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It Takes a Village Safety Fair

The Autism Alliance of Michigan and the Novi Police and Fire departments will host an event designed for people with special needs and their families at the Novi Police Department (45125 W. 10 Mile) from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday.

The fair, which is free, will ensure that all leave with a safety plan for school, home and the community designed together with Autism Alliance safety specialists. Children will become familiar with public safety personnel and simple steps for safety. In addition, visitors will enjoy activities, exploring safety vehicles, complimentary food, train rides, face painting and balloon animals.

People with questions can call AAoM's MiNavigator at 877-436-AAoM or navigator@aaomi.org. For information about the Autism Alliance of Michigan, go to www.autismallianceofmichigan.org.

Providence Park receives \$500,000 donation for expansion of services

The Rose family, of the Edward Rose & Sons company, has donated \$500,000 to support the expansion of services at Novi's Providence Park Hospital to meet the growing needs of the community.

A new outpatient Senior Assessment for Independent Liv-

ing Center planned for the campus will be named in honor of the Rose family for their generous gift.

Since opening in 2008, the hospital, located at Grand River Avenue and Beck Road, has experienced a consistent rise in emergency department visits,

births, surgeries, orthopedic procedures and other services. In 2014, Providence Park Hospital began a major phase physical expansion, both inside and outside the hospital and across the campus, to better serve patients and make the campus a comprehensive healthcare resource in

the community.

Anticipated to open in early 2016, the Rose Family Senior Assessment for Independent Living Center will feature an enhanced diagnostic process for older adults with signs of cogni-

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Mary Brady adjusts the bridle on her horse Zeizo before an Oct. 15 ride at South Lyon's Ferris Farms.

JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Chef Brady marks fourth year, celebrates her re-certification

Horse riding helps her escape business

Mary Brady, certified executive chef and owner of Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro, located in the Novi Town Center, marked the restaurant's fourth year in the Clock Tower building Saturday.

And along with the anniversary, Brady is very pleased to have just completed and passed

her re-certification program for the American Culinary Federation as a certified executive chef, an accomplishment that is required every five years by a select group of CECs in the state.

"It's always a rigorous time for me personally and professionally, as many hours are spent studying up-to-date methods in food safety and sanitation, nutrition and supervisory management," Brady said. "I'm elat-

ed to have received the re-certification and look forward to the continuing education I'll work on for the next several years."

In addition, a CEC also is required to complete 16 hours per year to keep them current on culinary trends and practices.

Away from business

Brady, a Milford resident, is an avid animal lover and enjoys her "pups" Niki and Pico (who

are both Havanese) and her horse, Zeizo. Regular walks with the dogs and brisk practice sessions on Zeizo for dressage riding are her "go-to" activities while not at the bistro. Dressage riding involves precise movements that require the horse to be supple, balanced and responsive. She boards Zeizo at Ferris Farms in South Lyon and they love to compete, so the winter

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Join Goodfellows, O&E to Make a Difference Oct. 24

Join the *Observer & Eccentric* and local Goodfellows for Make a Difference Day, Saturday, Oct. 24, to ensure local children have a Christmas.

The campaign - "Pennies from Heaven" - asks local residents of all ages to bring their pennies (and other loose change or donations) to one of nine local locations.

In the past three years, O&E area residents have donated more than \$12,000 to Goodfellows in Canton, Garden City, Farmington, Livonia, Milford,

Novi, Plymouth, Redford and Southfield on Make a Difference Day, a National Day of Doing Good.

Last year, money raised in the event allowed the Novi Goodfellows to help more than 120 children, more than 40 families and more than 75 seniors citizens.

This year's Make a Difference Day takes place from 10 a.m. to noon at the Novi Fire Department Station No. 1, 42975 Grand River.

"It helps us fulfill our mission

of No Children Without a Christmas," said Mark Pehrson, president of the Novi Goodfellows and a Novi firefighter. "With this outpouring from the community, it allows us to provide food, clothes and toys to those that might not otherwise be able to enjoy the Christmas holiday. We are also able to provide gifts and poinsettias to our seniors."

In its 24th year, Make A Difference Day is a *USA Today* initiative, backed by the Gannett

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Fannie Tully of Farmington Hills donated coins she'd been collecting for nine years at last year's Make a Difference Day.

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Co. and TEGNA Inc. In collaboration with Points of Light and with the support of Newman's Own, it is the largest national day of community service.

Anyone – regardless of age, location or resources – can accomplish amazing things.

"Bring your pennies and other change and join us for cider and doughnuts to make a

difference in the lives of local children," said Debra Conner, who has organized the O&E Make a Difference Day project the last three years. "It is an honor help carry on the legacy of Nancy Spencer, a devoted Canton Good-fellow leader. Nancy began the 'Pennies from Heaven' Project in memory of her father.

"I think she'd be happy to see how other communities have embraced this day of giving to our local children," Conner added.

Two killed in accident along I-696

An accident on west-bound Interstate 696 at the northbound I-96/I-275 exchange Oct. 15 left two dead.

The accident occurred within the city of Novi at approximately 10 a.m., according to Lt. Calvin Hart of the Michigan State Police-Metro Post. Preliminary information revealed that a tow truck was stopped on the left shoulder assisting another motorist with changing a flat tire. Another vehicle, believed to be an

SUV, left the roadway and struck the tow truck.

The tow truck's driver, Freddie Scroggs, 25, of Westland, was killed, along with the driver of the Tahoe, a 37-year-old man from Canton. Both men were pronounced dead at the scene. The woman whose car needed assistance was uninjured.

The tow truck driver's employer issued the following statement the day of the accident:

"It is with a heavy heart that the Westland

Car Care Automotive Group announces a great loss to our family. Earlier today Freddie Scroggs, a driver of ours for more than three years, was killed in a traffic accident while helping a local driver on the side of the freeway.

"The entire Westland Car Care family is devastated by this accident and our prayers and condolences go out to his family and friends. Freddie was an outstanding employee who loved his job.

He had a passion for helping people and was always the first to help someone in need. He will be greatly missed by many.

"Please let this be a reminder to all drivers to slow down and move over whenever you see a tow truck, police car or emergency vehicle. Help keep our roads, our community and our families safe."

Anyone who witnessed the crash can call the Metro Post at 248-584-5740.

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will be spent working on perfecting the next level of tests.

"It's a tremendous stress relief," Brady said, "because while on his back, I cannot think of anything but the horse and the work I'm doing with him while I ride. I cannot be distracted and for this reason it makes me focus on what's at hand. Success at anything comes from practice and commitment."

Dr. Heather Ferguson, of the South Lyon Veteri-

nary Clinic, has cared for and helped train Brady's beloved horses along the way.

Although her days are full, Brady considers herself fortunate to do a job that she truly loves and said it doesn't seem like work. She's grateful for the guest loyalty extended over the 60 years that Diamond Jim's has been in business in metro Detroit.

"We could never have enjoyed the success that we have without our team, present and past," she said.

Both Brady and managing partner Chef Sharon Juergens are creating



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Mary Brady rides her horse Zeizo at South Lyon's Ferris Farms.

fall menu specials that will be served weekly

and look forward to seeing everyone.

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tive impairment and/or functional decline in daily living activities.

The goal of the SAIL Center is to go beyond the traditional medical management of illness and offer a unique, interdisciplinary, collaborative approach that will provide older adults with comprehensive physical, medical, psychosocial and functional assessments. Patient evaluations will be performed in a single location with one appointment, eliminating the need to see multiple practitioners in different

places or times.

"We are honored to receive this generous gift from the Rose family and to have their name on our new SAIL Center," said Peter Karadjoff, president, Providence Park Hospital. "Our hospital and health system are committed to providing comprehensive services to meet the growing needs of our community. This gift will allow us to make great strides in enhancing care in the Novi area."

The Rose family owns Edward Rose & Sons, a real estate development and management company based in Bloomfield Hills. The company engages in a variety of land

development and construction projects, ranging from single-family residential to large-scale mixed use and multi-family projects. Rose Senior Living, a division of Edward Rose & Sons, has partnered with St. John Providence and the city of Novi to develop a senior living community on the Providence Park Hospital campus. The Rose family's gift to support the expansion of the hospital campus was announced Oct. 14 at the groundbreaking ceremony for the Rose Senior Living community.

"We are so pleased to be a part of the expansion of the hospital campus, where we are opening our

senior living community and where we will now have our name associated with the SAIL Center," said Warren Rose, chief executive officer of Edward Rose & Sons.

Providence Park Hospital is a member of St. John Providence, which provides comprehensive prevention, primary care and advanced treatment programs with more than 125 medical centers and five hospitals spanning five counties. St. John Providence Foundations coordinates fundraising for the health system, its entities and programs and offers ways to support medical excellence and the future health of the community.

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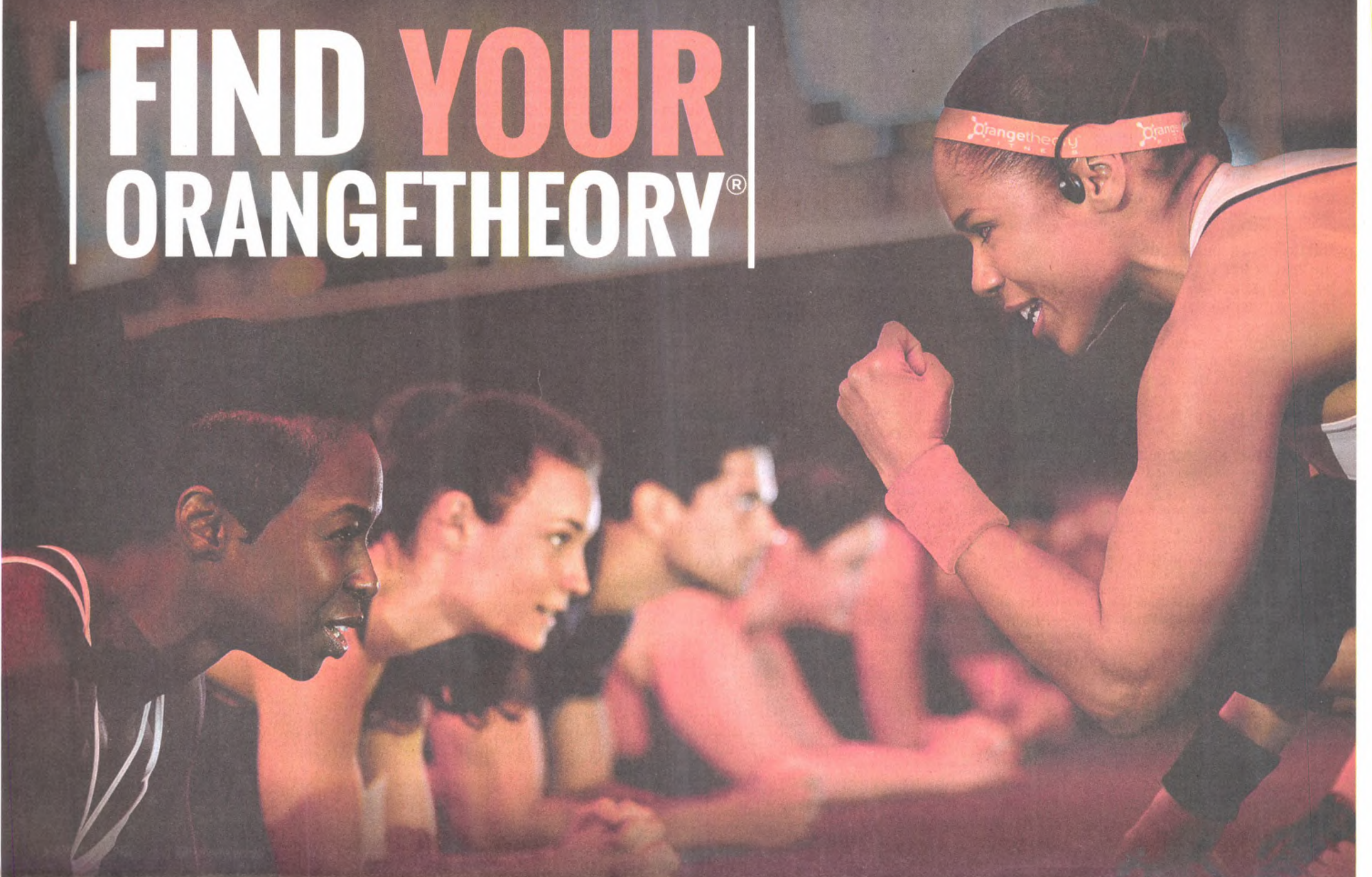
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College fair invites aspiring students to plan for the future

The College for Creative Studies Arts Expo College Fair, hosted by Michigan Youth Arts in partnership with Kendall College of Art and Design, will take place from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 26, at the Novi Civic Center. The event is free and open to the public and will provide high school students with the opportunity to network with representatives from more than 40 fine and performing arts college programs from across the country.

"We encourage creative high school students of all kinds to explore their options in higher education and see where their talents can take them," said Marianne Dorais, executive director of Michigan Youth Arts. "The Arts Expo will feature every artistic discipline imaginable - including vocal music, instrumental music, visual art, dance, digital arts, acting and creative writing - so there will be something for everyone." Hundreds of students, par-

ents and teachers from across the state will attend the Arts Expo, now in its fifth year. Each attendee will receive a complimentary goody bag and program booklet, which lists exhibitor contact information, as well as advice about the college application process. Students are encouraged to bring their work samples and portfolios to present to exhibitors. Free on-site parking will be available for all attendees and free bus parking may be requested upon RSVP.

Several colleges and universities will return for this year's event, including College for Creative Studies, Kendall College of Art & Design at Ferris State University, University of Michigan, Michigan State University, Western Michigan University, Oakland University, Interlochen Center for the Arts, The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Central Michigan University, Wayne State University, the Motion Picture Institute, Grand Valley State University,

Eastern Michigan University, Saginaw Valley State University and many more. Teachers who plan on attending the Arts Expo with a group of five students or more may download the RSVP form at www.michiganyoutharts.org. College program representatives who are interested in securing a sponsorship or exhibitor table may email ArtsExpo@michiganyoutharts.org or call Michigan Youth Arts at 248-545-9200.

Teachers still help students figure things out

My mom celebrated her 85th birthday Oct. 19. Beginning in 1960, for the next 36½ years, my mom taught school. One year she taught third grade, one year she taught second grade and the rest of her career she taught first grade. She taught in the same classroom for 33 years.

Her first classroom in 1960 was L-shaped and she had 42 students. From the front of the classroom she literally could not see the back of the classroom.

Education and schools have come a long way since 1960. We have technology, new classroom furniture and new curriculum standards. Information is ever present and more easily accessible than it has ever been.

What has not changed is that students still need the caring, guiding hand of a skilled adult to help them reach their full potential. Students still need teachers.

But a teacher's role has changed over time. No longer is a teacher the unassailable keeper of information and knowledge. No longer is a teacher necessarily the only one who knows something about the topic in any particular classroom.

Now students have access to information at their fingertips and they can pursue their pas-



Steve Matthews
SUPER TALK

Teachers now work to help students develop the skills they need to interpret information.

sion well before they step into a classroom. I see this frequently as I visit schools. Students with a passion ask me if I know anything about a particular subject. I often know a little, but these students, because of their access to information and ideas, know a lot more than I do about ideas that interest them.

Teachers no longer can keep ideas or information from their students. Instead of introducing new or novel topics, teachers quite frequently are tapping into ideas that students have already explored.

As a result, the teacher's role is different. Teachers now work to help students develop the skills they need to interpret information. Teachers now work to help students use information to construct knowledge.

No longer is it an expectation that teachers will know everything. Now teachers work to help students figure

things out.

That is not to say that teachers do not engage in direct teaching. There are times when a student needs to know how to do something. Teachers still need to know how to explain and how to help students develop the skills they need to develop their ideas. Teachers need to be able to identify when a student is missing information or skills and have the insight to help that student learn what they need to learn to continue moving forward. There are still methods and approaches that are very effective and that students need to learn.

But students are helping those of us in education see that there is often more than one way to figure out a problem. Students, given the opportunity and encouraged, can think through ideas and find answers in new and novel ways.

Teaching has changed and will continue to change. I have great confidence that the teachers in our school district have the skill and the insight to help our students continue to be successful.

Steve M. Matthews, Ed.D., is the superintendent of the Novi Community School District. He can be reached at smatthews@novischools.net.

Walled Lake's Dickow, Fulton, Green receive Golden Apples

Wafa Dickow and Hiromi Fulton, English Language Learners para-educators, and Cherry Green, a parent of a team member in the Post-Secondary Transition Tier 3 program, received Golden Apples at the Walled Lake Board of Education meeting Oct. 8.

"Wafa and Hiromi display a highly positive attitude, are highly dependable and truly dedicated to supporting children. Wafa and I have made home visits, to build relationships and trust and assist children and families to assimilate. It is truly an honor to have worked with them," said Barb Fiorini, recently retired Walnut Creek teacher, who nominated them.

Green was nominated by Karen Dziadzio, para in the Post-Secondary Transition Program, who said: "Mrs. Green is an exemplary example of an engaged parent. She is positive about the goals of our program and the goals for her son. She supports our efforts by sending in cooking appliances, baking pans, utensils, cleaning supplies and even a microwave oven. These supplement the district provided resources and allow for enhanced programming and in some cases, more stu-




Wafa Dickow and Hiromi Fulton receive their Golden Apple Awards.




Marc Sieglar, Walled Lake Board of Education vice president, congratulates Cherry Green on receiving her Golden Apple Award.

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Madonna adds two health sciences majors

Baby boomers are aging, people are staying active later in life and health care continues to evolve. In response, Madonna University in Livonia now offers two new health sciences majors to give students the skills needed for jobs changes in the health care system.

Students will be able to pursue a health sciences degree in one of two tracks: population health care management or health care informatics and quality systems management. Both tracks are delivered through Madonna's College of Nursing and Health, with the informatics track offered in

partnership with the School of Business.

Mary Mitsch, Ph.D., R.N., professor of nursing and health, said the program takes an interdisciplinary approach to provide a wide range of knowledge, including: psychology, aging studies, humanities, science and hospice, with special emphasis on cultural humility and social justice, (for the more vulnerable population) which ties in with Madonna's Franciscan mission. "There is a tremendous need for advocacy as people transition and navigate the health care system," she said.

Students studying population health care

management will likely help patients manage their care, coordinate care transitions, promote good health habits, and educate patients in self-care. Possible jobs for a graduate include wellness coaches and consultants, community health liaisons, and care coordination specialists.

In the health care informatics and quality systems management track, students will learn to analyze data to improve quality and safety in health care.

They'll be able to address reporting errors and look for trends that could identify patients who need extra care or follow-up.



Members of the Health Sciences Advisory Council to Madonna University, during their first meeting to discuss internships and careers related to the curriculum.

Eight Walled Lake students named Merit semifinalists

Walled Lake Schools announced eight National Merit Scholarship 2016 semifinalists.

Anya Amin, Walled Lake Central, is the daughter of Arti and Tushar Amin. She plans to study medicine at the University of Michigan or Michigan State University. Amin is a member of the varsity tennis team, co-founder and captain of the Quiz Bowl team and a member of the Spanish Club, serving as president her junior and senior year. She is also a member of the Interact Club, Science Club and the National Honor Society.

Rajeev Ginjupalli, Walled Lake Central, is the son of Teja and Ravi Ginjupalli. He plans to study business at the University of Pennsylvania, University of Chicago or the University of Michigan. Ginjupalli is a member of the varsity tennis team, Model United Nations and the National Honor Society. He is also the co-founder and treasurer of the Business



Amin Ginjupalli Warren Muhleisen



Look Shuman Abbo Spiess

Club.

Jarod Look, Walled Lake Central, is the son of Marianne and Shawn Look. He plans to study biomedical engineering at Purdue University or the University of Michigan. Look is a member of the Walled Lake Robotics team and the president of Model United Nations.

Andrew Shuman, Walled Lake Central, is the son of Stacey and Gary Shuman. He plans to study business or economics at Northwestern

University or the University of Michigan. Shuman is a member of the varsity lacrosse team, president of Friendship Circle and vice president of Shir Shalom Temple Youth.

Joseph Warren, Walled Lake Central, is the son of Cindy and Mark Warren. He plans to study medicine/biological sciences at the University of Michigan. Warren is a member of the German Club and Model United Nations.

Nicole Muhleisen, Walled Lake Northern, is the daughter of Estrella and Ulrich Muhleisen. She plans to study neuroscience at the University of Michigan or Pomona College. Muhleisen is captain of the cross country team, president of Interact Club and secretary of the National Honor Society.

Julian Abbo, Walled Lake Western, is the son of Rita Abbo and Adel Abbo. He plans to pursue a degree in the medical field at either the University of Michigan or Wayne State University. Abbo is a member of the Walled Lake Robotics team and the Walled Lake Western Forensics team.

Robert Spiess, Walled Lake Western, is the son of Marcia and Philip Spiess. He plans to study engineering at the University of Michigan, Cornell University, Kettering University or Michigan State University. Spiess is a member of the Marching Band and Jazz Band. He is also

involved with the Up-Standers, the Spanish Club, Friendship Circle and the National Honor Society.

The National Merit Scholarship Program is an academic competition for recognition and scholarships that began in 1955. High school students enter the National

Merit Program by taking the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test, a test which serves as an initial screen of more than 1.5 million entrants each year, and by meeting published program entry/participation requirements.

W.L. Western homecoming



Walled Lake Western High School hosted its homecoming Oct. 16-17. Festivities included spirit week, the football game and the dance. Western beat Hartland, 28-3, in the game. The win clinched the Warriors' third straight KLAALakes Conference title. David Langmeyer and Savanna Pace were crowned king and queen. Western's homecoming theme was Celebrations.

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Interstate 275 to be closed one direction for 2016 construction

David Veselenak
Staff Writer

The drivers have spoken and the Michigan Department of Transportation will give them what they asked for.

The MDOT announced the results of the weeklong survey on how to handle closures during the Interstate 275 roadwork expected to take place next year. The overwhelming choice made by motorists who voted in last week's poll was to close and detour one direction of I-275 at a time, taking only one construction season.

Eighty-seven percent of the 3,765 respondents asked for this method of handling the traffic flow on the freeway between Five Mile and the I-96/I-696/M-5 interchange, with work taking place in Livonia, Farmington Hills and Novi.

The other options, keeping northbound I-275 open during the entire project with traffic shifted as work is performed and detour southbound I-275 traffic for two construction seasons; and maintaining both directions of traffic

on one side of the freeway with a barrier wall separating traffic, taking two construction seasons, received 4 percent and 9 percent of the vote, respectively.

"The department will proceed with the most popular option," MDOT said in a statement.

Work is scheduled to begin in the spring, although there is no official beginning date yet scheduled. MDOT spokeswoman Diane Cross said via email that dates for the beginning of work on the project, including when bids will be accepted, were not yet finalized.

The work on I-275, a \$70 million to \$80 million investment, will include replacing 13 miles of concrete pavement, repairing entrance and exit ramps at each mile road, repairing 16 bridges, improving drainage and intelligent transportation systems work.

Along with the shorter work time on the freeway comes a smaller price tag on traffic control. Traffic costs for the method selected will be \$1.04 million, while the other two options would

have cost \$2.87 million and \$4.85 million, according to MDOT.

Second big project in three years

It's not the first time the area's motorists have voted on how to handle an MDOT project. Motorists told MDOT several years ago they wanted I-96 from Telegraph in Redford to Newburgh in Livonia shut down completely for one season in order to reopen the freeway quicker. That project, while it added a lot of additional traffic on local streets, was completed in one season and the road reopened in September 2014.

Livonia Police Chief Curtis Caid said the department's officers have already gotten some experience dealing with increased traffic on surface streets with last year's I-96 project, which forced large numbers of vehicles onto streets in Livonia.

He said motorists will have to keep an eye out, as more cars on local roads can lead to more accidents that police need to respond to.

"(I-275) carries a sig-

nificant amount of traffic and that is going to certainly have a huge impact on our residents and the people who travel through the city on the surface streets," he said. "Having I-96 in our back pocket, it does prepare us more for what to expect."

"For the most part, people made adjustments and navigated through that and developed other routes to get where they needed to go. And that will happen yet again. But we'll be busier."

The public can still leave feedback on the project if there are concerns or other issues they have regarding the work. Feedback can be given by going online and visiting research.net/r/i275feedback. A public meeting is also planned to take place sometime in early November for the public to meet with MDOT officials and talk about the project.

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Knitting Together



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Helene Kaczmar (right) helps Kyoko Murase with a stitch Oct. 1 during a meeting at the Novi Public Library of the Knitting Together group, which meets at 10 a.m. each Thursday in the library's lower level to share tips and encouragement.



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Sonia Faigenbaum works on a shawl during a meeting of Knitting Together at the Novi Public Library.

Police: Possible human tissue, fentanyl found in car

Katrease Stafford
Michigan.com

The home and offices of a West Bloomfield doctor were raided Oct. 13 after possible human tissue and large amounts of fentanyl were found in 14 containers in the trunk of his car by police earlier last week.

The investigation was launched days after the doctor was involved in a traffic accident Oct. 1 on Orchard Lake Road, according to West Bloomfield Deputy Chief Curt Lawson.

According to CBS Detroit, he has been identified as an OB-GYN specialist who works out of Novi.

"The West Bloomfield Police Department, in conjunction with the Attorney General's Office and the DEA, has launched an investigation on an individual related to a traffic accident approximately two weeks ago on Orchard Lake," Lawson said. "This is related to items that were found in the vehicle. ... Yesterday we did conduct two raids, one at his office and one at his home in West Bloomfield."

Lawson said the doctor's vehicle struck a man who was walking across the street from the south side to the north side of 14 Mile Road, just west of Orchard Lake. The car was impounded by police, pending the traffic investigation.

"We took it back to the police department and later we went back to the vehicle at the request of the individual we're investigating to retrieve some items," Lawson said. "At that point, that led us to obtain a search warrant to further search. That's when the bottles and evidence were found in the trunk area of the vehicle."

Lawson said the possible human tissue and drugs were found in 13 small containers and one larger one. Lawson said police took the potential human tissue to the Oakland County Medical Examiner's Office.

The discovery of fentanyl, a powerful pain medicine, was concerning to police, who said it was not labeled in the container. The attorney general's office was notified because of licensing issues.

"We do have an opinion from the medical examiner's office that this is remnants of con-

ception, but there was nothing that was seen within the containers

that were recognizable," Lawson said. Lawson said the doc-

tor is not in custody and police are continuing to investigate.

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AROUND THE COMMUNITY

Streets of Treats

The Northville Chamber of Commerce is partnering with the Northville Central Business Association to present an event that features downtown Northville businesses.

Kids and parents are invited to participate Saturday, Oct. 24, in the Kids' Costume Parade and Streets of Treats. The parade begins at 9:30 a.m. from the Northville Community Center at 303 W. Main Street.

Following the parade, trick or treating at the downtown businesses will occur from 10 a.m. to noon.

Enjoy the skeleton sculptures placed around the downtown while enjoying a fun, family friendly Halloween activity in downtown Northville. The event is free, through the generosity of sponsors Tom Holzer Ford, Varsity Lincoln, Monroe Bank

and Trust, Remerica Hometown One-Patti Mullen, Community Choice Credit Union and Preservation Dental.

Haunted house

Northville High School's Haunted House, "Will you Conquer your Fears at the Phobia Factory?" will be 5-10 p.m. Friday, Oct. 30 and 3-10 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 31. Tickets are \$5 at the door. For ages 10 and up. Northville High School is at 45700 Six Mile Road. Proceeds benefit the NHS Drama Club. For more information, go to nhstheatre.com or email nhsstageparents@gmail.com.

Post donates

The Lloyd H. Green American Legion Post 147 family has donated \$9,300 to veterans and community charities so far this year. The post, 100 W. Dunlap, Northville, raised the money through dinner events,

raffles and Michigan Charity Poker events.

The post includes the American Legion, Sons of the American Legion, American Legion Riders and the American Legion Auxiliary.

Learn about candidates

The League of Women Voters of NW Wayne County is providing Northville voters several opportunities to learn about their candidates in advance of election day Nov. 3:

» The video of the Northville City Council and mayoral candidates forums held Oct. 12 can be found on the League's website: LWVnorthwestwayne.org.

» Non-partisan voter guides are now available in the Northville library.

» Those who wish to review their election information online, should go to www.VOTE411.org. This web-based voter guide

Fear Factor



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Calista Polasel (left) and Christina Chai team up Oct. 14 to work on creating words out of alphabet breakfast cereal pieces during a Fear Factor series of games at the Novi Public Library. Another game involved blindfolded contestants picking plastic spiders out cold spaghetti noodles.

from the League of Women Voters will provide the voter's candidate information and the Schoolcraft College ballot proposal language once a street address is typed in.

The League of Women

Voters is a trusted source of non-partisan candidate information and the voter guide and Vote411.org provide an easy vehicle for the voters to compare the candidates before the November 3rd election.

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The Northville District Library is located at 212 W. Cady St. Hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday. Call 248-349-3020 or go to www.northvillelibrary.org for more information.

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Time/Date: 10:15-10:45 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 29

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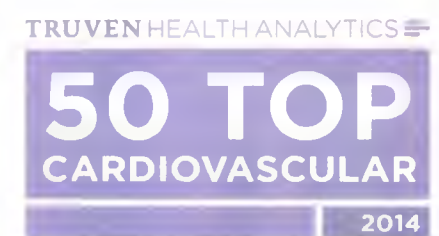
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Solving shoulder pain

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 22
Details: Oakland Physical Therapy (26850 Providence Parkway, Suite 365, Novi) will offer its approach to solving the problem of shoulder pain with presentations by Frank Kava and Kristie Kava. The program is for those with pain due to arthritis, tendonitis, bursitis, after fractures or pain referred from the neck. This will be a free lecture and demonstration; however, class size is limited. Phone 248-380-3550 or email mail@oaklandphysicaltherapy.com for more information and to reserve a seat by Oct. 19.

Hudson's: Remember When

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 22
Details: Reminisce about Detroit's legendary department store at the Wixom Public Library. For more than a century, the J.L. Hudson's Department Store on Woodward Avenue was more than just a store — it was a Detroit icon and a world-class cultural treasure. Author and historian Michael Hauser will show a short film and share his Hudson's memorabilia. This program is for adults ages 18 and up. Please preregister by calling the library at 248-624-2512, on the events page at www.wixomlibrary.org or stop by the library at 49015 Pontiac Trail.

Special Luncheons

Time: Noon to 2 p.m.
Details: Holiday special event luncheons coming to Meadowbrook Activity Center are a great way to enjoy a delicious meal and entertainment with friends. Tickets (\$7 per Novi resident and \$8.50 per non-resident) must be purchased in advance at the city of Novi Older Adult Services office (45175 10 Mile Road) or the Meadowbrook Activity Center (25075 Meadowbrook Road).

Friday, Oct. 30: Be a "Ghost of Honor" at the Halloween Spooktacular Luncheon, sponsored by Heartland Health Care Center. Costumes are encouraged, but not required. Musician Michael Krieger, back by popular demand, will be sure to have you up on the dance floor doing the "Monster Mash."

Thursday, Nov. 19: Share cherished memories with friends and family as you gather around the table of plenty for a traditional holiday feast of roast turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy. Pumpkin pie with whipped cream will complete the meal. Enjoy an afternoon of entertainment with John Latini. The Turkey Time luncheon is sponsored by BrightStar Care.

Thursday, Dec. 10: Are you a believer? Does Santa exist? Travel on a magical adventure to the North Pole and rekindle the wonder of Christmas at the All Aboard the Polar Express Holiday Luncheon. Join your friends for a gleeful afternoon with sounds of the season presented by Eric Engblade. Wellbridge of Novi Rehab Center will sponsor this event.

For more information about the holiday luncheons, contact Judy Klein, recreation programmer, Older Adult Services, at 248-347-0414.

Investment symposium

Time/Date: 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 31
Details: UBS Financial and the BLS Group host an investment symposium at the Sheraton Detroit Novi Hotel, 21111 Haggerty, in Novi. Keynote speaker is Gen. Richard B. Myers. For details and more information, call 248-737-5466.

Addicted to movies ... not drugs

Time/Date: 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. Monday, Nov. 2
Details: The Novi Youth Council is partnering with the Novi Fire and Police Departments and Emagine Theater to present the annual event at the theater. Cost is \$10 and is open to all local students in seventh through 12th grades. Tickets are available online at www.cityofnovi.org.

Honoring Novi's hometown heroes

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 5
Details: Veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces will be the guests of honor at the annual city of Novi Veterans Day Brunch, presented in partnership with Novi Rotary, at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 10 Mile Road. Army Lt. Col. Steven Thomas will serve as the keynote speaker and meal will be provided by Maple Manor of Novi. Each veteran guest will receive a keepsake program and any veteran who served between Nov. 1, 1955, and May 5, 1975, regardless of where they were stationed, will receive a Vietnam veteran lapel pin. Veterans must pre-register to receive their complimentary ticket and are asked to provide

service information no later than Wednesday, Oct. 21, for inclusion in the event program. Family and friends may purchase tickets for \$7 per Novi resident and \$8.50 per non-resident. Tickets are available for purchase at the Older Adult Services Office, located inside the Novi Civic Center and the Meadowbrook Activity Center (25075 Meadowbrook Road). Tickets will not be sold at the door. Contact City of Novi Older Adult Services at 248-347-0414 for more information.

Maple Sugar presentation

Time/Date: 6:30-7 p.m. Nov. 9
Details: Join the Gardeners of Northville & Novi to learn about maple syrup at the presentation of Roy Prentice, MSU Tollgate Extension farm manager at Novi High School. Park in the staff parking lot (first driveway south of 10 Mile off Taft) and enter via door No. 43; \$5 donation for non-members.

Civilian pistol safety class

Time/Date: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14
Details: The Novi Police Department will be offering the class at the Novi Police Department Training Center (45125 Ten Mile Road). The course fulfills both the classroom and shooting requirements to obtain a Michigan Concealed Pistol License (CPL). Registration forms are available online at www.cityofnovi.org

and at the Novi Police Department. Completed registration forms and the \$150 course fee (cash or money order), may be returned to the Novi Police Department. Class size is limited, and all participants are subject to a criminal background check. After lunch, participants will move to the Novi Firearms Training Center to complete the course. Students must bring their own equipment, including a personal handgun, 100 rounds of ammunition, safety glasses, shooter's earmuffs or ear plugs, a

pen or pencil, a baseball cap, and wear loose comfortable clothing to participate in the course. Participants must be 21 years old and do not have to be a Novi resident to attend. For more information, visit cityofnovi.org or contact Sergeant Michael Warren at mwarren@cityofnovi.org or 248-921-9843.

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Being Tom Petty — sort of

Aileen Wingblad
Staff Writer

As far back as the 1980s — and maybe earlier — Ted VanDermaas thought he resembled rock star/musician Tom Petty of Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers fame.

He wore the mirrored sunglasses, the leather jacket, the V-neck red sweater. He had the hair.

But it was a 7-year-old girl who gave him the push he needed to make a major leap forward with it all.

"I was in Washington, D.C., for Thanksgiving dinner with my wife's relatives when this little girl walks up to me and said, 'You look like Tom Petty,'" said VanDermaas, a Farmington Hills resident who's played in various bands for decades. "I asked her how do you know about Tom Petty — you're 7 years old? And she said 'Everybody knows Tom Petty.'"

VanDermaas, whose repertoire at the time included plenty of Petty tunes, admits he had considered building a tribute band for a while. "It was a no-brainer. I look like him, I have his verbal sound, I play guitar and sing like him ..."

Thus, Teddy Petty & the Refugees was born, in early 2013.

"It's like the stars aligned," VanDermaas said during a recent phone interview with the *Farmington Observer*, easily rattling off title after title of Petty hits — and belting out a few lines when the spirit moved him.



Farmington Hills resident Ted VanDermaas heads the tribute band Teddy Petty & the Refugees.

Petty's music is timeless, VanDermaas said: "Yeah, and user-friendly too. There's no negativity, no vulgarity. You can't have anything but a good feeling when you walk away after hearing it."

To get the sound — and the visuals — "right," VanDermaas has matched his musical equipment with Petty's, including a 12-string guitar for some songs, a Rickenbacker for others. "You gotta have the schtick, the act, the delivery to create that effect," he said.

You can catch Teddy Petty and band at various clubs and other venues throughout metro Detroit and, if all goes as planned, as part of Tributesville, an ongoing effort by Commerce

VanDermaas' and perhaps eventually develop a concert series where they each get the opportunity to show off their talents — which, Stoney said, are largely undiscovered. Along with Teddy Petty & the Refugees, More Alice and In the Flesh are among the 13 tribute bands Stoney has tapped to be part of Tributesville and Tributesville.com, eventually.

"For me, I hope Todd opens some avenues for us," VanDermaas said. "We're looking to having as much fun as we can."

Tributesville, he added, is in "its infancy" — and could be on the right track to becoming a big deal. Tribute bands take a tremendous amount of effort to produce a "polished act," he said, and besides his own group he knows of plenty who are committed to delivering the best possible.

"I consider a lot of these guys that are involved in this are very good at what they do. There has to be a match-up for it to be real, to be believable and most of the guys put on an excellent act," he said. "If Todd keeps pursuing this, it will all settle in the right place."

For more on Teddy Petty & the Refugees, go to teddypetty.com. For more on Tributesville, including ticket prices for the upcoming shows at the Lafayette Grande, go to Tributesville.com.

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Kensington Metropark Farm Center staffers gear up for the Halloween parade during last year's event.

Animal parade highlights kids' Halloween party

Laura Colvin
Staff Writer

Kensington Metropark's Farm Center has plenty of festive fall fun on tap all month long.

Next week, farm staffers host parents and kids for the annual Fun on the Farm Halloween Party.

The event, which takes place at 10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 29, is designed especially for toddlers and preschool age kids, said Laurel Zoet, park interpreter.

"It's a time for toddlers to trick or treat all around the farm," Zoet said.

Costumes are encouraged and kids can also play a Halloween game or two, visit a "haunted" barn and take a picture with the farm's friendly Jack O'Lantern. "This going to be a fun, non-scary event that's perfect for families with young kids," Zoet added.

The Halloween party is part of the Farm Center's Fun on the Farm program, which runs every other Thursday beginning in spring and always ends for the season with a special Halloween-themed event.

"The highlight is

always the animal parade where all the farm critters wear their Halloween costumes," Farm Manager Debbie Cavallaro said.

The cost is \$5 per child. There is no charge for adults, and registration is not necessary.

Pumpkins and hayrides

The park also offers pumpkins and hayrides throughout October.

Guests can enjoy a colorful fall hayride to and from the Farm Center's pumpkin patch to select the perfect pumpkin.

Pumpkins and gourds are available in a variety of colors, shapes and sizes and priced according to size. Hayrides to the pumpkin patch are available from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. each weekday and from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

No reservation is necessary; standard hayride prices apply.

A vehicle entry permit is required to enter any metropark. Permits are \$35 annually for regular admission, \$21 annually for seniors or \$7 daily.

For more information, call the Farm Center at 248-684-8632.

CALENDAR

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E-Waste Collection

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14, at Power Park.

Details: E-Waste — electronic products nearing the end of their "useful life" — will be

collected at Power Park. Many of these products can be reused, refurbished or recycled. Often, they contain recyclable components that have value if properly recycled. They also often have hazardous constituents such as lead, mercury and flame retardants that can pose an environmental or health threat if not properly handled.

For a complete list of acceptable items, go to www.cityofnovi.org.

For further information about RRRASOC or

Waste Days, call 248-208-2270.

Novi Concert Band Fall Concert

Time/Date: 2 p.m. Nov. 18

Details: "Sounds of Autumn" concert will feature music for fall, Halloween, spooky and seasonal music at the Novi Civic Center on 10 Mile Road. Cider, coffee and doughnuts will be provided at intermission; admission is free.



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Roth and Gikas vie for Northville mayor's post

Attorney Ken Roth and marketing and management professional Eileen Gikas are vying for the city of Northville's elected mayor's position. It is a two-year term and the winner in the Nov. 3 general election will take longtime Mayor Christopher Johnson's seat. Johnson chose to leave the mayor's position after more than 20 years.

The *Northville Record* asked Roth and Gikas a few follow-up questions to Q&As that ran in the paper and online at www.hometownlife.com in August:

What specific leadership experiences/skills would you bring to the city? Please give one example of how you used this skill to accomplish a goal.

Roth: My experiences — including 12½ years on the Northville Board of Education (three times as president), my years as a Northville Parks and Recreation commissioner, and numerous other Northville leadership positions — have helped me develop a variety of valuable leadership skills. I believe the most important of these is the ability to lead collaboratively.



Gikas Roth

I have the skill to listen to different concerns and generate common goals to move our city forward. My wide scope of Northville activities allows me to bring points of view from all parts of the city to a particular issue and to work as one city for a better Northville.

I used these skills many times while on the board of education. Faced with the most challenging financial situation since the Great Depression, I helped lead our district forward by working to continue to deliver a great education for Northville's children.

Gikas: I have been a manager for almost 35 years. My success has always been dependent on the results of others. Along with my business acumen, I lead by building relationships, being a good listener and developing a culture where everyone matters. I have a proven track record of

accomplishing goals for my clients, as well as my company, even in a down economy. Because of my success I have been asked to assist with different non-profits and currently sit on a board where my skill set has helped raise awareness and funds for a variety of charities.

What are your thoughts on a potential road millage for the city?

Gikas: We live in a tax-adverse environment. People tend to think government can continue to operate on the money they have coming in no matter what the demands may be. Our streets are deteriorating and we need funding. So it's a case of pay now or pay more later. We either need to increase taxes or take those dollars from somewhere else. The millage that was proposed in the August election asked taxpayers for a small amount to prepare for future repairs. Officials reported it would raise that the average homeowner's taxes by \$270 based on the 2014 tax year or \$5.19 a week. I think it did not pass because residents did not understand why it is necessary, nor were they

given any options.

Roth: As I've gone door-to-door throughout the city, many people have told me their concerns about basic services. Residents have problems with storm sewers, sanitary sewers, roads, and water. I'd like to see the city explore all of these areas by bringing together residents from all parts of the city to discuss and prioritize these issues and seek solutions to improve all of Northville's infrastructure, not just the roads. I would then move forward to seek the best way to fund these solutions. If it is decided that there is a need for a millage, I would want it to be for a shorter term, and for less money than the prior proposal.

How would you balance the historic interests in Northville with city services and downtown business? Give an example if you would like.

Roth: An important element of our city is preserving its historic district. Our historic structures and ambiance attract both visitors and residents. However, historic preservation should not be a series of roadblocks. It should be a

collaborative process between the city, residents and businesses, which invest in our town to maintain its vitality. We need to provide a clear vision of what the final destination should look like, and provide a road map of how to get there. As a former small business owner I understand the challenges of running a small business while complying with complex regulations. As a resident, I value our historic assets. I can help develop the process to aid both sides of this equation.

Historic preservation and a healthy Northville are not competing goals, but are complimentary goals. Two specific examples are the adaptive reuses of the historic Ford Water Wheel plant on Griswold, and the opening of The Village Workshop. Both uses preserve and revitalize valuable historic buildings while generating new business opportunities for Northville. I have already been working with the school district and the city to try and find a new use for the currently mothballed Old Village School. That property is the next significant historic building

which should be saved and redeveloped.

Gikas: Maintaining the historic district is important. Maintaining older homes outside the district is equally important. The rules are all in place to protect our property and they need to be followed. The zoning, historic and building commissions have very specific guidelines. I would recommend we have a building inspector who is dedicated to Northville, even if it is on a part-time basis. We are now living under the terms of asking for forgiveness vs. permission and it is not working! If rules are broken then someone needs to be held responsible.

In regard to the business owners who have chosen to be part of our city, they deserve the patronage of our residents. Because of my experience and relationships, I know I can help with the ongoing development of the downtown area. We need to communicate our brand to residents in and around the city. By increasing commerce we will see less vacancies and create the opportunity for additional dollars to pay for the needs and services in the downtown area.

Darga, Corriveau, Price offer opinions on issues

Three candidates, including one incumbent, are seeking election to two open, four-year terms, on the Northville City Council. Incumbent Nancy Darga faces Marilyn Price and Joe Corriveau.

The *Northville Record* asked the candidates to provide answers to a few questions, which follow below. Previous Q&As for the three hopefuls were published in the paper and online in August.

What specific leadership experiences/skills would you bring to the city? Please give one example of how you used this skill to accomplish a goal.

Price: My strongest skill comes from my training as a psychologist, which means I'm trained to be a good listener and problem solver. I have experience working with individuals and groups that will be an asset in listening and working with city residents and city boards and commissions. My strongest relevant experience is serving eight-and-a-half years on the Northville Board of Education. This experience has exposed me to a process of governance that is very similar to the process used by city council. My school board experience also has taught me the importance of being prepared for meetings and knowledgeable about issues as I work as a liaison between community members and their government.

Corriveau: I am a trial attorney and a businessman by vocation. I have served on the Northville Library Board for nine years and as its chairperson for two years. During my tenure, I have been involved not only in decisions affecting/implementing the growth of the library, but have also in labor negotiations. I frequently lend my legal expertise to issues before the board. I have also served on the Schoolcraft College Foundation Board of Governors.

Virtually every day I represent the residents of Northville in counseling my clients, both businesses and individuals, from very routine to very complex legal problems. In each instance I carefully listen, research, and apply the law to find a sound solution. It is the application of those skills and experiences drawn from my diverse background that I will bring to city council.

I also manage my own law firm. It is the combination as resident, lawyer, coach, husband, father and local business-



Corriveau Price

man which make me uniquely qualified to lead this city successfully into the future.

Darga: During my 25 years as chief of design for Wayne County Parks, I lead several initiatives and represented the county on numerous task forces. One of the more extensive projects was the development of the Southeast Michigan Greenway System. I also served as chair of the development of several historic tourism trails and the renovation of a several historic structures and I represented the Parks Division in the development of the Wayne County Storm Water Management Ordinance. One of my more notable accomplishments is being one of the founders and the former managing director of the MotorCities National Heritage Area. I lead the task force to secure local municipal support throughout the state and with the National Parks Service to get southeast Michigan recognized by Congress as a National Heritage Area in 1998 and re-authorized in 2014.

Currently I serve as the city council liaison to the Art House, assisting in the development of programs and projects that spur cultural opportunities to the community. Since 1996 I have served on the Northville Parks and Recreation Commission (a city/township shared service) developing recreational resources and programs for our citizens. As the city liaison on the Youth Alliance Committee my experience in encouraging collaboration has served me well as we bring the school district, city, and township concerns together for a unified effort to address youth services. My work on the redevelopment and repurposing of historic sites has proven invaluable in my participation on the Downtown Development Authority Executive Committee.

What are your thoughts on a potential road millage for the city?

Corriveau: Like all municipalities, Northville has a declining tax support as a result of the loss of shared revenues, the Headlee rollbacks, Proposal A, and declining fuel taxes. As a result, the

established funding set aside for the maintenance and construction of road improvement have become grossly inadequate.

In 2013, a study was performed from which a recommendation was made that in order to meet the increasing needs for the roads, an annual amount of nearly \$1 million would need to be annually spent. This amount far exceeds the amount our current millage of approximately \$300,000 per year.

Even if the state found the money to contribute toward the costs of our road improvements, it would fall short of the projected cost of \$1 million with an estimated overall relief of approximately \$250,000.

The most recent failure of the proposed millage increase in road funding failed for several reasons. In addition to a general distrust of government, the proposed millage was not communicated to the residents with enough details from which the residents of city could make an informed decision.

I believe that a careful study and projection should be developed into an understandable plan to be presented to the voters which describes our immediate needs.

My experience during the two successful millage campaigns for the library has taught me that people are willing to pay if it's smart. I do believe it is extremely important to maintain our roads, not only for our quality of life, but also to maintain and increase our land values.

After talking with local officials, there are three options currently discussed: a new millage. This, "pay as you go method," would allow us to begin work right; The accepted method for most municipalities is the issuance of bonds. The potential drawback is the end of the term re-payment; the city may be forced to begin repairing the same roads by then; The final and least desirable option may be through a special assessment. Special assessments are time consuming and expensive. A potential large percentage of street residents may be forced to incur costs for their individual roads.

Darga: The city has been creative in addressing road repairs by utilizing the road millage

passed in 1997 as match toward other granting programs. It has used Tax Increment Financing through the Downtown Development Authority to rebuild the roads and sidewalks downtown without taking funds from the neighborhoods or other citywide operations. Failing or broken sewers and water lines have been repaired through the sewer and water fund.

Northville, however, is a historic town with more than 25 miles of aging roadways. The existing road millage is inadequate to meet a basic maintenance schedule, let alone rebuilding or upgrades. This was confirmed by a 2013 study commissioned by the city and performed by Spaulding DeDecker Associates.

We now face several options for the upkeep of our road infrastructure. We can make a special assessment which requires a majority approval of adjacent property owners, but that will only improve one street at a time.

We can wait until the roads are impassable and ask the voters to pass a bond issue. That has additional costs with interest, voter approval, and borrowing fees and often the bond payments outlast the roadway improvements.

We can wait to see if the state passes some kind of gas tax increase. In reality the amount of money designated to local communities after the state and counties addresses trunk line, primary and interstate road needs is limited, and even if the state gas tax is raised, the increased local share won't solve our local road needs.

Finally, we can adopt a "Pay As You Go" with an adjusted millage like the one we passed previously. I support having a citizen committee much like the Budget Committee study the options, receive input from the residents, and present their findings and recommendations to the community at large.

Price: The road millage was brought up quickly and without the involvement of citizen stakeholders. I'm not surprised it was defeated, even though many of us believe we must address our roads and aging infrastructure. It is clear that Lansing can/will not provide adequate funding to support all that is needed. For a successful millage campaign, the community needs to be engaged, with opportunities to express views, receive clear and factual information, and participate in the process of presenting the proposal to the whole community. I believe it is imperative that we involve stakeholders in the process of governance.

in continuing the enhancement of our branding and ability to attract quality development and special events that can support a robust retail center and business community.

How would you balance the historic interests in Northville with city services and downtown business? Give an example if you would like.

Darga: The reason I ran for council originally was I wanted to use my experience in planning and economic revitalization in preserving the historic fabric of Northville, as we faced challenges and pressure from private developers. An important tool the city is the establishment of the Historic District with building regulations and design guidelines. The Northville Historic District Commission needs to be able to enforce the existing rules and regulations for development in the district with the support of other city commissions, the city administration and city staff (e.g. building department) while recognizing the rights of the property owners. City services need not be at odds with the historic interests, but rather serve to compliment them.

There also seems to be a need for clarification on what is historic. This would allow the Historic District Committee to encourage property owners to renovate or expand instead of tearing down. The development of enforcement tools would help ensure that redevelopment is consistent in scale, architectural details and density. The guiding question to evaluate is, "Is this development or building harmonious with the neighborhood?"

I supported the passage of building codes that limited lot coverage to 30 percent. I also supported the recent requirements that new structures cannot be closer to the road than existing neighboring lots. A new concern that the city is presently addressing is the growing trend to site new housing at elevations higher than the existing grade of the site. A sort of ant hill approach to saving construction costs.

As a member of the Downtown Development Authority Executive Committee, we are working on the development of architectural standards for street fixtures and signage, to make them consistent to the Victorian era of the City. Protecting the "Home Town" feel of the City is critical

Price: My campaign is committed to honoring the past and pursuing the future. I believe that balancing the interests of Northville's various 'communities,' historic district, neighborhoods, and business district is the key to a whole community that works for all its constituents. Our historic interests are protected by existing ordinances and historic preservation regulations. Proper and consistent enforcement of existing rules is the key to preservation of the historic district that is Northville's gem. Northville's businesses need the encouragement and support of a thoughtful and engaged City Council as we look to the future. It is critical that we work with businesses and the DDA to encourage development that will take Northville into the future is important.

Corriveau: One of the unique qualities of Northville that sets itself apart from the other cities is not only historic downtown Northville, but also the historic neighborhoods. My family has maintained our business in the Corriveau Professional Building, in the historic district, since 2001. Our building stands in its original form and character as it did at the time of its construction in the early 20th century. On a personal level, in 2008, my wife, Melissa and I razed and rebuilt our home in anticipation on the birth of our first child. Our downtown Northville home was rebuilt on its original footprint and consistent with the historical character of its original construction. I will strongly encourage future development in this manner, not only to preserve our unique identity, but also in consideration of the increasing stress being placed on our aging infrastructure.

As a local businessman, I have had many conversations for a better way of structuring local festivals and events in a manner takes better advantage of thousands of visitors. I am willing to listen to a collaborative method of doing this more effectively

I believe there exists the way of both reducing the cost of advance life services, while increasing the response time to only 4½ minutes.

RELIGION CALENDAR

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

Brightmoor Christian

Location: M-5 and 13 Mile, Novi
Contact: 248-668-7014; CelebrateRecovery@brightmoorcc.org

Web: www.brightmoorchurch.org

Celebrate Recovery

Time/Dates: 7 p.m. Monday
Details: Worship, teaching or testimony and open-share recovery groups. Organizers offer the principles and tools to bring healing for the hurts, deliverance from life-controlling habits and freedom from the hang-ups that keep us from developing strong and healthy relations with God and others. Enter at Door D on the south side of the building. No cost; free child care is available for children birth through fifth grade. Pre-register.

Church of the Holy Family

Location: 24505 Meadowbrook Road, Novi

Contact: 248-349-8847

Web: www.holyfamilynovi.org

Mass Schedule: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday through Friday; 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday; 4:30 p.m. Saturday; 6:30 p.m. Saturday (Spanish)

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

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

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

AA: 8 p.m. Wednesdays

Crosspointe Meadows

Location: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile, Novi

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

Sunday worship: 11 a.m.

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

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

Destiny Worship Center

Location: Ridge Wood Elementary School, 41355 Six Mile, Northville

Contact: Desti-

nyW3C@Gmail.com

Web: www.DW3C.org

Detroit Japanese Christian Fellowship

Location: 45301 11 Mile, Novi

Contact: Kanji Fuki

Contact: 248-756-3336

Dominion Church

Location: P.O. Box 605, Novi

Contact: 248-767-1366

Pastor: James H. Moseley Jr.

Asst. Pastor: Ashaki M. Moseley

Emmanuel Lutheran

Location: 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia

Web: www.emmanuel-livonia.org

Contact: 248-442-8822

Sunday worship: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Youth group: 7 p.m. Wednesday

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

Women's Coffee Break Bible Study: 10-11:30 a.m. Mondays - Extraordinary Women by John MacArthur

Adult Bible Class: 11 a.m. - "Seeing Gray in a World of Black and White" by Adam Hamilton; 9:30 a.m. - "Who is This Man?" by John Ortberg; 7 p.m. - "Making Sense of the Bible"

Faith Community Presbyterian Church

Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile

Contact: 248-349-2345

Web: www.faithcommunity-novi.org

Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

Women's Group: 12:30 p.m. third Thursday

Children's Faith Club: 5 p.m. Wednesday

Community Trunk or Treat: 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24

First Baptist Church of Northville

Location: 217 N. Wing, Northville

Contact: 248-348-1020

Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m.

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesday

Men's Bible Study: 9 a.m. first Saturday

First Church of the Nazarene

Location: 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile

Contact: 248-348-7600

Web: www.dfnazarene.org

Sunday Schedule: 9:30 a.m. Classic Worship; 11 a.m. Revive (contemporary) Worship; 11 a.m. Kids Worship and Teen Worship; 9:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday School

Monday: 7 p.m. - Bible Study Fellowship Men's Bible Study

Tuesday: 9:25 a.m. - Women of the Word Women's Bible Study

Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. - Caravan Scouting program for kids ages 4 through fifth grade; Club 45 for fourth- and fifth-graders; Merge Middle School Worship night; Bible Study with Troy Ogle; Little Critters preschool program; Alpha class from 6:30-8 p.m. - an opportunity to explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment. Alpha is for high school to adult.

Thursday: 6 a.m. - Men of Purpose Prayer and Bible Study - Revelation.

First Free Will Baptist Church

Location: 51395 10 Mile Road, Novi

Contact: 248-348-2380

First Presbyterian Church of Northville

Location: 200 E. Main, Northville

Contact: 248-349-0911

Web: www.fpcnorthville.org

Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. (for all ages)

First Presbyterian Church

Location: 205 E. Lake St., South Lyon

Contact: 248-437-2875

First Presbyterian Church

Location: 23455 Novi Road, Novi

Contact: 248-349-5665

Web: www.legacychurch.us

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

Worship Services: 11 a.m.

Bible Study/Prayer: Wednesday 7 p.m.

Livonia Church of Christ

Location: 15431 Merriman, Livonia

Contact: 734-427-8743

Web: www.livoniachurch.net

Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.

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

Meadowbrook Congregational Church

Location: 21355 Meadowbrook Road, Novi

Contact: the Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, senior minister; 248-348-

First United Methodist Church of Northville

Location: 21355 Meadowbrook Road, Novi

Contact: the Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, senior minister; 248-348-

Stocking up



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Gabrielle Prater, 3, picks out a few books July 30 at the Novi Public Library.

Location: 777 W. Eight Mile, Northville

Contact: 248-349-1144

Web: www.funorthville.org

8th Annual Bizarre Bazaar: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 7 - Featuring more than 40 unique crafters; door prizes; vendor drawings; a bake shop; and lunch. The event also includes Attic Treasures a resale which will be held 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 6 and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 7. The \$2 admission fee will get you into both events. All funds raised will benefit Village Banking. For more information go to villagebanking.org or contact funbazaar@gmail.com. Look for it on Facebook.

7757; office@mbo.c.org

Web: www.mbcc.org

Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.; church school and nursery care provided during worship

Fellowship Hour: 11 a.m.

Ten Not So Simple Rules: Sundays through Nov. 22 - Senior minister the Rev. Art Ritter will offer a sermon series exploring how the commandments came to be, what purpose they serve, and consider whether some commandments no longer speak to our modern world. The series will explore one commandment each Sunday (save Consecrate on Sunday, Nov. 8).

Memorial Church of Christ

Location: 354 '5 Five Mile Road, Livonia

Minister: Mark McGilvrey

Web: www.5m1chchurch.org

Contact: 734-464-6722; churchoffice@5m1chchurch.org

Metropolitan Seventh-day Adventist Church

Location: 15 '85 N Haggerty Road, Plymouth

Contact: 734-420-3131

Web: www.netrodsdchchurch.org

Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. Saturday

Worship Service: 10:45 a.m. Saturday

Bible Study/Prayer: 7 p.m. Wednesday

Northridge Church

Location: 49555 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth Township

Contact: 734-233-3621; pheaton@northridgechurch.com

Grace Immanuel Bible Church

Location: 21900 Meadowbrook Road, Novi

Pastor: Charles Sexton

Contact: 248-344-4465

Holy Cross Episcopal

Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile, Novi

Contact: 248-427-1175; holycrossnovi@gmail.com

Web: www.holyCROSSnovi.org

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

Sunday School and Nursery Care: 10 a.m. worship service

Alzheimer's Support Group: 10 a.m. second Saturday

Hope Lutheran Church

Location: 39200 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills

Lakes Baptist Church

Location: 309 Decker Road, Walled Lake

Legacy Church

(formerly First Baptist Church and Orchard Hills Baptist Church)

Location: 23455 Novi Road, Novi

Contact: pastor Jon Hix, 248-349-5665

Web: www.legacychurch.us

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

Worship Services: 11 a.m.

Bible Study/Prayer: Wednesday 7 p.m.

Livonia Church of Christ

Location: 15431 Merriman, Livonia

Contact: 734-427-8743

Web: www.livoniachurch.net

Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.

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

Meadowbrook Congregational Church

Location: 21355 Meadowbrook Road, Novi

Contact: the Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, senior minister; 248-348-

7757; office@mbo.c.org

Web: www.mbcc.org

Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.; church school and nursery care provided during worship

Fellowship Hour: 11 a.m.

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

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

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

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

Oakland Baptist Church

Location: 23893 Beck Road, Novi

Contact: 248-982-4041

Web: www.oaklandbaptist-novi.org

Orchard Grove Community Church

Location: 850 Ladd Road, Walled Lake

Contact: 248-926-6584

Web: www.orchardgrove.org

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church

Location: 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth Township

Contact: 734-453-0326, Ext. 221

Our Lady of Victory

Location: 132 Orchard Drive, Northville

Contact: 248-349-2621

Web: www.olvnorthville.org

Saturday Worship: 5 p.m.

Sunday Worship: 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

Our Savior Apostolic Lutheran Church

Location: 54899 Eight Mile, Northville

Contact: 248-374-2268

Children (5-10) & Adult Sunday School: 10 a.m.

Bible Study: Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

Our Shepherd Presbyterian Church

Location: 1200 S. Sheldon, Plymouth

Contact: pastor Bill Burke; 734-927-0891

Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.

Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.

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

Pentecostals of Novi

Location: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile

Contact: 248-697-8158

Web: www.thepentecostals-of-novi.org

Plymouth St. John's Episcopal Church

Location: 574 S. Sheldon in Plymouth

Contact: 734-453-0190, Ext. 16

Web: www.stjohnsplymouth.org

Praise Baptist Church

Location: 45000 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth Township

Contact: 734-748-3898

Prince of Peace Lutheran

Location: 28000 New Market Road, Farmington Hills

Phone: 248-553-3380

CHURCH

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the process of grief and/or divorce. Space is limited. Please call the church office to pre-register or for more information.

Classes (call the church office to register; space is limited):

ESL (English as a Second Language): lessons from 1:30-3 p.m. Mondays; 11 a.m. to noon conversational sessions on Saturdays.

St. James Catholic

Location: 46325 10 Mile, Novi
Contact: 248-347-7778
Web: www.sjnovi.net
Pastor: Monsignor John Kasza.
Mass schedule: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday-Tuesday; 7 p.m. Wednesday; 5 p.m. Saturday.

St. John Lutheran Church

Location: 23225 Gill, Farmington Hills
Contact: 248-474-0584
Web: www.stjohn-lutheran.com

Saturday Worship: 5:30 p.m.
Sunday Worship: 9, 11:15 a.m.
Sunday School: 10:15 a.m.

St. Paul's Lutheran

Location: 201 Elm Street, Northville (behind Hiller's)
Web: www.stpaulnorthville.org
Contact: 248-349-3140
Sunday worship: 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.; nursery care provided during worship services
Sunday Morning Coffee Hour: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Youth Bible Study: 9:45 a.m. in the Youth House

across Elm street
Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study: 10 a.m.
Confirmation Classes: 7 p.m. Mondays.
AA: 8 p.m. Fridays.

The Relational Church

Location: 24139 Brentwood Court, Novi
Pastor: Michael Zerkich
Contact: 248-767-8626
 Unitarian Universalist Church of Farmington
Location: 25301 Halsted, Farmington Hills

Web: www.uufarmington.org
Details: This religious education program is open to the public and currently enrolling new students. Classes are grouped into grades K-5, 6-8 and 9-12 with age-specific education materials for all.
Contact: Jennifer Teed; 248-478-7272; dre@uufarmington.org
Details: Six weeks exploring different topics like religion, philosophy, science, health, social and political issues. No advance registration necessary; a \$5 donation is suggested. Drop in and pick the class that interests you most at the Unitarian

Universalist Church of Farmington.
Contact: 248-478-7272; uufarmington.org/uucf/re-lifespan
Multigenerational Services: 6:45 p.m. Fridays
Details: Family members of all ages can gather for drumming, chanting, and meditation followed by a brief participatory worship service which could include stories, songs and sharing. A religious education activity will follow, such as an art project, music, dance, game or theater. The evening will close with a light snack and a short time to socialize, ending at 8:30 p.m.

Your Invitation to

Worship

Whitmore Lake

FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH
 10774 Nine Mile Road
 Rev. M. Lee Taylor • 449-2582
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Worship, 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening, 7:00 p.m.

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. & 11:00 a.m.
MS & HS Youth: 11:00 a.m.

BRIGHTMOOR CHRISTIAN CHURCH
 40800 W. 13 Mile Road, Novi on the corner of M-5 & W 13
Sundays 9:15a & 11:15a
 www.brightmoorcc.org
 something for the entire family

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH
 24505 Meadowbrook Rd., Novi, MI 48375
 Saturday 4:30 p.m. (English) & 6:30 p.m. (Spanish)
 Sunday 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.
 Fr. Bob LaCroix, Pastor
 Fr. Beto Espinoza, Associate
 Parish Office: 349-8847 • www.holyfamilynovi.org

Milford

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
 Preschool, Pre-K & Kdg. - Mo. Synod
 620 General Motors Rd., Milford
 Church office: (248) 684-0895
Worship Services: Sunday 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.
Bible Study: Sunday 10:45 a.m.
 Martin Dressler

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

FAITH COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 44400 W. 10 Mile, Novi, 248-349-2345
 1/2 mile west of Novi Rd.
 www.faithcommunity-novi.org
WORSHIP AND SUNDAY SCHOOL - 10 AM
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OUR VIEW

Gatt, Casey, Staudt, Wrobel and Burke best candidates in election

There are nine candidates for Novi City Council and mayor that Novi residents will see on the Nov. 3 general election ballot.

This newspaper is endorsing **Bob Gatt** for the two-year mayor seat; **Laura Casey**, **David Staudt** and **Wayne Wrobel** for the three four-year council seats; and **Brian Burke** for the two-year council position.

Gatt, the incumbent, has served as the city's mayor since 2011 and was first elected as a council member in 2003. The year prior, he retired after 27 years as a Novi police officer.

The city weathered the great recession and emerged with stable taxes, more services and public safety resources and a strong financial standing. Novi, with approximately 60,000 residents, has recently been ranked as one of the most desirable places to live in the state. One has to credit the entire city administration team, under council's leadership, but it would be hard to deny Gatt's positive impact as mayor, too.

He ranks public safety and parks and rec highly, but he also knows that communication is important in keeping residents informed, as well as attracting new businesses.

Gwen Markham, who cur-



Gatt



Casey



Staudt



Wrobel



Burke



rently serves on Novi City Council, is a qualified challenger, but with more than 40 years in Novi and an impressive track record, Gatt is the stronger choice for mayor. (A third candidate, Jason Dorsch, says, "The city of Novi must have a mayor willing to work and be on duty full time, which I plan on doing for free if elected." That is not Novi's form of government and any candidate hoping to be taken seriously needs to know that.)

Three four-year council seats are open and there are no reasons whatsoever the three

incumbents should not be re-elected. (A fourth candidate, Tally Patel, has not responded to Novi News requests for information, so at this point it would be difficult to consider her intentions as serious.)

Casey was first elected in 2011 and has served well on the Capital Improvement Committee, Commission Interview Committee, Charter Review Committee, Consultant Review Committee (2011-13), as the liaison to the Novi Youth Council and as the alternate representative to SEMCOG.

The 15-year Novi resident was also heavily involved in the library before coming onto council and has an MBA from Walsh College. She's also interested in transportation options that won't require city funding, which is worth exploring.

Staudt, the current mayor pro tem, has lived in Novi 22 years and was first elected to city council in 2007. He has served well as the SWOCC vice chairman and on the Wal-

kable Novi, Capital Improvement and Consultant Review committees.

He is committed to strong economic development as a critical part of maintaining a diverse and strong tax base and has solid ideas for improving and enhancing the city's parks and rec system.

Wrobel has lived in Novi for 31 years and was first elected to council in 2010. He also served on the Zoning Board of Appeals, the Planning Commission and the Master Plan and Zoning Committee prior.

He, like the other candidates above, is fiscally conservative and can take pride in the city's general fund reserve of \$8.6 million (28 percent of the general fund).

Maintaining that type of cushion, while still providing world-class services to Novi citizens, is a challenge where Wrobel's 34 years in finance, budgets, operations and marketing at AT&T will come in handy.

When Councilman Justin Fisher stepped down last November, Doreen Poupard was appointed to fill his seat until this November's election. She did not file to run, but two oth-

er candidates are seeking the remaining two-year term.

Andrew Sarpolis, 25, is to be commended for seeking this position, but with only two years residency in Novi, his experience and qualifications don't match up to Burke's yet.

Burke, 58, previously served on council and has had a long career in sales and management at Tom Holzer Ford. He has served on numerous boards and commissions in Novi, including the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Commission, the Planning Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals, and is currently a board member of the Novi Parks Foundation.

He has lived in this city and paid taxes for more than 20 years and has the experiences necessary to sit on council. He's focused on managing Novi's build-out and his concept of forming a Community Economic Development Strategy Group composed of public officials, community leaders and private individuals as a first step in an overall strategic vision is a solid idea.

Candidate Q&A profiles can be found online at www.novinews.com.

The polls in Novi will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 3. To find out where your poll is located, go to www.cityofnovi.org.

LETTERS

Burke has earned Novi's support

Brian Burke is seeking the two-year term Nov. 3 and has earned the support of Novi voters.

Unlike his opponent, Burke is a long-time homeowner and taxpayer in Novi and has served on the Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals and the Parks and Rec Commission. In 2008, he was appointed by city council to serve out the term of Kim Capello, who was elected to the Oakland County Commission. Brian served his term with distinction, coming to meetings well-versed on the issues. Brian came in fourth in the 2009 election behind two incumbents and Justin Fisher, the individual whose seat he seeks to fill. Fischer has endorsed Brian for the remaining two-year term.

Brian's experience and commitment to Novi runs deep. He has owned a small business in Novi and has worked for Holzer Ford for more than 25 years. He's a member of the CERT team and serves on the nonprofit Novi Parks Foundation. Brian and his wife Lori have raised their five children here and they have all attended Novi Public Schools. Brian has the support of many current and past community leaders, including former Mayor David Landry, former council member Terry Margolis and current Mayor Bob Gatt. Brian is a veteran of the U.S. Navy specializing in surface operations, intelligence and air intercept control and honorably discharged after six years of service.

Brian's 24-year-old opponent doesn't have a fraction of the experience, community involvement or life lessons that make Brian the most qualified candidate for this important term. His opponent claims to have knocked on thousands of doors and has attended a handful of city council meetings. His only Novi board and commission experience is a short term on the Beautification Commission. As a two-year resident of Novi, this is a good start, but doesn't qualify him for this important seat.

Who do you want protecting

your hard-earned tax dollars — an experienced, long-time taxpayer, family man and neighbor with prior council experience or a Novi newcomer who's never owned a taxable property in Novi and wants you to believe he knows what's best for Novi residents based on little practical and life experience?

I've spent the past eight years dealing with complex planning and budget issues of city government. The success of Novi has been because of the experienced, strong leadership and fiscal conservatism of city council and Brian fits into that profile perfectly.

Dave Staudt
Novi mayor pro tem

Political mailings wrong

'Tis true — Novi is a wonderful place to live!

Somehow, I believed that our city would remain outside the current national hailstorm of vitriolic political words and advertising. I have recently learned, however that partisan and negative mailings have entered into the race for our city council election. I surely would hope that all candidates and council members would repudiate such actions in order to keep the race focused on the issues important to our residents.

Let's recommit ourselves to seeking the common good for the entire city of Novi.

Doreen Poupard
Novi

Markham for mayor

I have lived on a little farm in Novi for 40 years. Many of you know me as The Farm Lady or as the person who started the Novi Adventurers 4-H Club back in the early '90s. I have a strong passion for connecting youth with natural resources and have worked with that issue for the 40 years we've made Novi our home.

I would like to give my support to Gwen Markham for mayor. She is qualified in every way, but when I look for someone completely committed to the natural spaces/habitats in Novi, she is the candidate that stands out. Both candidates are for increasing the number of parks in Novi and that's important. But not only

do you have to create park space, you have to be a steward to these spaces. I think this is definitely what Gwen is about.

I'm a former physical education teacher and I totally understand the importance of competitive sports and the need for soccer fields, baseball fields, etc. The sections of the parks dedicated to this use can be maintained in a traditional, established way. It's the other aspect of parks — the wetlands, open fields and meadows and woodlands — that need intensive care, especially as this relates to invasive species. Gwen Markham is the person who will devote her energy to address these problems.

I hope you will take a good look at everything Gwen can offer this community and combine that with her dedication to our natural resources and then you will realize that Gwen Markham would be the most qualified candidate for Novi and give her your vote.

Margaret Schmidt
Novi

Time to elect a new mayor

I would like to know what Mayor Bob Gatt has done for the original section of our city (east of Novi Road). I have not seen anything new happen in my area in quite some time. I do, though, see many improvements on the west side of Novi Road. We do have good garbage collection at this time in my area, due to the efforts of Duncan, but this is a service paid for by my association.

The mayor (and city council) have been saying for years that there will be no new taxes. The flier sent to my house from his office states that. But every time you turn around, the schools need something new, which results in another new tax. The flier also states that Gatt has created opportunities for job growth in Novi. If that were true, there wouldn't be so many vacant store fronts. I would like to know what those opportunities are, because I don't see the results.

Friends of the current mayor seem to think he is one of the most dynamic mayors in the state, according to a letter in the Oct. 1 local paper. What has he done to be able to earn that distinction?

Have you ever tried to pull out onto 10 Mile east of Novi Road between 4:30-6 p.m. weekdays? It's nearly impossible. I would think this should be an area of focus for our city's elected officials, but for years it has been getting progressively worse.

Crime seems to be on the

rise in my area, too. This spring, a homeowner in my neighborhood had four tires stolen off of their car sitting in their driveway! According to that flier, one of the mayor's core beliefs is "protecting Novi neighborhoods." Another contradiction.

It's time for a change. We need to elect advocates who will be for the people from all areas of the city (not just portions of it), who will make themselves available to the people (even if that means going door to door to speak to the residents face to face to hear their concerns).

I support Andrew Sarpolis for city council and Gwen Markham for mayor. These two have a vision that align with what's best for our great city — investments in job growth and infrastructure and improving our city parks, overall community, schools and neighborhoods from all corners of Novi.

Eleanor Thompson
Novi

Markham has what it takes

Gwen Markham says she will not use her father's legacy to boost her run for mayor of Novi. On the contrary, I think the people of Novi should know what kind of DNA she offers.

Her father, Dan Murphy, was Oakland County's first executive from 1974-92. He helped create that office, now held by L. Brooks Patterson.

Gwen is the kind of younger, proven blood we need to lead our fast-growing, younger city. In council woman Gwen Markham, we have a woman of great legacy in Oakland politics.

In Murphy's obituary (Feb. 16, 2005), Patterson said of him, "I think Dan Murphy set the stage for the success that Oakland County is experiencing today ..."

Gwen Markham, raised by such a father, has solid experience on city council and with Novi service organizations. Extremely important, she also has 20 years business experience in automotive and defense industries.

Our current mayor has a legacy of 35 years on the city payroll in the police department and council. He's now on the county payroll as manager of its animal control center. However, he recently had a problem with listening to Novi people on trash services. He would have led the council to make drastic changes to the trash services of all 24,000 Novi homes with only holding a public meeting to tell citizens what the city had already decided to do.

Being in power too long makes politicians think they can get away with that. With Gwen Markham, I feel we will have a business woman and a family woman. And we will hear more about making Novi a better place for families and less about wooing businesses to move here to enjoy tax deferrals.

Bob Moreillon
Novi

Supporting Sarpolis

This year I'm supporting Andrew Sarpolis for city council in Novi. I am a teacher and I chose this community's schools for my children because I value education. Novi offers great amenities, is a truly international city and has plenty of opportunities for getting a great education. It is critical that our leaders value education because it is one of the things that make this community so great.

Andrew was one of my students many years ago in high school. During that time, I found him to be an exceptional student. He participated in all four years of my program and mastered the course work with ease and steady determination. He also studied ahead of the rest of the class and was never afraid of a new challenge. We need highly motivated, industrious, forward thinkers — bright, young people like Andrew — in our government to tackle the obstacles our city will face in an increasingly complex world.

I was glad to see in this newspaper that he is running for Novi City Council. I was alarmed, however, to see that some have spent their time trying to drag his name through the mud recently. Those who meet Andrew know that he is an honest, hard-working and genuine person, a man of true integrity, who wants what is best for our community. I fully support him as an advocate of our neighborhoods and I hope he gets the opportunity to serve us in November.

Michael Rubida
Novi

Vote for Sarpolis

I am a member of the city of Novi Beautification Commission and I am putting my support behind Andrew Sarpolis this year for city council. I have served with Andrew over the past year and I find him to be a kind, intelligent person who cares about the issues impacting our community. Andrew genuinely seeks what is best for the city.

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In the past year, we worked together with neighborhoods in the city to oversee a grant program that invested \$25,000 into our community entryways. We have spent hours maintaining rain gardens in the city of Novi, built new improvements for people to enjoy and volunteered our time to offer a perennial exchange for gardeners in the city.

This spirit of service is important and I support Andrew because he is a good choice for Novi. He will continue to serve the community if he is elected and ensure that everybody's voices are heard. I have young children and I chose to live in Novi because it is a great place for them to grow up. I want a councilman that will look to the future and make sure that all residents, including my children, have the chance to enjoy the same great community.

Andery Richert
Novi

Re-elect Wrobel

I am 15-year resident and homeowner in Novi and I know the importance of having qualified people serve as members of the Novi City Council. That is why I believe it is

important the voters of Novi re-elect Wayne Wrobel to another four-year term on city council.

Wayne has been a resident and homeowner in Novi for more than 30 years and has played an active role in the continued success of Novi. In the past, Wayne served as president of the Jamestowne Green and Royal Crowne Estates Homeowners Associations in addition to having served on the Novi Planning Commission and Novi Zoning Board of Appeals.

Currently, Wayne has been president of the Willowbrook Farm Homeowners Association for more than 10 years and has served the residents of Novi for the past five years as a member of city council.

During Wayne's time on city council, he has successfully worked to make sure Novi remains financially secure and its residents are provided with the levels of city services and amenities they want and expect.

While on city council, Wayne has taken the lead in improving some of the little things which affect daily life in Novi. These include adding additional handicap parking spaces in front of the Civic Center, improving the traffic flow issue at the Novi Library and reducing, or in some cases eliminating, fares to use senior

citizen transportation. Wayne is dedicated to work hard for the city he loves and is an asset to city council.

I ask you to join me by voting to re-elect Wayne Wrobel to Novi City Council.

Debbie Waters
Novi

Trash and politics

Early this year, I got a new trash removal service (Advanced Disposal) at a lower rate, we got a new rolling trash can at no cost, a new pickup day and everything was working fine. Then, in mid-summer, we find out we will no longer be able to contract this service on our own; the city is now going to do that and we can't say no. No one knows who it will be, when it will start or how much it will cost, but we can't say no.

So now I get a campaign mailing from Mayor Bob Gatt that says he was behind this change. Then I read in the *Novi News* that he wants to have a public hearing on this. But if it is a done deal and we aren't doing the picking, what is the point of a public hearing now? Is it because a lot of Novi citizens don't like this change?

I also read in the paper that some city council members (Andrew Mutch and Gwen Markham) asked to have a public hearing before

this choice was taken from Novi citizens, but Mayor Gatt said no need and their idea was voted down.

I wonder if anyone has looked at campaign contributions to see if trash removal companies have donated to his campaign. Money buys influence at all levels in government, it worked for the Novi Showplace. Look at whose signs are in front of it before you vote.

Carleen M. Tindall
Novi

Markham for mayor

My friend Gwen Markham is running for mayor of Novi because, as a growing community, we are facing many new challenges and she would like to be part of the process of finding solutions. As a member of city council, she has sought input on current issues relevant to our community. As a candidate, Gwen has knocked on thousands of doors and listened to community members express their concerns. She gathers information, does her research and makes the best decisions based on the information at that time.

Smart, thoughtful, a good listener, a leader — I hope you will join me in supporting Gwen Markham for mayor of Novi.

Karen B. Zyczynski
Novi

OUR VIEW

Donations large and small help on Make a Difference Day

You hear the stories all the time, folks who received their first toy or some other generous gift from the Goodfellows.

That's because the Goodfellows organization has been helping to make sure no child goes without a Christmas for years. And one of the hallmarks of its efforts has been the annual Make a Difference Day campaign.

Local residents have their chance to be the difference in the lives of children from 10 a.m. to noon at the Novi Fire

Department Station No. 1, 42975 Grand River.

If you're wondering if you can make a difference just by dropping off some loose change, consider this: In the past three years, O&E area residents have donated more than \$12,000 to Goodfellows in Canton, Garden City, Farmington, Livonia, Milford, Novi, Plymouth, Redford and Southfield on Make a Difference Day, a National Day of Doing Good.

The Pennies From Heaven campaign was

launched by a wonderful woman and Goodfellows leader from Canton, Nancy Spencer, who started it in honor of her father.

The *Observer & Eccentric* is proud to once again take up that mantle and partner with Goodfellows organizations in our readership communities. We urge you to stop

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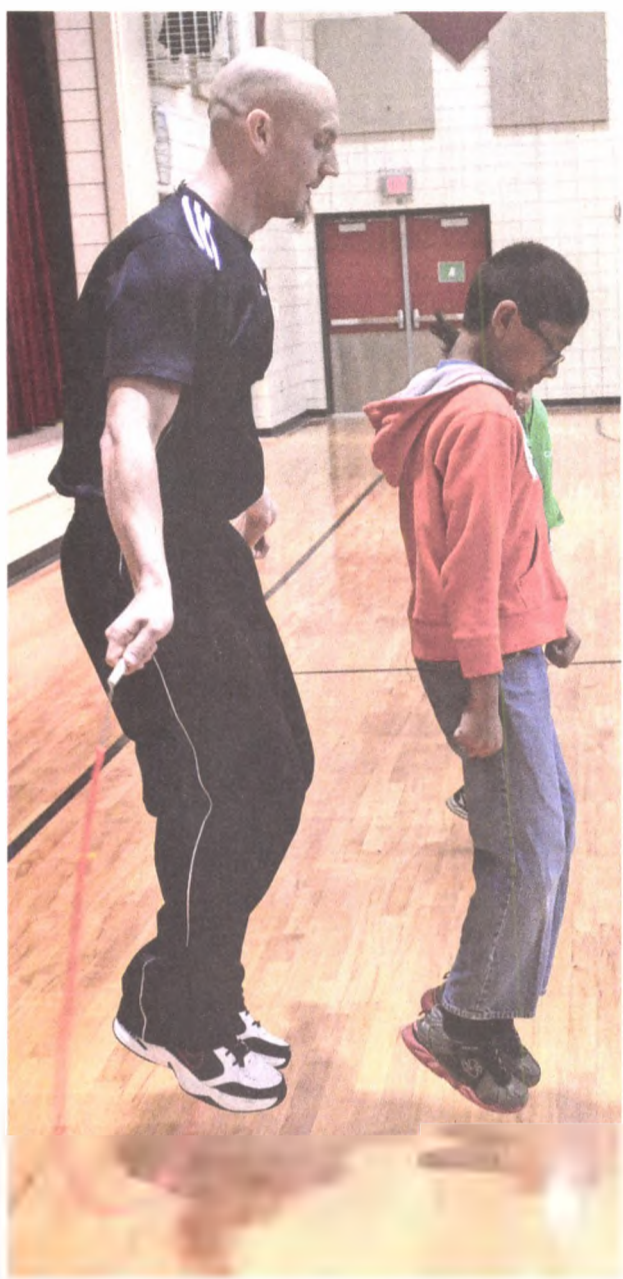
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Jump rope expert Peter Nestler enlists the help of Parkview Elementary student Abhinav Gunturi during Nestler's Sept. 10 visit to the school to promote fitness and goal-setting.



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Parkview Elementary School students enjoy the presentation by jump rope expert Peter Nestler during his Sept. 10 visit.

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BOYS TENNIS



The Novi boys tennis team raised another championship banner Saturday after earning an MHSAA Division 1 co-title with Bloomfield Hills in Midland.

MADHAVI TUMULURI

BOYS TENNIS

Northville's Johnston wins state's No. 1 singles crown

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

During his four seasons of prep tennis, Connor Johnston put together quite a resume and had quite a blast in the process.

Saturday became his crowning high school achievement, as the Northville senior captured the No. 1 singles state title with a 6-4, 6-0 triumph over Bloomfield Hills' Josh Mukherjee in the MHSAA Division 1 boys tennis finals at the Midland Community Tennis Center.

Johnston, who lost only seven matches during his prep career, became the first Northville player to earn the MHSAA No. 1 singles crown since Tyler Gardiner did it in 2011.

Johnston, who had been a two-time state runner-up at No. 1 singles both as a sophomore and junior to Novi's Tim Wang, won all four of his matches in straight sets, including a 6-1, 6-1 semifinal victory over fourth seed Steve Forman of Troy.

Johnston, the top seed who earned a first-round bye, also defeated Jack Winkler (Birmingham Brother Rice) in the quarterfinals, 6-2, 6-0, and Julian Buchan (Caledonia), 6-2, 6-1, in the second round Friday.

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JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Northville's No. 1 singles player, Connor Johnston, came away with a state title Saturday in Midland.

Novi claims share of Division 1 crown

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Last year, Novi captured its first outright MHSAA Division 1 boys tennis state championship in school history.

The Wildcats did it again Saturday, but this time they'll share the 2015 state championship trophy with Bloomfield Hills after each team tallied 26 points at the Midland Community Tennis Center.

"I said all season long there were five to seven teams that had a chance to win Division 1," Novi coach Jim Hanson said. "It was a battle all year long. We played all these schools either in a dual match or based on a tournament and I knew it would be tough. We played well during the season and that set us up well for the tournament, because we had a number of high seeds."

Ann Arbor Pioneer finished a close third with 22, while Ann Arbor Huron and Troy were right behind in fourth place with 21 each.

Novi got another singles crown from sophomore Alex

Wen (No. 2), the second seed, who defeated Andrew Zhang of Bloomfield Hills in the finals, 6-4, 7-5.

Wen, who earned a first-round bye, defeated Huron's Kobie Mueller in the semifinals, 6-4, 6-1, after defeating Grosse Pointe South's Michael Willard in the quarters, 6-1, 6-1. Wen opened with a 7-6 (7-3), 6-0 triumph over Evan Miller-Galov of Pioneer.

Wen was the state champion a year ago at No. 3 singles and battled a five-month illness that kept him out most of the summer and spring heading into the 2015 season.

"Alex was very sick for a long time," Hanson said. "When the season started, he was just coming back. He had not played much tennis during the summer. He wasn't even 100 percent at the end but, obviously, he was in a little better shape. He did a super job for us this year under very tough conditions."

The defending champion Wildcats held a slim 22-21 advantage over Bloomfield Hills following the first round. "The weather was brutally cold," Hanson said. "The

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PREP FOOTBALL



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Northville's Ian Rachelson (left) tries to bring down Plymouth's Chase Timko during Friday's conference championship game.

Northville rallies to capture conference title

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

The ice water in Northville quarterback Justin Zimbo's veins pretty much matched the cold conditions Friday night as the Mustangs rallied to snatch a victory – and the Kensington Conference football title – away from host Plymouth.

The senior plowed through the left side of the line with 1:11 to play to give the Mustangs a 23-20 victory on the junior varsity field at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Great field position set up the winning touchdown. A 22-yard punt return

by Zach Prystash gave Northville a first down at the Wildcats' 23 with 2:31 remaining and Plymouth clinging to a 20-16 lead. On the next snap, Zimbo connected with Prystash on a 16-yard screen pass to set up a first-and-goal situation.

Three plays later, Zimbo ripped through the line and ripped apart the Wildcats' hopes for a conference championship.

"The punt return at the end of the game was huge," said Zimbo, who completed 14-of-29 passes for 186 yards and ran for another 84. "The screen to Prystash, two big plays by Prystash were huge and I just followed my line" on the

winning TD.

"You tell me how tough that kid is; he is the man," Northville coach Matt Ladach said about Zimbo. "He showed some real resiliency tonight, just tough as nails."

On the punt return, Prystash fielded the ball near midfield after the Wildcats were mired deep in their own zone and unable to move the chains.

The reason for Plymouth's tough sledding was getting possession just outside its own goal line, after Northville's Ian Rachelson made a great play on special teams. Rachelson dove to

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GIRLS GOLF



Novi's contingent at the MHSAA Division 1 girls golf state finals included (from left) Reika Fujiwara, Maya Grandstaff, Alexa Hatz, Lauren Henry, Marissa Catner, Abby Livingston and Leah Kiura.

RUBY GRANDSTAFF

Novi secures top five finish in D1

First-day co-leader Hatz seventh; Weather conditions played havoc

Brad Emmons
Staff Writer

The 2015 MHSAA Division 1 girls golf championships last weekend at Grand Valley State University's The Meadows proved challenging in more ways than one.

Adverse weather caused scores to soar during the two-day tournament as Traverse City West (348-337—685) emerged the champion after beating Rochester (343-342—685) for the title on a fifth-player tiebreaker.

Right behind was Bloomfield Hills (345-347—692), while Troy (357-339—695) and Novi (357-339—696) placed fourth and fifth, respectively, in the 15-team field.

Novi's top player was junior Alexa Hatz, who earned a top 10 finish as she tied for seventh overall with 77-87—164.

Brighton's Julia Dean took individual medalist honors with 82-73—155, one stroke ahead of Traverse City West's Anika Dy.

"Friday conditions were cold and windy," Novi coach Deb Harris said. "Scores were relatively high across the board, except Alexis was leading with 77. The rest of field scored pretty high and our team in-

cluded. They were well above their averages."

In addition to Hatz, Novi's other three scorers included sophomore Abby Livingston (93-79—172); senior Maya Grandstaff (92-88—180); and junior Lauren Henry (95-85—180).

On Friday, Novi's Leah Kiura carded 101, while teammate Reika Fujiwara came back Saturday to shoot 95.

Hatz was the first-day co-leader with 77, along with Lake Orion's Moyea Russell.

"I would say consistency, her distance is great, her zeroing in on the green and reading the difficulty of the course and her course management is what makes her such a strong player," Harris said.

Novi and Troy's 339 totals Saturday were only two shots off state champion Traverse City West's 337 as Livingston fired a career-low 79, while Henry's 85 was just two shots off her personal 18-hole best.

"Saturday, the wind was not as strong, but it was colder," Harris said. "We actually had some snow flurries when we were out there. Really, all of them that had scored higher than their averages the first day came back very nicely."

"They did a very nice



RUBY GRANDSTAFF

Novi senior Maya Grandstaff shot a two-day total of 92-88—180 at the state finals.

job. They held in there tough and held their emotions in check. They did a great job. We were only one stroke out of fourth and only four strokes out of third."

Mustangs take 13th

Junior Gabby Jaszczur was Northville's top finisher with 95-89—184 as the Mustangs took 13th overall with a two-day total of 394-373—767.

"Friday was a struggle," Northville coach Jeff Balagna said. "We struggled in all areas of the game. We normally are very consistent off the tee, but we couldn't find the fairway all day. The Meadows is the type of course that penalizes you if you don't keep the ball in play."

"Saturday, our goal

scored 18 points.

Afterward, Johnston didn't stage any special celebration before going home to sleep.

"I went out to eat with a few guys from my team, then hung out with my assistant coach and the kids, not much really," he said. "I was just so tired from the whole weekend. I just wanted to go to bed."

Johnston said he will continue his USTA playing schedule this winter and spring before embarking on the ITA summer tournament schedule for incoming and college-age players.

But still in the moment, Johnston will look back on one chapter of his illustrious tennis career with fond memories.

"High school is my favorite, it's so much fun," he said.

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only good thing was that it wasn't real windy. It's the same on the both sides of the net, so it's not any warmer on the other side."

Novi's No. 1 singles player, senior Koushik Kondapi, was seeded sixth, but he was able to reach the semifinals before losing to Bloomfield Hills' Josh Mukherjee in three sets, 2-6, 7-5, 6-2. Mukherjee then fell to top seed Connor Johnston of Northville in the finals, 6-4, 6-0.

"Koushik stepped up and did a nice job for us in a very tough flight where there were a lot of good kids who were returning," Hanson said.

At No. 3 singles, top seed Constantine Hemmrich of Bloomfield Hills won the title with a 6-2, 6-3 win over Novi's Sid Amarnath, the second seed.

And in the pivotal and final match of the tournament, Ann Arbor Huron's Chris Cho rallied after dropping the first set to deny Bloomfield Hills' top seed Brad Silverman for the No. 4 singles crown, 2-6, 6-3, 6-3.

Meanwhile, the doubles semifinals and finals flights were filled with upsets.

Novi's top-seeded No. 1 duo of Maxx Anderson and Daniel Yu was upended in the semifinals by Troy's fifth-seeded Sai Kaghithala and Kevin Fietz, 4-6, 7-6 (8-6), 6-2. Birmingham Brother Rice's Sean Abelarde and Jarreau Campbell, seeded second, went on to capture the title, 7-5, 3-6, 6-0, over third seeds John Sullivan and Nick Costakis of Troy, 7-5, 3-6, 6-0.

At No. 2 doubles, Novi's second-seeded Aditya Chitta and Robert Chen fell in the semifinals to Pioneer's Sayan Goraya and Nico Figueroa, 6-1, 6-1, but



MADHAVI TUMULURI

Novi sophomore No. 2 singles player Alex Wen, the MHSAA Division 1 champion, holds the state championship team trophy.

top seeds Austin Choi and Robert Dong of Huron went on to win the title, 6-3, 6-4.

Novi's No. 3 doubles team of Sai Gotur and Abhishek Subash, undefeated all season long, fell in the semifinals to Troy's Michael Song and Spencer Liu, the fourth seed, 6-2, 6-2. Song and Liu then won the title with a 7-6 (7-2), 7-5 win over Pioneer's Gabe Kleer and Josh Lee.

In a battle of top seeds at No. 4 doubles, Pioneer's Nikhil Kalia and Grant McLean held serve with a 7-5, 6-1 triumph over Novi's Aakash Ray and Nayan Makim, who reached the final with a 7-6 (7-4), 6-2 win over Huron's Matt Kelley and Henry Zhou.

In a tournament that was razor close, Hanson said it took a total team effort.

"Tim Tanaka won his first match at four singles and obviously every point is a big point," he said. "Everybody else got at least three points and, of course, Alex won five points. You've got to get contributions from all flights or you're not going to win."

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JOHNSTON

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Against the second-seeded Mukherjee in the finals, Johnston found himself in unfamiliar territory after trailing in the opening set.

"I was down 3-4, playing just not smart, not my game, not playing well at all," Johnston said. "And then as soon as I got it to 4-all, I just told myself, 'OK, time to start playing smart and start playing like you normally do.' And everything just went well from there."

"I was just hitting a lot of short balls, kind of setting it up for him. Then I just started rolling the ball deeper, getting it out of the strike zone, just waiting for my opportunities."

Johnston, who yielded just 11 games in four matches, capped an un-

defeated senior campaign in which he dropped just one set all season.

It was his second state title after capturing the No. 2 singles flight as a freshman.

An accomplished USTA junior player with a top 50 Boys 18s national ranking, Johnston said he wouldn't trade his four-year prep career with the Mustangs for anything.

"Playing high school tennis is the most fun tennis I've ever played," said Johnston, who has committed to the University of Michigan. "Just having your whole school and team supporting you every match and just playing and winning for them is just the best thing ever. It's way better than just playing for yourself. I just love having the team behind me."

Johnston helped Northville to a sixth-place finish in the tournament as the Mustangs

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL
Thursday, Oct. 22
Det. Western at Detroit CC, 7 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 23
Novi at Howell, 7 p.m.
Grand Blanc at Northville, 7 p.m.
BOYS SOCCER
DISTRICT TOURNEY DRAWS
DIVISION 1
NORTH FARMINGTON (Host)
Friday, Oct. 23: Championship final, 6 p.m. (Winner advances to the

regional semifinals, 5 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 27 at Novi Meadows Stadium vs. Flushing district champion.)
GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
Saturday, Oct. 24
KLAAs Gold Tourney at Milford, 9 a.m.
KLAAs Silver Tournament, TBA
PREP CROSS COUNTRY
Thursday, Oct. 22
Lakes Conference Meet at Island Lake State Park, 3:30 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 24
Catholic Meet at Stoney Creek, 10 a.m.

Saturday, Oct. 31
(MHSAA Regionals)
Div. 4 at Willow Metropark, 10 a.m.
Div. 1 at Willow Metropark, 11:30 a.m.
GIRLS SWIMMING
Thursday, Oct. 22
Stevenson at Novi, 6:30 p.m.
Northville at Salem, 6:30 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 30
Central Diving at S.L. East, 5 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 31
KLAAs Central at S.L. East, noon.
TBA — time to be announced.

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BOYS SOCCER

Northville loses 3-2 in league title game

Grand Blanc earns Association crown

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Host Grand Blanc rode a wave of second-half momentum Oct. 15 to erase a 2-0 halftime and stun Northville for the KLAA Association boys soccer championship, 3-2.

Mitchel Metzger scored the game-winning goal on a rebound, with Sammy Saeed drawing the assist, with only 10 minutes remaining in regulation as the unranked Bobcats improved to 13-2-2 overall.

Northville (16-2-1), No. 2 ranked in Division 1, jumped out to a 2-0 first-half lead on a pair of goals by senior midfielder Nick Toupin, one coming on a rocket left-footed shot.

But Grand Blanc clawed its way back in the second half, getting a penalty kick goal from junior defender Drew Kubani after teammate Austin Hobbs was taken down in the box by Northville senior defender Garret Weaver.

Northville junior goalkeeper Evan Treiber made the initial save on Kubani's first PK shot, but officials ruled the Mustangs had encroached too soon within the 18-yard box area after his first attempt. Given a reprieve, Kubani made good on his second chance to cut the deficit to 2-1.

"We got the fortunate PK there and we got a little momentum from that," Grand Blanc coach Greg Kehler said. "Obviously, that first goal helped a lot. Kind of kept building off that."

With 20 minutes remaining, Grand Blanc's Chase Clark scored the equalizer to make it 2-2 when he converted on a deflection following a cross into the box.

"When they got the penalty shot, the whole momentum swung the other way," Northville coach Henry Klimes said. "Give credit to Grand Blanc. They kept plugging ... cardiac kids, came from behind and got the job done."

Northville's Troy Borawski and Matthew Mitchell both had good scoring opportunities in the waning minutes, but Grand Blanc goalkeeper Bennett Stokes was able to withstand the pressure.

"They're the fastest team we've played as far as speed of play and things like that," Kehler said of the Mustangs. "We had to adjust to that. We had to change our formation a little bit. Where we like to naturally play in, they exposed some areas and Henry (Klimes) did a great job of finding the areas that exposed us in the first half where they got two nice goals."

It was the third straight year the Bobcats had reached the KLAA final. Grand Blanc lost last year to Canton for the Association crown after defeating Salem for the championship in 2013.

BOYS SOCCER



Catholic Central's Ben Sargent (left) tries to maintain possession of the ball against Novi's Eduardo DeOliveira in Monday's match at Meadows Stadium.

JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Catholic Central PK by Turton ousts Novi from district, 1-0

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

It only takes one and Novi Detroit Catholic Central will take it.

The state-ranked Shamrocks got a penalty kick from senior defender Matt Turton with only 24:31 left to knock off Novi, 1-0, for the third straight year in the Division 1 boys soccer district tournament.

The victory by Catholic Central, 15-2-2 overall, sets up a district semifinal showdown that was scheduled for Wednesday at North Farmington against state-ranked Northville (16-2-1).

Novi's best chance of the match to score came with 28 minutes left in regulation, as CC goalkeeper Peter Kirouac denied Novi's Nick Harder.

And shortly after, CC senior forward Anthony Chavez was taken down and fouled in the box, resulting in Turton's PK.

"It was just a miscommunication on our part," Novi co-coach Brian O'Leary said. "That was legit. No

problems with the call at all."

And after Turton strategically slid his PK into the lower left corner past Novi goalkeeper Luke McDonald, the Shamrocks were able to keep the Wildcats off the board for the remainder of the match and move through to the next round.

CC coach Gene Pulice credited the win to his team's captains and senior leadership.

"I think tonight was a standout performance from Justin Murray, leading us in the back," Pulice said. "We had Matt Turton, who had just come back from a little bit of a head injury, back to 100 percent. He's one of our captains and he came back. Then, of course, Peter Kirouac, our goalkeeper, who is another captain, who I think had an outstanding performance tonight."

Shots on goal were hard to come by throughout the 80-minute match and it was reflected on the stat sheet.

"It was hard-fought,"

O'Leary said. "I thought a lot of the game was in between 30-yard lines. Actually, I thought it was a boring game from a spectators' viewpoint. We had five shots and they had seven. And those are shots trying to shoot on goal. I'll bet you of our five, that four of them were harmless. And of their seven, I'll bet six of them were harmless. There weren't many opportunities for either team, just that one busted play."

The Shamrocks were able to put together a total team effort, according to Pulice.

"I think everybody worked really hard," he said. "We had a game plan everybody executed tonight well. We had Cole Moscovic, who stood on his head tonight and made a lot of big tackles and won a lot of balls for us. Jared Lee, defensive center-mid, who showed up tonight to play. Pat Flemming, our left back, who shut them down time and time again. Up top, we had Noah Walter, who broke through going to goal. It was a PK,

but he broke through on a huge effort, so we drew the PK and we got a little bit lucky there."

The Shamrocks were also able to keep Novi from penetrating the box area with its signature restarts on throw-ins and corner kicks.

"My hat's off to Novi tonight as well; they played a solid game," Pulice said. "They have the best thrower (Connor O'Leary) that I've seen, so they can throw balls in from midfield and they're difficult to defend."

Novi ends its season at 11-6-2 and will lose nine seniors to graduation.

"It's a class I've known for a long time, just because my son (Connor) is a senior, so a lot of those kids I've known," O'Leary said. "Really, what I'll miss is that they're genuinely good kids. They work hard and they're very coachable. They care about each other and they play the game the right way."

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BOYS SOCCER

Shamrocks can't catch up to rival Rice, 2-1

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Of the nine Catholic League boys soccer titles won since 1982 by Birmingham Brother Rice, this year's could be perhaps the most unexpected.

In the A-B Division final Oct. 14, the unranked Warriors turned the tables on their rival Novi Detroit Catholic Central with two early goals and held on for dear life to earn a 2-1 win in the championship match at Pontiac Notre Dame Prep.

Rice, which had lost 3-0 and 2-1 to the Shamrocks in a pair of Central Division meetings this season, scored both of their goals during the first 26 minutes and made them hold up to upset CC (14-2-2), ranked No. 3 in Division 1.

"They say it's difficult to beat a team three times and it is," said Rice coach Barry Brodsky, whose team improved to 9-4-3 overall. "It's just mentally a tough challenge to beat somebody three times. And then when we get two quick goals, it makes it that much harder. It's a tough situation for CC, because they had a great year and they beat us again and I've been on the other side, so ... they're a very good team and we were lucky to beat them tonight."

The Warriors, who finished 3-3 this season in the Central Division, took just 1:39 to score as junior defender Jack McConnell took a nifty heel pass from senior midfielder Cameron Fish to make it 1-0.

Rice then struck again with 24:16 left in the half on senior forward Marcello Rea's goal from junior defender Michael Burwell.

Finding itself in a 2-0 hole at halftime despite an edge in shots (11-6) and corner kicks (4-1) against Rice, the Shamrocks began to intensify their pressure going into the second half.

CC's senior Ben Sargent then cashed in with a well-placed direct free kick from 24 yards out to cut the deficit to 2-1 with 35:10 left in the match.

But despite the heavy offensive push, the Shamrocks were unable to score the equalizer against Rice goalkeeper Nick Guglielmetti, who finished with nine saves.

"Definitely we got off to a slow start, but I think we recovered," said CC coach Gene Pulice, whose team captured the division with a 5-0-1 record. "As the game showed, (Rice was) under pressure the whole game. If you get behind the eight-ball early, you got a lot of work to make up. Unfortunately, we couldn't get it all done."

Guglielmetti, a junior, found himself under duress during much of the second half as he faced an onslaught of free kicks and corner kicks by the defending A-B Division champions.

"I was just trying to make sure everything wouldn't get out," Guglielmetti said. "It was really intense. We just had to keep clearing the ball up the field and not let them get through me back line."

Thunder CYO champs



The St. James Thunder varsity 1 volleyball team, decked out in pink to support Breast Cancer Awareness Month, finished its season recently with wins over Livonia St. Edith and Northville Our Lady of Victory to repeat as Catholic Youth Organization division champion with a 9-1 record. Members of the Thunder (10-1), who will try to three-peat as Detroit-area CYO champions, include: Abigail Raguckas, Ashley Smith, Grace Flynn, Isabella Cirulis, Jenna Galecki, Lauren Krill, Lia Krawiec, Madelyn Peters, Madison Malecki, Rachel Jennings and Shannon Jennings. The Thunder are coached by Kevin Jennings.

KEVIN JENNINGS

BOYS SOCCER ROUNDUP

Mustangs beat North Farmington in district opener; Franklin Road falls

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Nick Toupin assisted on a pair of goals and Bobby Lubisco turned in a solid performance on the back line to propel Northville to a 3-1 Division 1 boys soccer dis-

trict victory Monday night over host North Farmington.

The state-ranked Mustangs, 16-2-1 overall, led 2-0 at halftime on goals by Johnny Rodriguez and Garret Weaver, both assisted by Toupin.

Matthew Mitchell then

scored on a beautiful cross from Owen Marshall to make it 3-0 before North (8-8-3) answered with a free kick by Christian Olson from 18 yards out to spoil junior goalkeeper Evan Treiber's shutout bid.

Northville was sched-

uled Wednesday to play a district semifinal with Novi Detroit Catholic Central at North Farmington.

FRANKEL 3, FRANKLIN ROAD 1: Host West Bloomfield Jewish Frankel Academy (5-8) scored two late goals Monday to beat Novi Franklin Road Christian (5-9) in a Division 4 district opener.

The Warriors jumped out to a 1-0 lead on

Blake Johnson's goal, but the Jaguars tied it up with a penalty kick that eluded goalkeeper Daniel Weaver to make it 1-1 at intermission.

"(Frankel) seemed to move the ball better and had more scoring opportunities," Franklin Road coach Paul Coombs said. "They had more pressure on us and than we had on them. Daniel Weaver was our shining light. It could have been a lot worse had it not been for him."

NOVI 4, W.L. NORTHERN 0: The Wildcats (11-5-2) scored all four of their goals in the second half and wrapped up

their regular season Oct. 14 with a KLAA crossover win over host Walled Lake Northern.

Nick Harder scored what proved to be the game-winner at the 45-minute mark when he finished off a Connor O'Leary cross.

Just four minutes later, Matt Netter scored on an O'Leary corner kick.

The Wildcats, who outshot Northern 26-8, added two more goals in the final 18 minutes as Andy Lee scored on a Ben Noud cross, followed by Eduardo DeOliveira on a breakaway off a split pass by Lee.

Goalie Sam Sheeran had the shutout.

PREP CROSS COUNTRY

Northville boys take down rival Novi in dual thriller

Mustangs win KLAA Central crown, 25-30

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

This was not your ordinary run-of-the-mill high school cross country meet Oct. 13 at Cass Benton Park.

That's because there was plenty at stake between two of the state's top three ranked boys cross country teams in Division 1, including a KLAA Central Division dual meet crown and local bragging rights.

And when the final places were sorted out, it was No. 3 Northville upstaging No. 2 Novi in a thriller that attracted a large gathering of fans, 25-30.

Novi's Joost Plaetinck blistered the hilly and challenging 5,000-meter course in 15 minutes, 45.04 seconds, but Northville gobbled up five of the next seven places to finish 5-0 in the KLAA Central and earn its sixth straight division crown.

"When you run Novi, they run hard and so if you can win the little battles, you can win the war, you can win the race today and that's what happened," Northville coach Chris Cronin said. "I had us down, losing the race on points at the two-mile (mark), but the



Novi's Joost Plaetinck (left) and Northville's Ben Cracraft finished first and second, respectively.

MARYBETH FERRANTE

guys didn't quit. That's what we try to coach and I think we able execute today probably as well we have in a long time."

Northville's top five scorers included Ben Cracraft, second (16:03.1); Kenny Goolsby, third (16:31.61); Conor Naughton, fifth (16:21.81); Thomas Smither, seventh (16:39.3); and Christian Freiburg, eighth (16:40.4).

Nicholas Couyoumjian and Sean Coleman finished 11th and 12th, respectively, in 16:57.9 and 17:07.84.

After Plaetinck, Novi's other four scorers included Gabe Mudel, fourth (16:54.54); John Landy, sixth (16:24.62); Adam Ditri, ninth (16:41.31); and Scott MacPherson, 10th (16:46.22).

The Wildcats' non-scorers were Aric Landy

(13th, 17:16.01) and Chris Silva (14th, 17:19.27).

"The two-mile mark, for sure, we were leading by a slim margin, coming up the hill, just past that," Novi coach Robert Smith said. "Maybe we went out too fast or maybe Northville raced better, but I think it was just different strategies that worked. Theirs worked well today."

Meanwhile, Plaetinck's sub-16 time certainly impressed as conditions proved to be favorable on a cool, crisp fall afternoon.

"I have to go deep into the stats, but the first-place time is really fast," Smith said. "It has to be one of our top 10 Cass Benton finishers of all times, so that was good. I'm not happy we lost, but I'm really happy with the way we put our heart

and soul into it."

Girls no contest

There was little suspense in the girls race as Northville (No. 2 Division 1) swept the first eight places to earn its fifth straight KLAA Central dual meet title with a 15-50 victory over the Wildcats.

Northville, which captured all five divisional duals with a perfect score, was led by senior Lexa Barrott, who covered the 5K Cass Benton course in 18:30.57.

The next seven finishers for the Mustangs included Cayla Eckenroth (18:59.63), Emma Herrmann (19:01.56), Oliva Harp (19:06.39), Emma Smith (19:24.77), Rachel Zimmer (19:48.53), Paige Zimmer (19:49.98) and Katie Chevoor (20:01.17).

Freshman Katherine Ray led Novi in ninth with a clocking of 20:18.14.

Rounding out the top seven for the Wildcats (3-2 KLAA Central) were Jessica Lypka, 11th (20:36.89); Hadley Peterson, 17th (21:33.63); Addison Lentz, 19th (21:49.79); Heather Blair, 20th (22:30.23); Hannah Hood-Blaxill, 23rd (22:49.86); and Shaily Fozdar, 25th (22:52.11).

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PREP VOLLEYBALL

Wildcat seniors dominate in triumph against South Lyon

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Novi's senior class took center stage Oct. 13 as they sparked Novi to a 25-15, 25-11, 25-15 volleyball victory over visiting South Lyon.

Senior outside hitter Victoria Iacobelli led the way with 15 kills, 13 digs and seven ace serves, while senior setter Christina Hudgens finished with 23 assist-to-kills and six kills.

Senior Paulina Iacobelli also chipped in with five kills and six digs as

the No. 1-ranked Wildcats, last year's MHSAA Division 1 state runner-up, improved to 36-2 overall.

"We honored our seniors and they didn't disappoint," said Novi coach Jen Cottrill, whose team finished 10-0 in the KLAA's Central Division. "Arguably the best class ever in Novi volleyball history. Christina (Hudgens) ran the offense efficiently and, as always, Paulina and Victoria (Iacobelli) anchored the serve receive and terminated from every-

where on the court."

Jessica Ignace led the Lions (12-12, 4-6) with nine kills, while setter Hannah Barton added 20 assists. Mikayla Monk also added nine digs, while Arianna Camanse put eight serve receive passes on target.

The loss dropped South Lyon to 4-6 in the KLAA Central.

Novi was scheduled Tuesday to face KLAA South Division champ Canton for the Kensington Conference championship.

Northville cruises

Hannah Grant dished out 19 assists, while senior Katie O'Malley chipped in with 14 kills and 12 digs, as Northville (29-8-2, 8-2) rolled to a 25-15, 25-20, 25-13 KLAA

Central Division triumph Oct. 13 at home over Livonia Stevenson (1-9, 6-26-1).

Other contributions on senior night came from Ally Lang (seven digs) and Emily Watkins (two kills, one ace).

Emily Martin added nine kills and 11 digs, while Jessica Hogan, Nicole Rumman and Bryce Quick each added four kills.

Rachel Holmes also had 15 assists.

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 15-185

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE NOVI CITY COUNCIL HAS ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 15-185 TO AMEND THE CITY OF NOVI CODE OF ORDINANCES, AT CHAPTER 22, "OFFENSES," ARTICLE V, "OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC PEACE," TO ADD A NEW SECTION 22-102, "CONDUCT IN CEMETERIES," IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH RULES FOR APPROPRIATE CONDUCT IN CEMETERIES WITHIN THE CITY.

The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, October 12, 2015 and the provisions of the ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its adoption. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 Ten Mile Road, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., prevailing local time.

Maryanne Cornelius, City Clerk

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SYNOPSIS October 15, 2015 - REGULAR MEETING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DATE: Thursday, October 15, 2015
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
PLACE: 44405 Six Mile Road
CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Nix called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
PRESENT: Robert R. Nix II, Supervisor; Marv Gans, Trustee; Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk; Symantha Heath, Trustee; Marjorie F. Banner, Treasurer; Mindy Herrmann, Trustee; Fred Shadko, Trustee

- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**
- Agendas:** Approved
 - Approve the Regular Agenda and the Consent Agenda items - Approved**
 - Appointments, Presentations, Resolutions & Announcements:**
 - Retirement Resolution - Dispatch Supervisor Kelly S. Pigeon - Approved
 - Resolution - Citizen of the Year - Approved
 - Public Hearing:**
 - 2016 Budget Public Hearing - Opened
 - Public Hearing - Industrial Development District - C.W. Bearing - Opened
 - Public Hearing - Tax Abatement - C.W. Bearing - Opened
 - Set Public Hearing - REIS Brownfield Plan Amendment - Approved
 - Brief Public Comments:** One member of the audience had a question or comment for the Board.
 - New Business:**
 - C.W. Bearing Industrial Development District - Approved
 - C.W. Bearing Tax Abatement Application - Approved
 - Resolution to set the 2015 Millage Rates - Approved
 - Resolution to adopt the 2016 Budget - Approved
 - Budget Amendment 2015-02 - Approved
 - Dues - Conference of Western Wayne - Approved
 - Temporary Sign Request - Scouting for Food Drive - Approved
 - Public Safety - 911 System Upgrade - Approved
 - Temporary Sign Request - 7th Day Adventist Church - Approved
 - Unfinished Business:** None
 - Ordinances:** None
 - Check Registry:**
 - In the amount of \$ 3,371,541.81. - Approved
 - Board Communication & Reports:**
 - Robert R. Nix, II, Sue Hillebrand, Marjorie Banner, Marv Gans, Symantha Heath, Mindy Herrmann, Fred Shadko, Chip Snider Board Events - None
 - Any other business for the Board of Trustees:** None
 - ADJOURN:** Meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

A draft of the complete minutes will be available October 26, 2015.

Respectfully submitted:
Sue A. Hillebrand, M.M.C.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - PUBLIC HEARING November 18, 2015 - 7:00 P.M.

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) has scheduled a public hearing for Wednesday, November 18, 2015 at the Northville Township Municipal Office Building, located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI. The ZBA will consider variance requests to the Zoning Ordinance as follows:

19225 Marilyn Street (ID#77-003-01-0002-000), - Chapter 170, Article 3, General Use Provisions, Detached Accessory Structures (Height)

Parcel ID#77-023-99-0018-702 (Vacant Land) - Chapter 170, Article 18, Schedule of Regulations, Minimum Lot Width in the R-2 District.

Written comments regarding this request will be received by the ZBA at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168. The meeting will begin at 7:00 P.M.

Paul Slatin, Chair
Zoning Board of Appeals

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NOTICE OF CITY GENERAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 3, 2015 THE CITY OF NOVI, SCHOOLCRAFT COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

To the Qualified Electors of the City of Novi - Oakland County, Michigan: Notice is Hereby Given that a City General Election will be held in the City of Novi, County of Oakland, State of Michigan on TUESDAY, November 3, 2015. **The Polls will be open 7 a.m. until 8 p.m.** All Polling Places are handicap accessible and Braille and audio versions of voting instructions are available for the Polling Places listed below.

1	Meadowbrook Congregational Church	21355 Meadowbrook Road
2	Good Shepherd Lutheran Church	41415 W. Nine Mile Road
3	Village Oaks Elementary School	23333 Willowbrook Road
4	Novi United Methodist Church	41671 Ten Mile Road
5	Orchard Hills Elementary School	41900 Quince
6 & 7	Holy Family Catholic Church	24505 Meadowbrook Road
8	Meadowbrook Elementary School	29200 Meadowbrook Road
9 & 11	Crosspointe Meadows Church	29000 Meadowbrook Road
10	Fox Run	41000 Thirteen Mile Road
12	Hickory Woods Elementary School	30655 Novi Road
13	Novi Meadows 6th Grade House	25299 Taft Road
14	Faith Community Presbyterian Church	44400 West Ten Mile Road
15	St. James Catholic Church	46325 West Ten Mile Road
16	Novi Public Library	45255 W. Ten Mile Road
17 & 18	Novi Civic Center	45175 West Ten Mile Road
19	Thornton Creek Elementary School	46180 West Nine Mile Road
20 & 21	Oakpointe Church	50200 W. Ten Mile Road

For the purpose of electing candidates for the following offices:

MAYOR Vote for not more than one - Two year term
Jason George Wellington Dorsch
Bob Gatt
Gwen Markham

CITY COUNCIL Vote for not more than three - Four year term
Laura Casey
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David Staudt
Wayne Wrobel

CITY COUNCIL Vote for not more than one - Two year partial term
Brian G. Burke
Andrew Sarpolis

PRECINCTS 15, 18, 19, and a portion of 17, will also vote on - SCHOOLCRAFT COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT OPERATING CHARTER MILLAGE PROPOSITION 0.6 MILL FOR 10 YEARS.

Full text of the ballot proposal may be obtained at the administrative offices of Schoolcraft Community College District, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia, Michigan 48152-2696, telephone: (734) 462-4400.

Absentee ballots are available to qualified electors at the Office of the City Clerk, 45175 Ten Mile Road. The City Clerk's Office will be open on Saturday, October 31, 2015 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for the purpose of obtaining an absentee ballot. The deadline for the City Clerk's Office to receive applications for ballots to be mailed is 2:00 p.m. Saturday, October 31, 2015. Persons qualified to vote by absentee ballot may obtain a ballot in person at the City Clerk's Office until 4:00 p.m. Monday, November 2, 2015 and must vote that ballot in the City Clerk's Office. You may verify your voter registration and polling location at www.michigan.gov/vote

Maryanne Cornelius, MMC
Novi City Clerk

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New to Novi — Today's Pediatric Dentistry

A child's first visit to the dentist need not be filled with anticipation or fear of the unknown. At Today's Pediatric Dentistry, now in Novi, staff members specialize in making a child's visit comfortable, memorable and nurturing in a fun-filled way.

"We are very passionate about creating an experience that will imprint positive memories, while empowering healthy habits with your children and having fun," said Dr. Nicole Teifer, orthodontist.

In order to prevent dental problems, the American Academy of Pediatrics recommends a child see a dentist when the first tooth appears or no later than their first birthday.



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An estimated 28 percent of all U.S. toddlers and preschoolers are affected by early childhood caries, which is the

appearance of tooth decay in young children. Tooth decay is the most common chronic childhood disease, five times

DETAILS

Today's Pediatric Dentistry is located at 44110 W. 12 Mile Road in Novi, next to Today's Orthodontics. An office is also in Canton at 44633 Joy Road, suite 300, with plans to open other locations in metro Detroit to address childhood dental needs. Go to todayspedo.com for more information.

more common than asthma.

"Absolutely, tooth decay is highly preventable through early dental visits, healthy nutrition and home care," said Teifer, who has doctors who love treating infants and children at Today's Pediatric Dentistry.

Outfitted with the latest in modern dental equipment within 10 rooms, the walls, furniture and carpeting in this new building are adorned in bright colorful hues and the unique toy wall

greet both kids and parents in wonderment. Also adding to the fun atmosphere, Today's Pediatric Dentistry patients can receive prizes for being a great patient. They use child-friendly language to teach concepts like proper brushing and flossing and do all that they can to motivate the kids to care for their own oral health.

For those children who have severe anxiety or special needs which prevents them from undergoing routine den-

tal care, the dentists offer in-office nitrous services.

Six dream team member's positions were created when the doors opened and they provide services such as cleanings, orthodontic screenings, dental screenings for school and fillings.

The business accepts most health insurance plans, offers state-of-the-art digital X-rays and has expanded hours to accommodate a family's busy schedule.

Teifer, a resident of Plymouth, said, "We are excited to meet you and get acquainted with your family. In honor of our opening in Novi, you'll receive a \$10 Amazon gift card with your first cleaning and dental exam."

Restaurant show



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Guernsey Farms Dairy employee Kelly Jochims pours a glass of chocolate milk from the Novi-based dairy during the Oct. 13 Michigan Restaurant Show at Novi's Suburban Collection Showplace. The two-day event, with vendors from all over Michigan and the Midwest, featured everything a restaurant would need, including furnishings, refrigeration units, ovens, kitchen utensils, registers, music systems and, of course, all sorts of food and beverages.

Secretary of State unveils new text-in-line program

In theory, texting or calling to secure your place in line at a Michigan Secretary of State office to avoid a long in-person wait is brilliant. But in practice, the new "Text-In-Line" program offered at 11 metro Detroit locations is just as frustrating as the Michigan SOS has ever been.

After the Michigan SOS sent me my annual birthday present of owing them more than \$100 to renew my tabs (worst birthday present ever), I decided to give its new system a test run.

About three hours before I was done with work, I texted the Southfield location to get in line. The line ended up being an 90 minutes long and didn't fit into my schedule. I left the Southfield line and texted Troy. When I texted Troy, I was told I was already in line in Southfield. That was strike one.

Thinking that I may have made an error, I texted the Southfield line again and asked for more time. I was told I wasn't in that line. So which was it? According to Southfield I was in no lines, but according to Troy I was in too many lines. That



was strike two.

I probably spent 30 minutes that day, texting, calling, Tweeting and trying to figure out this new system.

Nothing worked.

Users can also call their local branch to get in line, but the services are connected and I repeatedly received error messages and found no resolution by reaching out via social media.

This was no time saver.

The thought behind the program is this: You can go about your day while waiting for your turn to come. I was committed to making this a reality, but each day I encountered another problem.

Sensing a pattern of two- to three-hour wait times, I once texted at 9 a.m. to get an appointment around lunch time. It almost worked. I was told of a two-hour wait, but moments later received another text indicating I had reached the front of the line.

When users near the front of the line, they get a text from the SOS office which, in theory, is also helpful. But seconds later, I reached the front of the line and the series of updates from the SOS office had been useless. Strike three.

A full week after trying to align my visit to the Michigan SOS through its new system, I finally made it work, but barely. My window came sooner than I had anticipated and I had to repeatedly text for additional time.

When I arrived, I had a short wait and renewed my tabs seamlessly. But overall, the experience didn't necessarily save time, relieve frustration or improve my opinion of the SOS.

For others who have more weekday availability, the Text-In-Line program might be helpful. So too may be advanced appointment scheduling, as you can now schedule a visit up to 60 days in advance.

Jon Gunnells is a social and digital media manager for a Detroit-based marketing agency. He can be reached at Jonathan.Gunnells@gmail.com.

City of Novi Public Hearing Notice

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Zoning Board of Appeals for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, November 10, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Council Chambers of the Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider:

SZOSTEK (CASE NO. PZ15-0036), RYAN & LINDSAY SZOSTEK, 1310 EAST LAKE DRIVE, WEST OF NOVI ROAD AND SOUTH OF 14 MILE ROAD, PARCEL #: 50-22-02-151-033 The applicant is requesting variances from the City of Novi, Code of Ordinances; Section 3.1.5 (d) to allow construction of a new third floor living area addition with an attic (living area) addition over the existing footing on an existing nonconforming lakefront parcel: 1) a variance of 4.83 feet in the required south side yard setback (10 feet required, 5.17 feet proposed); 2) a variance of 0.5 stories of building height (2.5 stories permitted, 3 stories proposed); and 3) a variance from Section 4.19.1G of 5.0 feet for the required separation distance from detached accessory building (10.0 feet required, 5.0 feet proposed).

OAKLAND FLEX ACADEMY (CASE NO. PZ15-0039), IMAGE 360 ON BEHALF OF OAKLAND FLEX TECH ACADEMY, 24245 KARIM BLVD, NORTH OF TEN MILE ROAD AND WEST OF HAGGERTY ROAD, PARCEL #: 50-22-24-476-019 The applicant is requesting variances from the City of Novi, Code of Ordinances, Section 28-5(3) to allow a second sign (single wall sign allowed in OS-1, Office Service District). The proposed sign is a 32 square foot monument sign.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 2015

To the qualified Electors of the Township of Northville, County of Wayne, notice is hereby given that a Special Election will be held in the Township of Northville on **Tuesday, November 3, 2015** from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of voting on the following proposals:

**Schoolcraft Community College District
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The full text of the ballot proposal may be obtained at the administrative offices of Schoolcraft Community College District, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia, Michigan 48152-2696, telephone: (734) 462-4400.

A "sample" of the Special Election ballot is available at the Northville Township's Clerk's department and on the township's website: www.twp.northville.mi.us

Statement as Required by Act 278 of Public Acts of 1965
Amending the Property Tax Limitation Act
Wayne County, Michigan, Township of Northville

Taxing Authorities	Date of Election	Voted Increases	Year Increase Effective
County of Wayne	11/03/2009	1 mill	2019
Wayne County Jail	08/07/2012	1 mill	2021
Wayne County Parks	11/02/2010	0.25 mills	2015
Northville Public Schools	11/08/2011 05/05/2015	18 mills .9978	2021 non-homestead only 2020
Plymouth/Canton Schools	08/05/2014	18 mills	2024 (non-homestead only)
Northville Township	08/05/2014 08/05/2014 08/04/2009	5.575 mills .1176 mills .90 mills	2020 2020 2029

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Precincts 7 & 12	Meads Mill Middle School	16700 Franklin Rd.
Precincts 6 & 11	Winchester Elementary	16141 Winchester Dr.
Precincts 10 & 14	Ridge Wood Elementary	49775 Six Mile Rd.
Precinct 5	Kings Mill Clubhouse	18120 Jamestown Circle
Precinct 16	Northville Township Hall	44405 Six Mile Road

All polling locations are accessible for voters with disabilities.

The Township Clerk's office, located at Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48168, will be open from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Saturday, October 31, 2015 for the purpose of obtaining an absentee ballot. The **deadline** to receive applications for ballots to be mailed is 2 p.m. Saturday, October 31, 2015.

Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk
Charter Township of Northville

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NEWSMAKERS

Manor of Novi nurse honored

Manor of Novi, a Ciena Healthcare skilled nursing center, is home to this year's Health Care Association of Michigan Certified Evaluated Nursing Assistant of the Year award recipient, Yvette Purofoy. She accepted her award at a luncheon Sept. 15 during HCAM's annual convention, held this year in Detroit.

"Receiving this award is a beautiful honor. This is work I really enjoy doing," said Purofoy, a

resident of Detroit. "I love taking care of the residents and working with the wonderful group of people at Manor of Novi. This is my home away from home."

As a certified evaluated nursing assistant, Purofoy takes care of the residents' daily living activities.

She has spent her entire career at Manor of Novi and will celebrate her 19th year at the center in November. Her passion for this chosen career path began after taking care of an aunt, who had suf-

fered a stroke and needed full-time care. It was through this experience that Purofoy found her calling.

Lisa Berthold, administrator of Manor of Novi, nominated Purofoy as the CENA of the Year.

"At the Manor of Novi, we live by the motto, 'Customer service is our No. 1 goal,'" she said. "Yvette embodies and delivers this message everyday. She truly has genuine compassion for the residents' she cares for, as well as their families. She is the ultimate professional."

BBB warns college students of fake phone scam

BBB Eastern Michigan has gotten a recent influx of students and/or their parents calling to report that they've received a phone call from someone claiming to be a government entity threatening to arrest them for money owed.

How the scam works

A college student will receive a phone call from someone claiming to be a part of the local police, the Internal Revenue Service or another government entity. They state that the student owes money for an arrest warrant, unpaid student loans, unpaid federal or state taxes or even immigration issues. The caller tells the student to send money via a transferring service, prepaid

card or through their direct bank account to avoid jail time.

The scammers are even using the legitimate phone numbers of the government entity they claim to be. They are using technology that spoofs the caller ID to reflect the phone number of law enforcement or other government entities.

Students who believe they have been a victim of any of these scams or have questions regarding the legitimacy of a phone call they receive can contact BBB Eastern Michigan at 248-223-9400 or their local police agency.

The BBB offers tips to protect yourself:

» Never give your bankcard or compromise

your bank account's security.

» Be cautious when clicking on any link that will take you to another site. Look up the address of the site you are interested in and type in the address yourself.

» Never give out your password, PIN or Social Security number.

» Do not give out financial information over the phone to someone that has contacted you.

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Ready for a career change? Consider carefully.

BY MATT TARPEY
CAREERBUILDER

Making a career shift is no small decision, and that fact alone is enough to paralyze many workers. The first hurdle in changing careers is recognizing the signs that it might be your best option.

So how do you know that it's time for a career change? Here are some of the most important factors to consider.

Decide whether it's time to go.

We all have days when getting out of bed and heading into work is a miserable ordeal. But when that becomes the norm, and the negatives start to outweigh the positive aspects that keep you coming back, it may be time for a change.

"There are certain indicators that let you know you're ready for a change in career. Most common is when you become disheartened within your job, usually because you've grown sick of performing the same sort of duties year after year," says Howard Davies, a senior career expert at Resume Writer Direct. "This feeling can be compounded by a limit in your prospects for upward mobility or promotion, or that your lifestyle demands more than what your job provides you, e.g., your family has grown and you need greater earning power."

Answer the call.

Of course, dissatisfaction with your current job isn't the only reason a career change may be necessary. While an unhappy working experience may



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push you in that direction, passion is equally motivating.

"A more positive indicator that you are ready for a career change is when you have an ever-growing desire to pursue an occupation closely tied to an interest or passion of yours," Davies says. "The desire to help people in need, for example, may lead you to a career working within a charity or non-profit organization, or perhaps in nursing."

Look before you leap.

Between recognizing that it's time for a change and actually taking that leap, you need to understand what that shift may look like. Most importantly, you

need to objectively consider whether the new career you're eyeing is a good fit.

"You can do this by taking a career assessment tool to see if your interests, skills and work styles match," says Joanie B. Connell, founder and president of Flexible Work Solutions, a consulting firm that specializes in leadership assessment, development and retention. "You can look online at O*NET descriptions of jobs in the field of interest to see the details of what skills and environment the job entails."

Take a test drive.

Once you've done a little background research, it's time to get some hands-

on experience. Talk to people in the industry to get a feel for what their days are like. You can also take classes related to the field you're interested in to get more acquainted with the work, expand your network and, of course, improve relevant skills.

Modify your job search.

Making a career change will likely require you to modify your job search technique a bit.

"Once you're sure it's something you want to attempt, you should update your resume with this objective in mind. Think about any parallels between your current experience and the required skill set in your new career," says Biron Clark, a technical recruiter and the founder of CareerSidekick.com.

"You need to highlight these on your resume, cover letter and in any interviews you receive. Changing careers isn't easy, but it's possible if you recognize that companies are usually looking for candidates that have relevant experience and can make an immediate impact," he says.

Being ready for a career change is about more than simply being dissatisfied with your current work environment. But with a solid understanding of your own motivations and a well-thought-out plan, there's no reason you can't put yourself on a more satisfying career path.

Matt Tarpey is a writer for the Advice & Resources section on CareerBuilder.com. He researches and writes about job search strategy, career management, hiring trends and workplace issues.

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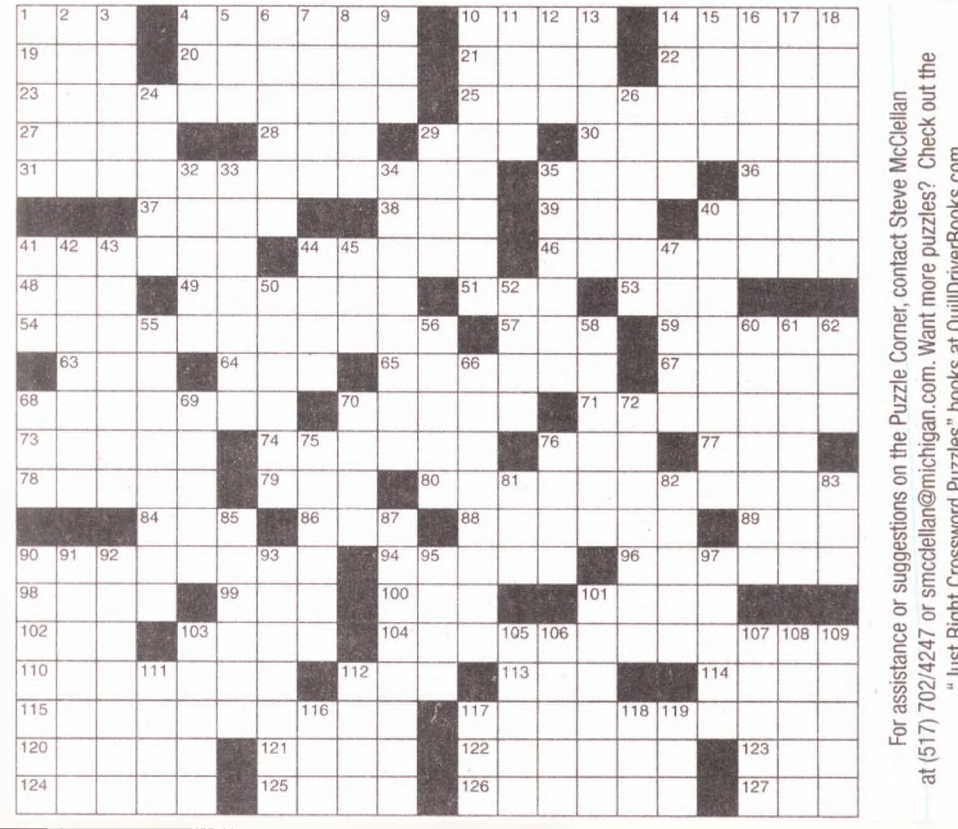
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Car Report

As Self-Driving Approaches, GM and Germans Are Taking the Lead



By Dale Buss

General Motors CEO Mary Barra has been trying to change the discussion away from the company's ignition-switch recall debacle last year, and Volkswagen's

current role as the auto industry's biggest bogeyman certainly has helped her cause.

But recently Barra underscored her plans to emphasize GM's chops in autonomous-driving technology to ensure that GM is seen as a top-tier car company

driving features over the past few years, such as lane departure warning systems.

But when it comes to advanced autonomous-vehicle features of the future, about all it has revealed is that Cadillac is working on a "Super Cruise" system that will ease the workload for drivers on highways, and that it will be testing a fleet of self-driving 2016 Chevrolet Volts among employees at the Warren Technical Center campus next year.

"GM's gambit might be seen not only as a short-term PR move to talk about something other than ignition switches," opined the newspaper, "but more significantly, it's the first time traditional corporate America has

mistakes of its self-driven cars of the future—and asserting that all of his peers should make the same pledge.

Liability issues are widely seen as one of the biggest speed bumps in the rollout of truly autonomous vehicles, so Samuelsson's statement drew great interest.

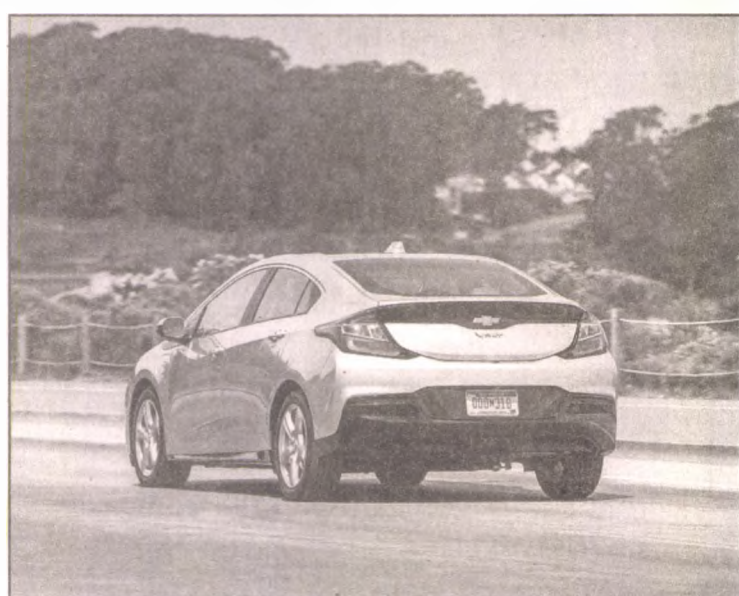
"We are liable for everything the car is doing in autonomous mode," Samuelsson said at an appearance in Washington, D.C. "If you are not ready to make such a statement, you shouldn't try to develop an autonomous system."

Still, one major area of differentiation is that unlike tech companies, many car companies would like to preserve a significant amount of driver control even over nominally autonomous vehicles. Given the hundreds of billions of dollars that have been invested by carmakers in providing and promoting the thrill and independence of driving over the decades—especially by performance and luxury brands—such a concern is highly understandable.

For example, Christian Feist, development engineer for Audi for what the brand calls "piloted driving," told DigitalTrends.com. "There's always going to be some kind of human interaction."

And referring to factors such as inclement weather and poor digital connectivity, Motor Trend contributor Charlie Vogelheim told Geekwire, "There is an infinite number of decisions we make while driving that the self-driving cars still need to learn about."

Another obstacle for autonomous driving is sticker shock: Consumers may



The 2016 Chevrolet Volt.

demonstrate great reluctance to pay what it costs to put a truly self-driven vehicle on the road, research by Boston Consulting Group suggests.

Yet the closer and more technologically feasible autonomous driving gets, the bigger its bandwagon becomes. CBS's influential news flagship 60 Minutes recently broadcast a report that generally praised the possibilities for self-driven cars soon and highlighted the chops of both Mercedes-Benz and Google in their progress toward making it a reality.

Meanwhile, Toyota unveiled its own new initiative to launch various automated-driving technologies including a test of the ability of a car to merge onto highways and even change lanes by itself, pledging to have systems based on such technologies in use by 2020.

A new evaluation of autonomous vehicle development by auto companies only—not including Google—by Navigant

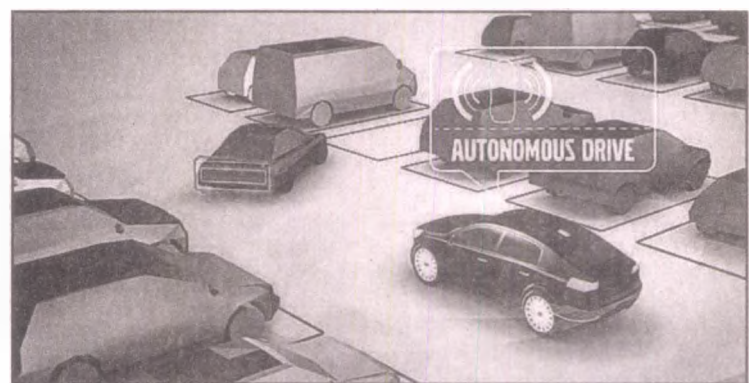
Research found that Mercedes-Benz and Audi are No. 1 and No. 2 "leaders" in the industry, followed by BMW—and General Motors. In a pack of automakers called "contenders," Volvo is first, followed by Ford, Toyota and Honda.

And a "Challengers" category is headed by Volkswagen, followed by Nissan and Jaguar Land Rover.

Tesla ranks only No. 4 in the "Challengers" category, but that didn't stop breathless media attention to the announcement of features for an upcoming software upgrade of Model S that Tesla CEO Elon Musk packaged and calls "Autopilot."

But Musk himself took pains to note that full "hands-off" driving will not be recommended with Autopilot.

"We're being especially cautious at this stage so we're advising drivers to keep their hands on the wheel just in case," he told reporters at Tesla's Silicon Valley headquarters.



and to combat the perception that digital-tech companies such as Google will own the self-driving vehicle of the near future.

Barra told USA Today that she believes GM is "among the leaders" in the development of self-driving cars, though she conceded that "a lot of efforts [are] confidential." The company has rolled out various automated-

called phoey on Silicon Valley's exclusive ability to deliver the future."

Other automotive CEOs, too, are attempting to use their companies' self-driving initiatives to leapfrog the competition. Volvo CEO Hakan Samuelsson, for instance, made waves recently by saying his company would assume safety and legal liability for the

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