific scenarios: Be ready to share a scenario that best represents how your understanding of a second language helped you in your career or improved a process or experience for your previous employer.

Attach a dollar amount: Money talks. Any quantitative figures you can use to back your multilingualism will help you get ahead of other candidates.

Show how it can grow business: Identify markets that the prospective company isn't taking advantage of and explain how your bilingualism can help them expand into those markets. If you can walk into an interview and address a hole in the marketplace that can be solved by your skills, you become an asset to the company that it can't afford to pass up.

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