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Brunch for vets Nov. 3

The city of Novi pays tribute to the men and women of the U.S. armed forces at the annual Veterans Brunch at 10 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 3.

Retired Air Force Col. Craig Stigleman will serve as keynote speaker.

Novi businesses Maple Manor Rehab Center, Waltonwood of Twelve Oaks, Sam's Club and Brookdale Senior Living will provide the refreshments. The brunch will be hosted at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 10 Mile Road.

Veterans are the honored guests and may attend at no cost, but must register in advance. Cost is \$7.50 per resident and \$9 per non-residents. Tickets will not be sold at the door, but may be purchased at the Novi Civic Center or Meadowbrook Activity Center through Friday, Oct. 21.

For more information, contact city of Novi Older Adult Services at 248-347-0414.

Superintendent gets raise, modified contract on 6-0 vote



Matthews

Susan Bromley
hometownlife.com

In what appears to be a vote of confidence in the leadership of Dr. Steve Matthews, the Novi Community School District Board of Education approved in a 6-0 vote modifications to the superintendent's contract, including a raise.

Under terms of the contract modification, Matthews will receive a salary

of \$187,775 for the fiscal year 2016-17. This represents a 1.5-percent increase from his previous salary of \$185,000, as well as what he said is his first raise since taking over the helm of the district in 2011.

"I hope it signals that the board is pleased with my performance," Matthews said. "I hope to continue serving the district for a number of years as we move forward together."

Other modifications approved by the board at its Oct. 6 meeting include a provision that the board, at its sole discretion, will vote whether to extend the contract for an additional two years during the second year of the contract and the contract language binding the superintendent's performance appraisal to an increase in contract length will

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Madeleine Albright speaks at the Northville Township home of Lisa DiRado and John Keenan.

Albright: Hillary Clinton 'ambassador' for America

Maria Taylor
Correspondent

Former U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright made a stop Friday in Northville to rally support for Hillary Clinton, calling the Democratic nominee "an ambassador for America" and the "best possible person to be president."

The event was held at the home of

Lisa DiRado, president of the Northville Democratic Club.

Speaking to a crowd of about 100 women and a handful of men, Albright talked about Clinton's record as U.S. senator and secretary of state and why she thinks Clinton would be the better choice in the Nov. 8 election. She characterized Donald Trump, Clinton's Republican rival, as lacking the "temperament and character" for

the office of commander-in-chief.

"This is an absolutely crucial election," Albright said, adding that it will make "an incredible amount of difference for our country and for the way that we are viewed everywhere."

"I travel a lot," she said. "People think we've lost our minds."

Albright, a Democrat, was born in

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M-5, I-275 ramps may be closed through month

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So close. So very close. That's how the Michigan Department of Transportation describes the completion of work along several ramps seeing work along Interstate 275 and M-5.

The ramps to northbound M-5 from I-275, I-696 and M-4 westbound have remained closed since the middle of September, when MDOT announced it would

close them down for work. That work was originally supposed to take place in three weeks, but weather and other conditions have left the work going into this week, the fifth week they have been closed. It's expected they'll remain closed throughout the week and possibly next week, as well.

"I believe it's between (Oct.) 23rd and the 30th is when we're hoping to open those ramps,"

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Crews work on the I-275 construction project earlier this summer.

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Czechoslovakia and came to the United States at age 11. She was America's first female secretary of state, serving under President Bill Clinton from 1993-97. Prior to that, she was the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations.

Albright said she met Hillary Clinton when the former first lady became chair of the Children's Defense Fund.

"She used to come to Washington and talk about the importance of really helping children everywhere and it was such a clear example of

her wanting to give a voice to those who can't speak for themselves and to really work very hard on behalf of others," she said.

Albright traveled with Clinton extensively after becoming secretary of state and called her "an ambassador for America." She said that while Clinton did "a lot of meetings, obviously, in fancy rooms," her true passion was "going out and meeting people and listening to them ... and that has been her style ever since."

When Clinton became a U.S. senator from New York in 2001, Albright noted, a lot of people thought she'd be a diva. "She was the opposite,"

Albright said. "She put her head down and really worked very hard and got so that she was somebody that could be counted on, that people trusted, that really did her work."

As senator, Clinton served on the Armed Services Committee, something Albright said gave her valuable experience in terms of national security decisions. "And she reached across the aisle, which I thought was really important," she added, citing a health care plan for the National Guard that Clinton worked on with Republican Sen. Lindsey Graham as an example.

Albright called Clinton a "remarkable" secretary of state.

"She restored America's reputation, no question, after the previous administration," Albright said. "She was instrumental in rebalancing us to Asia and helping democracy in Burma, trying to figure out our relationships in Asia, then obviously set up the way for us to have a different relationship with Iran on the nuclear issue. She tried very hard to have a different relationship with Russia and worked very hard in terms of putting a picture forward of the United States that understands what our position in the world is, but also that we need partners."

"There is nobody, ever, that has been as prepared to be president as she is," Albright said of Clinton, adding that her being a woman is a "bonus."

Bottom line

"The bottom line is that she has a way of understanding how do-



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Lisa DiRado (left) welcomes former U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright to her Northville Township home Oct. 14. Albright spoke to about 100 people at DiRado and husband John Keenan's home. They are holding a sign that DiRado and Susan Nichols (right) displayed on the floor of the convention.

"I'm proud Hillary (Clinton) is fighting for women, fighting for children."

LISA DIRADO
president, Northville Democratic Club

thing she fears will "give rise to similar kinds of people in other places."

Albright also denounced Trump's behavior toward women, including multiple published accusations of sexual harassment and his remarks captured on a 2005 "Access Hollywood" tape, in which he said he used his celebrity status to grope and kiss women without their consent. Trump dismissed the comments as "locker room talk." He denied many of the allegations as "outright lies" at a rally Oct. 13 in West Palm Beach, Fla.

Albright said she takes his original comments at face value. "I'm sorry to say there is credibility," she said. "You have Trump in his own words ... whether it's in that one tape from the bus or whether it's from interviews and then also, obviously, some women that have come forward, making very clear what his behavior is."

She said that things like this give foreigners pause "because we have so talked about the importance of credible candidates around the world."

"I think it's a tragedy, frankly, that this kind of discussion can be going on in the context of electing the most important person in the world," she said. "I think it's demeaning to the American people and it's, obviously, demeaning to women."

That's something that really resonates with DiRado, who's serving as 11th District presidential elector in the event Clinton carries Michigan.

"If someone tells you who they are, we have to believe him," she said. "He brags about doing this. Frankly, we know this — it's happened to our daughters, it's happened to your mother, it's happened to your sister. ... To have a president that's a sexual predator, it's shocking," she said. "I'm proud Hillary is fighting for women, fighting for children."

DiRado and her friend Susan Nichols were delegates to the Democratic National Convention in July, where a photo of the two women went viral after it was retweeted by Clinton.

In the photo, the women hold homemade signs that read "Our Daughters Are Watching" and "Born To Lead." On the back, they read "What's That Noise?" and "Glass Ceiling Shattered."

"Hillary tweeted this sign of us; she said 'History is watching,' which it is," DiRado said. "Our children are watching, our daughters, our sons — all of history is watching."

Later, the photo was picked up by the magazine Marie Claire in an article by Chelsea Clinton.

"This fight has been going on for decades," Nichols said. "Thank goodness we've finally got a woman who will break that glass ceiling. Our daughters all have to step on someone's shoulders. Hillary Clinton stood on Madeleine Albright's shoulders. It's a matter of standing up for what's right."

DiRado has two daughters, ages 22 and 25.

"(Albright) is stumping so hard because she does believe that Secretary Clinton will make a better world," she said. "It's very interesting that she talked about working across the aisle. Hillary Clinton will be president of the people who voted for Trump and the people who voted for her, she's said that, and that's the world I want for my daughters."

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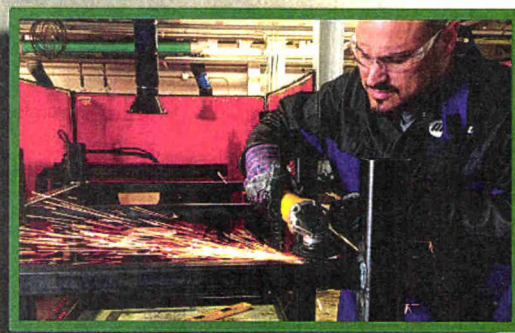
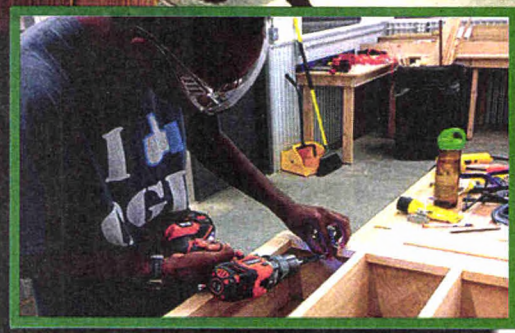
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said Diane Cross, an MDOT spokeswoman. "Hopefully, by the end of the month, we'll have the M-5 ramp reopen."

The detour for northbound M-5 from I-696, I-275 or eastbound M-5 remains I-96 westbound to Beck and then I-96 eastbound to northbound M-5.

Also recently closed again was the west Eight Mile ramp to southbound I-275. That ramp will remain closed for roughly two weeks as crews complete some concrete replacement.

Cross said work had taken place on that ramp earlier in the construction season during the construction project that left I-275 closed this summer, but did not turn out how MDOT wanted it to, requiring the second batch of work at the cost of the transportation agency.

"It was an MDOT issue. It's our fault and we'll be paying for it,"

she said. "It doesn't happen very often. It didn't come out just how we thought it should be."

She did not have an estimate for how much the additional work would add to the project's financial cost.

The detour for southbound I-275 is Eight Mile to south Haggerty to Seven Mile east to I-275 southbound.

Cross said it's not anticipated any other extended ramp closures are expected this construction season, though some work is expected to be done along the shoulder of southbound I-275, just south of the I-96/I-696/M-5 interchange, in Oakland County later this fall.

Other work, including intelligent transportation systems improvements such as cameras, will also be added after road construction is complete, Cross said. That work could result in some shoulder closures.

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be eliminated.

Matthews is currently in the second year of his contract, which began July 1, 2015, and runs through June 30, 2018. He said he expects the board to vote next spring on an extension.

"The previous language that would extend my contract yearly if I had a successful evaluation was language that not all members of the board could support," he said. "I do not believe that the language was problematic as much as it was that some members of the board wanted the opportunity to be more involved in contract management. The language took away active contract management from the board."

Matthews has attempted to leave Novi twice in the past two years. In 2015, he applied for a superintendent position with Grosse Pointe, but lost out to another finalist. This past spring, he tried for a superintendent position with Bainbridge Islands Schools in Washington state, citing west coast ties and a chilly Michigan education climate, but finished second in the selection process. In that case, one of the Bainbridge board members cited concerns that vetting showed that Matthews had support of only half of his Novi school board.

"I feel good about my relationship with the board, the work that I have done here in Novi and I hope this vote signals that the board wants the relationship to continue," he said.

OUR VIEW

Voters should OK RESA millage

When voters head to the polls Nov. 8, they're going to be asked to cast votes in a variety of races and on a number of proposals.

Wayne County school districts are hoping voters will not only pay particular attention to the Wayne RESA millage proposal. They're hoping voters will pass it and we think they should.

The RESA millage, labeled the Regional Education Enhancement Millage, is a proposal to levy 2 mills of tax for six years, with the funds generated being divided among the 33 school districts in Wayne County, based on each district's student enrollment.

The tax, which would raise some \$385 per student, is about the only way local districts, most of whom have made millions of dollars in cuts over the last several years, can get additional funding for programs. Foundation allowance funding isn't keeping up with the times and Lansing has shown no propensity for increasing it much.

We'd like to avoid the "Lansing is actually spending more on education than ever before" lament from local legislators, who will say the increase has been diverted to retirement programs. Say what you want; there seems to be fewer dollars going into classrooms.

We'll also spare you the traditional "voting for this millage will cost you less than a meal at McDonald's" reference and point out that proponents say it will cost the homeowner of a house with a home value of \$100,000 about \$8 per month.

Naturally, officials in most local districts have



Voters will decide a RESA millage Nov. 8 in Wayne County.

JULIE BROWN

passed resolutions urging RESA to put the measure on the ballot. That's because in recent years, districts have reduced programming and delayed buying of textbooks and other classroom materials. They've privatized things like transportation and custodial services. In a way, that's helped them become leaner and more effi-

cient, forced districts to take a serious look at spending habits and patterns

But you can only cut yourself so much before it really starts bleeding, which is where most of Wayne County's local districts are now. They're bleeding and they're running out of Band-aids. The Wayne RESA millage, while not a cure-all, can help clot

the wound.

It's a tax that won't necessarily sit well with taxpayers, particularly those in "donor" districts like Plymouth-Canton.

But with no willingness to change Proposal A coming out of Lansing, it's the only way to get sorely needed dollars to local districts and we believe voters should approve it.

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Northville school board hopefuls share views

Laurie Doner

Family: Married for 21 years; Ashlyn (15) 10th grade at Northville High School, Julianne (12) 7th grade at Meads Mill Middle School.

Occupation: Teacher
Education: B.S. in elementary education, M.A. in special education, Education Specialist degree in administration



Doner

Current or previous public service: Running for my first term in office

Community involvement: Active parent participant for women's lacrosse at the high school, active parent participant for the middle school dance team, member of the First Presbyterian Church of Northville

Why do you feel qualified for this position? I am qualified for this position because I am an educator and have served students, parents, and the community in which I have worked for the past 22 years. I have the knowledge in education to enrich the current Northville School Board. I believe it is essential to have a person serve on the school board who has this day-to-day experience to help make these decisions.

What have you done to familiarize yourself with the issues? I have been attending the committee of the whole meetings, as well as the school board meetings every Tuesday since I turned in my paperwork that indicated I am running for the Northville School Board. This has allowed me to hear discussions and agenda items that are currently impacting the district and to see how the cur-

rent board is handling all of the items that come up on the agenda.

The district has building concerns with the Old Village School and the Main Street building that houses the administrative offices. What would your approach to these buildings be? As a board member, I think you need to be very careful how much money is being used to maintain the buildings in the district that are in need of many repairs and are costing the district quite a bit of money. There has to be solutions that are looked into with the age of buildings and the maintenance involved.

With that being said, I also believe that the historical integrity of the buildings should try to be preserved as much as possible. If you were looking at a company to purchase a property a thorough investigation should take place and talking with the purchaser and looking over what their plans are for the building that they might be purchasing. Northville has a rich history and the preservation of that history would be important to the decisions that would be made with buildings and the property and what might be put in its place.

The district has infrastructure needs. How should the district handle them? The current school board is taking a very close look at the infrastructure needs within the district and is determining in what direction they should move. An outside company is being paid to look at cost of bringing the buildings up to code and the cost to continue to run it versus alternatives like possibly building a new school. Obviously once the company provides feedback then it would involve committee

OUR VIEW

Our picks for Northville school board positions

Voters deciding who gets the four available seats on the Northville Public Schools Board of Education in the Nov. 8 general election have five good candidates from which to choose.

Our recommendations go to current Vice President **Cyndy Jankowski**, current Treasurer **Matt Wilk**, current Trustee **Sarah Prescott** and political newcomer **Laurie Doner**.

Scott Frush, who has run in the past and has a solid financial background, deserves a look, too, but there are only four spots available.

In this group, Jankowski is the easiest pick. She's the current vice president (she's also been the president and the secretary), she's got a son at Northville High School so she's got skin in the game and she's helped revise and establish the district's goals and vision.

As a five-year member of the board, Jankowski has attended thousands of hours worth of meetings and school events. She's been involved with her son at every building level, which gives her additional knowledge of

and board conversations to see what direction they feel they need to move. It is also important to involve the community and provide presentations if larger decisions were on the table

how things work.

She's paid her dues and deserves to continue the work she's started.

Likewise Wilk, first seated on the board in June 2012, should get a shot at another term. The current treasurer, Wilk is familiar with the financial position of the district, as well as the workings of the district's budget.

A senior vice president of a bank and having graduated from the U-M law school, Wilk has the kind of background that make him a good pick. As chair of the finance subcommittee, he's very familiar not only with the financial decisions the board has made in his four years, but the challenges that face the district moving forward.

Prescott was appointed to the board in September 2015 and has barely had time to get her feet, in "school board years." A local lawyer with three children in the district, Prescott has experience with employment law, which comes in handy with the frequent issues surrounding personnel decisions, discipline and policy decisions the

board faces.

Doner is a teacher who would bring some needed educational experience to the board. A teacher's perspective could be valuable and there really isn't any of that at the moment. She's a political newcomer seeking her first office. She doesn't have the financial background that perhaps Frush would bring, but the board already has that perspective covered.

Frush deserves a look because of his involvement with the district — he's involved with the Northville Educational Foundation and the Northville library — but the financial background he brings is already represented in trustees like Wilk.

Voters who think the board needs more of that would do well, however, to consider him.

But for the four spots, we believe the three trustees who are currently on the board — **Cyndy Jankowski**, **Matt Wilk** and **Sarah Prescott** — joined by teacher **Laurie Doner** would make up a board that would well serve the district.

that the district had available they could go to the community to ask for funding by proposing a bond for a specific purpose.

How important to you are results of current standardized tests? How heavily do you believe parents moving into the district rely on these scores? Our students across the state are doing a lot of testing these days. These test scores are a visual representation of how districts across the state are doing compared to other districts so the stakes are high when it comes to parents looking at the scores and determining where they want their children to go to school in the future. As an educator, these tests scores are really only **one way** to measure our student's achievement. There are many other ways we look at a child to measure their success. Northville continues to be a district that is highly sought after because of its continued academic excellence.

Scott Frush

Occupation: VP, Investment Advisor in the Wealth Management Group of PNC Bank (Ann Arbor corporate office); past Instructor of finance,

University of Michigan

Family: Wife Christina, daughter Gabriella (fourth-grader at

Ridge Wood Elementary), son Ryan (third-grader at Ridge Wood Elementary).

Education: B.B.A., finance: Eastern Michigan University, 1994; M.B.A., University of Notre Dame, 1999; Certified Financial Planner (CFP), 2003; Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA), 2000

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on building a new school versus fixing the existing building(s),

Northville continues to be funded at lower levels than surrounding districts. Is there anything that can be done, and if so, what would your solution be? The per pupil funding for the district is determined at

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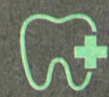
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Current or previous public service: Past director (two terms), EMU Alumni Association Board; past councilperson, St. Hugo of the Hills parish.

Community involvement: Treasurer, Northville Educational Foundation; vice president, Friends of the Northville District Library; chairperson, Northville District Library Development Committee; member, Dad's Club, Ridge Wood Elementary School; member, Meadowbrook Country Club Finance Committee; precinct delegate, Northville Township Precinct Two.

Why do you feel qualified for this position? The most effective boards include members with diverse skill sets. The most glaring omission on the Northville school board is a member with a strong financial skill set. I am that person as I live finances day in and day out. With an annual budget of around \$65 million, our school district requires at least one, if not more, board members with exceptional financial skill sets. In addition to being a past instructor of finance at the University of Michigan and treasurer of the Northville Educational Foundation, I am an author of six finance-related books published by McGraw-Hill.

What have you done to familiarize yourself with the issues? Attending multiple school board meetings over the last couple of years; involvement with the Northville Educational Foundation; involvement in the Dad's Club at Ridge Wood Elementary School; reading the Northville Public Schools' emails and newsletters.

The district has building concerns with the Old Village School

and the Main Street building that houses the administrative offices. What would your approach to these buildings be? As a member of the Northville Historical Society, I want to retain these buildings given their architectural uniqueness and harmonious integration with the community. As a result, my first choice is to rehab the buildings for the current intent rather than relocate the school offices elsewhere. If the school board votes to relocate the offices, then retaining for rental income or selling the property is my second choice. However, if the properties are sold, then they must be sold for market prices as the school district deserves to get fair prices and reinvest that money back into the school district.

The district has infrastructure needs. How should the district handle them? The school board has a responsibility to fund projects that sustain high academic achievement while balancing the need to be good stewards of the taxpayers' money. The default status should always be to evaluate each infrastructure need from the lens of being fiscally responsible. We need to ask; how critical is the infrastructure need now? Do we have the capacity in the budget to fund maintenance of the need for the time being? Our school district will always have infrastructure needs, but we also have limited funds to work with.

Northville continues to be funded at lower levels than surrounding districts. Is there anything that can be done, and if so, what would your solution be? School districts receive funding via (1) a per pupil basis, (2) ballot proposals (e.g. technology bond), and (3) associated foundations (e.g. Northville Educational Foundation). Although there is a measure of

control with items two and three, we unfortunately do not with item one—by far the biggest source of funds for the school district.

By continuing to focus and deliver high academic achievement, Northville Public Schools will attract more students each and every year. In doing so, we will increase the total funding.

How important to you are results of current standardized tests? How heavily do you believe parents moving into the district rely on these scores? On balance, I feel fortunate to live in a community with strong testing results as it's a partial reflection of the quality of education received in Northville Public Schools. However, old fashioned report cards and the drive to earn top grades are more important to me as a parent.

From the many parents I have spoken to, results on standardized tests are important, but only one of many factors considered before moving into the district. Parents also take into consideration class size, facilities, safety, program availability, and overall reputation.

Cyndy Jankowski

Occupation: Paralegal, Oxford Companies, Ann Arbor

Family: Husband, Ray (20 years); son, Joe, sophomore at Northville High School

Education: Associate's degree/accounting, Tiffin University, Tiffin, OH; ABA-Approved Paralegal Certificate, Rancho Santiago College, Santa Ana, CA

Current or previous public service: five-year member of the Board of Education, Northville Public Schools, Appointed January 2012; Elected November 2012; 2016 –



Jankowski

vice president; 2015 – president; 2014 & 2013 secretary

Community involvement: Board liaison to Northville Educational Foundation, 2013 to present; board liaison to the Conrad Langfield Memorial Fund, 2013 to present; Northville Historical Society member 2015 to present; 2016 NHS Varsity Baseball Armed Forces Day volunteer, 2015 Freshman Football volunteer, 2014 Concession Lead for NBSA's Early Bird Tournament, various committee chair positions at Silver Springs Elementary, including LAN representative, 2012

Why do you feel qualified for this position? As the second most senior member of the Board of Education, I have spent thousands of hours in board-related meetings, and school events. I believe I have earned the confidence and reputation of a true community servant by listening to the concerns of our families and being a fair and unbiased advocate for all learner levels. My experience as a paralegal provides me with the analytical skills needed to delve into the facts of an issue, look at the full-circle implications of my decisions, and create successful resolutions within the goals and vision of the District.

What have you done to familiarize yourself with the issues? My current service as a trustee of the board has prepared me well for current issues of the district. I have also been an integral participant in the revamping of the District's goals and visions, which prepares me to address any and all concerns that may be presented by parents and community stakeholders. As a parent who has moved through the various building levels, I now have a full understanding of parent perspectives and issues, which may be brought forth for

discussion. That experience will help me evaluate potential policy revisions as appropriate.

The district has building concerns with the Old Village School and the Main Street building that houses the administrative offices. What would your approach to these buildings be? The board is currently seeking RFP's on viable options to keep the historical perspective of these wonderful buildings and yet, to provide alternatives which make sense to our community. The District spends approximately \$100,000 per year to mothball OVS and to make temporary fixes to Main Street. The Board has had numerous discussions on best use alternatives, but felt it was prudent to seek the expertise of real estate professionals. No decision will be made without community input, and once the Board has had an opportunity to digest the RFP responses, we look forward to hearing your perspectives on a plan that is right for Northville.

The district has infrastructure needs. How should the district handle them? The board recently approved the completion of a comprehensive assessment of the district's buildings, many of which are 40+ years old. This study was a result of Board initiatives to create a 10- to 20-year strategic plan and identify needed capital expenditures beyond the current sinking fund appropriations. The results will assist the board in providing a number of proposals for presentation to and input from the community.

Northville continues to be funded at lower levels than surrounding districts. Is there anything that can be done, and if so, what would your solution be? The only way to get Lansing's attention is to be vocal and persistent. I would welcome parent involve-

ment to ask our representatives to explain the inequity of foundation allowance among all districts in Michigan. Northville continues to receive significantly less funding than our neighboring districts, yet continues to attract families, who recognize our achievements in academics, sports and the arts. Until some type of recalculation mechanism is implemented, the board will continue to consider alternative funding sources. The District acknowledges our community members who supported our 2012 Technology Bond, as well as the 2015 Sinking Fund renewal which provides funding for much needed building repairs.

How important to you are results of current standardized tests? How heavily do you believe parents moving into the district rely on these scores? Families continue to choose Northville as their District of choice based on assessment testing and our stellar SAT results. With the implementation of M-Step, Northville continues to rate well above state standards, although parents have concerns about on-point curricular delivery. Rest assured, our staff continues to delve into the M-Step results and is working collaboratively across all grade levels within our District to determine best practices in delivery methods. No stone will remain unturned until all of our District's learner levels have achieved their individual goals.

Sarah Prescott

Occupation: Lawyer, co-owner of Salvatore, Prescott & Porter on Main Street in Northville

Family: Husband, JJ; three children enrolled in Northville schools: Annelise, 6 (second grade at Silver Springs), Alexander, 5 (kindergarten at Silver Springs)

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and William, 2 (early childhood education at Main Street).

Education: J.D. in 2002 from Harvard Law School, where I graduated cum laude; B.A. in 1999 from Northwestern University, where I graduated magna cum laude and double majored in biology and psychology; graduated from Mullen High School in Denver, CO, in 1995.

Current or previous public service: I have served on the Northville Board of Education since September 2015. I have served on the Michigan Advisory Committee to the U.S. Civil Rights Commission since 2013. I sit on the Professional Ethics Committee for the State Bar of Michigan. I sit on the State Bar's Advisory Planning Body, which coordinates efforts across numerous fields to provide legal services to the underprivileged.

Community involvement: I am a soccer/swimming/baseball mom and all around neighborhood fun organizer. I am a PTA member. I am an advocate for and regularly provide free legal services to disabled students and their families. I volunteered as a cooperating attorney with the ACLU in a nationally important pregnancy discrimination case, representing four pregnant Detroit police officers. I also successfully lobbied for new legal protections for pregnant women, the first update to our state's anti-discrimination laws enacted in over 20 years.

Why do you feel qualified for this position? I have a lifelong commitment to achievement through education, demonstrated by my own education background. I am a parent with children who will be in NPS into the 2030's, so I have a deep investment in the success of the schools. I am a business owner in Northville, with a vested interest in the financial health of this community. I am a lawyer experienced in employment law issues, which come before the Board in the form of hiring, firing, discipline and policy decisions almost weekly. Finally, I have spent a year on the board, learning about the key issues.

What have you done to familiarize yourself with the issues? I spent my first year on the board reading, asking questions, and researching on my own - all to understand the ideal role of the board and my place within it. I have attended a special one-on-one with the financial staff to learn the ins and outs of public education finance, and did the same with the head of curriculum to learn details of developments in this area. I have been to each of the schools and have met with school leaders, and make myself available to parents to hear their concerns. Finally, as indicated in other answers, my legal experience is highly applicable, and is developed daily.

The district has building concerns with the Old Village School and the Main Street building that houses the administrative offices. What would your approach to these buildings be? We need facts about the market for these two properties and what developers may want to do with them before anything definitive can be said. The Board's duty is to our kids, and my vote would align with whatever I felt maximized results for our students. The Board has been

educated to some degree on the intangible value of these properties to the community, although that has yet to be fully explored via community forums. My approach is to gain facts from a currently open bid process, then seek community input on any options available.

The district has infrastructure needs. How should the district handle them? We need to use what we have, and invest carefully in repairs and maintenance to get the most of what exists. But there comes a time when it is more educationally sound or cost effective to build new infrastructure. Furthermore, in some circumstances we simply are running out of physical space to properly educate our kids. I am not afraid to reach out to voters for additional resources to meet these needs. I believe our community wants to invest in our schools, including new and improved facilities—and it is a board function to communicate the needs timely and effectively.

Northville continues to be funded at lower levels than surrounding districts. Is there anything that can be done, and if so, what would your solution be? State law creates the imbalance at the heart of this question. Under these laws, we are not allowed to vote in tax increases to enlarge our operating budget. Since this Board cannot change these laws, we have to work around them. Our options are to advocate for change with the state; to seek resources from the voters for items we can self-fund (technology, capital outlays); to fundraise through the PTA's; and to collaborate with the NEF. Each of these approaches can be improved, and I support empowering parents with specific fundraising goals to bring in new programming to the district.

How important to you are results of current standardized tests? How heavily do you believe parents moving into the district rely on these scores? State law mandates that we use specific tests, and it is just a fact that some (PSAT, SAT) are rigorously validated, while others (M-STEP) are in development and continue to be of quite limited value. Personally, I find test scores offer an important data point to monitor my kids' progress, but I consider their happiness, curiosity, engagement and teachers' feedback more important. I do believe that those looking to buy homes place significant weight on test scores - as do colleges. That means in practical reality we must maximize these scores, even as we consider each child's overall progress.

Matthew Wilk Occupation: I am a Senior Vice President of HomeBanc, N.A., responsible for commercial real estate lending in southeast Michigan.

In a prior lifetime, I was a commercial real estate attorney.

Family: Wife, Kim, for 14 years (she uses different adjectives to describe the length, like "long" or "painful"), and I have 9-year-old twins, Mark and Elizabeth, who are third-graders at Winchester Elementary.

Education: Born and raised in the Detroit area, I graduated with a B.A. from the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor in 1994, and from the University of Michigan Law School in 1997.

Current or previous public service: I am the current Treasurer of the Board of Education, and have had that role for three years. I have been

on the board since June 2012.

Community involvement: In addition to my service as the current treasurer of the Board of Education, I am active with the Winchester Dad's Club, along with youth basketball and the Northville Baseball Softball Association. I also volunteer through the law school alumni association as a judge for the Campbell Moot Court Competition.

Why do you feel qualified for this position? Having been a trustee for four years, and the treasurer for three, I know exactly what this position requires. First, it takes a significant commitment, with weekly meetings, separate committee meetings (I chair the Finance Subcommittee), and preparation and community events included on top of that. Second, it requires someone who understands the appropriate roles: setting policy, oversight of the superintendent, and being a conduit so that the community can help set the goals of the district. Lastly, it takes familiarity with the intricacies and nuances of how districts are run, especially in the area of school funding and finance, to help make the right decisions to keep the district on track.

What have you done to familiarize yourself with the issues? I have been intimately involved with the board for the last four years as a sitting member. We hold over 50 meetings a year, with the average meeting lasting 2-3 hours. We are given materials with which to prepare, and review them on our own time before the meeting. What all of the members of the Board pride ourselves on is our advance work on the issues. We try to be courteous of each other's time. I also try to bring my outside perspective to the table, as a parent of two Winchester students, a community member with an interest in taxes and the property values that result from great schools, and as the son of two teachers, who knows the challenges that teachers face on a day-to-day basis.

The district has building concerns with the Old Village School and the Main Street building that houses the administrative offices. What would your approach to these buildings be? First, the District should not be in the business of owning surplus property. Old Village has been unused for several years, and the cost to retrofit it for a future school is prohibitively high. Any suggestion with respect to that building preserves its historical position in the community. On the other hand, Main Street houses administrative offices and Early Childhood classrooms, and as a good community citizen, we feel it is important to have an EC presence for families in that area. In addition, the Northville Historical Society ex-

plained to us the historic architectural significance of the building, and as a result, I think the Board should be very cautious before proceeding on any plan to dispose of the Main Street building.

The district has infrastructure needs. How should the district handle them? The board obtained last year a comprehensive survey of all district buildings, to identify infrastructure needs and priority. We asked for the public's support in paying for those using a sinking fund millage, and we are grateful it passed. When we seek funding, we make a detailed description of what will be done, ask the taxpayer's permission to use their money to complete those items, and faithfully execute on that plan. By doing it that way, we've developed a level of trust with our constituents. What we should avoid is having the amount of available bond funding drive our list of projects.

Northville continues to be funded at lower levels than surrounding districts. Is there anything that can be done, and if so, what would your solution be? There are two steps we can take. First, we need to continue to stress the inequities of Proposal A to our legislators, and how a state-wide fix is necessary. NPS is a "donor" district—our residents pay more in taxes than we get back. That problem is getting worse, as our property taxes have averaged a 2.5% increase, and our funding has increased less than 1%, during my term on the Board. That's simply not fair. Second, we can make sure that the money we do receive is spent wisely, by focusing on our core mission—education—while aggressively controlling costs in other areas, as we have done, raising our fund balance from \$2 million to \$17 million during my term on the Board.

How important to you are results of current standardized tests? How heavily do you believe parents moving into the district rely on these scores? We use standardized test as one tool in measuring a child's performance. When the M-STEP test was pre-validated with the Board years ago, we were aghast at its errors. The State has told us that they've made "improvements," but that is yet to be seen. We provide additional data points through the NWEA test, and, of course, classroom performance and teacher and parent feedback. What's most important is making sure that the plan for a child's progress is made in conjunction with the parent so that all parties are pushing in the same direction. We are very proud of our test scores, and they are one of many reasons parents have been moving to Northville Public Schools.

Technology, used creatively, supports students

sat in Ms. Smith's first-grade classroom. As students dispersed to different parts of the classroom to work on their math, a young student came up to me and proudly said, "I'm the tech specialist." When I asked what he meant, he said that his job was to help other students if they had trouble logging on to the computers.

In Ms. Rice's first-grade classroom just across the hall, I had seen evidence of how effective a first-grade "tech specialist" could be. As students began their work, Ms. Rice asked a first-grade student to help his classmate log on to her iPad, find the right application and get busy doing math.

Just moments earlier, I had left the media center at Village Oaks, where Ms. Carruth had shown me a video of first-grade students using an iPad to control a mini-robot. The students had learned how to program the iPad, sync the iPad with the robot and move the robot around the media center.

Our students are not scared of technology. In fact, they embrace technology. Technology is part of their lives. Whether it is a smart phone, an iPad, a Chromebook or some other variety of tablet or notebook, technology is something that our students have lived with and have used for almost all of their lives.

Technology creates new opportunities for our students. Information is easily accessed. Simulations enable our students to see and visualize how things work. Students use technology to prototype ideas, find the flaws in their design and create second and third generations of ideas easily and quickly.

This is all good. Our students are engaged. School becomes more than just learning facts. School becomes a place where students can find ways to use information to build, create, fail, build again and find solu-



Steve Matthews
SUPER TALK

tions. School becomes a place where technology enhances our ability to communicate.

But learning to use technology is not the purpose of education. Technology is a tool. A powerful tool. A time-saving tool. But just a tool.

The purpose of education, the reason that we support schools, the reason that we make education compulsory, is to teach our students to communicate, think and problem solve. If we fall into the trap of believing that if we could just have enough technology our students would become communicators, thinkers and problem solvers, then we will fail our students and our students will fail.

Here in the Novi Community School District, our goal is to ensure that our students will have access to technology when and where they need it. At times, in order to solve a problem, our students need to talk to one another — no technology may be needed. At other times, our students need to find information — technology can assist in the process. At still other times, our students need to share information with each other, to help each other refine and develop ideas — technology may or may not be needed.

Technology is a tool that can amplify the learning that our students engage in. But technology in and of itself is a tool.

Our goal is to use technology in meaningful ways to continue to support our students so that they can learn the lessons that they will need to be successful.

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Notice is hereby given that the City of Northville Election Commission will meet on October 31, 2016 at 8:15 a.m. at the City of Northville Municipal Building, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-349-1300, to conduct business related to the November 8, 2016 General Election.

The Public Accuracy Test for the November 8, 2016 General Election will be conducted as part of this meeting. The public accuracy test is conducted to demonstrate that the computer program used to record and count the votes cast at the election meets the requirements of Election law.

DIANNE MASSA, CMC, CITY CLERK
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Peckham ends sub-minimum wage pay

Judy Putnam
Lansing State Journal

Peckham Industries Inc. has gotten out of the business of paying workers with significant disabilities less than minimum wage.

The 40-year-old non-profit vocational rehabilitation organization still employs between 70 and 80 of the workers, but, since the end of last year, their pay has been supplemented by Peckham Community Partnership Foundation, the non-profit's fundraising arm, said Greta Wu, chief human services officer, in a written response to questions.

The workers are out of a group of 131 people with significant disabilities who are referred from the local community health program. Peckham, which has seven locations in Lansing, plus worksites in Charlotte; Battle Creek; Phoenix, Arizona and Coralville, Iowa, employs 1,800 people with disabilities.

The decision came after a confrontation a year ago at the state Capitol where Peckham officials and other advocates gathered to mark the 25th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Protesters interrupted the program, arguing that the state Capitol itself didn't comply with the ADA, lacking the needed signage in Braille among other concerns. Peckham was targeted for paying workers with disabilities well below minimum wage while top officials, such as CEO Mitch Tomlinson, earned six-figure salaries.

Once employing a few hundred in sub-minimum or commensurate wage jobs, now all Peckham workers make at least minimum wage.

It's unclear what will happen to the jobs of those workers into the

future. "Continuation of these workers is dependent on our ability to continue the subsidy and the availability of jobs," Wu said.

She said Peckham has been reducing the number of workers earning commensurate wage since 2013, when a program offering paid vocational training to special education students at the Lansing School District's Beekman Center ended.

The sub-minimum wage jobs are sometimes called 14(c) certificates, referring to Section 14(c) of the Fair Labor Standards Act.

While it ended its 14(c) jobs, the organization still defends the practice. Wu said that nationally, the number of workers under a 14(c) certificate has gone down while the number served in non-work activities has gone up. The number of employed stayed the same.

"That is the nexus of our concern, that if 14(c) is eliminated, those individuals that used to work will now be relegated to non-work outings and unpaid work," Wu said.

Paul "Joe" Harcz, a Mount Morris disability rights activist who is blind, was arrested at the protest for trying to cross a police barricade to protest the ADA anniversary event at the Capitol. Charges were dropped in August.

Even with the ending of sub-minimum wage pay, Harcz remains critical of Peckham and other similar worksites, which he said segregate workers with disabilities.

"They certainly have nondisabled people. They're the bosses," he said.

Workers with disabilities "aren't getting a choice. It's a pipeline. Real choice comes with having options, not with having one option," he said.

LETTERS

Supports Wilk

I feel Mr. Wilk has shown to be among the best assets and producers on the Northville Board of Education as a 50-year resident and observation as a prior Northville Township Trustee and Planning Commission Chairman.

Jim Nowka
Northville

Supports incumbents, Doner

Northville School Board incumbents Cyn-dy Jankowski, Sarah Prescott and Matthew Wilk have shown strong leadership and integrity in making decisions that benefit our community. As a family with three students (7th, 9th and 10th grade), we have appreciated our current board's thoughtful professionalism. They understand our Northville mission: to develop students as well-rounded, critical thinkers.

This fall, we should retain our incumbents and elect Laurie Doner to fill the open position on our Northville School Board.

Laurie Doner is the best new choice. As an educator, she brings necessary insight to the Board. Her industry knowledge will prove valuable in setting best practice district policy and prioritizing our foundation balance toward best educational opportunity. Her opponent is surely an accomplished financial pro, but knowing how to count beans is different than knowing how to best educate our kids.

Our incumbent board and excellent force of Northville educators already know how to do more with less. Our district's high rankings are especially noteworthy, as Northville students receive significantly lower per pupil state funding than other districts with compara-

ble statistics and academic success. The current board has shown excellent judgment in balancing a critical budget deficit and planning for a strong future.

Vote for proven and future success: Cyn-dy Jankowski, Sarah Prescott, Matthew Wilk and Laurie Doner.

Kate Knight
Northville

Supports Hood, Smith in Novi

First let me start by thanking the people of the Novi Community School District for allowing me to serve you as a member of the Board of Education for the past 22-plus years. It indeed has been my honor to represent you for these past three decades.

We have seen many changes as the district and community have grown. Academic excellence, financial stability, phenomenal performing arts, superior buildings, facilities and stadiums, a world class staff, legendary support systems, state champion caliber athletics, and an attitude of inclusiveness for all our kids are just a few of our points of pride. I will miss all of this as I retire this December.

As the election comes upon us I would ask that you consider voting for two school board candidates, Kathy Hood and Jason Smith. Both Hood and Smith are running for the first time and I am quite pleased they are.

Hood and Smith demonstrate by their past experiences in our district the qualities of a great board member. As presidents of elementary PTOs, presidents of parent organizations such as the Band Boosters and many other leadership roles in our district and community, their leadership skills, team building abilities, and collaborative nature have been demonstrated. Kathy Hood and Jason Smith have shown they view issues from all perspectives before making their decisions

and will be independent critical thinkers on the board. We need this type of person on our board in this day and time.

The current board has developed cliques that seem more interested in personal wins versus the actions that might be best for the district. Electing Hood and Smith will bring clarity to the issues that have become increasingly muddled by personalities. Please consider these two fine individuals for this most important position. I speak to you on this issue as one who has served you and your children, not on behalf of the board itself. Thank you for your support these past years and please support Kathy Hood and Jason Smith.

George Kortlandt
Novi

Re-elect Wilk

On Nov. 8, one of the most important elections is for your local school board. I urge that you vote to re-elect Matthew Wilk to the Northville Board of Education.

It is important to maintain the quality of our schools, because attractive schools mean that people will want to buy homes in our district. Whether you have children in the district or not, having great schools benefits you. While Matt has been on the board, Northville has maintained its excellent educational outcomes.

Equally importantly, under Matt's leadership, the board has focused on protecting our money as taxpayers. The district has cut costs where necessary, and that has allowed us to keep taxes low while saving money for a rainy day. I read that while Matt was on the board, the district's rainy day fund went from \$2 million to \$17.5 million. That's quite an accomplishment.

We need someone on the board who will keep administration in check and protect everyone's interests. Matt has done that job for four years, and he has earned another term on the Board of

Education. Vote Matt Wilk for the Northville Board of Education.

Roger Lundberg
Northville

Still against Meijer

In response to Carol Maynard, you live four miles from where the new Meijer is being built. We are right in the backyard. It's our property values that are affected, not yours.

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We don't need another restaurant, we have at least 20 places to eat. We don't need another gas station, we have three within a three-mile radius. We don't need Meijer, we have Fresh Tyme Market, Busch's and two Krogers. No theater either, one is enough at Seven Mile and Haggerty.

Craig Knapp
Northville Township

Vote for Wilk

I recently had the privilege of attending an excellent forum of candidates running for the Northville School Board. I must admit that they all seemed like really good candidates.

Matt Wilk especially impressed me. There was never any doubt that he represents both fiscal responsibility and insuring that, as much as possible, that decision making being accomplished at the most important decision level, the parents. He truly understands that School Board Members are there to represent the will of the parents of the children.

As a resident of Northville for 17 years, I humbly suggest that we show our support for this concept by voting for Matt Wilk for school board.

Bob Cushman
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To the qualified Electors of the Township of Northville, County of Wayne, notice is hereby given that a GENERAL ELECTION will be held in the Township of Northville on **Tuesday, November 8, 2016** from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of electing candidates for the following offices:

- President/Vice President
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- State Board of Education
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- Michigan State University Trustees
- Wayne State University Governors
- Wayne County Prosecuting Attorney, Sheriff, Clerk, Treasurer, Register of Deeds
- Wayne County Commissioner - 9th District
- Justice of the Supreme Court
- Judge of the Court of Appeals
- Judge of the Circuit Court
- Judge of the 35th District Court
- Judge of Probate Court
- Schoolcraft Community College Board of Trustees
- Northville Township Board of Trustees
- Northville Public School Board Members
- Plymouth/Canton Community School Board Members
- Northville District Library Board Members

And to vote on the following proposals:

1. Wayne County: A proposal authorizing the Regional Transit Authority of Southeast Michigan (RTA) to levy an Assessment;
2. Intermediate School District: Regional Enhancement Millage Proposal for the Regional Educational Service Agency (RESA).

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

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Precincts 8 & 9	Silver Springs Elementary	19801 Silver Springs Dr.
Precincts 10 & 11	Ridge Wood Elementary	49775 Six Mile Rd.

All polling locations are open from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. and are accessible for voters with disabilities. Voting instructions are available in alternative formats at each precinct.

The Township Clerk's office, located at Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48168, will be open from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Saturday, November 5, 2016 for the purpose of obtaining an absentee ballot. The deadline to receive applications for ballots to be mailed is 2 p.m. Saturday, November 5, 2016.

Statement as Required by ACT 278 of Public Acts of 1964 Amending the Property Tax Limitation Act

I, Eric R. Sabree, Treasurer of Wayne County, Michigan do hereby certify that, as of September 20, 2016 the total of all voted increases in excess of the tax rate limitation established by Section 6, Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Michigan, as amended, and the years such increase are effective on property in the County of Wayne are as follows:

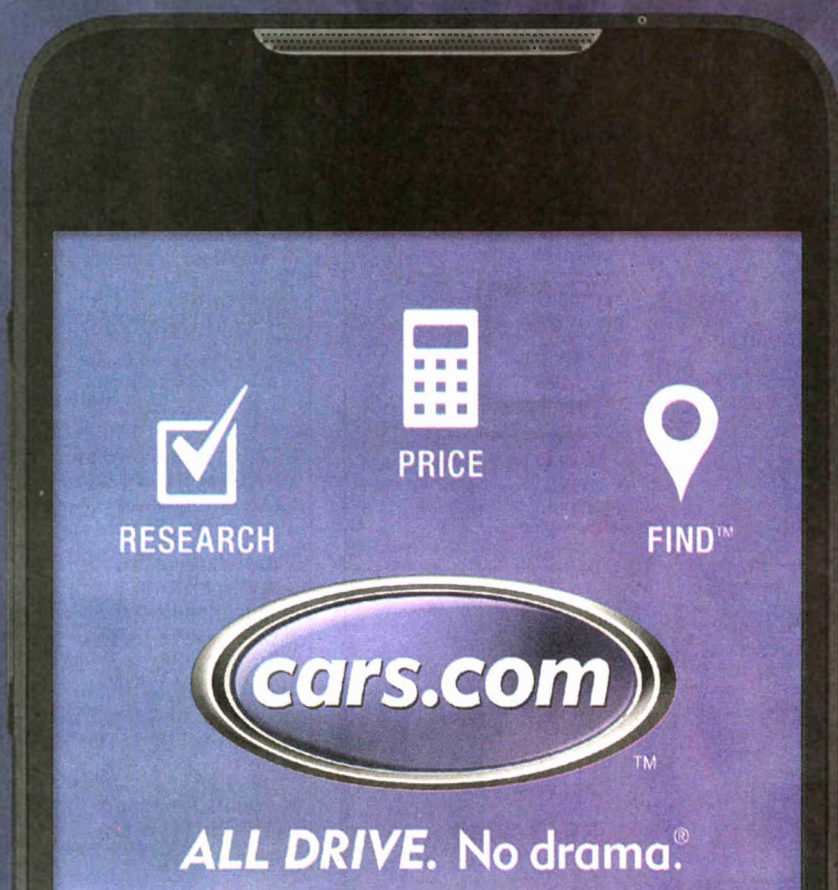
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County of Wayne	November 3, 2009	1 mill	2019
Wayne County Jail	August 7, 2012	1 mill	2021
Wayne County Parks	August 2, 2016	0.25 mills	2020
Wayne County	November 6, 2008	1.25 mills	2020
Community College	November 6, 2012	1 mill	2022
Northville Public Schools	November, 2011	18 mills	2021 (Non homestead)
	May 2015	.9978 mill	2020
Plymouth/Canton Schools	August 5, 2014	18 mills	2024 (Non homestead)
Northville Township	August 5, 2014	5.6926 mills	2020
Northville Township	August 4, 2009	0.90 mills	2029

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Fishing for a better state government

Justin A. Hinkley
Lansing State Journal

On a recent Pinconning pre-dawn, Dana Serafin piloted his boat across Saginaw Bay, in the dark and on the business end of government regulation.

Serafin is a commercial fisherman, and he calls his boat The Money Pit — “because every time it breaks, it’s expensive.”

He and his crew built the boat “from the keel up,” said his father and crewmate, Jerry Serafin. And they’ve designed a sleek system of tanks, tubs, chutes and winches that can harvest more than 5,000 pounds of whitefish from a home-made, 40-foot net in Lake Huron in less than an hour. The family has perfected the science over a quarter-century in the business, and they claim no one does it better.

It’s only outside forces that trip them up: the weather and its dangers, for one; the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and its rules and expectations for another.

But that is why Fran Wresinski, an employee of Gov. Rick Snyder’s relatively new Office of Performance & Transformation, was crammed in behind the captain’s chair three hours before the first orange-pink stripes of sunrise appeared over the water.

Wresinski is helping the DNR overhaul the daily catch reports it requires of every commercial fishery, charter boat, and fish wholesaler in the state. It is one of several efforts at the new office to make state government faster, more efficient and a better service to the governed, like Serafin.

It’s an effort with



Tom Burlison, right, and Josh Freeman reel in the first net of the day shortly after dawn on Tuesday, Oct. 4, 2016 while aboard the commercial fishing vessel, The Monty Pit, in Lake Huron.

successes and skeptics, making an uphill climb in a government where state agencies miss about

40% of their timeliness goals.

Officials said that’s partly because, in government, procedures tend to pile up like dust in a corner, rarely swept because rarely has anybody taken the time to look closely. Performance & Transformation — through a process Snyder calls “RPM,” or “Reinventing Performance in Michigan” — is meant to be the broom.

It’s a broom Snyder says he’s taken from department directors and given to frontline civil servants and to real Michiganders, so they can clean up the government weaknesses they think need cleaning, in the way they think they ought to be cleaned.

“There’s a lot of stuff that we can improve behind the scenes that no businessperson would ever know, no educator would ever see,” said Holly Grandy-Miller, the state’s RPM director. “But we want to target those processes that they would feel and see the difference.”

‘Serenity now!’

A photo pinned to the outer wall of Dawn Everett’s cubicle showed a grimacing George Costanza, Jason Alexander’s character from “Seinfeld.” Printed in large font below the photo was one of the show’s catchphrases: “Serenity now!”

It’s a constant chant at the Michigan State Housing Development Authority’s Rental Development Division where Everett works, a \$5.6 million operation where employees process loans to developers of low-income housing complexes and are overrun by paper in the process.

Each employee handles about 20,000 pieces of paper every year. Stacks of it overflow from binders on every desk, stacked higher than the cubicle walls in some spots. It’s inside and atop filing cabinets. Forms on top of forms are filled out in duplicate for various MSHDA departments for every loan, a big contributor to the roughly 273 million sheets of paper — nearly \$2 million worth — state government uses every year.

“The risk of paper cuts is extreme,” joked Everett, a MSHDA tax credit analyst.

Less funny is the time it takes to collect, review, mail and re-mail all that paper. The average loan takes 14 months to process, “just way too long,” said Sean Chapman, a MSHDA closing specialist.

The state hopes to lop off three months by digitizing much of the process. So, one day in June, Everett, Chapman and about 20 other MSHDA employees — “the folks who are closest to the process,” said Jacky Badder, a Performance & Transformation official working with the agency — gathered in a donated room at the Neighborhood Empowerment Center on Maple Street in Lansing.

Empty pizza boxes were stacked up on a

counter outside while, inside, multicolored sticky notes lined three of four walls. It was bureaucracy visualized, a map of each step in that cluttered, months-long, paper-heavy process.

The group had already spent a couple days, months earlier, running through “if I were king or queen for a day”-type hypotheticals, Badder said. In between, they’d surveyed the desires of the developers who apply for the loans and now, the MSHDA employees were digging into real possibilities.

At each step, the employees debated several questions: How long does this step take? Why is it necessary? Is it statutorily required? How could it be changed? How would that change improve the process?

The sticky-note setup allows steps to literally be moved or removed entirely from the map. The goal is to leave a new map with fewer notes on the wall and/or a shorter time frame between the ones that remain.

That’s the crux of Performance & Transformation, and there are dozens of projects underway at any given time.

‘The warm fuzzies’

The new office is a combination of three other offices: In February, Snyder merged the offices of Good Government and Regulatory Reinvention with his internal audit team. The now 72-employee, roughly \$10 million office is an evolution of efforts that predate the governor but which Snyder has formalized and demanded unlike previous administrations, several state workers said.

The administration can list several successes: Paramedics’ license applications are processed in two days now, instead of five weeks. The Michigan State Police more than halved its processing time for rape kits.

But critics can point to several failures, too: About 38% of issues identified by state auditors last year were repeated from previous audits because they weren’t fixed the first time, more than triple the share of auditors’ findings that were repeated in 1998.

State employee unions, who represent about 70% of the government workforce, say they gave the governor a blueprint for more efficient government near the beginning of his term, but they were ignored. They called for more oversight of outsourced services, for example, and now problems with prison food contractors and outsourced nursing at a veteran’s home are eating away at any potential savings.

But many who participate in the RPM process come converts, like Everett. She’s worked for MSHDA for six years and said she’s seen efficiency initiatives in the past, but this is more intense.

“Most of the time it’s done by the higher-ups that don’t have that intimate knowledge” about what really happens, she said. For a front-line worker to be listened to, “it definitely gives you the warm fuzzies.”

Performance & Transformation officials admit they encounter occasional resistance from employees concerned about streamlining themselves out of a job. But they said RPM is not about cutting people or even necessarily about cutting costs; it’s about freeing up employees’ time so they can work on more important things. A team that upgraded a process for reviewing nursing home complaints, for example, still has all of its employees, but they’re actually reviewing complaints instead of shoveling paper or checking faxes, officials said.

“If a (department) asked us, I would tell them: We work with processes, we don’t work with staff reduction,” Badder said.

The ultimate goal is for efficiency to become part of every department’s routine, allowing Performance & Transformation to act as “an adjunct resource” for bigger efforts, Grandy-Miller said.

“There is so much out there broken,” she said, “we would never have a team big enough.”

‘Imagine doing that 15,000 times’

The DNR, in its efforts to manage the Great Lakes’ fish population, requires the Serafins to report the actual weight of their haul every day.

Dana Serafin said he could give them an estimate. He knows each of the dozen tanks in his 58-foot, \$600,000 boat holds about 1,700 to 1,800 pounds of fish, so a full boat holds a little over 21,000 pounds.

But, “do you know what it would take for us to weigh all that?” Jerry Serafin said. “Hours.”

That’s time the Serafins haven’t got. When the Money Pit reached Oscoda shortly after noon, after eight hours on the water, the owner of a small store across the river was already waiting. As the Money Pit crew loaded their tanks into the trailer of a semi, some fish were separated into smaller tubs for the store.

Then, while Serafin father and son drove the semi back to Pinconning, his two crewmen and mother Serafin, Sarah, drove a pickup to drop a half-dozen other small tubs at Lixey Fish Market in East Tawas.

And when that semi reached Pinconning later that afternoon, the Serafins expected other wholesalers to be waiting for them.

Dana Serafin relies on his buyers to weigh their purchases and report figures back to him, which he then reports to the DNR.

That occasionally causes problems. The DNR once gave him a \$175 ticket because one of his buyers reported late, making him late reporting to the DNR.

But the state has its own headaches.

The state manages hundreds of commercial and charter fishers and their buyers. That’s about 15,000 sheets of paper and about three years’ worth of labor every year, said Nicholas Popoff, the DNR’s aquatic species and regulatory affairs manager.

It’s all done by hand. State employees try to read fishermen’s handwriting and type it into an electronic database. When paperwork is late, they have to chase it down.

“Now, imagine doing that 15,000 times,” Popoff said.

There have been consequences on their end,

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ABRAMS



DORIS Age 84, October 8, 2016 Beloved wife of Donald. Loving mother of Thomas (Kim) and Allen. Dear grandmother of Katie, Lauren, Brian, Clayton and Kyle. Doris was the Co-founder of Reliable Carriers. She also loved animals, especially horses. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Michigan Humane Society, Cooke School in Northville and/or The Salvation Army. Services are private.

CLOGG

WILLIAM R. Age 94, passed away October 15, 2016. He was born June 20, 1922 in Detroit, son of the late William and Carrie Clogg. William was a proud WWII veteran serving in the Navy. He is survived by his loving children, William (Maija), Stephen, and Troy (Linda); six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. William was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 74 years, Glenna. Visitation was held on Tuesday, October 18 from 3:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. and a Funeral Service was Wednesday, October 19 at 11:00 a.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon.

Friends are invited to join the family for the interment which will be held on Monday, November 7 at 1:00 p.m. at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly where Glenna and Bill will be laid to rest together and where Bill will receive military honors.

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DONAHEE

HUNTER ANTHONY Age 5, passed away October 14, 2016 at home surrounded by his loving family. He was born August 3, 2011 in Ann Arbor, Michigan. To know Hunter was to love him. Family and friends loved being around him and his glowing, ear to ear smile could light up a room. He loved his sisters very much and he also loved to hear his mother’s voice. Hunter will always be remembered for being a loving son, brother, grandson, great-grandson, nephew, cousin, and friend who always brought the best out of everyone. His strong and courageous spirit will never be forgotten by all who knew and loved him. He is survived by his mother, Ansley (Matthew Simmons) Donahee; his father, Jeffery Drigger; his sisters, Raelynn Simmons and Hazel Jayne Donahee; his brother, Jeffery Driggers Jr.; grandparents, Lawrence III and Renee Donahee; his great-grandparents, Tony and MaryLou Ruzzin, Lawrence Jr. and Linda Donahee, and Beverly Kopko; his aunts, Trisha Donahee, Randi Knoland, and Beverlee Fear; his uncles, Kyle Donahee, and Jeremy Fear; his great-aunts and great-uncles, Tony Jr. (Beth) Ruzzin, Mark (Tina) Kennett, Raymond (Donna) Ruzzin, Audra Ruzzin, Joe Donahee, Jennifer Donahee, and Steven (Rylin) Donahee; and his Godparents, Nikke Curtis and Dylan Ruzzin. Hunter is also survived by many cousins and loving friends. Visitation was held on Monday, October 17 and a funeral service was held on Tuesday, October 18 at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon.

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DUNCAN

ODEAS age 77, passed away October 7, 2016. He was born July 30, 1939 in Brownville, Alabama, son of the late Bryon and Maudie Duncan. He is survived by his beloved wife of 58 years, Geraldine; his children: Barbara (Jackie Barnes) Duncan, Patricia (Scott) Dombey; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and his sister, Mildred Charters. Odeas was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers; and his daughter, Krystal Duncan in 1998. Visitation and Funeral Services were held October 13th at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. He was laid to rest in South Lyon Cemetery.

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GULDBERG



THOMAS ERLING Age 74, of Northville, passed away suddenly on October 14, 2016. He was born June 13, 1942 in Ann Arbor, Michigan; son of Carl Erling and Julia (nee Hart) Guldberg. Tom graduated from Pioneer High School in Ann Arbor; winning multiple State Championships during his high school swimming career. He received his Bachelor of Engineering-Physics from the University of Michigan and his MBA from Carnegie Mellon University. Tom was married to the love of his life Ann E. Owen on December 27, 1964; Tom and Ann met while attending U of M. Ann passed away on February 19, 2008. Tom worked as an Engineer with Ford Motor Company for over 30 years; retiring in the late 90’s. He was a devoted member of the First Presbyterian Church of Northville. Serving as an Elder for many years and continuously fundraising for the needs of the church. Tom was a member of the Northville Rotary Club. He served as the Treasurer for Bay Shore Condominium Association in Elk Rapids. He enjoyed spending summers in Elk Rapids and spending time with his family at Gu-Mi-Ha-Ha; the family cottage in Traverse City. Tom loved being outdoors staying active with the hobbies he loved; boating, sailing, water skiing, scuba diving, golfing, and snow skiing. Most importantly, Tom adored spending time with his family. He was a kind, patient and dedicated son, husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend. Tom is survived by his father, Carl Guldberg; his children, Bob (Tina) Guldberg, Steve (Dennis) Kaucy, and Amy (John) Golobiewski; his siblings, Anne (Rick) White, Peter (Alex) Guldberg, and Jim (Pattie) Guldberg; and his grandchildren, Sophia, Michael, Evan, and Noah. He was preceded in death by his mother and his wife. A time of gathering will be held Wednesday, October 19 from 11 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. with a memorial service beginning at 12:30 p.m. at Casterline Funeral Home, 122 West Dunlap, Northville. Pastor Rob Allen from the First Presbyterian Church will officiate the service. In lieu of flowers, contributions would be appreciated to the First Presbyterian Church, 200 East Main Street, Northville, MI 48167. Please share condolences at casterlinefuneralhome.com.

KEAST

HELEN A. Age 97, was called home to her eternal rest by her Lord and savior Jesus Christ, October 14, 2016. She died peacefully at her South Lyon home of 58 years. Helen was preceded in death by her devoted husband, Elbert Keast; her brother, Edwin Erkila; her sisters, Hilma Sastamoinen, Esther Erkila, and Irene Jamerson. She is survived by her daughter, Sandra Keast; and her son, John (Diane) Keast. Before her marriage, Helen worked for the Sanders Candy Company in Detroit. After her marriage and having two children, Helen and Elbert moved their family to South Lyon. Along with caring for her family, Helen was involved with her church and teaching Sunday school. She also worked local township elections and was a 50 year member of Family, Community, and Education. Visitation was held at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME and a funeral service was held at Immanuel Lutheran Church in South Lyon. She was laid to rest beside her husband in Oakland Hills Cemetery in Novi.

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STARICHA



SHERRY ANN Age 75 and a resident of Highland Township, died at her home on October 13, 2016 after battling anaplastic thyroid cancer. Sherry worked in the human resources department for the General Motors Proving Ground and the GM Tech Center for over thirty-three years. In “retirement” she enjoyed working as a hygiene coordinator with Charlick, Springstead, & Wilson Dental Associates in Brighton, Michigan, for the past 16 years. She is survived by her beloved husband, John; daughters, Donna (Bart) Charlick, Lynn (Floyd) Coponen, Lisa (Todd) Charlick; step-son, Mitchell (Kandi) Staricha; step-daughter, Sheri (Dennis) Moore; grandchildren, Grant (Tyler) Charlick, Ashley (Robert “Bub”) McDonald, Eric and Ryan Coponen, Amanda (Steve) Lyman, Travis Charlick, Kelly and Leah Staricha, and Grace Moore; great grandchildren, Addie, Emersyn, and Bryce Lyman, Brady McDonald; brother, Robert (Barbara) Lawrence; sisters, Mary Lou (Bill) Hitchcock, Sally (Larry) Rohdy; in-laws, Matthew (Florence) Staricha, Melvin (Peggy) Staricha, Margaret (the late Gordon) Eilola and many nieces, nephews and dear friends. Funeral Services were held at the Milford Presbyterian Church, Milford, on Tuesday, October 18, 2016. Memorials may be made in her name for cancer research. For further information please phone Lynch & Sons Funeral Directors, Milford, at 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com



FISHING

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too: Recently, late catch totals meant tribal fisheries unknowingly overharvested and had to shut down temporarily.

So, last fall, the DNR invited Dana Serafin and representatives of charter boats, wholesalers and tribes to participate in an RPM project. At the

end, they proposed a new mobile application that would allow the fishing industry to type their catch totals remotely — even aboard their boats — directly into the DNR's database.

The DNR got \$600,000 in the current budget to either buy or build an app, which officials said could be launched as early as the start of 2017 fishing this spring.

"We can cut three

years of work down to about two months of work for everyone involved, if we can move to this electronic version," Popoff said.

Dana Serafin, plenty familiar with his own headaches, said it was enlightening to learn about the DNR's.

And he said he was glad to be listened to. The DNR had never formally sought his opinion before, he said, and Wresin-

ski was one of very few state employees who'd actually boarded the Money Pit.

"It was good they finally put some thought into it," he said. "It's easy to sit behind a desk and say, 'I want this, this and this.' If you don't know what's going on, it's really hard."

Tension remains. The Serafins, who once sued the state over a DNR rule requiring commercial

fishers to toss any wall-eye that wander into their nets, remain bitter that dead fish are thrown back into the water instead of sold. And, while they believe smartphone catch reports will make their lives easier, they're concerned Michigan may do as other states have done and implement intrusive GPS tracking or even cameras on their boat.

But, for state officials,

hearing those concerns is a positive side effect of the RPM process: the government and the governed are talking to each other in ways they haven't before.

"For me, it's about getting buy-in," said Jim Dexter, the DNR's fisheries chief. "When you get the full flavor of an entire program ... you're building relationships and knowing everybody around the table."

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Woman's club meeting

There is more to Bible herbs than frankincense and myrrh. Jane Riddle, co-owner of Lodi Farms in Ann Arbor, will discuss "Herbs of the Bible" at the Friday, Oct. 21, meeting of the Northville Woman's Club. The 1:30 p.m. program will be held at the First United Methodist Church of Northville, 777 W. Eight Mile Road.

Riddle, who opened the Lodi Farms nursery with her husband Dan in 1992, will share information about the variety of herbs mentioned in the Bible, as well as their uses in other countries.

Those interested in more information about the Northville Woman's Club or attending one of its meetings should contact Maryann Cotterill at 248-344-8235.

Used book sale

Friends of the Wixom Library sponsor their fall used book sale Oct. 20-22.

Advance sale for Friends Members only (memberships available at the door.) Public sale begins from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 20, and will run 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 21, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22. Fill a bag for \$5. Thousands of books and multimedia items for all ages, priced between 25 cents and \$1, plus special-ly priced items.

The Wixom Public Library is located at 49015 Pontiac Trail.

Rotary fundraiser

Rotary members in Northville are among thousands reaching out on World Polio Day to raise awareness, funds and support to end polio — a vaccine-preventable disease that still threatens children in parts of



Owner Craig Kilmer and state Rep. Klint Kesto were on hand for a first anniversary ribbon-cutting celebration Saturday, Oct. 15, at The Meat Shop & Catering, 507 W. Commerce Road, in Commerce. It offers southern-style barbecue, smoked fresh daily. More information can be found at www.themeatshopandcatering.com.

the world today.

A fundraiser will be held 7-9 p.m. Monday, Oct. 24, at the Bak Bar, 157 E. Main Street, Northville. A \$10 donation at the door will help continue the fight to eradicate polio. Light appetizers provided and a cash bar served by celebrity

Rotarian bartenders.

Since Rotary and its partners launched the Global Polio Eradication Initiative nearly 30 years ago, the incidence of polio has plummeted by more than 99.9 percent, from about 350,000 cases a year to 26 confirmed as of Sept. 19, 2016.

U.N. anniversary event

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Omega Epsilon Omega chapter, in conjunction with United Nations Association of the United States of America, announces its event to celebrate the 71st anniversary of the United Nations.

This family event will be held 2-4:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22, at the Novi Civic Center (45175 10 Mile Road) and provide free live performances, children's activities, international storytellers and local ethnic restaurant samplings.

This year's UN Day theme is One Humanity, Shared Responsibility, which brings awareness to the worst refugee crisis since World War II. The overall initiative is designed to empower our youth with critical skills to be successful in a global society.

Armenian festival

St. John Armenian Church hosts its Armenian Festival Oct. 21-23 at the church, 22001 Northwestern Highway, Southfield.

The event opens at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 21, and the first day will feature Armenian dancing, music by Nigolian Band and Darwin Mammassian. The festival runs 9 a.m. to midnight Saturday, Oct. 22, and noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 23.

More information can be found at www.stjohnsarmenianchurch.org or by calling 248-569-3405.

Star viewing

The Friends of Maybury sponsor a Star Viewing Night at Maybury State Park 7-10 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22. The Ford Amateur Astronomy Club will be setting up telescopes and will be on hand to assist the public to view the sky. Members of the public who would like to bring their own telescopes should arrive by 6:30 p.m.

Meet at the baseball field parking lot, accessible from the Eight Mile entrance. Wear warm clothing, as it will get chilly when the sun goes down.

Free of charge and no

registration required, but a Recreation Passport is required for entry to the state park. For more info, call the park office at 248-349-8390. The event will be canceled if it's raining or too cloudy — check Friends facebook page.

Night to remember

Five Points will hold "A Night To Remember" at 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 4, to help support the Five Points of Hope Cancer Care Fund. The event will be held at Edgewood Country Club, 8399 Commerce Road, in Commerce Township.

This is an evening of people coming together to enjoy good food, purchasing fabulous and unique products, pampering themselves, bidding on silent auction items and gaming. Many product and service vendors share their special talents and receive recognition from the community.

The event is an open house environment and \$5 at the door. The first 150 guests receive a goody bag. Bring two non-perishable, non-expired products to be donated to Community Sharing and be entered into a special drawing. Go to www.fivepointsofhope.com to get more information.

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Meet the women who pen, draw comic heroines

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What do a plus-sized flying superhero, a Lesbian Viking warrior and an extraterrestrial mother with wings have in common?

They're a part of the increasingly diverse landscape of comic book characters whose stories are written or illustrated and read by women.

"It's important to have stories that everyone can relate to and women have gotten the short shrift for a long time. Basically, the history of comics is that it has been a boy's club for a long time," said Chelsea Liddy, a Plymouth resident and founder of ComiqueCon, a one-day celebration of female comic book and graphic novel artists, writers, and feminist-leaning comic series. "More than half of comic book readership is women. Another statistic I like to cite is... the big two (Marvel and DC comics) rarely hire more than 20 percent women. We have a long way to go."

Through ComiqueCon Liddy hopes to give women in the industry their due, offer role models for girls interested in comics as a career and expose readers to a diversity of comic book heroines and stories.

The event runs 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22, at the Arab American National Museum, 13624 Michigan Ave., in Dearborn. Tickets are \$12 in advance at comiquecon.com and \$15 at the door. Advance sales end Oct. 20. Children, 12 and under, attend for free. Advance tickets include a special ComiqueCon variant edition of "Heathen" by Natasha Alterici.

Working outside the box

"Heathen" features the lesbian Viking warrior, Aydis, who takes on the Norse gods to create a more equitable world. Alterici, a panelist at ComiqueCon, will talk about creating believable settings and making diversity mainstream. She turned to Kickstarter to raise funds for her work.

"When the big two in the industry are hiring less than 20 percent, women have to go outside the conventional



Comic book fans check out a series at ComiqueCon.



ComiqueCon attendees dress in costume for the event.

route or they have to change the statistic. What we see is women working with indie publishers. You see creator owned comics. They're getting their work on Tumblr and crowd funding is happening a lot more," Liddy said. "Natasha Alterici drew the whole thing ("Heathen") and colored it. It's her creation and she was successful in funding through Kickstarter."

Liddy said the industry is open to some changes and has begun to hire artists with fashion backgrounds. Illustrator Babs Tarr, for example, updated Batgirl's costume when the DC comic book series was re-

vamped. The tight-fitting unitard that looked like body paint and her stiletto heels are gone. In their place, Batgirl wears a "more utilitarian" costume with a snap-on cape and Doc Martens.

Although some artists draw superheroes in an exaggerated style, emphasizing huge muscles and cleavage, readers today are more likely to call them out, Liddy said.

"I don't think there's such a thing as female comics, but there is a hunger for more stories women can relate to. That means not objecti-

fying women. Not putting them in fridges," she said. Fridges is a term used to define a violent or abusive action toward a woman that spurs a superhero into action.

"There was a superhero's girlfriend who was

chopped up and put into a fridge. We want to see less of that," Liddy said. "We want to see art work and not objectifying women. We want to see more diversity. It is happening more and more."

Role models

Liddy, who holds a masters degree in international development, oversees the youth philanthropy program at the Center for Arab American Philanthropy in Dearborn. She is an avid reader of comic books and graphic novels and says ComiqueCon offers a positive way to showcase women comic creators.

"I want young people, especially young girls, to develop an appreciation for comics and know that they are not just for boys, that there are women working in the industry," she said. "It's a

great medium. It's unique, a really special way to tell stories. I think people from different backgrounds connect with comics. All ages read comics now. Stores have sections for youth comics. I think it's a democratic industry in a lot of ways, because there is something for everyone."

A "Drink and Draw" event for ages 21 and older will bring guests together with comic book creators for a night of sketching and coloring at ComiqueCon sponsor Green Brain Comics in Dearborn. Tickets are \$25, available online.

Check out comiquecon.com for a list of panel discussions and featured guests, including Carolyn Nowak of Ann Arbor, "Lumberjanes" artist.

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NOVEMBER 10, 2016 - 7:00 P.M.**

The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, November 10, 2016 at the Northville Township Municipal Offices, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48168. The Planning Commission will consider a proposal to rezone residential property located on the North side of 6 Mile Road, West of Ridge Road, (Parcel ID 77-028-99-0012-001 & 77-028-99-0013-000). The proposal is to rezone approximately 30 acres from R-2 Single Family Residential to Active Adult Community (AAC-PUD).

The public is invited to attend this public hearing and express their comments or ask questions. Plans will be available for viewing at the Township office between 8:00 A.M. and 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday. Written comments will be received by the Northville Township Planning Commission at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168. The meeting will begin at 7:00 P.M.

Eric Lark, Chair
Planning Commission

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Sealed bids for Novi Community School District's Bid Package #8, consisting of the District-Wide Remodeling Projects, will be received until **11:00 A.M. local time on Wednesday, November 9, 2016** at 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.

This Bid Package will consist of a separate sealed bid for the following Bid Divisions:

101: Earthwork / Site Utilities	104: Concrete Footing & Foundations
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107: Steel	108: Carpentry / General Trades
109: Roofing / Sheet Metal	114: Aluminum Entrances / Storefront / Glass & Glazing
115: Metal Studs / Drywall	117: Acoustical Treatments
118: Carpet / Resilient Flooring	120: Painting
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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 18, 2016 via the following:

- Bidders may obtain one (1) set of 1/2 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.

There will be a Pre-Bid Meeting held on **Wednesday, October 26, 2016 at 2:00 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 Economics 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.

If awarded a contract, the successful bidder may be required to furnish a Performance Bond and Labor and Material Payment Bond in the amount of 100% of the contract price.

Novi Community Schools reserves the right to reject any or all bids received, to waive any informalities and irregularities in the bidding, and to accept a bid other than the lowest bid.

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**SYNOPSIS
October 13, 2016 - SPECIAL MEETING
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

DATE: Thursday, October 13, 2016
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
PLACE: 44405 Six Mile Road

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Nix called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
PRESENT: Robert R. Nix II, Supervisor; Marv Gans, Trustee; Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk; Symantha Heath, Trustee; Marjorie F. Banner, Treasurer; Mindy Herrmann, Trustee; Fred Shadko, Trustee

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:
1. **Public Hearing:**
A. Open Public Hearing for Proposed 2017 Budget - Opened
• The proposed budget was presented and discussed.
2. **Brief Public Comments:** None
3. **Any other business for the Board of Trustees:** None
4. **ADJOURN:** Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

A draft of the minutes will be available October 25, 2016.
Respectfully submitted:
Sue A. Hillebrand, M.M.C.

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Lawyer vs. creepy clown? It's no contest!

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Attorney Barry J. Goodman with Goodman Acker P.C. in Southfield has been practicing law since 1979.

He knows the courtroom, and he also knows about clowning around. Goodman is a member of the Distinguished Clown Corps that marches each year in America's Thanksgiving Parade in downtown Detroit. He joined the group in 2014 at the urging of his partner, Jerry Acker, and now looks forward to the parade each year.

Like so many clowns in America, he's had it with the creepy clowns. "Most of the clowns in the parade are leaders in the business community that just give back," he said. "Creepy clowns just take."

Q: What do you think of all this creepy clown stuff?

Goodman: Creepy clowns are not clowns. They are bad impostors. The thing about clowns is quite simply to make you laugh, smile, be happy. Some clowns can look sad, but that is only because they broke their funny bone. And these creepy clowns are giving us good clowns a bad name. They should be stripped of their attire, and forced to look like Donald Trump. That would even scare them. Sorry about the political comment, but Trump is really creepy.

Q: Why clowns? Why not creepy Kardashians?

Goodman: Most clowns do not have the Kardashian behind. To us it's the face, not the figures, unless you are in need of balloon animals. And we would have to wear designer shoes, and that would be no small



Attorney Barry Goodman is a member of the Distinguished Clown Corps that marches in the annual Thanksgiving parade. SUBMITTED

"feet." What was not funny to me, but funny to many is that the first year I was a clown in the Thanksgiving Day parade I got these cool clown shoes that I or-

dered online. By the time I finished the walk from the DIA to Jefferson Avenue my feet were killing me. Then I looked around at all the more experienced clowns and

they were wearing comfortable colored sneakers. My second year, my feet were feeling much better.

Q: What would you do if you encountered a

creepy clown?

Goodman: If I did encounter a creepy clown I would ask for his/her clown identification. If they are not a true clown, then their

crime has to include impersonating a good cause with a bad clown. That is worse than any other crime. And perhaps I would just start laughing, unless I had the right shoes, so I could turn and run.

Good clowns look for compliments anywhere. Eggs tell us how we crack them up. Sharks and lions never want to eat us because we taste funny. Creepy clowns would taste like liver-wurst. And creepy clowns can be identified easily because their costumes are not made from poly-jester.

Q: Will the good clowns form a posse to chase away the creepy clowns? Or will you just blow up more animal balloons?

Goodman: We cannot see in the dark. That would be the acro-bats. **Q: Can anyone be a clown?**

Goodman: Good clowns love being clowns. They make kids smile. In the parade I see so many children so excited to see us. Sorry about disparaging all the floats and bands, but unless you are related to someone in those parades, you are there, young or old, to see the clowns. I guess we have egos as big as our noses. Or just hearts bigger than normal. We are pulled to the side to take photos with families, moms, dads, grandparents and most importantly children. They want our beads and our smiles and our dancing around and our horns and our ability to make them, if only for a second or two, forget the crazy world around them and just be happy with life.

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Good clown vs. bad clown: WCA is fighting back

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The World Clown Association is fighting back. "Whoever is doing this is not a clown," WCA president Randy Chris-

tensen said about the growing hysteria over the so-called creepy clowns. "A person wearing a mask and jeans — that's not a clown. If somebody dresses like a doctor and is in a haunted

house and is coming at you with a chainsaw, he is not really a doctor."

Indeed, these are troubling times for legitimate clowns. The WCA, headquartered in Berrien Springs, represents more than 2,000 clowns from 30 countries. It has been around for more than 30 years and the last thing it wants to see is clowns' reputation tarnished by a few bad apples.

"A number of our members aren't sure what to do," Christensen said in a phone interview from his home in Minne-

sota. "There's a grandma who was about to do a clown show for a first-grader's birthday party ... but now she's afraid to do the party because she's getting prank calls from people who are saying they want to hunt her down because she's a clown."

Christensen said most of the WCA members decided to become clowns because they love making people laugh and smile.

"These are professional performers who visit children in hospital



Randy Christensen as Simon De Clown (left) with Leon "Santa" McBride. WCA

wards ... they go to senior homes and they perform for veterans," he said. "We have people who do rodeos, circuses and charity work. Most of them take it up as a hobby."

His son, Ben Christensen, lives in Canton and is the Midwest director for the WCA. His two other children, Brooke and Shane, also do clown performances. It's a family tradition that dates back for decades.

"I began performing in 1980," said Christensen, whose main character is Simon De Clown. "A friend taught me how to juggle and, one day, I went with him to a children's ward at a hospital

and saw the joy and hope he was bringing to these kids. I knew right away it was something I wanted to do."

Incidents around the country involving the so-called creepy clowns have everyone on high alert. Christensen read a story online where a clown was spotted lurking in the woods. It turned out to be a high school student taking photographs.

"The whole thing is driven by social media and mob hysteria," he said. "Sadly, in our culture right now, we're in a place where people are reacting violently to all kinds of things. It kind of breaks our hearts ... and I don't want to be a clown with a broken heart."

Most of all, he wishes people would quit describing the pranksters as clowns.

"We're the good, clean fun wholesome characters," he said. "Almost all the clowns I know got started in this business because they wanted to give back to their community and bring a smile. Just because someone is wearing a Halloween mask does not make them a clown."

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - PUBLIC HEARING NOVEMBER 16, 2016 - 7:00 P.M.

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) has scheduled a public hearing for Wednesday, November 16, 2016 at the Northville Township Municipal Office Building, located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI. The ZBA will consider variance requests as follows:

- Chapter 145-6.F., Sign Ordinance (Ground Sign) for Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, located at 40000 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI.
- Chapter 145-4.E., Sign Ordinance (Off Premise Signs) for Forest Edge, a new development on the south side of 6 Mile Road, between Beck and Ridge Roads.

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

Paul Slatin, Chair
Zoning Board of Appeals

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The horror of it all: It's the season for haunted houses

Darrell Clem
hometownlife.com

Blood-curdling screams. A madman terrorizing a basement nightclub. Severed hands and feet. Chainsaw-wielding clowns. A room of creepy dolls.

Ghosts. Vampires. Zombies.

Metro Detroit haunted houses have it all, in sometimes-graphic, horrific detail.

HUSH Haunted Attraction in Westland promises "the most terrifying mutants, monsters and zombies in your face that even nightmares can't compete with."

Krazy Hilda's Trail of Terror in Ypsilanti tells of explorers who perished and "the moon now illuminates their tired and torn bodies."

With Halloween approaching, we've compiled a sampling of some of the area's haunted attractions. Some are graphic, others are accommodating to children.

» HUSH Haunted Attraction, 34043 Ford Road, Westland. Doors open at 8 p.m. Friday through Sunday. General admission is \$18, VIP skip-the-line for \$30 or VIP skip-the-line plus a T-shirt for \$45. The website: <http://hushhauntedattractions.com/>.

» The Haunted Junction and Haunted Winery, 31505 Grand River, Farmington. Open 7:30 p.m. to midnight Friday and Saturday, 7-10 p.m. Sunday, Monday and Thursday. Admission is \$15 for adults, \$13 for children. The website: <http://hauntedwinery.com/>.

» The Haunted SHAC: Gallery of the Disturbed, 125 S. Main St., Suite 700, Milford, open 7-11 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 6-10 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$15 for 18 and older, \$10 for under 18. The website: <http://www.milfordvfaa.org/haunted-shac>.

» Erebus, a four-story haunted attraction, 18 S. Perry, Pontiac. Doors open 7:30 p.m. weekdays, 6 p.m. weekends. Admission ranges from \$23 to \$50 for no-wait VIP. The website: <http://www.hauntedpontiac.com/dates.php>.

» The Pumpkin Factory and Halloween Farm, 48651 Harris Road, Belleville. Open 7-9:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, weather permitting. Admission is \$10 for each event. The website: <http://www.thepumpkinfactory.org/>.

» The Haunted Forest at Adventure Park, 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield. Doors open at 6 p.m. Friday through Sunday. Admission starts at \$12, depending on which package is chosen. The website: <http://westbloomfieldadventurepark.org/boo/>.

» Bonadeo Farms Corn Maze and Haunted House, 1215 White Lake Road, Highland. Open dusk to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. The website: <http://bonadeofarms.com/contact/>.

» Krazy Hilda's Trail of Terrors, 10340 Ford Road, Panama Hills Farm, Ypsilanti. Doors open at 8 p.m. Friday through Sunday. Admission is \$13 or \$11 for children 11 and younger. The website: <http://krazyhildas.com/>.

» Slaughter House Adventure and Grand River Corn Maze, 5781 Grand River, Fowlerville. Doors open at 7:15 p.m. Admission varies. The website: <http://www.slaughterhouseadventure.com/>.

» Night Terrors Haunted Thrill Park, 5565 Merritt Road, Ypsilanti. Doors open at 7:15 p.m. Friday through Sunday. Admission varies depending on the package. The website: <http://www.hauntedhousemichigan.com/>.

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Actors find love in haunted house

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Gina Dailide Yarbrough's biggest fear in a haunted house is the creepy clown with a chainsaw.

Then she married one.

Now, she and husband Bow-bee the Clown spend time in The Realm of Darkness, a haunted house in Pontiac where he drags her by the hair in a blood-drenched dress and throws her against a wall.

"Then he kills me with a chainsaw," Yarbrough said.

Nothing like true love in the Halloween season.

Yarbrough, a Canton resident and actor manager for The Realm of Darkness, was working in another haunted house, Sinister, on the same site in 2011 when she met her beloved Bow-bee, or Timothy Yarbrough. He walked by her during a dress rehearsal with his chainsaw, looked at her and uttered these blood-curdling words of love: "Sometimes I kill people."

"We just clicked," Timothy Yarbrough said.

He has "killed" her numerous times since then and he proposed to her last Halloween while in costume in the haunted house.

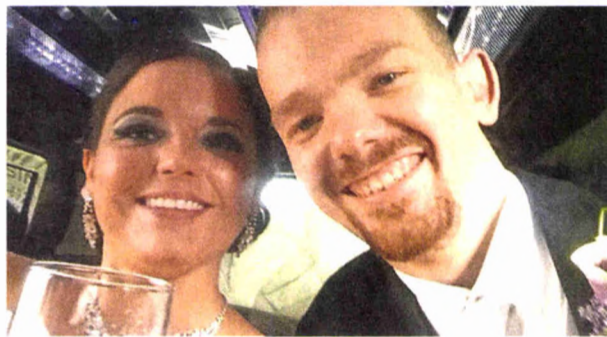
"In between (tour) groups, he got down on one knee and proposed," she said. "I said 'yes' and we kissed and then we scared the next group."

They married in August and it has been a perfect match for this



Gina kisses her Bow-Bee the Clown on her wedding day.

GINA YARBROUGH



Gina and Timothy Yarbrough, without all the blood, during a wedding moment.

horror-loving couple. Bow-bee the Clown always loved all things scary.

"I was always into horror movies," he said, "and Halloween is my favorite time of year."

Timothy Yarbrough revives his killer clown character every Hallow-

een season because he enjoys the work and finds it cathartic.

"One thing that has kept me going every year is that I found it was like therapy for me," he said. "It's a way to let all the stress out."

But Bow-bee the Clown has only disdain

for a new wave of creepy clowns — at least for those who hide their identities to commit crimes.

"They shouldn't be going around hurting people and doing what they're doing," he said. "I think it was a joke gone bad. They should go work at a haunted house, where it's safe and legal."

Gina Yarbrough has a theory why scary thrill-seekers flock to places like The Realm of Darkness.

"It's a way to get that adrenaline rush," she said. "There's enough scary stuff in the real world, but you can go to a haunted house and you can be scared in a safe environment. You're not really going to die."

Visitors arriving at

The Realm of Darkness site first encounter an outdoor western ghost town, The Dead Souls Corral, before they enter the House of Nightmares 3D, donning special glasses that make it appear the floor is moving and the walls are closing in. Along the way, all sorts of creatures seem to come to life.

Then it's the main Realm of Darkness, where they encounter a scary doll room, a haunted bayou, mad doctors and a morgue and autopsy room, among numerous other rooms. Legend has it an evil wizard has lived there for centuries looking for souls to claim.

"We have some people that walk in to the first attraction (Dead Souls Corral) and walk right back out," said Gina Yarbrough, a 2001 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School.

How long does it take visitors to get through the entire site?

"Some stay and play with the monsters. It can take 45 minutes to an hour to see it all," she said.

For others who are terrified, it doesn't take as long.

"It depends on how fast they run," Gina Yarbrough said.

For more on The Realm of Darkness, including hours, ticket information and directions, go to <http://therealmofdarkness.com>.

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No hunting

Novi Police were called at 2:52 p.m. Sept. 30 to the Oakland Hills Cemetery after cemetery employees came across a suspicious burgundy conversion van parked on a two track in the woods located to the far east of the cemetery, which adjoins the Michigan State University Tollgate Farm.

The employees said they had a problems with hunters using the property several years ago and believe hunters are parking on the cemetery property in order to hunt on the Tollgate Farm.

The employees called for the person to come out of the woods to talk about what he was doing. After several minutes, a white, middle-aged man came out of the woods wearing full camouflage gear. They said he was being vague about why he was there.

The employees then left and returned to the cemetery garage. When the officer arrived, the vehicle was gone, but the employees provided a license plate number. The officer was able to obtain a phone number for the owner of the vehicle, but was unsuccessful in making contact. Extra patrols were requested at the cemetery.

Foreigner fraud

A foreigner who is legally in the U.S. on a work visa was threatened by two men pretending to be federal agents, who then lost their cool when they were called out on the



The entrance to Oakland Hills Cemetery.

SUSAN BROMLEY

scam.

The man called police to his work location in Novi about 12:30 p.m. Sept. 30 after he received a suspicious phone call from a person claiming to be a 9-1-1 operator from U.S. Customs and Border Protec-

tion telling him he was in trouble with the police because he did not register with Customs and Border Protection when he entered into the U.S.

The unknown male caller then handed the phone over to another unknown male subject,

who told the man that to resolve this matter he had to go to a Bank of America and withdraw \$2,986. He was informed to stay on the line with the caller while he went to the bank to withdraw the money and would be instructed later as to

what to do with the money.

The victim provided his name, date of birth and phone number to the suspects, but did not provide any other personal or financial info. While he was on the phone with the suspects,

he notified his co-worker about the call and was instructed by his co-worker that the call was a scam and to hang up.

The victim told the suspects it was a scam and he was ending the conversation, at which time the suspects berated him with profanities. The man hung up and called police.

The responding officer instructed him to hang up the phone in the future if he ever receives a call from the above subjects or anyone else requesting his personal and financial info. He was advised to monitor his bank accounts.

Boyfriend blamed

A woman blamed her boyfriend when caught with marijuana during a traffic stop.

A Novi police officer stopped the woman when she drove through a red light after the turn lane's green arrow came on at about 9:20 p.m., Oct. 3 at Grand River and Novi Road.

The driver said she was looking for Total Sports so that she could pick up her boyfriend. The officer noticed the odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle and asked her if there was any inside the vehicle. She said there was not. He then asked her if she had just smoked in the vehicle, to which she answered her boyfriend smokes and she was wearing his sweatshirt.

A search of the vehicle revealed a clear plastic container with 0.9 grams of green plant material and another purple container with 2.4 grams of green plant material, both of which tested positive for marijuana. She said it was her boyfriend's and he had a medical marijuana card. She was arrested for possession of marijuana.

Homecoming theft

A woman who was caught stealing a dress shirt and ties from Kohl's used her son's homecoming as an explanation.

Novi Police responded at 3:10 p.m. Oct. 1, to the store on West Oaks Drive after loss prevention employees saw the woman shopping in the men's department remove security tags to a shirt and tie and popping more tags to shirt, then purchase some other shirts, but fail to pay for a black dress shirt and four ties with a total value of \$78.

Confronted, she at first denied wrongdoing, but at the loss prevention office, admitted taking the merchandise and apologized for lying. She said she took the ties and shirt for her son's homecoming that night. She was arrested for retail fraud, third degree, issued a misdemeanor citation and given a court date.

Missing Michael

A man reported to Novi Police he had a watch and CDs stolen from his vehicle, which was parked in the JC Penney lot at Twelve Oaks mall between 6:15 p.m. and 6:40 p.m. Sept. 29.

The watch, a Bulova, is valued at \$500 and was taken from the center console, along with assorted compact discs, including Michael Jackson, Earth, Wind and Fire, B.B. King and more. He recalled locking the car with his key fob, but when he returned it was unlocked and the items were missing.

Skunked

A woman who called police at 12:36 a.m. Oct. 6 to report her dogs were barking at something in her backyard on Malott was soon informed there were two skunks running from her yard, as well as a third skunk in her trash.

— By Susan Bromley

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Reward increased for tips on Brueger's killer

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Tips regarding the homicide of Ally Brueger two-and-a-half months ago continue to trickle in, but police are hoping a reward increased to \$10,000 brings a break in the case.

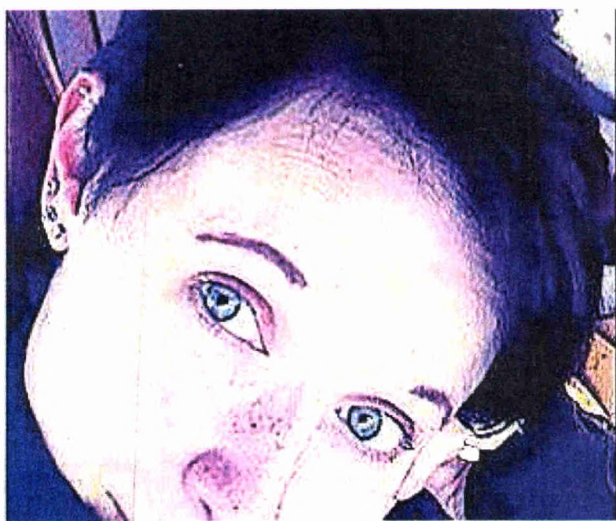
"We're still getting leads, slowly but surely," Michigan State Police 1st Lt. Michael Shaw said. "We are still working the case every day."

Brueger, a nurse at Providence Park Hospital in Novi, was shot in the back four times shortly after 2 p.m. July 30 while she was running in the 11000 block of Fish Lake Road in Rose Township. The 31-year-old ran a 10-mile route daily and was only two miles from the home she shared with her parents.

Police do not believe the Brueger's homicide is connected to the two recent assaults on runners in Genesee County. Shaw has previously said investigators are confident based on evidence at the scene that Brueger knew her killer, although a random shooting can't be ruled out.

Police remain interested in a white or light-colored four-door car that was reported in the area around the time of the killing. Investigators are asking the public to be on the lookout for someone who may have such a vehicle or recently sold such a vehicle for well below the value. Other suspicious behavior in possible suspects could include a sudden change in appearance, leaving a job, a sudden move, break-up of a relationship or showing remorse.

Reward money previously offered was \$5,000 from ATF and \$2,500 from Crime Stoppers of



Ally Brueger, a Novi nurse, was shot to death July 30 in Rose Township. A reward is offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of her killer.

Michigan, but an anonymous donor recently added \$2,500 to the Crime Stoppers reward, for a total of \$10,000.

Shirley Schuler, communications manager for Crime Stoppers of Michigan, also stresses that placing a tip is 100-percent anonymous.

"People are fearful of calling the police, but Crime Stoppers is anonymous," she said. "Our system has always been guaranteed to be anonymous."

The nonprofit organization has received six tips thus far regarding Brueger. Police have received more than 100 leads on the case.

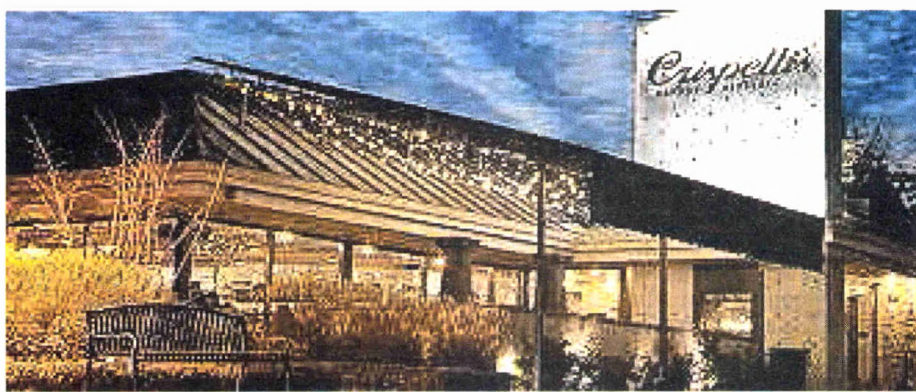
"If someone knows something, remember: What if this was your family member or daughter?" Schuler said. "She was somebody that was very talented, hardworking, who gave to the community — she was a nurse. We just lost a great person from the community and people have to stand up and speak up and realize there is no reason not to, with how anonymous this

is. One day, this could happen to your family member. This guy is still on the loose and walking among us and he could hurt one of us. Ally deserves justice and this was their only child, too, which is so sad."

Since 2013, Crime Stoppers has received 19,362 anonymous tips, resulting in 600 arrests. Among the crimes solved were 56 homicides. Since its founding in 1976, the international Crime Stoppers organization has helped clear more than 1.5 million criminal cases worldwide.

Tips can be submitted to Crime Stoppers by calling 1-800-Speak-Up (1-800-773-2587), by visiting the Crime Stoppers website at www.1800speakup.org and clicking on the "submit anonymous tips" button and filling out a simple form or by texting "CSM" plus tip information to CRIMES (274637).

Anyone with any information possibly related to the homicide of Brueger can also call 855-MICH-TIP.



Crispelli's celebrates the second anniversary of its West Bloomfield store with a pizza giveaway.

Crispelli's celebrates second anniversary

Crispelli's Bakery & Pizzeria in West Bloomfield is celebrating its second anniversary from Oct. 17-23 by giving all customers the opportunity to win one of seven daily grand prize prizes of free pizza for a year (one per week).

While one lucky guest will receive the daily "grand prize," all guests

will receive a gift ranging from desserts, appetizers, entrees and pizzas.

Here is how it works: Every day during the week, guests will pull an envelope out of a tumbler. Everyone will win something but one customer per day will win pizza for a year.

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Novi band set for annual Halloween concert

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Mike Handlesman had to miss a recent Novi Concert Band rehearsal after suffering a mishap at home.

The 92-year-old Handlesman hasn't missed many of those in more than two decades with the band and he hasn't missed any since. Handlesman, a clarinetist in the band, will be on stage with the rest of the 50-piece band when it performs its annual fall Halloween concert Oct. 23 at the Novi Civic Center.

Handlesman, who has been playing the clarinet since he was 15 years old, said the reason he keeps going, even at his age, is simple.

"I enjoy playing the clarinet and that's why I continue with the band," he said. "It gets me out of the house and it's fun. I've been playing 77 years."

Handlesman is just one of the group of eclectic musicians who make up the band. The 50-piece band also includes a husband (drums) and wife (oboe/bassoon) team. The band takes to the stage about a dozen times a year, including big concerts in each season.

Director Diran Kochyan, himself a musician, has been the band's first-chair clarinet for about 18 years. He said he "just wanted to play somewhere locally" and heard about the band, so he attended a rehearsal.

"I didn't care where I sat, I just wanted to play," said Kochyan, the retired band director of Garden City Public Schools. "After a couple of rehearsals, they moved me up."

The band plays its major concerts at the Novi Civic Center, but also plays in communi-



Novi Concert Band director Diran Kochyan conducts during a rehearsal.

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Richard Cywinski plays his saxophone Oct. 12 during a rehearsal at Novi Middle School.

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Erik Nieman plays his trumpet Oct. 12 during a rehearsal at Novi Middle School.

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ties like Walled Lake, South Lyon, Wixom and Northville. It also plays the Novi library a few

times a year. The Oct. 23 concert, which starts at 2 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center,

will feature Halloween music, along with show tunes and classical music, Kochyan said. Not

surprisingly, band members will be in their Halloween costumes. This after a recent concert at

the library featuring college fight songs, where audience members were handed pom poms and cheered throughout.

Handlesman's costume will likely include his ever-present World War II hat, a treasured symbol of his service, according to his daughter, Julie August.

"A lot of people ask him about that hat," August said. "He always wears it. He's just proud of his service, I think."

Kochyan also said he's always trying to recruit new members in an effort to compete with other local bands.

"If we fill in each section, the more people you have, the better the sound," he said.

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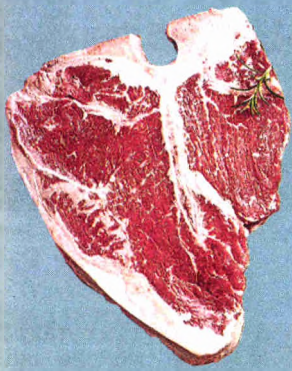
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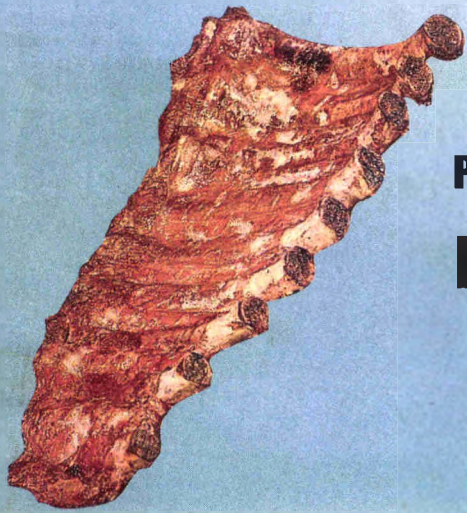
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PREP FOOTBALL

Shamrocks survive DeLaSalle in Boys Bowl, 17-7

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The 72nd running of the Boys Bowl turned out to be a classic defensive struggle of years gone past.

The long-standing series dates back to 1944, when Detroit Catholic Central and Boys Town of Omaha, Neb., fought to a 14-14 tie.

Fast forward to Sunday's CC-Warren DeLaSalle game, where yards were hard to come by, but somehow the Shamrocks got 10 points from their stout defense and used a first-half goal line stand to pull out a 17-7 victory.

The win improved CC to 8-0 overall and clinched the Central Division title with a 3-0 record. The victory also puts

CC in a rematch against Orchard Lake St. Mary's (5-3, 3-1) in the Prep Bowl, beginning at 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22, at Detroit's Ford Field.

With 5:12 left in the first half, CC made a pivotal goal line stand, stopping DeLaSalle quarterback Ricardo Marble on a fourth-down sneak to keep the game scoreless.

"We just had to step it up," said CC senior defensive back Chris Jakubik, who came up with two key second-half interceptions, including a 21-yard pick-six with 9:46 left in the game to make it 17-7. "Defense is our identity and we just had to make a big play. We knew we had to stop them. We wanted to stay



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See BOYS BOWL, Page B4 Catholic Central's Carson Kovath makes the return after picking off a DeLaSalle pass.

PREP FOOTBALL



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Mustangs quarterback Jack Burke rushes for a touchdown as Novi's Ryan Welch (left) makes a stab at stopping him.

NORTHVILLE BEATS NOVI, SECURE JUG AGAINST RIVAL

Key defensive plays down stretch give Mustangs division title, 27-19

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It was a Tums kind of night. Northville retained the Eight Mile Jug for the eighth straight year, but not without needing some heartburn relief down the stretch against rival Novi.

The host Mustangs watched a 17-point lead nearly evaporate in the final quarter, but regrouped to win the KLAA Central Division outright with a 27-19 victory Friday night at Tom Holzer Field.

With the victory, Northville (7-1, 5-0) will play KLAA South Division champion Canton (6-2, 5-0) for the Kensington Conference title at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 21, at Holzer Field.

"It means a ton," Northville coach Matt Ladach said of the Mustangs' third straight Central Division title. "Every year, that's our goal. We want to beat Novi, we want to win the division, we want to make the playoffs. All those goals are in front of us. And now the focus is bringing home some more hardware." Northville senior quarterback Jack

Burke was once again instrumental in the win as he rushed for 114 yards on 19 carries and three touchdowns, while also completing 9-of-14 passes for 73 yards.

His 3-yard TD run with 6:36 left in the third quarter put Northville ahead 24-7, but the Wildcats (4-4, 3-2) answered with an 18-play, 80-yard drive resulting in an Ian Patterson 1-yard TD run with 10:49 left in regulation.

Novi, however, was unable to convert the extra point as senior line-

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PREP VOLLEYBALL

Shot out of Cannon: Novi gets Central Division title

Top-ranked Wildcats turn back No. 4 Northville in straight sets

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Coming off a Class A state championship run from a year ago, the Novi volleyball team brought back plenty of heavy artillery for the 2016 season.

And it that wasn't enough, it's added a Cannon to its stockpile and it was on display Oct. 11 as the No. 1-ranked Wildcats clinched their fourth straight outright KLAA Central Division title with a convincing 25-13, 25-14, 25-20 win over host Northville



Traverse City West Cannon transfer Abryanna Cannon, a 6-foot-1 junior outside hitter, was among many Wildcats who made life miserable for the No. 4-ranked Mustangs on their senior night.

The Notre Dame commit tied teammate Ally Cummings for a team-high 12 kills, while serving three aces and contributing 13 digs as Novi improved to 31-1 overall and its division mark to 9-0.

"No one on the team had a bad night today," said Cannon, who had the clinching kills in the first and third sets. "The defense was great, the setting was great, the hitting was great ... serving, passing, everything. Everyone did their job tonight and that's what helped us win. We've been talking about the process and not the outcome. So this was a great example of everyone working on the process and just not focusing on winning."

Novi used a balanced attack as the 5-11 Cummings, a Miss Volleyball candidate, also chipped in five blocks.

Junior setter Erin O'Leary, a University of Michigan commit, continued her consistent and stellar play with 34 assist-to-kills, five kills and 11 digs.

Junior middle blocker Kathryn Ellison, who was out injured and did not play in the first meeting against

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BOYS SOCCER

Novi keeper McDonald thrives in PK win over CC

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They call it the "dreaded shootout," but Novi junior goalkeeper Luke McDonald appeared to embrace the moment as he walked across the field, threw his hands up in the air and exhorted his fellow students in the cheering section.

After the Wildcats and host Novi Detroit Catholic Central battled to a scoreless draw through 80 minutes of regulation and two 10-minute overtimes, the Division 1 district boys soccer opener would be decided on penalty kicks.

"Going in, I just know I'm ready to put the team on my back and still rely on them to make their kicks and they did tonight," said McDonald, who made one critical stop and watched two other CC shots miss the mark as Novi advanced with a 1-0 victory. "They scored four out of five and I could see they were tired, so I was getting the crowd to back them up. And we all just fed off of it. We have great fans."

After CC's Ryan Pierson and Novi's Ben Noud both converted on their first-round PKs, the second round started with Matt Sherman sliding a shot just wide of the left post.

"I thought it was going in and then I looked back and I heard a little ripple and I wasn't sure," McDonald said. "I just looked at the ref and he just gave me a thumbs up and my stomach sank."

Amossi Bujaga's PK gave Novi a momentary 2-1 advantage and CC's Henry Koelling stepped up next. McDonald gave his Michigan Jaguars U17 Boys Green teammate a friendly low-five hand slap before making the attempt.

"I play with the kid in club; we're good friends," McDonald said. "I had a good idea where he was going to go and I went the right way. I knew from training with him."

But it stayed 2-1 after three rounds as CC goalkeeper Kevin Blossfeld, who



Novi's Luke McDonald goes down to make a key first-half save against Catholic Central. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

came on for starter Trevor Ostrowski at halftime, denied Novi shooter Eric Rice.

In the fourth round, CC's Matthew Park missed the mark, but Novi's Andy Lee scored to make it 3-1.

When CC's Farzad Baghaie scored to cut the deficit to 3-2, the Wildcats' leading scorer, Kyle Bandyk, ended the suspense by going top-shelf to clinch the victory.

With under 25 minutes to go in regulation, Bandyk had Novi's best two scoring chances of the match, but couldn't get the ball on net.

"I'm proud of Kyle," Novi coach Todd Pfeiffer said. "One of the things he's been working on all season is keep-

ing mentally focused and he stepped up and hit the winning PK. Kyle played defense for three years and he's got 23 goals now and only been playing forward up here for a year."

CC had the better of the scoring chances, especially in the early stages of the first half as McDonald denied both Pierson and Joel VanHook with key saves.

"We had pressure on them, but they were organized and they have a tough back line, obviously," said CC coach Gene Pulice, whose team finished the year at 10-4-3. "I think a 0-0 score at the end of double overtime was a tribute to how organized and well-coached both teams were."

With 3:05 remaining in the first OT, McDonald saved a shot that VanHook put on net, but the scoring chances dwindled as time ran down.

"It worked out for us. I'm so proud of these guys," Pfeiffer said. "Ever since the district draw came out and we knew it was CC like last year, these guys have been working so hard every day at practice because they remember CC knocked us out on our home field. And they have been so motivated. I've got 11 seniors and they have such great leadership. They stepped up."

With the win, Novi improved to 11-4-2 and earned a spot in the district semifinals.

"They called an early morning practice for yesterday," Pfeiffer said.

"They were out there at eight in the morning because they said they didn't want another day to go by. They said, 'We want to practice our set pieces. We want to practice our PKs, because we know CC is a phenomenal team.'"

Last season, CC went all the way to the state semifinals before losing to eventual champion Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central. This year, it was stopped in the district opener, but the Shamrocks did capture their second Catholic League title in three years.

"I think we had a great season," Pulice said. "This game, I don't think, defines us at all. I think we're a very good team. My personal opinion is that they played very well. I think we created more opportunities that we needed to cash in on. But at the end of day, it's a hard and hurtful game to lose in the first round of the district. We tell our guys it's a life lesson, but we tell them, too, this is one of the easiest life lessons to learn."

Meanwhile, Novi fights to play another day.

"There's really not a whole lot of vengeance in me, but it just feels good to win against a top-class opponent like CC," McDonald said.

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BOYS SOCCER

Northville slips by Stevenson in district opener

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Senior Mario Plachta scored the game-winning goal with only 23:32 left in regulation as Northville snapped its two-game losing streak with a 1-0 Division 1 boys soccer district win over visiting Livonia Stevenson.

The Mustangs, who improved to 10-4-6 overall, moved into the district semifinals against Brighton (12-0-5).

Senior Ben McCauley assisted on Plachta's goal, while senior goalkeeper Evan Treiber posted the shutout.

The Mustangs got strong play in the back from defenders Collin Neal and Alex Braeseker, along with Owen Marshall in the midfield. Forward Brendan Kemp also made a strong contribution off the bench.

Stevenson ends its season at 9-5-5 overall.

WALLED LAKE CENTRAL 3, NORTHVILLE 1: Goals by Ray Daniels, Alex Zachar and Danny Pflumbaj carried Wallied Lake Central (11-4-4) to a KLAAs second-place crossover victory Oct. 13 over the host Mustangs (9-4-6).

Owen Marshall had the lone goal for Northville.

NOVI 3, HARTLAND 1: On Oct. 10, Kyle Bandyk notched a hat trick on to propel the host Wildcats (10-4-2) over the Eagles (15-4-3) in a fifth-place Kensington Lakes Activities Association crossover at Meadows Stadium.

It was 0-0 at halftime before the senior forward scored all three of his goals in the second half, with unassisted efforts coming with 35:14 and 11:04 remaining before Hartland's Denton Paul cut the deficit to 2-1 with only 2:41 remaining.

But just 11 seconds later, Bandyk scored again, off an assist from Andy Lee, to clinch the victory. Bandyk now has 23 of Novi's 44 goals on the season.

Goalkeepers Luke McDonald and Josh Brucker combined on the win for Novi, which outshot the Eagles by an 8-6 margin.

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BOYS SOCCER

Shamrocks defeat Cranes to reclaim title

Catholic Central wins sixth league crown after losing last season

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Novi Detroit Catholic Central regained the Catholic League boys soccer tournament championship trophy Oct. 13 in what turned out to be a highly-entertaining battle against Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood.

The Shamrocks took a 3-0 lead one minute into the second half and survived a furious Cranes rally en route to a 4-2 triumph at Madison Heights Bishop Foley High School.

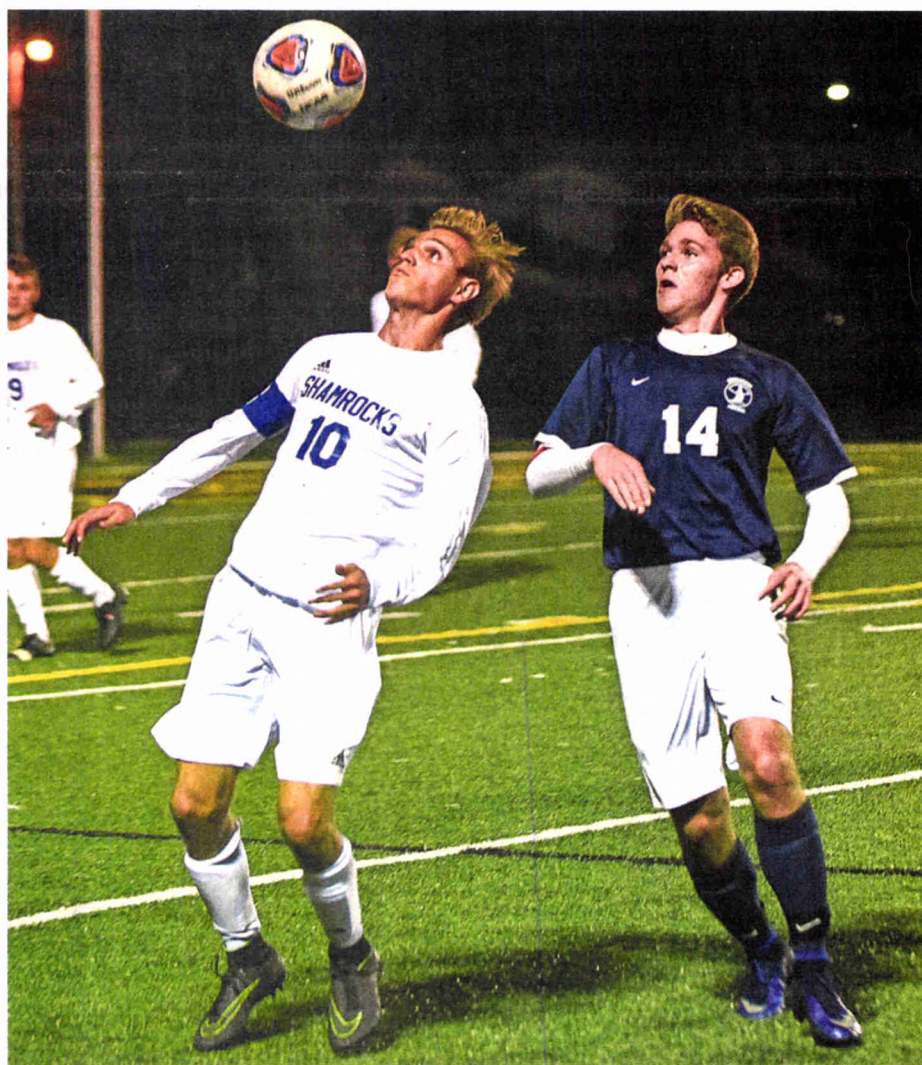
It marks CC's sixth Catholic League crown. CC fell in last year's title game to Brother Rice after winning the 2014 championship.

"It's definitely nice to regain the title," said CC head coach Gene Pulice, whose No. 11-ranked Division 1 squad hiked its record to 10-3-3. "We know this - you don't get to keep them if you're not working hard and playing the way you should be. It's really a nice victory. We came a long way and appreciated the guys working hard and coming together."

It was not only Cranbrook's first appearance in the Catholic League championship game, but also was the first time the Cranes had ever played CC.

The Cranes, ranked No. 7 in Division 2, showed they belong on the big stage with their courageous second-half rally, which saw them get to within a goal, only to fall by two goals in the end.

"This is exciting for us," said Cranbrook coach Chad O'Kulich, whose



Catholic Central's Justin Savona (left) and Cranbrook Kingswood's Colin Clark battle for the ball during the Catholic League championship game Wednesday at Bishop Foley. JUNFU HAN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

team fell to 11-4 overall "We won (the division title) all seven years that we've been in the Catholic League and we're really grateful to finally have the opportunity (to play for the overall league championship) to come out here on this field, the boys earned it. They came out and performed and it was a great game."

CC dominated the first half and held a 2-0 advantage after the first 40 minutes.

Junior Ryan Pierson opened the scoring six minutes into the game when, after being taken down in the far corner of the box, he connected on a penalty kick.

In the 11th minute, Pierson found himself all alone at the corner of the net and redirected a sensational cross from senior midfielder Justin Savona.

The Shamrocks, playing with a strong wind to their backs, outshot the Cranes, 9-2 in that opening half and had many excellent scoring opportunities that were thwarted by CK junior goalkeeper Colin Canning.

Cranbrook didn't get its first shot until the 22nd minute.

CC threatened to turn it into a rout when senior Noah Walker headed in another perfect cross, this time from senior Matt Sherman, at the 36:36 mark of the second half to give his team a 3-0 advantage.

"We got off to a good start with

that goal on the PK and, after that, we played well," Pulice said. "We definitely possessed well (in that first half) and it looked nice and clean. We were doing a few things we had been working on and discussing with the guys and the leadership on the field made it come to fruition."

Trailing by three goals, the Cranes started to take over as CC held back a bit.

Cranes senior Colin Clark, charging hard down the right wing, shot just wide to the far corner. Seven minutes later, sophomore Tony Yazbeck's blast from 25 yards out clanged off the crossbar. Clark then had a breakaway two minutes that CC goalkeeper Trevor Ostrowski stopped on a terrific diving effort.

The Cranes finally broke through at the 23:08 mark, when Clark's cross appeared to bank in off a CC defender. Just 40 seconds later, Cranbrook made it a 3-2 game on a header by senior Joey Luciani, set up by a strong throw-in from Mario Watson.

Cranbrook continued to attack the CC goal, but it was the Shamrocks who scored next. Sherman, while on the ground in front of the net, redirected the ball into the net after a perfect cross from the Pierson with 15 minutes left in the regulation time.

The Shamrocks were able to hang on for the two-goal victory.

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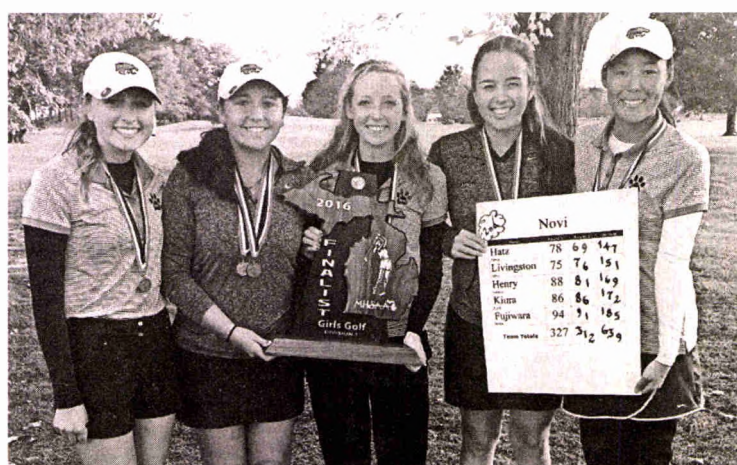
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Novi broke new ground in Saturday's MHSAA Division 1 girls golf state finals held at Michigan State University's Forest Akers East.

The Wildcats, posting three consecutive top 10 showings coming into the tournament, earned their best finish in school history by taking runner-up honors to Rochester, which captured its fourth state title in school history and first since winning back-to-back crowns in 2008 and 2009.

Rochester's two-day total of 310-308—618 was 21 strokes better than the Wildcats, who shot 327-312—639.

Rounding out the top five in the 18-school field were Bloomfield Hills (321-327—648), Traverse City West (324-328—652) and Saline (322-



The Novi girls golf team earned a runner-up finish at the MHSAA state finals in East Lansing.

339—661). Traverse City West's Anika Dy took individual medalist honors with rounds of 72-71 for a two-day total of 143,

while Clarkston's Meghan Deardorff (74-71—145) and Bloomfield Hills' Mikaela Schulz (72-73—145) were two strokes off the pace.

Novi senior Alexa Hatz shot 78-69—147 to place fourth, while junior Abby Livingston tied for ninth with 75-76—151.

"We were fifth after the first day and ended up second after the second day behind Rochester, who has been a powerhouse all year," Novi first-year coach Megan Henry said. "We had two girls finish in the top 10, set a new school record as a team (312) and a new school record as low individual (Hatz's 3-under 69)."

Novi's other two scorers were senior Lauren Henry (88-81—169) and junior Leah Kiura (86-86—172). Henry's 81 Saturday was also a career-low.

The Wildcats' non-scorer was Reika Fujiwara (94-91—185).

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PREP VOLLEYBALL

No. 1 Novi topples North Branch

Wildcats play first prep match at Keen Arena

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The top-ranked and defending Class A state champion Novi volleyball team wrapped up a big week Saturday afternoon by defeating North Branch, 25-23, 27-25, 25-19, at the University of Michigan's Cliff Keen Arena.

It was the first time a high school match had ever been played at U-M, which was held prior to the No. 18 Wolverine's five-set loss to No. 1-ranked Wisconsin.

Junior setter Erin O'Leary, a U-M commit, led the way with 32 assist-to-kills, six digs and 12 digs as Novi improved to 32-1 overall with a victory over the Broncos, ranked No. 2 in Class B.

Other standouts for the Wildcats included Abryanna Cannon (12 kills, 14 digs), Ally Cummings (10 kills, four blocks) and Claire Pinkerton (16 digs).

In a rescheduled match Oct. 13, Emmy Robinson had eight kills and four blocks as Novi wrapped up a 10-0 season in the KLA Central Division with a 25-12, 25-8, 25-14 win at Salem.

O'Leary added 22 assists, seven kills and five aces, while Kathryn Ellison chipped in seven kills and six digs.

Salem finished 2-8 in the KLA Central.

Mustangs go 5-1

On Saturday, Northville (39-5) captured five of six matches Beat of The East Tournament before Rockford downed the Mustangs in the semifinals, 20-25, 25-22, 19-17, at Blue Water Sports Center in Warren.

Rockford (36-7-1), No. 6 in Class A, went on to beat No. 6 Clarkston in the final, 25-22, 25-23.

Northville also defeated No. 9 Bloomfield Hills Marian (25-15, 25-13), Sterling Heights Stevenson (25-14, 25-15), Kalamazoo Central (25-11, 25-7) Armada (25-11, 25-7) and Romeo (25-8, 25-19).

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PREP ATHLETICS

Catholic Central Hall of Famers savor moment

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Basketball took center stage at Detroit Catholic Central High's latest Athletic Hall of Fame induction class during ceremonies held Sunday morning as part of a Mass prior to the annual Boys Bowl football game.

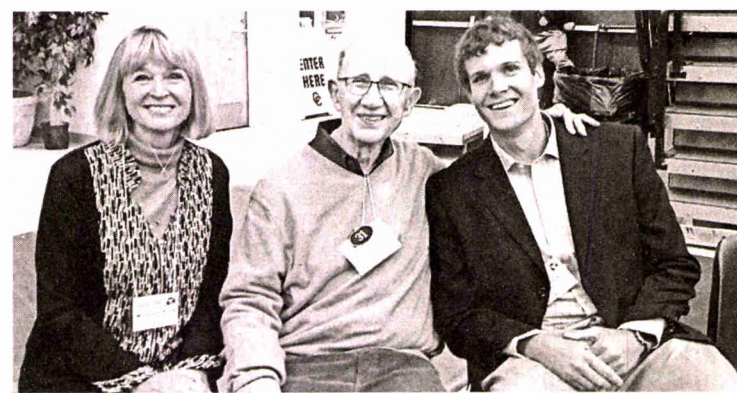
The 1976 MHSAA Class A state championship team, coached by Bernie Holowicki, and the school's all-time leading scorer Greg Wendt (Class of 1981), were recognized along with Michael Sullivan (1988), Rick Jones (1971), Dennis Spalla (1959) and the Rev. John Wheeler (1957).

That 1976 hoops squad posted a school-best 25-3 record while winning the Catholic League title. Its state championship run included wins over perennial powerhouses Highland Park, Detroit Henry Ford, Magic Johnson's Lansing Everett team and Saginaw.

Among the standouts were Mike Prince, Rob Gonzales, Rick Kaye, Dave Abel, Alan Mitchell, Bill Parran and Dan Fitzgerald.

Prince, who was the team's leading scorer that season with 569 points, went on to play at Western Kentucky University. He died May 11 at age 57 of kidney cancer.

His wife Suzette and son Michael Jr. traveled from



Former Catholic Central coach Bernie Holowicki (middle) is with Suzette Prince (left) and Michael Prince Jr.

Dallas to take part in the ceremonies. Michael, who played basketball at Texas Tech University, last visited the area when he was 5 years old.

"It's unbelievable. My dad never talked about himself, so hearing all the stories is awesome," Michael Jr. said. "He taught me everything I know. He always pushed me hard and was just a great father."

And that '76 squad remains a favorite for Holowicki.

"It was a really a highlight for me," he said. "They were tough kids. Mike Prince was the catalyst for the whole team. He wouldn't take any B.S. from anybody. Just a good guy."

The 6-foot-6 Wendt spent two seasons at Duke University under coach Mike Krzy-

zewski before returning home to play his final two seasons at the University of Detroit. He was drafted by the Boston Celtics in 1986.

Wendt also played first base and pitched on CC's 1979 Class A state champion baseball team.

Now residing in Novi with his wife and two sons, Wendt is a manufacturers rep who runs his own company in the plastics industry.

Sullivan was a member of the CC varsity lacrosse and hockey teams before going on to play lacrosse at Notre Dame, where he was a four-year starter and captain his senior year. During his career at ND, he broke 10 scoring records.

Jones was a wrestler under

coach Mike Rodriguez, helping the Shamrocks to three consecutive Class A team state titles from 1969-71. He was also a two-time individual state champ at 165 and 171 pounds before going on to Oklahoma State, where he helped the Cowboys to four Big Eight team titles and three top three NCAA finishes. Jones was a four-time Big Eight finalist, winning a pair of individual titles.

Spalla was the school's Whelan Award winner in 1959, as he excelled in boxing, football (all-state), basketball (starting guard), track (sprints) and baseball. He went on to play baseball at the University of Michigan, earning all-Big Ten honors as a center fielder and helping the Wolverines to the 1961 Big Ten crown and 1962 NCAA national championship.

Wheeler was co-founder of the CC ski team and spent 16 years as coach, guiding the Shamrocks to three state runner-up finishes, two regional titles and two league championships. He also co-founded the CC soccer program in 1979 and served as moderator, bus driver and chaplain to the varsity, JV and freshman teams from 1979-89. Wheeler also has served CC as a priest, teacher, coach and director of the Alumni Glee Club.

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BOYS TENNIS RESULTS

MHSAA DIVISION 1 BOYS TENNIS RESULTS

Oct. 14-15 at Midland

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Ann Arbor Huron, 30 points; 2. Bloomfield Hills, 28; 3. Troy, 25; 4. Novi, 20; 5. Birmingham Brother Rice, 18; 6. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 16; 7. (tie) Northville and Clarkston, 11 each; 9. (tie) Grosse Pointe South and Port Huron Northern, 10 each (17 schools).

NOVI SINGLES RESULTS

Alex Wen (No. 1): defeated Ian Yi (Pioneer), 6-2, 6-3; def. Jack Winkler (Rice), 7-5, 6-4; lost to Josh Mukherjee (Bloomfield Hills), 6-3, 2-6, 6-2. **Sid Amanath (No. 2):** def. Sam Jacobs (Rockford), 6-1, 6-0; lost to Brennan Cimpeanu (Troy), 6-2, 6-2. **Daniel Yu (No. 3):** def. Stuart Johnson (Grand Blanc), 6-0, 6-0; def. Nishaan Makim (P.H. Northern), 6-7 (5-7), 6-0, 6-3; lost to Constatine Hemmrich (Bloomfield Hills), 6-3, 6-0. **Thomas Rolfe (No. 4):** lost to Sandeep Rajaskaramoorthy (Troy), 6-1, 6-0.

NORTHVILLE SINGLES RESULTS

Janak Mukherji (No. 1): def. Brent Walski (Grandville), 6-0, 6-1; lost to Steve Forman (Troy), 6-2, 6-2. **Arvind Kalyana (No. 2):** def. Ben Shapiro (Grand Blanc), 6-3, 7-5; lost to Andrew Zhang (Bloomfield Hills), 6-1, 6-1. **Ryan Gallagher (No. 3):** lost to Jacob Burkett (Clarkston), 7-6 (7-3), 6-4. **Samir Rajani (No. 4):** def. Rishabh Setty (Grand Blanc), 6-0, 6-0; lost to Oliver Fuchs (Pioneer), 6-3, 6-2.

NOVI DOUBLES RESULTS

Aditya Chitta-Robert Chen (No. 1): def. Brett Peterman-Alex McKenzie (Grand Blanc), 6-4, 7-5; lost to Stephen Freeman-Giuliano Daniel (Northville), 6-2, 6-1. **Venkaatesh Nagalla-Tim Tanaka (No. 2):** def. Anoop Kotha-Nathan Tseng (Plymouth), 6-1, 6-1; lost to Brandon Guo-Jessie Ying (Troy), 6-3, 6-1. **Nayan Makim-Aakash Ray (No. 3):** def. Mason Schoenek-Jacob Adamski (Utica Eisenhower), 6-0, 6-1; def. Anuraag Bhusari-Mithil Gudi (Troy Athens), 6-0, 6-0; def. Chaz Blamo-Vik Chakraborty (Bloomfield Hills), 3-6, 6-4, 6-1; def. Vedaant Garg-Spencer Liu (Troy), 7-5, 1-6, 6-2. **Chris Kweederis-Ryan Krawec (No. 4):** def. Kevin-Guo-Nick John (Athens), 6-3, 6-3; def. Nicholas Besta-Jordan Paarlberg (Rockford), 6-2, 6-4; lost to Gabe Kleer-Josh Lee (Pioneer), 6-3, 6-4.

NORTHVILLE DOUBLES RESULTS

Stephen Freeman-Giuliano Daniel (No. 1): def. Paul Brettschneider-Alex Walton (P.H. Northern), 6-2, 6-1; def. Aditya Chitta-Robert Chen (Novi), 6-2, 6-1; lost to Chris Cho-Brendan Chen (Huron), 6-3, 6-4. **Nishant Chava-Andrew Quinn (No. 2):** lost to Drew Dykens-Michael Hoffman (Holland West Ottawa), 7-5, 6-2. **Jimmy Dales-Michael Ying (No. 3):** def. David Rohit-Grant Narayanan (Plymouth), 6-1, 6-2; lost to Vedaant Garg-Spencer Liu (Troy), 6-3, 6-1. **Treyor Kelterbert-Charles Gao (No. 4):** def. Sam Packer-Kenny Prather (Grosse Pointe South), 5-7, 6-2, 6-3; lost to Henry Zhou-Matt Kelley (Huron), 7-5, 6-2.

DUAL MATCH RESULTS

NOVI 5, DETROIT COUNTRY DAY 2
Oct. 11 at Novi
No. 1 singles: Alex Wen (Novi) vs. Mike Khaghany (DCD), 6-0, 5-7 (did not finish); **No. 2:** Daniel Yu (Novi) defeated Nik Gruskin, 6-7 (6-8), 6-2, 10-7 (super-breaker); **No. 3:** Alex Mentler (DCD) def. Andrew Lu, 6-2, 6-1; **No. 4:** Eric Wang (DCD) def. Thomas Rolfe, 6-4, 4-6 (10-5).
No. 1 doubles: Aditya Chitta-Robert Chen (Novi) def. Rick Warricke-Ryan Murakawa, 6-4, 6-3. **No. 2:** Venkaatesh Nagalla-Tim Tanaka (Novi) def. Milind Rao-Keven Rahmani, 6-2, 5-7 (10-4). **No. 3:** Aakash Ray-Nayan Makim (Novi) def. Tommy Nardicchio-Nate Themes, 6-1, 6-0. **No. 4:** Chris Kweederis-Ryan Krawec (Novi) def. Prathik Chukkappally-Nick Sicilia, 6-0, 6-3.
Novi's dual match record: 13-2 overall.

BOYS TENNIS

Novi's No. 3 doubles tandem wins state crown

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After two years of bringing home the first-place trophy, there was no MHSAA Division 1 boys tennis state championship this season for Novi.

But there was some history made by the Wildcats last weekend at the Midland Community Tennis Center

Ann Arbor Huron, scoring 30 points, captured its 10th state title in school history by outpointing last year's co-champion Bloomfield Hills, 30-28. (Novi and Bloomfield Hills shared the 2015 crown.)

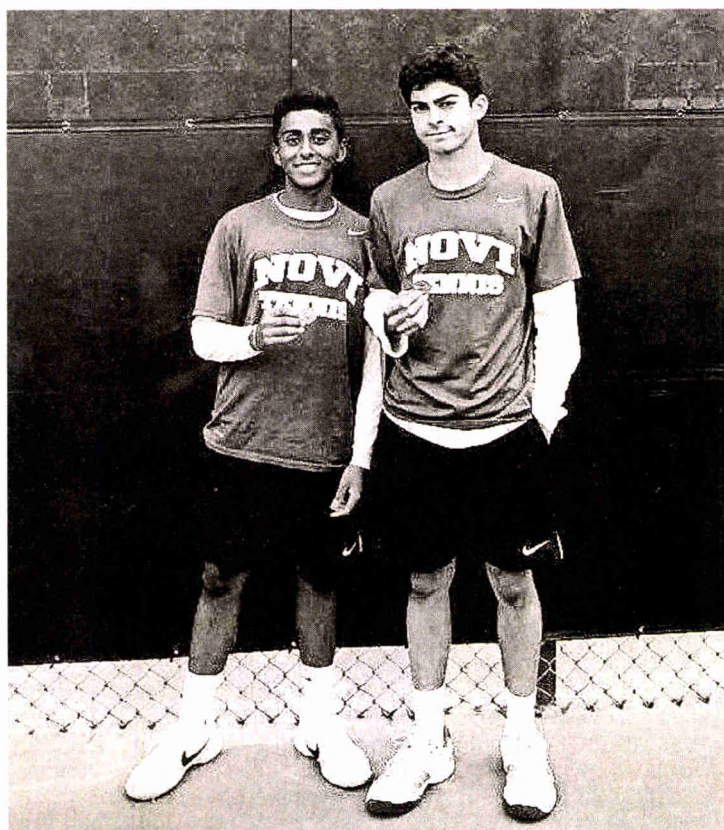
Troy wound up third with 25 points, while Novi finished fourth with 20. Birmingham Brother Rice and Ann Arbor Pioneer were next with 18 and 16, respectively, while Northville and Clarkston tied for seventh with 11 apiece.

Novi's Nayan Makim and Aakash Ray, competing in the No. 3 flight, became the school's first-ever state doubles champions.

Makim and Ray defeated Troy's Vedaant Garg and Spencer Liu, the fourth seeds, in the finals, 7-5, 1-6, 6-2, after ousting Bloomfield Hills' Chaz Blamo and Vik Chakraborty, the third seeds, in the semifinals, 3-6, 6-4, 6-1.

"We've had numerous kids in the finals and in the semis, but never had a team win that final match in doubles, so that was exciting," Novi coach Jim Hanson said. "They had worked extra long and hard to pull it off."

Makim and Ray, the second seeds, also defeated Mason Schoenek and Jacob Adamski (Utica Eisenhower), 6-0, 6-1, and Anuraag Bhusari and Mithil Gudi (Troy Athens), 6-0, 6-0, en route to the title.



Novi's Nayan Makim (left) and Aakash Ray, in the No. 3 flight, became the school's first-ever state doubles champions.

In the finals, Makim and Ray fought off "five or six set points," according to Hanson, to take the opening set.

"That was big key that helped to win the championship," he said. "After pulling out that first set, they had a little letdown and Troy took advantage of it and played well and won that second set. It was an even match starting in the third set. The kids really focused and played some of their best tennis of the year."

Makim and Ray, both seniors, finished 31-2 for the season.

"They complement each other's skills," Hanson said. "They are probably our most aggressive of the four doubles teams. They were determined and they held tough."

At No. 1 singles, Novi's sixth-seeded Alex Wen defeated Ian Yi (Pioneer), 6-2, 6-3, along with third seed Jack Winkler (Brother Rice), 7-5, 6-4. The junior was ousted in a three-set semifinal match by second seed and eventual runner-up Josh Mukerjee (Bloomfield Hills), 6-3, 2-6, 6-2.

"Wen played some of his best tennis of the year and had

a very tough draw," Hanson said. "It was an excellent tournament for Alex. He had to face Winkler in the quarterfinals, who he had lost to in the dual match."

Novi No. 3 singles player Daniel Yu, seeded fifth, also reached the semifinals before losing to top seed and eventual state champion Constatine Hemmrich of Bloomfield Hills, 6-3, 6-0. Yu, a senior, defeated Stuart Johnson (Grand Blanc), 6-0, 6-0, and Nishaan Makim (Port Huron Northern), 6-7 (5-7), 6-0, 6-3, in his first two rounds.

The Wildcats' No. 4 doubles duo of Chris Kweederis and Ryan Krawec also fell in the semifinals to eventual state champs Gabe Kleer and Josh Lee of Pioneer, 6-3, 6-4, after defeating Kevin Guo and Nick John (Troy Athens), 6-3, 6-3, and Nicholas Besta and Jordan Paarlberg (Rockford), 6-2, 6-4.

"We had a good tournament," Hanson said. "Huron, by far, was the best team faced all year long and Bloomfield Hills was loaded with their singles. Troy was a balanced squad with singles and doubles. For us to finish fourth was an outstanding showing on the part of our kids."

Northville's No. 1 doubles team of Stephen Freeman and Giuliano Daniel, the fourth seeds, made it to the semifinals before losing to top seeds and eventual champs Chris Cho and Brendan Chen of Huron, 6-3, 6-4.

Freeman and Daniel opened with a 6-2, 6-1 win over Paul Brettschneider and Alex Walton (Port Huron Northern), followed by a 6-2, 6-1 win against Novi's Aditya Chitta and Robert Chen, 6-2, 6-1.

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RECREATIONAL GOLF

X Golf Novi provides innovative approach to game

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Even with winter approaching, X Golf Novi doesn't want you to put your clubs away anytime soon.

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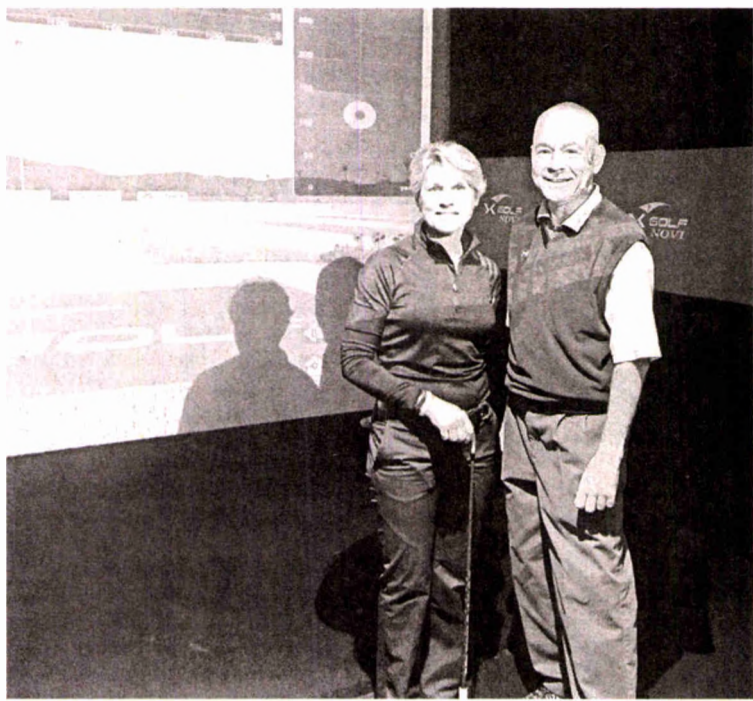
No problem, because X Golf Novi, the only current franchise in Michigan and just the second in the U.S., can put you at more than 90 famous domestic courses throughout the nation, along with the chance to play internationally.

"It's been about six months for us looking at golf simulator technology and we came across X Golf and just fell in love with it," said Scott Minke, who along with fellow 2000 Novi High grads Jason Perras and Brendan Hadley partnered to purchase the first franchise in Michigan. "From everything I saw, it was just light years ahead of everything else out there, from the automatic ball return to the automatic tee, the shot accuracy, where we're at 98 percent."

X Golf started in Korea and quickly expanded to Japan and Australia before coming to the U.S. where 10-12 franchises are expected to launch within the next few months.

Grand opening

Featuring five state-of-the-art simulators, X Golf Novi will stage a grand opening from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22. It is located at 44325 W. 12 Mile Road, Suite H179, at the Twelve



PGA pros Tami Bealert (left) and Larry Wardo will offer lessons at the new X Golf Novi indoor facility.

Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk. The facility also includes a bar (with limited food), bathrooms, office and storage areas.

Free food and drinks will be available at the grand opening, along with free 15-minute golf lessons for players of all skill levels, courtesy of local PGA professionals Tami Bealert and Larry Wardo. There will be also be long drive and putting contests.

"We've been familiar with the Novi area and have a lot of love for the Novi area," Minke said. "Obviously with Fountain Walk, there's a ton of entertainment, dining ... just a good area for this type of business."

The automatic tee and ball return are among some of the unique features that separates

X Golf apart from other indoor simulators.

"Not only does the ball tee up for you with adjustable tee heights, but it also returns through a sloped floor," said Ryan D'Arcy, director of business development for X Golf. "One of the nice things with the adjustable tee heights, we know where the ball is at all times, so we take out the variable."

"We're the most comprehensive indoor tracking (system) in the industry, so what we're mapping is club path, club entrance, club impact angle, club exit, club speed and then ball launch, ball direction, ball speed ... and then we have a high-speed camera taking pictures for ball spin. So what it's doing, in milliseconds, it's

taking pictures of those markings on the ball and, as they rotate, that's what gives you the RPMs on it."

New technology

Golfers will also be able to get accurate readings as well with their short games.

"With a lot of golf simulator technology, chipping and putting is not accurate at all," Minke said. "A lot of them have sensors on the the screen, so the ball essentially has to hit the screen to register. So when you're putting a three-foot putt, it doesn't read or you've got to crush the ball to go flying past the hole. Or when you chipping, whether you're hitting out of the sand or a club with a lot of loft, and it goes straight up not hitting the screen, it's not going register. We have multiple lasers in every simulator. It's very accurate when it comes to chipping and putting, more than any other simulator."

Minke said X Golf Novi will be open seven days per week. Hours will be 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 9 a.m. to midnight Friday and Saturday; and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday.

"The plan is to have league nights, two or three nights a week," he said. "Two teams of three on each simulator, 30 people a night on the five simulators. The leagues go 12 weeks, with first 10 weeks being the regular season and couple of playoff to determine an X Golf champion."

"On Friday and Saturday nights, we'll have more of an open event night. We'll have a couple of simulators dedicated to long drive, long putt, closest to the pin, different contests like that to bring players through so they can eat and drink, hang out as opposed to a league atmosphere."

Hourly rates

Off-peak hours during the week, Monday through Thursday, will be \$25 per hour per person.

Minke said peak rates will be \$35 per person, per hour on weekends, with a max of \$55 per bay.

X Golf Novi also plans to offer daytime lunch specials.

"You can golf three holes or hit a bucket of balls and get a bite to eat, then head back to work," Minke said.

Golf lessons will also be available through Bealert and Wardo, both experienced PGA pros.

"From a lesson and technology standpoint or training standpoint, it's light years ahead of everything else," Minke said. "With the X Golf technology, you're able to determine swing speed, ball spin, club angle ... everything you need to know that will help you improve your game. The simulators used for lessons have multiple cameras on each simulator. The PGA pros will be able to take that video, mark it up and show it back to you in terms of what you need to know to improve your swing."

The chance to play or train on one of the top U.S. and international tracks is also appealing.

"You can select any course, any hole, at any distance," D'Arcy said. "You can go to Pebble Beach (say) I want to select hole four. I can go there, hit from 95 yards and use an approach wedge."

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backer Trenton Guthrie, who had seven tackles, including a sack, blocked the kick to keep the count at 24-13.

But on the ensuing kickoff, Northville failed to gain possession as the Wildcats' Tyler VanKirk recovered the ball at the Mustangs' 15.

After two costly penalties, one for holding (17 yards) and the other for intentional grounding (12 yards), the Wildcats were pushed back to their own 44. After a loss of down and two incomplete passes, Novi was forced to punt on fourth-and-39.

Speedy senior Anthony D'Annibale, who plays wide receiver, took the snap and decided to go, racing through a slew of would-be Northville tacklers for a spectacular 44-yard TD run to pull the Wildcats to within five, 24-19, with 9:59 to play.

"It was a great play," Novi coach Jeff Burnside said. "We've been practicing that all year and he has an option to run or pass, run or punt it. Earlier in the game, he punted it. Right before he went out there, I said, 'Hey, just be smart and be careful with it.' It was a great read. Everybody turned their back and ran. He just took off and he's a great athlete in space. It was a great call on his part. We've been waiting to run it all year."

And although Blake King's point-after clanked off the upright to keep it a five-point spread, the sudden turn of events momentarily stunned Northville.

"We just wanted to make sure our guys maintained their composure," Ladach said. "We had some really strange and bizarre plays and just had to get our bearings back and we did. I'm really proud of the defense buckling down on that last stand. That was huge."

The Mustangs' safety valve, junior kicker Jake Moody, gave Northville some breathing room when he booted a 23-yard field goal with only 5:56 to go, his second of the game, to make it an eight-point cushion.

Novi then took the ball on its own 20 and got down to the Mustangs' 35 with just over a minute left after a clutch 14-yard pass from Alec Bageris to Nikolas Williams.

But the Wildcats came up short on fourth down as inside linebacker Sean Rowan batted down a pass to end the threat.

"We've fought through a lot of adversity and just really proud of the team for just



Novi's Johnny Davis (right) engages Northville's Zachary Bates at the line of scrimmage.

keep on fighting," said Guthrie, a Western Michigan University commit. "They're very explosive (Novi). They had some great plays in the second half, so we just had to fight through adversity, as I said, and we just keep going."

Novi scored on its first possession of the game, marching 80 yards in 10 plays, with Aahmaud Jenkins going 19 yards for a TD with 7:13 remaining in the first quarter. (Jenkins ran for 77 yards on 13 carries).

Northville, however, tied it at 7-7 on its first possession, going 63 yards on six plays, with Burke racing up the middle on a keeper untouched for 33 yards.

The Mustangs scored again with 10:48 left in the second quarter on an 8-yard keeper by Burke to make it 14-7.

Burke was able to break free as the Wildcats concentrated on stopping Northville's wide-out and deep threat A.J. Abbott, who was limited to one catch for 10 yards.

"We talked about it earlier in the year, that teams are going to put two defenders on (Abbott) and, when they do, the rest of our offense has make them pay," Ladach said. "And we've done that."

Northville's Nick Prystash returned a Novi punt 45 yards to the Wildcats' 29 and Moody booted a 33-yard field goal with 3:52 remaining in the half to make it a two-score game, 17-7.

Novi, helped by a pair of Northville pass interference penalties, got the ball down to the Mustangs' 27 in the final minute, but couldn't cash in as King's 34-yard field goal sailed low as the half ended.

Northville took the second-half kickoff and drove 66 yards in 11 plays, resulting in Burke's third TD run of the night.

"We've been hurt all season with the passing game and we tried to take away Abbott and he's a good player," Burnside said. "We tried to devote an extra guy to the passing game, which I think we limited them

there a little bit, but Burke got loose a couple of times. We had him wrapped up on the goal line and he gets free. That was more disconcerting. We had him wrapped up and just didn't finish the deal."

Burke, meanwhile, has been the real deal in his first year as a starter following a long line of talented Mustang dual-threat quarterbacks. "All of them have been tough," Ladach said. "They've all been tremendous competitors and he's no different than the guys before him. He's just tough as nails. He competes on every single play. It's awesome."

Novi had the edge in total yards, 275-250, and in rushing yards, 179-177. But the Mustangs, led by Rowan (eight tackles) and Guthrie (seven tackles), were able to keep Novi's potent attack in check, for the most part.

"We tried to keep them from not knowing who's coming and who's going," Guthrie said. "I just tried to keep them off the line when I was blitzing and I'm on the line when I'm not."

"I had to keep an eye on the quarterback for the keeper and then, if he's not keeping it, just chase down the running back. That's my job."

Novi now finds itself in a precarious spot heading into the final week. The Wildcats need a win against the second-place KLA South team (more than likely Livonia Franklin) to have a chance as a 5-4 at-large team for the second straight year in the MHSAA Division 1 state playoffs.

But eliminating the untimely miscues is the immediate goal.

"We had mistakes everywhere, it just wasn't just offense," Burnside said. "We had a personal foul penalty on defense. We had a couple penalties on special teams. We had penalties on the offense. You just can't blame it in one phase of the game."

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in the game and not let them get any lead on us, give them momentum or anything. We stopped them and it was huge."

It was a defensive battle for the first 24 minutes as DeLaSalle had the edge in first-half total yards, 115-90.

"We've always had trouble running against DeLaSalle and today was no different," said CC's Tom Mach, who has coached in 41 Boys Bowls. "They're tough up front and they make you pay for it if you're not moving them out and we didn't really move them out very well. My hat goes off to them. They had a great plan."

CC broke the scoreless stalemate when sophomore quarterback Austin Brown ran a bootleg 39 yards for a touchdown with 3:30 remaining in the third quarter. Jacob Nichols converted the extra point to make it 7-0.

But on the ensuing kickoff, junior Jacob Badalamenti found a seam and raced 95 yards for a TD to pull the Pilots (3-5, 0-4) even at 7-7.

"That was a bonus for us," DeLaSalle first-year coach Mike Giannone said. "That shocked me that they would continue to kick to him, but good for us. I probably know he's been told not to kick to him. Sometimes kickers don't hit it the right way and we've been in that situation before. But our kick return guy (Badalamenti) is good. He sees the field and knows the game. He's got a will."

With 1:02 left in the third quarter, the 6-foot-1, 190-pound Jakubik came up with his first interception of the game, returning it to the Pilots' 41.

Six plays later, CC took the lead for keeps on Nichols' 38-yard line drive field goal that just cleared the crossbar to make it 10-7.

"Just got to stay in your keys and I just read the play," said Jakubik, who picked off backup quarterback Carlos Smith's pass. "It was a little overthrown. I sat on it, made a play and there just wasn't really much to it. It was there in my hands, right play at the right time."

And Jakubik did it again just 27 seconds later, when he picked off Smith and raced 21 yards for CC's second TD with only 9:46 remaining. It was his third interception of the year.

"At first (the DeLaSalle receiver) broke it off to the inside, then broke it off to the flag and I just read it, came up on it, jumped on it and made the play," Jakubik said. "After that I was a deer in the head-

lights, saw the end zone and wanted to score."

In the second half, CC's defense held the Pilots to a mere 35 total yards.

"I think our defense did a great job ... the interceptions, the goal line stands," Mach said. "We needed these things because we weren't moving the ball very well or keeping their offense off the field with their defense."

Carson Kovath also had an interception for the Shamrocks with 8:03 left to help seal the win.

"We had a slow start in the first half and we came out the second half knowing we had to pick it up, get our team together. The defense has got to pick it up and that's what we did," Jakubik said.

CC had 200 yards total offense, with 137 coming on the ground as Nicholas Capatina had 59 yards on 19 carries, while Brown was 4-of-13 passing for 63 yards.

"I thought defensively, we played well with them," Giannone said. "We matched their power and contained the quarterback, which is part of the battle. You just got to finish offensively. We haven't been able to do it all year."

The key play came when CC allowed just 1 yard on four plays after Cordell Tannyhill ran 11 yards to the Shamrocks' 3 for a first down midway through the second quarter. But the Pilots were unable to punch it in from the half-yard line when Marble was denied.

Marble then left the game late in the third quarter with an injury, but did return for one series in the fourth quarter. But neither he or Smith were effective as they were a combined 5-of-18 passing for 78 yards.

"If he goes down before the end zone ... yeah, that hurts," Giannone said. "If you can't make a half a yard, you don't deserve to win."

The Shamrocks, who evened their Boys Bowl series record with DeLaSalle at 3-3, will take the win.

"Every week is a little different," Mach said. "Sometimes it might be the offense, sometimes it might be the defense, sometimes the kicking game. You have to play all three in the Central Division and, luckily and fortunately, we played well on defense, enough to win and move on to the championship game."

"I'm just happy we got a victory. The kids have been working really hard this year. We'll move on to the next game and see St. Mary's again in the Catholic League championship."

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GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Northville goes 5-0 in KLAA Central



THOMAS BEAUDOIN
Northville junior Ana Barrott won the 5,000-meter dual meet race at Cass Benton Park.

Mustangs get perfect score against Salem

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For the seventh straight season, the Northville girls cross country team completed a perfect dual meet campaign in the KLAA Central Division with a 15-50 win Oct. 11 over Salem at Cass Benton Park.

The Mustangs swept the first eight places to finish 5-0 in the division as junior Ana Barrott jumped up to No. 4 on the school record board with a first-place 5,000-meter time of 18 minutes, 40.89 seconds.

"Ana led from the start and blazed through the course and finished by almost a minute ahead of the rest of the field,"

Northville coach Nancy Smith said. "She is coming on strong right when it matters and I expect her to continue to do so. She is such a hard worker and strong runner."

Next in line for Northville was sophomore Olivia Harp (19:24.52), senior Cayla Eckenroth (19:43.86), freshman Emily Assemany (career-best 19:46.03), junior Rachel Zimmer (19:46.85), senior Katie Chevoor (19:47.77), junior Anna Buettner (20:00.57) and senior Emma Smith (20:03.84). Junior Emily Rudberg was 10th (20:17.23).

"Assemany, our only freshman in the top eight, continues to excel and broke into the

19:00s today," Smith said. "Eckenroth was under the weather today, but still ran a solid race in her last race at Cass Benton."

The Mustangs, celebrating senior day, recognized four-year runners Eckenroth, Smith, Chevoor, Helena Bryans, Emily Kerr, Aashka, Chhabria, Lisa Karkoski and Taylor Gattoni.

Top scorers for Salem, which finished 4-1 in the KLAA Central, included Shea Wilson, ninth (20:11.91); Bridget Nelson, 11th (20:22.45); Hallie Younglas, 12th (20:28.17); Gabrielle Mancini, 13th (20:29.71); and Charissa Johnson, 14th (20:33.95).

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VOLLEYBALL

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Northville, also had a strong night with eight kills and two blocks.

Sophomore defensive specialist Kaylee Peterson and junior libero Claire Pinkerton were both outstanding in the back row with 16 and 15 digs, respectively.

"I thought (Cannon) played well," Novi coach Jen Cottrill said. "I thought everyone played well, honestly. I thought we brought our 'A' game to-night — everybody. And that's what makes us so good, that it's just not one (player)."

Northville (33-4, 8-2) couldn't overcome deficits of 20-10 and 18-12 in the first and second sets, but did lead 15-14 in the third thanks to a solo block from senior middle blocker Bryce Quick, one of her three on the night.

But Novi was able to regroup and closed out the match with an 11-5 run.

"When you're going to eliminate a team on their senior night, it's always going to be difficult to win that third set," Cottrill said. "It's always more difficult to win that third set."

"Since we play them multiple times, you get used to what they're trying to do a little bit and they get used to what you're trying to do, so you constantly have to be making changes, adjustments. I thought (Emmy Robinson) really came out today to play hard and prove a point a little bit. I thought she did a nice job touching some balls up there, just not blocking them, but also slowing them down and making them easier to defend, too."

Northville didn't have a player reach double digits in kills as Oakland University commit Emily Martin, Kiera Borthwick and Claire Wenrick each finished with six.

Setter Rachel Holmes had 18 assists, while Hannah Grant and Martin led the defense with 12 and nine digs, respectively.

"We got down in the first two, started doubting our playing ability," Northville first-year coach Julie Fisette. "By the time the third game came around, they started picking it up, they started playing. These girls can play with them. They can answer back. There were some moments out there that was I really proud of."

"But we've got to answer back. We've got to dig, we got to put up a solid block. They were blocking us left and right and we've closed that block. Blocking errors was the one thing we worked on before this game, because we had so many last time. We had 14 again this time, which is really hard to dig a ball if it's deflected off somebody else."

The Mustangs weren't able to gain any momentum before a large crowd on their home floor.

"They (Novi) are a solid team," Fisette said. "There's not too many holes in that lineup, so it all comes down to trying to get them off-kilter, making them worry, making them sweat and getting those younger player worried. We see them two more times. I don't think they take us lightly. I think they come in ready to play. We've got some big games coming up ourselves, the (Kensington) conference tournament (at Novi) and then (Class A) districts (at Plymouth)."

For Cottrill, there wasn't much reason to nit-pick her team's performance.

"I think for us, it's just continuing to get better and continuing to play our system, get used to each other," she said. "Just focus on the serve and pass, just focus on our next opponent, just stay zoned in on what we're trying to do."

Meanwhile, Cannon has fit in nicely into Novi's already stacked lineup since transferring in over the summer.

"It wasn't that bad, honestly. The girls are super embracing, so they came and kind of made me feel welcome and at home," she said. "It wasn't that big of an adjustment, plus I came from a bigger school, too, so it kind of went easy."

And with such a talented group, Cannon believes her move south has reaped many benefits.

"Up north, there aren't as many great athletes as there are down here," she said. "There's Ally (Cummings), there's Erin (O'Leary), there's Kathryn (Ellison) and every girl on this team is an amazing athlete. So I don't have as much pressure on me, I think. But I still have that pressure as a leader. I think it's a good change for me."

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GIRLS SWIMMING

Northville rebounds to sink Canton

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The Northville girls swimming and diving team, capturing 10 of the 12 events, bounced back from its stunning loss last week to rival Novi to score a convincing 129-54 KLAA cross-over win Oct. 11 at Canton.

The Mustangs took all three relays and swept the first three places in 1-meter diving and the 100 breaststroke to win going away.

"We had a nice meet," said Northville coach Brian McNeff, whose team improved to 7-1 overall. "We were able to get a lot of people in some events and, as a result, we had a lot of good swims. We are getting close to the end of the season, so there are a lot of girls that are fighting for a spot on the conference team or just trying to set up a good finish to the season. Overall, I was pleased with the effort that the girls put in and I'm glad that we were able to come away with a win."

Individual winners for the Mustangs included Laura Westphal, 200-yard freestyle (1:58.24); Lexi Barritt, 200 individual medley (2:28.37); Lulu Mans, 50 freestyle (26.50); Lauren Shanahan, 1-meter diving (147.15 points); Lauren Heaven, 100 butterfly (1:00.35); Sophia Tuinman, 100 freestyle (55.94); and Claire Wan, 100 breaststroke (1:16.62).

The Mustangs' 200 medley relay team of Mans, Erin Szara, Savannah Manley and Westphal won in 1:55.47, while the 200 freestyle relay team of Heaven, Tuinman, Brooke Verble and Westphal also took first in 1:44.26.

Northville's 400 freestyle relay team of Emily Eckenroth, Valerie McIlvaine, Claudia Sharp and Emilie Chen was also victorious in 3:43.64.

McNeff singled out the swims of Wan and Catherine Han (fifth, 100 backstroke, 1:12.1), along with Shanahan, who posted one of her top scores of the season.

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Novi edges East to clinch Central

Wildcats use younger runners to earn dual win

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Novi got a tougher-than-expected battle Oct. 11 from host South Lyon East, but managed to pull out a 25-30 dual meet win and clinch the KLAA's Central Division boys cross country title at Island Lake State Recreation Area.

The Wildcats, who finished 5-0 in the Central, were paced by individual winner Gabe Mudel, a junior who out-kicked East's Jack Marchand over the final 100 meters to win the 3.1-mile race.

Both were awarded a time of 17 minutes, 36 seconds.

East's Xander Cronin was a close third in 17:37, but Matt Whyte (17:42), Satvik Malapati (17:52) and Nate Wood (17:57) took the next three places for Novi.

Matt Gamm (ninth, 18:24) was Novi's fifth scorer, while Tim Truly (11th, 18:31) and Brett Mackay (13th, 18:38) rounded out the Wildcats' varsity seven.

Other scorers for East (1-4) included Max Hoorn, seventh (18:02); Josh Clark, eighth (18:19); and Carter Reeds, 10th (18:29). The Cougars' non-scorers were Ryan Tippy (12th, 18:33) and Roy Swartzinski (15th, 18:58).

"We wanted to give our varsity athletes a bit of a rest today, but East made that impossible," Novi coach Robert Smith said. "Gabe and Nate had to step in to assure our victory. Those two guys deserve a lot of credit for keeping an eye on the score. Without Mudel and Wood, we would have lost the meet."

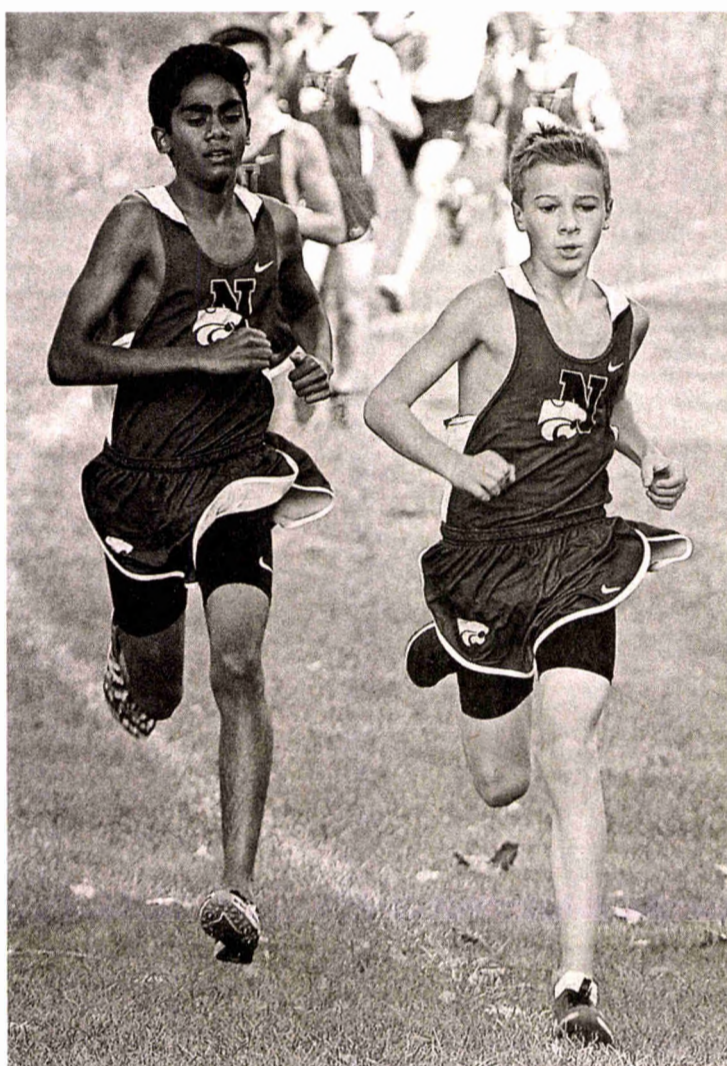
Malapati, Caleb Wood, Jake Ryba, Joe Tituskin and Jonathan Wang all set career personal bests in the win for Novi, which was coming off a victory in the Oakland County meet, while East placed 22nd.

It was Novi's first KLAA Central Division dual meet crown since 2009.

"These seven guys had all they could handle with the upstarts from South Lyon," Smith said. "I'm very proud of the way they responded to the challenge."

Northville wins

Sophomore Nicholas Couyoumjian led the way in 16:20.56 as Northville (4-1) took seven of the top eight



Novi's Matt Whyte (right) and Satvik Malapati (center) run the Island Lake 3.1-mile course vs. South Lyon East.

places in a 17-47 KLAA Central Division dual meet win over Salem (2-3).

Couyoumjian now joins his father Clark on the Northville cross country record board, posting the seventh fastest time on the team's home course at Cass Benton.

"Nick had a terrific race," Northville coach Chris Cronin said. "He was able to pace with Ben Cracraft until making his move with about 800 meters to go. After struggling at the Wayne County Championships last Saturday, we're glad to have Nick running so well again."

Other scorers for the Mustangs were Cracraft, second (16:25.01); Peter Bejin, third (16:28.53); Evan Ferrante, fourth (16:33.9); and Alex Jund, seventh (17:30.71).

"Ben had a bigger objective today and it wasn't in the cards," Cronin said. "He has gone 16:03 at Cass before, but today the race wasn't going to yield those types of times. As

we move on into regionals and, hopefully, the state finals, he will have other to make the pace for him. That's were Ben appears to thrive."

"Peter has been outstanding for us all season. He likes a tough pace and this year he has been a hard runner for opponents to shake. Ferrante has become one of our team's most consistent runners. The coaching staff believes that he is just coming into own as a runner and we are excited to see what the last four weeks of the season produce."

The Mustangs' non-scorers were Andrew Lane, ninth (17:32.63) and Adrien Jund (11th, 17:38.0).

Luke Haran was Salem's top finisher in fifth (16:40.86), followed by Ryan Exell, eighth (17:33.37); Alex Kroll, 10th (17:35.02); Alec Tedori, 12th (17:40.26); and Owen Parks, 13th (17:41.19).

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GIRLS SWIMMING

Novi falls in clash against Rocks

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Morgan Davis, Sarah Griffiths and Katie Xu each figured in four first-place finishes Oct. 13, leading Salem to a 99-87 KLAA Central Division girls swimming and diving victory over host Novi.

The Rocks, who improved to 4-1 overall and 2-0 in the division, captured 10 of the 12 events, including all three relay races.

Davis swept the 100- and 200-yard freestyles with times of 57.85 and 2:04.22, respectively, while Griffiths was first in the 100 butterfly (1:02.55) and 500 freestyle (5:40.30). Xu took the 200 individual medley (2:14.01) and 100 backstroke (59.88).

Salem's 200 medley relay team of Molly Rowe, Xu, Griffiths and Meghan Maikowski took first in 1:57.66, while the Rocks' foursome of Maikowski, Jenna Chen, Jessica Zhang and Davis added a victory in the 200 freestyle relay (1:46.81).

The Rocks also won the 400 freestyle relay as Xu, Chen, Griffiths and Davis were clocked in 3:52.12.

Salem's Camille Burt took the 1-meter diving event with a total of 233.20 points.

Novi (8-4, 1-2) got first-place finishes from Emily Mayoras in the 50 freestyle (26.39) and Hanna Dong in the 100 breaststroke (1:14.07).

DUAL MEET RESULTS SALEM 99, NOVI 87
Oct. 13 at Novi

200-yard medley relay: 1. Salem (Molly Rowe, Katie Xu, Sarah Griffiths, Meghan Maikowski), 1:57.66; 2. Novi (Emily Mayoras, Hanna Dong, Danielle Gardon, Karen Xu), 1:59.72; 3. Novi (Elizabeth Pall, Claire Tuckey, Sarah Wang, Linda

Weng), 2:05.25.
200 freestyle: 1. Morgan Davis (Salem), 2:04.22; 2. Mallory Martlock (Novi), 2:04.64.
200 individual medley: 1. Xu (Salem), 2:14.01; 2. Dong (Novi), 2:21.38.
50 freestyle: 1. Mayoras (Novi), 26.39; 2. Jenna Chen (Salem), 26.65.

1-meter diving: 1. Camille Burt (Salem), 233.20 points; 2. McKaela Hill (Novi), 207.25; 3. Lorna Dunn (Novi), 174.00.
100 butterfly: 1. Griffiths (Salem), 1:02.55; 2. Gardon (Novi), 1:04.20; 3. Wang (Novi), 1:06.88.
100 freestyle: 1. Davis (Salem), 57.85; 3. Xu (Novi), 58.90.

500 freestyle: 1. Griffiths (Salem), 5:30.40; 2. Gardon (Novi), 5:31.15; 3. Martlock (Novi), 5:33.62.
200 freestyle relay: 1. Salem (Maikowski, Chen, Jessica Zhang, Davis), 1:46.81; 2. Novi (Dong, Weng, Idalia Moore, Martlock), 1:49.18; 3. Novi (Gardon, Nicole Robertson, Mayoras, Tuckey), 1:51.66.

100 backstroke: 1. Xu (Salem), 59.88; 2. Mayoras (Novi), 1:03.34.
100 breaststroke: 1. Dong (Novi), 1:14.07; 2. Tuckey (Novi), 1:16.28.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Salem (Xu, Chen, Griffiths, Davis), 3:52.12; 2. Novi (Martlock, Xu, Moore, Mayoras), 4:00.37; 3. Novi (Wang, Robertson, Mayoras, Lee), 4:06.86.
Dual meet records: Salem, 4-1 overall, 2-0 KLAA Central Division; Novi, 8-4 overall, 1-2 KLAA Central.

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DUAL MEET RESULTS NORTHVILLE 129, CANTON 54
Oct. 11 at Canton

200-yard medley relay: 1. Northville (Lulu Mans, Erin Szara, Savannah Manley, Laura Westphal), 1:55.47; 2. Northville (Katelyn McCullough, Emily Guerrero, Lauren Heaven, Nicki Pumper), 1:58.26.

200 freestyle: 1. Westphal (N), 1:58.24.
200 individual medley: 1. Lexi Barritt (N), 2:28.37; 2. Jordan Baal (N), 2:34.10.

50 freestyle: 1. Mans (N), 26.50; 2. Pumper (N), 27.00.
1-meter diving: 1. Lauren Shanahan (N), 147.15 points; 2. Jenna Siegert (N), 128.75; 3. Anoushka Ravindran (N), 116.10.

100 butterfly: 1. Heaven (N), 1:00.35; 3. Lily Milligan (N), 1:07.28.
100 freestyle: 1. Tuinman (N), 55.94; 2. Emilie Chen (N), 1:01.80.

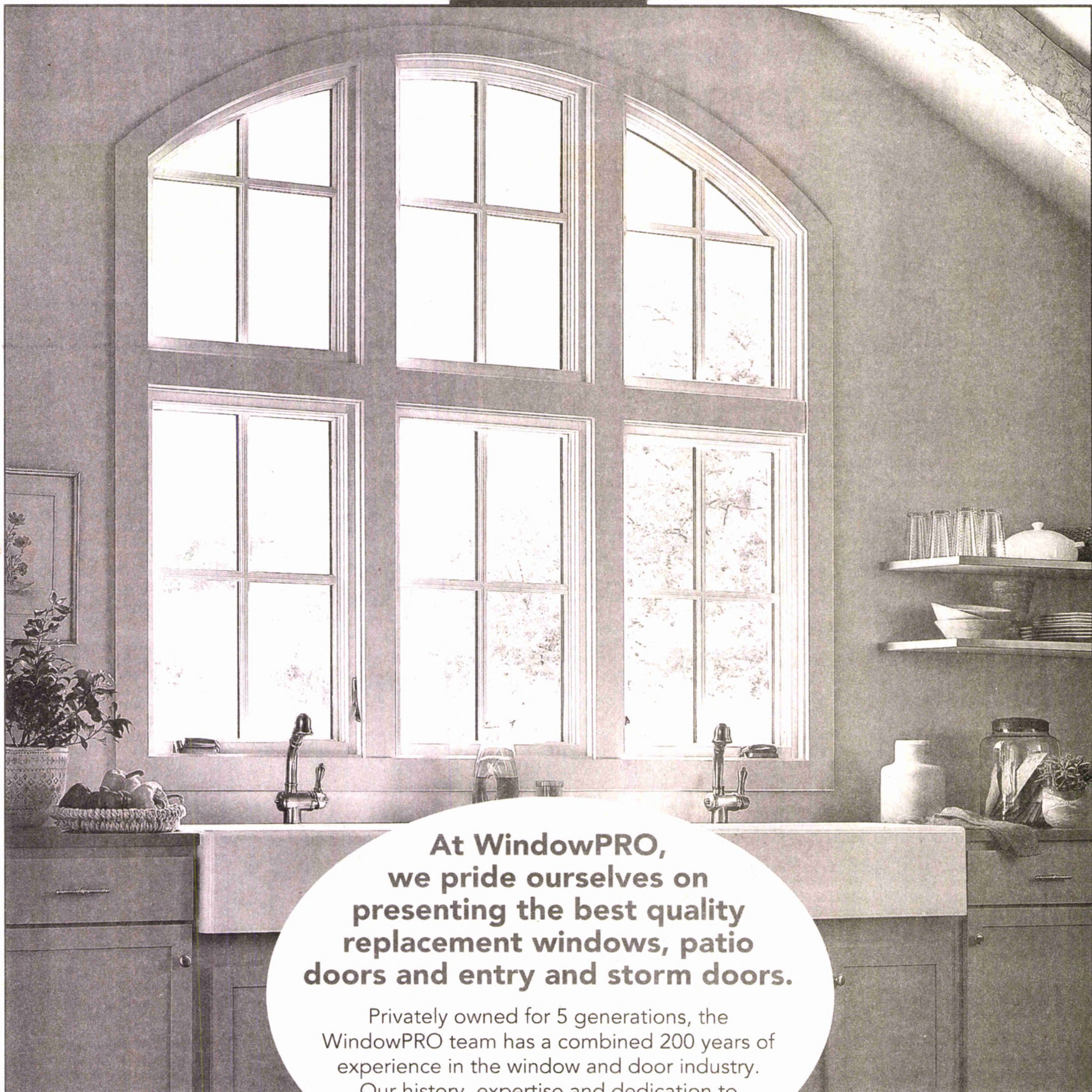
500 freestyle: 1. Jenna Leppke (C), 5:35.81; 2. Madison Lambert (N), 6:00.20; 3. Justine Czyrka (N), 6:00.38.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Northville (Heaven, Tuinman, Brooke Verble, Westphal), 1:44.26; 2. Northville (Emma Phillips, Szara, Jenna Booher, Alison Tucker), 1:51.08.

100 backstroke: 1. Meghan Mans (C), 1:01.28; 2. Pumper (N), 1:04.58.
100 breaststroke: 1. Claire Wan (N), 1:16.62; 2. Jennifer Ostrowski (N), 1:18.21; 3. Barritt (N), 1:18.78.

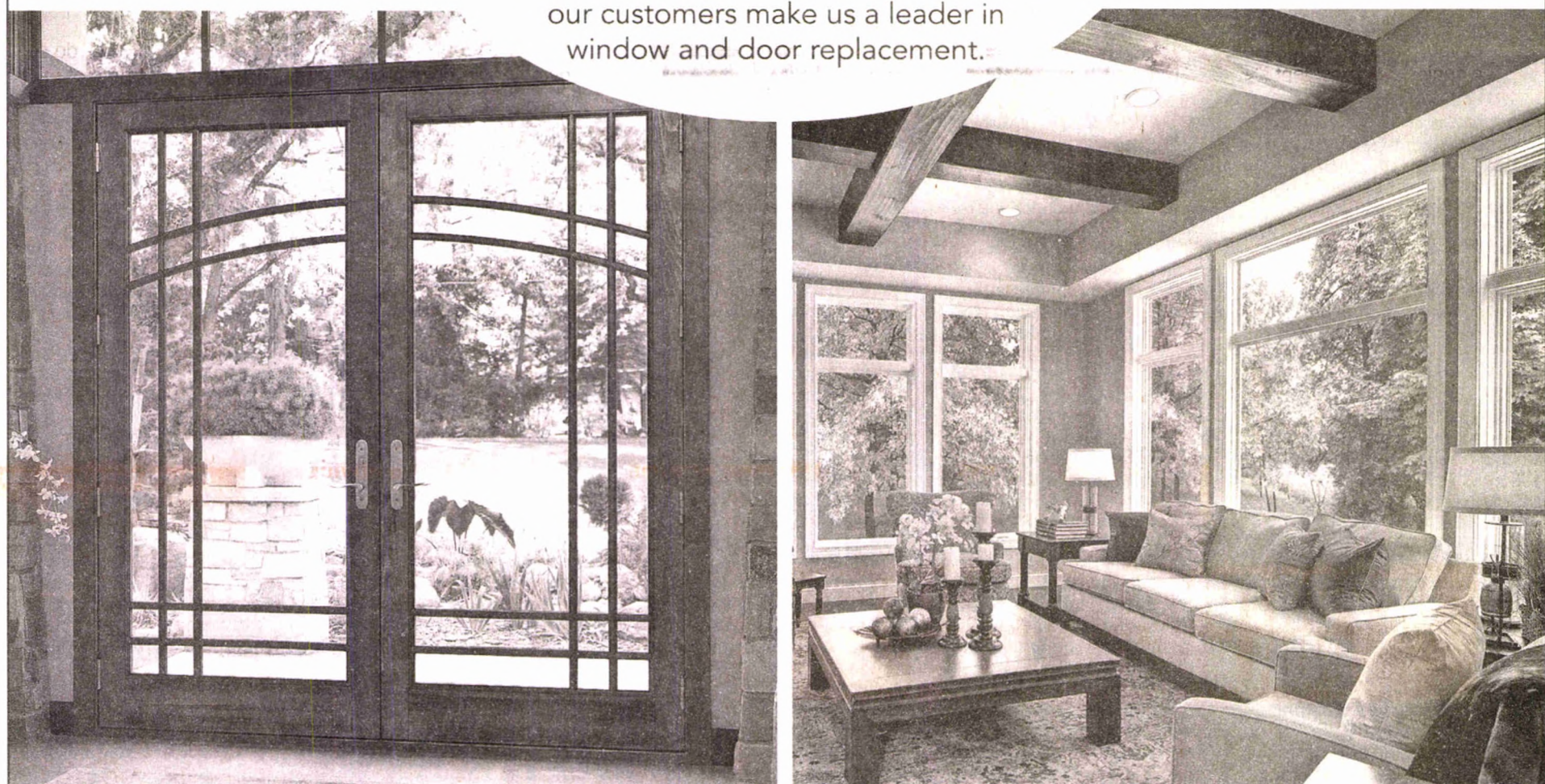
400 freestyle relay: 1. Northville (Emily Eckenroth, Valerie McIlvaine, Claudia Sharp, Chen), 3:43.64; 3. Northville (Pumper, Verble, Tucker, Phillips), 3:55.72.
Northville's dual meet record: 7-1 overall.

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Don't get discouraged by a job demotion

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Most workers set professional goals that include working their way up the corporate ladder. However, from time to time, certain company, team or individual circumstances may require an employee to face a demotion.

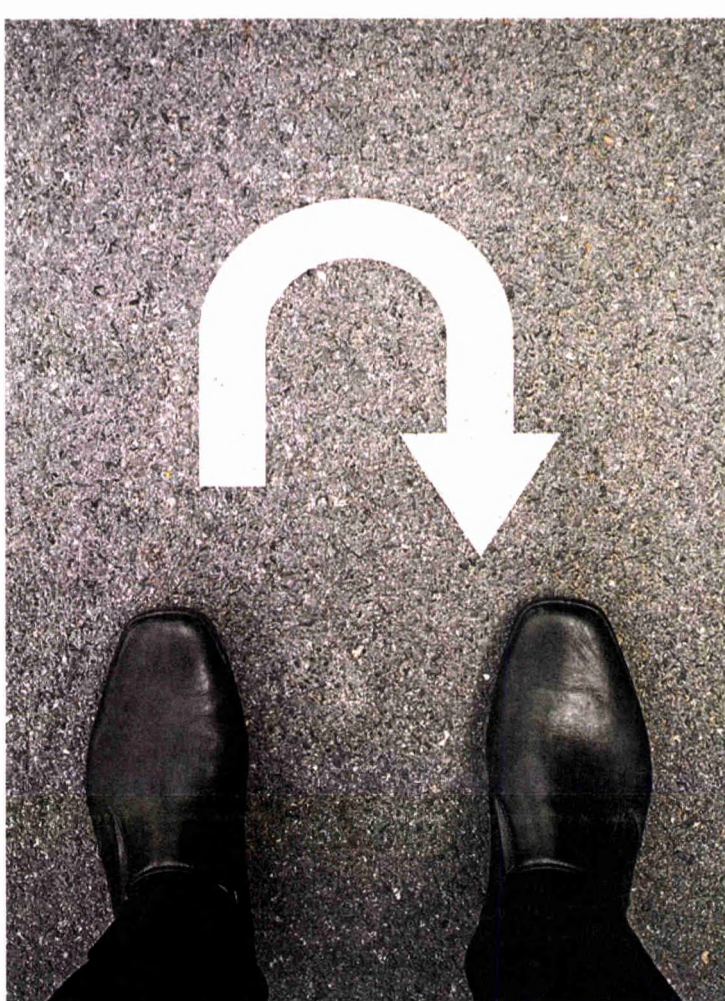
If this happens to you, your initial reaction may be to start looking for a new job. But before you make a move you might regret, get to the bottom of why it happened and determine if anything can be done to get back on the right path.

Stay calm and respond professionally.

"Hearing you have been demoted can certainly cause an emotional reaction, especially if it came as a surprise to you," says Jayne Mattson, a senior vice president at Keystone Associates, an outplacement and leadership-development services company. "Try to hold onto your emotions and take a deep breath. There are professional ways to respond to the news, such as saying, 'I am disappointed to hear this news,' or, 'Can I take a moment to collect my thoughts?'"

Step away from the situation.

While you want to remain



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professional in front of your boss, once you're away from the office, it might do you some good to vent. "Before reacting or making major decisions, like quitting or suing, take some time to calm down

and clear your head," says Dele Lowman Smith, founder and CEO of Bold Move Consulting. "Get your feelings out: cry, scream, vent, whatever you need to do. Take a day off if you can, or take the week-

end to get some distance from your workplace."

Ask for feedback.

In order to improve or change behaviors, you first need to have a full understanding of why you were demoted. Schedule some time to talk with your boss, and be sure to listen and ask specific questions during the meeting, says Laura MacLeod, a human-resources expert who created the From the Inside Out Project, which is designed to improve communication among employees.

"For example, if you are told that staff or executives do not have confidence in your abilities, make sure you ask for specifics," she says. "Make it clear you're not looking for names.... Your goal is to make adjustments and improve. 'What is it that I'm doing or not doing that doesn't appear confident?' Get the facts, and then ask for suggestions and direction on how to improve and enhance."

MacLeod also suggests getting a specific description of your new position and an idea about the future. Ask, "With measured improvement, do you see me progressing to other positions?" You'll get a strong sense of whether the company and your boss are interested in working with you or not. You will also demon-

strate your loyalty and willingness to take criticism and act on it."

Do a self-assessment.

"If your demotion was as a result of performance or conduct issues, you must be willing to take an honest, dispassionate look at yourself and acknowledge where you need to improve," Smith says. "If it was the result of organizational changes or something else outside of your direct control, you will need to determine if you want to stick around or start looking for new employment. Either way, you need to be clear about your vision for your life and career, what your skills and areas of weakness are, what is going on in the job market and your financial and lifestyle needs in order to make the best decision."

When you decide, do so with the right frame of mind. "If you stay, it will take effort and adjustment of attitude, but in the long run, it can be worth it," Mattson says. "If you leave, that is OK, too, but do it respectfully and don't burn any bridges along the way."

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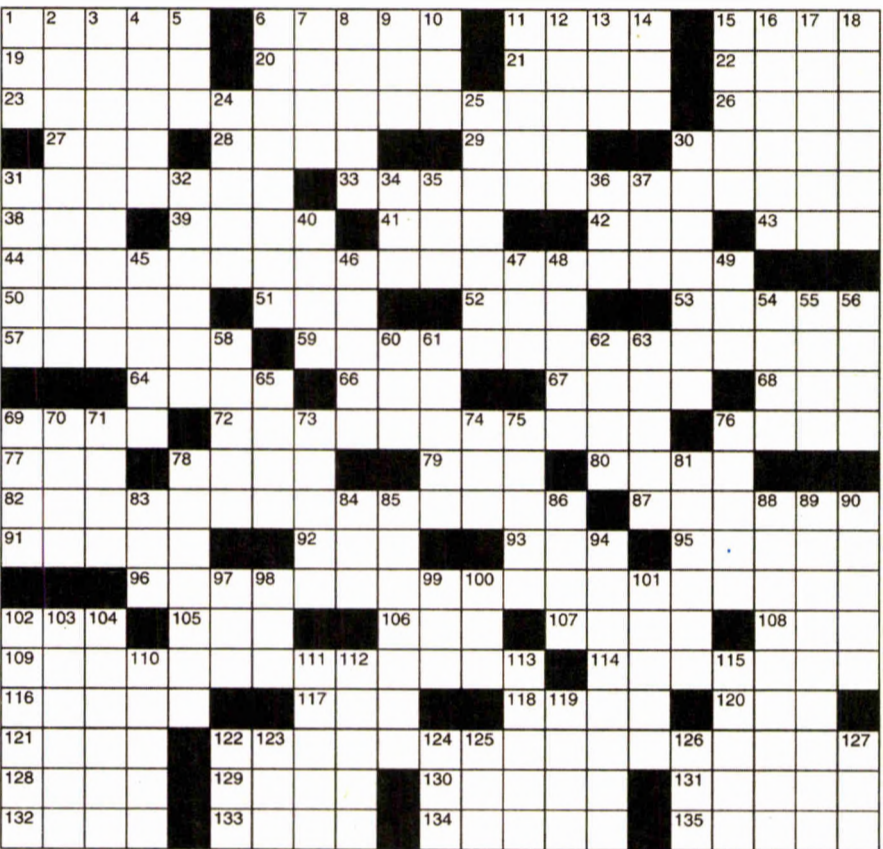
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|---|---------------------------------------|--|---|--|-------------------------------|
| ACROSS | 53 Lured (up) | 106 Wedding vow | 3 Top Untouchable | 46 Really hate | 81 Get a bit wet |
| 1 Broilers, e.g. | 57 Exam giver | 107 Plumlike fruit | 4 West African country | 47 Joseph of ice cream | 83 Sci-fi ability |
| 6 Incited, with "on" | 59 Comedian telling jokes about wine? | 108 Feel sorry about | 5 Zool., for one | 48 Raw fish dish | 84 "... or — thought" |
| 11 Emit violently | 64 Cedar, say | 109 Wine-fancying jazz trumpeter? | 6 Two-options-only | 49 PC image file | 85 Cuts into |
| 15 Jules Verne captain | 66 Egg cells | 114 Graphic material | 7 FBI figures | 54 Vault (over) | 86 Arena yells |
| 19 Holy artifact | 67 Franz's skit partner | 116 See 60-Down | 8 West African country with no gray areas | 55 Raines of old Hollywood | 88 Firmly fixed |
| 20 Persona | 68 In the way of | 117 Bridal bio vet's word | 9 Big head | 56 Pivotal WWII event | 89 Not pressing |
| 21 Witty Bombeck | 69 Spanish pot | 118 Work measures | 10 The, to 67-Across | 57 Military info-gathering | 90 Wave to, say |
| 22 In between | 72 Vegetable piece dipped in wine? | 120 Fix illegally | 11 Make sure of | 60 With | 94 Easy victims |
| 23 Wine-loving actress? | 76 "Fix" at the vet's | 121 Muddy earth | 12 Madrid art museum | 116-Across, "Mildred Pierce" actress | 97 Chaney of silents |
| 26 Ruination | 77 Brazilian hot spot, in brief | 122 Planetary features formed from wine? | 13 Grounded bird | 61 Betray by linking | 98 Suffix with 9-Down |
| 27 Tot's "piggy" | 78 Autumn pear | 128 News tidbit | 14 Ear clogger | 62 Every single | 99 Idaho county |
| 28 "The horror!" | 79 — and aah | 129 Opera tune | 15 Big wheel | 63 Tattooed | 100 Typed guffaw |
| 29 — be a pleasure" | 80 Lamar of "Algiers" | 130 Queasy | 16 PC-to-PC notes | 65 "Anyone —?" | 101 A bit wet |
| 30 Meter inserts | 82 Wine-sipping nightclub vocalist? | 131 "The Brandon — Story" (1998 film) | 17 Mickey's girlfriend | 69 Ocean threat | 102 Hindu sages |
| 31 Fixed charge | 87 Adventurous | 132 Sutures | 18 City in Texas | 70 Fibbing type | 103 Fool's gold |
| 33 Like pretty decent wine? | 91 Response to "Am not!" | 133 Banana skin | 24 Bellboy, often | 71 Ear piece (depict something via charades) | 104 British prince |
| 38 "Son of," in Arabic | 92 Negative or positive thing | 134 Horses' runs | 25 More flighty | 73 — out (depict something via charades) | 110 Swarms |
| 39 Actress Garr | 93 Klutzy person | 135 Build upon | 30 Huge guns | 74 Drench, in dialect | 111 Actress Potts |
| 41 Used to live | 95 Bush-league | | 31 Viewed thing | 75 2003-07 Fox teen drama | 112 Like princes |
| 42 Untold eras | 96 Wine aficionados' electoral race? | | 32 One who's expiating | 76 Arab country | 113 Famous fable writer |
| 43 Pirate's place | | | 34 MYOB part | 77 Ponder | 114 Did it wrong |
| 44 Olympic sport that wine drinkers compete in? | | | 35 Road coater | | 115 Bring down, as a building |
| 50 Wears | | | 36 Toon unit | | 122 Q-Tip's style |
| 51 Knead | | | 37 — polloi | | 123 Hot temper |
| 52 Academic URL ender | 102 Fancy resort | 1 Round figure | 40 Radio's Don | | 124 Woodsy, e.g. |
| | 105 Juan's "two" | 2 Back bones | 45 Terra — | | 125 Egg — yung vowel |
| | | | | | 126 Hellenic |
| | | | | | 127 — Paulo |



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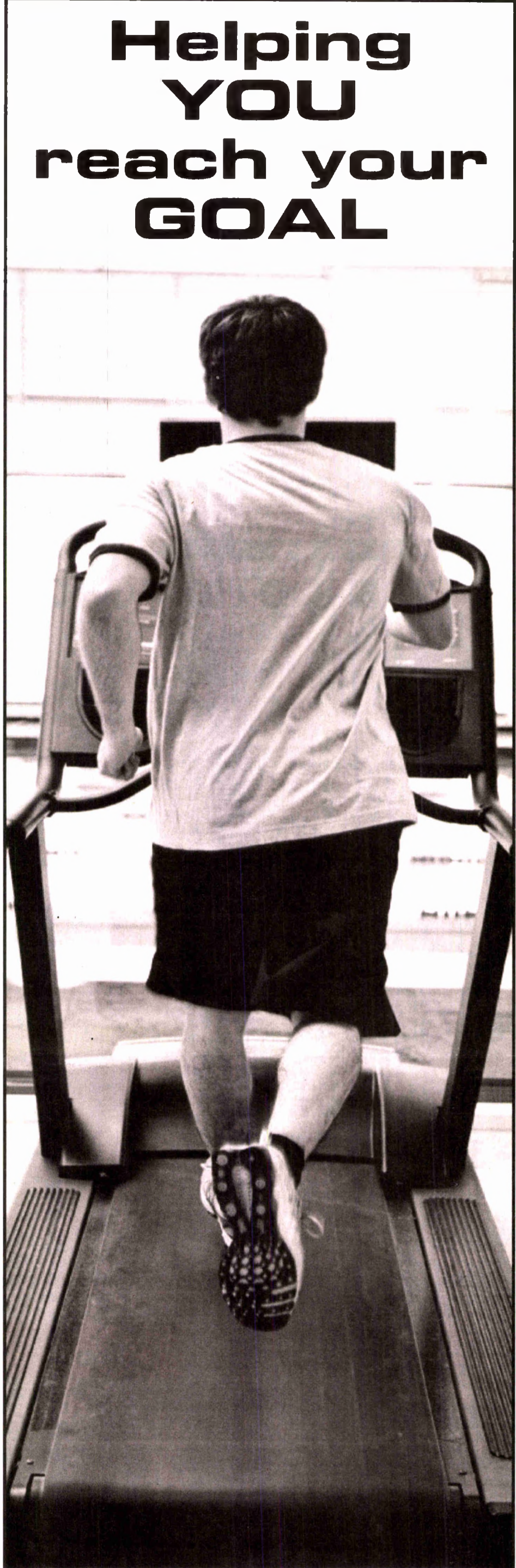
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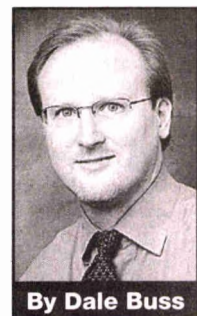
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CHRYSLER IS LETTING KIDS DO THE TALKING IN A NEW SOCIAL-MEDIA CAMPAIGN FOR PACIFICA MINIVAN



By Dale Buss

There's nothing particularly adorable about the children reacting as auto sales people in the new digital Chrysler ads for the Pacifica minivan, just like there's nothing particularly adorable about Jim Gaffigan in his role as the vehicle's "spokesdad."

But the kids -- and the comic -- are effective. Sort of like a modern and more respectable version of the young pickpocket brigands in *Oliver Twist*, the kids operating as salespeople in Chrysler's new ads manage to filch the resistance out of real-life parents who agree to look at, inspect, consider and even buy Pacifica, responding positively to very practical arguments that just happen to be delivered by a 12-year-old.

One big reason that the kids seem so at home as salespeople in the ads is that -- well, they're experienced at "selling" cars. The same handful of three "PacifiKids" at the core of the Pacifica ads were first introduced in May in an earlier experiential event that focused on other Chrysler products but included the child's play for Pacifica.

"They were a huge hit," Tim Kuniskis, head of passenger car brands for Fiat Chrysler, told me. "People who didn't have kids were coming over to look at the van. It just kept growing. So next we wanted to take them to places with built-in audiences, because we wanted to extend their reach."

So FCA took over Victorville Motors in California for a day to film the digital shoot, putting the PacifiKids in charge. The new social and digital campaign is one result. And while Chrysler continues its TV campaign featuring Gaffigan demonstrating features of Pacifica, it's possible FCA may soon put the

PacifiKids ads on TV as well. Kuniskis talked with me about marketing Pacifica, and the Chrysler brand in a changing era:

Q: How have consumers responded to Pacifica since its launch early this year, with a TV ad campaign featuring Jim Gaffigan, the comic?

Tim Kuniskis: The launch has been going great. We're about four months into volume retailing, and we've picked up 20 points of market share in the segment... We wanted to get right into the features and benefits in our marketing campaign, and that's what Gaffigan allowed us to do -- instead of getting six to nine months into the launch and then talking about features. He allowed us to do that with the idea of a "dad brand" -- showing that he was buying the best vehicle for his family, which elevates his dad brand.

Q: Are you seeing that, in fact, fathers are having a bigger influence in the sales of Pacifica than in the market where they used to be aimed at soccer moms?

Kuniskis: There really wasn't the intent to say "dad versus mom" for Pacifica. The Gaffigan campaign has just been a great way to show the features and benefits of the vehicle. It had nothing to do with one gender over another, and we're not seeing that difference in the demographics of buyers. The age is a little lower than [with the previous Town & Country model] but not a change



The adorable "PacifiKids" in the new Chrysler Pacifica digital campaign.

in male versus female.

Q: When will the hybrid version of Pacifica come out, and what will it do for the Pacifica brand and the Chrysler brand?

Kuniskis: We'll start shipping them by the end of the year, and it'll be full speed ahead next year. It's going to be a game changer. Every other hybrid or electrified or [plug-in hybrid] in the market goes with a smaller, faster, commuter-type vehicle. No one has a mainstream, seven-passenger, family-capable vehicle.

We've sold 14 million minivans, and most minivan end users drive the vehicle for less than 30 miles a day. The Pacifica Hybrid will have a 30-mile pure-electric range, and so use no gas -- but it also has a gasoline engine that can take you

for hundreds of miles, so there will be no range anxiety.

Q: Speaking of the cutting edge of technology, Chrysler hasn't had much to say so far about self-driving -- with the notable exception of the fact that Google is helping you outfit 100 of these Pacifica Hybrid vans to test self-driving technology. Does the fact that FCA isn't a huge part of the ongoing conversation about self-driving hurt the company or your brands at the moment?

Kuniskis: No. I don't think it hurts us at all. There's a lot of conversation and talk in the industry, but there really is no self-driving product anywhere to speak of yet. And it's premature to say it's having any impact on any brand, especially if you haven't laid out a strategy yet.



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Bingham Farms, 48025 Condo, 3 bdrm, 4 ba, 2728 plus finished basement of 2000 sq. ft. built in 1986. keltol@comcast.net \$485,000 (248)890-1017 24062 Bingham Pointe Drive. Go to www.rezom.com and type in the address for additional information. Will consider a lease.

Home for Sale - In State

INKSTER Great Value
2 bdrms, oak kitchen w/plenty of cabinet space, LR w/natural fireplace, room off kitchen could be study or den, breezeway to 1.5 car GA. Large yard w/deck at side of house \$12,600
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WAYNE Brick Ranch
3 bdrms, LR w/dishwasher, eat-in kitchen w/dishwasher, partially finish bsmt, \$63,000
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WESTLAND Hot New Listings
3 bdrm, 1.1 BA's. Huge kitchen w/dishwasher & stove, Living Rm, Family Rm, Washer & Dryer included, 2 car att/GA, CA \$85,000
2 bdrm Brick Ranch w/open floor plan, updated oak kitchen, den, CA \$40,000

Sprawling Ranch
Brick home w/2 ca att/GA, Updated Kitchen w/dishwasher & doorwall to yard, Fin Bsmt w/Washer & Dryer, CA \$115,000
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Lots/Acreage/ Farm Land for Sale

Canton Sale or build-to-suit land behind Hertz & Victory Lane on busy Michigan Ave in Canton. Approx 2.5 acres. Possible auto use or warehouse/storage. \$300,000.
Bela Sipos 734-669-5813, 734-669-4100 #3212813 Reinhardt Commercial

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S. Lyon 1br heat incl., carport \$600 No smoking/ pets like new 248-207-0955

Homes-Rent

Brighton 5br, 3.5 bath, app appl., short term only, immediate occupancy. \$2000 248-444-2144

Westland (Livonia schools) 3br brk ranch, fin. bsmt, 2.5 car gar., C/A fenced yd \$1150/mo+ dep. 248-668-0962

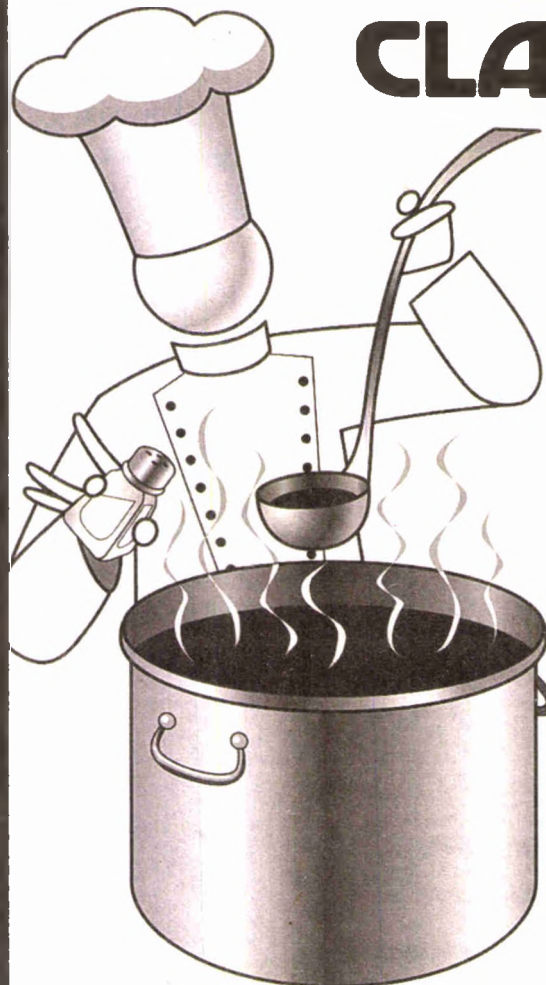
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