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# Paths to park

Novi, Northville and Maybury explore options for pedestrian connections

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

Getting to Maybury State Park via pedestrian connections could become reality if Novi, Northville and park officials can figure out a way to fill in the gaps.

In the past year, the cities of Northville and Novi, as well as Northville Township, have each expressed the desire to get a pedestrian connection to the state park as each community makes a bigger push to expand its pathway system.

Novi City Councilman Andrew Mutch, also a member of the Walkable Novi committee, said all three communities and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources want to provide a

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"Finding a way to complete the network of pathways between the three communities and Maybury is like putting together a big puzzle. We have a lot of the pieces in place, but there are

key pieces still missing." ANDREW MUTCH Novi city council

# Hang time

Library's new Teen Space gives middle and high schoolers a place to socialize

By Lonnie Huhman

The Novi Public Library's new area designated for teenagers wanting a place to hang out after school - the Teen Space — has been a

huge hit. Although it's just a pilot program, library Director Julie Farkas said they are already seeing 150-200 kids using the room on a weekly basis since opening Oct. 1. On one recent Monday, there were 40 kids inside the area, located near

the library's café. The idea for the room came out of the library's strategic planning process, which involved a variety of focus groups including one composed of local teenagers and

high school students.
"We asked our teens

**DETAILS** 

The Teen Space is available 2-5 p.m. most Mondays through Thursdays for those in grades 7-12 only. The Novi Public Library is located at 45255 W. 10 Mile Road. For more information, visit www.novilibrary.org.

what they wanted from the library, and they told us space," Farkas said.

The library's solution was to open up its Whole Meeting Room for teens to hang out, do homework, visit with friends and unwind from their school day.

This is a parmership between the library, Novi Parks, Recreation



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Novi Library staff member Jennifer Preston watches on Oct. 22 as a mean game of UNO is played in the library's Teen Space. Shown (clockwise from lower right) Joe Richardson, Ciarra Davis, Chloe Allen, and Ashley Mosley — all Novi High School ninth-graders.

and Cultural Services. Novi Youth Assistance and the Novi Community School District. Each of these organizations provides a monitor in the Teen Space one day per

week. Farkas said what makes the library so attractive for many teens is its proximity to the high school. After a day of structured learning, many teens just want a place to unwind and talk. Traditionally,

a library is not an ideal socializing setting for kids, but this designated space has proven to be a win-win for all involved.

"The Teen Space is intended to be an opportunity for teens to be welcome in the library and use it in different ways, without disturbing other patrons," Far-kas said. "We love our teens and want them to enjoy the library's many resources and services in a manner that's fun and personalized." With many parents

working, this space is a great place for teens to go after school. For those who want to study in a group, listen to music or just talk, the library may be the best spot. It already offers a variety of cool things for teens.

It's home to the Teen Stop, which offe eo gaming stations

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### Festival supports entrepreneurial spirit of disabled

By Cal Stone Staff Writer

People with disabilities who may not be afforded equal employment opportunities often begin micro-enterprise businesses selling hand-crafted items including like ceramics, paintings, jewelry, T-shirts and hats.

In an effort to promote and help these individuals, Fun First Fridays Festival events began in **DETAILS** 

Event: Fun First Friday Festivals Location: 27300 Wixom Road (southeast corner of Grand River Avenue in the large retail building directly behind Varsity Lincoln) Time/Dates: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Fridays, Nov. 2; Dec. 7; Jan. 4 Web: www.FunfirstFridays.com

Phone: (248) 812.9751

April this year in The Atrium on

Novi's Main Street and are now

held in the large retail building behind Varsity Lincoln (southeast corner of Grand River Avenue and Wixom Road).

"There are few affordable opportunities for these artisans to sell their creations to the community and those are generally provided by disability service provider agencies," said Susan Fitzmaurice, managing director of Fun First Fridays Festival. "This limits the goal of having

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### **PATHS**

way for residents to get to Maybury on foot or on bike. He said the ultimate goal is to provide safe routes for pedestrians and bikers to get to the park by connecting the pathways in the surrounding communities to

the pathways inside the Each community has ship's goal in that parits own needs, but much ticular area is to con of what needs to be done tinue the pathway that by all three involves fillexists on the south side of Eight Mile Road and ing in some pathway gaps just to get to the park. Mutch said the gaps

in the sidewalks east of Beck on Eight Mile in challenges. the city of Northville and Northville Township may be the most important of the missing pieces. He said if the city and township can complete those gaps, that would provide and a new pedestrian entrance to the park a continuous connection at the southwest corner for those areas east of of Eight Mile and Beck. Beck to reach Maybury.

This would benefit Novi residents, who would then be able to reach Maybury by coming south on Taft Road sidewalks and then west along Eight Mile Road sidewalks.

Township resident Sarah Shair, who has start-"Finding a way to comed a Facebook page in plete the network of pathways between the support of establishing a pathway (https://www three communities and Maybury is like putting facebook.com/Pathway. together a big puzzle," Mutch said. "We have a to.Maybury). It's up to more than 130 likes, so lot of the pieces in place. interest is building. but there are key pieces still missing. will focus on specifics

#### Northville Township's views

"I'm a big believer that Maybury State Park is a

(248) 437-2011, Ext. 255 real gem located entirely

#### CORRECTION

On page A11 of the Oct. 11 Novi News, there were photos from the Food Truck Rally, which took place on Sept. 27. The caption for one of the pictures indicated that The Art Institute organized the Food Truck Rally. Actually, Northern Equities Group organized the Rally, using the Art Institute's parking lot as they were on semester break that week



#### community," Northville Township Trustee Mindy Children are busy pick-Herrmann said, "And I'm ing out their costumes while

committed to the goal of gaining better pedestrian The other two communities agree, but the challenge is how to get it done in a way that benefits

Both of these would need

the help and approval of

Oakland County and the

Herrmann has been in

contact with Northville

Upcoming meetings

including identifying

where connections into

the park can safely be

Ihuhman@hometownlife.com

But you don't have to wait everyone involved. Herrmann, who sits on until then to get into the spirit of things. Here are a township pathway suba few local events taking committee, said the townplace before the official day of Halloween. **Halloween Happening** 

Start the Halloween fun a little early with a Hallowends abruptly just west of een-themed movie at the Moraine Elementary, But Novi Public Library (45255 it poses cost and terrain W. 10 Mile Road), followed by a chance to trick-or-treat From there, the townat several different stations ship would also hope to within the library. Come in see a four-way pedestriyour favorite costume at 11 an crossing all around a.m. Saturday, Oct. 27. the intersection of Eight Mile and Beck roads

Oct. 31.

#### Sweet and Sassy Halloween Bash

adults are stocking up on

candy in anticipation of Hal-

loween, with recommended

trick or treat hours in Novi

set for 6-8 p.m. Wednesday,

Come to the Sweet and Sassy Salon (43530 W. Oaks Drive) for an evening of spooky Halloween surpris es and fun from 3:30-7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 28. The party includes trick or treating with the staff, spooky game, black light room with

glow sticks, Halloween food craft, costume contest, employee costume contest and a gift from the Halloween Treasure Box. Call Sweet and Sassy (248-347-6500) for price info and to make reservations.

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#### Trunk or Treat

The staff of Whitehall of Novi Healthcare Center (south side of Ten Mile Road just west of Novi-Road) will be handing out candy from the trunks of their cars in this first-ever event from 5-7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 29.

Trick or Trucks Trick or Treat with the area's biggest trucks dump trucks, fire engines, bulldozers and more - from 5:30-7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 29 in the Novi High School parking lot just east of Ten Mile Road. Small meals will

Spooky Skate

be provided: price is \$13.

Contact Novi Parks and Rec

(248-347-0473) for informa-

Costumed skaters receive discount and there will be prizes for the best costume from 3-4:50 p.m. Tues-

and novels. The library

also provides teens and

study rooms, comput-

er stations with Inter-

service café, online

net connectivity, a full-

patrons of all ages group



Houses throughout the city of Novi are decorated in anticipation of Halloween trick or treaters on Wednesday, Oct. 31.

day, Oct. 30 at Novi Ice Arena (42400 Nick Lidstrom Drive). Cost is \$4 for residents; \$5 for non-residents. Skate rental fee is \$3. Call (248) 347-1010 for more

#### "Waterfront

The screaming will start early this Halloween as the locally filmed "Waterfront Vightmare" premieres at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 28 at Emagine Entertainment in

The upcoming film is a psychological thriller portraving seven college

research tools for school

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open until the end of the

school year and at that

and entertainment and

The space will be

and music.

--Compiled by Cal Stone, editor

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Local Michigan

residents will more

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one by one.

Jason Whittier, screen-

writer and executive pro-

inspiration for the film

experience.

ducer for the film, received

from his own spring break

Virginia University, I went

on a spring break trip with

12 friends. We all shared

this cabin in the middle of

make a great screenplay"

nowhere in the mountains. I

thought at the time it would

Tickets can also be pur-

chased at the film's website.

waterfrontnightmare.com.

"My senior year at West

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#### time it will be determined if it will continue. Usage will play a big

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a micro-enterprise pro-vide a valued identity in the community at large. Fun First Fridays Festival provides an inclusive community setting to showcase the abilities and self-determination of

people with disabilities." The organization has contacted and invited clients from over 50 local agencies that serve disabled, and any who make hand-crafted items are invited to sell their products. Also, independent representatives of micro-

enterprise businesses like Avon, Amway, Mary Kay, Tupperware, etc. are invited "We invite anyone in Michigan who makes hand-craft items to

attend," said Fitzmaurice. Her group is seeking partners to share their commitment to support people with disabilities who can and want to become productive members of society. She's asking local companies to include the Fun First Fridays Festival logo in their promotions, advertising and commercials, encouraging their clients to visit the monthly events.

"There is no cost to any company to be a participating sponsor of Fun First Fridays," said Fitzmaurice. "We invite all local companies to attend and set up a display promoting your products or services. There is no admission

is free. "This event is indoors at a large retail store that does not allow us to advertise or use their company name," said

to Fun First Fridays Fes-

tival, the events are open

to the public, and parking

Fitzmaurice. A DJ provides music and there are free food

samples from local restaurants. Bowl a strike at the portable bowling alley and win a free fountain drink; bowl two strikes in a row and win a free hot dog or a slice of pizza, too. "Many people have the impression that people

with disabilities do nothing but sit and watch television all day," said Fitzmaurice, "Fun First Fridays gives these people an opportunity to show they make beautiful products and can be productive members of societv.

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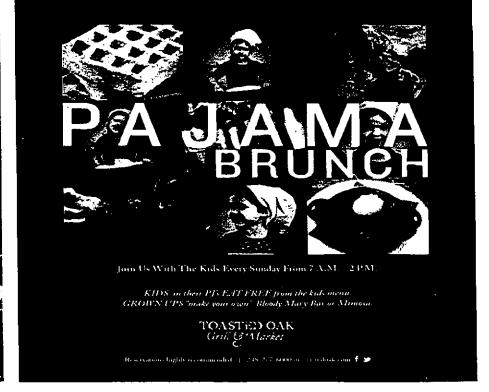
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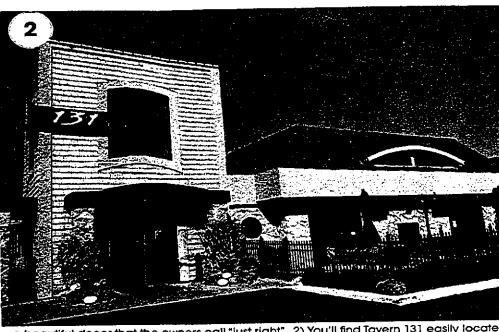
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he said. "I just wanted it perfect." Tavern 131 is what Vulaj, and his family envisioned, for more than three years before opening the restaurant. They have a knack for successful restaurants they own the Americus Coney and Grill in Milford along with the popular Ciao Amici's Italian Restaurant and Americus Grill both in Brighton.

Yet Vulai knows there's another vital element to draw folks in and bring them back again and again. "This is a place that is fun to be in, fun to work in, where the customer has a good time," he said. "When people enjoy themselves, when they know they have something to do here, they come back." Offering lots of live entertainment from local bands and DJ's on the weekend's customers can play pool or a few video games, plus karaoke and trivia night.

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Pizza and their signature dish Sirloin Gorgonzola. You don't just give customers what you want. You give them what they want," Vulai said. "Otherwise, they'll just go down the street to eat." The bar area seats approximately thirty patrons. With over 20 domestic and craft beers on tap you're sure to find your favorite brew. The bar has an extensive selection of liquor and they make their own sour mix in house for the freshest taste. Daily there is happy hour between 11am - 6pm and late

night specials 9pm till close. It is a very comfortable place to catch a game with around 20 TVs throughout the restaurant. Saturdays watch ESPN college dame day plan and the ever popular Sunday NFL ticket. On game days they have a special menu where you can get 10 items for \$5 a piece. Thursdays are date night at Tavern 131 giving couples 2 dinner entrees and a bottle of wine for only \$40 plus tax. That is an incredible value held when you consider that you may have your choice of any enincluding

Visit Tavern 131 and enjoy the seasonal Halloween decora-

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tions. They have really

gone all out for their Halloween Bash on October 27 from 9 pm till close. The pumpkins, eerie Halloween lighting, cob webs and spooky ghouls make the place look "spooktackular". Have fun while you listen to the

DJ play favorites like the Monster Mash to Thriller and best of all the Halloween Bash has no cover charge. There will be cash prizes for the scariest costume, sexiest costume and the best overall costume. Tavern 131 believes in supporting the community and this year is sponsoring the Halloween at the Carl' YMCA in

Milford by buying all the candy for the kids. Toni Vulaj stresses community support. He feels it is your duty to give back to the community. "The community supports me. so I have to support the

community". Living and being involved in Milford for over 10 years he has been involved in fundraisers all the time. Vulaj says, "We have an open door to help others". Both Tavern 131 and Americus Coney & Grill are co-sponsoring the Christmas Parade

the Saturday after Thanksgiving in Milford.

Looking around Tavern 131, Vulaj is unmistakably proud and quite satisfied with the resuits. "I'm looking forward to having a place like 'Cheers' -



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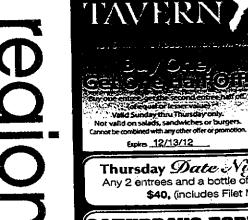
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# Let's get moving!

Red Wings school assembly stresses fitness, fun

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"They said I did a good job," Lee added of her students. "They're proud of me. It was a good first-time experi-

The assembly was put on by the Detroit Red Wings Foundation. Kroger and Blue Cross Blue Shield Blue Care Network of Michigan under sponsorship of

"They're here to talk about staying active and



and moving as they do a series of jumping jacks during an Oct. 22 Red Wings' assembly. The school was visited by three representatives of the hockey team and were encouraged to keep fit, eat healthy, set goals and work with their fellow students to accomplish good things. The visit was part of the school's Red Ribbon Week activities.

fanek of Novi, PTO president and mom to second-grader Jack Stefanek. The Orchard Hills students use the "Seven Habits" program of Steven Covey Kindergarten teacher Laura Mardigian was the one who became

aware of the assembly and raised the idea, Stefanek said. "We thought it was a perfect fit," she said of the assembly, offered to just over 400 kinder-

garten through fourthgrade students. The Red Wings pro

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Ribbon Week at the school. That's typically anti-drug, Stefanek said, with younger children focusing on treating their bodies well. Food, exercise, sleep and "really working hard in school, that kind of thing," are empha-

Jake Yarberry, a fourth-grader, had the fun job of goalie in the shootout with the teach er team. "I think it's awesome," Jake said of the assembly. He used to play hockey but now



tion." Students also

assembly program,

workdays on it.

Biewer said this is the

third year for the school

schools its first year. He

which started with 20

spends about half his

"It's a lot of fun,"

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Babcock.

Detroit Red Wings' representative Jim Biewer makes a point during Orchard Hills' Oct. 22

suk is third-grader Nate Woods' favorite. "I really like it," Nate said of the assembly. He plays on a hockey travel team.

Shores is events and experiental marketing manager for the Wings. He was "coach Jim" that morning with two assistant coaches. The program's been

es on healthy eating and exercise. It also gets the Red Wing brand out. Biewer and the others don't get many questions about the team not playing now due to labor issues. "We're just kind of business as usual," he

to 115 schools this year,

Biewer said, and focus-

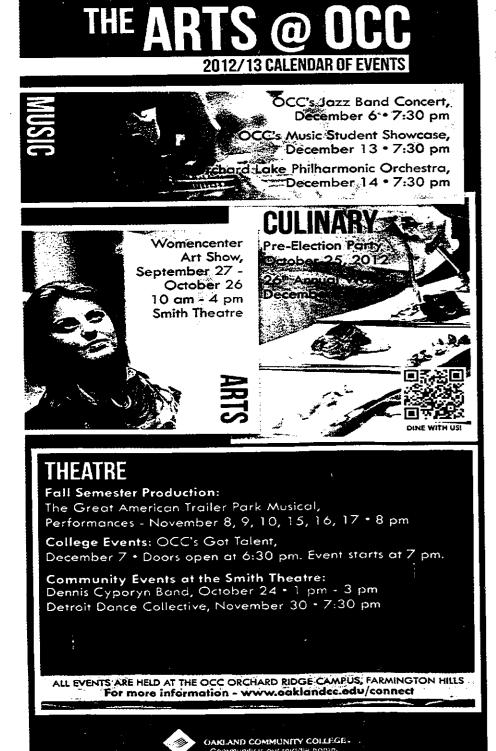
said. "They're just here to enjoy themselves." The assembly included two key words: "Education" and "Dedica-

Hockey Association on clinics to teach skating learned that pro hockand hockey. ey players also have a He agreed the sport eacher" -- coach Mike

is growing for girls and ing topnotch Olympic

The children answered questions for smaller prizes, such as what troplay for (the Stanley Cup) and the name of the team arena (Joe Louis Arena). The student team was unsuccessful in defeating the teachers, but will come back strong next year with practice, Biewer predicted.

"You'll beat them 5-0, won't you?" he said. The school also received a Red Wings banner for the gym.





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"They're here to talk about staying active and making healthy choic-



and moving as they do a series of jumping jacks during an Oct. 22 Red Wings' assembly. The school was visited by three representatives of the hockey team and were encouraged to keep fit, eat healthy, set goals and work with their fellow students to accomplish good things. The visit was part of the school's Red Ribbon Week activities.

fanek of Novi, PTO president and mom to second-grader Jack Ste-Hills students use the "Seven Habits" program of Steven Covey Kindergarten teacher Laura Mardigian was aware of the assembly

and raised the idea, Ste-

fanek said. "We thought it was a perfect fit," she said of he assembly, offered to just over 400 kindergarten through fourthgrade students.

Ribbon Week at the school. That's typicalsaid, with younger children focusing on treating their bodies well. Food, exercise, sleep hard in school, that kind of thing," are emphasized.

Jake Yarberry, a fourth-grader, had the fun job of goalie in the shootout with the teacher team. "I think it's awesome," Jake said of the assembly. He used focuses on baseball. Red Wing Pavel Dat-



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Detroit Red Wings' representative Jim Biewer makes a point during Orchard Hills' Oct. 22 ealth and fitness assembly. Behind Biewer is John Guerreno.

suk is third-grader Nate Woods' favorite. "I realthe assembly. He plays on a hockey travel team.

Jim Biewer of St. Clair Shores is events and experiental marketing manager for the Wings He was "coach Jim" that morning with two assistant coaches.

The program's been to 115 schools this year, Biewer said, and focuses on healthy eating and exercise. It also gets the Red Wing brand out. Biewer and the oth-

ers don't get many questions about the team not playing now due to labor issues. "We're just kind of business as usual," he said. "They're just here to enjoy themselves." The assembly includtion." Students also learned that pro hockey players also have a teacher" - coach Mike Babcock.

Biewer said this is the third year for the school assembly program which started with 20 schools its first year. He spends about half his vorkdays on it.

Biewer said. "I get to

interact with kids."

The program donates two sets of floor hockchool visited, which brought forth cheers and staff thanks at Orchard Hills.

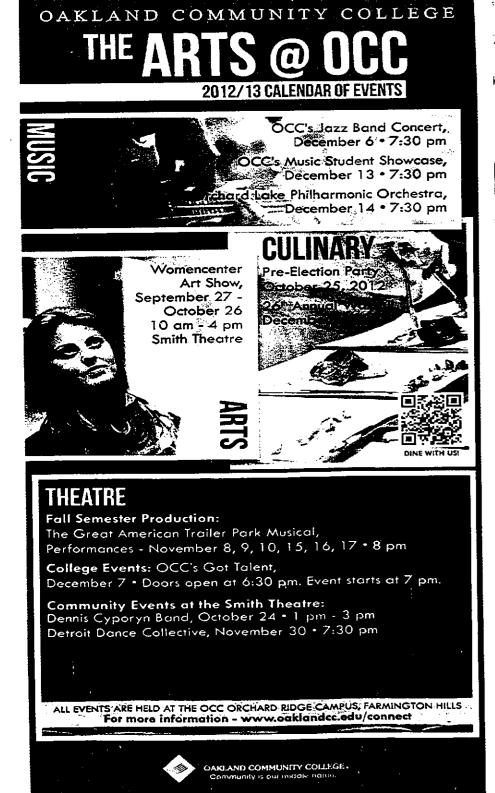
The Red Wings pro gram also exists to promote hockey, Biewer said, and "hopeful y grow that sport.' They work closely with ed two key words: "Edu-

Hockey Association on clinics to teach skating and hockey.

He agreed the sport is growing for girls and women as well, including topnotch Olympic teams.

The children answered questions for smaller prizes, such as what trophy the hockey teams play for (the Stanley Cup) and the name of the team arena (Joe Louis Arena). The student team was unsuccessful in defeating the teachers, but will come back strong next year

"You'll beat them 5-0, won't you?" he said. The school also received a Red Wings banner for the gym.





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Even before his

first political bat-

election, one of Taj's

tles involved support

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or political arena -

understood how it

Hindu effort.

native India.

expansion in Canton.

Because he is Muslim

condemns extremism

in any religion, culture

Taj said he has always

feels to be in a minori-

"It also affected me

because we come from

bargaining is a human

rights issue," he said.

Even though he is

a Democrat, Taj has

worked alongside

his Republican col-

leagues on the town-

both sides have large-

ship board. As a team,

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the same place," Taj

said, referring to his

Taj said his reli-

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# House hopefuls pin race on messages

### Taj thinks he can fix what ails the country

By most accounts,

year stint as Oakwood

Hospital's chief of

"Who better to go

with the Affordable

to Washington to deal

Care Act?" she asked,

referring to an Obama

health care plan that

many Republican crit-

To understand Taj's

political passions, it's

necessary to explore

his upbringing among

five children born to

Syed Nizamuddin and

Gaya, a city in north-

Sakina Khatoon in

"Education was

the most important

recalls. "My father

thing in our life," Taj

wanted me to become

Not so different from

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Taj's mother stayed

home to raise the chil-

Taj and his siblings

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By Darrell Clerr

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House, that is — and

he appears confident

he is one of the Dem-

ocrats who, if elect-

ed, can help second-

term-seeker President

Barack Obama move

the country forward

not just for the rich.

but for the middle

class and those who

care. They want their

affordable education.

Taj said he believes

Taj has worked successfully for four years alongside Repub-As an India-born licans as the lone Demmedical doctor who ocrat on the Canton worked hard to achieve the Ameri-Township Board of Trustees. Yet, on the can dream, Syed Taj national stage, he tires of Canton views himof the gridlock, the self as a physician who political bickering and has the right prescrippolarizing remarks, tion for what ails this such as GOP presiden-Like a trusted family tial nominee Mitt Romney's now-infamous doctor listening attenstatements that critics tively to his patients.

said dismissed "47 per-Taj says he undercent" of Americans. stands what is hurting people in the 11th 'I want to represent 100 percent of the pop-Congressional District ulation," said Taj, who he hopes to represent: faces Republican Ker-They need good jobs. ry Bentivolio of Mil-They fear losing Medicare and Social Secuford for a two-year rity benefits. They House term. worry they could be

Taj's campaign maner, who lost an earlier 11th District election bid against former U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, says Amerless cynical and distrustful of Washington D.C., if they elected more people like Taj.

"He's honest. He listens to people. He worked with Republicans for four years. and he knows how to work with people on both sides of the aisle," Mosher said.

need a safety net. Moreover, she said Taj has dedicated "The President needs much of his 65 years to have a supporting to medicine in India, cast," Taj said, sitting Great Britain and, in his Novi campaign since 1982, in Michi-

#### 11TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Democratic candidate Dr. Syed Taj is seeking a two-year term in the redrawn 11th Congressional District, comprised of portions of Wayne and Oakland counties.

on as Taj's son, Asad, sity of Michigan in preparation for medical school. Tai's oldest brother, Syed Shahabuddin, served 15 years in the India Parliament, as an ambassador to countries such as Algeria and Venezuela and as vice consul in New York.

Taj attended medical school in India and worked in his hometown before he and Great Britain from 1974-82, where Taj had postgraduate training in health and medicine and was accepted in the Membership of Royal College of Physicians. The couple, married since 1969, left England for Michigan after Sofia visited her brother, Syed Aslam, who received a mas-

his upbringing have always steered him ter's degree in chemto help others, whethistry and had already moved to the Downriver it involves doctoring patients, helping neighbors, supporting "She came back from her visit (to Michifree speech, fighting against social injustice gan) and asked why we or protecting health weren't living here,' Taj said with a smile. care and collective bargaining. "I feel that collective

Numerous family members ultimately made the move and eventually settled in the same Canton neighborhood near Lotz and Palmer starting in the early 1990s. Taj lived Downhe moved to Canton in early 2007 - amazingly just one year before he was elected as the first Democrat township trustee in recent

Dr. Syed Taj gave up his

lic grandstanding that has divided many legislators on the national stage.

Taj also has been dation, creating a scholarship for stu-County Senior Alli-

Now, he says he's a nation. He knows some political puntownship office in

He isn't fazed. "I'm very confident that I should be able to win this seat," he said.



seat on the Canton Township Board of Trustees to run for U.S. Congress.

ly risen above the pub-

involved in organizations such as the Canton Community Foundents, and the Wayne

ready to take his political and medical skills to the U.S. House in hopes he can help heal dits dismiss his chances, much like they did before he won his

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### Bentivolio: Send 'a regular guy' to Congress

By Aileen Wingblad

Kerry Bentivolio has been called inexperienced, "that Tea Party guy," a candidate who seemingly emerged from nowhere to claim front-runner status in the Republican bid for the 11th Congressional District seat.

Yet he makes no apologies for never having served in political office or for embracing the conservative values of the right wing. In fact, he says, that

is precisely why voters should check his name on the Nov. 6 ballot. "I'm just a regular guy

who cares very deeply about this country, Bentivolio said. "And it's about time a regular guy with a regular voice — came to Congress.'

Key issues Like his fellow conservatives, Bentivolio maintains a political stance that decries federal gov ernment's over-borrowing and overspending, as well as involvement beyond what is outlined in the U.S. Constitution

"Some government is required, of course. But government is overintrusion, interference,' he said. The consequences, he

said, are "skyrocketing costs" of everything from health care to cell phones to computers. "A lot of businesses are getting beaten up by government regulations away government interference and costs come

"Congress should take a course on checks and

balances. They're writing the checks, and we're getting the balanc-Bentivolio is pro-

life; he favors repeal of "Obamacare," a flatter and simpler tax code. and opening up more public land and allowing more permits for oil On another hot button

topic - safeguarding the U.S. borders - Ben tivolio calls himself "a big defender of border security" who supports a crackdown on illegal immigrants and the benefits provided to them at taxpayers' expense.

"Yes, if they are needed for a specialized job or something they can apply for a work visa,' he said. "But we also need to get rid of the reason they want to

come here and stay.' As a veteran of the IIS Army and Army National Guardsman who served in the Vietnam and Iraq wars, Bentivolio said he has "a lot of problems with the military" — many stemming from what he sees as "bureaucratic red tape" that delays troops in the field from getting equipment and supplies in a timely manner. That

needs change, he said. There are real issues, such as we have soldiers in harm's way and they need a part for a tank, and once you get the requisition form it can take a year to go through the channels to get it," he

Bentivolio also vows

11TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Republican candidate Kerry Bentivolio is seeking a twoyear term in the redrawn 11th Congressional District, comprised of portions of Wayne and Oakland counties. He also is wing for the two months remaining in the current 11th Congressional District.

to work at strengthening Veterans Affairs as well as improving veterans' health care and the choices they have in obtaining it.

Experience in life, not politics

"I don't offer political experience - though I do understand politics, Bentivolio said. "What I offer is life experience. I've 'been there, done

So where has he been,

and what has he done? Bentivolio spent more than a dozen years as an automotive designer. and owned and operated a home construction business. He eventually earned his credentials in education and hired on

as a high school teacher He said he quit his job with Fowlerville Public Schools — and the teaching profession altogether - before the start of this school year when, he said, his campaign started to take off.

Bentivolio was large ly ignored in the race until former Congressman Thaddeus McCotter dropped out amid a petition signature scandal, but now that he's in the spotlight, he said he's "ready, willing and

"I left the teaching

profession because I know I'm going to win this election," he said, smiling.

And it's an optimism that he's managed to maintain despite what he said are unfounded rumors, accusations and other negativity and misinformation about him that have emerged in recent months. Some of it came from what he called "a small faction" of fellow Republic cans, prior to the prima

"Hey, that's politics," he said, shrugging. They can sling mud but I'm a soldier. I'll just brush it off and get in

A self-described "straight shooter who believes in leading by example," the 61-yearold has made his home in Milford Township since 1982. Taking advantage of his several tucked-

away acres, Bentivolio maintains a vineyard and raises honey pees, chickens and perhaps most notable a team of six reindeer which he brings along to pull his sleigh when he plays Santa in Christmas parades and other holiday events. He and his wife, Karen, have two adult children and three grandchildren.

Bentivolio admits that

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al Republican Congress

Republican Kerry Bentivolio is seeking a two-year term in the redrawn 11th Congressional District and the remaining two months in the current district. He's running on a form of fiscal and social conservatism.

the race — and his place in it - has thrust him into a world that is a far cry from the life he has made for himself in Mil-

But he's loving it. "It's exciting — and it's very surreal," he said. referencing recent telephone calls from Speaker of the House John Boehner, Gov. Rick Snyder, and meet and greets in Washington D.C. with presidential candidate Gov. Mitt Romney, vice presidential candidate Sen. Paul Ryan, congress

members Paul Upton,

Mike Rogers and more

Recently, he was given "Young Gun" status, the

top tier of the Nation-

Committee's recruit-With the election about a month away. Bentivo-

lio said his campaign is in high gear as he continues to reach out to voters who he's hoping to

represent.
"If you want someone who believes in selfless ness, who is loyal and has proven himself in the field of battle, who believes in life and lib erty," he said. "This is a great political awakening. Everyone here can wake up and see the writing on the wall."

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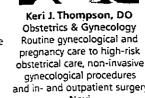
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## Women dominate high court ballot

Area women are making a place for themselves this fall in the annals of Michigan's judicial history.

Four women are running the state's highest court three who were nominated by the Democratic Party and one nominated by the Republican Party.

Connie Marie Kelley of Redford, Bridget Mary McCormack of Ann Arbor and Southfield's Shelia Johnson are all running for seats on the state's Supreme Court, mark ing the first time ever that three women have been nominated by the Democratic Party for Michigan's highest court. Republican nominee Colleen O'Brien of Rochester Hills rounds out the group of female candidates

"This is a very impornot only for our state, but for our entire country. It shows that women have really reached a pinnacle level. It really speaks vol umes to a level of equality women have achieved,' said Johnson, a judge in Southfield's 46th District Court since 2002.

McCormack, a law pro fessor and dean for clinical affairs at the University of Michigan Law School. also discussed the significance of the nominations.

"This is the first time one of the parties has nominated three women for the state Supreme Court and I am honored to be part of that," she said. "This may not have been possible

notable on many different levels, noted Mark Brewer, chair of the Michigan Democratic Party. "While it is true this is

since 1929.

ing to people, they seem really energized by it. It's not just women, either; it's even a generation ago. The nominations are

the first time the Michigan Democratic Par-

ty has endorsed a slate

of three women candidates, what is truly historic about the occasion is the fact that we have nominated these three women -Judge Connie Marie Kelley, Judge Shelia Johnson and Bridget Mary McCormack. These three women come from different backgrounds, but they all have devoted their lives to protecting Michigan children and families. Michigan deserves a Supreme Court that protects our kids, and that's the real historic opportunity we have in 2012," he said.

**Connie Marie Kelley** According to Kelley, the nominations "seem to have energized people - both men and women — across

that state.' Kelley is used to making history.

As the second of six children in an Irish-Catholic family, she was the first child in her family to attend college, paying her own way through the Uni versity of Michigan then law school at Wayne State University. As an attorney in the

Troy law firm of Powers. Chapman, D'Agostino, Meyers & Millia, P.C, she was only the second woman to be appointed partner

Kelley currently serves as a judge in Wayne County's Third Circuit Court. "It is really exciting it's an historical moment As I travel the state talk-

the men. too," Kelley said. Despite the significance of the achievement it is Kelley's work with litigants within the circuit court system's Family Division, as well as her efforts with at-risk young women in Detroit, that she finds most rewarding. Kelley has been a circuit







court judge since 2009, an attorney dealing with everything from family law and sexual harass ment to wrongful termination and personal injury — "and everything inbetween."

The mother of two grown sons, Andrew and Kyle, she is married to Kevin Kellev, director of senior and veteran services for Wayne County and a former Redford Township

Shelia Johnson

The first African-American female to serve as a district court judge in Oakland County, Johnson is currently serving as chief judge pro tem of the court. presiding over a variety of cases ranging from ordinance violations and traf-



fic matters to criminal preliminary examinations and misdemeanors. A Southfield resident for more than 23 years,

raised in Detroit, graduating from Cranbrook Kingwood High School before attending Dartmouth College, where she majored in history. A 1984 graduate of the University of Michigan Law School, Johnson was the first African American in history to be elected as president of the Law School Student Senate.

A two-term district judge, Johnson also has 18 years' experience in private practice focusing on civil and criminal litiga-The 2008 recipient of

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achievement in the legal field and for commitment to community service. Johnson has also been recognized by a variety of organizations for her leadership and community ser-

McCormack

McCormack graduated from New York University Law School and spent the first five years of her In 1996, McCormack

became a faculty fellow

ed and supervised many types of civil and criminal litigation at all levels of state and federal courts in McCormack has been

recognized by a variety of professional organizations for her work with the university's clinical programs, including the Michigan Innocence Clinic, in which students represent the wrongfully convicted and resulted in the exoneration of six people as of

Colleen O'Brien Currently serving as judge of the Oakland County Circuit Court, a position she has held since winning election in 1998, O'Brien was born in Pontiac and attended college at the University of Mich-

and criminal matters. ored to be a part of this historic group.

#### **Bridget Mary**

es in New York City's trial courts with The Legal Aid

at the Yale Law School, where she taught advocacy and professional esponsibility. She joined the University of Michigan Law School faculty in For the past 14 years. McCormack has conduct-

A 1981 graduate of the Detroit College of Law,

she spent 17 years in pri-

vate practice, gaining

experience in both civil O'Brien said she is hon-

"I have always been excited about Michigan's rich history of women in the law," said O'Brien.

"There has been a woman on the Michigan Supreme Court every year since 1973, and we have had five female chief justices since then. In fact, in 2010, Michigan was one of only three states in the country with a female majority. So I'm not too surprised by the fact that we have so many women on the ballot this year, and I'm proud to be one of them."

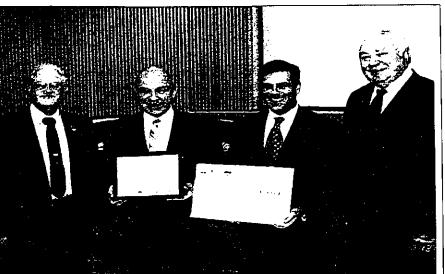
As a practicing attorney, O'Brien served on the Rochester Hills Zoning Board of Appeals, and received the Oakland County Bar Association Pro Bono Award for providing volunteer legal services. She has also served as a circuit court mediator in Oakland, Macomb and Wayne Counties, as well as serving as president of the Oakland County Women's Bar Association. O'Brien also serves

as an adjunct professor at Thomas M. Cooley Law School, and in 2011 received the Frederick J. Griffith III Adjunct Faculty Award from Coolev Law School, which is awarded to faculty mem bers who best display excellence in teaching, passion for advocacy and compassion for law students. O'Brien is also on the Advisory Board for Baker College. She also serves on the boards of both the Restore Foundation and Crossroads for

In 2011, O'Brien was the recipient of the Oakland County Bar Association's Distinguished Public Servant Award.

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Fair Board treasurer Neil Kentner (left), Suburban Collection Showplace owner Blair Bowman (second from right) and Jim Gotts of the Detroit Shriners (right) present Novi Mayor Bob Gatt with a \$5,000 donation check and a certificate of appreciation at Monday's City

### **Great Lakes State Fair** gives back to Novi

By Lonnie Huhman

Two city park projects donated by the Great Lakes Agricultural Fair Board, in collaboration with the Detroit Shriners and the Suburban Collection Shov

"The city of Novi was extremely supportive to us during the 2012 Great Lakes State Fair, and this is just one way we want to express our gratitude,' said Blair Bowman, owner of the Suburban Collection Showplace, "The donation is being made on behalf of the city employees who will also receive a certificate of appreciation, because the fair could not have been possible without their hard work, dedication and com-

Bowman, along with GLSF Board Treasurer Neil Kentner and Jim Gotts, of the Shriners, presented the \$5,000 donation at the Novi City Council meeting Monday night. All three thanked the mayor, council and city staff by also presenting a certificate of appreciation.

They described the fair as a resounding success for its first year with at least 50,000 people attending. "The Great Lakes State Fair is built upon the root-strength and tradition of our previous state fairs and showcased many assets of Michigan. We were pleased to have the city of Novi join

us as one of our sponsors.' said Larry See, chairman of GLSF Board of Directors. The donation is being directed toward the improvement project at Pavilion Shore Park and the

event, they did not expect to have money left over. But they did, so they wanted "to give back to Novi" for all of the support and cooper ation that made the fair a

Both Gotts and Kentner said they are extreme ly happy with the arrange ment and expect the fair to get even better in the coming years. They said the location for the fair was an ideal one.

"I'm just glad to see the state fair was brought back, and we couldn't be happier with how it went," said Kentner, whose family has been involved with the fair "So to be able to give back helped make this happen is

### Free concert series returns to Novi Public **Library Sundays**

The Chamber Music Society of Detroit (CMSD) announced a second season of its of its highly successful Listen @ the Library series, featuring acclaimed young classical artists and chamber ensembles performing family-friendly concerts at the Novi Public Library. Admission is free.

"Last spring's launch of the Chamber Music Society's Listen @ the Library series at the Novi Public Library was a huge success, with each event filled to capacity," said Chamber Music Society of Detroit President Steve Wogaman. Listen @ the Library is made possible this season with support from Nordstrom, PNC Bank, Friends of the Novi Public Library, the Reuter Foundation

and the Ponting Foundation The schedule of dates and artists is: Sunday, Oct. 28, 3 p.m.

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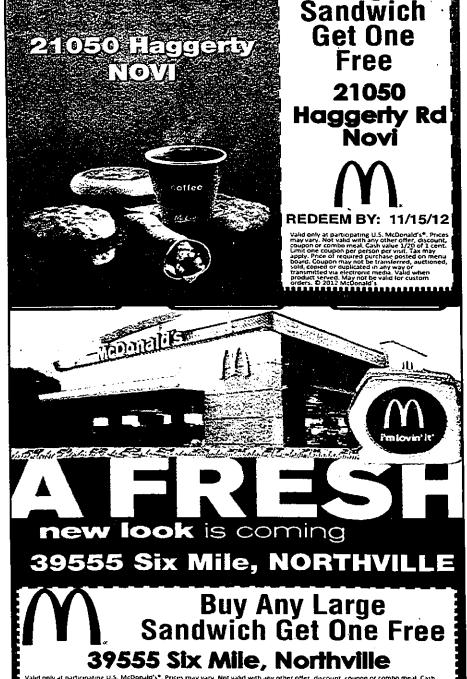
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#### The goal is one million pennies.

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### The Wall honors Vietnam heroes in Dearborn

By Cal Stone

A former Novi resident and his wife transported The Wall That Heals into the Ford Motor Company World Headquarters in Dearborn on Tuesday morning and set it up for display round-the-clock through 8 a.m. Monday,

An opening ceremony is scheduled for 10 a.m. today and a closing ceremony will be held at 6

p.m. Sunday. "It's called the Wall that heals based on the fact if you've ever been wounded, it hurts horribly - both physical pain and visual images," said Bob Dobek. "If you don' allow it to heal properly, it festers. By coming to this, we open a lot of old wounds, but with nat ural shedding of tears it allows wounds to heal

properly." He and his wife, Brenda, have been the caretakers of the travelling memorial since November 2010. She heard about the position on Sirrius satellite radio when they were over-the-road long-haul drivers. They applied and waited about a month before getting

the go-ahead.
The couple transports the wall: do repairs to the trailer/truck; take care of the contents; operate and maintain computers; scan photos; collect and process donations; act as goodwill ambassadors; and communicate with future and potential sites.

And when you come to the wall to find a name. they're the ones who will help you find it.

Sometimes there's not a whole lot to go by as far as generating a name," said Dobek. "Gerry Williams might be turn out to be Jerry Wilson. Right

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pain and visual images. If you don't allow it to heal properly, it festers. By coming to this, we open a lot of old wounds, but with natural shedding of tears it allows wounds to heal properly." **BOB DOBEK** 

now, we're in the process of obtaining a photo for every name on wall."

The full-scale wall, which resides in Washington D.C., contains 58.282 names of Vietnam veterans who died. The half-scale replica is 11 years old and has not been updated yet. It has 58.249 names – but Bob's computer has all the The wall is made of 24

sections - 12 for the east wing and 12 for the west. each measuring 10 feet long by five feet high. The names are list-

ed in chronological order as to when they died, unless we had multiple casualties that day," said Dobek. "Then it's alphabetical that day only, then back to chronological. It may look like there is no rhyme or reason, but there is."

Please see WALL, A15





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# A cut above

Ladies Garage gives men, boys good hairstyles

Karina Jeffries is pleased with business at her Ladies Garage, which offers haircuts for men and boys. "It's going very good," the Walled Lake

resident said. "I'm very happy, very excited. Can't wait to get bigger and bigger. It's going to be great." Oct. 2 was their official opening, said Jef-

fries, who previously operated a Lady Jane's in Novi for seven years. "Now I opened my own business." She has five chairs and five stylists, along with chair massage while customers wait.

> pop, water and coffee. She's getting a lot of walk-ins with an October special. Regular price will be \$18 for a wash, cut, hot towel and massage.

There are beverages,

There are a number of TVs, so customers can watch the Lions, Tigers or other favorite team. "We have TVs everywhere in the shop," she said, including four large ones and smaller ones at individ-

**DETAILS** 

Ladies Garage is located at 41370 W. 10 Mile in Novi, on the northeast corner of 10 Mile and Meadowbrook, and can be reached at (248) 987-6445. Hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. It has a website of www.ladies garagehaircutsformen. com and is on Facebook and Twitter.

ual stations. "I think they're looking for a nice place to get their hair cut," she said of customers. Staff can instruct on product use, so styles stay looking good.

"We know how to do hair," Jeffries said. "We love our clients. They love our place. Some parents bring in their children. She has new custom-

er discounts as well as ·Novi High student dis-

JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Karina Jeffries, owner of Novi's Ladies Garage salon on 10 Mile, gives customer Joe Calabro a haircut on Oct. 18. The salon is located on the northeast corner of 10 Mile and

Novi, I have no words to say how supportive they've been of our business." And Ladies Garage staff gives and charitable work

such as in the fight against breast cancer and support for Toys

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#### **NOVI NEWSMAKERS**

#### Farrell named to Super Lawyers list

Southfield-based Collins, Einhorn, Farrell & Ulanoff announced Super Lawyers Magazine named 12 attorneys from the firm to its 2012 Michigan Super Lawyers and Rising Stars lists, including Novi's Clayton Farrell.

Farrell, who was named Michigan Super Lawyers for the fourth consecutive year, concentrates his practice on multi-party, complex litigation, including litigation in the areas of environmental torts, product liability, toxic torts and emerging claims. The University of Detroit Mercy School of Law alum's trial experience spans more than three decades and includes approximately 100 cases to verdict.



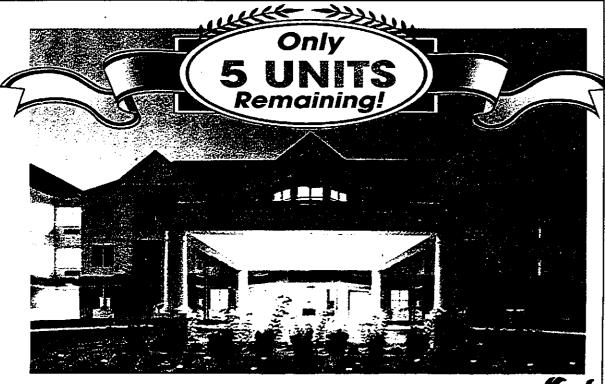


#### Bishop's Dinner

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More than 300 people gathered on Aug. 16 for Guest House's 54th Annual Detroit Bishop's Dinner. The dinner supports the work of Guest House, the treatment center for Catholic clergy and religious who are experiencing alcoholism or other addictions. Pictured (I to r) are Frank and Susan Sovis, of Northville; Dan and Joanne Gutowsky, of Novi; and the Rev. Ron Richards, of Canton. With Archbishop Allen Vigneron as host, the evening began with Mass at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by a reception and dinner for Guest House's patrons at



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Mark Ringvelski, a 2002 graduate of Novi High School, is one of the lead actors in the national road show of the 2012 Tony Award revival of "Anything Goes." Mark (stage name, Marcus Shane) is touring 25 cities in the U.S. and Canada throughout the next year. He was a member of the Novi High honors choir and madrigal singers and appeared in musicals at the high school. A graduate of the drama school at Western Michigan University, Mark is a resident of Manhattan in

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### **Music woman**

Academy owner hits high note with local business

online at hometownlife.com

Jessica Schatz, 27, has been teaching pia no since age 15 and will soon be doubling the size of her Expressions Music Academy in

Novi's Eaton Plaza. "I've been teaching piano for a long time, she the Walled Lake resident. After graduating in 2009 from Rochester College in Rochester Hills with a bachelor's degree in piano performance. Schatz opened the Novi Piano Academy in her dad's home.

"I started fresh here when I graduated," she said. Her student load grew to about 40 in a year, so she began to mull a commercial building and instruc-

Expressions Music Academy (www.ExpressionsMusicAcademy. com) opened in September 2010. It now offers extensive private lessons of instruction on many musical instruments as well as show

She plans to double the facility to 5,000 square feet. Currently, there are six private teaching studios, with 13 on tap after the expansion, as well as a large room for After the expansion,

there will be a "Music Lab" equipped with educational programs, practice keyboards for students to warm up on,



Renneker, 8, at Expressions Music Academy on Oct. 15.

and music educational movies playing on a wall-mounted TV.

"I am still doing some teaching," said Schatz, who has about 24 students, "I'm here all day doing all kinds of stuff," including administrative work. She likes teaching "talented, talented kids" she's been with a long time when

she can. Among talented students is Lindsay Webster, 15, of Novi, a sophomore at Mercy High

Hills. Webster, daughter of Cindy and David used to take piano and now does mostly voice and choirs.

"I love it there," said Webster, who with her mom found out about the academy from a flier passed out by Schatz "I think it's a great place for everyone of all ages. It really is my home away from home

Webster helps with choirs, and is there one to five hours a week. She's interested in musical theater professional-



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Expressions Music Academy teacher Mike Morgan, left, instructs Dale Tuner, 17, in guitar on Oct. 15 at the 10 Mile Road studio

#### **DETAILS**

Hours: Expressions Music Academy is busiest after school, 3-9 p.m. weekdays and is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays and most Sundays as well. Location: 10 Mile, west of Novi Road in Eaton Plaza Contact: One can reach Expressions Music Academy at (248) 773-8364 or by e-mail at info@ExpressionsMusicAcademy.com. On Facebook, check www.facebook. com/ExpressionsMusicAcademy.

ly and does shows at the University of Detroit-Jesuit High School. recently returning from a "Cyrano de Bergerac"

rehearsal. "I've made three of my best friends there," the teen said of Expressions Music Academy, adding her teachers are professionals but also "genuinely nice people."

Teaching ways include piano, the most guitar. There's also voice, cello, violin, vio-, flute, woodwinds, oboe, drums, clarinet,

In January 2011, the staff started a choir based on the popular TV show "Glee," which the students like. There's an Expressions of Glee for ages 9-15, who also do some acting in a blend of class and perfor-

saxophone and more.

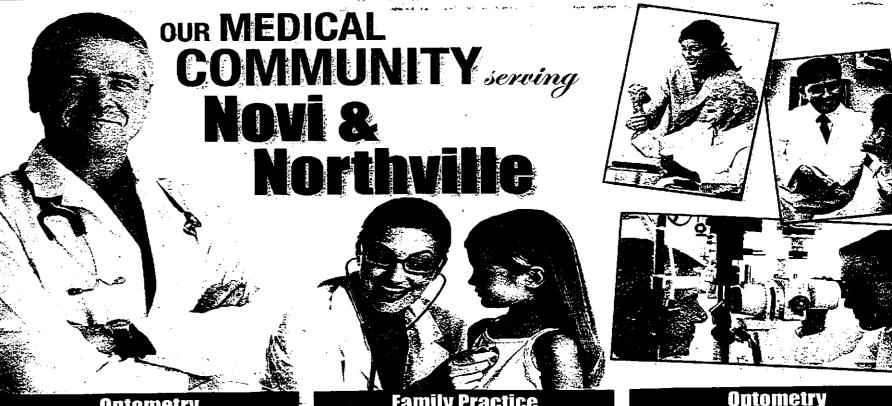
mance group. There are a couple Tiny Expressions for

Intermezzo show choir for ages 13-18. Parents and young children can enjoy Music Together, for young children birth

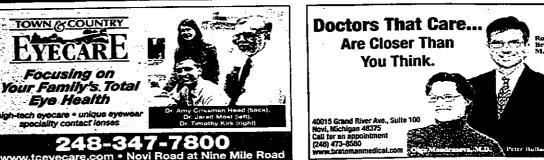
Schatz noted students are as young as 6 months on up to their mid-60s, with lots of adults. The business is ethnically diverse with many Chinese, Japanese, Korean, and Indian students as well as students who recently moved here from Mexico. Germany, France. Poland, Africa and Rus-

Expressions Music Academy draws from nearby communities, as well as Ann Arbor, Dearborn Heights, Howell and other dis-

"I think that people enjoy the process of creating music," she



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### Hunt continues for I-96 corridor shooter

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By Aileen Wingblad

Staff Writer The hunt continues for the suspect in last week's string of shootings at Wiyom seven in Ingham vehicles and one person County, and one each in Livingston County, Perin Oakland, Livingston, Ingham and Shiawassee

According to Oakland County Sheriff Mike Bouchard, tests indicate the same gun was used in seven of the shootings six in Wixom and one in Livingston County.

Bouchard said an empty casing from a 9mm was discovered at one of the shooting scenes, but that has not yet been forensically connected to the

In all, 22 reported shootings are believed to be linked. They include two in Commerce, 10 in

ry and Shiawassee County. All took place between Oct. 16-18. No injuries have been reported, but several close calls have occurred, police said. At the first incident reported —

which happened outside a Wixom house on Hopkins Street — a resident "described it as feeling the shots passing by the top of his head," said Clarence Goodlein, Wix-

om's director of public safety. In another of the Wixom shootings, a bullet passed through the driver's side door and ended up lodged in the passenger's side door.

Working to solve the case is a task force comprised of staff from the Wixom and Walled Lake police departments, Oakland County Sheriff's Office, Livingston County Sheriff's Office, Ingham County Sheriff's Department, the Michigan State Police, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, Michigan State University Police Department, Michigan Intelligence Operations

took place Oct. 18. Investigators said the witness also described the suspect's vehicle as resembling a 1998 Oldsmobile Alero or 1998 Toyota Camry, Citizens are encouraged to call 1-800-SPEAK IJP if they have information regarding the person

or the vehicle that may be

involved. They are also

An artist's rendering of the

A composite sketch

released by investigators

was obtained from infor-

County incidents that

mation provided by a wit-

ness to one of the Ingham

suspected shooter.

urged to remain vigilant in reporting further suspicious activity. "Typically, someone

knows something in cases like these," said Clarence Goodlein, Wixom's director of public safety. "They have to do the

right thing and call us." Goodlein said sometimes people are reluctant to contact police, not realizing that their tip especially when combined with other tips could be quite valuable to investigators working to

Oakland County Sheriff Mike Bouchard agreed. "Even the smallest tidbits of information are important things for our detectives to run down," Dennis Powers, 52-1 District judge, said

Suspected Novi drunken

driver flees Milford cops,

solve the case.

his office at the courthouse just east of Wixom Road has received multiple calls from concerned residents over the past several days. He said he advised those whose

take an alternate route, noting he has done so, as well, from his Highland residence

Powers called the perpetrator "a mini-terrorist and a coward.' "It's absolutely a cow-

ardice act to shoot at innocent, unarmed peo ple," he said. "It's obviously someone unbalanced or who has a grudge against society."

Goodlein is confident the shooter will be caught, and in the meantime has ordered extra police patrol in the Wixom area with "special attention at the schools."

"It's just a matter of time before we find who is responsible," he said. These types of things don't happen in this community — and I take it very personally. Everyone in the department

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AUDA, ALEXANDER A.

Age 86, of Milford, and formerly of Redford Twp., passed away in the care of his family October 21, 2012, Mr. Auda retired from Detroit Edison after 50 years and served 20 years as a Reserve Po-lice Officer in Redford Twp., re-tiring as Lieutenant. Preceded in death by his wife Elizabeth "Betry" Auda. Survived by daughters Lynne Auda, Judy Hewelt, and Sharon (David) Lehr; grandchil-dren Nicole, Cara, Ryan and dren Nicote, Cara, Ryan and Matthew, Funeral Service will be held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty St., Milford, on Thursday at 7 PM. Friends may visit Thursday 2-9 PM. In lieu of flowers, donations of National Pargentic Caper. to: National Pancreatic Cance Foundation or Angela Hospice. For further information. phone 248.684.6645 or visit

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Age 92. July 21, 1920 - October 16, 2012. Beloved wife of the late Lloyd. Dear mother of Don-ald (Patricia), Shirley (Ronald) Slobodnik and the late Gerald L. Mother-in-Law of Rosie, Lov-ing grandmother of John, Amy, Jeffrey, Eric, Timothy, Michael & James, and great grandmother of 15. Sister of Wesley (Sharon) Nelson. Visitation was at the O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi (248) 348-1800, Funeral service was Oct. 19th at Novi United Methodist Church with Rev. June Smith officiating. In-terment took place at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens, Novi. Online condolences www obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

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DUDGEON, ROBERT JAMES ROBERT JAMES
Age 79, passed away in the care
of his family October 17, 2012.
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his beloved wife of over 52
years. Survived by his children
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(John Peterson) Wilson, and
George (Anita) Dudgeon: 13
grandchildren and three greatgrandchildren; sister Joyce (the ice was held from Lynch & Sons, Milford on October 23, 2012. Fr. Leo Lulko officiated. Poor, Inc., 6401 Lyons Road. Coconut Creek, FL 33073;

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HORST, DOUGLAS F. Age 79, October 17, 2012. Beloved husband of Lennis. Loving father of Rudy (Suzanne), Paula McNeely, Douglas (Mindy), Russ, Jennifer (Ricky) Harr and the late Victoria. Also survived by 17 loving grandchildren. Dear brother of Shirley Russell and the late Rudy Horst. A memorial gathering will be from 4 to 7 PM, Friday, October 26th at the Northrop - Sassaman Funeral Home, 19091 Northville Rd., Nortarop - Sassaman Function Home, 19091 Northville Rd., Northville, Memorial Mass, Sat-urday, October 27th, from 9:30 AM until time of Mass 10:00 AM at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church, Northville, A memorial luncheon at the church will immediately follow. In lieu will immediately follow, In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to The Life Raft Group.

www.liferaftgroup.org. Donation envelopes will be available at the visitation.



DUNNABECK, SR. JOSEPH F.

96, of Northville, passed to eter-nal life October 15, 2012 at his home surrounded by the love of his family. Born in Detroit on May 20, 1916 to Joseph F, and Nellie Carbery Dunnabeck, he graduated Cass Tech High School in 1935 and went to work at American Standard Industrial Division for 40 years, retiring in 1975 as Maintenance Supervisor. In 1942, he married Mary E. Holian who preceded him in death in 1972. He was a Northville resident since 1952 and an active member of Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church since then. He was a devout Catholic who prayed the rosary daily. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, the St. Vincent de Paul Society, an usher and extraordinary minister. In 1975, he married Lillian Krezel who preceded him in death in In addition to his wives

who preceded him in death in death by son, Thomas Dunnabeck; son-in-law, Bruce White; granddaughter, Kristina Hooker; brother, Edward Dunnabeck; sister, Helen Dunnabeck; sister, Helen Alband; and close brother-in-law, Thomas Holian. Left to cherish his memory are three children, Joseph (Karen) Dunnabeck, Mary Jo (John) Hooker, and Nancy White; daughter-in-law. Patsy daughter-in-law, Patsy Dunnabeck; eleven grandchil-

Dunnabeck, eleven grandenidren, Laura Chichester, Joseph
E. Dunnabeck, Lisa Dattilio,
Sherri (Mitch) Crossley, Janet
Dunnabeck, Patti Green, Donna
(Bernie) Brosnan, Tim Hooker,
Colleen White, Shawn White,
and Devin White: 13 greatgrandehildren: one great greatgrandchildren; one great greatndchild; dear Janet Holian: several nieces and nephews, and numerous friends in Florida and Michigan. A Fu-neral Mass was held Friday, Oc-tober 19, 2012 at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church in Northville. Father Denis Theroux officiated the service. Mr. Dunnabeck was laid to rest at Holy Cross Cemetery in Detroit. In lieu of flowers the fami-ly suggests donations in Joe's memory to: Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist, P.O. Box 365, Ann Arbor, MI 48106; St. Paul of the Cross Re-treat Center, 23333 Schoolcraft, Detroit, MI 48223; Food for the

Elliot Detroit M1 48207. of Northville.

ROE, SALLY ROE, SALLY

Age 79, passed away October
18, 2012. She was born on July
5, 1933, in Grosse Point, to the
late Ronald and Audrey (Winters) Russell. She was Account
Manager at Carson Business Interiors in Southfield. Sally is survived by her loving husband Larry R. Roe; children: Gene and
Lisa Keyes, Barbara and Donald
Tinsley, Carolyn and Tom Gossard, Emery Roe, Carlton Roe;
her sister Kay Culp: sister-in-law her sister Kay Culp; sister-in-law Shirley Russell; 15 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.
She was preceded in death by her
sons: David and James; and her
brother George. Visitation will
be held on Oct. 22. Monday.

Lake Street, South Lyon. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

May **peace** be with you in this time of sorrow.



Age 77, a longtime resident of Northville, passed away October 21, 2012. He was born on August 13, 1935 in Detroit, son of Raymond and Guerral gust 13, 1935 in Detroit, son of Raymond and Gwendolyn (nee Rudolph) Fischer. He graduated from U of D High School and from the University of Notre Dame with a Bachelor of Sci-ence in Commerce. Joe was unit-ed in marriage to Mary Loo Ryan on October 4, 1958; they spent 54 loving years together. He retired from the Purchasing Department at Ford Motor Com-Department at Ford Motor Company after 30 years of loyal service. Joe was a hospice volunteer in Michigan and Florida for many years. He loved to play golf and was an avid sports fan. He was a loving, caring and respectful husband, father, and grandfather. Joe was a very genuine man and a great friend to many. He is survived by his wife, Mary Lou; his children, Lynn Fischer, Ray Fischer, and Michael Fischer; his sisterinlaw, Theresa Fischer; and his grandchildren, Ray IV, Jack, Alysse, Michael, and Kit. He was preceded in death by his pa-Department at Ford Motor Cor Alysse, Michael, and Kit. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brothers Robert and James. Visitation will be held Thursday, October 25 from 4-8pm with a scripture service at 7pm at Casterline Funeral Home, 122 West Dunlap, Northville. The funeral mass will be held Friday, October 26 at 10am, instate at 9:30am at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church, 133

Victory Catholic Church, 133 Orchard, Northville, Memorial 5130 Rose Hill Blvd., Holly, M. GEORGE. EDWARD B. Online condolences www.

GREENWELL. DONALD SR. May 11, 1926 - October 16, 2012 Online condolences www. obriensullivanfuneralhome.com



Age 46. of Northville, passed away October 16, 2012. He was born in Sudbury, Ontario, Cana-da, son of Percy and Violet (Malashewski) Rogers. He was united in marriage to Linda J. Townsend on March 31, 2006. Kevin was a caring husband and generous man. He worked as a biomedical technician for biomedical technician for Surgitech at Beaumont Hospital after receiving his degree from Schoolcraft College. He was an avid gamer, a computer whiz, and a great handyman. Kevin was a lifelong hockey player; he played for the OHL and any pickup game he could. He is survived by his beloved wife Linda Rogers; his son Jayden Rogers: Rogers; his son Jayden Rogers;

(Jana) Rogers; his step-children Megan and Michael MacLean; his niece Zoe Rogers; and his nephew Ethan Rogers. A memo-rial service was held at the First Presbyterian Church of 3:00 - 9:00 p.m. Funeral service Oct. 23, Tuesday, 11:00 a.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, 122 West Northville. Memorial contribu-tions would be appreciated to Henry Ford Liver Transplant, 1 Ford Place Ste 5A, Detroit, Mi

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By Aileen Wingblad A high-speed police chase through Milford early Sunday morning led to the arrest of a 27-year-old Novi man, who now faces charges of fleeing and eluding as well as drunk driving. Braden Mathis was arraigned later that day by Magistrate Marie Soma and given a \$15,000 bond with 10 percent cash surety. The incident began shortly after 1 a.m.

Oct. 21 when a Milford patrol officer reportedly saw Mathis fail to completely stop at the intersection of Washington and Main streets and then travel into the path of a minivan. A collision was narrowly avoided, police said.

When the officer attempted to pull over Mathis, he allegedly sped off. The pursuit continued through the village limits and south into the rest of the township along Milford Road at speeds up to 75 mph, with Mathis reportedly driving over a lawn, jumping a curb and running over a gas line marker in his attempt to escape from

As he approached Pontiac Trail, his front passenger tire blew, but Mathis continued south, running a red light near the on ramp



of I-96. By this time, another Milford police officer and an Oakland County Sheriff's deputy had joined the pursuit. Mathis also reportedly ran a red light at Grand River and Milford roads, with sparks flying from

the passenger side of his car. The chase ended about 200 feet past the intersection, when Mathis stopped in the

roadway and was ordered out of his car at Police said Mathis' blood alcohol content of .20 percent subjects him to stiffer penalties than those imposed on drivers with BACs less than .17 percent, the cutoff point

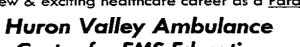
for "high blood alcohol content." Mathis reportedly called himself an idiot multiple times following his arrest. Police said he told them he fled because he had drunk too much to drive.

According to reports, the roadway was dry and traffic light during the pursuit. Mathis was scheduled for a pre-exam conference Oct. 17 with 52-1 District Judge

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Dobek's family moved to Novi "the day John F. Kennedy was shot" and he stayed there until 1970 when he enlisted in the

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Army. His active duty military career took him around the world, including Korea and Germany. Dobek earned numerous decorations throughout his career. including the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal and National Defense Service Medal. After leaving active duty, he served stints with the Michigan and Iowa Army National Guard and Army

Dobek, 60, has been retired just over 23 years now, and the couple has a home in Iowa "which we see about a month or two a year.'

That's because they take the replica wall all over the country to 26-36 sites per year. A normal visitation includes escorting on Tuesday; set-up on Wednesday; viewing Thursday-Sunday; disable on Monday: and then off to the next site on Tuesday.

From Dearborn, the Dobeks will be off to Richland for the only other Michigan stop this year before heading to Pennsylvania. There is also a traveling muse-

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### McCulloch has track record for water resources commissioner

For most citizens, it's one of those "out of sight, out of mind" public offices that you only know about if you've had specific issues relating to the duties of that office.

But, we'd venture a guess that most Oakland County residents do not know much about the water resources commissioner, formerly known as the Oakland County drain commissioner. Every four



years, this person is elected to manage a large department, the Water Resources Commission, which provides many services — related to drinking water, storm water management and sanitary sewer systems — to 61 communities in Oakland County.

On Nov. 6, voters county-

wide will decide between Republican incumbent John McCulloch of Royal Oak and Democratic candidate Jim Nash of Farmington Hills. They're both quality candidates for the job, but vary

greatly in their focus and skill sets.

Nash has a passion for environmental stewardship; McCulloch has the administrative experience that's needed to run this department with a regional focus. Nash also has experience in regional efforts, but McCulloch has that political savvy edge that has proven necessary in this job.

McCulloch, who has 22 years experience in county politics — he served a decade on the county commission — has found himself in the middle of highly politically-charged situations, including the reorganization of the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department. McCulloch led the charge, submitting a motion to federal Judge Sean Cox that stipulates clean water compliance issues for the Detroit system.

McCulloch insisted the DWSD oversight board members be appointed by the individual counties, instead of the mayor of Detroit. He insisted that this board have a super-majority when approving any rate increases or infrastructure projects. An attorney, he knew how to get this accomplished, even in the midst of corruption allegations involving the DWSD's leadership.

As a CPA, McCulloch has the know-how and the mindset to manage the millions of dollars and the multi-million infrastruc-

ture projects throughout the county.

With 12 years at the WRC, McCulloch has been through the urban sprawl, which required his department to focus on design and construction of infrastructure, to the current needs that require a rebuilding or repairing of the older infrastructure.

repairing of the older infrastructure. He has proven that he can run this department, which has more than 225 employees and has shown that he's not afraid to fight for Oakland County on the regional playing field.

egional playing field.

McCulloch is the best choice on Nov. 6.

### Fight breast cancer

October marks the observance of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, a time to focus on raising awareness about the disease and raising money to promote research to find a cure. Breast cancer is recognized for 31 days, but the disease is an every day thing. The first Breast Cancer Awareness observance took place in October 1985 and 27 years later, the message is still the same: The best way for a woman to reduce the risk of dying from breast cancer is early detection with regular self-examinations and annual mammograms after the age of

Every woman is at risk, so early detection is the key to survival. Early screening for breast cancer can reduce deaths by more than 20 percent, but only 56 percent of Michigan women age 40 and older report having appropriately timed breast cancer screening.



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**OPINION** 

#### What are you going to be for Halloween?



"A superhero ... Captain America." Michael Niemi, with his grandfather, Mike Bouchei



on." "]' Erica Benham <sub>Novi</sub>

(left) Novi "A black cat." Bella Schultz

Sydney O'Donnell



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Cassidy Keleman, with her mother, Jennifer

#### LETTERS

#### Win at any cost

An ethical defect of some Republicans is their proclivity to presume in others unconscionable behavior of which they are frequently guilty. A recent example is the incredulous reaction to the announced reduction in unemployment released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (Unemployment down from 8.1 in August to 7.8 in September).

Republican Jack Welsh, former CEO of G.E., was one of the first prominent figures to question the reliability of the unassailable numbers. He was joined by U.S. Rep. Allen West, R-Fla., and others.

Are they inadvertently admitting, "That's what we would do if the opportunity arose?" It makes one wonder how much number-juggling is done by Republican stalwarts. Did Jack Welsh "cook the books" while serving as CEO of General Electric? He obviously believes it feasible. Win at any cost is their mantra.

Patrick M. Downey

### Biden's poor showing

not debatable I watched the debate between Joe Biden and Paul Rvan, I must have flipped through three to four different channels before realizing I hadn't stumbled upon a teeth-whitening infomercial by mistake. It was my wife who finally convinced me. that it really was Joe Biden sitting up there behind all those teeth. I don't think I'm stretching it one iota by saying that Joe has the finest piece of dental work that our tax dollars can buy. I can honestly say that we've finally gotten our money's worth on a piece of government spending. I had always heard that Joe had a little problem with foot-in-mouth disease. Not true. I can assure that there isn't enough spare space in that mouth to stuff a baby bootie let alone a size 12.

I do have to admit that I did find Biden's perpetual smiling and smirking to be just a little annoying. Expecting moderator Martha Raddatz to jump in and bring some sort of order to this silliness was, however, a bit far-fetched. After all, she is a personal friend of Barack Obama and he actually attended her wedding and then appointed her husband chairman of the Federal Trade Commission. So much for any

Commission. So much for any impartialness.

I do understand that Biden was under strict marching orders from Obummer to make up some of the ground he had lost to Romney in last week's debate, but Joe has to understand that he can't get it all back in one chunk. Being condescending just isn't going to do it. Sooner or

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later you're going to have to put some substance in your remarks (and acting a little vice presidential wouldn't hurt either).

Watching Joe's performance, I couldn't help wondering how he comes across when he is standing in for the president in meetings with foreign leaders and dignitaries. If this performance was any sort of indication, they must consider him a simpleton who needs to be looked after (or they probab! think the CIA is up to its old tricks). Referring to Israeli President Benjamin Netanyahu as "BiBi" just isn't cricket. We know that you were trying to give the impression that you and the prez are old friends and are on a first-name basis with Mr. Netanyahu, but only his very best friends call him BiBi (and certainly not in public). How would like it if he called you "smiley" on national TV?

Dave Shingler

#### Romney's

a bad choice Concerning the upcoming presidential elections, to put it simply, President Obama must win. His opponent, Gov. Romney of Massachusetts, is not a person who should be allowed to occupy the most powerful position in the free v orld. At the first presidential debates on Oct. 4 of this year, ThinkProgress counted 27 lies in 38 minutes from Mr. Romney. The following day, Mr. Romney admitted to telling only a single lie. To parrot the commercial, if we cannot trust Mr. Romney behind the debate podium, we cannot possibly trust the same man in the Oval Office. The full list of Mr. Romney's untruths cannot be fully recounted in a brief letter, but they can easily be

found from any independent

fact-checker.

Mr. Romney does not appear to be capable of staying to a single platform, or indeed political orientation. Eighteen months ago, Mr. Romney played the part of the conservative Republican, but he has since removed that mask and replaced it with that of a moderate candidate. He has denied his oft-touted policies, and his opponents appear to know his policies better than he himself does.

Most importantly, this is a man who has blown off 47 percent of the country, dismissing them as die-hard Obama supporters and saying it isn't his job to worry about them. The question is, can the United States of America trust a man who disregards half the country, or a man who cannot decide what he believes? The voting community among us must vote to re-elect President Obama — if not for his merits and policies, then because his opposition is not a choice that can be contemplated.

Cody Renton

#### Voting for change

As the election approaches, all the newspapers are coming out with their endorsements of candidates. Some papers are now endorsing incumbent candidates that they had called out just a few months ago for their part in the Oakland County Republican power grab. In their scheme to keep the Oakland County Board of Commissioners in Republican control, legislators crafted legislation applying to Oakland County only, This making of new rules when they didn't like the way the game was going allowed the current county commissigners to draw the required new districts, thus improving conditions for Republican candidates.

It seems hypocritical that a newspaper would recommend voter support for such candidates after calling them out for taking part in such an undemocratic, partisan action. However, their endorsement comes as no surprise as this same paper endorsed now disgraced Congressman Thad McCotter every time and probably would this election also had he not been ousted by a temp worker at the Secretary of State's office.

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Voters should keep all this in mind when deciding which candidate to vote for. Vote for the same candidate and get the same old ways, or vote for a new candidate and actually get some changes. I'm voting for Chuck Tindall for state representative and Gwen Markham for county commissioner. They will bring needed change for Oakland County.

Cynthia Churches

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# PRO: Too many uncertainties | 0 with new bridge proposal

By Paul Opsommer

or years, supporters of the New International Trade Crossing between Detroit and Windsor have promoted the benefits a new bridge would bring to Michigan.

As chair of the House Transportation

Committee, I have followed this matter with great interest. After reviewing all of the facts, I am deeply concerned that citizens in my district and statewide will be stuck sending their tax dollars to Detroit for an unneed-

ed and unlawful project.

I believe the people of

Michigan deserve a say

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on this issue, that's why I support Proposal 6.
In agreeing to indebt the people of Michigan to a foreign power without legislative approval, Gov.Snyder has taken a tremendous gamble on the future fiscal health of our state. There are too many uncertainties, and too much at stake, for taxpayers to be cut out of the decision making process for an infrastructure project of this magni-

an infrastructure project of this magnitude.

The Legislature has tried to be a productive partner in this process. The fact remains, however, that during formal House committee hearings and following Senate Committee hearings, seven

concerns have never been addressed:
1. No investment grade study has been conducted to support claims that tolls will pay for the bridge.
2. No legislative oversight is included

in the agreement with Canada.

3. No reference to the Michigan "Open Meetings Act" in the proposed agreement. Federal Courts have ruled this is needed to ensure American access to meetings.

4. No ban or limit to the creation of

a community benefits program for Detroit and Windsor. During House discussion Detroit wanted \$100 million with no strings attached.

5. The Governor's agreement violates PA 63 sec 384 passed by the legislators and signed by the Governor. It states, "MDOT shall not commit the state to any new contract related to the construction planning or construction of the Detroit River International Crossing

or a renamed successor unless the Legislature has enacted specific enabling legislation to allow for construction."

6. The agreement has no reference to the Michigan Freedom of Information Act. Federal courts have ruled that the news and media outlets in New York have no standing when requesting information on New York/Canadian bridge authorities.

7. The governor's agreement violates PA 236 which was passed by the legislature and signed by the Governor in June of 2012.

In reference to concern number one, the House Transportation Committee received some additional information. This past spring executives from the

Detroit Windsor Tunnel and the Detroit Windsor Rail Tunnel testified that traffic increases between the two cities will not exceed 1.5 percent in the foreseeable future. This figure is consistent with economic forecasts related to the crossing needs given in both the Michigan House and Senate.

In addition, the "public private partnership" industry admits that projects of this scope and magnitude have large cost overruns and typically over estimate potential future revenue by as much as 50 percent. We have two examples of this happening right here in Michigan: our own Mackinac Bridge and the second span built between Port Huron and Sarnia.

Finally, Gov. Snyder has promised the NITC would bring jobs and enhance industry in our state. But as a Canadian Crossing Authority will control the design and construction of the bridge, and the governor has requested a waiver from federal requirements for the use of only U.S.-produced iron and steel, there is great uncertainty as to whether the project would bring any tangible benefits to Michigan.

Proposal 6 does not stop the construction of the bridge, it simply gives us a say. The governor may believe he can ignore the will of the people's elected officials, but he cannot ignore the people when they voice their will directly. That is why I will be voting YES on Proposal 6.

Rep. **Paul Opsommer**, R-Dewitt, represents Michigan's 93rd District in the State House of Representatives, where he serves as Associate Speaker Pro Tempore and Chair of the House Transportation Committee.

# CON: 'No' vote on Proposal 6 good for jobs, economy

By Gov. Rick Snyder

proposal 6 is bad for Michigan's future. It asks voters to approve a constitutional amendment that would require a vote of the people before any new bridge or tunnel could be built between Michigan and Canada. Because the proposal is poorly

written, it may impact new bridges needed across the state as well. I am voting NO

because it jeopardizes a binding agreement Michigan has made with Canada for a New International Trade Crossing at no cost to

our state — threatening the creation of thousands of jobs — and because it could hamper future projects needed to improve our state's infrastructure. A billion-dollar special interest is funding this proposal and is spending millions of dollars to air misleading advertisements to coerce your vote. This special interest actually owns the existing 83-year-old Ambassador Bridge, a trucking company that hauls things across the bridge, and even a

the existing 83-year-old Ambassador Bridge, a trucking company that hauls things across the bridge, and even a gas station conveniently located nearby. It's understandable that such a monopoly would fight so hard to keep things the same. But what's good for this monopoly is not good for Michigan.

The importance of the crossing cannot be overstated. It is the single most important trade crossing between the

United States and Canada, our country's number one trade partner. Nearly 70 percent of all commercial truck traffic in the region, about 8,000 trucks every day, crosses our two countries at that location. That equated to more than \$120 billion in goods last year alone. About 218,000 Michigan jobs rely on trade with our neighbor. It is significant. But the Ambassador Bridge is outdated, vulnerable and actually limits our economic growth. We need both bridges.

A 21st century economy deserves a modern infrastructure, particularly when it involves America's busiest trade crossing. In June, I joined Canada's Prime Minister Stephen Harper in announcing the New International Trade Crossing between Detroit and Windsor. This new bridge will provide direct, highway to highway access for commuters, unlike the existing span that dumps traffic onto city streets.

Also, the new bridge will be six lanes wide and feature dedicated lanes for prescreened commercial haulers, which will benefit the auto industry and is one of the reasons why Ford, Chrysler and General Motors all support the plan. The Ambassador Bridge is narrow, which often causes lengthy traffic backups. A new, more efficient customs plaza will also enable speedy inspections. All of these modern features will allow more products made and grown in Michigan to be marketed and sold faster, and that's good for our businesses and families.

The NTTC is all about jobs. It will better support the hundreds of thousands of existing jobs that rely on trade with Canada. In the short term i would create nearly 12,000 good-paying construction-related jobs to build the bridge, and in the long term it will create even more.

Thousands of citizens, major manufacturers and retailers, chambers of commerce, and Republican and Democratic leaders all recognize it is a wonderful opportunity for Michigan and one that will not cost us anything.

The cost of the NITC has been a major focus of proponents of Proposal 6. Misleading ad after misleading ad claims it will cost Michigan. Those ads are not true. The NITC will not cost Michigan taxpayers. Independent reviews have verified this fact. Canada will fund the bridge entirely and a private concessionaire will design, build, finance and operate it.

A "No" vote on Proposal 6 is a vote for Michigan and will help create more and better jobs and a future for our kids.

Rick Snyder is serving his first term as Michigan governor. You can reach his office at (517) 335-7858 or at rick.snyder@michigan.gov. You can find him online at Facebook.com/RickForMichigan or Twitter.com/OneToughNerd.



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# Medical miracle

### Reattached hand puts man in medical history books

By Julie Brown

Todd Nadeau, 51, of Northville Township holds a place in medical

Nadeau was working a summer job at a downtown Northville car wash site, a summer job when an industrial accident severed

"I had just turned 18" and was a Detroit Catholic Central High senior, the psychologist recalled. "The saw was still moving. The next thing I knew my hand was severed.

Young Nadeau was rushed to then-St. Mary Hospital in Livonia and from there to Harper Hospital in Detroit where they had a team of hand surgeons.'

His first operation was 15 hours, with more surgeries to follow. "It was the first successful reattachment," Nadeau said. "I've had 22 major surgeries (since), about thing like that, you're just gripping the steer-

120 hours of surgeries.' He has about 20 percent use of the injured right hand, and can grip with it. Nadeau engineered braces approved by the NCAA



hand in a 1979 accident. He continues to wear a special sleeve to protect the limb.

(National Collegiate Athletic Association) to allow him to play basketball as a Wayne State University and Albion College student. The accident was

Aug. 12, 1979, said Nadeau, who didn't set out to make medical history. "That wasn't my goal. You go through some-

ing wheel as tight as His great family and school helped, "a lot of encouraging people. It helped me to weather

Nadeau had been in several sports at CC but focused on basketball as a senior. "Most people didn't give me a vhole lot of respect" as an injured athlete, he

LOCALNEWS

He still plays basketball at Our Lady of Victory in Northville and St. James in Novi.

Nadeau works with traumatic brain injury patients, who also must earn to cope. "Now all of a sudden you have a tragedy. You've got to cope and deal with it. He gets a lot of questions about his inju-

ry. "It was a miracle to have it saved. I was blessed to have strong Nadeau earned a B.S. in biology from Albi-

on along with a B.A. in

psychology there. He

also holds an M.A. from

Western Michigan University in psychology. He works out of Novi and Grand Blanc offices as a psychologist. Nadeau is married to Julie and dad to two daughters in 10th and ninth grades and a son in first grade.



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Novi psychologist Todd Nadeau severed his right hand in a 1979 accident and was one of the first successful reattachments of a limb in the state of Michigan. He went on to play basketball in college using a padded brace that he designed himself. Nadeau wears the padded brace in this photo and also holds another brace he developed for weight lifting.

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The City of Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department will host the third annual arts and crafts show as part of the popular Light Up the Night event. The craft show will take place from 6-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30 at the Novi Civic Center. More than 2,000 people are expected to attend to event.

The cost to participate in the show \$30 and includes two tables and two chairs. Electricity is also available for an additional \$5 cost. Crafters keep all proceeds from the evening. Interested people should complete an application, which can be found at cityofnovi.org or the Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Office, located at 45175 West Ten Mile Road. The deadline for submitting applications is Friday, Nov. 9.

In addition to the craft show, Light Up the Night includes live entertainment,



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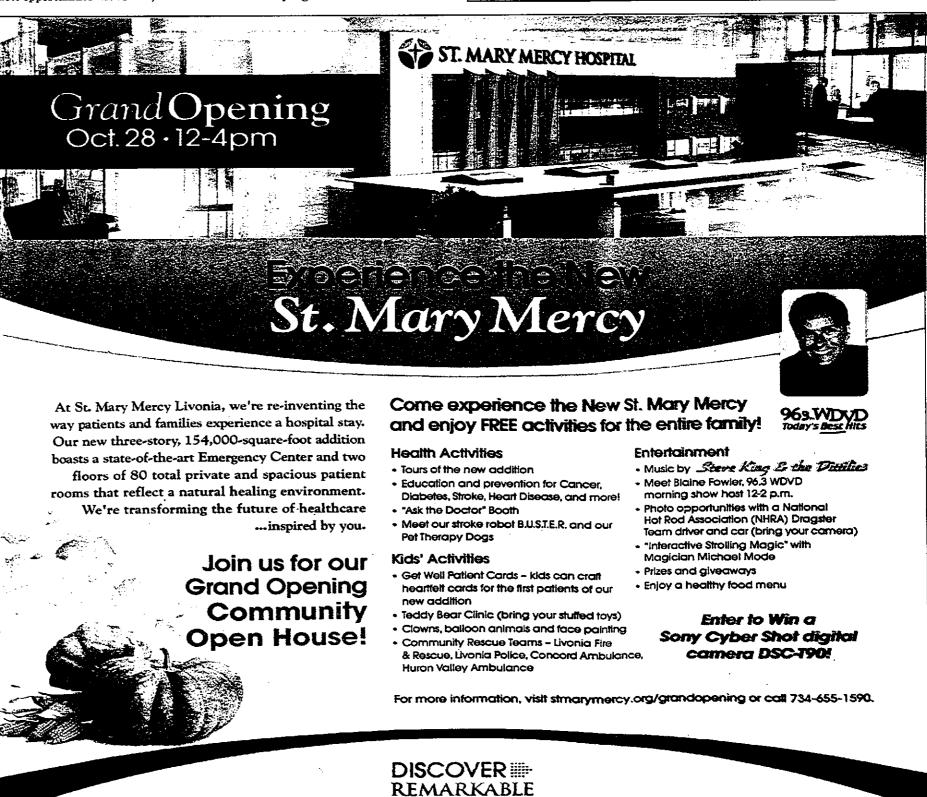


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have seen all year. It was so stifling, in fact, that it held the Catholic Central offense to just 14 snaps

in the first half for a net total of 21 yards over the

first two quarters-and, unfortunately, that's not a

They played with a ton of determination and

"To hold an opponent to 14 offensive snaps-that's

grit and deserve all the credit for it," said Mach.

all we had in the first half-that's a great effort."

The Eaglets also had a strong offensive pres-

ence, too, which helped quell a second-half upris-ing by the Shamrocks. As Catholic Central nar-

rowed the game to 14-10 in the third quarter, the

Orchard Lake St. Mary's crew upped their efforts

out Parker McInnis, before adding another score

behind a 36-yard McInnis run followed by Grant

Niemiec crossing the goal line from one-yard out

In the third quarter, the Shamrocks got on the

board with a one-yard rumble by David Houle to

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and scored on a 45-yard scamper by Eaglets' stand-

their coaching staff,"

said Mach. "They were

ready to play and real-

ly just 'manned un' and

handled us on the line of

The glaring difference

in the game between the

two teams was the fact

that Orchard Lake St. Mary's brought the best

which team would wear

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football team (5-4)

will be on the grid-

iron again when they

for the first round of

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rocks and the Eagles

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Novi junior Brian Barnes (left) and sophomore Nate Hall both earned All-Conference honors by finishing in the top 20 Oct. 18 at the KLAA Kensington Conference meet. Barnes finished 10th in 16:40 and Hall was 15th in 16:47.

### Wildcat harriers run to sixth in conference

Personal records pace Wildcat racers, JV wins secondary race

All five scoring Wildcats ran personal bests at the KLAA boys cross country Kensington Conference championship, but the field was just too deep for Novi to com-

pete.
The Wildcats (2-3) fin-

Oct. 18 at Huron Meadows with 154 points as three of the five other Central Division teams with Northville's 47 points winning the conference title.

"It was a highly competitive field today," Novi coach Robert Smith said.

finishers came from dif ferent schools. As a team ish somewhere in the middle. It could have

been anywhere from

sixth to ninth. I'm hap-

py that we came in where we did." Novi was led by junior Brian Barnes, who finON TAP Novi's boys cross country squad (2-3) heads to

Regionals 10 a.m. Saturday at Waterford's Hess Hathaway Park to vie for a spot in the Division I state meet Nov. 1 at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn.

ished 10th overall with a time of 16 minutes and 40 seconds, three seconds better than his pre-

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## Hornets sting Wildcats in season finale



Novi seniors Robbie Deighton (No. 11) and Lucas Buck flip Saline senior Caleb Luckett (No. 15) after Luckett extends for a catch during the Hornets' 42-7 win over Novi Oct. 19.

As the lights went out at Saline High School, so did the high school football careers for 28 Novi seniors.

The season finale wasn't the outcome the Wildcats (1-8, 1-4 KLAA Central) had hoped for. The Hornets (8-1, S-1 SEC Red) simply had too much firepower, crushing Novi 42-7 while gaining nearly 200 more total yards due to four touchdowns from 32 yards out or more.

"They were a very, very gifted foot-ball team, probably the best we've played," Novi coach Todd Pennycuff said. "The quarterback is probably one of the best we've seen. We struggled containing them. We just didn't match up real well. They're a very good football team and we're still young."

Saline senior Gage Hammond (72 yards on one run, 36 yards on three catches) scored two touchdowns on Novi in the first quarter alone; a 32yard reception from senior Tyler Pal-

ka (7-for-8, 124 yards) 2:22 into the game and a 72-yard run with 1:42 left

The latter came just 10 seconds and two plays after a 2-yard touchdown run by Novi senior Emmanuel Jackson (77 yards on 18 runs), which were the Wildcats' only points of the game along with senior Justin Danks' point

Trailing 14-7 after one quarter, the Wildcats still had a shot at being in the game, but a steady Saline defense and faulty offensive drives kept Novi off the board. Although Novi had more first downs (12-9), Saline had more yards (380-187) and, most important-

Two plays into a second-quarter drive, Palka (76 yards on six runs) broke free up the left side 2:28 into the quarter for a 71-yard touchdown run that would put the score at 21-7 Saline

The Hornets nearly scored with no

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# Extra time required

### Wildcats kick way to district title in shootout, overtimes

Nothing says Division I boys soccer playoffs like dramatics and Novi's squad keeps coming out on top of it.

Ranked No. 16, the Wildcats (15-3-3), it took a shootout against No. 13 Livonia Stevenson (1-4-5) and two overtimes against unranked Farmington Hills Harrison (9-4-3) to win the district title last week.

Junior Matt Kiura sparked the offense Oct. 17 at Stevenson with a 40-yard free kick into the goal box where there was a scramble before senior Mitch Adams had a shot blocked and sophomore Ryan Kobakof ripped the rebound into the net for a 1-0 lead eight minutes into the

The Spartans scored

kick with 13 minutes left in the half to make it 1-1 at the break with the wind switching to Stevenson's favor for the second half.

Kiura sent a ball to junior Don Nakashima for a goal to take a 2-1 lead 15 minutes into the second half, but Stevenson would rally for a goal on a long throw-in with four minutes to tie the game. Set at 2-2, the two

squads battled through two scoreless overtimes to force a shootout. "Neither team would score in overtime, although when Stevenson had the wind at their back they put a ton of pressure on our goal.

coach Brian O'Leary Kobakof, seniors Tyler Holt, senior Jon Rice,

out Andy Netter and the

defense held on," Novi

their penalty kicks in the came up with a save on Stevenson's fourth shooter to give the 'Cats a 3-2 victory after free kicks.

Harrison also had a tough route to last Saturday's district final, defeating intra-city rival North Farmington (10-7-3) 1-0 in overtime to make it to the game

"They came in with a very defensive game plan, playing only one forward and generating very little offense, O'Leary said of Harrison. "But, to their credit. they got a lot of people behind the ball and really clogged up the middle

Novi outshot Harrison 25-4 on Stevenson's field in the final, but couldn't score until there were 14 minutes left in the game



utes and with no goals in

the first overtime, Oak-

lev won the ball near the

With a smile and a scream Novi High's soccer team rushes towards their teammate Nick Oakley after Oakley's shoot-out goal sealed their Oct. 17 playoff victory over Livonia

#### **ON TAP**

As district champions, the No. 16 Novi's boys soccer team (15-3-3) were scheduled to face Dearborn Heights Crestwood (14-3-1) two nights ago in a regional semifinal in order to play for a regional title 6 p.m. tonight against either Ann Arbor Skyline (15-3-3) or Plymouth (12-7-0). Both games are at Farmington and the regional champion advances to a state semifinal 7 p.m. Wednesday at Saline. The Division I championship is noon Nov. 3 at an unannounced location.

In their district finals, Crestwood beat Dearborn Edsel Ford 2-1, Skyline beat Ann Arbor Pioneer 3-2 and Plymouth defeated No. 3 Plymouth Salem 1-0.

in a free kick from 35 vards out. However, the Hawks took their first shot on goal of the gam minutes later and

sideline and crossed the ball over the goalkeeper to Holt, who was wide open at the back side for a goal. The Hawks turned up the pressure during the final six minutes to try and force a shootout, but Netter made one save from 25 yards out and other offensive attempts never threatened, O'Leary

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#### **NOVI SPORTS ROUND-UP**

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Tied 1-1 after 80 min-

Harrison teammate

**By Chris Jackett** 

golfer finished in top half of field at

Novi junior Lauren Cojei was the lone Wildcat competing at the Division I state meet Oct. 19-20 at Michigan State University's Forest Akers East course. With a two-day score of 179, Cojei finished tied for 43rd overall among a field of 90 golfers with

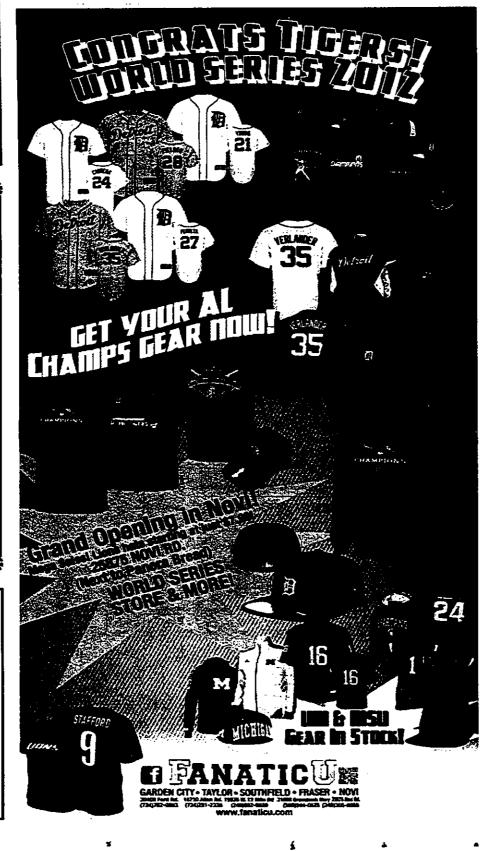
Coiei hit 90 and 89 on the two days, compared to 92

**Novi field hockey** still undefeated, advance to quarterfinals

Sporting the program's best-ever record at 14-0-1. Novi's field hockey team opened its playoff run with a 3-0 victory over 19seed Grosse Pointe South (2-12-2). Seeded third, the Wildcats took control early when Sofi Mosso drib-

home a goal for an early 1-0 lead. The Blue Devils bat tled back and kept the lead limited to one at halftime.

Haley Notarantonio broke some playoff tension early in the second half with a shot into the far corner of the goal from the top of the circle and, with South pushing offensively. Novi's Lauren Brown added an additional buffer goa off a pass from Notaranto nio to put the 'Cats ahead 3-0 while Katrina Koomen and Lola Teran split time as goalkeeper to maintain the



### Novi volleyball grabs KLAA title away from Northville

online at hometownlife.com

They may have finished as runners-up in the KLAA Central Division at 7-3, but Novi's volleyball team sparked at the right time and won the overall KLAA

Novi (31-11-1) lost a tough Kensington Conference crossover 25-23, 16-25, 25-20. 23-25. 15-12 Oct. 16 at No. 16 Canton (28-13-2), which pegged them as fourth in the conference. But when the top three teams from all four KLAA divi sions came together at Novi Oct. 20, it

Novi's No. 12-ranked volleyball squad (31-11-1) heads to the Bedford Tournament 8:30 a.m. Saturday to gear up for districts, which begins 7 p.m. Tuesday at Novi in a quarterfinal against No. 171 Plymouth Salem (3-14-1). The winner advances to a 7 p.m. Nov. 1 district semifinal against No. 25 Plymouth (25-8-3).

was the Wildcats' time to shine. The 'Cats went 2-0-1 in pool play, defeating Hartland 25-19, 25-22; tied

loss a few days earlier by defeating Canton 25-18, 25-18.

That set up a bracket match with Plymouth (25-8-3), which Novi won 25-11, 26-24 to advance against Walled Lake Central (23-14-3), which Novi they

defeated 25-14, 25-17. By then, the Wildcats were on fire, knocking off Canton once again 25-18, 25-16 to set up a KLAA championship

against Northville. Of the other 23 KLAA teams and other 11 competing, the 'Cats got division and baseline rival Northville (44-3-4) in

Plymouth 23-25, 25-22 and avenged their the final. Despite the Mustangs' previously higher ranking, Novi prevailed 20 25, 25-16, 16-14, earning a No. 12 Max-Preps state ranking. The losses dropped Northville to No. 19, Plymouth to No. 25 and Canton to No. 32.

Senior Kacey Sheldon led the way against the Mustangs with 13 kills, 15 digs and 25 serve receptions. Juniors Emily Robb (31 assists) and Isabelle Glancy (19 digs, 19 serve receptions) also made huge contributions, with some added offense from juniors Timar (six kills)

### Wildcats LAX names Salem coach head of program

By Chris Jackett

Way back in 1991 when Novi's lacrosse program was starting at the seventh-grade level, Eric Hoffman

was there school had it's first sea son in 1993, he was their freshman

goalkeep er. He backstopped the team to the finals in 1994 and a state title in 1995, both against East Grand Rapids, before graduating in 1996 as a fouryear All-State honoree in the sport and defensive MVP of both champion ship games, even though his team only won one of

Now Hoffman, a 34year-old Livonia resident, is back. This time as the varsity head coach, taking over for Nick Zoroya, who led the team to a 15-5 record in his one season at the helm.

"I am so excited to be back at Novi as the head lacrosse coach and can't wait for the season to get here and start imple menting my system with the team," Hoffman said "It has always been my intention as a lacrosse coach to coach at Novi. I couldn't be happier." Hoffman has spent the past three seasons as

Plymouth Salem's coach where the five-year old program has gone 21-32. including 9-9 last spring under his reign, improving each season since Hoffman took over. "In my three seasons

at Salem, due to the hard work of my players there and the right direction from myself and the oth er coaches. Salem has become a very competitive team in the KLAA." son was the first time that Salem beat both Plymouth and Canton in the same season. Salem also won their first playoff

"It is difficult to leave Salem, I have been with the senior class since they were freshman and they have a lot of good talent coming back this season. I hope they win all their games except when they play Novi. I couldn't pass up the opportunity to come back to Novi. I don't see a huge difference at having a little more talent and depth in the pro-

Since Novi and Salem both play in the KLAA Kensington Conference Hoffman has been able to keep an eye on the Wildcats' program, so he has a good idea what to expect in the spring. "As long as I have been

coaching, I always look to see how Novi is doing. Hoffman said. "Since Salem is in the same division, it made it really easy. My expectations this season is to play hard every day to get better as a team. There is a lot of talent at Novi and we should have a very good

Hoffman began coaching in 2004 as Novi's iunior varsity head coach for one year, but had to resign due to work. He Michigan University club team for four years starting in 2006 as he complete ed a bachelor's degree in ducation with a physical education and health focus. He rejoined the Novi staff as an assistant varsity coach from 2008from 2010-12 to be a head

varsity coach. He was also an assistant JV football coach with Novi in 2007-08 and joined the freshman squad as a freshman assistant coach this fall, putting his three years of varsity football experience to use. With both lacrosse and football, he said he has a simple coaching philosophy.

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### Top-ranked Wildcats finish second at state tennis finals

There were high hopes going into the Division I state finals in boys tennis last week, and Novi's results could merit a mixed reaction

depending on who you talk to. Ranked No. 1 in Division I going into the meet last Friday and Satur day after defeating defending cham pion and previous No. 1 Ann Arbor Huron 6-2 Sept. 28 to knock them to No. 3 behind Birmingham Brother Rice, who the Wildcats tied 4-4 Oct. 3, Novi looked to be the favorite for the state title after finishing a program-best fourth in the state last

However, Huron got their revenge, as rematches occurred in six of eight flights at the semifinal or final levels and Huron won five: four of those which had been losses to Novi at the dual meet. That swing led Huron to win individual state titles in three of those flights, clinching their second-straight team state title with 33 points. Novi tied for second as a

team with Brother Rice at 27 points. "We had our chances," Novi coach Jim Hanson said. "Our kids gave us a solid effort. The credit goes to Huron. They played better than we did. This is the highest we ever finished. There wasn't a lot of difference. The dual could have gone either way, too. It was decided on the court the way it should be."

The new program-best team finish also turned out the program's second-ever individual boys tennis champion in senior Pavan Rao (34-1), who won the four singles state title, keeping it in Novi after teammate Andrew Ying won it last year as a

"He played steady tennis for us all season long." Hanson said. "He won his last match of the year and, if you win your last match, you're the state champ. He's improved each year. He was more of a baseliner his first two years and was more aggressive this

Rao's route to the title started with a BYE as the No. 1 seed. He then defeated Ann Arbor Pioneer 6-2, 6-0; Midland 6-0, 6-1 and No. 5-seed Troy 6-0, 6-1 before defeating No. 2-seed Jon Seyhun of Huron 6-2, 6-2 in the

The Wildcats made it to the championship match at three other flights but all three lost to Huron.

"This is obviously our best season ever," Hanson said. "I know the kids are a little disappointed. I know they wanted the state title and we didn't achieve that. Twenty-seven points is hard to come by. Last year we had our best ever with 20.7

Freshman Koushik Kondapi (34-1) suffered his first loss of his high school career in the three singles championship. Seeded No. 1, he defeated Utica Eisenhower 6-0, 6-0; Ann Arbor Skyline 6-1, 6-3 and No. 4 Troy 6-2, 6-0 before losing 6-3, 6-3 to No. 2-seed Colin Williams from Huron.

At one doubles, Ying, now a junior, and senior Jason Carless (29-2) were the No. 1 seed, defeating Troy 6-4,

6-1: Ann Arbor Pioneer 6-1, 6-2: No 4 Brother Rice 6-4, 7-6(2) and then dropping the championship 6-0, 7-5 to No. 2-seed Huron.

Senior Nishant Kakar and junior Michael Chang (32-2) were also the No. 1 seed at two doubles and took a similar route. They defeated Rockford 6-1, 6-0; Livonia Churchill 6-2, 6-4; No. 4 Traverse City Central and then lost the final to No. 2 Huron 6-4 1-6, 6-3 in a tough extra-set match. The 'Cats also got semifinal perfor

mances in two flights. Seeded second at four doubles, uniors Shashank Chitta and Kevn Xu (30-2) beat Eisenhower 6-1. 6-0; Rochester Adams 6-1, 6-4 and then lost to No. 3 Huron 6-3, 3-6, 6-1. Huron went on to lose to No. 1 Brother Rice 6-3, 6-3 in the final.

At three doubles, No. 3 seed senior Jon Thompson and freshman Maxx Anderson (29-4) beat Midland 6-0, 6-; No. 6 Troy 6-1, 6-4 and then lost to No. 2 Huron 6-4, 3-6, 6-2 in the semifinal, Huron lost 4-6, 6-4, 6-4 to Broth er Rice in the flight final.

In the highly competitive one and two singles flights, the Wildcats didn't get as far.

Sophomore Tim Wang (28-5) was the No. 3 seed at one singles, but defeated Rochester Adams 6-7(4)7-6(5), 6-4 in a grueling match before losing 6-0, 6-0 to No. 6-seed Brett

Forman of Trov. As a five-seed at two singles, sophomore Andre Liu (23-7) beat Grosse Pointe South 6-1, 6-1 before losing 6-2, 6-3 to No. 4-seed Michael Trupiano of Detroit Catholic Central.

#### CITY OF NOVI

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, November 14, 2012 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider CITY INITIATED ZONING MAP AMENDMENT 18.703 FOR A RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL TO REZONE PROPERTY IN SECTION 20 IN THE SOUTHWEST QUADRANT OF THE INTERSECTION OF BECK ROAD AND ELEVEN MILE ROAD BY OVERLAYING THE PSLR. PLANNED SUBURBAN LOW-RISE OVERLAY DISTRICT ON PROPERTY IN THE RA, RESIDENTIAL ACREAGE DISTRICT. The subject property is approximately 7.4 acres and is being con



All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments musbe received by the Planning Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, November

Novi Planning Commission David Greco, Secretary

online at hometownlife.com

Varsity Bobcat Ricky Turner (5) returns his interception

**NOVI BOBCATS ROUND-UP** 

Hankerson helped drive

the Bobcats to the Char-

ger 36 yard line. On the

next play Traveon Mad-

play, outran the Charger

defense for touchdown

Ethan Smythe, Ellis Pip-

er, Evan Budd, Scott Slat-

er, and Trev Mullins. The

Charger offense moved

down field on their next

possession to the Bobcat

45 yard line before Josh

ble to give the ball back to

the Bobcats. The Charger

defense held off the Bob-

cat offense on the follow-

ended with the Bobcats up

ing drive as the quarter

During the 3rd quarter the Bobcats and Char-

gers exchanged field posi-

tion for most of the half

until the Chargers broke

through for a touchdown.

The Bobcat defense once

again stepped up as they

point attempt. After the

were up 8-6. As the bat-

tle for field position con-

4th quarter, the Chargers

tinued throughout the

started a critical drive

starting from their 45

yard line with less than

three minutes left. The

Chargers quickly moved

the ball to the Bobcat 18

yard line with time run-

like the Chargers were

Maddox intercepted a

Freshman team

The Novi Freshman

Bobcats (3-5) recorded

their second straight vic-

the Commerce Chargers

(3-5) at home on Sunday.

The Bobcats scored on

their opening drive when

Dan Durnik followed the

blocking of Max Kinter

and scored on a 45-yard

run. On the Bobcats' next

went straight up the mid-

gers next possession Evan

ble that was recovered by

Niko Ponos. Two plays lat-

er Devin Ellison went 60

vards for the touchdown

manding 20-0 lead.

giving the Bobcats a com-

In the second half, Elli-

son followed the block

and scored on a 15-yard

reverse. Jack Beno fin-

ished the scoring for the Bobcats on an 8-yard

quarterback keeper. The

Bobcat defense was lead

by Alex Vargas and Jacob

Brown, who each record-

The Freshman Bob-

cats will finish their sea-

an opponent to be deter-

mined by the playoff

— By Chris Parenti

son next weekend against

ed seven tackles.

from Gabriel Young

dle for a 49-yard touch-

down run. On the Char-

Oegema forced a fum-

tory with a 33-19 win over

--By Joseph Smythe

wins second

straight

threatening to score, but

pass that secured the win.

ning down. When it looked

stopped the Charger extra

third quarter the Bobcats

8-0 at halftime.

Erno recovered a fum-

behind strong blocking by

dox, on a OB sweep

during the victory over the Chargers.

Varsity caps 7-1

The Novi Varsity Bob-

cats (7-1) won their final

regular season game by

defeating the Commerce

Chargers (5-3) by a score

of 28-6. On their first two

possessions the Bobcats

opportunities close to the

test to remain scoreless

ter. However, Ian Patter-

yard touchdown run in the

second quarter to put the

Bobcats on the board at 6-

0. That lead would quick-

ly vanish, as the Chargers

struck right back on the

ensuing kick-off by tak-

ing it back for a touch-

down of their own. The

game would go into half-

the second half, the Bob-

time deadlocked at 6-6. In

cats strong running game.

proved to be too much for

the Chargers. Patterson

85-vard run, and Connor

Moore would add anoth-

er touchdown, running

two successful PAT's to

the Bobcats.

complete the scoring for

Defensively, the Bob-

Ricky Turner, and Antho-

interceptions to halt Char-

Patterson had a number of

big hits for losses behind

while Suhas Chinthalapu-

ri, Ryan Welch, and Moore

The Bobcats' season will

offs this coming weekend

for a chance to advance to

the Western Lakes Junior

ern Michigan University's

Football League's Super

Bowl on Nov. 3, at East-

JV squad earns

cats (6-2) won a hard

fought defensive game 8-

6 against the Commerce

Chargers (6-2). The win

The opening quarter

was a defensive battle

Chargers limited each

has both the Bobcats and

other to minimal gains on

offense. On the Chargers

second possession, Blake

Turner had a sack for a 6-

yard loss that stalled the

During the second quar-

ter the Bobcats started to

move the ball well as the

defense continued their

The Bobcat defense

forced a turnover on

downs as Austin Turner contributed three tack-

les for a loss on the Char-

next possession strong running by Andrew O'Connor and Trendon

ger drive. On the Bobcats

Charger drive.

dominance.

propelled the Bobcats into

playoff spot

football stadium.

By Eric Smith

the playoffs.

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were all in on big plays

quarterback for losses.

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sacking the Chargers

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ny Zimbalatti each had

cats' Lincoln Cleary.

hard against the Chargers

all day. Blake King kicked

scored twice, including an

through the first quar-

son broke free for a 45-

goal line, allowing the con-

fumbled away scoring

regular season

#### SHAMROCKS Continued from page B1

make it a 14-7 contest following a kick by Garrett Moores, Catholic Central looked poised to score again following a fumble recovery by David Widzinski in the Orchard Lake St. Mary's red zone, but the Eaglets held their ground and only allowed a 24-yard field goal by Moores to make it a 14-10 contest. "They're a very good football team, and they have been all year." Shamrocks coach Tom Mach told

the Detroit Free Press. "They play

all three phases very well, and we knew that it would be hard to beat them twice. You do what you have to do, and they played a great foothall game today.

The Shamrocks' season was a rough one, culminating with a share of the CHSL Central Division title and a 5-4 record--including losses to Brother Rice and two top-ranked schools from Ohio. Their performance, however, did earn them enough playoff points to back into the MHSAA tournament, starting in Hartland tomorrow at 7 p.m. The Hartland Eagles

are 8-1 on the year and have

scored an average of 34 points per

"We're preparing for a full 48minute battle," said Michael Mach. "The mantra amongst the kids is that we are 0-0 again, and to work forward from here, taking it one game at a time. We probably played the toughest nine-game schedule in school history, so regardless of record, we feel that we have a 'battle-tested' football team going forward."

Sam Eggleston is a freelance writer and former staff sports writer for the

Northville Record and Novi News,



Novi's junior varsity team won the KLAA Kensington Conference's JV title Oct. 18 at Huron Meadows.

#### **HARRIERS**

Continued from page B1

vious best Sophomore Nate Hall wasn't far behind, finishing at 15th in 16:47, a 35-second shaving of his previous career best.

Both Barnes and Hall earned All-Conference honors today." Smith said.

Also shaving 21, 22 and 13 seconds off their personal bests. respectively, were junior Michael Dickmann (40th in 17:22), senior

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Ben Jenkins (42nd in 17:26) and senior Tim MacPherson (47th in

17:33). Junior Cameron Richman (55th in 17:49) and senior Allen Potter (58th in 17:57) rounded out the varsity runners.

In a promising showing for future seasons. Novi won the junior varsity race with 47 points. nine better than runner-up North-

Freshman Joost Plaetinck and iunior Cameron Misko led the way in fifth and sixth, both at 17:39. Sophomore Sahisnu Malapati (eighth in 17:41), freshman Andrew Mizerowski (13th in 17:45), senior Phil Baeza (15th in 17:49), junior Tom Groechel (17th in 17:54) and junior Palguna Thalla (19th in 17:55) rounded out Novi's

top seven in the JV race. "We had five in the top 15 and seven in the top 20," Smith said.
"I'm sure all of the other KLAA coaches took notice. These JV runners become the varsity of the

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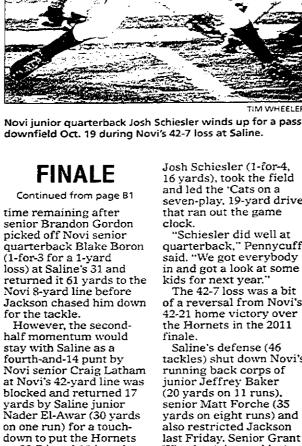
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up 28-7 just 4:18 into the "I think that hurt us," Pennycuff said. "Coming out second half, that hurt us real bad. They got over top of us two big plays and a blocked punt for a touchdown hurt us."

Novi got a little boost after a three-and-out when junior Austin Racicot picked off Palka at the Saline 32 on the Hornets' first play, but the 'Cats followed with a turnover down after a failed fourth-and-six on Saline's 30-vard line.

The Hornets used a 43yard pass to help set up a 35-yard touchdown run on fourth-and-14 from Novi's 35-yard line when Palka connected with senior AJ Korzuck (one catch) with 41 seconds left in the quarter. After another three

and-out by Novi, a 30yard run by El-Awar set up a 1-yard touchdown run by junior Griffin Wooley to put Saline

Boron's 22-yard pass attempt to start the next drive was picked off by Saline senor Matt Goeman and the Hornets ran 2:38 off the clock during a three-and-out before Novi could get the ball back with 5:09 remaining, which is when the Wildcats' fourth quarterback this season, junior

Josh Schiesler (1-for-4, 16 yards), took the field and led the 'Cats on a seven-play. 19-yard drive that ran out the game "Schiesler did well at

quarterback," Pennycuff said. "We got everybody in and got a look at some kids for next year." The 42-7 loss was a bit

of a reversal from Novi's 42-21 home victory over the Hornets in the 2011 Saline's defense (46 tackles) shut down Novi's

running back corps of junior Jeffrey Baker (20 yards on 11 runs). senior Matt Forche (35 vards on eight runs) and also restricted Jackson last Friday, Senior Grant Wheeler (nine tackles) and junior Mark Ryan (seven tackles) led the Wildcats' defense (34 tackles) with 47 percent of the stops between the two of them. Boron, Rac icot, senior Lucas Buck and sophomore Christian Durham added three

tackles apiece. Although the 'Cats lose a lot of key student-athletes with the 28 outgoing seniors, 24 current varsity team members are underclassmen who are expected to return, including both Jackson (589 yards on 83 runs) and Baker (899 yards on 132 runs) at running back and both Schielser and junior Issac Burgess (6for-21, 126 yards) to battle for quarterback with two current junior varsity prospects who led the

JV team to a 7-2 record. "We're going to have some experience because we played those young kids," Pennycuff said. "I'm real excited about think we have something to look forward to next year. Our entire backfield is coming back. Our secondary is pretty much all coming back, Lucas Buck will be very hard to replace.

Chris Jackett is a freelance writer and former staff writer for the Novi News.

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Junior Varsity Bobcat defenders Blake Turner (20), Austin Turner (6), and Traveon Maddox (28) make a tackle for loss against the Chargers.

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### Novi tankers dominate Groves

By Chris Jackett

After losing all four division meets by a combined total of eight points, Novi's girls swim and dive

team had things go their way last The Wildcats' (3-6, 0-4 KLAA Central) won nine of 12 events en route

ham Groves. "Novi won their final dual meet of the season convincingly against Birmingham Groves," Novi coach Annette VanderMey said. "It was a nice win on the evening we honored our seniors.

With several of the seniors leading the way since their freshman year, they led the way one more time against Groves with several taking top-three finishes throughout ON TAP

Kensington Conference meet.

to a 117-68 victory over Birming-

(1:04.08).

Novi's girls swim and dive squad (3-6, 0-4 KLAA Central) is set to host the division meet 6 p.m. Friday and noon Saturday before a similar split at South Lyon East Nov. 2-3 for the

Senior Maranda Buha won both the 50 freestyle (24.94 seconds) and 100 butterfly (59.59 seconds), while senior Janice Burnett was third in the 50 free (26.33) and senior Kelsey Shurmur was third in the 100 fly

The 1-meter dive was swept by seniors Rachel Aepelbacher (first with a school-record 252.40 points), Jillian Odom (second with 236.50) and Lauren Harrington (third with

A few younger Wildcats also saw success, as sophomore Mallory Buha won both the 200 free (1:58.18) and 500 free (5:16.57).

Freshman Lauren Kim won the 100 breaststroke (1:11.47) and second in the 200 individual medley (2:23.07), just 2.02 seconds behind Groves' swimmer. Fellow freshman Alexandra Cortez was third in the 200 IM (2:24.74). Senior Ashley Vaughan also fin-

ished third in the 500 free (5:46.92). Groves got wins in the 100 free (55.50) and 100 back (1:00.95), edging out senior Andrea VanderMey in each by 0.2 and 2.55 seconds, respectively.

Burnett added a third-place finish in the 100 free (58.88) and senior Dana Morgan was third in the 100 back (1:04.57).

NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 6, 2012 FOR THE CITY OF NOVI, OAKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT, SCHOOLCRAFT COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NOVI COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS WALLED LAKE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT, SOUTH LYON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

To the Qualified Electors of the City of Novi - Oakland County, Michigan, Notice is Hereby Given that a General Election will be held in the City of Novi, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2012. The Polls will be open 7 o'clock a.m. until 8 o'clock p.m. All Polling Places are Handicap Accessible. Braille and Audio Versions of Voting Instructions are available at the Polling Places Listed Below:

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1	Meadowbrook Congregational Church	21355 Meadowbrook Road
2	Good Shepherd Lutheran Church	41415 W. Nine Mile Road
3	Village Oaks Elementary School	23333 Willowbrook Road
1	Novi United Methodist Church	41671 Ten Mile Road
5	Orchard Hills Elementary School	41900 Quince
5 & 7	Holy Family Catholic Church	24505 Meadowbrook Road
3	Meadowbrook Elementary School	29200 Meadowbrook Road
9 & 11	Brightmoor Christian Church	40800 West Thirteen Mile Road
10	Fox Run	41000 Thirteen Mile Road
12	Hickory Woods Elementary School	30655 Novi Road
13	Novi Meadows ITC Building	25345 Taft Road
14	Faith Community Presbyterian Church	44400 West Ten Mile Road
15	St. James Catholic Church	46325 West Ten Mile Road
16	Novi Public Library	45255 W. Ten Mile Road
17 & 18	Novi Civic Center	45175 West Ten Mile Road
19	Thornton Creek Elementary School	46180 West Nine Mile Road
20 & 21	Deerfield Elementary School	26500 Wixom Road

FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING CANDIDATES OF ALL PARTICIPATING POLITICAL PARTIES FOR THE FOL-

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Treasurer, Water Resource Commissioner, and County Commissioner STATE BOARDS COUNTY JUDICIAL Justice of the Supreme Court Incumbent Position
Justice of the Supreme Court Incumbent Position Partial term ending 1-1-2015
Judge of Circuit Court – 6th Circuit – Incumbent Position

Judge of Circuit Court - 6th Circuit - Non-Incumbent Position Judge of Probate Court – Oakland County – Incumbent Positio
Judge of District Court – 52-1st District - Incumbent Position LOCAL SCHOOL

Members of the Novi Community School District - (2) 6 year term - Precincts 1-7 Precincts 13-16 and Precincts 20 and part of 21

Members of the Northville Public Schools – (3) 4 year term – Precincts 17-19

Members of the South Lyon Community Schools – (2) 6 year term – Part of Precinct 21

Members of the Walled Lake Consolidated School District – (2) 6 year term – Precincts 8-12

Oakland Community College Board of Trustees Member - (2) 6 year term Precincts 1-14, Part of 17, 18-21 COMMUNITY COLLEGE Schoolcraft Community College Board of Trustees Member - (2) 6 year term Precincts 15, 16 and part of 17

AND FOR THE PURPOSE OF VOTING ON THE FOLLOWING STATE PROPOSALS:

A REFERENDUM ON PUBLIC ACT 4 OF 2011 - THE EMERGENCY MANAGER LAW A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION REGARDING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO ESTABLISH A STANDARD FOR RENEWABLE

A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO ESTABLISH THE MICHIGAN QUALITY HOME CARE COUNCIL AND PROVIDE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING FOR IN-HOME CARE WORKERS

A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO LIMIT THE ENACTMENT OF NEW TAXES B'

12-6  $\,$  a proposal to amend the state constitution regarding construction of international bridges and tunnels

Northville Public Schools, General Obligation unlimited Tax Bond Proposal for Instructional Technology and Equipment Purposes in the amount of not to exceed \$20,870,000. Full text of the ballot proposal may be obtained at the administrative offices of Northville Public Schools, 501 W. Main Street, Northville, Mi 48167-1582 (248) 349-3400.

COUNTY TREASURER'S STATEMENT AS REQUIRED BY ACT NO. 62 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1933 AS AMENDED

I, Andrew E. Meisner, County Treasurer of the County of Oakland, State of Michigan, do hereby certify that according to the records in my office, as of October 22, 2012, the total of all voted increases in the tax rate limitation above the 18 mills established by Section 6 of Article IX of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 affecting taxable property in the City of Novi, in

said County, is as follows:	YEARS INCREASE		
LOCAL UNIT	VOTED INCREASE	EFFECTIVE	
City of Novi	1.80 0.1	Unlimited 2008-2017	
Walled Lake Consolidated School District	.50 18.00	2004 - 2013 2006 - 2015	
Novi Community School District	18.00 5.49 .98 .4932	2004 - 2013 Incl. 2004 - 2013 Incl. 2004 - 2013 Incl. 2011 – 2020 Incl.	
County School District Of Oakland County	3.6483	Unlimited	
County of Oakland	.2415	2012 to 2021 Incl.	
Oakland Community College .	1.00 .7811	Unlimited Beg.7-1-2012 (10 yrs)	

ANDREW E. MEISNER, TREASURER

Walled Lake Consolidated School District - Proposal for Building and Site Sinking Fund Millage Renewal Proposal. Full text of the ballot proposal may be obtained at the Novi City Clerk's office, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375

INFORMATION ON OBTAINING AN ABSENT VOTER BALLOT FOR THE ELECTION

Absentee ballots for said election are available to qualified electors at the Office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road. The deadline for the City Clerk's Office to receive applications for ballots to be mailed is 2:00 p.m. Saturday, November 3, 2012. The City Clerk's Office will be open for the purpose of absent voting on Saturday, November 3, 2012 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Persons qualified to vote by absentee ballot may obtain a ballot in person at the City Clerk's Office until 4:00 p.m. Monday, November 5, 2012. Ballots obtained in person on Monday, November 5, 2012 must be voted in the City Clerk's

Maryanne Cornelius, MMC, City Clerk

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## Trinity Health, Catholic Health East consolidating

Catholic Health East (CHE) and Novi-based Trinity Health signed a non-binding Letter of Intent to come together into a unified national health system that will enhance their mission of service to people and communities across the United States.

The boards also announced

ident and CEO of Trinity Health, would become president and CEO of the anticipat ed new organization, and that Judith M. Persichilli, president and CEO of CHE, would become executive vice president of the new organization Until the new organization is created, both executives will

ing their current title, role and responsibilities for their respective organizations

The consolidation would create a health system that serves people in 21 states from coast to coast with 82 hospitals, 89 continuing care facilities and home health and hospice programs that provide nearly 2.8

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million visits annually. More than 87,000 employees, including 4,100 employed physicians. would provide care in the new

The Pod Drop — with 14 independent locations repairing iPads, iPhones and iPads

celebrated its Novi opening on Oct. 5 at 43089 Grand River Avenue. Pictured (I

to r) are Ken Czanstke, owner; Chad Morris, employee; Kenny Czanstke Jr., owner;

Becky Czanstke, owner; Robert Carter Sr., founder of The Pod Drop; Ara Topouzian,

The new system would have annual operating revenues of about \$13.3 billion and assets of about \$19.3 billion, and would return almost \$1 billion to its communities annually in

other programs. The development of the consolidation is in its preliminary phase. Over the next few months, the systems' boards and management will pursue the potential consolidation and conduct due diligence with a goal of reaching a Definitive Agreement in spring 2013.

### Oakland County business finance loan approvals increase 50 percent over 2011

NEUROPATHY

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symptoms of neuropathy — a condition that affects the

nervous system — and for years there has been little hope

Finance Corp. had over \$38 million in projects approved for new development in the fiscal year 2012, topping the 2011 figure by 50 percent.

The figures, which were released at the annual meeting of the Oakland County Business Finance Corp. (OCBFC), are an indication that the economy is improving, according to Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson. The OCBFC had approval on 39 projects - 13 more than in 2011 when \$22.5 million was approved under a U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) pro-

"The OCBFC had a solid year," Patterson said. "I think we have turned the corner. Look at the repeat business, the number of projects and the quality of the projects we're seeing. The quality service we provide has led these businesses back time and time again. It's a government program that

Among the repeat OCBFC clients is Johnstone Supply, a heating and cooling wholesaler that operates nine locations in Southeast Michigan, including stores in Orion Township and Madison Heights. The company secured seven loans

of relief. Until now.

A portion of the loans - worth \$1.3 million ~ are SBA 504 loans which are handled by the OCBFC and the Department of Economic Depart-

ment & Community Affairs. 'If someone had told me to do an SBA loan, I would have told them I didn't have the time or the energy or the reams of paper you need to fill out to get a loan," said Tracy Sheehan, who owns the Johnstone stores with her husband Jeff. "But this was the most seamless banking we have ever done. They are so easy to work with."

Sheehan, who lives in Oakland Township, said she was attracted to the OCBFC because of Patterson and the expert service provided by the finance team.

"Oakland County is run differently from other counties," she said. ...I have faith in that program. I'll always work with them."

Since its inception, the OCBFC has funded 433 loans totaling \$491 million in investment and created or retained more than 17,800 jobs. The OCBFC, authorized under the SBA's Certified Development Company program in 1982, was formed to stimulate the growth and expansion of the region's small businesses.

### **NOVI BUSINESS BRIEFS**

City of Novi Economic Development director.

Lakes Area Chamber hosting 4th annual EXPO, TASTE & FUN Fest

Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce members have joined together as participants in the Chamber's 4th Annual EXPO, TASTE & FUN Fest to be held at Walled Lake Central High School from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3. The event is open to the public.

The \$5 admission price includes a TASTE ticket which enables the ticket older to sample foods from all TASTE Fest participants: Bayside Sports Bar & Grill; Casey's of Walled Lake; CJ's Brewing Company; Cooley Lake Inn; Dickey's Barbecue Pit; Edible Arrange ments; Fiesta Fajitas; Hungry Howie's Pizza & Subs; Leo's Coney Island; The Lakes Bar & Grille; and Wonderland Lanes' Mad Hatter Pub.

Children under 12 are free. Additional taste tickets can be purchased at the event. Discount coupons for 50 percent off the admission price are available at participating businesses, as well as at the Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce office at 305 N. Pontiac Trail, Suite A, in Walled Lake.

In addition to hourly prize drawings, new cars and trucks will be on display in the school's parking lot. Indoors, children will be entertained by a face painter, as well as Magic Joe, a professional magician.

#### **ITC supports Detroit schools** The Detroit Public Schools Founda-

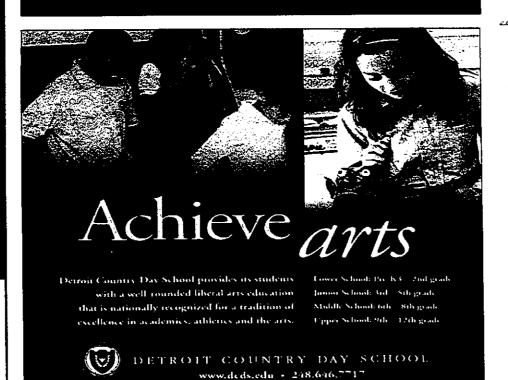
tion announced that 300 Detroit students will participate in the Future City Competition this school year because of a grant from Novi-based ITC Holdings Corp. (ITC).
The \$20,000 grant will cover the cost

of the students to take part in the competition, which is coordinated by the Engineering Society of Detroit.

The Future City Competition challenges students to design a city of the future - and have fun doing it. This program was designed to promote technological literacy and engineering to sixth, seventh and eighth grade students. The program fosters an interest in math, science and engineering through hands-on, real world applications and helps students better understand the practical applications of mathematical and scientific principles. The Future City Competition is a teambased program consisting of students, a teacher, and an engineer mentor. Through its Charitable Giving Pro-

gram, ITC awards grants to qualified 501 (c) (3) organizations that deliver charitable services in the counties where ITC operates. Grants support programs and projects that reflect the values of ITC: education, environmental stewardship, social services and health and wellness.

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### **Home Builders Association** revamps its name, logo

Home Builders (MAHB) has announced that its Board of Directors has approved chang ing the name of the organizabuilding industry in Michigan to the Home Builders Association of Michigan (HBAM).

The name change became effective on Sept. 14, 2012. "The fact is that whether we are in front of a customer who is building or remodeling their home, or in the halls at

the State Capitol, people have always referred to us as the 'Home Builders Association,' said Colin Herren, HBAM president, "It made sense to us to change the name in order to capitalize on the recognition we already have throughout Michigan.

The Home Builders Association of Michigan has also unveiled a new logo to accompany the name change and a tagline, "Professionals Who Care," which will be utilized in a statewide branding effort to educate consumers on the val ue of hiring HBAM members for building and remodeling

"We have always been an organization that encourages the highest levels of probers," said Robert Filka, HBAM CEO, "Our member builders and remodelers are not only licensed, but are leaders in incorporating the latest innovations and technologies into their work, which provides significant value to consumers.'

The Home Builders Association of Michigan will also be encouraging the 27 local Home



### **HOME BUILDERS ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN**

This is the new logo of the Home Builders Association of Michigan

Builders Associations throughout Michigan to utilize the HBA, Professionals Who Care branding in advertising for home shows and other promotions throughout the year.

"Many of our members conduct business in several coun ties that often stretch beyond the jurisdiction of their local Home Builders Association.

46031 Spinning Wheel Dr \$190,000 49516 Taft Ln \$55,000

said Rich Kogelschatz, HBAM Board member who led the name change and branding initiative. "Having commor branding throughout Michigan will allow our members to receive the benefits of greater consumer recognition of the brand and the value it means to

The Michigan Home Builders

Association is a professional trade association comprised of 27 local homebuilder associations around the state and their builder, subcontractor and sup-

HBAM works to positively promote the building industry and impact legislative, regula tory and legal issues affecting

#### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of July 16-20, 2012, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses and sales prices.

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2496 Barkhill Rd	\$356,000
40509 Blythefield Ln	\$91,000
1406 Delancy Cir	\$415,000
49934 Hancock St	\$330,000
45101 Horseshoe Cir	\$135,000
1276 Kensington Dr	\$292,000
43180 Keystone Ln	\$171,000
50411 Lansdowne Rd	\$77,000
2160 Liberty St S	\$295,000
1805 Lincoln Dr	\$200,000
47045 Maben Rd	\$243,000
2319 N Woods Ct	\$240,000
1604 Orchard Dr	\$40,000
658 Princess Dr	\$145,000
	\$75,000
2050 S Brookhill Ln	\$160,000
45668 S Stonewood Rd	\$165,000
41972 Saltz Rd	
43431 Saltz Rd	\$280,000
4285 Sherwood Cir	\$225,000
4435 Southbridge Dr	\$106,000

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33480 Unicorn Ct

\$357,000 \$150,000 \$143,000 \$65,000 \$120,000

#### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

\$185,000

22357 Diamond Ct

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of July 2-6, 2012, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS \$350,000 31424 Old Cannon Rd BIRMINGHAM 1860 Birmingham Blvd 2460 Buckingham Ave \$385,000 1047 Madison St 1433 Maryland Blvd 1393 Suffield Ave 1331 W Maple Rd 515 Westwood Dr BLOOMFIELD HILLS \$815,000 15 Cranbrook Ln

874 Shady Hollow Cir 4755 Walnut Lake Rd BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP 3530 Brookside Dr 2841 Lamplighter Ln 909 Tartan Trl 3495 Westchester Rd COMMERCE TOWNSHIP 2949 Gabriel Dr 5390 Inverrary Ln 2812 Red Arrow Dr FARMINGTON 23031 Farmington Rd 33145 Flanders St 33207 Flanders St \$285,000 22674 Maple Av \$435,000 \$375,000 33125 Orchard St

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28897 Augusta 36875 Chesapeake Rd \$455,000 \$228,000 31825 Coronet Dr

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1340 Yosemite Valley Dr 25759 Arcadia Dr 121 Austin Dr 47290 Cider Mill Dr \$325,000 24555 Jamestowne Rd \$230,000 40602 Lenox Park Dr 241 Linhart St

25822 Shoreline Dr 39734 Village Wood Cir \$125,000 \$155,000 20854 Hugo St \$143,000 21711 Jefferson St \$10,000 24056 Middlebelt Rd Unit 13 \$26,000 39411 Westminster Cir 21924 York Mills Cir 54211 Shinnecock Dr SOUTHFIELD \$106,000 30460 Everett St \$175,000 17601 New Hampshire D 19040 W Nine Mile Rd 19300 W Nine Mile Rd 1336 Yosemite Valley Dr \$267,000 \$46,000

\$444,000

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29153 Wellington Rd E # 40 \$31,000 1271 Applewood Dr 2565 Gale Island St \$70,000 \$128,000 8442 Huron River Dr 980 Round Lake Rd \$86,000 8124 Wildwood Ln

\$160,000

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\$70,000

#### **REAL ESTATE BRIEFS**

#### Short sales

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### Dallas shows signs of life

By Robert Meisne

Q: I was recently in Dallas for a football game and noted the development in the downtown and Uptown areas. Do you have any information concerning the residential situation there?

A: Downtown Dallas grew substantially in the 1960s and 1970s, but there was almost no additional commercial development until 2010 However there



Robert Meisner

downtow: and Uptown areas. Substantial private homes and condominiums have been and are being built in those areas as the economy has not hurt Dallas as has been the case in many other areas. Indeed. the Dallas suburb of Highland Park looks

Q: Can we charge a rental fee to renters for the sole reason that they are renting

just like Beverly Hills,

observer. The Uptown

restaurants, boutiques

apartments and single

family homes and, the

market is thriving.

Calif., to the casual

area is filled with

condominiums,

A: More than likely not. A case out of New Jersey held that an association could charge a rental fee, but only in an amount reasonably related to actual additional necessary expenses incurred by the association for the rental. I think this is a reasonable determination of the status, but each case, of course, depends upon

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and author of Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track second edition, available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping/han dling. He also wrote Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping/ handling. Call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-law.com This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.



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#### 5 attitudes that lead to job search failure Plus 5 that lead to success

Kaitlin Madden, CareerBuilder Writer

Your attitude can make or break your job search. Having a bad attitude -whether that means you no longer care enough to put effort into your applications or you think no one is ever going to hire you -- is one of the fastest ways to fail in your job search. Having a good attitude, on the other hand, can help your cause as much as a bad one can

hurt it. "Attitude is vitally important in a job search, because it's the one thing out of the entire process you can control," says Dave Sanford, senior vice president of business development at Winter, Wyman, a Bostonhased staffing firm, "You can't control if and when someone is going to call you back, or if the person liked you or what the economy is going to be like, but you can control your attitude and how you conduct yourself throughout the process.

Five attitudes that will get you nowhere in your job

hunt: 1. "I'll never find a job." OK, so it may sound obvious, but a negative attitude will seriously hinder your job search. It will not only kill your motivation, but like the old saying goes, "If you think you can't, you

probably won't." "A negative attitude can lead to job-search failure right from the start," Sanford says. "If you are sitting in the room anticipating the end of the play before the

first act, it can be a selffulfilling prophecy. So that's where you have to pump yourself up and not go down the negative road. "Woe is me." Don't fall into the downward spiral of feeling sorry for yourself. No one will want to help you in your job search, let alone hire you if you can't get out of your own way.

ask for help, for example. Sanford says. "Stay away from, 'I know you don't have time for me... and instead say, 'I have a lot to offer and would love to be able to share what I know 3. "I'll take anything." Applying to every job you see is a waste of time. A successful job search is driven by the quality, not quantity, of applications you submit. "Applying for just about any open position may hurt you in Recommended, a digital public relations firm industry, and author of the book "Lies, Damned Lie & Internships: The Classroom to Cubicle. "Failing to be focused and specific not only wastes your time and the

4. "I'm not good enough. "Confidence, or a lack" thereof, is easily noticed by hiring managers." Huhman says. "Feeling as if you're not good enough can be a deal-breaker in the job

Think about the way you

and what I can do with you. the long run," says Heather Huhman, founder of Come focusing on the recruiting Truth About Getting From employer's but can confuse your network of contacts as well if they have the chance

to refer you."



search. You cannot sell what and an ineffective leader." you don't believe in." This is especially important going into an interview, where confidence is integral to success. Remember that if you got the interview, the company thinks you're good enough to be there. Don't change their minds.

5. "When is something going to fall into my lap?" Acting entitled is a sure-fire way to repel an employer. Your attitude signals your mindset, values and possible behavior in the workplace, says Ginny Clarke, president and CEO of Chicagobased Talent Optimization

Partners and author of "Career Mapping: Charting Your Course in the New World of Work." "Someone who says, When is something going to fall into my lap? for example, likely has a big ego. is arrogant and lacks self-awareness.

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someone hard to manage

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Five attitudes that impress

employers: 1. The "can-do" attitude. "If you want to impress your potential employer, think carefully about all of the things going on in his or her work life, causing stress and anxiety. Talk about how you can go into that job and make things easier and better for the manager. 'I'm here to lighten your burden and lighten your load' [should be the message you send]," Sanford says.

2. "Give me the ball; I don't have to have my hand held." 3. "I'm an awesome team player; not a lone wolf." 4, "I am determined; I run through walls to get the job done.

5. "I'm aware of politics in the field of play around me and can navigate effectively.

"The job-search process inherently comes with ups and downs," Sanford concludes.

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"Moments of excitement and anticipation blended with feeling defeated and beaten down. It's crucial that job seekers do everything they can to keep the negativity of the process from affecting their attitudes and overtaking the job search. If negativity starts seeping into your game, and you start to feel defeated and hopeless. the hiring manager will see and sense the baggage and will likely pass. They want someone who is positive and upbeat; someone who says. Give me the ball and let me

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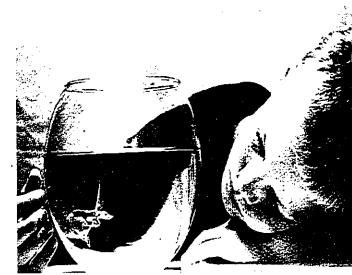
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