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Crafts Show set Oct. 19

There will be more than 160 booths offering a variety of gift options at the Novi Athletic Boosters Holiday Kickoff Arts & Crafts Show, including jewelry and accessories, home décor, sculptures, art, clothing, purses and an assortment of holiday gifts and ornaments.

"We are so excited with the response we have received from the artists and crafters wanting to attend our inaugural show," said Jack Kilger, show chair.

The show will take place at Novi High School (24062 Taft Road) from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19. Admission is $3; free for children under 10 years of age. No strollers are allowed.

Event sponsors include Metro Detroit BuickGMC, Banners Nationwide-Garden City, Biggby Coffee-Novi, Michaels-Novi and Applebee's-Novi.

For more information, visit the craft show Facebook page NAB Holiday Kickoff Arts & Craft Show or www.novi athleticboosters.com or email noviathletic boosters@gmail.com.

Novi's student count climbing

District's anticipated increase of 20 jumps 60 more

By Cal Stone
Staff Writer

One of two official student count days – the first Wednesday of October – yielded a larger number than expected in Novi and that translates into more money for the district.

According to Steve Barr, the assistant superintendent of business and operations for Novi Community Schools, the district anticipated and budgeted for an increase of 20 students over last year's 6,377. Last week's count, however, showed an actual increase of approximately 80.

Barr

With each student equating to $8,359 in funding – from the state's per-pupil allowance and two district millages – those extra 60 students not budgeted for will mean approximately $500,000.

"But we hired more teachers and parapros to deal with that and keep our class sizes down to one of the lowest in the county," Barr said.

Novi's K-4 classrooms average 22.5 students, while grades 5-6 average 27. The middle and high schools are between 20 and 30 students per class.

"We're maintaining or reducing class sizes compared to last year," Barr said.

He added that the district hired three more teachers than originally budgeted.

"We're in negotiations now with the teachers," Barr said. "We're working with last year's contract. We've met quite a few times and we're scheduling more dates."

The district budgeted for a 1-percent pay cut across the board for all groups, equating to around $500,000 in savings.

Increase factors

Barr attributes a bump of 60 more than the anticipated 20 to housing and the school district's commitment to excellence.

"The housing market has turned very favorably – especially in Novi in the last eight to

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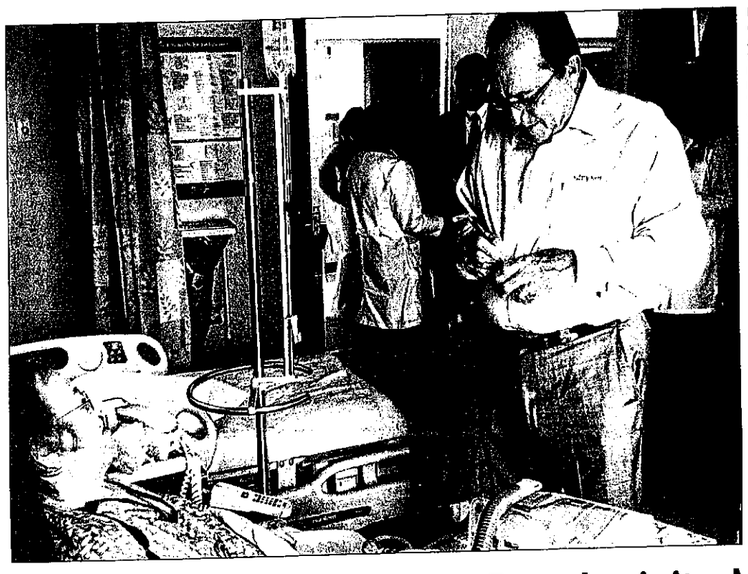

Baseball Hall of Famer Johnny Bench visited Providence Park Hospital last week and signed a baseball for orthopedic patient Linda Noble.

Baseball Hall of Famer Bench visits Novi

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

Years of wear and tear took a toll on Baseball Hall of Famer Johnny Bench's body, but he found relief with a new pair of hips and this was the message he brought last week to Novi's Providence Park Hospital.

"I'm thankful to have this new opportunity," he told attendees at the joint pain seminar held Oct. 4. "Living with pain is not fun."

A former baseball player for the Cincinnati Reds from 1967-83, Bench is widely regarded as one of the greatest catchers in Major League Baseball history. However, the constant up-and-down motion and long grueling seasons damaged his lower body.

He came to Novi to help educate people on the benefits of joint replacement, by sharing his hip replacement experience with attendees at a joint pain seminar at Providence Park.

When he began experiencing pain in his left hip, Bench knew not to wait until he was sidelined by the pain before seeking help.

"When your time comes, you will know it," he said of the aches that dogged him and his decision to address it. "The pain will get so bad."

He underwent total hip replacement of his right hip in April 2004 after suffering for years from chronic joint pain. And then he elected to undergo total hip replacement of his left hip in 2010.

Stryker implant

In '04, he discussed his options with his surgeon and received a Stryker hip implant. After undergoing the procedure, Bench realized his lifestyle recovery goals and got back to his active life without hip pain. Again, he opted to receive the latest technology available from Stryker. He was the first patient to receive Stryker's Mobile Bearing Hip.

He told the seminar attendees a story being chased by an elephant during a safari in Africa after the surgery. It was then he knew he made the right deci-

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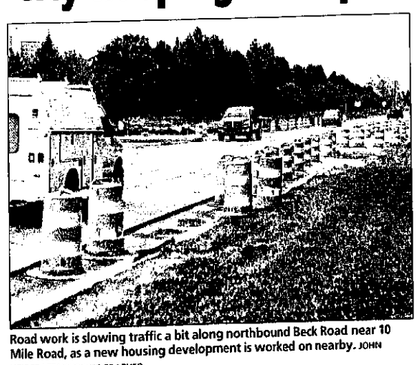
City keeping on top of developments' impact



Road work is slowing traffic a bit along northbound Beck Road near 10 Mile Road, as a new housing development is worked on nearby. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

To those Novi residents concerned about an increase in traffic and the toll some new developments may have on the community's infrastructure, city officials say they're on top of it.

Construction and new residential projects are popping up all over Novi. Recently, a condo community plan was introduced to go in near Detroit Catholic Central High School, as well developments at Dinser and 10 Mile roads, Beck and 10 Mile roads, 12 Mile and Napier roads and the ongoing developments between Novi and South Lyon.

Some Novi residents, like Gary Lounsbury, have expressed concerns about more traffic coming with these developments.

"Considering all this development, I would hope major road improvements are being planned," he said.

Lounsbury said he welcomes the new development and community growth, but he was wondering what the city of Novi and Oakland County have planned to address this. He noted that in his opinion, Wixom Road between Grand River Avenue and 10 Mile is way beyond current traffic capacity.

According to Novi Public Services Director Rob Hayes, the issues pertaining to traffic and infrastructure are considered during the approval process and residents can be reas-

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sured that city planners know of the potential impact while reviewing any plans.

"All private development projects go through an extensive site plan review process to ensure that the impact to existing infrastructure is minimized," he said. "Each site plan gets reviewed by our engineering staff to ensure there are no capacity issues related to water, sanitary sewer and storm sewer infrastructure."

Additionally, he said there's a separate review by the city's traffic engineer with an eye toward safety, as well as capacity.

"If our reviews identify issues of concern, then we make sure the developer includes specific infrastructure improvements in the project to abate that concern," Hayes said.

He added that area roads are being addressed by the Road Commission of Oakland County and will continue to get attention in the near future.

"Considering all this development, I would hope major road improvements are being planned."

GARY LOUNSBURY

"Although it isn't a capacity improvement, RCOC is currently repaving Napier between 10 Mile and 12 Mile," Hayes said of current plans. "Additionally, RCOC has identified the need to make safety improvements to the Napier/10 Mile intersection and a future project is being discussed for that location."

He added widening Beck from two lanes to a five in a section between Eight Mile and Grand River is a long-term project that would increase capacity in the future. Construction would take place in the 2021-25 time frame, depending on the availability of funding.

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12 months – and that's helped with growth," Barr said.

He said the district draws families from not only the surrounding area, but out of state and even out of country.

"People are moving here for our schools, no question," he said. "Our reputation as a great school district is helping pick up kids."

Barr said the district used to be able to predict which grades would see fluctuations, but now it's all over the place.

"They come in any grades," he said. "For example, we have 43 more 10th-graders than we had ninth-graders last year. That's very unusual."

With not that much new development and growth inside the school district in the last couple of years, Barr said the district's reputation is a key factor to the increase in students.

He's curious to see the impact new developments on 10 Mile will have on the student count as families begin moving in next April and May.

The student count from last Wednesday is 90 percent of the final "blended" count, with the other 10 percent coming from Feb. 12, the second Wednesday of the month. But, Barr said, the student count varies very little between the two Wednesdays.

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Baseball great Johnny Bench spoke at joint pain seminar Oct. 4 at Providence Park Hospital in Novi.

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sion because he was able to get away safely.

Since then, he has shared his joint replacement experience with attendees at Stryker educational seminars throughout the United States.

For many at the Novi seminar, seeing Bench and hearing his stories was an exciting event.

"It was a great talk. I had never heard him speak before, so this was an exciting opportunity. He's a down-to-earth guy," said John Popovczak of Novi, who also lived in Cincinnati for more than 20 years. "I'm glad he found some relief. My knees are starting to hurt and I'm getting older, so this is good to know for the future."

Providence Park's Dr. David Markel joined Bench at the seminar to talk about the benefits of modern joint replacement, especially with the help of Stryker's technology.

Markel specializes in orthopedic surgery, the diagnosis and treatment of disorders that affect bones and their supporting structures. His special areas of interest are joint replacement and hip and knee reconstruction.

He said no matter what, most knee and hip replacements go well, with the ultimate goal being "relieving pain, so patients can live life normally and have a better quality of life."

Markel said Stryker's anatomic design and technology offer patients like Bench the potential for increased stability, range of motion and a greater resistance to wear.

Providence Park's hip and knee replacement program is accredited by the Joint Commission and is also a Blue Distinction Center.

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Art Walk will honor Novi artist David Barr

The city of Novi acquired the Napier Road home and grounds of Novi sculpture artist David Barr to use as an art park. Many of his installations are on its spacious grounds. An Art Walk will be held Saturday. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

Saturday's Art Walk at the Villa Barr Park will be a great opportunity for community members to learn about the works from international artist and Novi resident David Barr, while also enjoying a fall day outdoors at this new community setting.

"This is a unique park that you will not find in many other cities," former Novi mayor and Parks Foundation board member David Landry said. "We have a world renowned artist here in David Barr, so this Art Walk will be a great chance to see and learn about some of his pieces outdoors at Novi's newest park setting."

The city of Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department is hosting the free event 1-3:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 12. Attendees will meet in the Novi Civic Center council chambers to enjoy light refreshments and a video about Barr and his pieces. Transportation will be provided to and from the park for this self-guided tour.

"This is a vital and growing community. It's evolving and it's alive and hungry to develop its cultural side. It's gratifying to see this happening."

DAVID BARR
Novi artist

Currently in the beginning stages of development, this four-acre park will become a center for creative opportunities in Novi. In coming years, the property is likely to function as an arts education center, play host to cultural programming and serve as a space where people can enjoy many varieties of art. At this time, the grounds are unpaved and in their natural state.

Barr and his wife Beth still live in their home on the property. They both feel honored by the park and this event to showcase it. The idea for the park was presented to the city by Barr several years ago because he wanted to bring to the community an idea for combining art with education in a nature setting.

"We are surprised by this, but it's a positive development for us to be able to combine both of our loves for art and education," Barr said. "To be acknowledged like this and know the community finds value in art feels good. It's satisfying to see art and education combined this way."

Novi was given, at no extra cost, six sculptures created by Barr to reside at the future art park. Landry said this is an example of the community's continuing effort to promote its culture and arts. For Barr, it's an example of what makes Novi a special place.

"This is a vital and growing community," Barr said. "It's evolving and it's alive and hungry to develop its cultural side. It's gratifying to see this happening."

Landry points to Fuerst Park as another example of outdoor art adding to Novi's park life.

Barr also has a new book coming out on his life in art, which will explain the specifics about the works at Villa Barr Park. His work deals with themes of nature and science.

The Art Walk has limited space, so call 248-347-0400 for more information.

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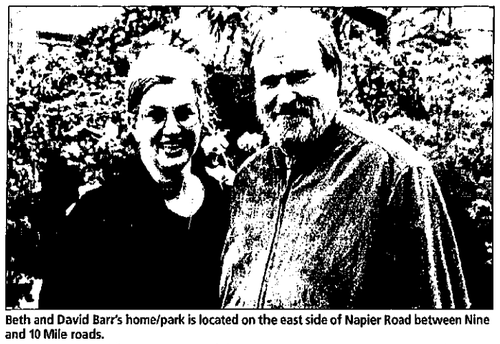

Beth and David Barr's home/park is located on the east side of Napier Road between Nine and 10 Mile roads.

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Multiple measures give a more complete picture of performance

Steve Matthews
SUPER TALK

In fourth grade, I took my first standardized test.

It was in the cafeteria of Inez Elementary School in Albuquerque, N.M. All of the fourth-grade students at school sat there that day taking the test. We sat at the cafeteria tables in a zig-zag pattern to discourage cheating. It was unremarkable.

Since then I have taken scores of standardized tests. I took nationally normed tests, state assessments, college entrance exams, graduate school entrance exams and state certification exams. Most of them were exactly the same. I sat with a pencil and filled in bubbles on a Scantron.

This week, our students in grades 3-9 have started taking the MEAP test.

Standardized tests have come under increased scrutiny as of late. Some argue that tests are important because they help hold schools, administrators and teachers accountable. Others argue that tests are a poor way to measure growth and achievement and can never capture the complex process of learning.

Let's set tests aside for a moment and ask the question: Why do parents send their children to school?

I believe that parents send their children to school to learn. A parent expects that a teacher and the school will take their child who is a second-grader and get them ready for third grade. A parent expects that the teachers and the school will take the child who is assigned to a U.S. history or a biology or an English class and, over the course of a semester or a year, move them forward.

In our district, our first two goals focus on this idea that students will learn when they come to school. District goal No. 1 states that our district will work to ensure that all students will make a year's growth in a year's time. District goal No. 2 states that all students will achieve at a high level. This goal focuses on ensuring that all students will be proficient and that we will close achievement gaps.

These two goals focus on each and every child. Regardless of where each child starts in our district, we are committed to moving them forward.

If those indeed are our goals, how do we measure them?

That is where assessments come in. We cannot assess our goals if we cannot measure growth and achievement. In our district, we have taken an inclusive approach to assessments. We do not want to place all of our eggs into one basket. We want to use a variety of assessments to demonstrate that students are making growth.

We use the NWEA or MAP assessment. We use MEAP and the MME. We use the EXPLORE, PLAN and ACT. We use classroom assessments. We use performance assessments.

The goal is to have these various assessments line up to provide a clear picture to parents and to students of the academic progress that is being made. Without assessments, it would be difficult to measure progress. By using multiple measures, we will provide meaningful feedback for teachers, parents and students.

The rationale for using multiple measures is to reduce the chance that any one assessment will become the sole measure of a student. Learning is a complex and rigorous process. Using multiple measures gives us a more complete picture of any one child's performance.

If we cannot help students and parents understand an individual student's growth and achievement, then we will have failed to do our job. While learning is complex, those of us in the schools must do our best to ensure that we have the tools necessary to communicate what and how a student is learning in our classrooms and schools.

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

Fun Run

Stella Tatulli (left) and other Parkview Elementary first-graders race around the field Oct. 2 at the Novi school during its Fun Run. The run and walk and skip event was held as a combination fundraiser for the school and to encourage healthy activities. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

NOVI SCHOOL BRIEFS

Novi Adult Education open house Oct. 16

Novi Community School District's Adult Education will be hosting an open house for the community 3-6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 16, at Novi Middle School (49000 11 Mile at the corner of Wixom Road).

Bring your curiosity and come and learn about its balanced high school program and what it can do to help students graduate, meet the staff and tour the facilities.

Light refreshments will be served; RSVP to 248-449-1717.

Adult ed registration

Novi Adult Education is taking registration for high school completion. Contact the office at 248-449-1717 to come in and register for classes. Classes are free to those who qualify.

W.L. teacher selected for project

Melody Arabo, a third-grade teacher at Walled Lake's Keith Elementary, has been selected to share her cutting-edge lesson plans, methods, observations and other tips with other teachers across the nation.

Arabo

Arabo and five other Michigan teachers were selected to be part of the Master Teacher Project, an elite national program of some of the nation's best teachers who will share best practices through a single platform, designed to be accessible to all teachers, educators and learning experts across the nation.

In total, 96 teachers selected across the nation will share math and English language arts teaching skills and resources that can serve as a living, breathing document over the course of the year, with the goal of transforming and modernizing teaching and learning.

Their experiences, observations and lesson plans will be uploaded to www.betterlesson.com.

W.L.'s Carlson recognized by Artsonia

Brandy Carlson, art teacher at Walled Lake's Loon Lake Elementary, has been recognized by Artsonia, the world's largest online kids' art museum, for outstanding leadership in the area of arts education. Loon Lake's online art gallery, www.artsonia.com/schools/LoonLake2, ranks sixth in the state.

Carlson

Artsonia's Annual Leadership Award is an honor extended to teachers from only 10 schools per state across the United States.

Carlson has created a school community deserving of recognition. During the 2012-13 school year, the Loon Lake Elementary gallery showcased 4,430 pieces of artwork. That artwork was visited more than 46,827 times and has received 180 comments from friends and families.

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Teens travel from across three continents to attend Novi High

Foreign exchange student program hits record numbers

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

The halls of Novi High School have long been considered diverse, but things were taken to a different level this fall when a growing foreign exchange student program surged from a combined 16 students over the past two years into a 30-student group this fall.

"It is a significantly larger group," counselor Amy Kilgore said. "I have been at the school for eight years and we have always provided the opportunity (and)been open to it. It has been in the last four years that it has really taken off.

"We live, learn and work in a global world and we need to know how to communicate cross-culturally. When we do live with people from all around the globe, we are forced to learn how to communicate with and care for one another. Everyone benefits from our exchange program. I would say the greatest benefactors are the families that open their homes and host an exchange student for their 10-month stay."

One such family is the Vincents, who are hosting a 17-year-old senior from São Paulo, Brazil, named Fabio Cesar Shiotuqui dos Santos. Like many Brazilian soccer players, he is better known as simply Fabio, who arrived Sept. 2 and will be living with the Vincent family until the school year ends in June 2014.

"The week before school started, we received some emails from the school asking for host families," Shona Vincent said. "(My son) Tanner actually is the one who wanted to host, so we discussed it and decided to give it a try. It seemed like a natural fit since I was actually an exchange student to Brazil myself when I was 17.

"Of course, that was a very long time ago, before cellphones, Skype, laptops or any computers, etc. The way I communicated with my family back in Ohio was snail mail and about three collect calls home during the whole year. Obviously, technology has changed the way exchange students communicate now. Fabio speaks to his family and friends back in Brazil daily."

Language barrier

With Portuguese being Fabio's primary language, it has given the Vincent family a chance to brush up on their bilingual skills, having lived in Brazil as a family when Tanner was a child.

"Our favorite part has been getting to speak Portuguese once in a while with him," Shona said. "As a family, we lived in Brazil for a couple of years and speak Portuguese. Tanner has been hoping to re-learn it – he was too young when we came back to the U.S. and he has forgotten it – as he is going on a medical mission trip in May to the Amazon River in Brazil. An interesting thing was that (my husband) Mike Vincent went to Brazil a couple of weeks ago for work and flew through São Paulo. During his short layover, he was able to meet Fabio's parents, who live a mere 10 minutes from the airport."

Brazil is one of many countries represented by the Educatius program. Others from across three continents hail from Thailand, China, Korea, Germany, Switzerland, Sweden, Spain and others throughout Europe.

Because Novi offers several English as a Second Language classes already and the Vincent family knows Portuguese, Fabio had a better transition than most.

"I decided to sign up this program in U.S. because it's so important for me learn English and live in other culture," Fabio said. "I hope go back to Brazil speaking English fluently, have other vision of society and be more mature."

Culture shock

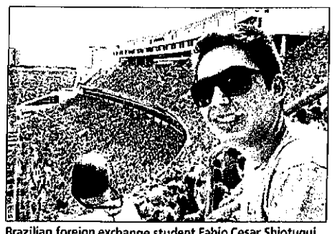
The cultural differences between Novi and São Paulo have been very noticeable for the exchange student.

"I'm loving here, the city, people, host family, school, my friends," Fabio said. "I'm so happy here, I don't want to go home more; this is my dream, is exactly like in the movies I watched in Brazil.

"My favorite thing here was the house, neighborhood, people and school. In Brazil, I lived in an apartment building; in my neighborhood don't have house with yards. Novi High School is bigger than mine in Brazil that also was build. In São Paulo, (we) don't have more space so (we) have many builds there.

"São Paulo is a big city, many things happening at the same time, our lives there is a lot of agitated," he added. "Here is better because it's more calm, don't have traffic than São Paulo because there almost everybody use car for everything. Here is very clean, the air is pure. In São Paulo, (we) have many pollution."

In addition to hanging out with Tanner Vincent and his friends, Fabio has made a few of his own, spending time as a student manager for the boys soccer team. He also got his first taste of collegiate sports, traveling to Columbus for an Ohio State-San Diego State football game just five days after arriving in the U.S.



Brazilian foreign exchange student Fabio Cesar Shiotuqui dos Santos takes in his first American collegiate football game Sept. 7, when Ohio State hosted San Diego State. The parents of his host family, the Vincents, are OSU alumni. SHONA VINCENT

He said, although the language barrier was the biggest challenge, the biggest adjustment came with the shift of lunch and dinner meal times from 1 p.m. and 8 p.m. he was used to in Brazil. Used to a typical lunch of rice, beans and meat, Fabio's now gotten used to sandwiches.

"School is really different he says. He likes the school spirit and sports," Shona said. "Our school days are much longer, so that took some getting used to. Also, at home, he does not move from his classroom. The students stay in one room and the teachers move from classroom to classroom. He was overwhelmed during 'passing' time at Novi High School. He says it's so big and has so many people.

"We live within walking distance from the high school, so Fabio does not ride a bus to school. He got to ride the school bus a couple of times to go to soccer games and was so excited," she added. "They do not have school buses in Brazil and he had only seen them in movies."

With a variety of new experiences in his first month here, Fabio said he is looking forward to the next nine months before he returns to Brazil.

With 29 other foreign exchange students in the program, the number of experiences the Novi community will provide the 30 teens for the first time is sure to be bountiful.

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OfficeMax awards supplies to Orchard Hills

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

A special surprise delivery by OfficeMax of Novi put smiles on the faces of students and staff at Orchard Hills Elementary School.

One teacher in particular was brought to tears by the event.

A crew from the school/office supply store went before the entire school Oct. 1 for a surprise assembly that had them presenting teacher Diane McCurdy with a certificate of appreciation and box full of supplies, priced at $1,100.

"I'm honored to be representative of this great school and staff," McCurdy said. "This is a huge help to us."

After her presentation, the OfficeMax crew then presented the rest of the school staff with $8,000 worth of supplies for their classrooms. The gym erupted in cheers when this was unveiled.

"We thank OfficeMax for their generosity," Principal Pam Quitiquit said. "This is an acknowledgment of the great teaching staff we have here at Orchard Hills."

Twelve deserving teachers from metro Detroit schools, classified as Title 1 schools in need, received a visit from OfficeMax to award them with $1,000 worth of classroom supplies as part of the annual OfficeMax "A Day Made Better" advocacy program to help erase teacher-funded classrooms. Local winners were among 1,000 teachers nationally who were nominated by their principals for their extraordinary efforts in the classroom.

This was the first one in Novi, so it was a special visit for the local OfficeMax store. Last year, the Novi store went to Walled Lake.

"It's about giving back to the community," store manager Vahn Klinke said. "We want to help out where we can and we know this is a need, so...why not?"

Since 2007, "A Day Made Better" and other OfficeMax Goodworks programs have contributed more than $25 million in grants and supplies to support more than 31,000 teachers and their classrooms. Additionally, through the annual event, OfficeMax has helped its nonprofit partner AdoptAClassroom.org secure funding for more than 100,000 classrooms nationwide.

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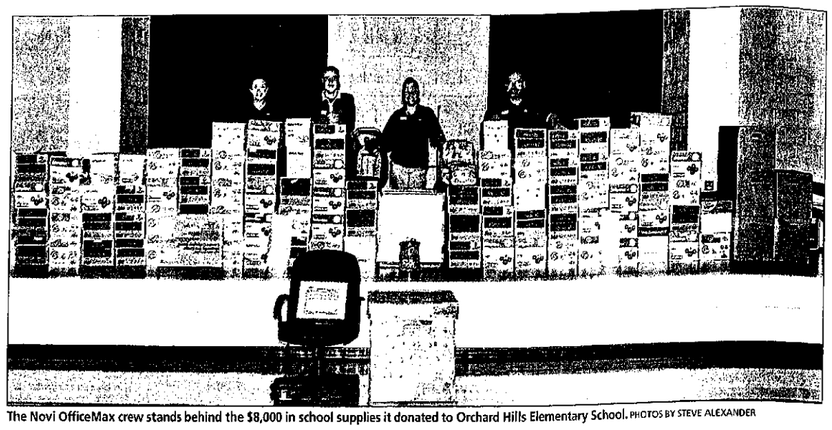
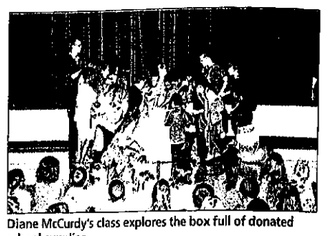
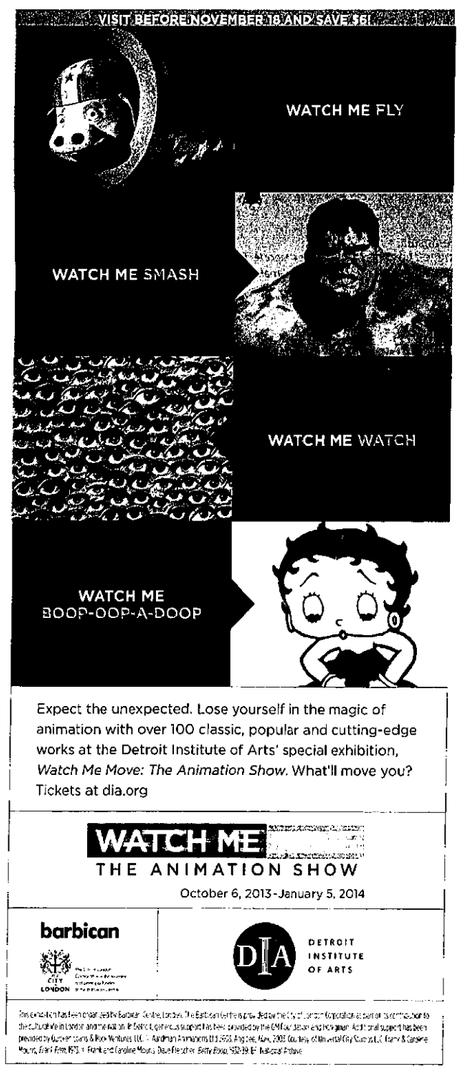

The Novi OfficeMax crew stands behind the $8,000 in school supplies it donated to Orchard Hills Elementary School. PHOTOS BY STEVE ALEXANDER


Diane McCurdy's class explores the box full of donated school supplies.



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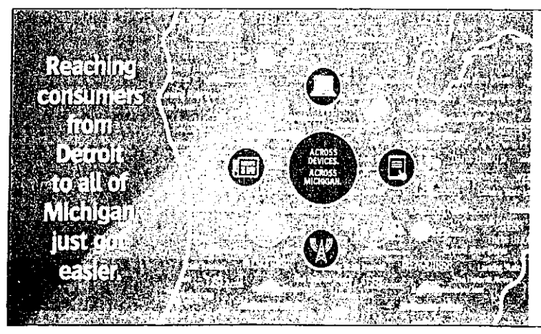

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NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

Birth certificate stolen

A 19-year-old woman had her birth certificate and naturalization papers stolen from the back seat of her vehicle Sept. 21. Her car, parked at Twelve Oaks Mall near Max and Erma's, was reportedly locked with the windows up. When she got back, the windows were down and it was unlocked.

License plate tab stolen

A Novi woman had the tab from her license plate stolen while her car was parked outside her residence Sept. 22. The yellow June 2014 tab was missing when the woman found it after leaving her residence. Only a small piece was left behind. She believes it was taken while at her residence.

Drunken driving

A woman was arrested for drunken driving after putting her vehicle in a ditch Sept. 22.

Novi Police were called to the area of Center Street and Galway Drive by the Northville Department on a report of a possible drunken driver in a car without tires. She was found in the vehicle unconscious while crashed in a ditch on the north side of Byrne Drive.

One tire was flat and another was missing altogether. It left gouge marks on the street. The woman was found with vomit on her and the preliminary breathalyzer test registered a 0.18 percent blood-alcohol content. She was also cited for hit and run after a mailbox had been discovered damaged by her vehicle.

Marijuana possession

A Detroit man was arrested for marijuana possession after being stopped for a license suspension Sept. 23.

Novi Police spotted the man on westbound I-96 and ran a plate check, which came back that he had a suspension and arrest warrants. The police report stated the man was a multiple offender for suspensions and this led to his plate being confiscated.

A check of the car revealed a baggie of marijuana inside, which he said was his.

Novi pediatrician sentenced for criminal sexual conduct

By Cal Stone
Staff Writer

Former Novi pediatrician Dr. Jeffrey Lee Dembs was sentenced Oct. 1 to 76 months to six years in prison by Oakland County Circuit Judge Shalina Kumar.

That exceeded the 29- to 57-month guideline. Dembs' plea deal included surrender of his medical license and he also will be on the Sex Offender Registry for the rest of his life.

Dembs had been charged with one count of first-degree and two counts of second-degree criminal sexual conduct, each with a person younger than 13. He wound up pleading to three counts of CSC 2, according to Jessica Cooper, Oakland County prosecutor.

He was was to go to trial Oct. 21, but pleaded to lesser charges, which the family of the victim agreed to so the boy would not have to testify at trial. Dembs became a father figure to the then 11-year-old after his father died of a brain tumor.

At least 70 incidents allegedly occurred at Dembs' West Bloomfield residence, in Las Vegas and on a boat, starting in spring 2009.

"We were prepared to offer testimony that the number was between 70 to 100 incidents," Cooper said.

A pediatrician for more than four decades, the doctor worked at My Kid's Doc office in Novi. Although the victim was one of his patients, Cooper said no incidents could be documented at the business.

"We brought a motion for similar acts' evidence alleging that this behavior went back to the '70s," Cooper said. "And we had an out-of-state witness ready to testify."

Troy-based criminal defense attorney Gerry Gleeson said in January that Dembs had taken a voluntary leave of absence from work and maintained his client's innocence.

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Number of car-deer crashes decreases across Michigan

By Alan Miller
Gannett Michigan

Across Michigan, the number of encounters between deer and motor vehicles has dropped 20 percent since 2009, but experts aren't sure what is driving that downward trend.

Car-deer crashes fell from 61,486 in 2009 to 48,918 in 2012, a review of crash reports filed with the Michigan State Police shows. Possible reasons for the change range from a smaller deer population to fewer crashes being reported to improved driving habits and/or less driving.

Car-deer crashes were down in much of metro Detroit, although Oakland County took the top spot in the state for the highest number of car-deer crashes in 2012. A total of 1,683 were reported in the county last year, but that was a 3-percent drop from the year before.

Macomb County reported 479 crashes in 2012, down from 543 in 2011. Drops also were recorded in Livingston County (from 719 in 2011 to 669 in 2012) and Washtenaw County (from 1,026 in 2011 to 925 in 2012).

The number of car-deer crashes in Wayne County increased — from to 385 in 2011 to 412 in 2012 — bucking the statewide trend.

Brent Rudolph of the state Department of Natural Resources said the decline in crashes supports the supposition that the deer herd in the southern Lower Peninsula is not increasing, as it had been in earlier years.

"We do believe over about the past decade, deer numbers in southern Michigan in general have finally hit a stabilizing point and have even come down over those years," Rudolph said.

The most recent estimate of the Michigan deer herd is from 2011, when state officials put the population at 1.73 million. Those estimates are broken down by region, with an estimated 310,000 deer in the Upper Peninsula, 580,000 in the northern Lower Peninsula and about 840,000 in the southern Lower Peninsula.

Rudolph also suggested rising gas prices and unemployment could influence how and where people are driving, resulting in fewer car-deer crashes.

Vicki Paski, president of the Harry Culp Insurance Agency in Grand Ledge, said she has not noticed a drop in claims through her agency.

"Insurance companies have gotten a little more relaxed on insisting on a police report because they can tell by looking at the car," said Paski, who has been in the insurance business since 1973. "We have noticed that more than we have noticed a lessening of car-deer accidents."

Laurie Connarton of the Insurance Institute of Michigan said the agency has worked to raise awareness of car-deer crashes.

"There are a lot of factors, but I do credit public awareness with a lot of this," Connarton said. "You can't teach animals, so you have to help drivers. We tell them about what time of day, what month and what you can do."

Alan Miller is a reporter for the Lansing State Journal.

Novi police offering civilian pistol safety class Saturday, Nov. 2

The Novi Police Department will be offering a Civilian Pistol Safety Class from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 2, at the Novi Police Department Training Center located at 45125 10 Mile Road. The course fulfills both the classroom and shooting requirements to obtain a Michigan Concealed Pistol License.

Registration forms are available online at cityofnovi.org and at the Novi Police Department. Completed registration forms and the $200 course fee (cash or money order) may be returned to the Novi Police Department. Class size is limited.

After lunch, participants will move to the Novi Firearms Training Center to complete the course. Students must bring their own equipment, including a personal handgun, 100 rounds of ammunition, safety glasses, shooter's earmuffs or ear plugs, a pen or pencil, a baseball cap and wear loose comfortable clothing to participate in the course. Participants must be 21 years old.

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New hours

Ku Wang readies her stall at the Sept. 17 Novi Farmers Market at Fuerst Park. Wang brought lots of leafy, green vegetables from a farm in the thumb region of Michigan for sale that day. The market, normally open Tuesdays morning, is now open 3-5 p.m. each Tuesday through the end of October. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Oct. 10-12: Wixom Library Used Book Sale & Million Penny Drive

What do books and pennies have in common? They both help the Wixom Public Library.

"During the fall used book sale, we'll have thousands of books in quality condition for sale at really good prices," said Jane Kleban, president of the Friends of the Wixom Library. "And we're also hoping with the money they're saving on the great book values, customers will bring in their pennies to contribute to the Million Penny Project."

The Friends is an advocacy group dedicated to raising funds for the library and is excited to bring these two activities together Oct. 9-12.

The Million Penny Project is a year-long effort that began in April, whose goal is to raise $10,000 for technical equipment such as computers and iPads to benefit library patrons. So far, $3,000 has been raised via donation boxes and other collection activities. Penny wrappers are available at the library, where donations may also be dropped off during library hours.

The popular fall used book sale features all types of fiction and non-fiction books, multi-media materials, plus games and specially priced items for all ages. Adult hard cover books are $1 and pocketbooks are 50 cents; children's books are 50 and 25 cents.

The sale runs:
10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 10
10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 11
10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 12
(buy a bag for $5)

The library is located at 49015 Pontiac Trail in Wixom. The library's phone number is 248-624-2512.

Oct. 10-11: Congressman's mobile center in Novi

U.S. Rep. Kerry Bentivolio's Mobile Constituent Service Center will be stationed Oct. 10-11 in Novi at the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services in the Civic Center (45175 W. 10 Mile Road). Get assistance with IRS issues, difficulties with Veterans Administration, problems with Medicare/Medicaid and Social Security, obtaining passports/visas, immigration troubles and more.

Oct. 12: Canoe race

Teams are still needed for the first Logjam Classic Canoe Race on the Rouge River, which will take place Saturday, Oct. 12. The three-mile race takes place in Wayne County's Lower Rouge Parkway in city of Wayne as part of the Rouge-A-Palooza festival.

Teams consist of two paddlers and will be timed. Only 30 boats will be entered in the race.

To register or for more information, contact Kurt Kuban at 734-716-0783 or visit the Rouge-A-Palooza page on Facebook.

Oct. 12: Meet Dr. Ausaf Sayeed

The Michigan Indo-American Democratic Caucus is hosting a dinner reception with Dr. Ausaf Sayeed, consul general of India, Chicago Consulate, Oct. 12 at Mirchi Indian Cuisine, 25750 Novi Road.

Registration begins at 6 p.m. Cost is $30 per person; $50 for two; $250 for table of 10. Make checks payable to the MIADC. A cash bar will be available. Seating is limited. For reservations, contact Tej Jhamb at 248-539-4081. Sponsorships are also available.

Oct. 12: Fight Leukemia at Emagine

Emagine Theater Novi will host an event for the Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan from 10 a.m. Friday to 10 a.m. Saturday.

The mission of Hollywood Nights Movie Marathon is to create a unique fundraising event that will bring together film enthusiasts and supporters of Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan who would like to enjoy a great movie watching experience.

Participants who raise $100 will enjoy all-you-can-watch new release movies and old favorites, unlimited popcorn and soda, lunch and dinner Friday, continental breakfast Saturday, choose-your-own raffle, a goodie bag and prizes for the top three fundraisers. Also, you will receive a wristband so you can come and go from the theater as needed.

A Paparazzi Pack includes two movies of your choice for four guests, a goodie bag, meal, unlimited popcorn and soda and more for $140. Paparazzi Packs are available in two sessions: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. or 4:30-10:30 p.m.

To register, visit leukemiamichigan.org or call Elyse Rafaidus at 248-530-3014.

Oct. 13: Brass band to perform at Fox Run

Five Lakes Silver Band, a British-style brass band based in Royal Oak, will be performing at Novi's Fox Run at 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 13.

This is an all-volunteer group of elite musicians which has produced four CDs and is beginning its seventh season. Under the musical direction of Neil Barlow, the band has won two international brass band contests and also most recently won first place in the First Section at the prestigious 2013 North American Brass Band Association's annual competition in Cincinnati.

Oct. 17: Candidates forum at Fox Run

The Fox Run Political Awareness Committee is sponsoring a candidates forum 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 17, in the Belmont Clubhouse Performing Arts Center. A reception will follow in the nearby Derby Room.

All three mayoral candidates and six contenders for city council have agreed to participate in this informational event.

Contact Marilyn Ratner at 248-624-0106 for more information.

Oct. 22: Authors LIVE Luncheon!

The public is invited to attend "Authors LIVE Luncheon!" from noon to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 22, in Fox Run retirement community's Belmont Clubhouse (41000 13 Mile Road) that will feature authors Allison Leotta (*Speak of the Devil*), Teresa Irish (*A Thousand Letters Home*) and Monica Wood (*When We Were the Kennedys*) discussing their books and the creative process.

The cost is $18 per person. Seating is limited to 200. To RSVP, call Annie Kennedy at 248-668-8689. This event is sponsored by Novi Public Library, Fox Run and Friends of Novi Public Library.

Throughout October: Lady Jane's Haircuts fighting cancer

Detroit Lions middle linebacker Stephen Tulloch is partnering with Lady Jane's Haircuts for Men and its foundation, Wicked Awesome Wishes, throughout the 2013 NFL season to raise awareness of childhood and breast cancer in metro Detroit. Through the partnership, Tulloch and Lady Jane's will choose a child or family that have been affected by cancer to receive two front row tickets to the every Detroit Lions home game.

The Lady Jane's in Novi is located at 43434 W. Oaks Drive.

Throughout October, the Stephen Tulloch Foundation and Lady Jane's will also take 55 kids and families to each Detroit Lions home game from Angels of Hope and the Pink Fund, honoring families that have been affected by this terrible disease. All attendees receive a ticket, food and Team Tulloch shirts to wear to the game.

If you or someone close to you has been affected by cancer, please visit www.WickedAwesomeWishes.org and submit who you think should win front row ticket giveaway.

Throughout October: Bracelets battling cancer

Brighton Collectibles announces the arrival of its 2013 Power of Pin bracelets — which have been created by its own designers to support breast cancer charities. Through the years, the company has donated $4,750,000 to worthy organizations that are working toward the cure we all hope will come soon. This year's bracelets will be available through the month of October.

Brighton Collectibles, Twelve Oaks Mall, has chosen The Inflammatory Breast Cancer Foundation as their charity and will be donating a portion of sales —$10 per bracelet — to the IBC Foundation.

If you would like to be included in this directory, contact Julie Wiechman-Jarrett at 248-850-6440 or email jjarrett@hometownlife.com

Family hopes to raise funds for foundation supporting substance abuse treatment

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Having a loved one addicted to drugs is tough for any family. But Phil and Dawn Bahr of Livonia took the opportunity to turn the experience into a positive for others.

The couple formed the Ashes to Glory Foundation, a locally based charity offering financial aid for people who require long-term substance abuse treatment.

The idea started several years after the couple's son, Brandon Bahr, was admitted into a program for substance abuse treatment. During the process, Phil Bahr thought about possibly forming a charity to help other families in need. He received an email shortly after from someone who convinced him it was the right thing to do.

"It wasn't until two years later that this idea struck him," Dawn Bahr said. "Within 24 or 48 hours, he got an email from someone saying, 'I know your heart. I don't know if you've ever thought of this, but there's really a need for something like this.'

"He felt like God was asking him to do something related to our experience down the line. It was real confirmation that it was something he needed to do."

Now, the family operates the nonprofit foundation and has helped nearly 20 families with financial aid for rehabilitation programs that are long-term and Christian-based.

"I'm amazed what has happened with limited effort," Phil Bahr said. "The need for funding is significantly bigger. We have plenty of people needing the help."

Ashes to Glory has been able to help fund extended stays for more than 15 people and has received support from people locally, nationally and internationally.

The family has grown closer since Brandon Bahr's time battling his drug addiction. He's now working in Bloomington, Ill.

Even though he's six hours away, he said he's never felt closer to his family and is happy to see them wanting to make a difference.

"I would say that my thought throughout the past three years is (I'm) incredibly proud of my family," he said. "I'm humbled God's blessed me with the family He has."

Phil and Dawn Bahr talk about the Ashes to Glory Foundation, which they started to help people with funding for a long-term drug rehabilitation program. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Benefit concert

One way the Bahrs hope to raise money for the foundation is through a concert scheduled for next weekend. It is co-directed by Scott Bahr, Brandon's brother. Scott Bahr is a member of the Covenant Chamber Choir, a Midwest group consisting of members of the Apostolic Christian Church of America.

The concert is scheduled to take place at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Apostolic Christian Church, located at 29575 Wentworth in Livonia.

The concert is free and will feature a wide range of music, from traditional hymns to spirituals to anthems. A freewill offering will be accepted, with all funds going to benefit Ashes to Glory Foundation.

"It actually came out of a woman in our church," Scott Bahr said, "who came out of the blue and said, 'I want to raise money for Ashes to Glory and I want the Covenant Chamber Choir to come help do it.' So that's what really instigated the whole thing."

Anyone looking to donate to the foundation is encouraged to visit its website at ashestogloryfoundation.org. A form is available for people looking to apply for help at a Christian-based, long-term rehabilitation facility.

Scott Bahr said the ability to bring a choir he's heavily involved with back to support a foundation started by his family is "incredibly meaningful."

"It's taking at least three points of passion that drive me and putting them into one thing," he said.

While the concert isn't scheduled as an annual event, Phil Bahr said if it goes well, it could trigger an annual event in Livonia.

Brandon Bahr will also be there and will share some of his struggles with his addiction. He's happy his brother has been able to bring the concert to town and hopes it brings more attention to his family's foundation.

"I would not miss it for anything," he said.

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Phil Bahr (right) with his son Scott, co-director of a Midwest-based choir, which is performing Saturday evening at Apostolic Christian Church in Livonia.

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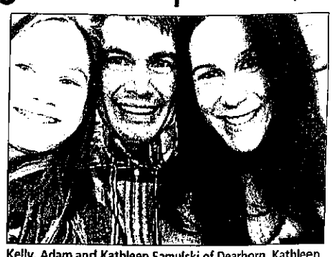
Local woman fights Huntington's as patient, advocate

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Deb Allen of Canton with her father Ron Knotts at the 2007 wedding of Allen's daughter. Knotts was diagnosed with Huntington's disease a week later.



Kelly, Adam and Kathleen Samulski of Dearborn. Kathleen is the caregiver for Adam, who got Huntington's disease from his mother, who died at age 52. Kelly recently raised some $5,000 for the annual Walk for a Cure.

Ron Knotts had many of what his daughter Deb Allen knows are the telltale signs of Huntington's disease.

His walk was ungainly. She remembers him standing in line in a store and seeing a little drool coming from his mouth. He'd choke on the simplest of foods. But Allen, a Canton resident, figured those were signs of aging, not symptoms of a deadly disease.

Little did she know how wrong she was or how much it would affect her above and beyond losing her father.

Knotts was diagnosed with Huntington's disease in 2007 and died what she called a slow, ugly death in 2010. Now his daughter, diagnosed a year after her father was, fears she faces the same fate. She's presymptomatic at the moment, but knows what's coming and she's getting ready.

"I will have symptoms eventually, so I'm doing what I can for my kids," Allen said. "I'm glad I got tested, because it gives me the opportunity to prepare. We never had that chance with my father."

According to the Huntington's Disease Society of America, Huntington's disease is an inherited brain disorder that results in the progressive loss of both mental faculties and physical control. Symptoms usually appear, according to the HDSA, between ages 30-50 (Allen was diagnosed the day *after* her 50th birthday), then worsen over a 10- to 25-year time period.

There is no effective treatment or cure and, although medications can relieve some symptoms, research has yet to find a means of slowing the deadly progression of HD.

"It's like living with Parkinson's, Alzheimer's and ALS all at once. It's a death sentence and it's a really ugly death sentence."

KATHLEEN SAMULSKI national HDSA advocate

50/50 chance

The HDSA estimates 1 in every 10,000 Americans has HD and more than 250,000 others are at-risk of having inherited it from a parent. Allen knows the statistics: children have a 50/50 chance of inheriting the disease from a parent.

It's one of the reasons she got tested when she found her dad had it. That, and the fact her daughter was thinking about having a baby.

"I wanted to get tested because my daughter wanted to start a family," Allen said.

Having lost her father to the disease and now certain she's headed down the same path, Allen is at least trying to fight back, becoming a vociferous advocate for awareness of the disease. She has walked in the last two Walk for a Cure events Downriver and, in June 2012, attended her first HDSA convention in Las Vegas.

This past April, she traveled to Washington, D.C., to advocate for HD patients. She met with the staff of U.S. Rep. Kerry Bentivolio, and Sens. Debbie Stabenow and Carl Levin. Since her visit, she said, Bentivolio and Stabenow have agreed to co-sponsor the Huntington's Disease Parity Act.

A friendly face

It was in Washington she met Kathleen Samulski, a Dearborn resident who works as a technology consultant to Wayne County school districts. Samulski was there as the caregiver to her husband Adam, who is a HD patient.

Adam Samulski, whose mother died of Huntington's at age 52, was Kathleen's high school sweetheart. Kathleen grew up in Livonia and met Adam while the two were students at Stevenson High School. The couple married and had a daughter Kelly, now 10.

But Adam's symptoms began materializing. His memory is affected, as is his behavior, particularly toward Kathleen. The disease causes involuntary movements – "Kelly calls them his 'moves like Jagger,'" Samulski says – that can inflict damage.

Eventually, it got so bad Kathleen made the only decision that made sense to her: she was forced to divorce Adam, although she remains his caregiver.

That's the thing about this disease, Kathleen said.

"The cognitive stuff goes first and then the behavioral problems happen," she said. "It's really hard to watch someone you knew in the prime of his life deteriorate before your very eyes. I've made it my life's work to understand, and beat, Huntington's disease, because it has screwed up my life."

Kathleen Samulski has been at it a little longer than Allen. Samulski is a national HDSA advocate and has been trained to go out and talk to various groups about clinical trials. She's also an ambassador to a pharmaceutical company that provides HD medication.

'Secretive disease'

The HDSA says that while Huntington's was once thought a rare disease, it is now considered one of the more common hereditary diseases. It's not necessarily a contention with which Samulski agrees.

"This is a very secretive disease," she said. "It's not talked about. If you know about HD, usually either you have it or you know someone who has it. People don't know much about it."

Allen met Samulski while both were trying to change that, advocating in Washington for the HD Parity Act, a bill that would, among other things, waive the two-year waiting period for Medicare for HD patients. The two have become fast friends and confidants since.

"She has taught me a lot about being an advocate," Allen said. "She's someone I can call. I have people in my corner now that I didn't have before."

Both women are being spurred to action by their families. Allen is the mother of two and has two siblings, none of whom has gotten tested. "I'm fine with their decision; there's nothing they could do about it anyway," Allen said.

Samulski knows there isn't much that can be done for Adam, since there's no treatment and no cure, and what medicines are available only treat the symptoms, not the disease. Although research is getting closer, Samulski – like Allen – knows the future is likely grim. It makes her angry, which is why she's doing what she can.

"It's like living with Parkinson's, Alzheimer's and ALS all at once," she said. "It's a death sentence and it's a really ugly death sentence.

"In the face of all the horrible stuff," she added, "I decided I was going to do something positive with it."

A final promise

She walked the Walk for a Cure and her daughter Kelly raised more than $5,000 for the cause. Allen walked the walk, too, and now the two are getting ready for the Michigan HDSA conference in Lansing in March and the national convention in Louisville, Ky., in June.

Allen is busying herself learning as much as she can about her disease, so that she can prepare her family and prepare herself.

Until then, she's just enjoying her grandchildren, hugging them even closer when it gets hard and the emotions overcome her.

"My grandchildren make me smile, but I still think about what could be in store for them and it hurts," Allen said.

"It's been horrific. My family will never be the same, ever. I stopped having fun. But as I've learned more, I've moved beyond that. I can have fun now."

She was there when her father passed away and she made him a promise, which she's trying to keep now.

"My promise to my father was to do everything in my power to fight," she said. "For us, for everyone out there faced with this on a day-to-day basis and yet can still smile, laugh and hope for a cure."

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UPDATES FROM CITY OF NOVI

Princess and Superhero Party set for Oct. 11

The city of Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department will host the second annual Princess and Superhero Party 6:30-8:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 11, at the Novi Civic Center.

The all-ages party will feature a fantasy filled evening of adventure, entertainment, craft building and music. Party-goes may don festive attire, including glass slippers and super hero capes, for the costume contest. Princess Bella will be at the party, along with the Amazing Spiderman, to entertain the crowd and teach princess and superhero techniques and etiquette. Appetizers will be available from California Pizza Kitchen.

Registration is $14 per child and is going on now at cityofnovi.org. The deadline to register is Friday, Oct. 4. For questions, contact Greg Morris, recreation supervisor, at 248-735-5646 or gmorris@cityofnovi.org.

To learn about additional family-friendly activities in Novi, visit cityofnovi.org.

Travel with Older Adult Services

Looking to explore Michigan and beyond this fall? City of Novi Older Adult Services is offering travel opportunities near and far. Local trips include:

» Witches, Wizard & the Magic of Fall, Friday, Oct. 11, Colon and Marshall; $80

» *Flashdance* the Musical, Friday, Oct. 11, The Wharton Center at MSU; $127

» Johnny Mathis, Thursday, Oct. 17, The Wharton Center at MSU; $127

» Mysteries of Washtenaw County, Tuesday, Oct. 22; $89

» Autumn Apple Adventure, Tuesday, Oct. 22, Romeo; $69

» Halloween Tour, Thursday, Oct. 31, Woodmere Cemetary, Mariners Church; $69

Advance planning is the key to a successful trip; reserve your spot today by calling city of Novi Older Adult Services at 248-347-0414 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Trick or Trucks

The city of Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department is excited to host the second annual Trick or Trucks event 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 24, at Novi High School for children 3 years of age or older.

Trick or Trucks provides the opportunity of kids to discover some big and exciting vehicles while showcasing their costumes. Touring station to station, attendees will not only enjoy a fire truck, police vehicles and large construction equipment, they will fill their goody bags with festive treats. The night will also feature a craft from Novi Co-Op Preschool and refreshments will be served.

Registration is $8 per person and is going on now at cityofnovi.org. The deadline to register is Tuesday, Oct. 22. In the case of inclement weather, the event will be moved to Oct. 25. Space is available for additional large trucks; contact Greg Morris, recreation supervisor, for more information at 24-735-5646 or gmorris@cityofnovi.org.

To learn more about family-friendly happenings, including the Spooky Skate at the Novi Ice Arena and the Holiday Family Road Rally, visit www.cityofnovi.org.

Stay or go?

A number of mallards, preen, flap and mingle Sept. 20 around a pond along Haggerty Road in Novi. Most mallards will stick around through Michigan's winter. Others will pass through the state during the next month, on their southern migration. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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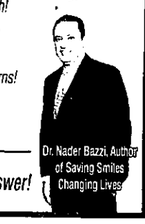

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

LOCAL EVENTS

DEMOCRATS TO MEET

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 15

Location: Novi United Methodist Church, 41671 W. Ten Mile

Details: Barbara Speitzer-Berent, AARP representative, will address a meeting of the Democrats of West Oakland County on the Affordable Care Act. Meeting free and open to the public. Snacks provided,pizza may be purchased.

Contact: www.mydems.info

NOVI ADULT EDUCATION OPEN HOUSE

Times/Dates: 3-6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 16

Location: Novi Middle School

Details: Learn about Novi Community Schools' balanced high school program to help students graduate, meet the staff, check out the facilities. Refreshments will be served.

Contact: RSVP at 248-449-1717

CONTROLLING KNEE, HIP JOINT PAIN CLASSES

Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. Oct. 24

Location: Henry Ford Medical Center, Columbus, 39450 W. 12 Mile Road, Novi

Details: When joint pain begins to affect a patient's life, negative feelings can surface. Fear of losing independence or apprehension about having surgery are two of the most common factors observed. Patients can counteract many of their worries by learning to manage their joint pain and maintain their active lifestyle. Henry Ford Health System's Joint Preservation Program aims to educate patients living with joint pain. A series of upcoming free educational classes will familiarize attendees with ways to slow down the progression of joint pain, focusing primarily on the knee and hip joints, without surgery. Information provided at the classes includes: how the joints work, self-management of pain, medical treatments, physical therapy, exercises to strengthen joints.

15TH ANNUAL COSTUME PARTY BENEFIT

Time/Date: 7-11:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 26

Location: Three Cedars Farm, 7897 Six Mile Road, Northville

Details: Dance/party benefits Night Vision prayer ministry. Cost is $12.

BLOOD DRIVES

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Oct. 11

Location: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi

Time/Date: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 13

Location: St. James Catholic Church, 46325 10 Mile Road, Novi

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 16

Location: Henry Ford Medical Center, 39450 12 Mile Road, Novi

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, Oct. 21

Location: South University, 41555 W. 12 Mile Road, Novi

Time/Date: 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 27

Location: First United Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile Road, Northville

Contact: Diane at 313-549-7052 or Diane.Risko@redcross.org to set up an appointment.

Time/Date: 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12

Location: St. Mary Mercy Hospital

Contact: To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE or visit redcrossblood.org. Appointment sign-ups are also available in the hospital cafeteria. Walk-ins are accepted, but appointments are preferred.

CARELINK LECTURES

Dizziness, Balance and Falls

Time/Date: 6-7 p.m. Nov. 12

Location: Providence Park Hospital, Outpatient Building, Conference Rooms A, B & C

Details: Millions of Americans experience dizziness or vertigo. Symptoms may include feeling unsteady, woozy, light-headed, being unable to walk without staggering or having a sensation of movement or spinning. Learn more about he causes and treatment for these issues. Presented by Eleanor Chan, M.D., otolaryngolgist, on staff at Providence and Providence Park Hospitals.

Transitions – Life After Treatment group

Time/Date: 6-7:30 p.m. on second and fourth Mondays

Location: Providence Park Hospital's Assarian Cancer Center, Second floor Conference Room, 47501 Grand River Avenue, Novi

Details: If you have recently finished cancer treatment or have been out of treatment for a while and would like to connect with other survivors, please join this informative discussion and peer support.

Contact: Jenny Bailey at 248-465-5466

FRIENDS OF ISLAND LAKE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. fourth Tuesdays (except December)

Location: Island Lake State Recreation Area headquarters at Kensington and Grand River Avenue

Details: Meetings are open to any interested individual. The group's purpose is to support, enhance, protect and promote the natural, historic, & recreational features of the park and the Huron River by increasing awareness of the parks assets through the education and outreach activities, encouraging and facilitating communication and cooperation between diverse users of the park and its staff, organizing volunteers and stewardship activities and fundraising through contributions and grants to support those initiatives.

Contact: www.islandlakefriends.org

BEREAVEMENT MEETING

Time/Date: 7:30-9 p.m. third Tuesdays

Location: Novi Civic Center (10 Mile between Taft and Novi roads)

Details: Led by Michael M. Meyer, D. Min., goal is to give each participant an opportunity to share their story.

WOMANHAERT OF NOVI

Time/Date: 7 p.m. fourth Wednesdays

Location: Providence Park Hospital, Novi

Details: For women with concerns about cardiac health to share information and sisterhood at monthly meetings

Contact: Sharon Mallon, 248-348-5189.

SUBURBAN COLLECTION SHOWPLACE

Location: 46100 Grand River Ave, Novi

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NOVI EQUESTRIAN EXPO

Date: Nov. 8-10

Details: One of the region's most popular events for horse owners and fans, the 2013 Novi Equestrian Expo is co-presented with the Michigan Horse Council, and features exciting riding exhibitions and breed demonstrations and an extensive shopping area. A full slate of well-known equine clinicians will also be presenting valuable information about managing horse health, tips for training and more. Admission is $10 for adults; $5 for children ages 6-12; free for children 5 and younger.

Contact: Please visit www.NoviEquestrianExpo.com for a complete schedule.

NOVI PET EXPO

Dates: Nov. 15-17

Details: The 10th annual Novi Pet Expo offers pet lovers and families from across the region a wonderful opportunity to interact with adoptable animals and learn more about the responsibilities of pet ownership, training and heath care. There will also be hilarious pet contests and dazzling feats of dog- daring, as well as a large shopping area for fans of pets who run, jump, fly and swim. Admission is $10 for adults; $5 for children ages 6-12; free for children 5 and younger.

Contact: www.NoviPetExpo.com

CHRISTMAS WONDERFEST

Dates: Dec. 5-8

Details: Christmas Wonderfest is modeled upon traditional European Christmas Markets, offering seasonal shopping for gifts and holiday treats, and also featuring activities and thrills for youngsters, including a special North Pole area for Santa visits, holiday crafts, indoor carnival rides, and more seasonal fun for treasured family memories.

BUSINESS

TAX SYMPOSIUM

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Location: Sheraton Detroit-Novi Hotel, 21111 Haggerty Road

Details: Southfield-based law firm Maddin, Hauser, Wartell, Roth & Heller PC. will host its 22nd Annual Tax Symposium. The program, attended by tax professionals, will include a series of presentations.

LOCAL BUSINESS NETOWORK MEETING

Time/Date: 8:45-10:15 a.m. first and third Wednesdays

Contact: To RSVP, call 248-349-6225 or 248-685-9226.

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Novi Art Institute grad competing on 'Top Chef' show

A graduate of The Art Institute of Michigan in Novi is one of the 'chef-testants' in Bravo's *Top Chef* Season 11, which airs at 10 p.m. today and debuted Oct. 2.

Aaron Cushieri earned an associate's degree in applied science in culinary arts in 2011 from the Novi school. He currently resides in Chicago and lists Livonia as his hometown.

Cuschieri has worked in some of the top kitchens in the country, from Assaggi Bistro in Ferndale to the world-renowned Alinea in Chicago. He earned a position at Takashi Restaurant, where he met his most influential mentor, Takashi Yagihashi, and developed his simple and fresh cooking philosophy, learning the importance of upholding the integrity of ingredients and always looking for the right balance of texture and flavor. Takashi tapped Cuschieri to oversee his Japanese comfort food concept, Slurping Turtle, as executive chef.

Outside of the kitchen, Cuschieri spends his time playing guitar and drums, reading the latest cookbook and taking advantage of Chicago's emerging culinary scene.

The following is an interview Cuschieri did for the culinary students now studying at his alma mater.

Who was your favorite chef instructor at the school and why?

Dave Koshizawa and Steve Simpson were my favorite instructors. Dave taught me how to walk, meaning he took me from skills class and taught me all the basics, showed me everything I've never seen before and made it so I wanted to learn. He kept me interested with personal experiences and successes. He taught me how to be a cook, pushed me in the right direction, explained what it took to succeed in the industry and taught me how to win.

Steve Simpson for teaching me that being original was more important than winning. He guided me in all my decisions while working through kitchens. I especially appreciate both chef instructors for always expecting more from me, telling me when I had a bad idea, and never letting me know when I had a good one – thus keeping me humble. I still call on both of them regularly for advice and have built friendships with both of them.

What was the hardest class for you?

Nutrition was the hardest class for me, but it was also one of the most influential, because it taught me so much I didn't know. This class taught me that there is so much more to being a chef than cooking. Most people can learn how to cook, but knowledge from classes like this are the ones that separate chefs from cooks.

Advice for current students about how to survive in the industry?

Keep your head down and always respect your chef. When you no longer respect or can learn from the person you work for, it's time to find a new kitchen. Be patient and put in your time. Don't go out and party on Saturday night; instead, buy a case of potatoes and (cook) them until 2 a.m. You'll thank yourself in four years. Be excited for work. If you don't wake up every day wanting to go to work, you're in the wrong industry. Go into this career knowing 14 hours is an average day.

Lastly, work for the right people. I'm not just talking about working for famous people (although that helps). I'm talking about working for the people who can teach you what you want to learn and guide you in your career.

Advice for culinary students on how to stay motivated?

Be as involved as possible. Join the clubs, the teams and extra stuff that (aren't) classes. Build relationships (*real* relationships) with your instructors, they will help you later on, no matter what you think now. Ask all the questions possible, even if it makes you look dumb in class. Use every class as a building block for your own plan for the future. Build a goal for graduation and do everything in your power to achieve it. "When I graduate from culinary school, I want to be here ... or I want to do this."

ABOUT THE SCHOOL

The Art Institute of Michigan is located at 28125 Cabot Drive, Suite 120, Novi. A branch campus of the Illinois Institute of Art located in Chicago, it is one of The Art Institutes (www.artinstitutes.edu), a system of more than 50 schools located throughout North America. The Art Institute's schools provide an important source of education for design, media arts, fashion and culinary professionals. Several institutions included in The Art Institute's system are campuses of South University or Argosy University.

Aaron Cushieri earned an associate's degree in applied science in culinary arts in 2011 from The Art Institute of Michigan.

CALENDAR

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AMERICAN BUSINESS WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Time/Date: 6:15-8:30 p.m., second Wednesdays

Location: DoubleTree Hotel, 42100 Crescent Blvd., Novi

Details: Novi Oaks is a chapter of the American Business Women's Association. The group meets monthly for networking and a program featuring speakers on an array of market-relevant topics. Organizers strive to bring together businesswomen of diverse occupations and to provide opportunities for them to help themselves and others grow personally and professionally through leadership, education, networking support and national recognition. Guests are always welcome; advance registration is required. Visit www.abwa-novi.org.

Contact: Holly Hengstebeck at publicity@abwa-novi.org.

NORTHVILLE-NOVI BUSIONESS NETWORKING BREAKFAST

Time/Date: 7:30-9 a.m. first and third Tuesdays (except November and December, which are just the first Tuesdays)

Location: Kerby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty

Details: Business networking focused on building relationships. The Sunrise Networking Group, LLC (www.sunriseNETWORKINGgroup.com) is a group of about 250 business leaders who help each other by referring people to each other. Breakfast is $10.

Contact: Fonda Milana, 586-232-3009 or fmilana@sunrisefinancialgroupllc.com.

METRO NOVI BNI

Time/Date: 7-8 a.m. every Wednesday

Location: On the Border Restaurant, 21091 Haggerty (north of Eight Mile), Novi

Details: BNI is a structured networking environment for professionals. The Metro Novi BNI team members are committed to providing bona fide referrals. Members learn how to create and refine an "elevator speech," develop a network of other business professionals in the community and receive training/education on networking more efficiently. Guests are invited free of charge. Continental breakfast provided.

Contact: Contact Julie Paquette at 248-797-1665 or juliepaquette67@gmail.com; www.metronovibni.com.

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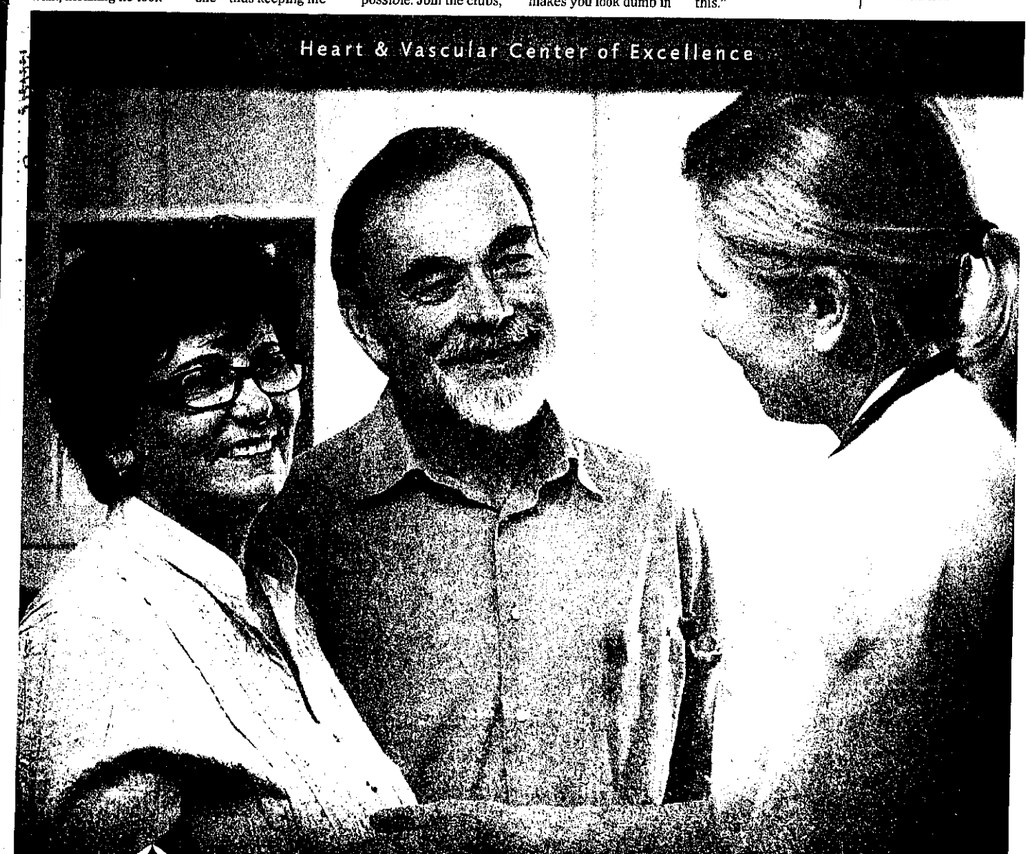

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BRODOWICZ, AUDREY EMMA (nee SMITH)

Age 95, passed away October 3, 2013 after a two-day hospitalization. She will be cremated and a memorial service will be held in a few weeks at Detroit's Central Methodist Church, where she was married in 1942. Her ashes will be buried next to those of her husband, Walter, and her sister, Betty, at the South Lyon Cemetery. She is survived by her three children (Irene, Bill and Margaret), two grandchildren (Kosta and Elizabeth), and a new great-granddaughter (Margarita), as well as the children and grandchildren of her brother, Brad, and many other relatives and wonderful friends. Audrey was always interested in world affairs, and kept herself well informed to the end. She had a remarkable ability to look on the bright side and not complain. And if you had a birthday, you could always count on receiving a card from her. If you would like to be informed about the as yet undetermined details of the memorial service, please send an email to her son, Bill, at brodovich@att.net or call him at (734) 645-1114

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CARTER, KATHLEEN

Of Highland, passed away peacefully, of natural causes, on Saturday, October 5, 2013 in her home, with her beloved dogs by her side. On November 7, she would have been 70 years old. She is survived by her older brother William Carter, and her three sons William Scott, Daniel Scott and Dominic Carter. An avid dog lover, she had been a member of the Basset Hound Club of America for over 40 years. She was also an active member of the Church of the Holy Spirit for the last 25 years. Visitation will be held at 9 am on Friday, October 11, 2013, at the Church of the Holy Spirit, with funeral services to follow at 10am. A lunch reception will follow the funeral services.

The family asks that any donations be made to Michigan Basset Rescue.

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DEYO, SAMUEL MORSE

Korean War Veteran and architect, age 82, died Oct. 6, 2013. LynchFuneralDirectors.com

Evangelista, Gerald

Age 87, passed Oct. 1, 2013. Visitation Oct. 6, 3-9pm Phillips Funeral Home. Funeral Oct. 7, 11am St. Joseph Catholic Church

GLAVIN, RICHARD

July 13, 1929 - October 1, 2013
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GOERS, KATHRINE M.

Age 62, passed away October 5, 2013. She was born on July 4, 1951, in Ann Arbor, to the late Oscar and Hulda (Finkbeiner) Hirth. She was full of love and life. She was a very generous giving person with a great sense of humor and loved to laugh. Kathy adored her grandchildren. She was an excellent loving wife and mother. She had a strong abiding faith and lived it every day. She will be dearly missed by all who knew her. Kathy is survived by her husband of 42 years, Edward; her children: Benjamin (Jennifer), Christopher (Nicole), Steven (Sarah) Goers; two grandchildren: Ava, Madeline; her brothers: William (Ettie Ann) Hirth, Gerald Hirth; her sister Barbara (Frank) Gardner and many nieces and nephews. Visitation was held on October 8, Tuesday, from 4:00 - 9:00 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, 122 West Lake Street, South Lyon. A funeral mass was celebrated on October 9, Wednesday, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 830 S. Lafayette, South Lyon. Memorial contributions may be Multiple Sclerosis Foundation, National Headquarters Donations, 6520 North Andrews Ave, Fort Lauderdale, FL, 33309-2130.

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GRUBB, RYAN J.

Age 29, passed away October 2, 2013. Visitation Oct. 7, 3-9 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home. Online guestbook phillipsfuneral.com.

LYONS, LEONARD

Age 81, passed away October 2, 2013. Visitation Oct. 5, 12-4pm. Funeral 4pm at Phillips Funeral Home. www.phillipsfuneral.com

McCORMICK, EVELYN J.

90 of Gaylord and formerly of Novi, passed away Sunday, September 22 at Tendercare Gaylord. She was born on May 3, 1923, to Norris and Lucia Hill in St. Louis, Michigan. She worked in the Ford Valve Plant in Northville, MI, during World War II, and on July 14, 1945, she married Royal "Mac" McCormick who precedes her in death. They moved from Novi and lived in St. Ignace for several years before returning to Farmington and finally settling in Walled Lake, Michigan. While living in Novi, she played the piano and sang in the choir at Novi Baptist Church. Family was most important to Evelyn and she cherished most the times she spent with her grandchildren, or her "Love Bugs," attending their sporting events, school functions and family celebrations. She was very kind and generous and frequently sent greetings to many family members and friends, most notably her "Roses are Red, Violets are Blue . . . " homemade greeting cards. In addition to spending time with her family, she enjoyed watching television westerns; listening to the Tigers and singing "Take Me Out to the Ball Game; singing hymns and listening to books on tape. Her love of sunflowers was evident to anyone she welcomed into her home. Evelyn is survived by her son, Patrick (Pamela) McCormick of South Lyon; grandchildren, Kip (Angel) Sircely, Kraig (Suzanne) Sircely, Kyle (Sara) Sircely of Gaylord, Tara McCormick of Rockford, IL, and Katelyn McCormick of South Lyon; great grandchildren, Destiny, Donovin, Samuel, Rebecca, Jenna, Nicholas, Hanna; Brother, James Hill. She was preceded in death by her husband, Royal ("Mac"); daughter, Barbara Sircely; son, Royal ("Mick"); son-in-law, Frank Sircely; brothers, Wayne, Dean and Harold Hill and her sister, Joyce Charlebois. Memorial service will be held Saturday, October 19, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. at the New Hudson United Methodist Church, 56730 Grand River Ave., New Hudson, MI. Burial will take place at Oakland Hills Cemetery. Family suggests memorial contributions in memory of Evelyn be made to American Diabetes Association through Nelson Funeral Home, P.O. Box 1548 Gaylord, MI 49734

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MONSON, GILBERT D.

Dec. 31, 1925 - Sept. 27, 2013
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OLSZEWSKI, JOHN J.

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PETERSON, GLORIA M. (PARZUCHOWSKI)

Age 82, passed away October 6, 2013 surrounded by her loving family. She was born on May 6, 1931, in Hamtramck, daughter of the late Michael & Anna Garnick. She is survived by her loving sons: Kim (Joanne), Chris (Sue), Paul (Kathleen), Scott (Mary), John (Linda), and Steven (Michele) Parzuchowski, and her loving daughters: Gail (Dale) French, and Lynn (Ken) Gentner. She is also survived by 22 grandchildren, one great-grandchild, her sister Dorothy Weir and her brothers: Michael (Karen) and Dale (Wendy) Garnick. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Leo in 1977 and her second husband Arnold Peterson in 2005. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, October 9, from 2:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m. with a Rosary at 7:00 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. A funeral Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, October 10, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 830 S. Lafayette, South Lyon. Online guestbook:
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PROHASKA CYNTHIA K.

Age 54, passed away October 2, 2013. She was born on January 2, 1959, in Detroit, to the late Stephen and Shirley (Priebe) Wolonty. Cindy had a creative soul and was a talented artist. She enjoyed traveling, camping and was an excellent cook. Cindy worked for Perry Nursery School in Ann Arbor for 17 years. She was a devoted loving wife and mother. She was going to school for her Bachelor's degree in Fine Arts. She was a Girl Scout Troop Leader for many years. Cindy is survived by her husband of 35 years, Bob Prohaska; children: Kim (Joseph Bennett) Prohaska, Bobby (Natalie) Prohaska; sister-in-law Pamela Saxton; and her dogs Spencer and Ginger. Visitation will be held on Sunday, October 6, from 3:00-9:00 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, 122 West Lake Street, South Lyon. A funeral service will be held on Monday, October 7, at 11:00 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church of South Lyon, 640 S. Lafayette, South Lyon. Memorial contributions may be made to Perry Nursery School, 3770 Packard Road Ann Arbor, Michigan 48108

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SKRLEC, SUSIE

Was welcomed into the arms of her Lord Jesus on Sept. 26, 2013 at the age of 92. She was preceded in death by her son Johnnie, husband John, and grandson Carl. She was born in Detroit and was active in High School athletics. She worked for Chrysler as a secretary and during the war she volunteered to sell War bonds in the Women's Army Corps and worked at the USO. In 1948, she married a good Slovak from her church, John A. Skrlec and they were married for 53 years. Susie is survived by four daughters: Suzette (Greg) Hilton, Sharon (Dan) Vasovic, Lydia (Bill) Erickson, and Mary (Greg) Stamm; her sister Katherine Cervenak; 8 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Susie enjoyed fishing, playing tennis, cooking, and watching her beloved Detroit Tigers, Lions and Red Wings. In 1965, the family moved from Roseville, MI to the South Lyon area on Silver Lake and built and ran Johnnie's Little Store. Susie served as President of the Women's Auxiliary VFW Post #1224, the Women's Extension, and worked 25 years on county elections. Susie Skrlec was a good Slovak woman - strong, smart and loving. She will be greatly missed! A memorial service will be held Saturday, Oct. 19, at St. George Lutheran Church; 803 W. Main St., Brighton, MI 48116. Visitation is at 11:00 am and the service will start at 12:00 p.m. with a luncheon to follow at the Brighton Community Center. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to St. George Lutheran Church in memory of Susie Skrlec.

TINDALL, JAMES T.

Age 69, passed away September 20, 2013. He was born on October 31, 1943, in Morrilton, Arkansas. He retired from I.B.E.W Local #252 of Ann Arbor after many years as a Master Electrician. He is survived by his wife, Peggy; his children: Donna Lipkowski, Kimberly (David) Curry, and his step-daughter, Jen (Mitchell) Ling. He is also survived by his grandchildren: Justin, Scott, Grace and one brother, Bill Tindall and one sister, Emily Beach. He was preceded in death by his parents. A memorial service will be held on October 15, Tuesday, at 1:00 p.m. at Grace Chapel, 228 Fourth Street, Brighton, MI 48116.

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

First Baptist Church of Northville

Location: 217 N. Wing
Contact: 248-348-1020
Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays
Men's Bible Study: 9 a.m. first Saturday of every month

Faith Community Presbyterian Church

Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile
Contact: 248-349-2345 or visit www.faithcommunity-novi.org
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.
Women's Bible Study: 9:15-10:30 a.m. Saturdays

Church of the Holy Family

Location: 24505 Meadowbrook Road
Contact: 248-349-8847 or visit holyfamilynovi.org
Mass Schedule
Time/Day: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Sunday, 9 a.m. Monday-Friday; 7 p.m. Monday-Tuesday; 4:30 p.m. Saturday; 6:30 p.m. Saturday (Spanish)
Holy days: 9 a.m., 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Reconciliation: beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appointment
Priests: the Rev. Bob LaCroix, pastor, and the Rev. Michael Zuelch, associate pastor

Crosspointe Meadows Church

Location: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile
Contact: 248-669-9400, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or visit www.crosspointemeadows.org
Sunday worship: 11:15 a.m.
Bible study classes: 10 a.m. for all ages
Details: Nursery and older children programs available. Worship blends traditional and contemporary elements resulting in a multi-sensory worship experience.

Destiny Worship Center

Location: Ridge Wood Elementary School, 49775 Six Mile, Northville
Contact: DestinyW3C@Gmail.com or visit www.DW3C.org.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Location: 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia
Web: www.emmanuel-livonia.org
Contact: 248-442-8822
Sunday worship: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.
Adult special needs worship: 9:30 a.m.
Youth group: Tuesdays at 7:45-9 p.m.
Youth group: 7:45-9 p.m. Tuesdays
Women's Coffee Break Bible Study: 10-11: 30 a.m. Mondays; study book - "Seeing Grey in a World of Black and White" by A. Hamilton.

First Baptist Church of Novi - Family Integrated Church

Location: 45301 W. 11 Mile
Contact: 248-349-3647 or firstbaptistchurchofnovi.org
Family Bible Hour: 9:45 a.m.
Family Worship: 11 a.m.
Bible Study: 6 p.m.
Family Movie Night: 5:30 p.m.; fourth Sunday of every month

First Church of the Nazarene

Location: 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile
Contact: 248-348-7600 or visit dfcnazarene.org
Sunday Schedule: 9:30 a.m. Classic worship service, Adult Bible Fellowship classes and Children's Sunday School; 11 a.m. Contemporary worship service with Kids Church, Teen Worship Service and Adult Bible Fellowship classes. Café is open from 9:15-11 a.m. Refreshments at 10:30 a.m.; 6 p.m. Evening Traditional Service
Tuesday: 9:25 a.m. Women's Bible Study (Women of the Word) studying Luke
Thursday schedule: 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group and Bible Study
Friday: 9:30 a.m.; Sweet Fridays on the second and fourth Fridays -- A Ministry for Moms of All Ages

First Presbyterian Church of Northville

Location: 200 E. Main
Contact: 248-349-0911 or visit www.fpcnorthville.org
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

First Presbyterian Church

Location: 205 E. Lake Street (corner of Wells and 10 Mile), South Lyon
Contact: 248-437-2875
Rummage Sale
Times/Dates: 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 11 and 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 12

First United Methodist Church of Northville

Location: 777 W. Eight Mile, Northville
Contact: 248-349-1144 or www.fumcnorthville.org
Summer Sunday Worship (Memorial Day-Labor Day): 8:30 and 10 a.m.
Summer Sunday School (Memorial Day-Labor Day): 8:30 a.m. - Nursery; 10 a.m. - Nursery - sixth grade
Sunday Worship (September-May): 8, 9:15 and 11 a.m.
Sunday School (September-May): 8 a.m. Nursery; 9:15 a.m. Nursery 12th grade; 11 a.m. Nursery sixth grade

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Location: 41415 Nine Mile, corner of Meadowbrook Road, Novi
Contact: 248-349-0565
Sundays: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Study; 10 a.m. Worship

Holy Cross Episcopal Church

Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile
Contact: 248-427-1175 or holycrossnovi@gmail.com; visit holyCROSSnovi.org
Sunday Worship: 7:45 and 10 a.m.
Sunday School and Nursery Care: 10 a.m. Worship service
Alzheimer's Support Group: 10 a.m. second Saturday of month.

Hope Lutheran Church

Location: 39200 W. 12 Mile (east of Haggerty), Farmington Hills

Lakes Baptist Church

Location: 309 Decker Road, Walled Lake

Livonia Church of Christ

Location: 15431 Merriman, Livonia
Contact: 734-427-8743 or visit www.livoniachurch.net
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.
Bible School: Sunday 10 a.m.; Wednesday 7 p.m.

Meadowbrook Congregational Church

Location: 21355 Meadowbrook Road, between Eight Mile and Nine Mile
Contact: the Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, senior minister, 248-348-7757, visit mbccc.org or e-mail to office@mbccc.org.
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.
Church School: 10-11 a.m.
Fellowship Hour: 11 a.m.
Merry Widows Luncheon: 11:30 a.m. fourth Thursday of each month
Pilgrim Fellowship: 6 p.m. Sundays

Northville Christian Assembly

Location: 41355 Six Mile
Contact: 248-348-9030; ncalife.org
Sundays: 9-10 a.m. Sunday School for Adults / Youth / Children; 9 a.m. Contemporary service in multipurpose gymnasium; 1015 a.m.: Contemporary service in worship center; children's super church on the second level (208/210)
Wednesday Family Night: 7 p.m.; Adult elective classes; junior and senior high ministries; children's programs, Nursery and Preschool Program on Sundays and Wednesdays. Home of Northville Christian School (day care; preschool through eighth grade); call 248-348-9031.

Novi-Northville Center for Jewish Life

Details: Events, programs and activities for all ages throughout the year -- children's programs, Sunday school, adult Jewish classes, youth clubs, holiday services and programs, community social events.
Contact: Rabbi Avrohom & Leah Susskind at 248-790-6075 or rabbi@novijewishcenter.com; www.novijewishcenter.com

Novi United Methodist Church

Location: 41671 W. 10 Mile
Contact: 248-349-2652 or visit umcnovi.com
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/pages/Novi-United-Methodist-Church/59782031433
Sunday Worship: 9:45 a.m.
Healing Service and Holy Communion: 9:45 a.m. first Sunday of every month
Peace Vigil: noon, first Sunday of every month in front of the church. Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace.

Oak Pointe Church

Location: 50200 W. 10 Mile, Novi
Contact: 248-912-0043 or visit oakpointe.org
Worship Services: 5:15 p.m. Saturday; 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. Sunday
ReNew Life Group Ministries: 7:15-9 p.m. every Monday
Details: Overseen by TrueNorth Christian Counseling, offering a variety of support and relational groups: Divorce Care; Grief Share; Life Disrupted (Doing Well At Being Sick); Restarting; Setting Boundaries with Teen & Adult Children; Single and Single Again; Men's Integrity; Cross Current; Her Story-Partner Care; Growing Seasons (for children); and two new groups are Caretakers and Knitted Together (Adoption/Foster Care) Workshops.
Contact: 248-912-0043; www.oakpointe.org/lifegroups/renewfindex.html.
Women's Life Groups Ministries: 7 p.m. every Tuesday 9:30 a.m. every Wednesday
Men's Life Groups Ministries: 6 a.m. every Friday morning at various locations For both Women's and Men's Life Groups Ministries, please contact the church office.

Orchard Grove Community Church

Location: 850 Ladd Road, Building C, Walled Lake
Web: www.orchardgrove.org
Contact: Amanda Rehm at 248-926-6584 or amanda.rehm@orchardgrove.org.

Our Saviour Apostolic Lutheran Church

Location: 54899 Eight Mile, Northville

Orchard Grove Community Church

Location: 850 Ladd Road, Walled Lake
Contact: 248-926-6584; www.orchardgrove.org

Orchard Hills Baptist Church

Location: 23455 Novi Road
Contact: pastor Jon Hix, 248-349-5665
Preschool/Kids Choir: 7-8:15 p.m. every Wednesday
Details: For ages 3-6; ongoing event; no need to preregister; all are welcome.

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church

Location: 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth Township
Contact: 734-453-0326, Ext. 221

Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church

Location: 770 Thayer, Northville
Contact: 248-349-2621 or olvnorthville.org
Saturday Worship: 5 p.m.
Sunday Worship: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.

Our Shepherd Presbyterian Church

Location: 1200 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth
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Couple holds wedding rehearsal at Novi Bowl

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

Bowling helped bring a local couple together and celebrate the love they had at their wedding rehearsal at Novi Bowl.

"We met in college back in the '90s in East Lansing," Brian Roney said about he and new wife Gwen as the two looked back on their start together.

Brian was going to Michigan State University and Gwen was at Eastern Michigan University, but she lived at home in Northville and commuted there three days a week. Brian roomed in a dorm with several of Gwen's friends from Northville High School. Occasionally, Gwen would go to MSU on the weekends to party and see friends.

They would always chat when she was there and had a good connection, but they never dated. That changed when they met at a friend's wedding in 2009. They talked and eventually went on a date.

Four years after their first date, Brian and Gwen were back at Novi Bowl to celebrate the wedding with friends and family.

They said they went to dinner on that first date and, while at dinner, somehow bowling came up. It turns out both are very competitive and love to bowl. Knowing this, after dinner the two quickly left the restaurant and searched for a bowling alley.

"Naturally, we went to Novi Bowl," Brian said.

Bowling, especially Novi Bowl, holds a special place to them. Gwen's dad used to bowl weekly in a league and she would go watch. Brian's grandmother still bowls at 86 years old. This bowling tradition occurs in both of their families.

"Four years later, it only seemed natural to have our wedding rehearsal at a bowling alley," she said.

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Brian and Gwen Roney recently held their wedding rehearsal at Novi Bowl, where they had one of their first dates.

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OPINION

Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the hometowns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

OUR VIEWS

Supporting school millages right thing to do

Community should know that strong district funding makes for desirable destination

It's always challenging to craft an editorial about millages without bombarding readers with numbers. Too many figures have a way of complicating the issue.

So let's just get them out of the way and then explain why it's crucial that Novi voters approve both school millage "renewals" (that word is key) on the Nov. 5 ballot.

The first is the operating millage – 18 mills on businesses and non-homestead properties and 5.49 mills on primary residences. Currently, the Novi Community Schools district receives $8,359 per student in state funding. If this millage renewal fails to pass, that funding would drop to $5,446 per student – or $17.8 million of the district's $68.6 million general operating fund.

The second is the public recreation and playground millage, 0.98 mills that will generate about $1.9 million per year.

Both millages are for 10 years.

That's the nuts and bolts. Now the heart and soul.

These are "renewals," not requests for additional money from taxpayers. Novi residents are currently paying both these millages and will not see increases in their taxes. The millages will, however, allow Novi schools to maintain current funding.

The recreation millage funds let the community use school district property and facilities – playgrounds, tennis courts, gymnasiums, auditoriums, the high school pool and fields. After-school community rec activities are supported by this millage and the funds make possible rent-free use of the facilities at Novi's elementary, middle and high schools. Community soccer and other rec activities wear and tear the district's fields and these funds help maintain and even upgrade property.

The operating millage goes in the general fund, which pays for programs, special education, athletics, transportation, fine arts, administrators and teachers (and enables the district to keep class sizes at one of the lowest in Oakland County). Now try to imagine paying for those with 25 percent less money. Obviously, drastic cuts would be needed to balance the budget, which the district is legally obligated to do.

And don't think for one minute that the state will give Novi more money if these millages fail. Since Proposal A, in fact, the exact opposite has been true as all districts have been receiving less and less funding annually.

Parents, you expect your child to be educated and provided with a wide variety of skills to be successful in life: communication, reading, leadership, decision-making, writing, calculating, reasoning and collaboration.

Your school district does this and is consistently noted as one of the best school districts in Michigan.

Parents also expect their children to have a wide spectrum of non-classroom activities, like music, athletics and clubs. Again, this district is up there with the best.

And even residents who don't have children in the local public schools expect them to be of the highest standards, because it's one of the reasons Novi is a desirable place to live.

The Novi Community Schools district holds up its end of the deal daily by providing K-12 education that is as fine as any district's.

Nov. 5, it's your turn to show your support by voting "yes" on both millage renewals.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Vote for Gatt

When you go to the polls Nov. 5, I encourage you to vote for Bob Gatt for mayor of Novi. Mayor Gatt has proven his ability to lead our community. He has the respect of his colleagues on city council, the city administration, the business community and the Novi residents. He has been a calm hand on the helm of the city.

Our city government has continued to provide its residents and businesses with excellent services while maintaining fiscal responsibility. Novi is the only city I am aware of that has lowered its millage rate in the last two years!

Most importantly, Bob Gatt cares about Novi. He personally cares about the people who live and operate businesses in our city. That kind of personal concern shows through in our city services, public safety and the basic attitude at city hall.

Bob Gatt gets my vote for mayor. Thank you, Bob Gatt, for your willingness to continue to serve our city.

David B. Landry
Novi

Home Tour kudos

As chair of the American Association of University Women Northville-Novi Branch's 18th annual Home Tour, which took place Saturday, Sept. 21, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the area businesses that supported us in our event. We greatly appreciated the excellent press coverage in the *Northville Record* and *Novi News*.

We had four Home Tour sponsors. A special thank you goes to: HandyPro Handyman Service, Orin Jewelers and Pure Products International for sponsoring a home and Epiphany Kitchens for sponsoring two homes on the tour this year. In addition, there were six area businesses willing to sell tickets for us: Gardenviews, the Northville Chamber of Commerce, Pear-Aphernalia and Starring "The Gallery" in Northville; and Calico Corners and Meadowbrook Art Center in Novi. Special thanks to Mary Starring for letting us hold our free ticket raffles at "The Gallery" during "Girl's Night Out" and First Friday in August and September.

Thanks also to the Northville Country Garden Club for letting us hold a raffle during their Garden Walk in July. We would also like to thank The Appliance Doctor of WAAM radio, Joe Gagnon, for supporting our event. Thanks to Great Harvest Bread Co. and Long's Plumbing and Kitchen & Bath Design for donating bags for our patrons' use during the Tour. Many local businesses, restaurants and individuals advertised in our Guide booklet and we thank them very much for their support.

We also want to give special thanks to the six homeowners who allowed us to tour their homes and of course, all of you who attended our event and provided us with lots of positive feedback. We were especially pleased with the National Honor Society students from Northville High School who helped host and hostess at the homes this year.

The money we raise at the Home Tour goes to support our many projects in both communities such as scholarships for young women in Northville and Novi High Schools planning on attending college, the transition centers at Schoolcraft College and Oakland Community College, the Mercy Education Project in Detroit, Let's Read Math, a Career Path Day for middle school girls and Kids 4 Afghan Kids. Thank goodness for mostly sunny weather and thanks to all our volunteers for helping me deliver a successful and enjoyable event.

Jane Hecker
Northville

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

We welcome your Letter to the Editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. Letters should be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content. Submit letters via the following formats. Letters must be received by 9 a.m. Monday for Thursday's print edition.
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Kowall for or against schools?

At last Thursday's Novi Board of Education meeting, several of Novi Schools media centers were recognized for achieving exemplary status as 21st Century Libraries.

"SL 21" is a standards program to help measure the quality of school library programs within individual K-12 school buildings in Michigan. By setting benchmarks in areas like instruction, technology, and facilities, those libraries that achieve exemplary status are recognized as showing a strong commitment to information literacy and student achievement. Novi schools are exemplary in many ways, and as a Novi resident and parent of students here, it's gratifying to see our Novi schools team recognized for the work they do for our kids.

Our state senator, Mike Kowall, presented the awards at the meeting and expressed his pride in the Novi Community Schools media centers being in his district. His presentation of the awards seemed ironic to me because over the last few years that I've been paying attention, Sen. Kowall has consistently voted against supporting our public schools. He voted "yea" to cutting the School Aid Budget in 2012 to pay for a huge corporate tax cut which, along with right to work, was supposed to unleash job creation in Michigan – except that Michigan's unemployment rate has since gone back up to 9.0 percent.

Sen. Kowall also supported the atrocious package of bills in the 2012 lame-duck session that were designed to weaken and defund locally controlled public schools. That set of bills, driven by ALEC (a notorious corporate lobby funded by the Koch brothers and other big business interests), established an unaccountable Education Achievement Authority, allowed seizure of taxpayer-funded school buildings while lifting limits on charter and virtual schools, effectively handing over taxpayer dollars to for-profit Wall Street corporations not accountable to the citizens of Michigan.

Mr. Kowall is probably not in danger of losing his seat in the next Senate election, our district being what it is. However, it is worthwhile as taxpayers, homeowners and parents to keep track of which legislators really do support our outstanding public schools and which really do not.

Kathleen Hood
Novi

Library tribute

Media specialists (from left, holding plaques) Kim Clark (Novi Meadows), Janis Canady (Deerfield Elementary), Bethany Bratney (Novi High School) and Kim Wesner (Novi Middle School) received legislative tributes from state Sen. Mike Kowall (center) at the Novi School Board's Oct. 3 meeting for being selected as School Libraries in the 21st Century. Visit http://michigan.gov/libraryofmichigan/0,2351,7-160-34169_51980---,00.html to learn more.

Leaders lead

What do Ronald Reagan, Bill Clinton and George W. Bush all have in common? They all have negotiated in good faith with the opposing party when they were in office. The only time Barack Obama reaches across the aisle is to hammer the Republicans. Barack Obama's signature legislation was passes along party lines since the Democrats controlled everything. In fact, it was passed without many of the Democrats actually reading the legislation. These are the facts, but I don't want to debate the health care law in this letter.

The constitution is a wonderful document that builds in a series of checks and balances so that no one arm of government becomes too powerful. The public reflected this by voting the Republicans the control of the House in 2010 and again in 2012. The Republicans are just following the Constitution and trying to represent the people that elected them to public office.

Barack Obama has publicly stated he is not willing to negotiate with the Republicans on the government shutdown. His has taken steps to make the shutdown as painful to the public as possible. One example is not allowing the state of Arizona and private business to fund the operation of the Grand Canyon. He sounds more like a child threatening to hold his breath if he doesn't get his way.

Barack Obama was only successful in getting his legislation passed in the first two years of his term when his party controlled everything or by executive order. He was elected because he was going to be different type of president and unite all sides. He has not followed through on his promise to unite people in Washington. In fact, he has been responsible for a greater divide by his my-way-or-the-highway attitude.

The president needs to stop throwing a temper tantrum, because he is not getting his way, and negotiate with the opposing party to find some common ground. After all, he is the president of the greatest country in the world and he should act accordingly.

Edmund P. Shaheen
Novi

COMMUNITY VOICE

How do you feel about the federal government shutdown?

This question was asked at the Novi Public Library.

"It's too bad to see the parks closed. And I do have some friends who work for the government, so it's been tough on them. The government needs to get their act together."

Mohini Savanur
Novi

"I feel they are doing the right thing. The debt is climbing and no one is paying attention."

Robert Fenzan
Novi

"It's very stupid and totally unnecessary. It's silly to hold Obamacare hostage with an unrelated subject."

Tony Marroni
Novi

"Essentially, it sucks. They don't cooperate with each other. And the Obamacare law was passed, but now we're talking about it with funding."

Greg Jonesku
Novi

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Local couple hopes story 'rings' a bell after 40 years

By Beth Jachman
Staff Writer

Mike and Patty LaPradd will be married 40 years in March and they want to give back the wedding and engagement rings they purchased from a Farmington or Farmington Hills family.

No, they are not splitting up – they would just like to give the rings back to the original owners.

The tale begins in 1973 as a story of young love, when Patty was a senior at Livonia's Bentley High School. She met and fell in love with Mike LaPradd, who was 21 at the time and had just moved in across the street with his family.

"We met as neighbors," she said. Both families lived on Hoy Street off of Five Mile between Merriman and Middlebelt in Livonia. "His family came from Detroit. I went to school with his brothers," Patty said. The brothers were her age, but Mike was older and out of school.

They decided to marry while she was still finishing high school, against the wishes of their parents. They didn't have much money for rings, but they found an ad in the *Livonia Observer*. It read, "Wedding ring set for sale. 477-1658."

"My mother found the ad in the paper," Mike LaPradd said. "We were young and in love and had no money, obviously. We didn't have two nickels to rub together."

Mike and Patty LaPradd are nearing their 40th wedding anniversary.

Patty and Mike LaPradd on their wedding day.

The rings

In answering the ad, Mike and Patty went together to a home in Farmington or Farmington Hills; after all these years, they are not sure which community it was. Patty waited outside in the car, while Mike went in to buy the rings.

It was said that the wife was sick, they think with cancer, and the couple had horses, as the area was more rural at the time, Patty said. "She was ill and they wanted to feed the horses. The bills were piling up," Patty said was the reason they gave for selling the rings. Mike bought them for $100. That was Feb. 4, 1974.

Fast forward nearly 40 years. After an apartment as newlyweds in Livonia, they bought their first house in Plymouth, then moved to Westland and later to Garden City, before moving to Howell 17 years ago. They have one son, age 35, who suffered a closed-head injury in an auto accident and is now living in a group home.

Mike retired from the GM Powertrain plant in Ypsilanti after 33 years as a machinist. He now sells cars at a dealership in Brighton. Patty worked as a cashier for Kroger in Hartland for 20 years, but has been sidelined with rheumatoid arthritis in recent months.

Mike had bought her other rings in later years when they could afford it. Then, with their 40th anniversary approaching, they thought back on that couple who sold the rings and wondered if maybe, just maybe, they could track them down. The original rings sit in a jewelry box most of the time now, Patty said.

Search begins

The LaPradds went to the Livonia Civic Center Library and searched through the archive of *Livonia Observers* to find the ad for the rings. They found it in the Jan. 18, 1974, paper. But they called that old phone number and found it is disconnected. They have tried through the phone company to track what address that phone number was attached to, but have had no luck, Patty said.

"It was the Farmington-Farmington Hills area. That's all I can remember. I can't remember the name of the street," Mike said.

He thinks the house was on two or three acres with two horses in a fenced off area and that it was a small bungalow-type home.

He recalls the husband and wife as older, maybe in their 50s or early 60s. They don't know the couple's names or if they had children.

Now they are wondering if anyone else might remember the couple.

The rings are white gold and one has "AK to RG 9/" engraved inside. The year appears to have worn off after the slash, Patty said. They went to a jeweler to have the inscription read and that's all that's left, Mike said.

"I remember my husband saying that they wished us the best," Patty said, adding that the couple said they were married 20 years, so that makes the rings about 60 years old.

"After having 40 years of that set, I would love to give it back to the family," Patty said.

Happy anniversary

Meanwhile, they are considering renewing their vows and having a reception for their 40th anniversary. They were married by a justice of the peace in Plymouth March 9, 1974, and never had a wedding, Patty said. They have an anniversary cruise planned for March.

Asked why she would give the rings back now after 40 years with them, she says, "That's just who I am. I don't have nobody to pass it down to."

"It may be funny, but it's just how we felt," Mike said of trying to give the rings back.

"I want to let everyone know how much those rings meant to me at the time," she said. "I have a wonderful husband and I'll never forget how I felt when he gave me those rings.

"They gave me 40 good years," she added. "Everyone thought we were crazy then and here we are 40 years later."

"We thought if we could possibly find a family member or something, they would appreciate it," Mike said.

"I'm hoping the husband is still alive to give this set back," Patty said. "I would love to have at least one of them alive still."

"It's very important to both of us," Mike said.

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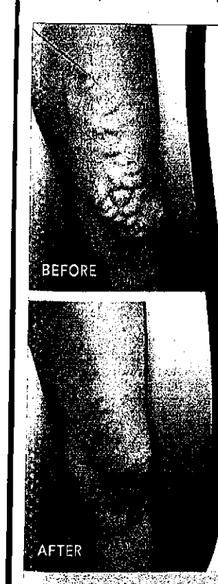

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Legislation signed Oct. 1 by Gov. Rick Snyder updates the grade at which Michigan students must submit a certificate of immunization to schools. The new laws now require students to submit the certificate upon entering seventh grade instead of sixth grade.

The change will better accommodate the age at which most students receive vaccinations and will allow school districts more time to alert parents about needing vaccinations, as well as for parents and health care providers to schedule them.

In 2010, vaccinations for tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis and meningococcal vaccines were added to the existing Michigan school rules and required for all students entering sixth grade if they were at least 11 years of age at the time they entered sixth grade.

However, some sixth-grade students enter the program at 10 years of age, before the vaccines are routinely recommended. Since vaccine reporting is done at the beginning of the school year and sorted by grade level, it has proved difficult for schools to keep track of students who enter the program at 10 years of age and those who enter at 11.

"This change will help ensure students are properly vaccinated by giving schools more time to notify parents and families and health care providers more flexibility to schedule vaccination appointments," Snyder said.

Senate Bills 237, 238 and 239 amend the Public Health Code, the Revised School Code and the State School Aid Act, respectively, requiring the submission of a certificate of immunization upon enrolling in seventh grade.

SB 237, sponsored by state Sen. Jim Marleau, is now Public Act 120 of 2013; SB 238, sponsored by state Sen. Rebekah Warren, is now PA 121; and SB 239, sponsored by state Sen. Judy Emmons, is now PA 122.

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Clergyman pens book on love, marriage

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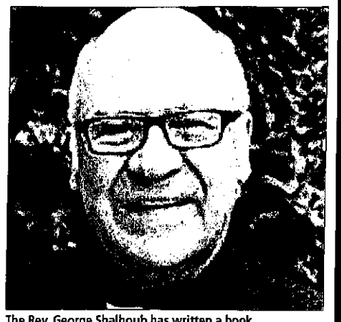

The Rev. George Shalhoub has written a book.

The Rev. George Shalhoub, founder of the Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of St. Mary in Livonia, has written a book to help couples discover the clues to a happy live together.

The Mystery of Love & Marriage is a 200-page "road map for anyone looking to be in a relationship" based on Shalhoub's 42 years of marriage to wife Nouhad, four decades of counseling couples as a priest and 25 years of teaching about marriage and family at Madonna University in Livonia.

"People think happiness lies with money or getting your own way or buying stuff or winning an argument," Shalhoub said. "The reality is happiness is the reward that comes our way when we utilize our God-given gifts such as compassion, forgiveness, generosity."

Shalhoub, who uses the book as a textbook for his class, said people are disappointed to hear that marriage is hard work. "A common misconception about marriage is that love can solve all your problems," he said.

In reality, love carries with it a high price, he said. It requires being patient when you have no more patience, enduring when the mood is heavy, forgiving yet one more time.

"The problem is most often not in your spouse; it's in oneself, one's attitude, perception," he said.

Forgiveness is No. 1 principle

Forgiveness, he said, "is the No. 1 principle for a long and happy marriage." He gives tips on how to become more forgiving, not just for the sake of the marriage, but for the long-range benefit of the one doing the forgiving.

"The Mystery of Love & Marriage" is a 200-page "road map for anyone looking to be in a relationship," according to the Rev. George Shalhoub.

Forgiveness replaces negative thoughts and feelings with peace, happiness and healing, he writes.

Another misconception is that marriage shouldn't change us. "Yet marriage changes your entire life, like a hurricane," he said. "If you have a good foundation, you remain standing."

That good foundation starts with loving ourselves by realizing we were created in God's image, he said: "We are more to God than the moon, the sky and the mountains and people mesmerize about nature, but only you and I are a copy of that beauty (God's image). This is where self-respect is born."

Each chapter of the book ends with points to ponder.

The book is Shalhoub's first, other than a history he wrote about the Basilica of St. Mary, which he founded with a handful of parishioners in 1972.

Shalhoub has a bachelor of science degree from Eastern Michigan University in sociology and psychology, a master's degree in theological studies from St. John's Provincial Seminary and a doctorate in pastoral counseling from the Graduate Theological Foundation.

The book is available at www.StMaryPress.com, amazon.com, Barnes & Noble, amazonkindle and nook. It can also be ordered by calling 734-743-1041.

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MIDWEST ROUNDUP BRINGS CLOWNS TO AREA

By Beth Jachman
Staff Writer

There's an event where no one is going to tell you to quit clowning around.

It is the annual Midwest Roundup of the Midwest Clown Association. Where else can you take classes called "Throwing up with Jewls," "Stupid Stuff for Funny People," and "Intermediate Balloon Twisting"? This year's event, the 40th annual, was held last week at the Holiday Inn in Livonia.

Hosted by Clowns Around Redford, the annual Midwest Clown Roundup brought about 160 people to Livonia for the week to enjoy everything clowns. It was the first time Clowns Around Redford had hosted the event, which is hosted somewhere in the Midwest each year.

"For a lot of people it's old home week," said Jim Caffrey, Midwest Clown president or "chief joey" as he's called in clown lingo. Caffrey, who is "Jay J" the clown, traveled from Colona, Ill., to be at the roundup.

Caffrey said many feel their fellow clowns are like an extension of their family. "Look at what a clown is – a person really willing to give of themselves freely," he said.

Clowns also attend the convention to enter competitions in makeup, group and single skits, and parade-ability to earn points toward membership in the Midwest Clown Hall of Fame.

For Janice and Dan Priest, aka Lovely and Derby, clowning is a way of life and how they make their living. Owners of 2clowns.com based Downriver, they helped set up educators and dealers for the roundup.

Clowns compete

Competitions help clowns push themselves to be better, Dan Priest said. The Priests entered the makeup competitions, which include cheek, full face and creative.

He used John Herrmann, 9, of Livonia as a model. Herrmann, who is home schooled, had his entire face painted to look like a wolf. Priest pointed out the contouring and shading done with makeup as well as speckles to make the boy's face look more furry.

Her face painted as a witch – green with a wicked mouth – Amy Ansara of Northville also attended the event as a model. "I actually know Dan (Priest). He asked me if he could borrow my face," she said as she waited to go in for the makeup judging.

Nancy Opatich of Livonia, professionally known as Bubbles, glues on her nose while presenting at a makeup workshop.

Peggy Walker, a.k.a. Pepper, from Kenosha, Wis., learns how to make a balloon weave during a workshop presented by Tim Thurmond, who holds a Guinness Book record for inflating balloons by mouth.

John Winslow of Southgate is known as Rusty Bathwater. He's heading for a workshop on clown makeup. Rusty toured with Ringling Brothers Circus. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

She runs a business called AmyZingfaces.com which includes face painting and party planning and found herself inspired at the roundup. "Everybody is very friendly and creative," she said.

"I love painting faces – it's so therapeutic," she said.

Mary Ann Lund of Milwaukee, a retired radiation therapist who is also a member of Clowns of Waukesha, said she has been a clown since 2000. "A friend of mine dragged me. 'I know you'd be a great clown,' Lund said her friend told her.

Miss Sparkles, aka Corinne Smith of Dryden, entered the creative portion of the makeup competition meaning anything can be used such as head pieces, balloons, sparkles and sequins. The roundup offers the chance to bounce ideas off of other people, she said.

Bubbles the clown, aka Nancy Opatich of Livonia, who is president of Clowns Around Redford, taught one of the makeup classes during the roundup. An organizer of the event, Opatich has been a clown for 25 years and is in the Midwest Clown Hall of Fame. She was inspired by her dad who was a Shriner clown.

She loves helping people forget their stresses through her work as a clown, she said.

Clown culture

David "Silly Billy" Kaye, John "Rusty Bathwater" Winslow, and J.T. "Bubba" Sykes are well-known and attract people to come to the convention, Opatich said.

Young people are also involved in the roundup. Known as Junior Joeys, they learn the art of clowning from many angles, Dan Priest said.

Other classes included "Parade-ability," "Faerie Faces," "Fearsome Faces" and "Towel-gami."

Not everyone who attends is a clown; some just offer their expertise. John Pullum of Redford taught Towel-gami, the art of twisting towels into animals or shapes without the use of pins or needles. "There are places clowns can't do balloons such as hospitals," he said. "But they have towels."

Many of the clowns volunteer at hospitals and nursing homes, according to Dan Priest. Belonging to a clown association such as Clowns Around Redford is kind of like the Kiwanis for clowns, he said.

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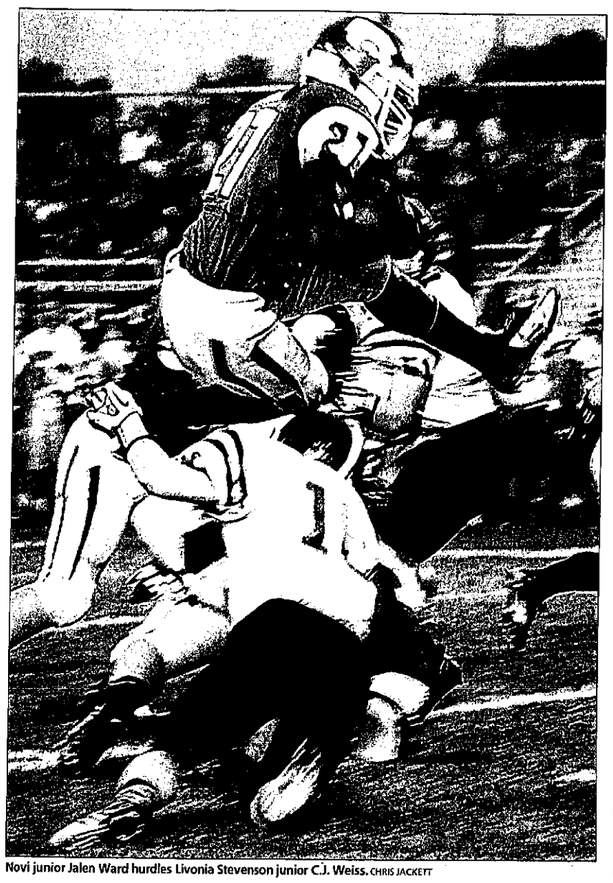

Novi junior Jalen Ward hurdles Livonia Stevenson junior C.J. Weiss. CHRIS JACKETT

Novi pulls out 15-13 homecoming victory after 40-minute lightning delay against Spartans

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

Despite a 40-minute lightning delay that cleared out Wildcat Stadium, Novi's football team had a happy homecoming result last Friday as it edged Livonia Stevenson, 15-13.

With the benefit of Stevenson (2-4, 1-3 KLAA Central) turning the ball over five times, including fumbles during its first two plays from scrimmage, the Wildcats (4-2, 3-1 Central) quickly found themselves ahead in what would become a close game.

The scoring began when senior Mark Ryan recovered a Spartans fumble at the Stevenson 35-yard line 88 seconds into the game, setting up a 16-yard touchdown run by junior Jalen Ward (132 yards on 30 runs) just four plays later. With senior Bryan Klosterman's point-after attempt sailing wide left, the Wildcats held an early 6-0 lead.

"Jalen is a hard runner and we tried to get the mixture of backs in tonight and whoever was running hard is the guy we keep feeding it to," Novi coach Jeff Burnside said. "Jalen was running hard, so we kept feeding him."

Klosterman made up for it 68 seconds into the second quarter, when he nailed a 34-yard field goal to put the 'Cats ahead 9-0.

The Spartans cut the deficit to 9-7 with 5:54 left in the first half, when junior C.J. Weiss (3-for-7 passing, 55 yards, one interception, 26 yards on 12 runs) threw a 22-yard lob to senior Billy Bonanno in the back left corner of the end zone and senior Chris Bladecki nailed the PAT.

Stevenson nearly took the lead with 22.6 seconds left in the first half, but Novi junior Ryan Moore picked off a Weiss pass in the end zone.

Another scare for the Wildcats came 3:09 into the third quarter, when Stevenson junior Jack Ferguson grabbed a pass along the right sideline from senior J.T. McCallion (1-for-1 passing, 29 yards) and carried it for an 85-yard touchdown, but the play was called back to the Spartans' 7-yard line as Ferguson was penalized for offensive pass interference.

With 4:24 left in the third quarter, one official claimed he saw lightning to the west at 8:41 p.m., resulting in the field, stands and stadium being cleared until the game resumed at about 9:20 p.m.

"I commend the fans that stayed," Burnside said. "That crowd is awesome and our kids feed off that. We talked to our

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Novi (4-2, 3-1 KLAA Central) will host Northville (5-1, 4-0 Central) at 7 p.m. Friday in an attempt to reclaim the Baseline Jug after a four-year dry spell and also lay claim to a share of the Central Division title. The Mustangs are coming off a 48-30 win over South Lyon East (0-6, 0-4 Central) and defeated Novi 21-14 in overtime last year.

"You've got to bring it every single down," Novi coach Jeff Burnside said. "It would be nice to get a piece of the division and get the jug. We constantly talk about how important Northville is. I don't think we'll have to worry too much about intensity at practice this week."

The 'Cats then hit the road for a KLAA Kensington Conference crossover at 7 p.m. Oct. 18 at Canton (5-0, 3-0 South), Plymouth (4-1, 2-1 South) or Livonia Franklin (3-2, 2-1 South), depending on each team's finish.

Novi harriers ninth in county

No. 2-ranked Mustangs run past rival Wildcats

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

It's always tough when your Baseline rivals are ranked No. 2 in Division 1. Some squads might pack it in early, but that wasn't the case for Novi's boys cross country team.

The Wildcats (2-2) faced No. 2 Northville (3-0) Oct. 1 at Cass Benton. Despite Novi's efforts, the Mustangs won, 22-35, taking four of the top five spots.

"Northville is a solid top 10 team in the state," Novi coach Robert Smith said. "I am very proud of the way we ran. We were in the race the whole way and we never gave up. Twenty-six of our athletes set a course-best time for the year. Although we lost, the times were fast for both teams. Northville had to bring their 'A' game."

Brian Barnes led the Wildcats by finishing second in 16 minutes, 30 seconds, surging forward late in the race.

"At one point, Brian was in fifth," Smith said. "But over the last mile of the race, he pushed the pace and caught everyone but Nick Noles of Northville. This was another strong finish for Brian and another (personal record), as well."

Barnes was followed by teammates Joost Plaetinck (sixth in 17:22), Sahisnu Malapati (seventh in 17:34), Cameron Misko (eighth in 17:39) and Nate Hall (12th in 17:45), who all set personal course records.

Other highlights included a career-best 18:18 by senior David Gardner and varsity-caliber runs by freshman John Landy (17th in 18:07) and sophomore Scott Beaton (19th in 18:12), the latter two who finished out Novi's top seven.

"That is considered varsity," Smith said. "Today we had one freshman, two sopho-

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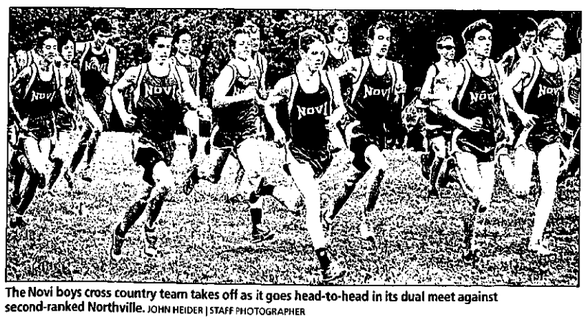
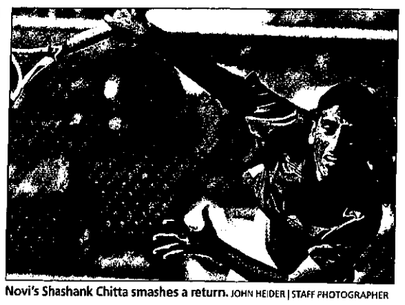
ON TAP

Novi's boys cross country team (2-2) was set to host Plymouth Salem (1-2) Tuesday at Cass Benton before the KLAA Kensington Conference meet at 4:15 p.m. Oct. 17 at Huron Meadows.



The Novi boys cross country team takes off as it goes head-to-head in its dual meet against second-ranked Northville. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Novi's Shashank Chitta smashes a return. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Wildcats netters capture conference championship

Novi battles to defeat No. 9 Bloomfield Hills

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

Two more up and two more down as Novi's boys tennis team wrapped up dual meet competition last week, improving to 10-1 on the season.

Ranked No. 3 in Division 1 and holding on to the KLAA Central Division crown, the Wildcats won the Kensington Conference title Oct. 1 against Plymouth (7-2, 5-0 South) 9-0 and then defeated No. 9 Bloomfield Hills 7-1 on Oct. 3.

"They're a strong team," Novi coach Jim Hanson said of the Black Hawks. "Their doubles played us extremely tough. We won the match, but the good thing is that we were tested at all the doubles and ended up winning three of the four.

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ON TAP

Novi's boys tennis team (10-1, 5-0 KLAA Central) was set to wrap up the KLAA Tournament finals Tuesday before hosting regionals at 8 a.m. Friday. If the Wildcats can advance past the likes of Northville, Detroit Catholic Central, Brighton, Howell, Hartland, White Lake Lakeland and the three Walled Lake schools, they have a trip to Midland for the Division 1 state meet Oct. 18-19.

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Wildcats test No. 10 Salem

Novi downs W.L. Western to celebrate help senior night

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

The final week of KLAA Central Division play wrapped up last week for Novi's boys soccer team and, although the results were close and helped prepare the Wildcats for next week's state tourney.

Novi (8-5-3, 4-4-2 KLAA Central) started with a tough road test Oct. 1 at No. 10-ranked Plymouth Salem (11-1-5, 7-1-2 Central), which would wind up repeating as the Central Division champion by the end of the week.

Looking for revenge for a 2-1 loss earlier in the season, the Wildcats came out hot in the first 20 minutes before play evened out in the final 20 minutes of the first half. Tied 0-0 at halftime, the 'Cats took the upper hand 15 minutes into the second half, when junior Nick Oakley took a pass from junior Kent Maidens, beat two defenders and fired a 25-yard blast into the upper left corner of the goal.

However, the Rocks found the equalizer with 10 minutes left and the game would end at 1-1.

An Oct. 3 home contest against Livonia Stevenson (8-6-2, 5-3-2 Central) was also closely contested. Despite outshooting the Spartans, 8-2, Stevenson made its two shots count and claimed a 1-0 victory to wrap up division play.

With a senior night contest Saturday, the Wildcats started their seniors for both halves and ended up coming away with a 4-0 victory against Walled Lake Western (6-6-0, 6-4-0 North). Seniors Gabrielle DeFrancisco, Parker Sutton, Amitoj Chahal, Jay Kim, Stevie Caruso and Seiya Ogino started alongside junior stars Oakley, Don Nakashima, Matt Kiura and goalkeeper Tommy McMaster in handily disbanding the Warriors.

"We would start all of our seniors both halves and they did an excellent job," Novi coach Brian O'Leary said.

Oakley scored off a Kim corner kick and junior Ian Hanley scored on a penalty kick to put the Wildcats ahead 2-0 at halftime, before Caruso set Kim up for a goal and then Kim teed up Nakashima with a well-placed corner kick to give Novi the 4-0 victory.

ON TAP

Novi (8-5-3, 4-4-2 KLAA Central) was set to visit Livonia Franklin (5-6-1, 5-4-1 South) Monday in a Kensington Conference crossover for seventh place before facing either Milford (7-8-1, 4-6-0 West) or White Lake Lakeland (6-8-1, 3-6-1 North) for 13th or 15th in the KLAA. That led into a district quarterfinal Monday at Farmington (2-12-2), where the winner advances to a Wednesday semifinal at Northville against the winner of No. 15 Northville (12-5-2, 7-3-0 Central) and North Farmington (6-4-3). All kickoffs are at 7 p.m.

Bested by 'Stangs

Novi's girls harriers (2-2) fell 15-50 to No. 2-ranked Northville (3-0) Oct. 1 at Cass Benton. The Wildcats will hit the course again Oct. 8 against Plymouth Salem (3-1) at Cass Benton and Oct. 17 at the KLAA Kensington Conference meet. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Mustangs swim past rival Wildcats

Northville takes first in eight of 12 events

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

It was a Baseline rivalry matchup, but things weren't adding up for Novi's girls swim and dive team Oct. 3 as it visited Northville.

The Wildcats (1-3, 0-1 KLAA Central) were defeated 116-70 by the Mustangs (5-0, 2-0 Central). Northville won eight of 12 events and took two of the top three spots in nine of 12 events.

Novi's two best showings came in the 100-yard backstroke and the 1-meter dive, both of which the Wildcats finished with a 1-2 punch.

Jaymie Ziegler won the diving event with 206.85 points, followed by Alyssa Stark's 158.71 points.

In the 100 backstroke, Karen Xu won in 1:07.24, followed by teammate Ziyang Huang's 1:07.29.

Novi also got a win in the 100 freestyle from Alexandra Cortez in 56.19 seconds, plus a 2-3 combo in the 50 freestyle from Ava Bianchi (second in 27.02 seconds) and Dana Kilponen (third in 27.05).

Novi's other big success came in the 200 free relay, where Cortez, Emily Mayoras, Dana Kilponen and Bianchi teamed to win in 1:45.68.

From there, it was all Mustangs. Northville took both first and second in each the 200 medley relay and 400 free relay. It also swept the top three in both the 100 butterfly and 500 free.

Novi's Lauren Kim took second in the 100 breaststroke (1:12.45) and third in the 200 individual medley (2:24.15), while the Mustangs nabbed the other top two positions in each event.

Cortez wrapped up the finishes, placing third in the 200 free in 2:00.18.

Chris Jackett is a freelance writer covering Novi High School sports for the Novi News.

ON TAP

Novi's girls swim and dive team (1-3, 0-1 KLAA Central) was set Tuesday to visit Birmingham Groves and then Plymouth Salem (0-1-1, 0-1-1 Central) at 6:30 p.m. today before hosting Livonia Stevenson (3-0, 1-0 Central) at 6 p.m. Oct. 17.

Wildcats girls golf team revs up for regionals

Novi defeats both Canton, Churchill

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

In its final two dual meets of the season, the Novi's girls golf team looked sharp, knocking off two of the top three teams in the rival division within the KLAA Kensington Conference.

Following a three-way tie for the KLAA Central Division title, the Wildcats (7-1, 4-1 Central) first beat Canton (5-0 South) 169-191 Oct. 1 at Fox Hills before defeating Livonia Churchill (3-2 South) 185-249 at Cattails.

The highlight of the two meets was junior Katelyn Henry, who had a career low score of 37 against Canton, which not only made her the match medalist, but also tied for second best in Novi school history.

She got some help defeating the Chiefs from sophomore Maya Grandstaff (43), senior Lauren Cojei (44), junior Madison Kroetsch (45) and freshman Lauren Henry (49).

Against Churchill, the Wildcats picked up the win with Cojei as the match medalist with a score of 42. She was assisted by Kroetsch's 45, freshman Alexa Hatz's 47, junior Olivia Ghannam's season low 51, sophomore Marissa Catner's 51 and junior Stacey Sirabian's 60.

In both cases, the Wildcats' junior varsity squad picked up victories, as well.

Chris Jackett is a freelance writer covering Novi High School sports for the Novi News.

ON TAP

Novi's girls golfers (7-1, 4-1 Central) were set to compete in the KLAA Tournament at host Walled Lake Central's Edgewood course earlier this week before heading into regionals at 9 a.m. today at Dunham Hills. The top regional teams advance to the state finals Oct. 18 at Michigan State University's Forest Akers East course.

SPORTS BRIEFS

'Cats open hoop tryouts

Open basketball tryouts for fourth-, fifth- and sixth-grade boys will be held 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 14, and Wednesday, Oct. 16, at Novi Middle School.

You must attend at least one tryout session to eligible. Please arrive 15 minutes early and have a parent or guardian present.

For more information, contact Billy Downs at 248-767-0034 or visit www.novicastbasketball.com.

Dig Pink Match today

There will be a lot less orange and black than fans are used to on the court when the Northville volleyball team heads to Novi for a showdown against its Central Division rival today.

The Mustangs and the Wildcats will be showcasing their support for the fight against breast cancer in the first-ever Dig Pink Match.

"To support the fight against breast cancer, the players will be wearing Dig Pink jerseys, the gym will be decorated in pink and the refs will even be using pink whistles," Northville coach Amanda Yaklin said.

Fans can participate, too, by coming to the game, as all proceeds will be donated to the fight against breast cancer.

Additionally, Yaklin said there will be raffle tickets for baskets that are being made by the two teams, as well as a drive to have everyone who attends the game wear pink to show unified support from the fans of both teams.

Dig Pink shirts can be ordered from the Northville volleyball website at www.northvillevolleyball.com and by visiting the "Dig Pink Match" link.

New race event

Alan Whitehead of the Kona Running Co. and Nas Dastmalchi of RRM have established a new race event called the Novi Half Marathon. The inaugural event, set for Sunday, May 4, 2014, will offer a half marathon, 10K, 5K and one-mile, with the half marathon course through Novi, South Lyon and Wixom.

The half marathon, 10K and 5K courses are flat and fast with scenic views of Island Lake. The mile course is on the South Lyon East High School track and all four distance events will finish on the 50-yard line of the football field. All the race events will start and finish at the high school.

The plan is to donate funds to the Karmanos Cancer Institute and to the surrounding communities. Online registration is now open and organizers are currently seeking new corporate race sponsors, race staff members and volunteers.

For further information, contact Dastmalchi (Nas.rrm1@gmail.com or 248-974-8074) or Whitehead (Alan@KonaRunningCompany.com or 248-345-6168) or visit www.NoviHalfMarathon.com or www.KonaRunningCompany.com.

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Shamrocks down Cubs in 69th Boys Bowl

Victory marks fifth straight time Catholic Central has won annual contest

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

A walk down the halls of Detroit Catholic Central High School last week would have told you all you need to know about the importance of the Boys Bowl to the football program.

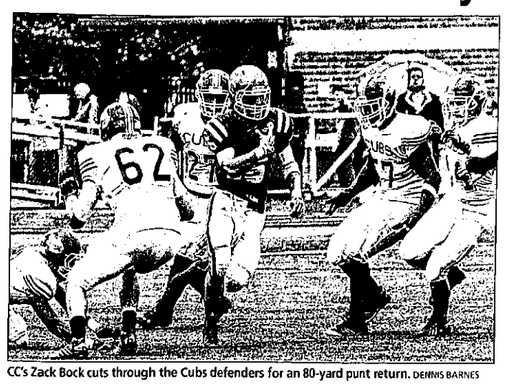
Lining the halls were hand-made posters cheering the Shamrocks to a win over Catholic High School League foe University of Detroit-Jesuit. There was even an assembly that reverberated with the pride the student body holds for its gridders.

The football team took all of the praise and the desire for victory to heart and came away with the program's fifth straight Boys Bowl triumph with a convincing 42-3 decision over U-D.

The victory puts the Shamrocks at 5-1 and 1-1 in the CHSL Central Division.

They need just one more victory to guarantee a place in the MHSAA playoffs.

The playoffs were the last thing on the minds of the Shamrocks when they kicked off to the Cubs to start the game last Sunday. First and foremost on the agenda was shutting down U-D, which fell to 4-2 overall and 0-2 in the CHSL with the loss.



CC's Zack Bock cuts through the Cubs defenders for an 80-yard punt return. DENNIS BARNES

Catholic Central's focus paid off as it forced a three-and-out and then took the ball right down the field and scored on a run from 1 yard by Dylan Roney to go up, 7-0, with five minutes left in the first quarter.

The Shamrocks took their next possession across the goal line as well, this time on a 66-yard run by Zach Bock that put his squad in the lead, 14-0.

The Cubs did manage to cut into that advantage, hitting a field goal to make it a 14-3 contest, but the Shamrocks didn't even seem to notice as they scored on a carry by fullback Nick Giese to go up 21-3 before the half.

Giese added another touchdown to open the second half and then added another in the third quarter following a 40-yard scamper by Connor Holton that found its way into the end zone. When the smoke cleared, the Shamrocks led 42-3 with almost a minute left in the third quarter.

In the fourth, the Shamrocks' scoring cooled off, but the team was able to get valuable experience in one of the season's biggest games for many of its younger gridders.

Sam Eggleston is a freelance writer covering sports for the Northville Record and Novi News.

ON TAP

Detroit Catholic Central will be back on the field when it hosts Orchard Lake St. Mary's at 7 p.m. Saturday.

Shamrocks soccer continues to post mixed results

Squad has ups and downs in Catholic League and beyond

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

The old sports adage goes: You win some, you lose some. Right now, few teams know that quite as well as Detroit Catholic Central's soccer team.

The squad, coached by Gene Pulice, have had its fair share of ups and downs this season, a trend that has continued the past couple of weeks.

Most recently, the team took on DeLaSalle and found itself in a pretty one-sided affair, despite the final score coming out at 1-0.

The Shamrocks came out and immediately controlled the tempo, scoring the opening goal off a strong kick by Paul Wiedmaier just 19 seconds into the game to hold a 1-0 advantage. And while the team wasn't able to score any more goals, it did have several near-misses and dominated the game on the defensive side.

Earning the shutout for the Shamrocks was goalie Alex Pastor.

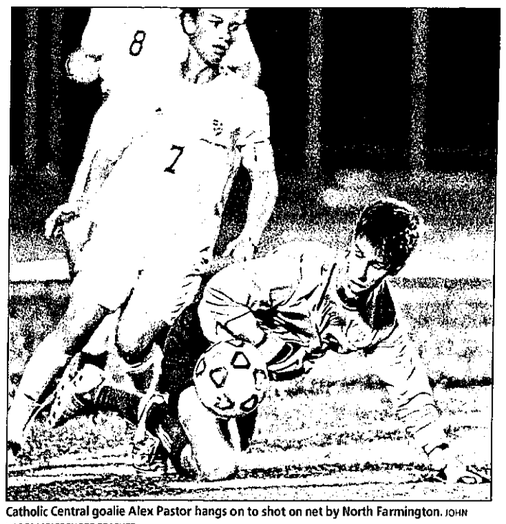
The Shamrocks also took a tough loss Sept. 26 to a well-coached North Farmington team, 2-1, and fell the day before that against DeLaSalle, 4-2, after trailing 3-0 at the half. The squad also played Sept. 24 to a 1-1 draw with Brother Rice.

Sam Eggleston is a freelance writer covering sports for the Northville Record and Novi News.

ON TAP

The Detroit Catholic Central soccer team will be back on the pitch when it visits Farmington Hills Harrison at 7 p.m. today before playing in the state districts.

Catholic Central's Austin Smith (left) chases after the ball.



Catholic Central goalie Alex Pastor hangs on to shot on net by North Farmington. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

NOVI SPORTS ROUNDUP

Novi volleyball prepares for ranked opponents

Now ranked No. 7 in Class A, the Wildcats volleyball squad (21-5, 7-0 KLAA Central) kept on a roll last week against two of its weaker in-division opponents.

Novi was tested on the road at Plymouth Salem (3-10, 1-6 Central) Oct. 1, but prevailed 25-19, 22-25, 25-20, 23-25, 15-7. The 'Cats weren't taking any chances Oct. 3 at South Lyon East (3-9-1, 1-6 Central), quickly dismantling the Cougars 25-10, 25-21, 25-13.

Next up for Novi this week are a trio of home matches and a tournament Oct. 12 at No. 11-ranked Birmingham Marian.

The 6:30 p.m. dual matches at home are Oct. 8 against No. 16 Livonia Stevenson (23-5-2, 5-2 Central), Oct. 10 against No. 17 Northville (27-6-10, 6-1 Central) and Oct. 15 against South Lyon (9-23, 1-6 Central).

Field hockey shows no Mercy

The Wildcats field hockey team added another win to its season with a 4-1 victory Oct. 2 over Farmington Hills Mercy.

The girls visit Ann Arbor Huron at 7 p.m. today, host East Grand Rapids at 11 a.m. Saturday and at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday before hosting Bloomfield Hills Marian at 4:30 p.m. Oct. 17.

– By Chris Jackett

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NOVI BOBCATS ROUNDUP

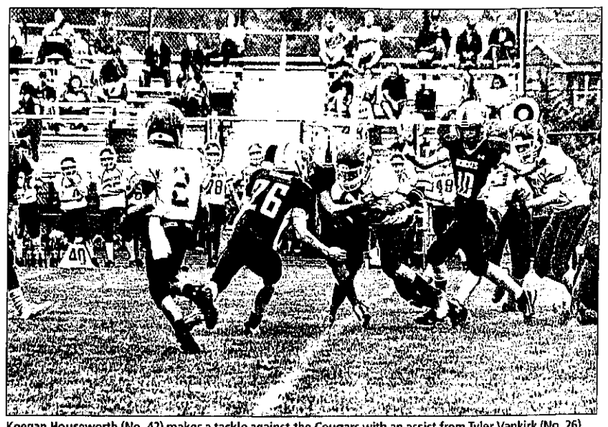
Varsity rolls past Cougars, 34-6

The Novi varsity Bobcats (6-0) beat the Garden City Cougars (3-3) 34-6 Oct. 5 at Novi Middle School. The Bobcats scored early and quickly, jumping out to a 20-0 lead after running just five offensive plays and scoring three touchdowns. Nick Williams opened the scoring, running 53 yards on his first carry for a touchdown, while Blake King made the PAT kick, making the score 8-0 in the first quarter. On their next possession, the Bobcats' Jordan Ward, behind downfield blocks from Trendon Hankerson and Brendan Smith, ran 66 yards untouched down the sideline for another touchdown to make it 14-0. On their next possession, Nick Williams electrified the crowd with an 80-yard touchdown run. Williams would finish the day with 135 yards on just those two carries and two touchdowns.

The Bobcats scored twice more in the second half, first on a blocked punt by Smith that he recovered and ran in for another score, followed by King's PAT kick to bring the score to 28-0. Finally, the Bobcats scored on a fine end around run by Johnny Bean behind a crushing block from Keegan Houseworth to spring him. Houseworth also contributes two tackles and two assists on the day. Bean had two tackles, two assists and one quarterback sack to go with his touchdown.

The Bobcats' defense continued to dominate, not giving up a score until the fourth quarter, after holding opponents scoreless for the past 17 quarters. The defense was led once again by Troy Aikens, with eight tackles and four assists; Tyler Vankirk, with seven tackles and four assists; Trey Maddox, with five tackles, an assist and one fumble recovery; Austin Turner, with three tackles and two assists; Luca Saicic, with three tackles and a quarterback sack; and Casey Lyons, who had three tackles, an assist and another fumble recovery.

– By Eric Smith



Keegan Houseworth (No. 42) makes a tackle against the Cougars with an assist from Tyler Vankirk (No. 26) and pursuit by Chad Howell (No. 10). NANCY LYONS

JV overwhelms Cougars, 42-13

The Novi JV Bobcats (5-1) began the game strong offensively and kept rolling in a 42-13 victory over the Garden City Cougars (0-6) Oct. 5 at Novi Middle School. On the Bobcats' first possession, Makari Paige ran 53 yards for a touchdown. The PAT conversion by Ashton Smith made the score 7-0. On the Bobcats' next possession, Michael Willingham scored on a 33-yard run. Smith again converted the PAT. Early in the second quarter, Paige punched it in from 8 yards out. Jack Beno converted on the PAT. With less than one minute left in the first half, Garden City scored, making it 21-6 at the half.

Both teams fumbled twice to start the third quarter. Evan Oegema recovered both Cougars fumbles for the Bobcats. With under two minutes left in the third period, Paige raced 67 yards for his third touchdown of the game.

In the fourth quarter, behind the blocking of Ethan Brennan, Gabriel Young and Nathan Ramachandran, Beno raced 80 yards for a touchdown. Griffin Conyers converted the PAT. On the Bobcats' final possession, Beno found Michael Kirkman open for a 60-yard touchdown pass. On the PAT, Beno connected with Bryce Lubin to bring the game to a final score of 42-13.

With two games remaining on the schedule, the JV Bobcats are playing to secure a position in the standings to return to the league playoffs.

– By Niki Parenti

ON TAP

The Bobcats' final home games of this season are Saturday, Oct. 12, at Novi Middle School against the Northville Stallions, beginning with flag (9 a.m.), followed by freshman (11 a.m.), JV (1 p.m.) and varsity (3 p.m.).

Freshmen topple Garden City, 39-6

The Novi Bobcats freshman team remained undefeated Oct. 5 with a home win over the Garden City Cougars, 39-6.

Bobcats touchdowns were scored by Ethan Cooper, Kyle Dowd and Dominic Senatore. Extra points were converted by Bacari Scott, DaVyne Hopkins and Niko Krall.

Leading rushers for the Bobcats were Bacari Scott, Ethan Cooper and Dominic Senatore. Niko Krall, DaVyne Hopkins and Jacob Hait also contributed to the run game.

The Bobcats received strong quarterback play by Robert Lalain and Kyle Dowd, each with 35 yards passing. Dalton Houseworth led the team in receptions, totaling 70 yards.

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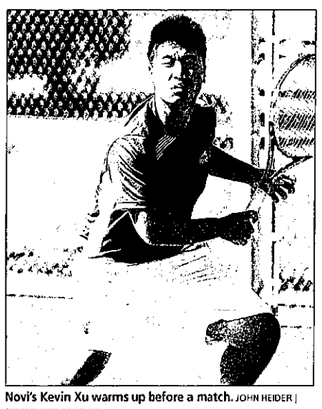

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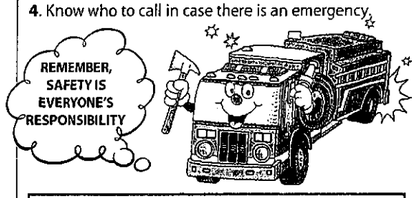

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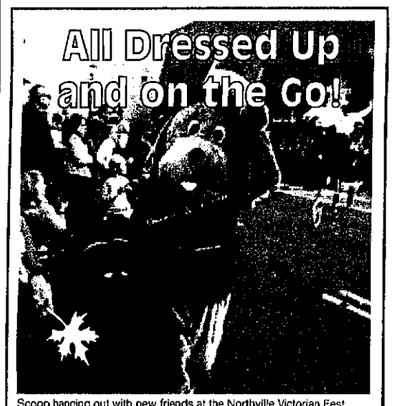

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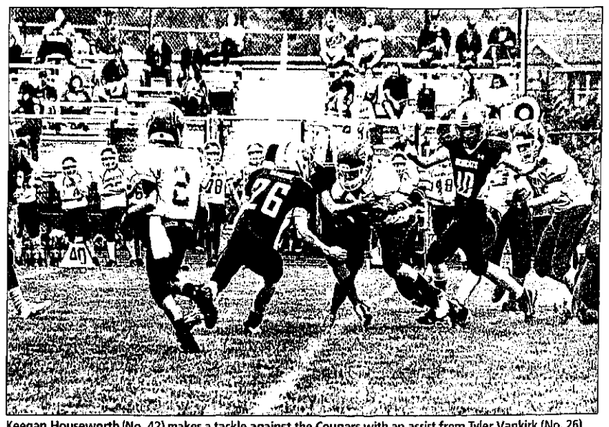

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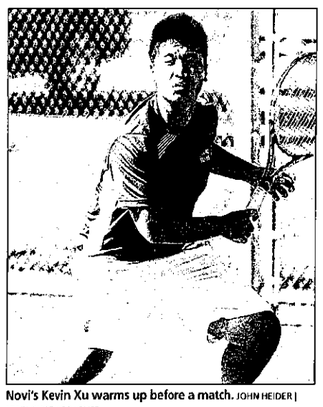

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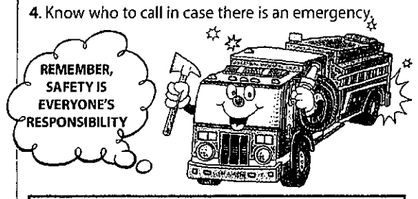

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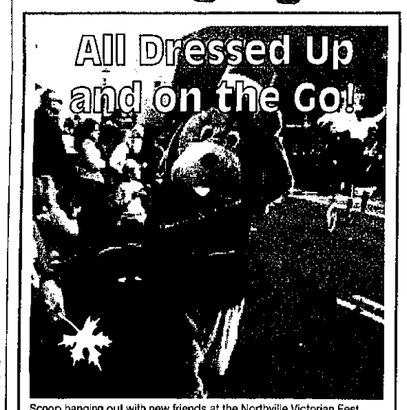

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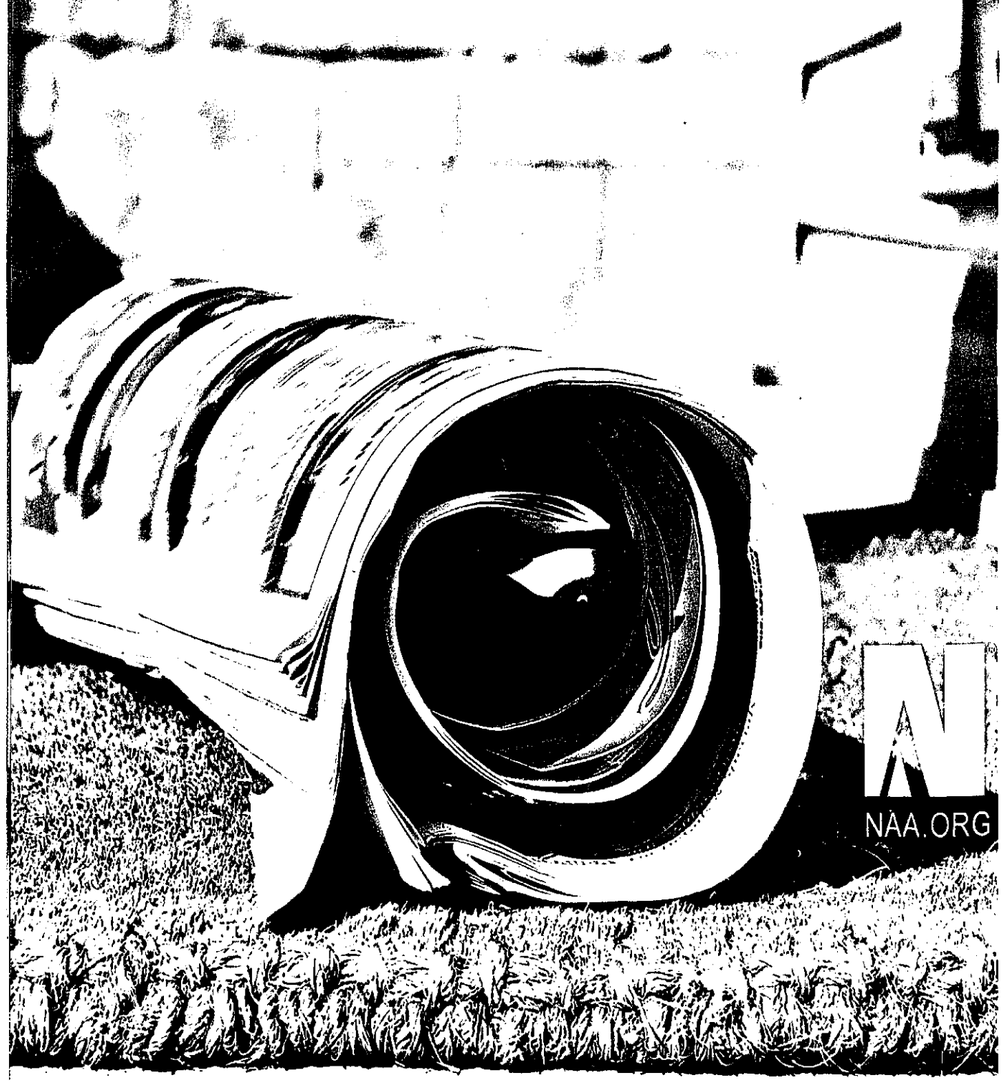

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Survey identifies skills needed for advanced manufacturing

Increased technical skills for job applicants and better worker recruitment techniques for employers are among the recommendations to help advanced manufacturers fill job openings, according to a regional survey of advanced manufacturers commissioned by Oakland County.

The Skills Needs Assessment Project, a six-month regional survey of 150 advanced manufacturers in Oakland County and surrounding counties, was conducted to help understand why advanced manufacturing jobs were vacant and how to fill them. It concluded the greatest challenge for regional employers to overcome is the virtually non-existent pipeline of young workers to fill available jobs and insufficient training programs to meet current demand.

Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson recently released the results of the survey to about 250 employers, educators and community leaders at the Troy Marriott Hotel during "Business Works in Oakland County." The session provided Patterson, the Oakland County Workforce Development Board and the Michigan Works! program with a chance to discuss the survey and some of the services available to employees and employers.

"I think we've hit a raw nerve with the survey," Patterson said. "We now have documented evidence for employers as to the skills they need to put people to work in good-paying jobs."

Survey says

The 48-page survey provided an in-depth look at advanced manufacturing and how educators can best prepare their curricula and students for employment in that field. It also identified the skills and education job seekers need to qualify for one of a host of attractive advanced manufacturing opportunities. The survey identified the top 14 jobs in advanced manufacturing, the median salary, the educational requirements and the number of job openings expected from now until 2018.

The survey said the most difficult job to fill was mechanical engineer followed by tool-and-die makers and machinists. The complete report is available online at www.advantageoakland.com.

"We've been attempting to rebuild an economy by trading employees between companies," Deputy Oakland County Executive Matthew Gibb said. "We hear every day that this company or that company is taking five employees from someone else instead of addressing the core issue. We have a lack of interest in training in careers that are the very backbone of our economy here. We have to quit trading employees like baseball cards and get them interested in these careers like those available in advanced manufacturing."

Why this sector?

Advanced manufacturing was chosen because of the significant job growth expected in that sector within the next three years and because companies have been unable to operate at full capacity because they can't find skilled workers.

University of Michigan economists George Fulton and Don Grimes predicted in an economic forecast of job growth that advanced manufacturing will add 4,125 jobs by 2015. Patterson and the Workforce Development Board determined that advanced manufacturing should be examined to help answer why demand far outweighed the supply of qualified workers and provide possible solutions.

Among the issues:

» The pipeline of qualified employees that once met the needs of advanced manufacturers no longer exists

» Advanced manufacturing jobs require strong basic and technical skills

» Employers said they can't find qualified workers for current job openings and future opening will go unfilled

"Employers have told us they're ready to hire, they want to hire, but they can't find enough qualified applicants to fill these high paying jobs," Patterson said. "These are jobs that will go unfilled unless we find qualified workers."

EdEn Inc., the Rochester-based research firm which conducted the survey, said the results showed an increasing level of technical knowledge is critical for jobs regardless of education level. They also revealed that not all employers use the most modern methods when recruiting potential employees.

"Some companies are still putting a sign out in front of the business looking for employees instead of using social media or more modern techniques," Gibb said. "We've got to do better."

ABOUT THE SNAP SURVEY

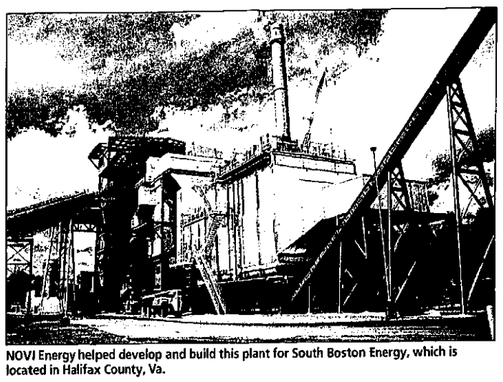
The survey focused on the six-county region of the Economic Growth Alliance: Genesee, Lapeer, Livingston, Macomb, Oakland and St. Clair counties and also Wayne County. SNAP is the second survey done by EdEn to help job applicants identify the skills employers seek when looking for new employees. In 2009, a survey identified the top jobs by sector that Emerging Sectors companies needed and the skills necessary to obtain those jobs. The 30 job profiles created gave educators and employers a road map to develop courses and certification programs that prepare the workforce of the future. Since the 2009 report, several colleges and universities have infused curricula with more soft skills to the accommodate employers.

SNAP is funded by Oakland County, the Oakland County Workforce Development Board and through the Michigan's Workforce Development Agency and the U.S. Department of Labor.

EdEn is working on a third survey, which examines health care. The results are expected later this year.

NOVI Energy working with companies in-state and out

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer



NOVI Energy helped develop and build this plant for South Boston Energy, which is located in Halifax County, Va.

NOVI Energy has been busy developing renewable energy solutions for in-state and out-of-state companies.

The Novi-based entrepreneurial company provides a broad range of services in energy infrastructure project development and energy consulting for utility, industrial, institutional and commercial clients across the United States and the world. It has partnered with a Virginia-based firm to establish a facility that will use waste wood left over from logging operations as fuel.

The Northern Virginia Electric Cooperative and NOVI Energy recently announced that the NOVEC Energy Production and Halifax County Biomass plant have been working on together near South Boston, Va., and generated their first electricity and connected to the PJM regional electric transmission grid at 11:11 a.m. Sept. 11 during testing.

"NOVI Energy had a vision that a waste-wood-fueled renewable power plant was possible in South Boston and now it is a reality," said Anand Gangadharan, president of NOVI Energy. "This state-of-the-art facility will be a reliable power production asset for Northern Virginia Electric Cooperative."

The $170 million NEPHCB generation station, which also does business as South Boston Energy, will generate up to 49.9 megawatts of renewable electricity for NOVEC customers. It is located on a 104-acre site in the Halifax County Industrial Park in southern Virginia.

NOVI Energy developed and is overseeing construction of the plant for the owner and one of the largest electric distribution cooperatives in the nation, NOVEC. Headquartered in Mannasas, the not-for-profit corporation distributes electricity and energy services to more than 150,000 customers.

"We've been working on this project for three years," said Mike Dailey, NOVEC vice president of Energy and Business Development. "This successful synchronization with the power grid marks a major milestone in the development of the station and now sets the stage for commercial operation."

Gangadharan said the plant will use "reclaimed water" from the local water authority for plant cooling water. As a result, it will not discharge any water into the Dan River during normal operation.

The plant will also recycle leftover wood ash. The wood fuel, chopped into small wood chips, will burn inside the boiler to create steam that will turn turbines and generate electricity.

Michigan-based solutions

Short's Brewing Co., one of Michigan's largest craft breweries, has also partnered with NOVI Energy to divert high strength effluent from the Short's production brewery to NOVI Energy's Fremont Community Digester for conversion into biogas usable in renewable electricity generation.

"This commitment by Short's Brewing Co. to isolate waste water from the brewing and cellaring processes will help fuel generation of the three-megawatt Fremont Community Digester electricity generating station. Power generated by the Digester is sold to Consumers Energy," according to NOVI Energy.

"Our relationship with NOVI Energy has been an opportunity for us to achieve some great successes with the worst of our waste water," said Matt Gacioch, sustainability specialist at Short's Brewing Co. "Reducing the strain on the Elk Rapids Waste Water Treatment Plant while providing organic material for clean energy generation will allow us to continue on our mission to support protection of the natural world we're constantly inspired by northern Michigan."

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NOVI BUSINESS BRIEFS

Dentists relocate

The dental offices of Dr. Neil Blavin and Dr. Aaron Zeevi moved from Seven Mile and Newburgh roads in Livonia to 10 Mile and Beck roads in Novi last month.

"The office is beautiful and it has a state of the art innovative water purification and decontamination system (Vistaclear) to deliver the purest/cleanest water for our patients," Blavin said.

The two moved primarily because their patients have been moving west.

"In addition to the typical dental services, we also provide intravenous sedation for fearful patients and six-month-smile adult cosmetic orthodontics, which allow people with crooked teeth to have a beautiful smile in six months without veneers or other cosmetic treatments," Blavin said.

The office also has an in-house periodontist (gum specialist) for implants and periodontal treatments.

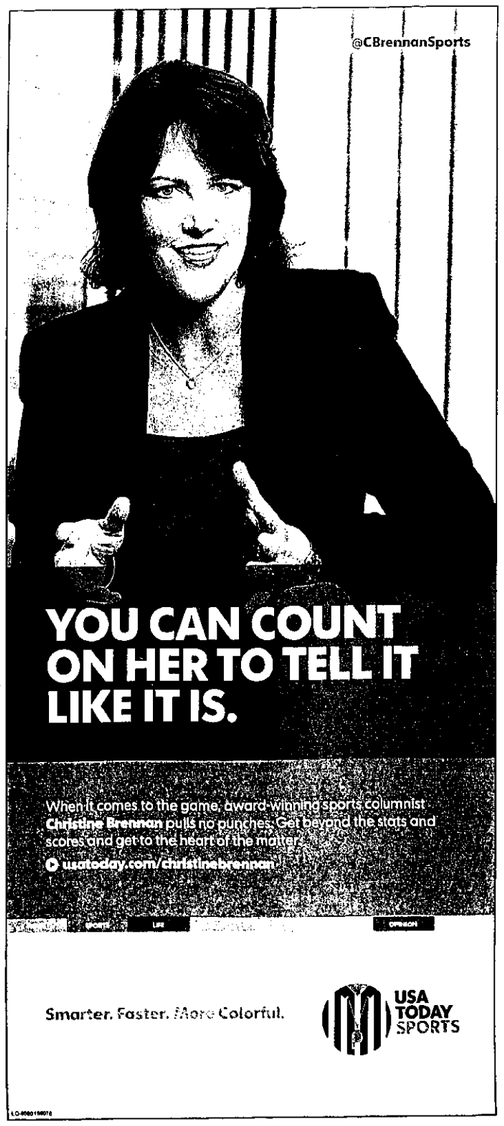
"We invite all our neighbors in Novi, South Lyon, Wixom and Northville to come and meet our experienced staff and doctors, and tour our office," Blavin said.

Phone 248-347-0030 for more information.

PrimeCare open house

PrimeCare Urgent Care (39555 W. 10 Mile, Suite 301, near Haggerty) will be opening its doors to the public Monday, Oct. 14, and an open house will run from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 12, when free flu shots will be given to the first 500 people who ask.

There will be food, entertainment and an introduction of Dr. Patricia Scheuerman, who will join the practice Oct. 14.



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Industry pro tapped for national Leadership Academy

By Julie Brown
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Realtor Sara Lipnitz of Birmingham was thrilled to be chosen for the 2014 Leadership Academy of the National Association of Realtors.

"It's a very coveted position. Hundreds of people apply," said Lipnitz, who's with SKBK Sotheby's International in Birmingham. Peers in the industry weigh in on selection.

Lipnitz will be involved in a program to educate professionals "on a higher level, Realtors in the industry."

A statement notes "The Leadership Academy identifies, inspires and mentors emerging leaders from the local and state level for the National Association of Realtors." She is looking forward to learning opportunities.

"You get additional education," she said. "It's a little more in depth."

She'll learn about home ownership advocacy in the yearlong process. There are some half dozen meetings ranging from Chicago, New Orleans and Washington, D.C.

Lipnitz is married to Doug and mom to the couple's 4-year-old son. Their household also includes two family dogs.

She's been in the residential real estate field around 13 years, with a total of 22 in the industry. Lipnitz agreed with other real estate pros the market is improving.

"We've had a very robust year and we've seen a nice leveling out in the marketplace," she said.

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Sara Lipnitz

School can help on housing information

Q: I have a son who plans to attend Heidelberg University in Germany. Do you have any information as to housing?

A: The city is increasing in population with many new apartments in the new area of town being constructed. Moreover, the barracks which house 3,000 American soldiers, who are leaving this year, will be transformed into housing for students and others. Also, check with the university.

Robert Meisner

Q: The attorney for our condominium association was hired by the managing agent when the developer controlled the association board. When the board was turned over to the co-owners, the same attorney recommended a settlement with the developer which several of the board members thought was inappropriate. Should a second opinion have been obtained?

A: It sounds like, unfortunately, a frequent occurrence by certain developers who hire a particular management company who hires a particular attorney favorable to the developer even though the attorney is representing the association. Obviously, there is always an issue when the attorney representing the association controlled by the developer continues to represent the association after the turnover, particularly, when there is an appearance of impropriety on the part of the management company hiring an attorney who has frequently represented associations in these types of situations. The board should have gotten a second opinion or, frankly, an independent opinion from an attorney who may have had his or her bread buttered by the management company controlled by the developer. It is also possible that the board may have incurred liability in relying on this attorney's advice and/or the attorney himself or herself may be culpable for malfeasance and/or a conflict of interest. The old axiom goes "if there is smoke, there is generally fire," and "if it smells fishy, it is usually a dead fish."

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REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Training

Weichert Realtors - Cass Realty's Novi office manager/Career Specialist Jennifer Lahiff has returned from the Weichert Management Academy "armed with tools that provide all Weichert franchisees a solid foundation and the confidence to manage the business as never before," said Kirk Miller, director of the program. The weeklong program is held four times throughout each year for new affiliates or for anyone who wants to attend as a refresher course and to network with new franchisees.

Jennifer Lahiff

"We feel good about being part of the Weichert family at this juncture in real estate," said broker/owner Ronald LaCasse. "Weichert has remained in tune with changing demands and insists that affiliates are up-to-date and well educated," he said, citing the franchise organization's Management Academy sessions as a prime example.

Weichert Real Estate Affiliates, Inc. (WREA) announced its first affiliate in 2002 and by 2005 was identified by *Entrepreneur* magazine as one of the fastest growing U.S. franchises. The publication's January 2013 issue declared that Weichert Real Estate Affiliates ranked No. 2 among all other competitors in its *2013 Franchise 500*. Currently, affiliates serve some 240 markets in 37 states. One-stop shopping, relocation outreach, top-ranked Internet presence, agent training and leads direct to agents contribute to the Weichert reputation.

Short sales

If you owe more than what your house is worth, you may be interested in a free informational seminar on short sale procedures. Many sellers are misinformed or not sure about how the procedures work. Organizers will also discuss the internal workings of short sales and the different steps involved.

Bonnie David, broker/owner of Quantum Real Estate, is the presenter. It will be 6-7 p.m. Thursdays at 129 N. Lafayette, downtown South Lyon.

Additional parking across the street in back. Please call the office at 248-782-7130 or email june.quantum@gmail.com for your reservation or additional information.

Seminar on Tuesdays, Thursdays

A free seminar on government-insured reverse mortgages is offered by Colonial Mortgage Corp. on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. and Thursdays at 2 p.m., held at various locations.

RSVP with Colonial Mortgage at 800-260-5484.

Free foreclosure tours

Free foreclosure tours are 1 p.m. every other Sunday. Meeting place is Panera Bread on the southeast corner of Middlebelt and I-96.

Email Georgia@addedvaluerealty.com or visit FreeForeclosureTour.com.

Investors

The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne will have an open forum. Investors will answer questions and offer a market update.

Meetings are at 7:30 p.m. each first Tuesday of the month at the Red Lobster on Eureka in Southgate.

Members are free, guests $20, which will be applied to their membership.

Any questions or concerns, call Wayde Koehler at 313-277-4168.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of June 24-28, 2013, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON	
41480 Alleghany St	$102,000
7914 Alton St	$128,000
8040 Alton St	$105,000
2088 Arcadia Dr	$130,000
920 Aylesbury Ct	$85,000
7003 Becky Dr	$215,000
408 Brittany Dr	$188,000
6622 Brookshire Dr	$198,000
3922 Brookstone Dr	$198,000
203 Concord Dr	$164,000
644 Constitution St	$160,000
7060 Copper Creek Cir	$130,000
41415 Copper Creek Dr	$150,000
45741 Drexel Rd	$235,000
244 Edington Cir	$160,000
7453 Emerson Dr	$190,000
50639 FEDERAL BLVD	**$77,000**
50791 Federal Blvd	$77,000
51172 Federal Blvd	$77,000
43819 Fredericksburg St	$195,000
46750 Glengarry Blvd	$330,000
50373 Grant St	$251,000
50391 Grant St	$400,000
45833 Henley Dr	$268,000
44431 James Ct	$175,000
45096 Lemont Rd	$181,000
42808 Lilley Pointe Dr	$69,000
1827 Lincoln Dr	$210,000
4227 Lonebridge Cir	$231,000
4023 Norwich Dr	$85,000
42371 Old Bridge Rd	$206,000
43936 Orleans Ct	$205,000
1194 Paddington Rd	$178,000
50151 Pelham Ct	$380,000
455 Prospect Hill St	$60,000
280 Queen Anne Dr	$319,000
44740 Ridgefield Rd	$169,000
3532 Riverside Dr	$242,000
230 Selkirk St	$150,000
41949 Sunderland Dr	$188,000
700 Sutten Dr	$163,000
GARDEN CITY	
30814 Barton St	$63,000
1517 Farmington Rd	$70,000
27602 Ford Rd	$325,000
144 Radcliff St	$77,000
LIVONIA	
36743 Angeline Cir	$80,000
38166 Ann Arbor Trl	$50,000
14821 Arden St	$98,000
34419 Burton Ln	$260,000
10003 Cavell St	$84,000
28611 Clarita St	$45,000
9331 Colorado St	$148,000
9365 Colorado St	$126,000
35234 Elmira St	$160,000
36368 Fairway Dr	$48,000
33027 Fargo St	$25,000
11758 Farmington Rd	$91,000
18217 Foch St	$103,000
9810 Fremont St	$64,000
29173 Grandon St	$126,000
11121 Karen St	$120,000
29835 Lamar Ln	$136,000
16503 Middlebelt Rd	$50,000
37892 N Laurel Park Dr	$179,000
8819 Norman Ave	$180,000
35971 Perth St	$140,000
33527 Pondview Cir	$63,000
19442 Rensellor St	$65,000
19359 Shadyside St	$120,000
18367 University Park Dr	$75,000
30169 Vassar St	$139,000
31124 W Chicago St	$145,000
17235 Wayne Rd	$324,000
9387 Westwind Dr	$150,000
20047 Weyher St	$131,000
27455 Whitcomb St	$180,000
15623 Williams St	$135,000
14001 Woodside St	$185,000
NORTHVILLE	
40241 Fairway III Rd	$331,000
45837 Greenridge Dr	$450,000
224 Lake St	$230,000
42750 Lyric Ct	$115,000
19370 Malvern Ct	$112,000
15923 Morningside	$153,000
19727 Pierson Dr	$391,000
412 Randolph St	$115,000
17714 Rolling Woods Cir	$487,000
46800 Bettyhill	$316,000
48076 Colony Farms Cir	$150,000
1320 Hartsough St	$270,000
44737 Lynn Dr	$105,000
440 N Harvey St	$415,000
40812 Newport Dr	$90,000
49816 Plymouth Way	$147,000
9611 Shearson Ct	$264,000
1231 Sheridan St	$234,000
12015 Trailwood Rd	$306,000
REDFORD	
20520 Dalby	$23,000
17461 Delaware Ave	$40,000
18255 Delaware Ave	$40,000
18829 Denby	$36,000
15517 Norborne	$27,000
26130 W Six Mile Rd	$119,000
26130 W Six Mile Rd	$85,000
24624 W Chicago	$25,000
26812 W Chicago	$64,000
9094 Winston	$60,000
WAYNE	
36864 Greenbush Ct	$38,000
35008 Richard St	$56,000
4519 Washington St	$53,000
5239 Woodward St	$58,000
WESTLAND	
33930 Arrowhead St	$90,000
32372 Avondale St	$64,000
32634 Avondale St	$95,000
33667 Avondale St	$78,000
30850 Barrington St	$34,000
35055 Bock St	$80,000
29256 Brody Ave	$102,000
31601 Hazelwood St	$44,000
32501 Hazelwood St	$110,000
38554 Milton St	$92,000
7791 N Henry Ruff Rd	$147,000
35439 Pheasant Ln	$83,000
8327 Randy Dr	$93,000
8711 Randy Dr	$118,000
1750 Regene St	$94,000
1891 S Harvey Ave	$20,000
1595 Selma St	$68,000
30860 Stephen Ct	$110,000
33410 Wexford St	$70,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

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BEVERLY HILLS	
18150 Dunblaine Ave	$400,000
16020 Kinross Ave	$340,000
31816 Sheridan Dr	$220,000
31427 Sleepy Hollow Ln	$346,000
31282 W Rutland St	$192,000
BIRMINGHAM	
582 Bennaville Ave	$191,000
995 Canterbury St	$414,000
212 Catalpa Dr	$425,000
425 Catalpa Dr	$947,000
1052 Chester St	$617,000
1099 Emmons Ave	$410,000
1506 Fairway Dr	$240,000
868 Hazel St	$695,000
1564 Penistone St	$170,000
1126 Puritan Ave	$2,150,000
1903 S Bates St	$190,000
647 Watkins St	$919,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
3570 Larkwood Ct	$375,000
4062 Overlea Ln	$247,000
827 Canterbury Cres	$543,000
2886 Colonial Trl	$238,000
2042 E Hammond Lake Dr	$189,000
11 Hidden Rdg	$2,038,000
1829 Stonycroft Ln	$190,000
40760 Woodward Ave Unit 48	$165,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
3920 Brookside Dr	$365,000
4089 Cranbrook Ct	$495,000
1675 Dell Rose Dr	$430,000
1018 Glenwood Ct	$432,000
6478 Maple Hills Dr	$165,000
5961 Miller Way E	$435,000
7457 Paddle Wheel Ct	$345,000
5658 S Adams Way	$264,000
1230 S Timberview Trl	$239,000
2605 Sequoia Ct	$575,000
374 Tilbury Rd	$725,000
3570 Tuckahoe Rd	$600,000
4180 Valley Forge Rd	$549,000
4580 W Maple Rd	$545,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP	
1701 Applebrook Dr	$510,000
6161 Carey Rd	$265,000
8913 Gittins St	$127,000
755 Hummerside Ct	$185,000
8676 Hummingbird	$318,000
2000 Nacona	$149,000
8612 Palomino Dr	$145,000
4513 Racewood Dr	$242,000
5360 Riverwalk Trl	$257,000
363 Starling St	$140,000
4852 Surfwood Dr	$370,000
3988 Vanstone Dr	$290,000
FARMINGTON	
32718 Grand River Ave Unit B	$45,000
35479 Heritage Ln	$110,000
33614 Hillcrest Dr	$240,000
29737 Pine Ridge Cir	$105,000
FARMINGTON HILLS	
34905 Bridgeman St	$116,000
37443 Chesterfield Ct	$165,000
31176 Country Way	$110,000
23349 Elmgrove St	$203,000
37778 Emerald Forest Dr	$320,000
24720 Farmington Rd	$200,000
28328 Harwich Dr	$375,000
30513 Huntsman Dr W	$300,000
35093 Knollwood Ln	$171,000
28356 Parkhill St	$43,000
21719 Parklane St	$257,000
29603 Shenandoah Dr	$290,000
25887 Skye Dr	$130,000
29739 Sugar Spring Rd	$178,000
21738 Tulane Ave	$39,000
28291 Wildwood Trl	$95,000
22100 Wingate Ct	$230,000
MILFORD	
1725 Burns Rd	$250,000
2937 E Buno Rd	$247,000
1150 Hunter Ct	$338,000
375 Martindale	$98,000
2736 Stone Meadow Dr	$90,000
601 Telya Rdg	$274,000
NORTHVILLE	
52079 Carrington Dr	$465,000
41731 Onaway Dr	$57,000
51150 Park Place Dr	$550,000
51221 Park Place Dr	$128,000
22584 Poppleton Dr	$388,000
22204 Roberts Dr	$565,000
20850 Turnberry Blvd	$228,000
21590 Woodfarm Dr	$310,000
834 Yorktown Ct	$141,000
NOVI	
25750 Beck Rd	$115,000
28340 Clymer Dr	$94,000
22835 Cranbrooke Dr	$110,000
44615 Ellery Ln	$174,000
50820 Glades Ct E	$50,000
41582 Hamlet Ln	$163,000
50505 Langley Dr	$684,000
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323 E Liberty St	$165,000
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216 University Ave	$120,000
SOUTHFIELD	
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28 Tree for a bark beetle
29 — accompli (thing done)
30 Wiped out
31 Unlawfully loud sound
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41 Entreat
44 Waitress at Mel's Diner
46 Boise-to-Phoenix dir.
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48 Post-opposite
51 Moo shu and fu yung, e.g.
55 Little — (small fry)
56 Lab rodent
57 Giving sort
58 Hebrides isle
59 Global financial org.
60 "— la vie"
61 Top-billing sharers
63 Pants folds
67 Kansas city
69 Area with lots of lofts
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81 Be on a slant
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84 Pooltoom stick
85 Big beagle feature
86 Judge's rejection
90 He's a real doll
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92 Rainbow part
93 Cameron of "In Her Shoes"
94 Three, in Bari
95 Killer serves
96 Perfect
99 Individuals
101 It's often given by business suppliers for bulk ordering
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110 Baldwin of "The Edge"
111 Suffix with salt
112 Catering vessel
113 91-Across follower, perhaps
115 Opened, as an envelope
118 They're hidden in this puzzle's six longest answers
121 Revealed
122 Meets with old classmates
123 Unsensible
124 When required
125 Is napping
126 Big parties

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8 In among
9 One hurling something
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Car Report

Advertising Feature

Toyota Service Centers Mean To 'Keep Toyota a Toyota'

By Dale Buss

Toyota Service Centers are rebranding the old Toyota Parts and Service Department with a new online-only advertising campaign and a fresh determination to augment the already-strong Toyota brand with an aftermarket presence that keeps even more Toyota owners loyal.

The campaign harnesses humor in the Toyota service brand's first major break out of its traditional radio-advertising channel, which had grown stale in promoting awareness and loyalty among Toyota owners, Brian Sciumbato, national parts and service and accessories marketing manager for Toyota, told me.

"We didn't really have a brand around service and parts before," Sciumbato explained. "We used to call it 'Parts and Service.' We never really had anything that we could truly market."

During the nine years that Toyota Parts and Service focused on radio ads, through late 2012, "it didn't work well." Going to a multi-platform campaign, he said, "will be much more effective. And the use of humor is important. It's very unlikely that people will share something about service with friends and family unless you do something with humor."

So, in a web series titled "Keep Your Toyota a Toyota," one spot has a customer asking, "Why use Toyota Service Centers?" The reply is that, well, "You wouldn't use just any doctor, would you?" And the scene cuts to a patient with his leg attached to his arm.

The advantages of using a Toyota Service Center over an independent shop include the use of factory-certified parts and technicians. Toyota and its dealers also have been working hard to provide quicker service turnaround for routine maintenance, like quick-lube places. And as the average age of a car on US roads continues to hover around 10 years or so, there remains a wide-open opportunity for more business for Toyota Service Centers from long-time owners and new buyers.

Purchasers of the Toyota Avalon benefit from the Toyota Care program.

"In the past we advertised mainly with broadcast," Sciumbato said. "But a lot of that was wasted on non-Toyota owners. Now we're using digital technology and serving it up based on search histories. We're truly more able to connect with customers and drive our digital properties, including the Toyota owners' site. That has their service history and information on their cars that they might find interesting.

"They can also schedule service. And there's a peer-to-peer interface provided. All of that allows them to have a better relationship with us."

Sciumbato said that one of the key challenges for Toyota Service Centers – as for all auto-service brands – is to connect with owners who don't have late-model cars, who may have held on to their Toyotas longer than before as underscored by the 10-year average age of the US "car park."

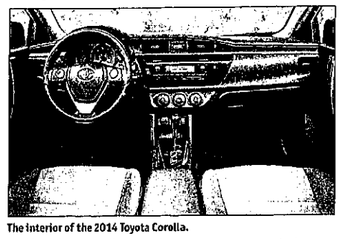
"These people out of warranty are harder to capture because many perceive that going to an independent service shop would be less expensive for them," Sciumbato said. "We need to work on that. Our dealers have become incredibly competitive in many areas, especially in those normal service areas."

Complementary to the new branding effort is a push behind the Toyota Care program. Launched about two and a half years ago, it provides five common services the first time for no charge to the customer. "That helps customers realize that dealers truly do have their best interests at heart," Sciumbato said. "And they realize that relationship is pretty convenient too. That has really helped us with our service-customer-retention metric. And that's a very hard metric to move."

Sciumbato said that the new campaign leverages some of the reasons that customers bought a Toyota in the first place. "The new tag line should really resonate with owners: 'Keep Toyota a Toyota.' They like the quality, reliability and dependability of Toyota, and at an independent service shop they're not really getting genuine quality. There is a difference. There are reasons to consider keeping your vehicle the way it was meant to be."

Emphasizing the "customer experience" at dealerships is increasingly important to all auto brands, Sciumbato acknowledged – and it likely is even more important in the service department than on the sales floor.

"Think about the experience that a customer has at a dealership," he said. "They have a longer-term relationship with a service advisor than anyone else at the store. When they bring their cars back in for the first five services, for instance, often they've gained that relationship. And typically they'll have the same service advisor, so they get into a rhythm. We want to provide the highest level of service possible to owners and exceed their expectations."



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Tell Me About Yourself

The Toughest Question in the Interview

Don Straits, CEO and Dragon Slayer, Corporate Warriors

When you, as a job seeker, are asked the most common, and toughest, interview question, "Tell me about yourself," your answer can make or break you as a candidate. Usually job seekers will respond with their "30 second commercial," and then elaborate on their background. While almost every career book and career counselor will tell you that is the appropriate response, I totally disagree.

Many people fail in their job search because they are too often focused on what they want in a job including industry, type of position, location, income, benefits, and work environment. Their "30 second commercial" is centered around this premise. The commercial describes the job seeker's career history and what they are looking for. Too often, this is in direct contrast to what employers are looking for.

There are two dominant reasons why job seekers are successful in the job search. The first is focusing on the needs of the organization. The second is focusing on the needs of the people within that organization. In this article, we are going to examine how to focus on the needs of the people within organizations. This will assist in rethinking your response to that all-important question, "Tell me about yourself."

In order to learn how to respond to the needs of the interviewer, let's first learn more about ourselves. We can then apply that knowledge about ourselves to knowing how to understand and respond to the needs of others.

Most social psychologists recognize four basic personality styles: Analytical, Amiable, Expressive, and Driver. Usually, each of us exhibits personality characteristics unique to one of the styles. However, we also possess characteristics to a lesser degree in the other styles. To determine your unique style, you can take a Myers-Briggs assessment or go to the following site for a free Keirsey Temperament Sorter assessment test: www.keirsey.com

Here are the characteristics that are most commonly associated with each of the styles:

Analytical:

Positive Traits: Precise, Methodical, Organized, Rational, Detail Oriented

Negative Traits: Critical, Formal, Uncertain, Judgmental, Picky

Amiable:

Positive Traits: Cooperative, Dependable, Warm, Listener, Negotiator

Negative Traits: Undisciplined, Dependent, Submissive, Overly Cautious, Conforming

Expressive:

Positive Traits: Enthusiastic, Persuasive, Outgoing, Positive, Communicator

Negative Traits: Ego Centered, Emotional, Exploitive, Opinionated, Reacting

Driver:

Positive Traits: Persistent, Independent, Decision Maker, Effective, Strong Willed

Negative Traits: Aggressive, Strict, Intense, Relentless, Rigid

Gaining an in-depth understanding of your personality style has enormous value in your career as well as your personal life. However, our focus today is learning how to use this knowledge to make you more successful in your job search.

Once you have learned about your own style and have studied the other styles, I encourage you to have a little fun in trying to determine the styles of others. When you meet someone for the first time, try to identify his or her style within the first two minutes. You can often identify styles by observing a person's demeanor, conversation, body language, appearance, and possessions.

To demonstrate what I mean, let's take some examples from the business world. While there are always exceptions, generally speaking the styles fit the example.

Analytical Style: Financial Manager (or programmers, engineers, and accountants). They like systems and procedures. They are slow to make decisions because they will analyze things to death – but their decisions are usually very sound. They prefer working independently and are usually not very good in team environments, but they are also dependable. They buy cars with good resale value and great gas mileage. They are conservative dressers. At the party, they want to know why so much money was spent on Michelob when we could have purchased Busch. They come to the party with their laptops.

Amiable Style: Human Resources Manager. Very people-focused. They are dependable, loyal and easygoing; very compassionate. They will give you the shirt off their backs and the last nickel in their pockets. They are good listeners and value team players who don't "rock the boat." They are usually conformists and followers – rarely leaders. They avoid conflict and are not good decision makers. They drive four-door sedans or minivans to take the kids to sporting events. They usually clean up after the party is over.

Expressive Style: Sales Manager. Very outgoing and enthusiastic, with a high energy level. They are also great idea generators, but usually do not have the ability to see the idea through to completion. Very opinionated and egotistical. Money motivated. They can be good communicators. They prefer to direct and control rather then ask and listen. They drive red convertibles with great stereos; to heck with the gas mileage. They come up with the idea for a company party, but never help clean up. They are on their way to another party.

Driver: Corporate CEO. Intelligent, intense, focused, relentless. They thrive on the thrill of the challenge and the internal motivation to succeed. Money is only a measure of success; it is not the driving factor. They are results/performance oriented. They have compassion for the truly disadvantaged, but absolutely no patience or tolerance for the lazy or whiners. They drive prestige cars, not because the car attracts attention, but because it was a wise investment. They want to know why we had a party; what were the benefits of the party, and did we invite the banker?

Ok, now you are really getting some insight into your style and the style of others. It is time for the interviews. Throw out your 30-second commercial. Think on your feet.

You will be interviewing with the human resource manager, the finance manager, the sales manager, and the CEO. The first question each of them will ask you is: "Tell me about yourself." How should you respond? Remember the second reason for succeeding in a job search: focus on the needs of the people in the organization. Here are just a few examples of how to respond to that question:

"Tell me about yourself?"

Response to Finance Manager: "I have been successful in my career by making well-thought-out decisions based on careful analysis of all factors. I approach problems with logic and sound reasoning. I would enjoy working with you in developing the appropriate systems and procedures to make our two departments function efficiently together."

Response to Human Resource Manager: "My career has been characterized by my ability to work well with diverse teams. I seek out opportunities to involve others in the decision-making process. This collaboration and communication is what has enabled me to achieve success in my department. People are the most valuable resource of any organization."

Response to Sales Manager: "Throughout my career I have always adhered to the principle that everyone in the organization must be sales-focused. My department is always trained in customer service, providing outstanding support to the sales team and to our customers. Without sales, the rest of use would not have a job. I look forward to helping you drive sales in any way possible."

Response to CEO: "I have achieved success in my career because I have been focused on the bottom line. I have always sought out innovative solutions to challenging problems to maximize profitability. Regardless of the task or challenge, I always established benchmarks of performance and standards of excellence. I have never sought to maintain the "status quo." An organization that does not change and grow will die. I would enjoy working with you to help define new market opportunities in order to achieve the organization's goals."

In each instance, we responded to the "needs of the individual." It is almost guaranteed that, when you respond appropriately to the diverse needs of the different managers, you will become the standard by which all of the other candidates will be measured.

I challenge you to learn about your personality and leadership style, learn about the styles of others, and learn how to think on your feet when responding to questions. Whether you are seeking a job or you are gainfully employed, by understanding the needs of others you will become a more valuable person, employee, manager and leader.

Don Straits, CEO and Dragon Slayer, Corporate Warriors

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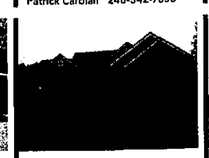

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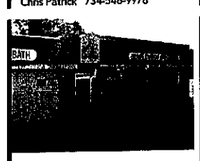
OPEN 1-4 | 745 Flowerdale St., Ferndale - Stylish & sophisticated bungalow on one of the loveliest streets in the "Dales". $139,900
Cindy Rose 248-752-2667



OPEN 1-4 | 6332 Middlebelt Rd., Garden City - Property consists of three adjacent parcels of land. Retail space, office, warehouse. $840,000
Norm Lussier 313-506-9280

OPEN 2-4 | 1008 Yorkshire, Grosse Pte Park - Beautiful English Manor home, completely updated. Spacious room sizes. $835,000
Joe Rich 313-550-6800

OPEN 2-4 | 521 Middlesex, Grosse Pte Park - Beautiful 4BR country French home near Windmill Pte. Complete remodel-last several years. $829,900
Joe Rich 313-550-6800

OPEN 2-4 | 87 S. Deeplands, Grosse Pte. Shores - Spacious center entrance 6BR Colonial on corner of S. Deeplands & Ballaynte. $499,900
Joe Rich 313-550-6800

OPEN 2-4 | 89 Willow Tree Pl., Grosse Pte. Shores - Stunning professionally decorated 4 BR, 2 full, 2 half BA. Custom built home. $759,000
Christian Mortimer 313-886-4200

OPEN 2-4 | 471 Oxford Rd., Grosse Pte. Woods - Beautiful Brick Colonial with park like setting, wonderful flow, great location. $635,000
Patricia Bargnes 313-622-4077

OPEN 1-4 | 2150 Fleetwood, Grosse Pte Woods - Beautiful 3BR Colonial in prime locale. Large living room with fireplace. Newer kitchen. $159,000
Kay Rinke 313-701-2729

OPEN 2-4 | 805 Pemberton Rd., Grosse Pte. Park - Well-maintained & in Windmill Pte. Refinished hardwoods, fresh paint thru-out. $325,000
Rita Tucker 586-489-8264

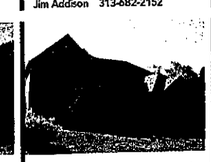
OPEN 2-4 | 2002 Roslyn Rd., Grosse Pte. Woods - Magnificent Quad-level home. 5 Bedrooms, possible 6th bedroom. 3 bathrooms. $189,000
Jim Addison 313-682-2152

OPEN 1-4 | 30600 North River Rd., Harrison Twp. - Great marina w/home. Deep, wide part of Clinton River near lake, large deep boat wells. $399,000
Carol Paton 586-665-8808

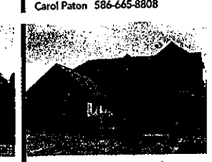
OPEN 1-4 | 37780 Lakeville, Harrison Twp. - Great locale, wide open canal, no bridges. Large oversized lot, steel seawall, min. to lake St. Clair. $269,900
Carol Paton 586-665-8808

OPEN 1-3 | 4100 Orchard Park Blvd., Howell - A 10! Beautifully appointed better than new! Loaded w/upgrades! Gorgeous culinary kitchen. $189,925
Jean Wells 248-872-6110

OPEN 1-4 | 8940 Coon Lake Rd., Iosco Twp. - 1700 sq. ft. open plan on 2 treed acres, boasts a 4-car garage and pole barn too! $164,888
Tracy Slintak 248-872-6433

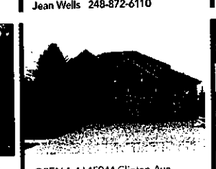


OPEN 1-4 | 3223 Woodview Cir., Lake Orion - Spectacular Colonial backs to private 9 acre lake & sides to common area-only 1 neighbor! $475,000
Leslie Doran 248-390-3930



OPEN 1-4 | 3183 Woodview Cir., Lake Orion - The minute you walk into this Birmingham model home, instantly see the dramatic detail. $425,000
Leslie Doran 248-390-3930

OPEN 1-4 | 38484 Lancaster, Livonia Beautiful Colonial. 5 & Newburgh Rds! 4BR/2.5BA. Over sized family room w/fireplace.
Donna Greis 248-505-8290

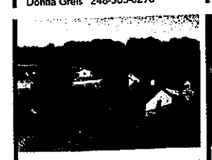


OPEN 1-4 | 15944 Clinton Ave., Macomb Twp. - Beautiful move-in ready, private owned home in "The Rivers" sub. $309,900 **Hosted by Shawn Winters 586-457-8949**

OPEN 1-4 | 20200 26 Mile Rd., Macomb Twp. - Large Tri-level on country size lot. Spacious family room with fireplace. $169,900
Carol Paton 586-665-8808

OPEN 1-3 | 1808 Parkdale Ave., Madison Heights - "A Must" to get inside this clean/sharp brick ranch on spacious corner lot! $139,900
Diane Shires 248-321-4480

OPEN 12-3 | 16123 Portis Rd., Northville - Northville Colony 3BR brick ranch on quiet interior street! Heated sunroom 21x18. $279,900
Chris Patrick 734-546-9978



OPEN 1-4 | 3965 Collins Rd., Oakland Twp. - Ride, refresh, relax....you can have it all! Inviting 4BR soft contemporary. $650,000
Donna Bousson 248-515-1843

OPEN 1-4 | 2472 Armstrong Ct., Lake Orion. - Newly updated 2,500 square foot Cape Cod home is Keatington Sub! 5BR/3BAs! $225,000 **Hosted by Dianne Giovinazzo 248-394-3493**

OPEN 1-4 | 49265 Pine Bluff Ct., Plymouth - Spectacular wooded location for custom ranch over 4480 sq.ft. with finished walkout! $464,900
Chris Patrick 734-546-9978

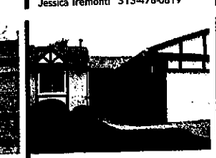
OPEN 1-4 | 9168 Redbud Ave., Plymouth - Awesome 3BR brick ranch in the township. Just blocks from downtown Plymouth. $209,900
Jessica Tremonti 313-478-0819

OPEN 2-5 | 2603 Stonebury, Rochester Hills - Move-in! Colonial with picturesque setting! Full brick front & large entry. $259,000
Marinell Roe 248-709-0838

OPEN 11-4 | 2027 Clawson Ave., Royal Oak - Charming 1924 bungalow in highly sought after Northwood Sub. Inviting front porch. $299,000
Kim Elliott 586-246-5007

OPEN 2-4 | 1011 Troon, St. Clair Shores 2-car attached+3-car detached garage & full basement finished with game room, fam room & more! $425,000
Laila Abud 313-886-4200

OPEN 1-4 | 22200 Colonial Ct., St. Clair Shores - Great home on Milk River. In ground heart-shaped pool w/diving board and slide. $220,000
Becky Livernois 586-817-7293



OPEN 1-4 | 14015 Bery Dr., Sterling Heights - Beautiful 2BR/1.5BA ranch condo. Everything is on one floor, including the laundry! $104,900
Kay Rinke 313-701-2729

OPEN 1-4 | 5642 Drake Hollow Dr., West Bloomfield - Exceptional price on this stunning 1,597 sq ft, 2BR, 2.5BA townhome condo. $179,900
Jack Bertoia 248-310-9940