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Novi Health & Wellness Fair Oct. 10

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Each fair goer will receive a Know Your Numbers personal data tracker to track numbers, such as blood pressure. Attendees will also have the opportunity to enter the Don't Gamble With Your Health grand prize drawing with a chance to win a trip for two to see Brenda Lee at the Soaring Eagle Casino and Resort, donated by Rybicki Tours.

The flu shot clinic is available for adults and children on a first-come/first-served basis. The flu shot price is \$25 without insurance or no cost with Medicare Part B, Medicare Advantage, Blue Care Network, HAP, Priority Plus and Health Care Plus.



Urban Scholars were considered based on their contribution to agriculture and food education in cities with populations greater than 30,000. Winners visited the state Capitol on Sept. 24 where they were recognized for their achievements by both the Senate, courtesy of Sen. Mike Kowall, and the House of Representatives, courtesy of Rep. Kathy Crawford.

Michigan State Fair attendance jumps 22%

2015 event returns more than \$400,000 to community organizations

Nancy Phares
Correspondent

Fair skies and warm summer days helped boost attendance for the 2015 Fifth Third Bank Michigan State Fair, which posted significant gains, with more than 112,000 folks enjoying the expansion of the fairgrounds at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi.

As a result, the state fair is returning more than \$400,000 in

contributions to a spectrum of community organizations, up from more than \$300,000 last year.

"We are deeply grateful for the enormous groundswell of community support and enthusiasm we are enjoying for the state fair, and delighted to be able to in turn provide financial support to nonprofit organizations across the Metro Detroit area," said Blair Bowman, owner of the Suburban Collection Showplace and Michigan State Fair, LLC.

The 22% overall increase in attendance was bolstered by much larger crowds each day of the four-day event as thousands

of Michigan families enjoyed the new Equine Pavilion presented by Ram Truck; the Ram Truck Test Drive Experience; Honda ATV Test Track; a larger Shrine Circus presented by Bright House Networks; and larger Arnold Amusements Midway.

It all spread across the 43 acres the Suburban Collection Showplace has acquired since 2013 to accommodate the growth of the Michigan State Fair. Inside the show hall, livestock, home arts and agriculture exhibits also increased by nearly 25%.

The Children's Charity State Fair Preview Party on Sept. 3

drew an estimated 5,500 Michigan family members involved with local nonprofit organizations such as the Rainbow Connection, Make-A-Wish Foundation, Special Olympics and Shriners Children's Hospitals, as well as active military and veterans. This year, the state fair made a broader community outreach for this invitation-only, free event, and welcomed roughly 30% more fair goers than last year.

Urban and Rural Agriculture Scholarship awards increased from \$20,000 in 2014 to \$40,000 for 2015, with a total of 51 recipi-

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State Rep. Crawford honored at mParks Hall of Fame ceremony

Dennis O'Connor
Correspondent

State Rep. Kathy Crawford, R-38th District, is a now a Hall of Famer.

The freshman representative, who is well known as a pioneer and trailblazer of programs and services for older adults, is one of eight new inductees into the 2015 mParks Hall of Fame.

Crawford was honored at the Hall of Fame Banquet and Induction Ceremony, hosted by mParks (formerly the Michigan Recreation and Park Association), at the Summit on the Park in Canton Township on Oct. 1.

"I am truly humbled by this incredible honor," said Crawford, whose district includes Novi, Novi Township, South Lyon, Lyon Township, Walled Lake and the Oakland County

portion of the city of Northville. "So many thanks must go to all my friends and associates at mParks. It was a night that I will never forget."

Crawford is a first-term state representative, after serving her native city of Novi for the past seven years as an Oakland County commissioner and Novi City Council member.

Recreation background

But Crawford's political career evolved after more than 30 years of public service as a recreational professional and leader in the field of seniors and aging.

Crawford's public service began in Oakland County, where she directed programming for more than 30 senior

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Zinser promoted to Novi's assistant chief of police

During a promotion ceremony held last week, Lt. Erick Zinser was promoted to the rank of assistant chief of police.

The assistant chief of police position became available with the pending retirement of Victor Lauria who accepted a full-time teaching position at Madonna University after nearly 27 years of service to the City of Novi.

Zinser began his career with the Novi Police Department in 1998 after serving for seven years with the Mackinac Island Police where he attained the rank of lieutenant. He graduated from Ferris State University with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice in 1990 and Eastern Michigan University in 2013 with a mas-

ter's degree in technology studies with a concentration in homeland security and emergency management.

During his tenure with the Novi Police Department, Zinser has held numerous assignments, including serving as a patrol sergeant, field training officer, range instructor, and detective in the General Services Division where he was assigned DARE and Crime Prevention duties.

Zinser leads the annual "Shop with a Hero" and "Shop with a Cop" programs with Novi Youth Assistance and the Novi Fire Department to ensure area youth have presents to open during the holiday season. He also plans the emergency preparedness and response plans for the Fifth Third Michigan State Fair.

Zinser earned six Unit Citations, three Merit Citations and a Leadership Award throughout

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Zinser

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PROMOTION

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his career.

"I am honored to have the opportunity to appoint Lt. Zinser to the position of assistant chief of police," said Novi Director of Public Safety and Chief of Police David E. Molloy. "We are very fortunate to have him as a member of our team and a part of the Novi community. He continually demonstrates extraordinary leadership, a strong commitment to teamwork and is dedicated to the mission, vision, and values of the Novi police and fire departments. I have every confidence he will embrace his responsibilities and look forward to working with him in his new assignment."

HONORED

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centers through the Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency, an organization that also employed Crawford to manage and train staff to provide a variety of programs for low-income families in Oakland County.

Crawford, well known as a public servant, then served as Novi's first Senior Citizen director, where she created an inclusive, comprehensive program for older adults that featured transportation, social services, fitness opportunities, special events, performing groups, and more. While in Novi, Crawford conceptualized, developed, planned and implemented the community's first senior center.

The facility was the first city-sponsored, affordable housing for



State Rep. Kathy Crawford, second from left, celebrates her induction into the mParks Hall of Fame with Novi's current Older Adult Services Manager Karen Kapchonick, left, former Older Adult Services Manager Rachel Zagaroli and Novi Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Jeff Muck.

older adults.

Over the years, Crawford, has planned park and recreation programming on local, state, and national levels. She was one of the first senior directors to become cer-

tified in the state of Michigan.

A champion for seniors and services for the aging, she has served on numerous community organizations and committees; was involved in

the Senior Committee of mParks; was a frequent guest speaker at workshops and conferences; and was appointed to attend a White House Conference on Aging.

Crawford, who is a professional speaker and a programming master, retired from the City of Novi in 2004 to start her own business. She authored several resources for senior center directors, and released a travel memoir, *Two Broads Aboard*.

She began her political career serving on the Novi City Council in 2007, and in 2010 was elected to the Oakland County Commission where she served until her 2014 election to the Michigan House of Representatives. As a legislator, Crawford continues to advocate for parks, recreation, and senior services. She serves on numerous committees, including Health Policy and Families, Children and Seniors.

Crawford has continued her advocacy on behalf of the field as a friend to mParks and the recreation profession. Earlier this year, she co-hosted a luncheon that connected parks and recreation professionals with state legislators,

designed to inform senators and representatives of the benefits of parks and recreation.

Many kudos

An honorary lifetime member of Optimist International, Crawford has been honored with the City of Novi's Outstanding Citizen and Distinguished Service Awards; the State of Michigan Minutemen Award; the Michigan Governor's Award; Rotary Foundation's Paul Harris Fellow Award; the Optimist Club's Honor Club Citation Award; the mParks Program Leadership And Innovative Programming Awards; was named Business and Professional Woman of the Year; and is an honoree on the City of Novi's Walk of Fame.

The Novi Parks and Recreation Foundation's Volunteer Award was named after her and her husband, Hugh Crawford. It became an annual award in 2006.

Crawford's introduction into the Hall of Fame was highlighted by three speeches from:

» Jeff Muck, Novi's director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services;

» Carla Scruggs, Saline's Parks and Recreation director and mParks' Awards Committee chair; and

» Marilyn Troshak, business manager at Miracle Midwest, which supplies outdoor recreation products and services; and former deputy director for Novi Parks and Recreation.

Kathy and Hugh Crawford have been married for 51 years. They have three grown children, Doug, Amy and Kelly; and four grandchildren, Alexis, Devin, Mya and Amina.

Kathy and Hugh were baptized and married at the Novi Methodist Church, now located on Beck just south of 10 Mile.

Many choices



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Yvonne and Larry Teevens check out the reading options at the Novi Public Library on Sept. 22. The Teevens said though they have a library card for the Northville District Library, that Novi's was one they liked to visit as well and check out materials from.

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Kowall's event honoring Vietnam era vets

Michigan Senate Majority Floor Leader Mike Kowall is sponsoring an event honoring veterans of the Vietnam War era on the Capitol lawn noon to 3 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 8. Kowall encourages his constituents and all interested Michiganders to attend.

"On behalf of the great state of Michigan, we are doing what should have been done decades ago: thanking and honoring our Vietnam veterans and their families for their service and sacrifice," said Kowall, R-White Lake. "May it be a public 'thank you' and 'welcome home' for many who have waited too long to hear it."

Twenty-five historical stations will be displayed on the north and south lawns for event attendees to visit.

The major sponsors of the event are Vietnam Veterans of America



COURTESY PHOTO

The Michigan Says Thanks planning committee and Capitol facilities staff met at the state Capitol over the summer to organize the Oct. 8 Michigan Says Thanks event at the Capitol, honoring veterans of the Vietnam War era. Shown, left to right, back, are Paul Chardoul, U.S. Navy Reserve; Jack Devine, U.S. Air Force; Capitol Facilities Manager Dan Brocklehurst; retired U.S. Army Capt. Jim Dunn, deputy director of the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency; MVAA Senior Policy Adviser Jason Allen, Army National Guard; front, Barb Thumudo, Capitol Facilities; Library of Michigan reference librarian Diane Donham, Michigan Department of Education; District Director Lynn O'Brien, Office of Senate Majority Floor Leader Mike Kowall; Richard Tooker, military historian; and retired U.S. Navy Capt. Rob Deane.

Detroit Chapter 9, Michigan Association of Broadcasters, Domino's Pizza, and Breitung Township Traveling Memorial.

Michigan Says Thanks will highlight the service of the armed forces during the Vietnam War and the contributions of Vietnam War era families, and it will pay tribute to

the contributions made on the home front by the people of the United States during the war.

A lapel-pinning ceremony will be held throughout the event. Volunteers from the United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration will fasten lapel pins on veterans who served during the Vietnam War era, between Nov. 1, 1955, and May 15, 1975, regardless of location.

"The symbolism attached to the Vietnam veteran lapel pins is significant," Kowall said. "The Commemoration honors all Vietnam veterans, whether they served in-country, in-theater, or were stationed elsewhere during the Vietnam War period. All were called to serve and the overwhelming majority of these veterans served honorably and admirably."

Walled Lake student threatens to 'shoot up' school

Katrease Stafford
Gannett Michigan

A Walled Lake Northern High School student could face charges after he told his friends he was going to "shoot up the school" on Monday.

The Walled Lake Northern High School Liaison Deputy was contacted around 4 p.m. on Friday by the school principal who said the 16-year-old junior had threatened to shoot up the school in a text message, according to a news release from the Oakland County Sheriff's Office.

The liaison contacted the teen's parents and arranged for them to bring him to the Oakland County Sheriff's Office's Commerce Township substation.

The teen, a West Bloomfield Township

resident, was interviewed with his parents' permission and said he was just joking around with his friends. According to the release, the teen said he knew he shouldn't have "done that" and that he had no intentions of shooting up the school.

Several other students were also interviewed, according to the release. A juvenile court referee was notified and told deputies to release the teen to his parents, pending review and possible charges.

The teen's threat came a day after a gunman, 26-year-old Chris Harper Mercer, opened fire inside a classroom at a rural Oregon community college last Thursday, killing nine people before committing suicide, authorities said.

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ents. The scholarship programs are made possible through the support of fair sponsors Bright House Networks, C.F. Burger Creamery, Fifth Third Bank, the Detroit Shriners, Kroger of Michigan and Guernsey Farms Dairy.

Michigan State Fair Gold Ribbon Scholarship recipients had all received at least one blue ribbon from their local county fair, and were also reviewed on the basis of their academic and community involvement. Urban Scholars were considered based on their contribution to agriculture and food education in cities with populations greater than 30,000.

The Fifth Third Bank Michigan State Fair Superstar Competition welcomed its second grand prize winner over the weekend, Carly Bins, 16, of Northville. It also launched the debut EP from 2014 Superstar Alison Albrecht of Birmingham, who signed autographs for several hundred well-wishers at an event on the Midway Friday evening.

New for 2015

A new Honored Citizens Day program and activities debuted on Sept. 4, welcoming all those 65 and older to the fair free of charge and providing box lunches and refreshments, courtesy of St. John's Providence Health Systems. Buses ferrying seniors from across southeast Michigan queued up outside the Suburban Collection Showplace, and generations of Michigan families enjoying the fair together were also very much in evidence.

The Honored Michigan Citizens for 2015 were Marv Gans, Northville; Florence Baptist, Novi; Marion Cowan, Northville; and Barb Lewis, Novi. The grand prize for best essay describing a Michigan State Fair memory was award-

URBAN AGRICULTURE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Christopher Lara, Cadillac Urban Garden, Southwest Detroit; Paulina Torres-Guzman, Cadillac Urban Garden, Southwest Detroit; Diego Barajas, Cadillac Urban Garden, Southwest Detroit; Heather Gregory, Tollgate Farms, Novi; Gwendolyn Klenke, Sun, Water & Seeds 4-H Club, Novi; Alana Hutka, Sun, Water & Seeds 4-H Club, Novi; Aaron Hutka, Sun, Water & Seeds 4-H Club, Novi; Ethan Bush, Sun, Water & Seeds 4-H Club, Farmington Hills; Declan Bush, Sun, Water & Seeds 4-H Club, Farmington Hills; Susanna Khanuk, Sun, Water & Seeds 4-H Club, Novi; Tyler Chatman, Earthworks, Detroit; Anthony Morgan, Earthworks, Detroit; Aalia Muhammad, Earthworks, Detroit; Danzy Family Youth, Earthworks, Detroit; Chelsea Best, Putnam Community Garden, Pinckney; Tierra Modock, Brightmoor Youth Garden, Detroit; Alkesha Griffin, Oakland Avenue Urban Farm, Detroit; May Nixon, Oakland Avenue Urban Farm, Detroit; Christopher Griffin, Oakland Avenue Urban Farm, Detroit; Carlee Brown, Oakland Avenue Urban Farm, Detroit; Jade Mathis, Oakland Avenue Urban Farm, Detroit; My'Kel Allix, Ohana Gardens, Highland Park; Destiny Sills, Ohana

ed to Judith Lewis Hansel of Canton.

Two new fair features also launched on Sept. 7. The First State Fair Parade along Grand River in Novi welcomed more

than 350 participants from across Southeast Michigan, anchored by the Detroit Shriners' mobile brigade. The Michigan Mega Jam, presented by the Metro Times,

Gardens, Highland Park; Anna Measom, Springwater; and Lane Garden, West Bloomfield.

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offered an All-Star band of luminaries paying tribute to decades of Michigan hits, including Jill Jack, Thornetta Davis, Nadir Omowale, Tosha Owens, Sean

Blackman, Brandon Calhoun, Caleb Gutierrez, Jorg Kerasiotis, Steffanie Christi'an and Alison Albrecht, backed by St. Cecilia (Todd Glass, James Simonson and

Brett Lucas) with guest Chris Codish on keyboards, along with Dezi Magby, DJ Psycho of the Detroit Techno Militia.

Steve Masters, executive director of the Michigan State Fair, reflected on the successful 2015 event: "With the addition of the new fair features, restoration of beloved events from the past, boost in attendance that we have enjoyed, along with the significant increases in the number of commercial vendors, home arts, livestock and agricultural exhibits, we are well on the way to establishing a new model and growth trajectory for the 21st century state fair that is inclusive and relevant, and that celebrates agriculture, small business and family, plus all the great advantages that come from living in Michigan."

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U.S. Army recognizes WL Central Marching Band members

The Walled Lake Consolidated School District congratulated Namrata Kadambi, Walled Lake Central Color Guard; Victoria Clements, Walled Lake Central Color Guard; and Madison Stump, Walled Lake Central Marching Band Clarinet, on their selection to the 2016 U.S. Army All-American Marching Band.

Their selections were based solely on her audition; recommendations were not considered during the selection process.

"These three young women are highly deserving of the All-American status that they have earned," said Dave Rog-

ers, Walled Lake Central band director. "They are some of the finest people I know and this honor is a reflection of that."

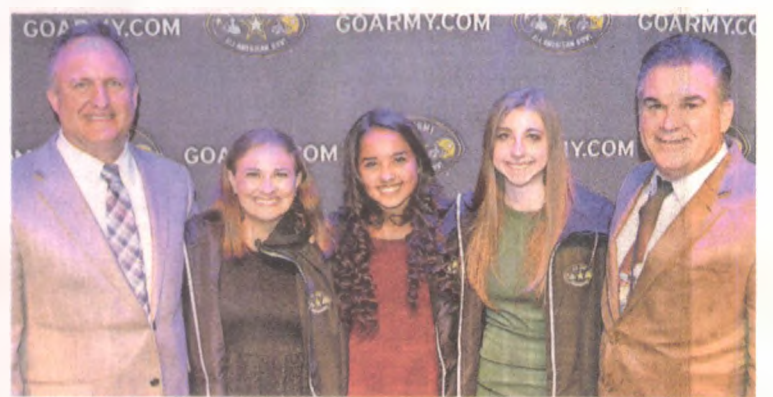
They will be performing with the rest of the U.S. Army All-American Marching Band members on Jan. 9, 2016, at the Alamodome in San Antonio, Texas, during halftime of the U.S. Army All-American Bowl.

Kadambi is the daughter of Jyothi and Srinath Kadambi. Her goals are to attend the University of Michigan to study medicine. While at WL Central, she was involved in Winter Guard, Tennis and National Honor Society.

Clements is the daughter of

Christine Lussier and Adrian Clements. Her goals are to attend Columbia University to study journalism and political science. While at WL Central, she was involved in Winter Guard, Model United Nations, French Club, Student Council, Environmental Club and National Honor Society.

Stump is the daughter of Danya and Jason Stump. Her goals are to attend Bowling Green State University to study music performance and psychology. While at WL Central, she was involved in Pit Orchestra, French Club and National Honor Society.



COURTESY PHOTO

Shown, left to right, are David Rogers, WL Central band director; Madison Stump, WLC Marching Band; Namrata Kadambi, WL Central Marching Band; Victoria Clements, WL Central Marching Band; and Charles Morgan, WL Central principal.

Music program proudly represents Novi High School

I was first chair trumpet in the ninth-grade band at Monroe Junior High School. I enjoyed band. However, I was not overly fond of practice and soon found myself challenged by another student for the first chair designation. I lost the challenge and found myself moved back in the trumpet section.

I quickly found a solution to the problem. Did I practice more and issue a challenge to the new first chair? Of course not! I switched to baritone. There were no baritones in that ninth-grade band until I switched. After my switch to baritone, I once again found myself first chair.

My band experiences flooded back to me this past weekend when I attended the 25th Fanfare at Novi High School. Fanfare is Novi High School's event in the Michigan Competing Bands Association fall calendar. This year, 12 bands plus Novi High School were on hand to compete in four divisions. Novi High School's band, as the host, could play and



Steve Matthews
 GUEST COLUMNIST

receive feedback but was not entered in the competition.

I have learned that marching band requires a high degree of commitment. Before school begins, those that participate in marching band are hard at work.

The drum majors began their work just after school ended last year by attending a camp just for them. Here they learned leadership skills plus specific skills needed for being a drum major.

Band camp was the first week of August. Over 150 students participated in camp which lasted all day and into the evening. The culminating event of band camp was a performance of their competitive show on Saturday.

Then the band started their regular fall practice schedule of meeting two nights a week

to continue practicing their show and preparing for the marching band season. The marching band competitive schedule runs eight weeks. Over 80 bands from across the state participate in the Michigan Competing Bands Association. The goal is to qualify for the state finals held every year at Ford Field in Detroit.

In addition to their evening practice schedule, band members also attend band class each day of the week. Here they work with Mark Hourigan, our outstanding band teacher, to learn the music and hone their skills.

The high school band cannot be successful without the effort of band teachers in the lower grades. Evan Blanchard, Novi Middle School band teacher, and Kristen Hurd and Alec Cooper, band teachers at Novi Meadows, provide excellent band instruction for our students in grades fifth through eighth. Ainsley Lengerich and Mary Sorensen, choir teacher at Novi Meadows, also provide band instruc-

Our marching band would not be successful without the parents and community members who support the band and who belong to the Novi Band Boosters.

tion as needed. These teachers prepare students to be successful when they reach high school so that our students can step right into the marching band.

Our marching band would not be successful without the parents and community members who support the band and who belong to the Novi Band Boosters. These wonderful volunteers help organize band camp, transport equipment, help set up each show, and, most importantly, listen as their children practice at home.

Last Saturday was windy and cold. I had on gloves and a stocking hat as I watched Fanfare. Yet, despite the weather, each band took to the field and

provided a wonderful show. I was once again impressed by the performance of the Novi High School band as the Color Guard and band completed a memorable performance.

Novi High School band students should be proud of their effort and their performance. Their commitment to the marching band is wonderful to see.

My band experience pales next to these wonderfully committed students. I am proud that they represent Novi High School.

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

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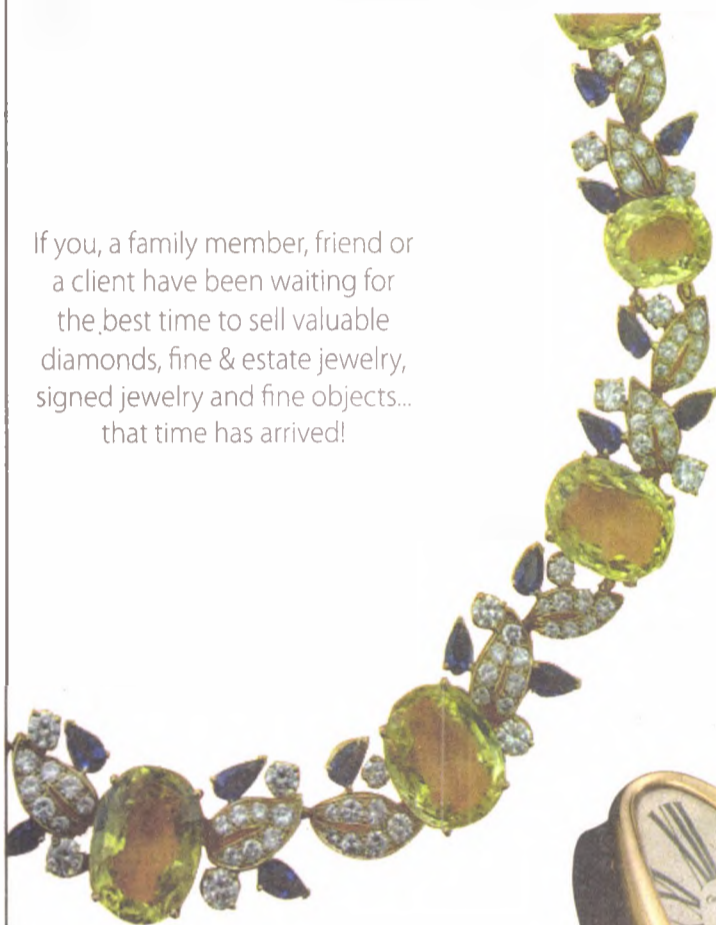
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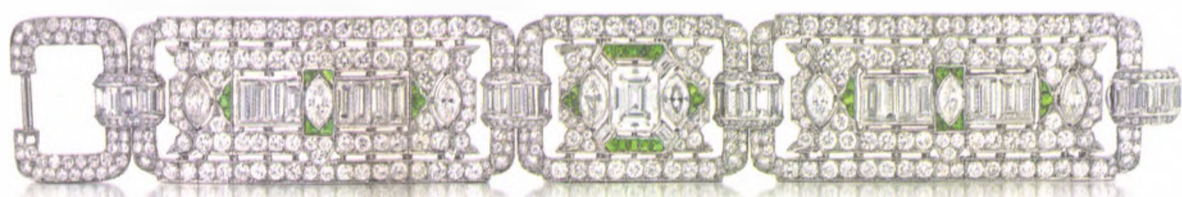
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Schoolcraft tax plan aims to combat huge money losses

Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Schoolcraft College, reeling from a \$29 million revenue loss that officials say threatens the school's ability to improve, has pinned its hopes on a tax-hike proposal voters will decide in the Nov. 3 election.

The owner of a \$200,000 home would pay \$60 more a year if the 0.6-mill, 10-year tax proposal wins approval from Schoolcraft voters who live in the Plymouth-Canton, Livonia, Northville, Garden City and Clarenceville school

districts. It would generate about \$8 million a year.

James Fausone, a Schoolcraft trustee and Canton resident, said the Livonia-based college lost \$29 million over seven years amid plunging property values and a bruising economic downturn that has begun to ease, though its harmful effects remain.

Schoolcraft officials are hopeful voters will support a college district that last asked for a tax increase 29 years ago — and got it. They say the new tax is crucial to staving off potential cuts to

student programs, staffing levels, building repairs and technology advances.

"It's not just about throwing money at it," Fausone said. "It's about doing it right."

His remarks came during a sparsely attended public forum Tuesday at the Canton Public Library as officials take the tax plan on the road. Canton resident Antonio Calderoni said he supports the ballot measure because he personally has a friend and a relative who attended Schoolcraft programs that boosted their careers.

"Your school caters to working people," he told Fausone and Glenn Cerny, Schoolcraft's vice president and chief financial officer.

To that end, the college has expanded its skilled trade and advanced manufacturing programs such as biomedical engineering technology, welding, metallurgy and materials science and plastic technology.

"These are skilled jobs that pay well," Fausone said.

Officials say the college has sought to remain relevant by offering new programs such as a bachelor's degree in culinary arts and brewing and distillation studies, reflecting a burgeoning Michigan craft beer scene.

Among the highlights of Tuesday's forum:

» Cerny said it is projected Schoolcraft needs to invest \$48 million during the next 10 years for building improvements, some of them long delayed amid budget constraints.

» Before asking for a tax increase, Fausone said Schoolcraft already slashed spending by \$5 million by adopting a four-year employee wage freeze ending in 2012, along with buyouts, eliminating some administrative positions and reducing utility costs.

» Officials pledged to continue seeking cost-cutting measures without raising tuition beyond the cost of living.

» Fausone said 85 percent of Schoolcraft graduates stay in Michigan and account for \$511.4 million in annual



Schoolcraft College is requesting a 0.6-mill tax increase in the Nov. 3 election.

regional income: "That investment stays local."

» Fausone said the tax, if approved, will be used for purposes such as expanding science, technology, engineering and math, or STEM, programs and partnerships with universities, K-12 districts and businesses. The college also hopes to create a new financial aid plan aimed at reducing student debt.

» Officials tout Schoolcraft as a leader in public safety training, including 2,200 police academy recruits in 2015 alone, along with extensive firefighter training.

» Statistics compiled by Schoolcraft indicate the district's taxpayers paid \$22.1 million in 2014 — far less than Oakland, Macomb and Washtenaw community college districts, though, to be fair, Schoolcraft also has fewer residents.

» Officials say Schoolcraft has a higher percentage of students who graduate or transfer to predominantly four-year schools — 61 percent —

compared to other community college districts.

"We are better than every other Michigan community college at preparing students for their education and career goals," Fausone said, "and we do it more efficiently than all of our local competitors."

» Schoolcraft's enrollment has remained flat in recent years. Cerny said the college currently has about 12,000 students in its academic programs and 20,000 in continuing education courses.

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SCHOOL BRIEFS

Host families needed in Novi

The Novi school district participates through Oakland Schools in a Foreign Exchange Program with Educatius International for a select group of international students to join Novi High School for the 2015-16 school year. There is a need of host families for these students that can provide a private room, three meals a day and a supportive home environment.

To ensure that this initiative is a success, Educatius International is providing a monthly stipend to host families to offset the costs for hosting international student(s) into your home; depending on how many students, a referral bonus of \$100 to any individual that refers a family that hosts.

Contact Melanie Smith at Melanie.smith@educatius.org or 602-820-6642 or Susan Reinhardt at susan.reinhardt@educatius.org or 312-206-8749 for more information.

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The most recent graduates completing their degrees at the conclusion of the spring/summer 2015 semester in August include (Northville) Brendan J. Foley, B.B.A.; Natalie S. Lussier, B.A.; Alyssa A. Osterhoff, B.S.E.; (Novi) Courtney A. Blome, B.B.A.; Lisa M. Copeland, M.S.A.; Sara L. Johnston, B.B.A.; Kelsey A. Michals, D.P.T.; Garrett E. Murphy, B.S.; Ryan L. Winkler, B.A.; and Argyrios A. Zervos, B.B.A.



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Yankee Air Museum vows to reclaim Rosie world record

In March 2014, 776 women, children and even babies gathered at Willow Run Airport to claim the Guinness World Record for the largest gathering of women dressed as the iconic World War II poster girl Rosie the Riveter.

The record stood until Aug. 15 when 1,084 women gathered at the National Rosie the Riveter Park in Richmond, Calif., for the "Keep the Spirit of '45 Alive!" celebrations.

Inspired and challenged by the phenomenal result, the organizations of Willow Run are coming together to reclaim the world record and prove that Michigan is the physical and symbolic home of the original Rosie the Riveter.

The Michigan Aerospace Foundation, Yankee Air Museum, and Wayne County Airport Authority have announced that included in the effort to save part of the original Willow Run



FILE PHOTO

Eighteen original Rosies had front row seats for the official Guinness Book of World Records photo taken at Willow Run Airport in March 2014.

Bomber Plant, an attempt to reclaim a Guinness World Record will happen on Saturday, Oct. 24.

Co-chaired by U.S. Rep. Debbie Dingell, D-12th District, and Ypsilanti Township Supervisor Brenda Stumbo, the challenge will take place in Hangar 1 at Willow Run Airport, 801 Kirk Profit Dr.

"We are humbled yet thrilled that so many people in California came

out to honor the women of WWII by breaking our world record," said Kevin Walsh, executive director of the Yankee Air Museum. "Now we ask the women of Michigan to take pride in this historic local treasure and bring the record back home to Rosie's factory, because victory started here."

Sign-in will begin at 10 a.m. with the record setting photo to be taken at 2 p.m. Early arrival is

ROSIE RED ALERT

What: Yankee Air Museum's Save our record, Save our factory

Where: Hangar 1 of Willow Run Airport, 801 Kirk Profit Dr., Ypsilanti

When: Saturday, Oct. 24. Doors open at 10 a.m., registration ends at 1 p.m. Photo will be taken at 2 p.m. sharp.

What to wear: Red and white polka dot bandana, dark work clothes, red socks, dark work shoes or boots

Register: Sign up at www.SaveTheBomberPlant.org

encouraged due to an expected large turnout. There will be special guest speakers and entertainment throughout the day. The event is free and participants should register online at www.SaveTheBomberPlant.org. Costume instructions and recommendations also are available online.

"Michigan Aerospace Foundation, Yankee Air Museum, and the women

of Michigan are doing tremendous work to make sure that the Willow Run Bomber Plant in Ypsilanti Township is known worldwide as the home of Rosie the Riveter," said Michael Conway, director of public affairs for Wayne County Airport Authority. "Willow Run Airport and the Wayne County Airport Authority are excited to once again help sponsor the Rosies as they set out to reclaim the title as world champions."

According to Dennis Norton, president of the Michigan Aerospace Foundation, the Save the Bomber Plant campaign is well into the beginning stages of restoration of a significant part of the plant. He said the project demonstrates the resilience of the entire community.

"The March 2014 Rosie record helped focus millions of people on our effort and I look forward to being there when these women retake the

record and bring it back to Willow Run," said Norton. "There is widespread 'can do' optimism inspired by these ladies."

During World War II the Willow Run Bomber Plant produced 8,685 B-24 Liberator Bombers and employed more than 40,000 men and women. One of these was riveter Rose Will Monroe, more famously remembered as "Rosie the Riveter."

When the Save the Bomber Plant campaign reaches its next goal, estimated to be the end of 2017, the Yankee Air Museum will move from its current location on the east side of Willow Run Airport to the former bomber plant, and become known as the National Museum of Aviation and Technology.

Yankee Air Museum, located at Willow Run Airport, is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday. For more information, go online to www.yankeearmuseum.org.

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: DestinyW3C@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. began Sept. 27 - "Seeing Gray in a World of Black and White" by Adam Hamilton; 9:30 a.m. began Sept. 27 - "Who is This Man?" by John Ortberg; 7 p.m. began Sept. 29 - "Making Sense of the Bible"

Faith Community Presbyterian Church

Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile

Contact: 248-349-2345

Web: www.faithcommunity-novi.org

Young Worship: 10 a.m.

Bible Study: 9 a.m. Sunday - "Christianity - The First Three Centuries"

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

First Baptist Church of Northville

Location: 51395 10 Mile Road,

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,

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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: 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington

First United Methodist Church of Northville

Location: 777 W. Eight Mile, Northville

Contact: 248-349-1144

Web: www.fumcnorthville.org

Gluten-free Halloween Party: 6:30-9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23 - The Tri-County Celiac Support Group is hosting the event. Trunk or Treat setup begins at 6:30 and candy distribution from 7-8.

Please make sure that the candy you bring is gluten- and peanut-free. GF doughnuts and cider will be served in the church hall

along with children's games until 9. A dance party will be held from 8:15-9. The event is free for members; \$10 for non-member families. RSVP and questions can be directed to marci.faro@gmail.com or borgnes@aol.com.

Frank Turner Ministries

Location: Novi Civic Center 45175 W. 10 Mile Road

Contact: 810-599-7392

Web: www.FrankTurner.org

Sunday Gathering: 10 a.m. The Believers Congregation in Novi receives all desiring God's love, grace, healing and acceptance, regardless of faith background, gender identification or sexual orientation. The atmosphere is warm and loving. The attire is casual. Experience an entirely new way of sharing and receiving the love of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Location: 41415 Nine Mile, Novi

Contact: 248-349-0565

Sundays: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible study; 10 a.m. worship

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.; 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 Consecration Sunday, Nov. 8).

Judges: Superheroes or Real Leaders: 7 p.m. Tuesdays through Oct. 20 - Adult Education five-week series with Ritter leading the evening discussions in an exploration of Judges, a little known book in the Bible. The series will look at Samson, Gideon, Deborah and others whose stories include sex, violence, brutality and deceit. All are welcome to attend in the church's Christian Education wing. Come for a cup of coffee and discussion that is designed to let you learn, question and grow in faith. Participants are welcome to all or some of the discussions during the series.

Memorial Church of Christ

Location: 35475 Five Mile Road, Livonia

Minister: Mark McGilvrey

Web: www.5milechurch.org

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

Metropolitan Seventh-day Adventist Church

Location: 15585 N Haggerty Road, Plymouth

Contact: 734-420-3131

Web: www.metrosdachurch.org

Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. Saturday

Worship Service: 10:45 a.m. Saturday

Bible Study/Prayer: 7 p.m. Wednesday

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

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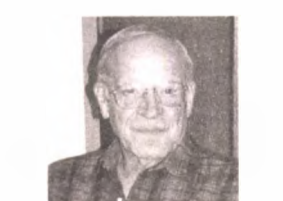
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DAVID, DAVID F.
August 11, 1927-September 29, 2015. L. J. Griffin Funeral Home-Northrop Sassaman Chapel.

DONALDSON, ELIZABETH
August 23, 1943 - September 30, 2015. Phillips Funeral Home, www.phillipsfuneral.com

GOMORI, BARNEY
August 11, 1926 - October 4, 2015. Arrangements by: PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME. www.phillipsfuneral.com

GRINAGER, JON MERRITT
A 35 year resident of Milford, passed away September 29, 2015 at the age of 74 from complications of Cancer and Alzheimers. He is survived by his sister, Jane Brown; brother, Bruce (Peggy) from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; six nieces, 10 grand-nieces and nephews. A Memorial service will be held Saturday, October 17, 11 a.m. at Hector & Jimmy's Restaurant in Milford. Memorials can be made to The Wounded Warriors Project, in his name.



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HEININGER, DANIEL PAUL
Age 19, passed away September 27, 2015. He was born on June 19, 1996 in Berrien Center, Michigan, son of Paul Barbara Heininger. Daniel was a post-secondary student at South Lyon High School where he was a member of the choir. He participated in Special Olympics Area 27 and was a proud 1st Degree Knight with the Knights of Columbus. Daniel is survived by his loving parents Paul and Barbara Heininger; his loving siblings: Eric (Stephanie Tillman) Heininger and Eva Heininger; his grandmother, Eleanor Heininger; and his aunts and uncles: Terri (Mitchell) Weatherly, Cindy Mitzel, Frank (Bob Babboni) Mitzel and Juan Zeller. He is also survived by his cousins: Michael Giffen, Cara Weatherly and Amanda Weatherly; his godparents Bob (Siobhan) DeWitt; and his second family, the Webers and all his caregivers. Daniel was preceded in death by his grandparents. Visitation was held on Friday, October 2 at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. A funeral Mass was celebrated on Saturday, October 3 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 830 S. Lafayette, South Lyon. Donations will be accepted in Daniel's memory to Special Olympics Area 27 (checks to 1420 Woodhurst Ct. Howell, MI 48843) and The D-MAN Foundation (www.mydman.org) www.phillipsfuneral.com

LIEDING, MICHAEL
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OESCHGER, ELIZABETH "BETTY"
wife of the late Bob, passed away October 2, 2015. Burial Oak Grove Cemetery

St. Mary Mercy's annual benefit gala set for Oct. 16

The 23rd annual St. Mary Mercy Livonia Gala, Cinderella's Magical Dreams: A Fairytale Evening, will take place at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16, at Laurel Manor Banquet and Conference Center.

The evening will include a live and silent auction, entertainment by Dance Dynamic and Intrigue and a special

SPONSORSHIPS/TICKETS

Individual and corporate sponsorships are available. For tickets or sponsorship, go to www.stmarymercy.org/2015-gala or call the St. Mary Mercy Development Office at 734-655-2980.

appearance by Cinderella and her prince. This year's event committee chair is Monique Marks, president and CEO of Franklin-Wright Settle-

ments in Detroit. Proceeds will make a life-changing difference for patients who turn to St. Mary Mercy's Behavioral Health Services

Unit.

"This important renovation project in our Behavioral Medicine Unit will enhance patient comfort and care, creating a modern, updated space that better supports current treatment models and philosophies of care, said David Spivey, president and CEO, St. Mary Mercy Livonia. "Throughout the past 40



Committee chair Monique Marks and her husband Bert at the 2014 St. Mary Mercy Livonia Gala.

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Ceremony to dedicate TEARS Angel of Hope memorial

Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Parents who have lost infant children can find a place to honor and remember them in Wayne.

On Saturday, Oct. 10, the Michigan Chapter of The TEARS Foundation will dedicate its Angel of Hope Monument at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home in Wayne. Michigan is the fourth state to receive the monument which features a centerpiece of an angel holding a baby and an Angel of Hope written by a parent and two butterfly wing shaped side pieces engraved with the names of 65 children.

"Michigan is the 10th or 11th TEARS chapter; we're only three years old so it's very honorable and prestigious to get this monument," said Allen "Buddy" Shuh who heads up the Michigan Chapter. "The community and people statewide have rallied around this cause."

The Angel of Hope monument will be unveiled during a 1 p.m. ceremony that will feature TEARS founder Sarah Slack who will talk about her journey through infant loss and the founding of the organization, as well as a reading of the Angel of Hope poem.

About 23 TEARS representatives from around the country also will be on hand, along with the families of the infants whose names are on the wings. Shuh's wife Shelby will read the name of each child and their parents will be called forward and given a flower to place at the memorial.

Following the ceremony, guests will be invited to an appetizer reception, provide by the funeral home. There also will be an opportunity for families to take pictures at the monument and paper and crayons will be provided to do rubbings of their child's name, Shuh said.

Wayne was chosen as the site of the monument because of its close proximity to I-275 and Michigan Avenue, making it user friendly to people coming from outstate. The memorial will be situated on the eastern most portion of funeral home's property at the point where Michigan Avenue splits off into two separate thoroughfares.

The monument was donated by Dignity Me-

morial which worked with the Harry J. Will Funeral Home on the project.

According to Shuh, the memorial will be visible to people eastbound on Michigan Avenue and westbound drivers will see the backdrop. It also will be an enhancement for downtown Wayne.

"My wife and I love doing this to remember our daughter," he said. "We can walk up there and see her name."

For more information about the Michigan Chapter of The TEARS Foundation, Find us on Facebook at Michigan Chapter of The TEARS Foundation and Pregnancy &

Infant Loss Support Group - Tears Foundation

For more information about the Michigan Chapter of The TEARS Foundation, contact Buddy and Shelby Shuh at 734-765-7430 or Michigan-Walk@thetearsfoundation.org.

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BUDDY SHUH
Shelby and Buddy Shuh point out the name of their daughter Bella which is inscribed on the The TEARS Foundation Angel of Hope monument in Florida.



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9Round hosts kick event for breast cancer

9Round of Northville will host the 4th Annual Kick Event on Oct. 15. For each kick thrown, the club will donate a penny for breast cancer research and awareness.

Last year, 9Round clubs nationwide recorded over 5.8 million kicks across the country at nearly 160 locations. Now with over 250 locations nationwide and in Canada, the expectations are high for 9Round's 4th Annual Kick Event to kick breast cancer to the curb.

"We are excited for our local members to show off the progress they have made while kicking away for a cause that means so much to our community," said Boo Sadikot.

9Round hopes to record over 7 million kicks this year nationwide and in Canada, which would mean the company has raised well over \$150,000 since the beginning of the Kick Event with only a handful of clubs participating.

9Round of Northville is at 15404 Haggerty Road, Plymouth, and can be reached by calling 734-420-4909.

Concert will support breast cancer research, screening

In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month and to help in the fight against the disease, Benny Edwards and his volunteer team of local musicians and singers, known as The Flamingo Incident, perform live Oct. 10 at On the Dunes.

Doors open at 5 p.m., with dinner served shortly after. The concert runs 7-9 p.m. With the support of area businesses, the event will raise money for breast cancer research and screening at

Beaumont Health's Botsford Cancer Center. "It's an opportunity to bring the community closer together and fight for something that affects us all, either directly or indirectly," Edwards said. To show support, many local retailers and

restaurants are sponsoring the event or offering special discounts and gifts to concert-goers. The Flamingo Incident is presenting the concert with all overhead expenses paid, allowing 100 percent of ticket and merchandise sales to go directly to the Botsford Cancer Center. Tickets are \$35, available through www.theflamingoincident.com. On the Dunes is located at 2055 Haggerty Road in Commerce Township.



Benny Edwards and his band, The Flamingo Incident, are again holding a concert to help in the fight against breast cancer.

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ART HOUSE HAPPENINGS

The Northville Art House is located at 215 W. Cady Street in historic downtown Northville and is celebrating 10 years of providing art enrichment and education to the community through classes, art shows and public art. On-line registration is new this fall. Register early for classes and workshops for artists, children, adults and teens at www.northvillearthouse.org. For more information, call 248-344-0497.

Upcoming events
The Northville Art House will present a solo exhibition by Ann Arbor artist and photographer, Denise Rohde, called "The Dark Side of the Rohde." This free exhibit

will be open to the public through October 31 during Art House Gallery hours of Tuesday through Friday, 12-5 and Saturdays, 12-4.

Store
Featured Store artist through October is Alan Casadei, abstract contemporary artist. Alan's pieces are a mixture of different colors and textures with many layers of paint to give it a feeling of depth and motion. He paints from what he has experienced growing up in Detroit and Michigan. His paintings are in private collections through the United States. Visit his work as well as the work of over 40 local artists.

Art classes and workshops

Classes for children, teens, adults and artists are available online and brochures are available at the Art House.

Volunteers and other support

Volunteers are the heart of the Art House. Call us if you're interested in getting involved. You can also offer support through an annual membership to the Friends of the Northville Art House which supports Art House activities and gives members a discount on store items and classes. We are a community based art center and you can be a pART of it.

NORTHVILLE LIBRARY LINES

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 visit www.northvillelibrary.org for more information.

Drop-In Little Me Storytime
Time/Date: 10:30-11:15 a.m. Friday, Oct. 9.
Details: Babies to 2-year-olds, along with caregiver, enjoy music, simple stories and playtime. Older children also welcome to attend.

Book Discussion for Adults
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 12.
Details: Join us for a lively discussion of *Deep Down Dark: Untold Stories of 33 Men Buried in a Chilean Mine* by Hector Tobar.

Tweens: Get Slimed!
Time/Date: 4:15-5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 14.
Details: For ages 9-12. Learn how to make fun, gooey, glittery slime just in time for Halloween. Limit 30.

Drop-In Morning Storytime
Time/Date: 10:15-10:45 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 15.
Details: Join Miss Laura for stories, music and more in this fun storytime for toddlers and preschoolers with a caregiver. Develop your child's literacy skills, and nurture a love of books and the library. Bring your library card and select great materials to take home.

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Time/Date: 4:30-5:15 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15.
Details: Fun after school program featuring stories, games and crafts. Call to register.

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Council member Markham seeks mayor's seat

What do you feel are the biggest challenges the city faces in the next four years?

Markham: Novi's biggest challenges are associated with its rapid growth. Traffic congestion continues to be a problem. We need more parks, and the challenge will be investing in our needs while maintaining our healthy financial situation and our low tax rate. We must strike a balance between the needs of the residential community and the needs of the business community so that we work together in support of each other.

What do you think about bringing public transportation to Novi?

Markham: Novi has grown by 20,000 people in 20 years, from less than 40,000 residents to almost 60,000. What was once a cozy farm community has grown into a wide-ranging regional destination still in transition when it comes to managing what we've built. We grew large parts of town into beautiful subdivisions, but mostly separated them from commerce. We welcomed the development of Fountain Walk and the growth of Town Center and Twelve Oaks Mall, yet we don't have a way to move people around easily from one mall to another.

I say we need a plan. Let's put all options on the table. Let's engage the malls, Providence Hospital, the Suburban Collection Showplace, nonmotorized transit organizations, and other governments. Let's talk to the residents and local

businesses. Residents, students, those who can't drive, workers, shoppers, business owners and visitors will all benefit from a planned transportation strategy for the future.

What are some economic development tools you feel the city should utilize to encourage business attraction, expansion and retention?

Markham: 1. Public transit can be an economic driver for business. When people aren't mobile, they aren't earning or spending money here. More transportation options with better access to Novi's shopping and entertainment district will benefit business and bring revenue to the city.

2. Sometimes our signage and landscaping requirements get in the way of business visibility. We shouldn't require landscaping which interferes with the ability of potential customers to find the business they are looking for.

3. I'd like to see Novi become an incubator for innovative use of underdeveloped retail space. The right property could be just what's needed for a thriving creative district of pop-up style restaurants, and artistic spaces. The city can help make it a worthwhile venture for a developer/owner.

What are your thoughts on tax abatements?

Markham: A tax abatement should only be used to encourage a business to invest in Novi for the long term, and it should

GWEN MARKHAM

Age: 62

Family: Married to Dr. Bruce Markham; two adult sons, Matt and Tim.

Residency: 20 years in Novi

Education: Bachelor of science degree in chemistry, Western Michigan University

Community involvement: Current member of Novi City Council, serving on the Walkable Novi Committee and Novi's delegate to the Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG); two terms on the Novi Planning Commission, including one as chair; past president, Friends of the Novi Theatres; board member/officer Oakland-Macomb NOW and the Women Official's Network; member of SEMCOG Access to Core Services Task Force.

Employment: I spent more than two decades in the automotive and aerospace manufacturing industries, first as a manufacturing engineer and later as operations and quality management for production operations in Michigan, Arizona and Wisconsin. I currently spend much of my time working for the city and advocating on issues I care about. I also teach piano part time.



benefit the greater community at large. For example, if a company redevelops an empty factory or strip mall, or cleans a contaminated site, that might merit a tax abatement because they not only benefit themselves, but the community that is investing in them. However, in today's tax abatement climate, we often compete with other nearby communities at the expense of taxpayers of Michigan and local governments, who receive less tax revenue because of the abatement. One way those companies who receive abatements could partner with the community at large would be by creating parks, sidewalks, or other infrastructure needs within the city. Tax abatements should imply a strong, long-term partnership with the City, its residents and our other local businesses.

Are there any ways the city can collaborate to enhance operations?

Markham: We should always be looking for ways to collaborate with our local school districts, and our neighboring communities. The more we know about their operations, the more we can share ideas and services.

What three things are you most proud of about Novi?

Markham: 1. Novi has some really beautiful places, especially Walled Lake and Lakeshore Park. We have tried to respect and value the natural features of the city as we have grown.

2. Novi's four school districts are all rated very highly and draw people to our community from all over the world.

3. Our recent growth has brought us a more diverse population. Novi has welcomed these new families and their tradi-

tions into the fabric of the community in a very short time.

Please provide your ranking of the three most important city services.

Markham: 1. Public Safety – The police and fire departments are highly respected organizations that operate well together under the able leadership of Chief David Molloy.

2. Department of Public Services – They clear and repair the roads, manage our water, maintain our parks and green spaces, and provide many essential services that we mostly take for granted.

3. Parks and Recreation – What is a city without its character? The department serves thousands of residents with a wide variety of programs and amenities that bring us together as a community and promote healthy lifestyles for all ages.

What Parks & Recreation improvements/enhancements would you propose in the next four years?

Markham: 1. Lakeshore Park should have a bigger, more permanent facility to handle public events, voting, and be a city services outpost for the residents of the City that live north of I-96.

2. Bike rental/sharing should be incorporated into the Novi Parks system, possibly in partnership with centers of commerce within the city. Coordination with other communities like Northville and Farmington Hills makes sense, as we finish the ITC and other trails to connect

regionally.

3. I'd like to see us explore more fully the need for neighborhood parks. We scored very low in the National Citizen's survey on this topic. People like having a public space to gather with family and friends. Some neighborhoods, like Village Oaks, have a full park setting with permanent facilities. Many other subdivisions have only an empty lot if they have any park space available at all. How can we serve neighborhoods better?

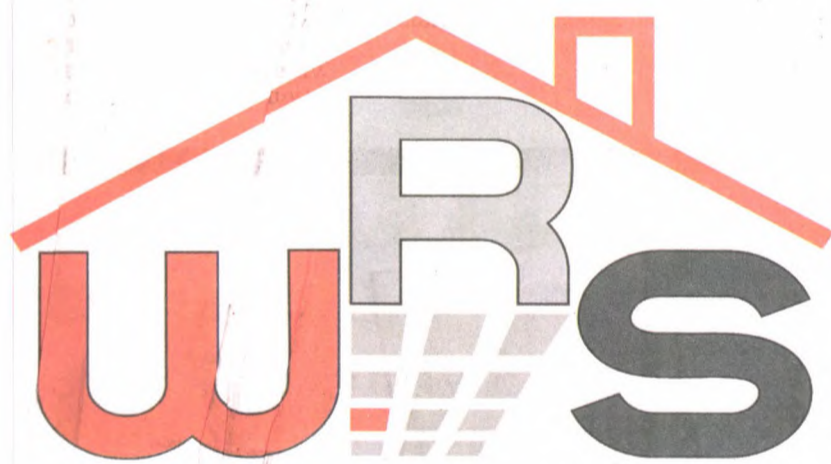
Why are you running?

Markham: Novi's continued growth requires new strategies and openness to change. Recent events have given many residents the impression that we don't listen, that we are not responsive to their concerns. Residents expect respectful and informed debate on important issues. I'm running for mayor because Novi deserves a government that is conducted with a spirit of collaboration, not conflict.

As mayor, the first change I will make will be to reinstate mayor's office hours so that anyone who wants to talk with their local officials has a chance to do that. I will reach out to businesses and civic leaders to hear their concerns and ideas for Novi's future and how best to manage our growth. We must plan a more sustainable future, in both energy consumption and natural resource protection. Let's engage with our regional partners and work together to support our community and our state.

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 SERVICES

Newcomer challenges two to become Novi mayor

What do you feel are the biggest challenges the city faces in the next four years?

For as long as I can remember, the city of Novi has not been able to acquire a mayor that is willing to work the position full time. For a city of almost 60,000 people and growing with many new businesses, I find this unacceptable. There are currently no set office hours available for the public (if the public wanted to speak with the mayor, they'd have to make an appointment). I find this unacceptable; the city mayor should be on duty as much as possible in case of an emergency and to work with the general public.

I'm willing to work fulltime for free and hold office hours from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday. I'll have an open-door policy where the general public does not need an appointment; they can just walk in and speak with me if I'm available. Your voice matters and so do you.

What do you think about bringing public transportation to Novi?

The city of Novi does not have the funds to support a mass transit project at this time. I do support transit assistance for the elderly and the disabled.

What are some economic development tools you feel the city

should utilize to encourage business attraction, expansion and retention?

I think working with responsible contractors to help expand the residential housing market is the cities best way to go.

What are your thoughts on tax abatements?

I do support tax abatements as long as it's for the right reasons and benefits all parties involved.

Are there any ways the city can collaborate to enhance operations?

I'm sure there are ways to accomplish such a task, but that would rely more on the actions of the city manager and the City Council as a whole.

What three things are you most proud of about Novi?

As a whole, I'm most proud of the citizens for keeping the city looking and functioning as great as it does. Politicians usually will take credit for this, but they are not the backbone of this community; the citizens are.

Please provide your ranking of the three most important city services?

The library, alternative education, and programs for seniors and the disabled.

JASON G.W. DORSCH

Age: 33
Family: Never married; no children.
Residency: Novi since 1987
Education: Working on bachelor's degree in liberal studies, University of Michigan, with concentrations in anthropology, journalism, screen studies and marketing.
Employment: Owner of technology firm Sky Net. Technology since 2005.



What Parks & Recreation improvements/enhancements would you propose in the next four years?

Due to the city's deficit, I would not recommend making any improvements to Parks & Recreation, unless they are absolutely necessary. If anything, the city should focus its attention on repaying the six millage bonds that are accruing interest daily.

Why are you running?

I'm running for office for many reasons, but the biggest reason has to do with bringing this city to the next level. 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.

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Mayor Gatt running for third two-year term

What do you feel are the biggest challenges the city faces in the next four years?

During the past four years as your mayor, we've lowered tax rates, increased city services and added public safety resources. Novi's quality-of-life has never been better. Under my leadership, the city of Novi has survived the bad economic times of the past decade. We are economically strong, and a premier destination city in the entire state of Michigan.

During the next four years, the biggest challenge will be to keep that momentum going, especially with limited State resources for major road repair and construction. The other challenge focuses on development. As Novi continues to grow towards a "build out," developers will attempt to make use of the remaining parcels of land the best way they can. City staff and elected officials will be tasked with reviewing rezoning requests and charged with a "thinking-out-of-the-box" mentality, while still protecting the rights of those who came before them.

What do you think about bringing public transportation to Novi?

We already have great public transportation within Novi. I've led the charge to increase transportation services for older adults the past two years.

In terms of bringing non-residents into Novi through an expanded transportation system, who's going to pay for it? Novi residents will pay several million dollars in their tax bills if RTA (formerly SMART) expands service to Novi. How many Novi taxpayers are going to walk from their home to a bus stop and then ride a bus

somewhere?

RTA participation will raise taxes - with minimal benefits to our citizens. I still haven't heard RTA offer a unique transportation solution that will help Novi residents. Non-residents may benefit, but Novi residents -- who rejected this regional transportation system many years ago -- will be stuck with the tax bill.

Public transportation won't help retail businesses. While not at 100-percent occupancy, no one can say Novi retail is hurting.

What are some economic development tools you feel the City should utilize to encourage business attraction, expansion and retention?

Economic development is about building relationships, forging partnerships and working collaboratively to enhance our community. Our city team utilizes a variety of methods to encourage development, including personal meetings, electronic communications, www.InvestNovi.org, printed publications, business-to-business networking through a new NOBLE (Novi Business Leaders & Executives) forum, etc.

Novi is a diverse community that embraces all cultures, people and responsible business development. We need to continue to share our "story" of the outstanding benefits of living and working in Novi. This challenge falls on our award-winning Communications Team.

Two new powerful tools the city will implement to focus on economic development:

1 -- Creating a promotional website (Hello, Novi), with participation from three school districts: Novi, Northville and Walled Lake.

ROBERT J. GATT

Age: 65
Family: Two children, ages 35 & 30
Residency: 27 years in Novi
Education: bachelor of science degree, business administration/marketing/accounting, Wayne State University; master's degree, public administration/technology, Eastern Michigan University
Community involvement: Novi police officer 27 years (started the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) program; retired as a shift commander (sergeant) in 2002; volunteer at Holy Family Church; member of the Knights of Columbus; elected to Novi City Council in 2003 and re-elected in 2007 (appointed Novi mayor pro-tem in 2010); elected Novi mayor in 2011 and re-elected in 2013.
Employment: Manager of the Oakland County Animal Control and Pet Adoption Center. Responsible for more than 250 employees and volunteers and a \$3.2 million budget. I work closely with Brooks Patterson and his staff, as well as the Oakland County Board of Commissioners, in an effort to keep government costs down. We ensure maximum public safety, as well as protecting the welfare of more than 5,000 animals in our care on a yearly basis. We produce the best animal "save rate" in the state of Michigan for any municipal shelter of our size.



2 -- Establishing our own broadcasting team (at no additional cost to taxpayers), developing more local and focused content to attract, expand and retain businesses in our great city.

What are your thoughts on tax abatements?

I support tax abatements, only under certain quantifiable circumstances. To qualify for tax abatements, the development must be of such magnitude that it will be a great asset to the entire city (job growth, attraction to the area, status, etc.).

That's why I took a leadership role to cement our relationship with Magna. Magna could have relocated anywhere in Michigan, but it will stay in Novi. The Magna tax abatement plan represents an outstanding opportunity to capitalize on business growth and more jobs for Novi citizens.

When we promote a business environment that creates more Novi

inspections for some of South Lyon's construction events. And our Novi Department of Public Services department plows roads that are owned by Oakland County, all for fees, and all to provide a better service to our community and neighbors.

The relationship between the Novi Public Library and the Novi Community School District is second to none. That partnership is focused on the educational development of our Novi kids.

Moving into the future, I am sure that we will continue to build consortiums and partnerships with neighboring communities regarding our library, our parks and our public safety/service departments.

What three things are you most proud of about Novi?

First, under my leadership, we have survived bad economic times during the past decade, and now we have developed into an even more dynamic, prospering community here in southwest Oakland County - without raising your taxes.

Secondly, while we haven't raised taxes, we've increased City services, especially in the area of public safety. My first priority always is public safety. I will continue to help Council develop a fiscally responsible plan to meet the long-term needs of the police, fire and public works departments, including proper resource allocation in personnel, equipment and building facilities.

Thirdly, I'm proud of how we continue to protect our children and

other citizens through sidewalk safety. I listened to citizens and initiated two important projects: sidewalk connectors along Fourteen Mile Road to Haverhill Farms; and a crosswalk on Beck Road by Cheltenham.

So, I ask you: Why change? Let's keep the momentum going!

Please provide your ranking of the three most important city services?

1 -- Public safety: I have said from the first time that I ran for City Council 12 years ago that public safety is the most important city service. Public Safety includes our Police Department, our Fire Department and our Department of Public Services. If people are not secure in their homes, neighborhoods or businesses, then nothing else matters. If the roads are not plowed after a snow storm, people can't move and businesses won't operate.

2 -- Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services: What part of our government speaks to a different quality-of-life besides safety, and provides our citizens with the means to enjoy this great city in various settings.

3 -- Communications Department: Novi is a very busy City that schedules many activities on a daily basis. Our Communications Department is a "promotional machine" in keeping our residents informed on important issues and activities around our great city.

What Parks & Recreation improvements/enhancements would

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE NOVI CITY COUNCIL HAS ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 18.275 TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 97-18 AS AMENDED, THE CITY OF NOVI ZONING ORDINANCE TO ALLOW FOR ACCESSORY OUTSIDE STORAGE AS A SPECIAL LAND USE IN THE LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT.

The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, September 28, 2015 and the provisions of the ordinance shall become effective seven (7) days after its publication. 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.

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**Novi Community School District
 Novi, MI**

**SECTION 00 11 13
 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

Sealed bids for the Novi Community Schools' Bid Package #4, consisting of the Novi High School Addition & Remodeling Project, will be received until **11:00 A.M. Local time on Thursday, October 22, 2015** at the Novi Community Schools' Educational Services Building located at: 25345 Taft Road, Novi, MI 48374
 ATTN: Mr. Steve Barr, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Operations

Bids received after this time and date will not be considered or accepted and will be returned to the bidder unopened.

Faxed proposals will not be accepted.

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101: Earthwork/Site Utilities/Asphalt Paving/ Site Concrete	103: Selective Demolition
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108: Carpentry / General Trades	109: Roofing / Sheet Metal
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Bidding documents prepared by **TMP Architecture, Inc.** will be available for public inspection at the main office of the Construction Manager, **McCarthy & Smith, Inc.**, 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI 48335; the Dodge Plan Room; Construction Association of Michigan (CAM); Reed Construction Data; and Builders Exchange Lansing.

Bid Documents will be available beginning at 12:00 P.M. on Tuesday, October 6, 2015 via the following:

- Bidders may obtain one (1) set of ½ size bidding documents at the office of the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith, Inc., located at 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI 48335.
- Bidders may download bid documents from Gradebeam.com, free of charge, by contacting the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith at (248) 427-8400 to obtain log in information for access to the project documents.

There will be a Pre-Bid Meeting held on **Tuesday, October 13, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. at the Novi Community Schools' Educational Services Building, located at 25345 Taft Road, Novi, MI 48374.** The meeting will be held in the Board of Education Meeting Room. The meeting is not mandatory, but is highly recommended. Attendees desiring to visit the site, will have the opportunity to do so after the meeting.

All bids should include 2 copies (1 original, 1 copy) of the Proposal Pricing Form (Section 00 41 26), Proposal Execution Form (Section 00 42 00), and the Iran Economic Sanctions Act Affidavit. **The Proposal Execution Form provides a space for the bidder to disclose any familial relationship as required by Section 1267 of the Revised School Code, as amended, MCL 380.1267, and this form must be signed and notarized in order for the bid to be accepted. The Iran Economic Sanctions Act Affidavit form may be found in section 00 42 10 of the Bidding Requirements & General Conditions Manual.**

Each bid must be accompanied by a Bid Security in the amount of five (5) percent of the amount of the bid, payable to Novi Community Schools, as a guarantee that if the proposal is accepted, the bidder will execute the contract and file the required bonds within ten (10) days after notice of award of contract.

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OUR VIEWS

Time to put an end to domestic violence, assault

It's the kind of fact that doesn't bring a smile to the staff and volunteers of First Step: Western and Downriver Wayne County Project on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.

According to a study released by the Violence Policy Center in advance of Domestic Violence Awareness Month this month, Michigan ranked 10th in the nation in the rate of women murdered by men, with a rate of 1.45 per 100,000.

The study, *When Men Murder Women: An Analysis of 2013 Homicide Data*, applies to 2013, the most recent year for which data is available. It covers homicides involving one female murder victim and one male offender, and uses data from the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Supplementary Homicide Report.

The study found that nationwide, 1,615 females were murdered by males in single victim/single offender incidents in 2013, at a rate of 1.09 per 100,000. For homicides in which the victim to offender relationship could be identified, 94 percent of female victims nationwide were mur-



Earlier this year, Amy Youngquist, CEO of First Step, accepted a Livonia Community Foundation donation from Brian Meakin.

dered by a male they knew. Of the victims who knew their offenders, 62 percent were wives, common-law wives, ex-wives or girlfriends of the offenders.

Firearms — especially handguns — were the weapons most commonly used by males to murder females in 2013. Nationwide, for homicides in which the weapon used could be identified, 53 percent of

female victims were shot and killed with a gun.

Nationwide, for homicides in which the circumstances could be identified, 85 percent of the homicides were not related to the commission of another felony. Most often, females were killed by males in the course of an argument between the victim and the offender.

In looking at the number of

females murdered by males, South Carolina was number one on the list with 2.32 women per 100,000 killed by men. In addition to South Carolina and Michigan, other states making the top 10 were Alaska, New Mexico, Louisiana, Nevada, Tennessee and Oklahoma which were tied for sixth place, Vermont and Maine.

As disheartening as these statistics may be, groups like First Step and HAVEN continue to press forward in their efforts to reduce the incidence of domestic and sexual violence and to provide services to individuals affected by these crimes.

Prevention of domestic and sexual violence through education, advocacy and intervention is the ultimate goal for HAVEN and First Step, but the study shows a lot remains to be done before the agency can accomplish its vision of having peaceful families and safe communities.

HAVEN's mission is to eliminate sexual assault and domestic violence and to empower survivors through advocacy and social change in

and around Oakland County. As Oakland County's only comprehensive program for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, HAVEN provides shelter, counseling, advocacy and educational programming to nearly 30,000 people each year.

While October has been set aside as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, every hour of every day should be devoted to eradicating it. We must let our lawmakers know that we need stronger legislation to protect victims of domestic violence, such as the Zero Tolerance for Domestic Abusers Act introduced by Reps. Debbie Dingell, D-Michigan, and Robert Dold, R-Illinois.

We also need to step up our support for HAVEN. Whether through a monetary donation, volunteering time or setting up your own fundraiser. Visit www.haven-oakland.org to learn more. Go to www.first-step-mi.org for more on First Step and its mission.

The cycle of violence needs to end and it will take all of us to make that happen.

LETTERS

Supports Sarpolis

Andrew Sarpolis' vision for Novi is built on his Michigan core values. He and I have worked together on Novi's Beautification Commission. He oversaw a \$25,000 grant program for neighborhood entry-way improvements. He is starting a nonprofit organization that will help promote recycling and sustainability in Novi. Andrew Sarpolis will make safer bike trails and walkways. We should be able to explore our wonderful city without always having to use vehicles.

As Novi continues to grow, new challenges emerge around how we want to use our land. Andrew Sarpolis sees that the Beck Road and Nine Mile rezoning decision did not consider the neighbors' objections. At the Feb. 25 city council meeting, over 20 residents from the surrounding neighborhoods like Edinborough, Echo Valley and Andover spoke in opposition to the plan, and the issues brought forth were not resolved.

Andrew Sarpolis will demand transparency from Novi City Council and keep Novi's citizens informed and involved. He knows that we have a right to a public forum on important issues like garbage collection changes and tax

abatements. Novi citizens have the right to be informed and involved when decisions that affect us all are made. We are a city of homeowners and we want a city council that meets our needs. This is why I will vote for Mr. Sarpolis on election day, Nov. 3.

Colleen Crossey
Novi

Negative campaigning unwelcome

Novi City Council is supposed to be a non-partisan body. Unlike Lansing or Washington D.C., candidates for council don't run under a party affiliation. Over the years, council races have been free of the partisan mudslinging that passes for politics elsewhere. Whatever the partisan views of councilmembers, when it's election time, candidates run on the issues important to Novi and its voters.

But a line has been crossed in this election with the recent mailing of a slick glossy attack mailer to Novi voters. Sent out by a shadow PAC hiding behind an acronym and a post office box, it's clear that the intent of the mailer is to inject negative and partisan politics into our city elections. The flier purportedly claims to support Andrew Sarpolis' opponent. It even includes Brian Burke's

logo and website address on the mailer. But no respectable candidate would want themselves associated with such sleazy tactics. Mr. Burke should repudiate it as being unfit for a Novi City Council election.

Andrew Sarpolis, who is running for the two-year seat on City Council, has been working hard to make his case to voters. He has spent the summer and fall knocking on doors and meeting residents. It's clear that Andrew's hard work is viewed as a threat to whom ever is behind this shadow PAC. One has to wonder why the people behind this don't have enough confidence in their own candidate to run a positive campaign.

Unlike those attacking him, I know that Andrew won't get into the gutter with those peddling this brand of negative politics. We have enough of that in Lansing and Washington D.C. We don't need it here in Novi.

Andrew Mutch
Novi City Council

Mark one for Markham

During the recent battle regarding the rezoning of the southwest corner of 10 Mile and Beck roads, I was able to watch the attitudes and behaviors of both candidates for

mayor of Novi. The current mayor appeared authoritarian, pro-developer, and unresponsive to resident input. Councilmember and candidate for mayor Gwen Markham was warm and receptive to resident input. Markham is a strong supporter of protecting our natural areas and wildlife and making them accessible to all residents.

Now, having witnessed the handling of the trash pick-up issue, it is clear that we need a mayor who openly seeks input from community members. We need a mayor who thinks "We are Novi", not "I am Novi."

I urge the citizens of Novi to vote for Gwen Markham for mayor.

John A. Kuenzel
Novi

Trash issue stinks

Every resident should check out the facts concerning what really happened regarding the garbage collection in Novi. This is easily done by reviewing the city council meetings.

On July 27, the mayor introduced a new ordinance about collecting garbage. It was to eliminate all competition and award Novi's residential garbage collection to one company. At this meeting, Councilman Andrew Mutch proposed at least two meetings to get input from the residents

of Novi before this ordinance was passed. The motion was seconded by Gwen Markham and then voted on. Before the vote, the mayor voiced his displeasure and let the other council members know he would not have open discussions from the Novi residents. The Mutch resolution was defeated 5 to 2. On Aug. 8 and 25, two meetings were held to hear from the Novi residents. To everyone's surprise, the meeting was conducted by the city manager. There was no mayor or City Council members in the front to field questions from the residents. The city manager said the ordinance is passed and there is nothing you can do.

Now we are getting campaign literature from Mayor Gatt stating: "The proposals need to be beneficial to everyone in Novi - without a cost increase. If every homeowner does not realize a substantial cost savings, I personally won't support moving forward on city-controlled garbage collection."

These are his quotes used in his campaign literature. I cannot believe the person who created this mess, will actually solve it. This is why we need new leadership.

Cynthia Churches
Novi

GUEST COLUMN

A house divided can't stand — gun violence is killing America

We are better than this. Outside of those regions who are at war with their neighbors and themselves, America holds the dubious distinction of being No. 1 in the world in the slaughter of innocent people from handguns wielded by our fellow human beings.

Collectively, we ought to be embarrassed, ashamed and disgusted. Yet what we are is divided.

In 1858, Abraham Lincoln, the public voice for rationality, proclaimed, "A house divided against itself cannot stand." He might just as well have been prophesying our 21st century future — he was right then and is just as right today.

As a nation, we should not be continually witnessing the senseless slaughter of innocent citizens by our own people just because we are petrified to seek common sense solutions in dealing with gun violence in our country.

Rather than coming together to seek a shared vision and common agenda on our national human stain, we retreat to our respective political cor-



Tom Watkins
GUEST COLUMNIST

ners and shoot political talking points from the left and the right at each other. It is absurd. It is tragic. This must end if the violence against each other is to end.

Enough is enough

When will enough be enough of senseless gun violence?

It matters not whether it occurs every day on the streets of Chicago, Detroit, Los Angeles and Washington, D.C., or whether it emanates from a gunman who opens fire in a community college in Oregon, or in schools in Newtown and Charleston. These massacres have become all too common.

Our national pain will not fade until our nation's leaders take decisive action on multiple fronts to address this violent horror in our midst.

Yet, once again, politicians merely debate who is at fault.

Let me make it easy for them — we all are at fault.

If we do not come together now as a nation to address this madness, we risk giving up the very soul from which this great nation began.

When are Americans going to recognize that senseless slaughter can be minimized and prevented if we mesh quality mental health services with sensible, enforceable, and strong gun ownership laws? When will we demand that violence not be peddled as the norm which passes for entertainment in our living rooms and movie houses?

At a minimum, our national response must address the current easy access to guns and make sure there is appropriate treatment for people with mental illness.

When will the "pols" in Congress be made to fear the wrath of the American voter's power more than the loss of support from the National Rifle Association?

Americans say they are fed up with senseless gun violence. But haven't we as a nation grown far too complacent about protecting the status quo? That very status quo is killing our citizens and rotting the moral fabric of this country from the inside out.

A little less talk; a lot more action

America, we have a problem.

When the rate of children killed by guns in the United States is 19.5 times higher than

similar high-income countries in the world, America, we have a problem.

It will take no less than an intense, well-funded campaign to get congressional votes to help mandate a stop to the gun madness in this country. Thoughtful Americans must organize and advocate for a balanced approach to gun law in America including, at a minimum:

» Establishment of sensible gun controls allowing for sale and legitimate gun ownership for sport, self-protection or collection purposes. Ban the sale of assault weapons with ammunition clips capable of shooting dozens of high-powered bullets in seconds.

» Address the culture of violence perpetuated by Hollywood, the video and entertainment industries. Video games, masquerading as "entertainment," are corrosive to young minds and do not support a healthy and stable society.

» Make available, and affordable, quality mental health services for people with serious mental illness. Start the conversation about the use of these services in our communities to help each other. Stress efforts to end the stigma that often prevents persons in need from seeking treatment.

Creating sensible laws, keeping weapons off our streets and out of the hands of deranged people — this is not a violation of America's Second Amendment right. Sensible gun laws do not interfere with the rights of legitimate gun

ownership. Anything less is inadequate.

The most recent Pew Research Center survey about gun rights and control, conducted this summer pointed out: "Almost eight in 10 people surveyed support laws to prevent people suffering from mental illness buying firearms, while 70 percent backed the creation of a database on gun sales and almost 60 percent wanted to see assault weapons banned."

The children at Sandy Hook Elementary School were just 6 or 7 years old when they, their families, and their community's lives were destroyed. Our leaders promised to act then, and predictably, did not.

This failure continues to kill us.

Congress, Mr. President: Do something, do anything. But let's stop allowing people to die in vain. As a nation, we are literally killing ourselves.

At Sandy Hook, we had 20 little reasons to act. We added nine more reasons in South Carolina this year. Last week, we added nine more reasons at Umpqua Community College.

I believe we as a nation are capable of solving the most intractable problems if we, the American people, come together and act. As a nation, those innocents who died deserve more than mere condolences.

Tom Watkins is the president and CEO of the Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority (www.dwmha.com).

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 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM Lobby

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 Farmington Hills Fire Dept.
 31455 Eleven Mile Rd.

MDOT asking for feedback in I-275 construction plans

David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Commuters who braved the I-96 construction last year could face another construction challenge along I-275 through Livonia and Farmington Hills starting this spring.

The Michigan Department of Transportation announced late last week they were seeking feedback from motorists on work scheduled to begin in the spring on I-275 between Five Mile in Livonia and the I-96/I-696/M-5 interchange in Farmington Hills entering Novi. The work, projected to cost between \$70 million and \$80 million, will involve the removal and replacement of 13 miles of concrete pavement. Repair work also will occur on the entrance and exit ramps at each "mile road" and with 16 bridges along the route.

The survey, which can be found at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2Y5MYQ7>, asks motorists to share their opinion of the three options for traffic patterns during the project. The options, according to MDOT, are as follows:

»One direction of I-275 will close completely, have traffic detoured, and work performed. Once one direction is completed, the opposite direction will close. This will take one construction season and \$1.04 million in traffic control costs.

»Northbound I-275 will remain open the entire time, with traffic shifted as work is performed, and southbound traffic will be detoured during entire project. This will take two construction seasons and

\$2.87 million in traffic control costs. Both directions of I-275 will share one side of road with barrier walls separating traffic. This will take two construction seasons and \$4.85 million in traffic control costs.

MDOT spokeswoman Diane Cross said the survey will remain open until 6 p.m. Thursday. A website hosted on michigan.gov for the project is currently in development for motorists to leave feedback after the survey closes this week, she said.

She said via email an option to close the entire stretch of the freeway like MDOT did with I-96 last year was not a feasible option. "This cannot have complete closure like 96 - by the way this is not a complete rebuild like 96 - as there are no easy freeway detours so part of freeway must be open to handle traffic," she said.

MDOT did a similar survey before the I-96 reconstruction, asking motorists if they preferred a complete or partial shutdown. In that case, motorists asked the state to shut the freeway down completely to do the rebuild. I-96 reopened about six months after it was shut down last year.

A determination on what method will be used on I-275 will be made and announced at a later date, Cross said.

"Results will be reviewed and analyzed with decision made in few weeks as to which closure," she said.

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Walks to end suicide unite caring communities

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Suicide is the fourth leading cause of death in the U.S. among adults 18-65 and the second leading cause of death among teens and young adults. There's so much pain, but public awareness efforts are starting to ease that.

Out of the Darkness Community Walks shed light on suicide prevention, and a couple of local walks are upcoming. There's no charge to walk in the events, which are major fundraisers.

On Saturday, Oct. 10, at Nankin Mills-Hines Drive in Westland, registration will begin for a Walk To Fight Suicide at 11 a.m., followed by the 1 p.m. walk. The contact is Pamela Riley, 313-575-7910, pamelai061@aol.com. Its goal is \$15,000.

On Sunday, Oct. 11, at Kensington Metropark, the Metro Detroit/Oakland/Livingston Walk will have registration at 11 a.m. followed by the 1 p.m. walk. Anne Perry, the contact, can be reached at 248-425-2178 or annetperry@gmail.com. The goal is \$150,000, Perry said.

Perry, who's chairing the Oct. 11 walk, lives in Beverly Hills and lost friend Mark Heller to suicide in January 2007. She's among many volunteers with the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (afsp.org/ walk).

"Michigan was one of the first chapters formed," she said, noting many walks are held here. Her walk had some 200 people in 2007 and has grown to some 1,500



Attending last year's Kensington walk were (back row, from left) Ava Frommert, Kenny Frommert, Kristyn Wilhelm, Oliver Perry, Anne Perry, Erika Bond, Colten Perry and Richard Bruder and (front row, from left) Amy Frommert, Charlotte Perry, Aubrey Frommert, Laura Gunn, Michelle Martin and Ian Perry with Georgina Perry. All are members of Team Kram (the team for Mark Heller).

this year.

All sectors impacted

In the U.S., a person dies by suicide every 13.3 minutes, claiming more than 39,500 lives each year. It's estimated that an attempt is made every minute, with close to one million people attempting suicide annually. Those ages 65 and older account for 16 percent of all suicide deaths. The public health issue doesn't discriminate by age, gender, ethnicity or socioeconomic status.

Perry's stepson, 20, has a former girlfriend working on the local committee and attached to the cause. Earlier generations' efforts to ease stigma of mental illness are starting to work, Perry said. High school teams are forming "just because they recognize it as a social issue. The main idea here is to have it be pre-

vention."

September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. "It's getting some more attention, as it should," Perry said. "We're talking about getting to the root of that."

She got through her loss "by leaning on other friends." Participating in AFSP walks, first as a walker (fundraising isn't mandatory), helped her, too.

"I found it comforting to be around people who knew that kind of loss," she said. "It's just a nice way to channel that energy. I always leave the day looking more hopeful. There's a lot of hope there."

Organizers of the Kensington SK will have music, a raffle, speakers and "a lot of nice things lined up," she said. "It's nice that it's growing for people. It's bittersweet." VA resources will be

on site Oct. 11 for military veterans, and walk organizers are working to get resources lined up for teenagers and the LGBT community. There's a Facebook page of Out of the Darkness Walk-Milford, MI that has current information on the walk.

Also, from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 7, Perry is working on a benefit at the Alex and Ani jewelry store in downtown Birmingham. Half of all sales in that time will go toward the walk she's chairing.

The Westland walk Oct. 10 is chaired by Riley, who lost her son, 29, to suicide in 2011. This is the fifth annual walk there, Riley said, and it draws up to 400 people.

'Stigma's still there'

"Not at all," Riley said when asked about improvements related to mental health issues. "I don't feel that personally. The stigma's still there." She's for advocacy, better resources and awareness of the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 800-273-TALK (8255).

Her son sought help in a hospital, Riley said. She believes the medical community "doesn't know how to treat people with mental illness. People don't understand mental illness."

Riley favors teaching all the signs of suicide and training for health care staffers. She agreed walking each year helps her and others, "to help them know there's resources, they're not alone."

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Family 'blindsided' by teenage son's suicide

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Libby Sheldon of Ann Arbor lost son Seth

Harsch at 17 to suicide on May 24, 2011. He was a junior at Huron High School.

"He was a football

player and academically gifted and a leader in his community," she said. Seth had no signs of mental illness and his family was "blindsided."

Libby Sheldon will speak Sunday, Oct. 11, at an American Foundation for Suicide Prevention walk at Kensington Metropark. Another walk under the auspices of the AFSP is Saturday, Oct. 10, at Nankin Mills in Westland.

Sheldon, who has daughters ages 15 and 10, said Seth's suicide was devastating. "Oh, tremendously," she said. "Life-altering. And we still are working every day on integrating our loss."

She'll share Oct. 11 their process of surviv-

ing a loved one's suicide. Sheldon also volunteers at Common Ground in Pontiac on issues of survivorship.

"Their work is amazing," she said of Common Ground.

Working on AFSP walks, talks and resources has helped Sheldon with her own loss. "I think that's one of the main threads, similar loss. I'll be speaking from the personal view of having the loss," she said.

It's been "one of the most powerful tools in getting back on my feet. It's also been very empowering to be part of the organization. It gives a voice to the struggle," Sheldon said.

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you propose in the next four years?
I am very proud of the accomplishments that the City has achieved during the past two years regarding our parks, sidewalks and pathways. The continued development of the ITC Corridor Pathway from Maybury State Park to Providence Hospital is one of the gems of our Non-Motorized Master Plan. During the next four years, I would like to see that project completed.

At our park on Eight Mile/Napier, presently called ITC Park, I hope that more developments are realized in the next four years. There is talk of a "splash pool" that I would support, paid for by the Novi Parks Foundation.

The city still is in need of more active ball parks/fields for the community. We need to focus on more fields over the next four years. I wish the Novi Community School District would be more cooperative in the develop-

ment of "Bosco Field" to help solve this problem.

Why are you running?
I am running for Mayor because I love Novi, and I care about the residents of Novi.

I've worked for the citizens of Novi for more than 40 years. Every day, I have gone to work with the same relentless focus: How can I make Novi a better and a safer community? What can I do to protect you and your family? I've delivered on that promise, and I want to continue protecting all Novi families and friends.

I've been part of Novi for more than 40 years. I understand and care about the community's history and culture. I am running for re-election for a third two-year term because I want to help cultivate Novi's future, while preserving its great heritage.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Emergency Challenge Run

Time/Date: 9 a.m. Oct. 10
Details: Participants will have to battle their way through a 5K obstacle course designed to test the limits of their athleticism and determination. The cost is \$35 for those registering before Oct. 1 and \$40 up until race day. All participants will receive a T-shirt with their completed registration. Runners must be at least 14 years old. An inflatable obstacle course for younger children will also be on-site. Funds raised from the Emergency Challenge Run will be used for fire and crime prevention programs. Rhea said a fire prevention trailer or "smoke-house" is tops on the list. For more information, go to www.cityofnovi.org/5Kchallenge

Forgotten Harvest benefit

Time/Date: 1-11 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10
Details: Ascension Brewing Company (42000 Grand River Avenue, Novi) will host a pig roast benefitting Forgotten Harvest, an organization which collects perishable food items from local restaurants, grocery stores and businesses to fight hunger in southeast Michigan. There will be a beer tent, corn hole tournaments, dart tournaments, a pumpkin carving contest, and music all day. Local gym CrossFit Fate from Wixom will also be hosting a workout in the parking lot at 1pm for anyone who wants to participate. The cost of admission is one donated food item per person; \$11 to eat; drink tickets will be available for beer. The event is family friendly until 8 p.m.

Retirement symposium

Time/Date: 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 10
Details: UBS Financial Services and the BLS Group host a retirement symposium at the Suburban Collection Showplace, Diamond Center, 46100 Grand River in Novi. The keynote speaker is David Sowerby. For details and more information, call 248-737-5466.

Don't Text and Drive

Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 11
Details: Hebrew Memorial Chapel will be hosting its annual

Don't Text and Drive event at Paradise Park (45799 Grand River Avenue, Novi). Guests will be asked to drive go-karts once without. Hebrew Memorial's mission is to help show the negative effects of texting and driving, and prevent cell phone users from picking up this dangerous habit. There is no cost to participate and both youth and adults are encouraged to stop by.

Gardeners of Northville & Novi

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Oct. 12
Details: Join the Gardeners of Northville & Novi and hear internationally known speaker Dr. Anton (Tony) Reznicek's presentation, "Climate change's impact on gardens," at Novi High School (park in staff parking lot; enter school via door No. 43); \$5 donation for non-members. Reznicek is a professor of ecology and evolutionary biology and curator of vascular plants at the University of Michigan Herbarium. He is an expert on the genus Carex (commonly known as sedges). Among others, his research interests include a special focus upon the Great Lakes region as related to plant migration and colonization, rare plant conservation, and the potential impact of climate change on all these.

Planning a More Secure Future

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 14
Details: Tom Kendziorski, executive director of The Arc of Oakland County, will present a seminar on SSI, Medicaid, SSDI, Medicare, Wills & Special Needs Trusts, Guardianship and the Alternatives, Home Help Services and the ABLE Act at Novi Woods Media Center (25195 Taft Road). For additional information, contact Ehulverson@novischools.net.

Fall Used Book Sale

Date: Oct. 14-17
Details: Wixom Public Library's (49015 Pontiac Trail) sale with thousands of books and multimedia items for all ages, priced between 25 cents and one dollar, plus specially priced items. Sponsored by The Friends of the Wixom Library. Wednesday (5-7:30 p.m.) is advance sale for Friends members only (\$5 memberships available at the door). Thursday

times are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday is 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturday (fill a bag for \$5) is 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Novi Craft Show

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17
Details: The third annual Novi Athletic Boosters Holiday Kickoff Arts & Craft Show will be held at Novi High School, 24062 Taft Road. This is a juried show offering handmade arts and crafts. More than 160 crafters are exhibiting a variety of products from sewn items, embroidery, quilting, knitting, paintings, jewelry, wood crafts, candles, handmade soaps and so much more. This is a community event; a visit will help support crafters and Novi's student-athletes. Enjoy concessions staffed by the boosters.

There is ample free parking for attendees. Admission is \$3 (free for children under 10); no strollers, please.

The 2015 show has additional support of local business sponsors including, Biggby Coffee, Detroit Area Buick GMC Dealers, Guido's Premium Pizza of Novi and Smith & Associates, Ameriprise Financial Services-Amy Smith.

Go to www.noviathleticboosters.com for more information on the show.

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 General Richard B. Myers. For details and more information, call 248-737-5466.

Honoring Novi's hometown heroes

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 5
Details: Proud 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 Ten Mile Road. Army LTC 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

If you build it ...



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Fox Run residents Chet Tarczynski, left, and Tom Gray stand near an osprey nest that's about to be placed west of Novi's Tollgate Farm's pond on Sept. 9. The duo were part of a mix of people who got together to plant the large wooden platform in the ground in the hopes that it will attract a nesting pair of osprey. Crew members of DTE helped dig the pole's ditch, and the platform was built by Tollgate's Roy Prentice.



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DTE crew member Jeff Schefsky, center, helps guide an osprey nest pole into the ground at Tollgate on Sept. 9.

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.

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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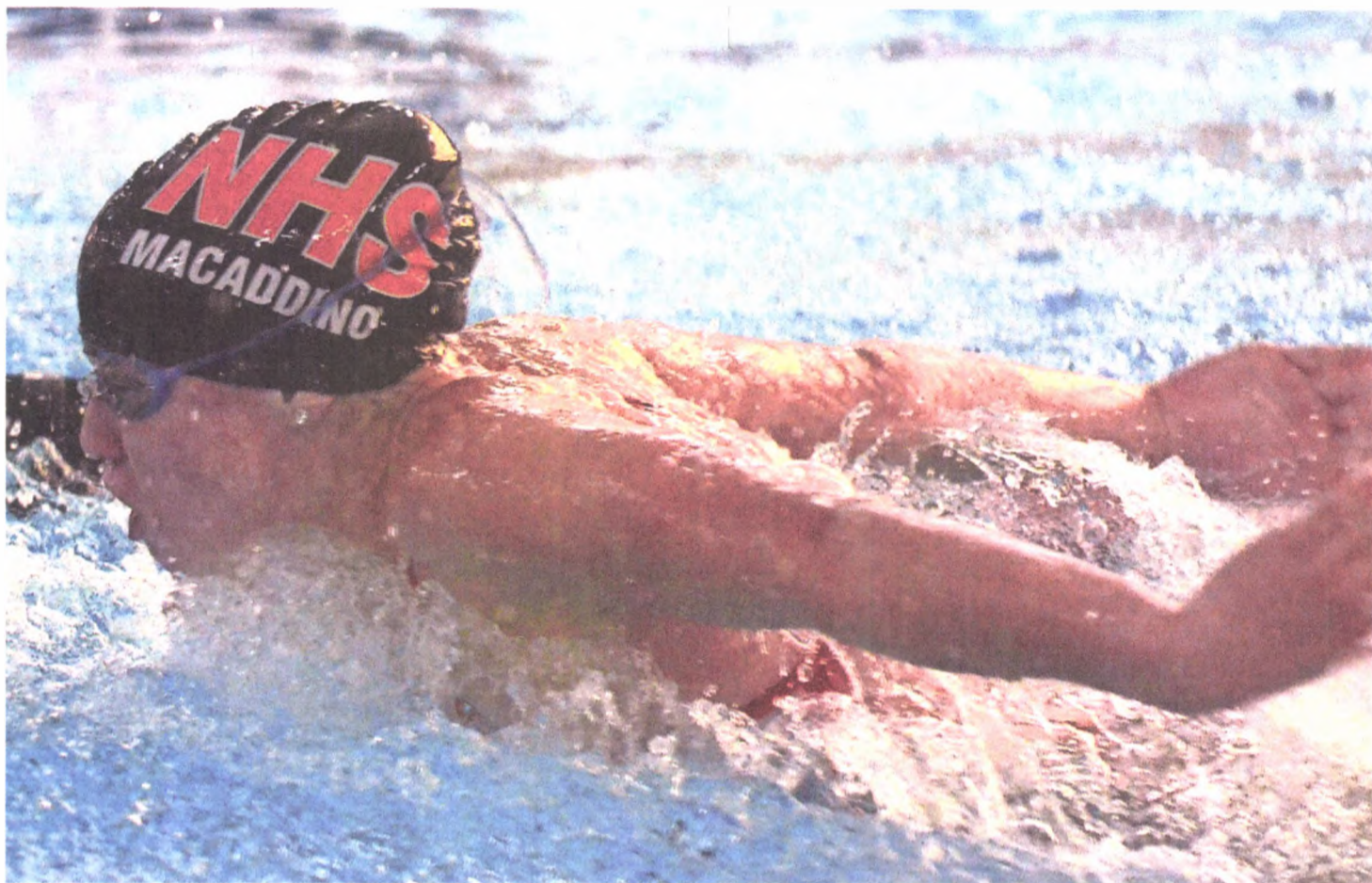
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GIRLS SWIMMING



Northville's Kelsey Macaddino swims the butterfly leg for the Mustangs' first-place 200-yard medley relay team.

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Mustangs motor past South Lyon Unified

Top sprint freestyler Bischoff out with injury; Northville rolls

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Two teams that battled within a half-point of each other for the KLAA Kensington Conference girls swim crown a year ago held a 2015 sneak preview on Thursday night.

And it was defending champion Northville that served notice it's still the team to beat after posting a 114-72 Central Division dual meet victory over South Lyon Unified.

But there was one caveat to the host Mustangs' victory as South Lyon Unified junior sprint freestyler Carolyn Bischoff, who was an all-stater last year in two individual and two relay events, sat out the meet with an injury.

"She definitely makes their team a lot better and she probably would have won a couple of events, and it would have made the relays a lot closer," Northville coach Brian McNeff said of Bischoff.

"We still probably would have won even with her, but her missing out is a huge blow for them. But we still swam really well. I was happy with the swims."

The Mustangs captured 11 of 12 events, including all three relay races led by the 200-yard freestyle quartet of Nicki Pumper, Kelsey Macaddino, Gillian Zayan and Laura Westphal, who teamed up to break a 13-year-old pool record with a time of 1:41.19.

The previous mark of 1:41.94 was set in 2002 by the foursome of Shannon Hogan, Jenny Carr, Christina Mocerri and Liz Hrivnak.

"We've been faster than that in a couple of other meets so I told them at the beginning of the season that all three of them (pool relay records) will go down, and we hadn't had much competition in that relay," McNeff said. "It's a great swim and that's a really good relay. If we keep them together for the state meet there really going to do some-

thing there."

Northville's junior all-stater Laura Westphal captured both the 200 individual medley (2:11.24) and 500 freestyle (5:09.41). Westphal is the defending MHSAA Division 1 champ in the 500 freestyle and also took third a year ago in the 200 IM.

Other individual double winners for the Mustangs included Kelsey Macaddino in the 200 freestyle (2:02.77) and 100 butterfly (58.6), as well as Nicki Pumper in the 50 freestyle (25.97) and 100 backstroke (1:02.09).

Other Northville firsts came from Gillian Zayan in the 100 freestyle (56.62) and Erin Szara in the 100 breaststroke (1:09.99).

Szara nearly earned a state cut with her time in the breaststroke.

"She's been dropping time every meet and she was two-10ths off the state cut

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PREP FOOTBALL

Wildcats surprise Lions on final play

Tom Morelli
Correspondent

Whether it was the 20 MPH winds or the epic final quarter, it's safe to say there was little to keep fans sitting still as Friday's football clash between Novi and South Lyon came to an end.

With South Lyon having climbed back from a 10-point deficit to knot it up 20-20, Novi took to the field for one last drive near mid-field with 35 seconds left looking to avoid overtime.

Having used all their timeouts, Novi QB Alec Bageris was forced to spike the ball following a pair of 13-yard quick strikes to Emanuel Jackson and Ryan Welch.

After a quick scamper to get out of bounds at the 20, Bageris hit wide receiver Anthony D'Annibale in stride off a post-pattern for the game-winning touchdown with no time left to give the Wildcats a dramatic 26-20 victory on the road.

The victory was the third straight for the Wildcats, who started the season 0-3.

"We had taken some shots earlier in the game, but I think the wind made it difficult for us," said Novi coach Jeff Burnside, whose team is now 3-3 overall and 3-1 in the KLAA's Central Division. "That's a play we love and we haven't had a chance to run it a lot this year. Anthony is a wonderful athlete and Al is a pressure-kid. He stands in there, makes those throws and really came through tonight. I know he was struggling a bit early on, but when the time matters, he leads his team."

Earlier in the period, the Lions (2-4, 0-4) were able to make it a one-possession ballgame thanks to a 43-yard field goal by senior Vince Candela, who also booted a 32-yarder just before halftime.

A punt against the wind

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PREP FOOTBALL

Moody kick-starts Northville win

Mustangs prevail in battle of unbeatens

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

It wasn't one play Friday night that turned around Northville's football fortunes against host Livonia Stevenson.

Instead, it may have been one kick that may have swayed the outcome of the game in a battle of unbeatens.

Jake Moody's 50-yard field goal on the first play of the second quarter proved to be pivotal as the Mustangs went on a 24-point run to erase a 14-0 deficit and earn their 12th playoff berth in school history with a 24-14 victory over the Spartans.

Moody's boot, believed to be close to a school-record, was a no-doubter as a strong wind

toward the south end of the field helped push his attempt well beyond the crossbar and through the uprights.

And there was no hesitation on Northville coach Matt Ladach's part to send Moody out for the attempt.

"I was very confident because he was making them from 60 in practice," said Ladach, whose team improved to 4-0 KLAA's Central Division while taking over sole possession of first place. "One of the kids came up to me and said, 'Coach, Moody is making them from 60,' so we had the wind at our back and it was 50 yards, so there was no decision there."

The kick literally kick-started the Mustangs, who went on to score the next 21 while locking up their sixth playoff berth in the past seven years.

"Normal conditions it's 50 yards and in, but that wind it helped a ton," Moody said of

his range. "Everybody was down. It was 14-0. It looked like they were having all the momentum for them, but then I went out there and kicked that 50-yarder, and everybody was excited."

Stevenson (5-1, 3-1) came out of the gate like world-beaters, taking just three plays to score on the game's opening possession as senior Austin Petrie, who ran wild in last year's 46-21 win over Northville, knifed his way up the middle for 34 yards and a touchdown with 10:42 left.

On the Spartans' next series, they took less than two minutes to score going 58 yards in eight plays capped by pitch-out to Frank Carlin, who leaped his way through a sea of Northville tacklers and into the end zone from 17 yards out with 5:50 left to make it 14-0 (following Ian Henzi's PAT).

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Austin Zimbo scores a touchdown for Northville Friday night against Livonia Stevenson.

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GIRLS SWIMMING

Mustangs runner-up in Wayne County Invitational

Northville shatters five meet records; Blue Devils get 1st

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

A strong performance in Saturday's Wayne County Invitational proved to be the best outing to date for the 2015 Northville girls swim team.

Host Grosse Pointe South paced the 15-school field with 500 points, while Northville was runner-up with 433.5. Rounding out the top five was Salem (303.5), Plymouth (201) and Livonia Stevenson (192).

"We went in hoping to win, which did not work out, but after the meet I told the girls that after seeing how they swam, I didn't care about finishing second," Northville coach Brian McNeff said. "From top-to-bottom everyone was dropping time and looked really good in the water. There were some times that I would have been happy with at the end of the season and we are swimming them now. It was a pretty exciting day."

Junior Laura Westphal was involved in four of Northville's seven firsts



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Northville junior Laura Westphal set two individual Wayne County and Grosse Pointe South pool records on Saturday.

as she broke county and pool records in the 200-yard individual medley (2:06.66) and 500 freestyle (5:01.84).

Westphal also teamed up with Kelsey Macaddino, Nick Pumper and Gillian Zayan for a pool and county record in the 200 freestyle relay (1:56.84). The foursome of Pumper, Katelyn McCullough, Zayan and Westphal also set new

pool and county records in the 400 freestyle relay (3:36.08).

Macaddino also had a big day winning the 200 freestyle (1:56.84) and 100 butterfly (county record 57.56). She also helped the Mustangs to a second in the 200 medley relay (1:51.06) along with Darby Mroz, Erin Szara and McCullough.

Szara added a first for Northville the 100 breast-

stroke in 1:07.92.

Among Northville's other top eight finishers included Pumper, second, 50 freestyle (25.33) and third, 100 backstroke (59.98); Zayan, second, 100 freestyle (54.27); McCullough, third, 50 freestyle (25.34); Vanessa Wojtalewicz, 1-meter diving, fourth (284.20 points); Julia Scavnicky, fifth, 500 freestyle (5:33.11); and Mroz, fifth,

200 IM (2:15.9) and seventh, 100 backstroke (1:00.72).

"We ended up getting seven first places, four pool records, seven more state cuts, and a lot of confidence heading into the toughest part of the season," McNeff said. "I was looking at some past results and it was probably one of the best non-league or state meet days we have ever had. I think

we showed today that we have some of the best swimmers in the state and can compete with anyone."

Novi places 14th

On Saturday, Farmington Hills Mercy captured its 11th straight Oakland County championship with 392 points at Lake Orion.

Bloomfield Hills Marian and Rochester Adams took second and third with 258 and 266, respectively, while Novi placed 14th with 56 in the 22-school field.

Novi's 200 medley relay team of Emily Mayoras, Hanna Dong, Alexandra Cortez and Ava Bianchi earning a state qualifying time (1:53.91) by finishing 12th. The Wildcats' 400 freestyle relay team of Alexandra Cortez, Mayoras, Linda Wei and Ava Bianchi also earned a state cut in the 400 freestyle relay (eighth, 3:42.01).

Other state cuts were earned by Bianchi in the 50 freestyle (ninth, 24.93) and Mayoras in the 100 backstroke (11th, 1:00.4). Bianchi also took 13th in the 100 freestyle (55.03), while Cortez added a 16th in the 200 freestyle (1:58.92).

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SWIMMING

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today," McNeff said. "We were going to try for it Saturday at the Wayne County meet. She's been swimming really good and I told her today, 'Get it now, get it over with,' and almost did. Most of the time at this time of the season you're adding time and getting tired, but she just continues to drop. She's been doing that since she was a freshman coming in. It's kind of helped us out a lot because we've been missing that breakthrough breaststroker and now we have it, so it makes our team a lot better."

Northville's 200 medley relay team of Darby Mroz, Szara, Macaddino and Katelyn McCullough opened the meet with a win in 1:54.03, while the foursome Pumper, McCullough, Zayan and Westphal closed out the night with a triumph in the 400 freestyle relay (3:43.03).

"We hadn't had the best week of practice, but I told when they came in today that 'we can fix that' by swimming good today and with some confidence, and they did," said McNeff, whose team improved to 3-1 overall and 2-0 in the Central. "We had a lot of dropped times and had a lot of close races, and they really did a good job. I was really happy with them."

South Lyon Unified (5-3, 1-1) got its only win in the 1-meter diving event as Caitlyn Canadi led a one-two-three sweep with a total of 233.32 points. Teammate Starr Bryan was a close second with 224.17.

"Overall I thought we competed well today," South Lyon coach John Burch said. "It was tough with a top swimmer out and we actually had another girl injured during



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Northville swimmers cheer on their teammates in Thursday's 114-72 dual meet win over South Lyon Unified.

the meet, so we had to pull her out. Just making those changes on the fly I thought our girls adapted well. I actually thought we swam better today than we did last Thursday when we defeated Novi (96-90). Overall, I'm pretty pleased with the result. It does show we have a ways to go if we're going to compete with them at the end of the year."

Avery Covert's third-place time of 1:13.58 in the 100 breaststroke was encouraging from Burch's standpoint.

"She's come a long way," the South Lyon coach said. "She's a freshman. She got third and her time is coming down toward the state qualifying time, so I was very happy with that."

But without Bischoff, who cheered and encouraged her teammates from the pool deck, it was going to be an uphill struggle on this night to overhaul the Mustangs.

"Carolyn injured her back late last week, so losing you're top swimmer or one of your top swimmers definitely hurts in a dual meet like this," Burch said. "We're hoping she can get back in the water on Monday and swim a little. When she's able to compete ... we're not quite sure. But she'll be good to go at the end of the year."

The Kensington Conference meet will be on Saturday, Nov. 7 at Novi and South Lyon Unified hopes to make it a closer meet.

"They're definitely the favorite coming in," Burch said of the Mustangs.

DUAL MEET RESULT NORTHVILLE 114 SOUTH LYON UNIFIED 72

- Oct. 1 at Northville
- 200-yard medley relay:** 1. Northville (Darby Mroz, Erin Szara, Kelsey Macaddino, Katelyn McCullough), 1:54.03; 2. South Lyon (Anna Geyer, Melanie Dunnuck, Anna Smith, Megan Mieske), 1:55.26; 3. Northville (Sabrina Lee, Jennifer Ostrowski, Savannah Manley, Elena Pando), 2:00.23.
- 200 freestyle:** 1. Macaddino (N), 2:02.77; 2. Gillian Zayan (N), 2:03.45; 3. Emily Kososki (SLU), 2:05.18.
- 200 individual medley:** 1. Laura Westphal (N), 2:11.24; 2. Mroz (N), 2:18.54; 3. Dunnuck (SLU), 2:19.89.
- 50 freestyle:** 1. Kiki Pumper (N), 25.97; 2. Mieske (SLU), 26.14; 3. McCullough (N), 26.34.
- 1-meter diving:** 1. Caitlyn Canadi (SLU), 233.32 points; 2. Starr Bryan (SLU), 224.17; 3. Madeline Taylor (SLU), 174.38.
- 100 butterfly:** 1. Macaddino (N), 58.6; 2. Smith (SLU), 1:01.18; 3. Alyssa Schams (SLU), 1:06.35.
- 100 freestyle:** 1. Zayan (N), 56.62; 2. Hannah Craig (N), 58.12; 3. Mieske (SLU), 58.44.
- 500 freestyle:** 1. Westphal (N), 5:09.41; 2. McCullough (N), 5:26.46; 3. Kososki (SLU), 5:35.43.
- 200 freestyle relay:** 1. Northville (Pumper, Macaddino, Zayan, Westphal), 1:56.84 (pool record); 2. South Lyon (Mieske, Smith, Nerys Gravel, Erin Russell), 1:58.65; 3. Northville (Craig, Szara, Brooke Verble, Pando), 1:47.3.
- 100 backstroke:** 1. Pumper (N), 1:02.09; 2. Mroz (N), 1:03.09; 3. Geyer (SLU), 1:04.28.
- 100 breaststroke:** 1. Szara (N), 1:09.99; 2. Dunnuck (SLU), 1:12.78; 3. Avery Covert (SLU), 1:13.58.
- 400 freestyle relay:** 1. Northville (Pumper, McCullough, Zayan, Westphal), 3:43.03; 2. South Lyon (Dunnuck, Smith, Gravel, Kososki), 3:50.95; 3. Northville (Craig, Sophia Wasiniak, Verble, Mroz), 3:59.08.
- Dual meet records:** Northville, 3-1 overall; 2-0 KLAA Central; South Lyon, 5-3 overall; 1-1 KLAA Central.

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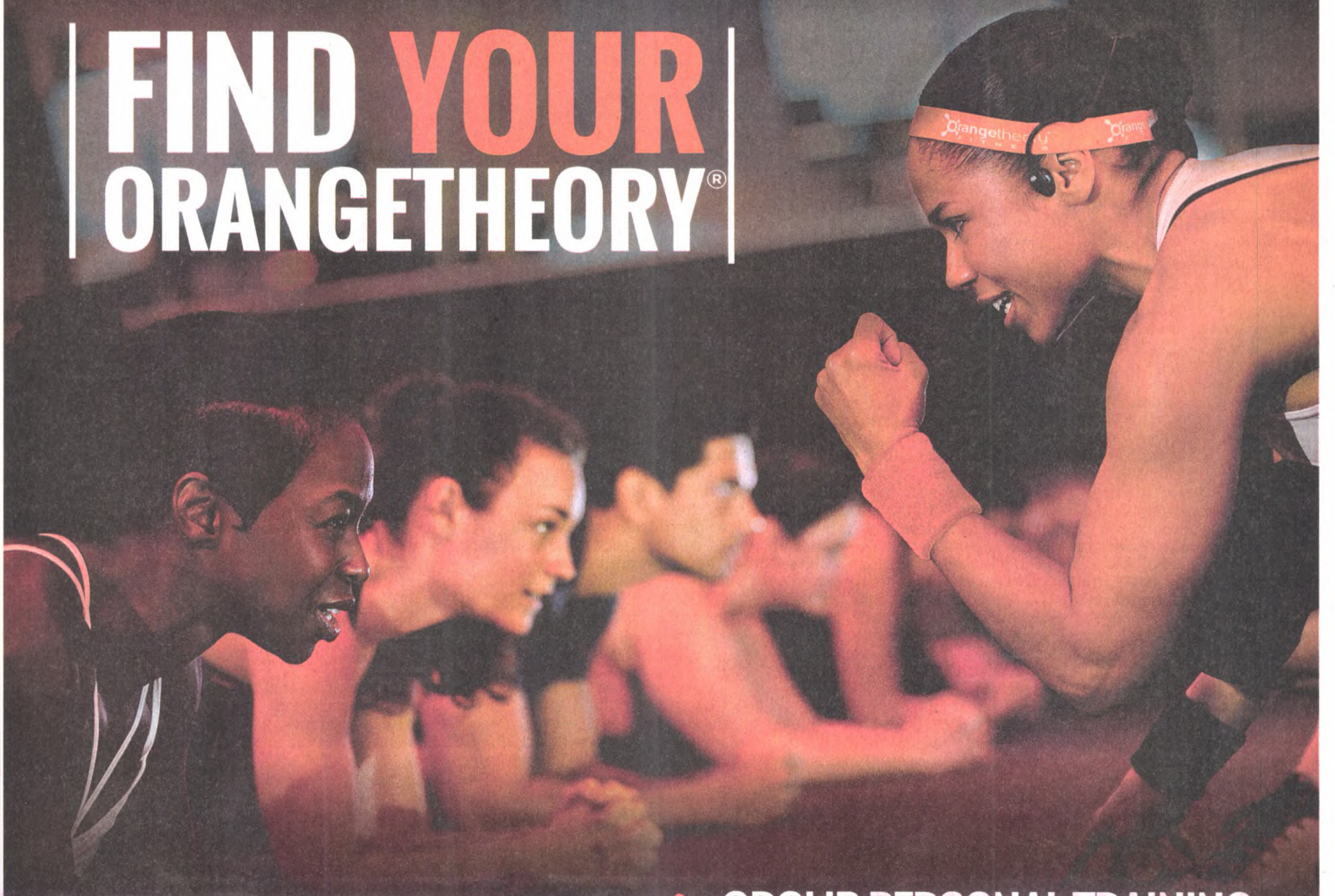
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Griffin Funeral Home expands to Northville

By Brad Kadrach
 Staff Writer

David Griffin and his staff were really just doing a favor for a couple of grieving families when they traveled to those families' Northville homes to make funeral arrangements for a loved one.

Physical circumstances made it difficult for both families to make the arrangements the traditional way, and they asked Griffin, whose family owns the chain of L.J. Griffin Funeral homes (including the Northrop-Sassaman Chapel in Northville) if he'd come to their house.

Griffin, of course, was happy to grant the unusual request and made the arrangements sitting in the families' kitchens.

That act of kindness spawned an idea the Griffins have now turned into a regular service that has already been used by two families.

"When we did those, we thought, 'We can do this,'" Griffin said. "And if we can do these, why can't we do it for everyone."

So, they are. Upon request, Griffin staffers will travel to the home, armed with everything a family needs to make the arrangements. Families will know prices, be able to make selections on everything from caskets to prayer cards, arrange for flowers and choose a local cemetery.

Griffin knows it won't be a service that appeals to everyone, but he's happy to be offering it to families who want it or, more importantly, need it.

"If we can make (the experience) easier by going to the home, at the end of the day that's what we're supposed to do," said Griffin, whose family also operates funeral parlors in Westland, Canton and Livonia. "Our motto is 'Service ... a Family Tradition,' and this is just an extension of that."

It's the kind of service Griffin has been offering since the family purchased the funeral home from former owner, John Sassaman, in the spring of 2014. According to Griffin, Sassaman, who owned the funeral home for years, knew his health was poor and approached the Griffins to keep it alive.

David Griffin, who lives in Northville Township, had known Sassaman for awhile and thought the funeral home would be a good addition to the family chain.

With his health failing, Griffin said, Sassaman hadn't been able to keep the parlor in peak condi-



David Griffin will host an open house at the Northrop-Sassaman Chapel of L.J. Griffin Funeral Home Oct. 14-16.

BRAD KADRACH

OPEN HOUSE

What: Open house, L.J. Griffin Funeral Home Northrop-Sassaman Chapel

Where: The chapel is located at 19091 Northville Road.

When: Oct. 14-16

Why: To mark the official grand opening of the chapel, purchased by the Griffin family last year from previous owner John Sassaman.

Details: For more information, call the chapel, 248-348-1233.

tion. It needed work, and Sassaman asked Griffin to help.

"The funeral home was a little bit tired," Griffin acknowledged.

Seeing the work that was needed, the Griffins "took it down to the studs," David Griffin said. They rebuilt the large primary room, added the fireplace in the foyer, completely renovated the entire interior, and added state-of-the-art sound systems and televisions.

The latest addition: A new lounge on the upper level where families can bring food, drink and provide a waiting area for visitors.

"I saw the Northville community didn't have a place to honor their dead," Griffin said. "This funeral home fits the community."

Griffin said the family tried to keep Sassaman, who was well-respected in town, in mind as they

did the work.

Indeed, the first funeral in the renovated parlor was for Sassaman, who passed away in November.

"Jim was a huge part of the community," Griffin said. "As we took over, people would call every day asking, 'How's John?' There's not a week that goes by when somebody doesn't bring John's name up."

More than a year after buying the place and some 10 months after completing renovations, Griffin will hold a formal open house at the Sassaman-Northrop Chapel. Griffin said the delay was largely a testament to Sassaman.

"We wanted to make sure the place is done perfectly," Griffin said. "We just wish John was with us."

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After the Griffin family bought the Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home, they "took it down to the studs" to renovate it.

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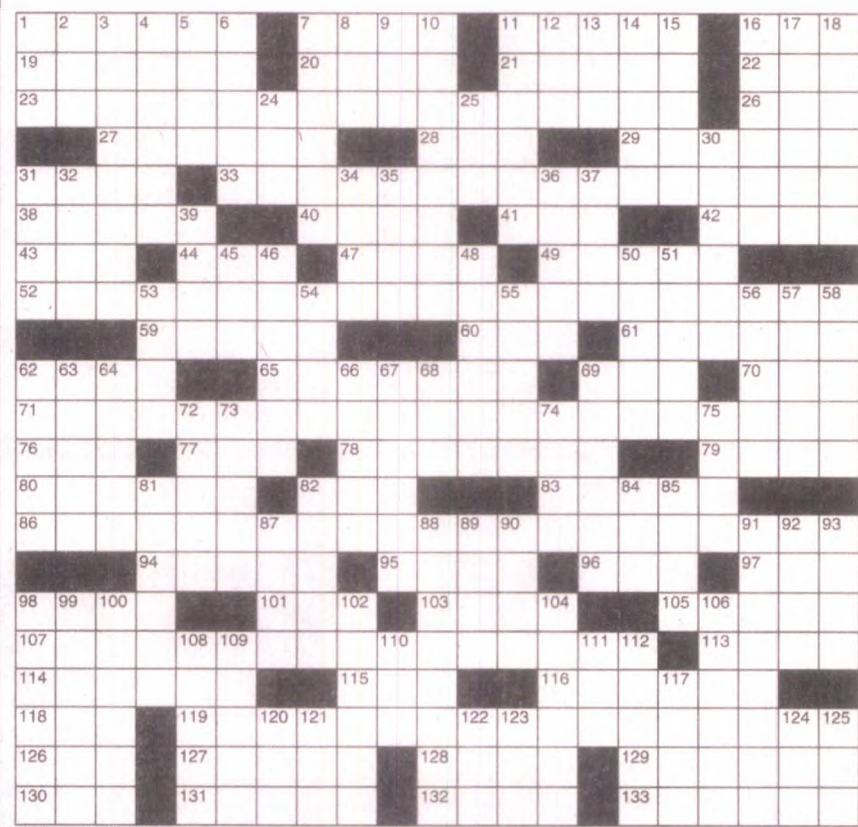
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- 1 Ousts
 - 7 Fig. on a new car sticker
 - 11 Isle of Minos
 - 16 Pro music providers
 - 19 Lost lady in "The Raven"
 - 20 "That clarifies it"
 - 21 Saabs, say
 - 22 Use scissors
 - 23 Enron scandal figure was inactive?
 - 26 Suffix of fruit drinks
 - 27 — Pie (cold treat)
 - 28 Sternward
 - 29 Lucas of film
 - 31 By way of, briefly
 - 33 "Three's Company" actor started dozing?
 - 38 See 82-Across
 - 40 Money owed
 - 41 Floral wreath
 - 42 Puppies
 - 43 Lyric writer
 - 44 Lyric work
 - 47 Toe part
 - 49 "Lulu" composer
 - 52 Watergate whistleblower had anxiety?
 - 59 Island near Molokai
 - 60 — for "apple"
 - 61 Charles of CBS News
 - 62 "CSI" actress Elisabeth
 - 65 Solar system members
 - 69 Ending for pent- or hex-scandal
 - 70 Citi Field stat
 - 71 Reds great met a tough challenge?
 - 76 Santa — (hot desert wind)
 - 77 Unveil, in poetry
 - 78 Swiss resort lake
 - 79 Greek mountain
 - 80 "Is there an echo —?"
 - 82 With 38-Across, they have film bloopers
 - 83 "This —!" (fighting words)
 - 86 Teen sleuth noted the subtle difference?
 - 94 "Gladiator" actor Davis
 - 95 Mrs. Addams, to Gomez
 - 96 Bygone flight inits.
 - 97 "Aquarius" network
 - 98 Chilly
 - 101 Hereditary helices
 - 103 Small needle case
 - 105 Have one's cake and eat —
 - 107 "The Ward" actress hallucinated auditorily?
 - 113 Te- (giggles)
 - 114 Blueswoman
 - 115 Fuzz figure
 - 116 Machine for sowing
 - 118 Become old
 - 119 "The Great Ziegfeld" figure caused a road jam?
 - 126 UNLV part
 - 127 Valuable store
 - 128 River of Pisa
 - 129 Not coastal
 - 130 Pack carrier
 - 131 Targeted
 - 132 In order
 - 133 States of change
 - 1 Bugling beast
 - 2 Winning sign
 - 3 Cochlea site
 - 4 Relative of an attache
 - 5 Trying trip
 - 6 Take effect
 - 7 What to call an English nobleman
 - 8 Retirees' fund org.
 - 9 Manna del —
 - 10 Like a smug know-it-all
 - 11 OPEC, e.g.
 - 12 Mai tai liquor
 - 13 Sked guess
 - 14 Pacific island nation
 - 15 Actor Will
 - 16 U.S. capital and environs
 - 17 Deemed
 - 18 Infuses
 - 24 Wellness gp
 - 25 Awry
 - 30 Horse-track has-been
 - 31 Slim and fit
 - 32 Greek Juno
 - 34 Eatery card
 - 35 Impose — on (forbid)
 - 36 Pages (through)
 - 37 — & Stitch"
 - 39 Long couch
 - 45 Room with a
 - 46 Pass
 - 48 Hate
 - 50 Horse to bust
 - 51 All mixed up
 - 53 Abstract artist Paul
 - 54 Scrabble pick
 - 55 Tight-fisted type
 - 56 Karloff of film
 - 57 Timber wolves
 - 58 City near Minneapolis
 - 62 Seville locale
 - 63 Hair dye
 - 64 Fan of the Jazz, usually
 - 66 Attorney or heir follower
 - 67 Nutty candy
 - 68 Misc. abbr.
 - 69 Nails the test
 - 72 Actors Cukin and Calhoun
 - 73 Pages for think pieces
 - 74 Handling the matter
 - 75 Kind
 - 81 Schools, to the French
 - 82 "Hero" co-star Davis
 - 84 NYC-to-Seattle dir.
 - 85 Berry from Brazil
 - 87 Bike, e.g.
 - 88 Weight-loss strategy
 - 89 Narrow strip of land: Abbr.
 - 90 Feng —
 - 91 Russian news agency
 - 92 Penetrating woodwind
 - 93 Sarges, say
 - 98 Jewish mystical tradition
 - 99 Last letters
 - 100 Dwell (on)
 - 102 Like insteps and rainbows
 - 104 Hip place
 - 106 Winter bug
 - 108 Gaucho rope
 - 109 "The Dance" artist
 - 110 Female
 - 111 Fetch
 - 112 Sans — (font style)
 - 117 Pioneer Boone, to townsfolk
 - 120 — de plume
 - 121 Hail, to Ovid
 - 122 Rap s — Dr. —
 - 123 A, in Italy
 - 124 Opal ending
 - 125 LPs' successors



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9	8	3	1	5	4	7	2	6
2	7	4	9	3	8	5	1	6
4	2	7	9	8	3	6	5	1
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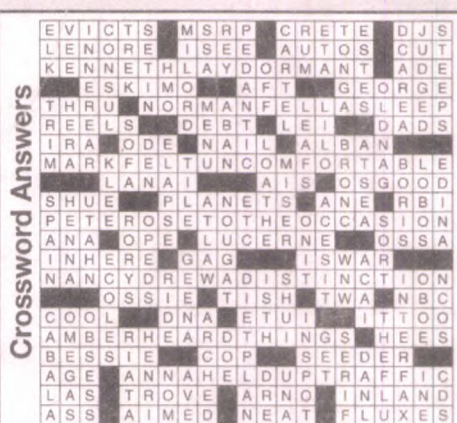
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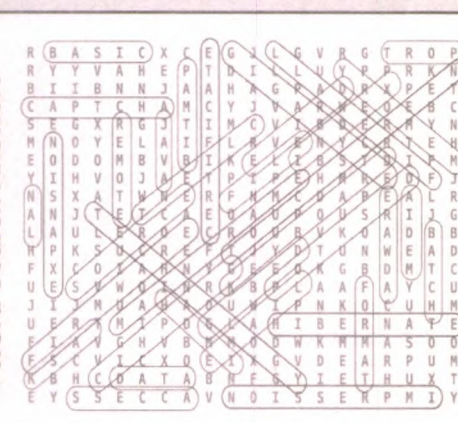
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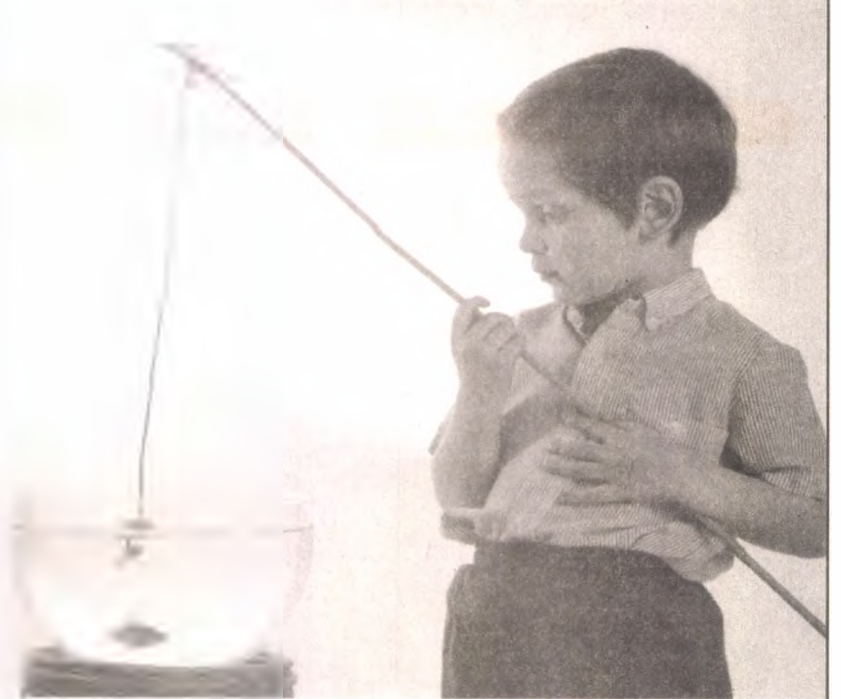
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