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Memorial Day Parade

The city of Novi invites veterans, businesses, bands, Scout troops and other civic organizations to be a part of the annual Memorial Day Parade at 10 a.m. Monday, May 26.

The parade and ceremony honor veterans and those who sacrificed their lives. Groups are encouraged to showcase community spirit by creating a float, decorating a vehicle or marching as a unit. Families may participate by decorating bicycles and riding the parade route.

The parade route begins at 10 Mile and Karim Boulevard (just west of Hagerty) and travels west on 10 Mile, concluding at the Novi Civic Center. Parade entry forms are available online at www.cityofnovi.org or at the Older Adult Services Office located in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 10 Mile.

For more information about the Memorial Day Parade and ceremony, contact Sandy Fisher, Social Services coordinator, at 248-347-0414 or sfisher@cityofnovi.org.

Intersection upgrades coming



Novi is planning on bringing new and improved traffic lights to the intersection of Eight Mile and Meadowbrook. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Traffic signals to be modernized this summer

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

Drivers in Novi will be pleased to see the modernization of some intersections around town.

Three intersections in Novi are getting traffic signal upgrades this summer, with a fourth being added to the overall plan. Its work might also take place this year.

To get the work started, the Novi City Council unanimously awarded a construction contract for the 2014 Signal Improve-

ments Project to Rauhorn Electric, Inc., in the amount of \$363,009.

"I just want to point out that one of these signals is the infamous Meadowbrook and Eight Mile east turn lane, so I will make a motion to approve the award," Mayor Pro Tem David Staudt said in support of the plan.

According to the Novi Public Services department, reconstruction and modernization of the existing traffic signal at the intersection of Meadowbrook and Eight Mile roads will include a left turn signal to be added for eastbound Eight Mile

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CAPS AGAINST CANCER

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

Donning a variety of hats, Parkview Elementary School students held a fundraiser in support of their teacher's effort to raise funds for cancer research.

Parkview Elementary School teacher Megan Baloh organized the May 16 fundraiser for the Relay for Life, which was held the next day.

"My students really enjoyed seeing all of the collaboration that went into this project. They are chomping at the bit to show off their leadership skills," Baloh said. "It's exciting to think about the future ideas that they may develop and eventually lead the way to help others."

The kids got to wear hats for a \$1 donation to the American Cancer Society. Baloh, who has had some family members battle the disease, brought up the idea of the fundraiser and it was quickly supported by the rest of the school.

"In the past, Parkview has been a great place where we synergize and raise awareness about particular topics. So I asked Mrs. Michos, our principal, if we could use the seven habits of highly successful people, more specifically habit six (synergy) to raise money for the Relay for Life," Baloh said. "In the past, we have held hat day where students could wear a hat and donate a dollar to an organization."

On May 17, Baloh participated with her Relay team, The Cancer KnockOuts, as part of the Farmington divi-

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Parkview teacher Megan Baloh helped to organize a May 16 fundraiser for Relay for Life. Kids got to wear hats for a \$1 donation to the American Cancer Society. Baloh (supporting student Michella Tortelli) has had some family members battle the disease, so she decided to get herself and some of the school's students involved. Her class alone raised about \$100 by noon. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

School board needs to fill seat by July 2

By Cal Stone
Staff Writer

One of the seven seats on the Novi Board of Education will be empty come June 2 with the resignation of Jason Manar and the school district is seeking applicants to fill that position.

If the position is not filled by July 2, the Oakland Intermediate School District will step in and fill it.

"The most important characteristic for a school board trustee is to be a critical thinker," board President Dennis O'Connor said. "Our board takes pride in its analytical approach to decision-making. I hope prospective candidates will approach difficult decisions with an objective and open mind, focused on doing what's best for our kids."

O'Connor, who has been on the board for more than five years, said the board also prides itself in "public engagement" and he hopes all prospective candidates have been engaged in school district committees, activities or functions over the past couple of years.

"I believe it's important for future school board trustees to have some experience as a volunteer on recent school district committees or parent organizations," he said.

Secretary Shari Lebo is approaching the end (Dec. 31) of a five-year term on the board. Her family moved to Novi just over six years ago. Prior to that, she was involved in the family's school district in South Carolina.

"I have always been interested in educational issues and school/community policy," she said. "While growing up, my mother worked in our local school district office in New York and several relatives were school teachers."

After moving to Novi, she wanted to become involved in this community, specifically the school district. Her educational background is in communica-

tions and intergovernmental organizations and policy. Her professional background is in marketing, sales, nonprofit programming in arts, culture and education as well as community leadership.

Board members have a wide variety of skills, which is one of the reasons the district is one of the highest-rated in the state and was able to overwhelmingly pass a \$70.9 million bond a few weeks ago.

Several years ago, the board switched from four-year to six-year terms. That, combined with changing the month of elections,

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The Novi Board of Education seat currently held by Jason Manar (who is resigning June 2) will last through Dec. 31. The board is accepting applications for the position through Friday, June 13. Residents must be United States citizens to apply. They also must live in the Novi School District and must be registered voters. Interested citizens can contact the superintendent's office at 248-449-1204 for information and then submit an application at the Educational Services Building, 25345 Taft Road. The application can be found on the district website at <http://www.novi.k12.mi.us/district/boe/boe-vacancy/>.

Those interested in applying for this seat must submit the following items:

- » Resume/background Information
- » Statement on qualifications
- » Past/present community civic service
- » The answer to the question: Why do you want to serve on the Novi school board?

The board will review applications June 14-18. The board will hold public interviews at its regularly-scheduled board meeting Thursday, June 19, and then vote on Manar's replacement at the following meeting Thursday, June 26.

BEYOND MANAR'S TERM

It is an expectation of most of the Novi school board members that all potential appointees will file to run for election to a full term in the Nov. 4 general election.

The trustee seat is a six-year term.

To run for this office you must:

- » Pick up petition at the Novi City Clerk's Office.
- » Pay \$100 or submit 40 signatures from school district voters.
- » Filed the petition at the Oakland County Clerk's Office, 1200 N. Telegraph, Pontiac; 248-858-0563.

The deadline to file to be placed on the November ballot is Tuesday, July 22.

For more information on the electoral process, go to the Oakland County Elections Division web site at

http://www.oakgov.com/clerkrod/elections/Documents/2014_filing_req_schools_nov.pdf

For more information on the appointment process, please contact Ange Vaughan, executive assistant to the superintendent, at 248-449-1204 or anvaughan@novischools.net.

BOARD

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means Ann Glubzinski, the current treasurer, has served about nine years, with her term ending in December. She has yet to file for the November election.

"I believe the goal of public education is to offer all students the opportunity to develop to their fullest academic potential," she said. "The school board oversees the allocation of district resources in order to achieve this goal."

In terms of character-

istics of a school board member, Glubzinski said Manar's replacement should:

- » Have previous volunteer involvement in the Novi school district
- » Be willing and able to attend board meetings approximately two times per month
- » Have the ability to

objectively consider proposals and make decisions which are in the best interest of Novi students

The current board also includes Bobbie Murphy, vice president, and trustees George Kortlandt and Tracey Cadwell. Their terms expire Dec. 31, 2016.

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at Meadowbrook.

In addition, there will be the construction of a new pathway connection crossing the north leg of the Haggerty and Nine Mile roads intersection that will include the addition of pedestrian crossing signals and controls.

There will also be the construction of a new traffic signal at the intersection of Wixom Road and Glenwood Drive. Novi DPS Director Rob Hayes told council in his report this is being done to "improve traffic operations and to facilitate pedestrian crossing of Wixom Road at Deerfield Elementary School and Novi Middle School.

"Americans with Disabilities Act improvements will be completed for all sidewalk ramps at the intersections where appropriate," he added.

A new traffic signal for the intersection of Cabot Drive and 13 Mile Road has also been designed and was included in the construction bid package. However, the construction of this proposed traffic signal is not funded in the current budget year, but is likely to occur soon.

It's anticipated this work will be completed this summer, excluding the Cabot-13 Mile intersection, which will be awarded and constructed after July 1, if approved in the upcoming budget.

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Parkview Elementary School teacher Megan Baloh (center) poses with some of her students during their May 16 fundraiser for Relay for Life. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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sion's Relay for Life to raise money for cancer research and help people become more educated about cancer. The relay was held at Shiawassee Park and lasted 24 hours.

Baloh said her team was started by her cousin Dawn Homer, who unfortunately lost her life to cancer two years ago. She was 39 and had three children. Her sis-

ter, Denise Jansen, is the team captain and has made it her priority to keep Homer's legacy going, Baloh said.

The fundraiser was a success.

"The response was touching!" Baloh said. "Thanks to co-workers, past families and all of the students, we were able to raise \$360 ... \$190 came specifically from hat day donations."

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Sri Venkateswara Temple and Cultural Center celebrates its one-year anniversary

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

The Sri Venkateswara Temple and Cultural Center is celebrating its one-year anniversary with a big event for prayer, fellowship and worship.

Brahmotsavam Celebrations began at the temple this past Tuesday and will end Sunday, May 25. It marks a significant moment for the temple and an important time of worship on the Hindu calendar.

"We are celebrating the opening of this important temple and what it means to this community," assistant priest Vijay Raghavan said.

Years in the making, the SV Temple officially opened its doors last year at this time with around 30,000 people celebrating the new place of worship. It cost millions of dollars to build and used imported materials from India. It truly is an authentic place of worship for those of the Hindu faith, especially for those of southern Indian descent, and is based on Hindu scripture and teachings.

With help from such community organizations as the Detroit Telugu Association, Novi now boasts of having the only granite temple in the country.

For one member, the SV temple has become a very important place for his family.

"This is our sanctuary and home away from home," said Adi Sathi, a Novi High graduate and current graduate student at the University of Michigan.

He said this temple holds the same signif-



Adi Sathi gives a tour of Novi's Sri Venkateswara Temple and Cultural Center. The Hindu temple, located off Taft Road, is hosting a week of festivities that continues through Sunday. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Novi's Sri Venkateswara Temple and Cultural Center on the west side of Taft Road, just north of 11 Mile Road.

icance and importance that Holy Family, Oak Pointe or St. James churches do for others in the community.

This year, the temple expects numbers similar to last year to arrive throughout the week.

The week-long celebration will include im-

portant rituals, prayers and delicious food. Tents have been set up around the temple to accommodate the influx of attendees. There will be six priests, with four visiting, on hand to help with the services.

Overall, it will be a week to give thanks while

also offering up prayers for universal well-being and happiness.

Much of the expectation for a big crowd comes from the fact that Michigan is home to a growing population of Indian Americans. The population in the state has grown to more than 85,000.

A lot of volunteers will help make this celebration a success. The temple relies upon the good deeds and help of its community.

"We have grown by leaps and bounds, so this will be a great way to honor this," Raghavan said.

The temple is located at 26233 Taft Road. To learn more go to <http://www.svtemplemi.org/>.

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CITY UPDATES

Novi Civic Theatre seeking "Staff" for the Good Times Diner

The Novi Civic Theatre is looking for actors, comedians, singers and dancers, ages 50 and above to be a part of the 2014 Senior Variety Series, *Welcome to The Good Times Diner*. The production is a tribute to 1950s-era fun.

The first rehearsal and registration will be noon Monday, June 2, at the Novi Civic Center. No auditions or experience necessary; everyone will be a part of the production. Rehearsals will be held each Monday and Thursday from noon to 2:30 p.m. The registration fee is \$50 and includes costumes.

Six performances will take place between Sept. 25 and Oct. 5. The

annual senior production is always a sell out and has been a community favorite for more than two decades.

For more information, contact the Amelia Purdy at apurdy@cityofnovi.org or 248-735-5615.

Coffee with a cop

Join your neighbors and police officers from the Michigan State Police and Novi Police Department for coffee and conversation 9-11 a.m. Friday, May 23, at Panera Bread, 25875 Novi Road, Novi.

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For further information, contact Lt. Mike Shaw at 248-584-5788.

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On Monday, honor those who made sacrifice

Aunt Margie was one of my favorite aunts. She passed away several years ago, but I still remember my visits to her house.

She lived in Duncan, Okla., and every summer while I was growing up, we would visit. We lived in Albuquerque, N.M., where my parents found work after they earned their teaching degrees. Each summer, my family would take a trip back to Oklahoma to see my parents' families.

And every summer I would see Aunt Margie.

Aunt Margie would welcome me into her house every summer with a warm embrace. I would get to sleep on the feather bed – the biggest, softest bed in the world. I would



Steve Matthews
SUPER TALK

listen to the train rumble by each night as I lay in that feather bed. I would wake to the smells of a wonderful breakfast. I would swing on the porch swing. I would play with my cousins and enjoy her backyard.

My memories of visits to Aunt Margie's house are still vivid and pleasant.

I did not know it at the time, but Aunt Margie had lost her first husband in World War II. Shortly before the birth of her first daughter, news had come

from Europe to my grandfather that Aunt Margie's husband had been killed in the war. My mother, several years younger than Aunt Margie, says she can still hear Aunt Margie's sobs as my grandfather broke the news to Aunt Margie that her husband and the father of her unborn daughter had been killed.

Aunt Margie comes to mind every year as Memorial Day approaches.

I also thought of Aunt Margie last week as I saw two of our Novi High School seniors be recognized for earning scholarships and appointments to the Air Force Academy and to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

I am fortunate to live in the

United States. I do not often think about the freedoms that I have and the life that I get to live. I do not often celebrate the simple things that I get to enjoy because I live in this country.

But with Memorial Day arriving and the honor of watching two of our Novi High School seniors earn appointments to our military academies, I have been reminded that the freedoms that we enjoy in this country did not come without a cost.

My Aunt Margie never talked to me very much about her sacrifice or the sacrifice of her husband. She lost a husband. Her daughter lost a father. She kept a portrait of her husband in his military uni-

form in her house – a reminder to her of the love that she had for him and a reminder to me of the love that he had for this country.

Our two Novi High School graduates who will be attending our military academies may not completely understand why people like me have tremendous respect for the decision they made to accept these appointments. On this Memorial Day, let all of us in Novi honor those who are willing to sacrifice for our country so that we can enjoy our freedoms.

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

Robotics meeting



Learn about the FIRST Robotics family of programs and how your student can be involved at the FIRST Robotics informational meeting 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, May 27, in the Novi Middle School cafeteria.

SCHOOL BRIEFS

Summer C.A.R.E.

Registration for Novi Community Education's Summer Child C.A.R.E. has begun. This program is for children ages 3 who have attended one year of preschool up to children going into the eighth grade.

The program begins Monday, June 23, and ends Friday, Aug. 15. Hours of operation are 6:45 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Students will be placed in age appropriate groups and will participate in crafts, sports, field trips, games and free play. This year's location will be at the Instructional Technology Building (Novi Meadows), located at 25425 Taft Road. Lunch and snack are included (except on field trips days).

Registration and scheduling is done online at www.novicommunityed.org. Call 248-449-1713 for more information.

Summer school registration

Novi Community Education has begun registration for summer school.

New this year is online

registration (high school summer school only) at www.novicommunityed.org. High school students and parents will now view the courses online, download the forms for verification and fax or email them to the Community Education Office after they process their online selection and payment.

Summer school refresher courses pre-kindergarten to eighth grade will continue to register at the Novi Community Education office. Summer classes begin Monday, June 23, and end Thursday, July 24.

A list of classes, times and fees are online at www.novi.k12.mi.us under Community Education – Summer School.

Student registration

A Growing Place is now registering new students in its afternoon young 5's and pre-kindergarten classes. Both classes are available in two-, three- or five-day options. Call 248-471-2333 for more details or to learn about full- and half-day classes. A Growing Place Inc. is located at 40700 W. 10 Mile in Novi.

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On hand for the ceremony were (from left) Kenneth Gutman, Walled Lake superintendent; Melody Arabo, Keith Elementary teacher and state Teacher of the Year, and Phillip Pittman, Keith Elementary principal.

Keith's Arabo named state's Teacher of the Year

During an assembly May 15 at Keith Elementary School, state Superintendent Mike Flanagan announced that Melody Arabo, third-grade teacher at Keith, is the Teacher of the Year for Michigan.

The announcement was a complete surprise to Arabo, who was told Flanagan's visit was as a result of Keith Elementary School's 50th anniversary, which the school is celebrating this year.

Arabo, a 12-year teacher at Keith Elementary, one of 12 elementary schools in the Walled Lake district, was nominated by Edie Schwartz, a Keith parent who said Arabo motivated her son to read.

"When he came to Keith, my son was really struggling with reading," Schwartz wrote in her nomination letter. "Mrs. Arabo not only helped him build confidence in reading, but he is now

able to read. He loves Keith and he feels that way because he's in Mrs. Arabo's classroom. She has a way of making learning fun for the kids."

Schwartz added that she has had the opportunity to help out in Arabo's class and watch her as a teacher.

"She is so remarkable with each child," Schwartz said. "Just by watching her, you can tell that she really loves what she does. She really listens to the kids when they talk to her or ask her a question. Their faces seem to light up when she is in the room."

Kenneth Gutman, Walled Lake Consolidated School District superintendent, said one of Arabo's greatest attributes is her true dedication to every child.

"Her ability to reach each of her students from a variety of backgrounds is simply in-

credible," Gutman said. "Her ever-present smile and contagious enthusiasm make her classroom an example of all that is right in education."

Keith Principal Phillip Pittman also praised Arabo.

"Walking into Melody's classroom, one immediately feels the excitement students have for learning, in large part because Melody puts students and their learning at the center of everything she does," he said. "Melody differentiates her instruction for each student's benefit and, by using a multitude of formative assessments, she is able to provide specific, timely feedback to catalyze learning and growth."

Arabo has a bachelor's degree in elementary education and a master's degree in curriculum and teaching, both from Michigan State.

Picnic Night



Novi Woods Principal David Ascher (center) and a couple of friends of the school celebrate their completion of the pie eating contest during their May 16 Family Picnic Night. Novi Woods students, staff and families gathered for food, fun and fundraising for the school on Taft Road. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Novi Woods student Brooklynn Hite, 10, enjoys some Hula Hoop-ing during the school's Family Picnic Night. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Siegler receives Gretchko Youth Advocate Award

Marc Siegler, 20-year Walled Lake Consolidated School District Board of Education member, received the Dr. Seymour Gretchko Youth Advocate Award at the Greater West Bloomfield Annual Awards breakfast May 16 at Tam-O-Shanter Country Club.



Siegler

Siegler was first appointed to the Walled Lake school board in 1994 and has won five elections to continue to serve. His current term expires December 2018. His continuity of service is unsurpassed in Walled Lake Schools. Over the years, Siegler has created beneficial partnerships on behalf of the nearly 15,000 students of the district.

"Marc Siegler motivates others to strive for professional excellence," said Kenneth Gutman, Walled Lake Consolidated School District superintendent. "He wants what is best for children. He wants our children to be successful. He believes public education is the great equalizer. He knows a good education makes all the difference. He knows that no matter what race, religion, socioeconomic class, education will create understanding, it will help our children help our community, country and world be a better place for everyone."

Siegler has been a resident of the district for more than 30 years and held all executive board positions during his tenure. He is also the treasurer for the Oakland County School Board Association Board of Directors, Secretary of the Walled Lake Schools Foundation for Excellence and has strong involvement in legislative communications with state representatives in Lansing.

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Expert: Human trafficking real problem in Michigan

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

News of schoolgirls kidnapped in Nigeria has dominated headlines lately, but Jane P. White knows human trafficking also happens in Michigan.

"There is a cycle we have to understand," White, director of the Michigan Human Trafficking Task Force, told a local audience Thursday.

She told members and guests of the Plymouth-Canton Branch, American Association of University Women, of a teen girl who met a man, who said he was 21, online. The two met soon after at a mall and had sex in a dressing room. The girl was taken to a hotel room and tens of dozens of men raped her over three days.

She was taken to the local police station when freed. "The police officer said to her, 'Hello, slut,'" White said.

The girl spent some nine months recovering at a ranch facility out west and began community college in Michigan. She spoke at a conference as a victim, and another policeman, also a father and husband, apologized.

"No man has ever said that to me since this started," was the young woman's reply, White said. The victim's life soon turned downward again.

Labor trafficking

White's task force is based in the School of Criminal Justice at Michigan State University, but depends on donations for its work. She told an attentive AAUW audience that night in Canton that the United Nations believes trafficking for labor is likely more common than for prostitution.

"Also, it often overlaps," she said. "It is the third largest criminal enterprise in the world."

Human trafficking begins with a promise, such as an education or decent wages.

White noted a Michigan state inspector who saw a man with a shotgun in a farm field where workers were.

The state worker later told her supervisor, but when they returned the crop had been picked and the workers were gone. "What's important is every one of us saying, 'Something is just not right,'" White said.

She described signs on Michigan freeways aimed at truck drivers showing an Asian woman for massages: "Why the Asian woman? She's not there. It's exotic. It's all kinds of stereotypes we have attached to that."

The average age is 12 when girls began as prostitutes. White asked her audience for words to describe a prostitute and then a 12-year-old girl who's abused sexually by her uncle. The audience realized the two girls are the same age, 12.

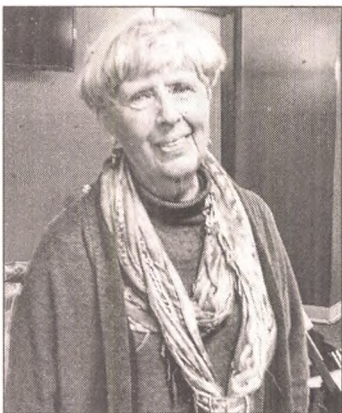
Of the 450,000 kids who run away annually, one-third will be approached by a pimp within 48 hours, White said. "How come the police can't find them, but the pimp can?" said White, a former policewoman.

She recommends the Internal Revenue Service going after such illegal enterprises. "Bad guys got to pay taxes. They're methodical," she said of IRS agents. "They just keep moving in."

Trafficking also involves money and control. White noted the Elizabeth Smart case, the girl kidnapped from her home at 14 and raped daily by her tormentor for nine months.

Smart was told her family would be killed if she spoke out. Police approached the two three separate times before Smart was rescued; she had the "Stockholm syndrome" of identifying with her attacker and even when back with her family asked about him in the beginning.

"He's not my pimp, he's my boyfriend," is something



Jane P. White, director of the Michigan Human Trafficking Task Force, spoke Thursday, May 15, in Canton. JULIE BROWN

White and other task force members often hear from victims.

Trafficking victims sometimes have support during the trial: "But after that, lots of luck," said White, who noted the FBI has no category for trafficking, which makes law enforcement difficult.

Support for victims

She noted the success of Alcoholics Anonymous and is starting with others a support system of victims with other victims. White also told the AAUW audience she favors "safe harbor" in which 17-year-olds are considered victims rather than being charged with a crime.

"I love law enforcement. They are very important in this, incredibly important," she said. Victim services are a key component.

In answering questions, she cited 300 teachers from Thailand promised jobs teaching in North Carolina but given field worker jobs. Those people later were sent to New Orleans for hurricane clean-up.

She also described abuses in the garment industry. One man received a 40-year prison sentence, but his victims were shamed in their culture and unable to return home to

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their families.

She urged parents and grandparents to talk to grade-school children about their safety. White recommended the book *The Slave Next Door: Human Trafficking and Slavery in America Today* by Kevin Bales and Ron Soodalter as well as the *Half the Sky* video (www.halftheskymovement.org) to learn more.

The Michigan Human Trafficking Task Force has more than 90 member statewide agencies in collaboration. The National Trafficking Hotline is 888-373-7888. Text BeFree 233733 or visit Michigan Human Trafficking Task Force on Facebook.

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Legislators, AG address trafficking issues

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

State Rep. Kurt Heise, a Plymouth Republican, worked with human trafficking expert Jane P. White during White's time on the Michigan Commission on Human Trafficking.

"We put together a very diverse group," Heise said of the bipartisan commission, which included White, who spoke Thursday, May 15, in Canton.

The state Legislature started work on human trafficking laws in January 2013, said Heise, chair of the Criminal Justice Committee. He cited state Sen. Judy Emmons, a Republican, who represents Clinton, Ionia, Isabella and Montcalm counties, as the Senate leader.

Emmons chairs the Families, Seniors and Human Services Committee.

Legislators are wrapping up work, said Heise, who cited their partnership with Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette. Schuette's website includes a report on human trafficking, more than 60 pages.

At least 25 bills were introduced in the House, Heise said, and about 12 in the Senate. House bills were more criminal justice-oriented, "ways that we can hit the human traffickers in the pocketbook."

"People are trafficked predominantly through border communities like Detroit, Miami," he said.

In the Senate, the focus was more on social services such as rehabilitation, medical reporting, "strengthening the protocols for medical professionals to identify human trafficking," he said.

"Part of it, too, is training law enforcement."

Heise added legislators and others have worked on protocols and training for hotels, airlines and others who encounter trafficking victims.

"It puts more pressure, it raises awareness," he said of pending state laws, adding some cases have been prosecuted successfully under federal law.

"We've got to have better rules in place in Michigan," he added.

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NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

Breaking and entering

Late last month, a vacant home in Novi was broken into by an unknown suspect.

It was reported to Novi Police that the incident probably happened sometime between April 22 and April 30 at a home on Tuscany Court in the Shorebrook Townhomes neighborhood. The home had been vacant for three months and it was checked prior to a new renter and that's when the break-in was discovered. A door appeared to be pried open, as well as a vent inside the home, but nothing was reported missing.

Sports jerseys stolen

More than \$1,000 in sports jerseys were stolen from DC Sports inside Twelve Oaks Mall.

The larceny was reported May 1 to Novi Police. Autographed Magic Johnson and Matthew Stafford jerseys were taken, as well as seven Barry Sanders jerseys.

They were kept in the viewing area and it appeared the unknown suspect may have exited the store with the jerseys through the store-room.

The store is working with the mall

to view security video from the time of the incident.

Petty cash stolen

Cash in the amount of \$1,241 was stolen from a safe at the Pei Wei Asian Diner on Grand River Avenue.

It is unknown who committed the theft. It was reported the cash was in the safe, but was later found missing the next morning, April 26. The cleaning crew was there overnight. The safe did need a combination, but the diner did say it could be obtained by calling the safe company.

The case remains open.

Concealed stun gun

A woman was cited for illegally carrying a stun gun, having a suspended license and possession of marijuana.

Novi Police stopped the woman's vehicle at Novi Road and Galway after a check of the car came back that the registered owner had no license. Upon making contact with the woman, police reported smelling marijuana inside the vehicle.

A check of her purse revealed the stun gun.

- By Lonnie Huhman

Howell man accused of embezzling from Innovative Research

A Howell man being sued by his former employer for allegedly violating his contract is also facing felony charges for allegedly embezzling from the Novi company.

Dwayne Thomas Deziel pleaded not guilty to three counts of embezzling at least \$1,000 but less than \$20,000 from Innovative Research Inc., a supplier of human and animal biological products, including proteins and antibodies.

Deziel, who is free on a \$5,000 bond, was scheduled to return Wednesday to 52-1 District Court in Novi for a preliminary exam con-

ference.

Duane Day, vice president for Innovative, said the company "was devastated" by the embezzling, which was discovered by the bookkeeper after Deziel resigned to begin his own web design company, Osciee Designs.

In a separate matter, Innovative filed a lawsuit against Deziel in Oakland County Circuit Court alleging he violated a non-competition agreement he signed in 2007 when he developed Bio720.com to "offer the same products offered by Innovative," according to court documents.

Deziel's Osciee Designs website announced on a blog that it would handle Bio720's web design and that the company is a "marketplace for the biological and medical community." Innovative alleges that Deziel owns the Bio720.com domain and that he is behind the creation of the company.

The lawsuit further alleges that Deziel kept confidential information — customer and/or supplier lists — when he left Innovative, which successfully sought an injunction against Deziel operating Bio720, court records show.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

11 Mile Road reconstruction

Reconstruction of 11 Mile Road between Town Center Drive and Meadowbrook Road is under way. The road will remain open to one-way, eastbound traffic. The detour is south on Meadowbrook Road to Grand River Avenue, west to Town Center Drive, north to 11 Mile Road. The detour is expected through Aug. 3.

Temporary signage permit

Businesses along 11 Mile Road are eligible for a temporary additional signage permit. On May 12, city council approved a resolution regarding temporary promotional signage for those Novi businesses along 11 Mile Road (between Town Center Drive and Meadowbrook Road) allowing temporary relief from the sign ordinance from May 13 through Aug. 1. Call 248-347-0583 for more information and permit registration.

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The winner will be selected in part by readers voting at facebook.com/OEHometown and by O&E Media staff. Voting on Facebook ends May 23. Staff selection will follow May 27.

In addition to a cover photo, the winner will receive a \$100 gift card.

Democratic candidates rally

More than 35 Democratic candidates running for various offices in November elections are attending the Democratic Candidates Rally, 3-7 p.m. Sunday, June 8, at the Troy Community Center, 3179 Livernois.

Ask questions or have one-on-one conversation with candidates on topics of your interest. Light music and dinner will be served. Tickets are \$15 each; limited sponsor tables are available for \$500 and \$250. Contact Faiz M. Khan at 248-686-4426 for more information.

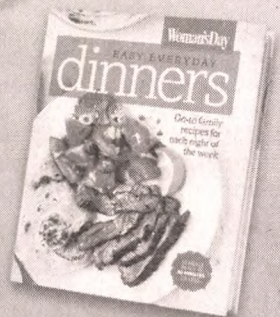
Oil and gas drilling town hall meeting

Jim Nash, the Oakland County Water Resources commissioner, is continuing his series of town hall meetings throughout Oakland County focusing on the impact of new state-issued oil and natural gas drilling leases in our region that could bring "fracking" to our area as well.

This meeting will be 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, May 22, at the Novi Public Library, 45255 W. 10 Mile Road. Everyone is welcome.

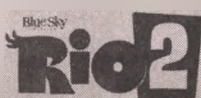
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Grassroots efforts focus on Michigan's role in World War I

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Dennis Skupinski is a man with a mission. With the 100th anniversary of the start of World War I this year, he's hoping to find people who will help him organize a plan to observe the United States' entrance into the war and the Michigan connection.

It's a grassroots effort he started this year after finding a lack of where-withal to get involved at the state level. While the Michigan Historical Commission thought it was a great idea, it was waiting for the governor to give his approval. When Skupinski talked to the governor's office, he was told the governor was waiting for the historical commission's approval.

"Museum people are talking about it now to get it to the next level," Skupinski said. "What I'm doing right now is getting people to help. I'm working with the Yankee Air Museum and Selfridge."

The Ann Arbor resident's interest the Great War dates back to the 1960s, when he was 14 years old. His uncle was in the process of cleaning out his late father-in-law's house so he could rent it and wanted "to get rid of some stuff."

That stuff included a book, *History of the 16th Regiment of Engineers (Railway)*, the official history of Detroit's only all-volunteer regiment in the World War I printed in 1939 by the veterans association. He also took a tunic, helmet, gas mask and a few other things.

"Back in the late 1960s during the Vietnam War, there weren't a lot of people interested in military history or collecting uniforms even though it was the 50th anniversary of the World War I," he said. "This started me looking for and collecting items from the First World War. They were inexpensive or free compared to Civil War items and something that as a kid I could collect with spending much money. Now, of course, things have changed."



Dennis Skupinski points to a uniform patch of Detroit's all-volunteer 16th Regiment of Engineers (Railway). The uniform was one of his early finds and got him interested in World War I.

His collection

Skupinski started collecting the artifacts from people who were cleaning out their garages and basements. But it wasn't until he was living in California and went to a gun show that he started thinking about his collection. He went home to see what he had. He also started reading the book about the 16th Regiment.

"When I started reading it again, I realized how important it was because it was the regiment was the who's who of Detroit," he said. "There were a lot of notables in the regiment like Detroit Mayor Eugene Van Antwerp (1947-49) and John Hudson Poole, who married Caroline Boeing, whose father, William E. Boeing, was founder of Boeing Airplanes."

Skupinski ended up doing a 50-minute video on the regiment, which trained at the fairgrounds in Detroit. It was one of the first units to go to France in 1917. Eighty percent of the regiment was from the Detroit



Dennis Skupinski's collection of World War I uniforms also includes those of French and German soldiers.

area.

Now Skupinski is using his interest in World War I to produce other videos about the Michigan connection. A member of the Yankee Air Museum, which is working to preserve the history of aviation, beginning with World War I, he started making the videos in 2012. He has been posting his Michigan World War I Centennial News Reports monthly on YouTube and a similarly named Facebook page.

Michigan's WWI Centennial News Report, a video story of the state's

war experience, covers topics ranging from the Great War home front, cooking, music, Rosie's mom – the story of the working women of the Great War – the Liberty Truck, the Liberty Engine and Michigan's aircraft industry.

Each month he does a different topic. November's piece was on the *Manual for Army Cooking* from 1917. The Michigan's WWI Centennial Facebook page includes recipes for making turkey, cranberry sauce and candied sweet potatoes for 60 men.

According to Skupin-

ski, World War I was a "transformational period" for Michigan and Detroit. Because of the engineering taking place here, Michigan was the fastest growing state and Detroit the fastest growing city in the country. The regiment was organized a month after the U.S. entered the war in April 1917. A standard gauge railway construction regiment, it trained at the fairgrounds in Detroit before going overseas in July 1917.

Skupinski ended up doing a 50-minute video on the regiment, highlighting the work it did building and repairing railroads during the war.

"It was a good example of how the engineers went to France and showed Britain and France what the Americans could do," he said.

Michigan facts

Through his work, Skupinski is trying to highlight the different things – music, art, socioeconomic – that were going on during the period. Some of the topics sound like those things that are associated with

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DAVID SKUPINSKI

Detroit and World War II. Among them was the retooling of the auto industry to support the war effort and Rosie's mom. There's also the obscure, like a German submarine that was used to raise money for Liberty Bonds and was sunk in Lake Michigan.

Of Rosie's mom, Skupinski said that women of that generation weren't used to the noise of a factory. Vestibules were made into training areas where they could be shown how to operate the machinery in a quiet place before being placed on the floor of the factories.

"That's why they knew the women could do the work in World War II," he said.

The goals of Michigan's WWI Centennial are to become a permanent non profit 501(c)3 organization and to manage and distribute the WWI Centennial throughout Michigan and the nation, Skupinski said. Right now, the project needs to raise funds to grow and volunteers. The priorities are to complete the paperwork to become a nonprofit group and then to expand the production and distribution capabilities.

People interested in getting involved can contact Skupinski at dennis_skupinski@yahoo.com or through the Michigan World War I Centennial News Facebook page, Michigan's WWI Centennial. He also has a blog spot, <http://roadstothe greatwarwwi.blogspot.com/2013/08/the-centennial-at-grass-roots-new.html>, where more information is available.

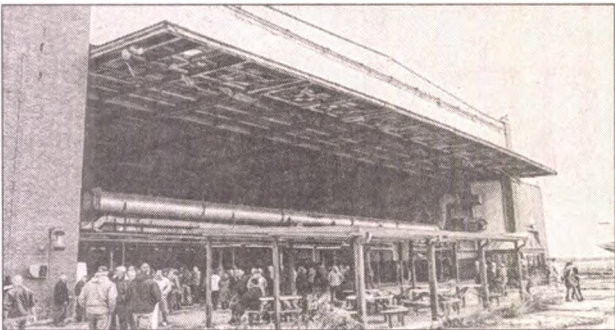
"It's interesting for kids and adults, there's a lot to find out and learn about Michigan and World War I," he said.

Air museum, RACER set to ink deal to buy bomber plant

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Living up to its slogan of "We Can Do It Again," the Yankee Air Museum announced that it will enter into an agreement with the RACER (Revitalizing Auto Communities Environmental Response) Trust to purchase 175,000 square feet of the former Willow Run Bomber Plant.

The announcement came one year and a week after YAM had launched a multimillion-dollar fundraising campaign to buy an area of the former GM Powertrain Plant where B-24 Liberator bombers were



Last fall, Yankee Air Museum officials invited the public to see the portion of the Willow Run Bomber Plant it will be buying from the RACER Trust. FILE PHOTO

completed and delivered to the U.S. government during World War II.

"The Yankee Air Museum would like to thank everyone for their support in helping us with

the Save the Bomber Plant Campaign," museum officials said in a statement released Thursday. "The fundraising efforts have been successful enough that

we are moving to the next step of the campaign, which is working on an actual purchase agreement.

"As you can imagine, outside of the fundraising efforts, one of the most difficult parts of this project has been the figuring out the very challenging infrastructure issues related to preserving the old Bomber Plant. We are hoping to resolve these issues as quickly as possible and anticipate a purchase agreement will be signed in the next seven to 10 days."

According to Mike Montgomery of the Michigan Aeronautical

Foundation, which has been helping in the Save the Bomber Plant Campaign, the museum and RACER have agreed that they reached a point of being able go ahead with the deal.

"We're pretty sure we have the resources to do this," he said. "The only stumbling block may be the utility hookups, but we expect to have it under control. We've raised enough to preserve the building, now we have to create a museum."

Goal of \$8 million

The museum had set a campaign goal of \$8 million to purchase the portion of the plant, put up walls to enclose it and hook up the utilities. The museum has raised more than \$7 million, with close to \$300,000 coming in through online donations and commitments in the last few days before the May 1 deadline.

"The level of public support has been both amazing and gratifying," Montgomery said. "This has really been a priority for the people of this area. We're thrilled we could get this far. It took one year and a week for a major capital campaign that normally takes three or four years."

But while it has accomplished its initial goal of saving the bomber plant, fundraising will continue "without interruption." According to the museum statement, the money will be

needed to prepare "for any additional expense required to resolve the infrastructure issues as well as to be prepared for later phases of this project, including the creation of the new facility's planned exhibits."

Larger building

Acquiring the building is a dream come true for the museum. The factory space is four times the size of its current museum and large enough inside to house all of its planes, except the massive B-52.

RACER Trust's mission is to clean up and revitalize former GM locations. Close to 50 percent of the former GM Powertrain Plant has been demolished so far. Once the work is done, the property will be available for redevelopment.

Because the portion of the bomber plant the museum is buying is part of the factory, two walls will need to be built to enclose the buildings. Montgomery is confident that the strategic demolition will be accomplished without damage to the old plant.

"It's an Albert Kahn building. Albert Kahn buildings were always overbuilt," he said. "They will have to exert reasonable care and caution, but that building won't fall over. It's heavily constructed."

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Culinary careers take shape in Fox Run's dining venues

Fox Run retirement community's dining services department provides jobs to dozens of local high school students. Many of the students work as servers in the community's four on-site restaurants, which serve 1,000 meals to residents and employees every day. Fox Run has promoted five former student servers to management positions within the dining services department.

Raquel Kassab became the service manager at the Fireside Restaurant; Rojxhi Tuxhari was promoted to Fireside dining supervisor; Amanda Rhode is the new service manager at Signatures Restaurant; Joe Coffelt was promoted to

supervisor of the Hunt Club Café; and Jeffrey Hepler ascended to the role of dining supervisor of Signatures and Rose Court dining.

The shifts at Fox Run's restaurants are conducive to students' school schedules, allowing them to earn extra money while keeping up with their studies and developing professional skills.

"These new managers all started with us in high school and have advanced in their culinary careers at Fox Run," Dining Services Director Kevin Cunningham said. "We are proud of our dynamic team of young leaders."

Rhode says that working as a server at Fox Run was her first job in

high school. She discovered that she enjoyed working in the service industry and wanted to further her career in the field. Rhode decided to major in hospitality business in college and now looks forward to growing in her new managerial role at Fox Run.

"What I like best about working for Fox Run are the residents," Rhode said. "I have met so many amazing people that are literally like family to me now after seeing each other on a daily basis and getting to know them so well."

Hepler started working at Fox Run as a server in 2003 before his senior year of high school to earn money for college. He went on to study math



Amanda Rhode (from left), Jeff Hepler, Joe Coffelt, Rojxhi Tuxhari and Raquel Kassab all started working at Fox Run as restaurant servers in high school. Over the years, they all were able to build careers in the culinary and hospitality industries at Fox Run.

and science in college, but realized that he preferred to work in the hospitality industry. So he returned to his roots at Fox Run. In addition to growing his career, Hepler says he also derives personal satisfaction from the close relationships he has with his colleagues and the residents.

"Fox Run feels like family," Hepler said.

As a student server, Kassab said she was exposed to other areas of

the dining services department, like catering and front-of-house management.

"Having gained all of this knowledge by working in these areas helped in building my interest in eventually becoming a manager," Kassab said.

Staff Development Manager Lola Johnson-Hamilton says the fact that these five new managers have all worked at Fox Run for several years makes them particularly valuable to the

community and to the dining services department.

"Although they are fairly new to their roles, they are well seasoned when it comes to the culture here at Fox Run," Johnson-Hamilton said. "They understand the operation at all levels. These employees have built strong relationships with the residents, and they bring a sense of commitment and trust to the community and the residents."

Michigan Senate approves minimum wage hike to \$9.20

Could kill November petition drive seeking \$10.10 hourly worker pay

By Kathleen Gray
Gannett Michigan

LANSING — Despite angry protests from advocates for a minimum wage hike to \$10.10 per hour, the Senate passed a hike in the state's minimum wage to \$9.20 per hour by a vote of 24-14.

The bill, however, also could scuttle a petition drive that would raise it to the higher amount.

Senate Majority Leader Randy Richardville, R-Monroe, introduced the bill last week and offered it up for a vote May 15. Ten of the 12

Democrats in the Senate joined 14 Republicans in approving the measure. There were no committee hearings on the bill, which would repeal the existing minimum wage law and reinstate it with one that gradually raises the hourly rate from the current \$7.40 to \$9.20 per hour by 2017 and from \$2.65 to \$3.50 per hour for tipped employees such as waitresses and bartenders.

"I've long been a vocal proponent for raising the minimum wage," said state Sen. Bert Johnson, D-Detroit. "It's about



Democratic candidate for governor Mark Schauer congratulates Senate Majority Leader Randy Richardville, R-Monroe.

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Jan. 1, 2017
Hourly: \$9.20
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vocated for a minimum wage of \$9.25 an hour since November, was thrilled with the Senate action — even if it does end up killing the ballot proposal.

"This is a meaningful raise for one million people in Michigan," he said.

But Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, said the increase would have a negative effect on the state's economy.

"Every time you jack up the minimum wage, you decrease the rate of employment," he said. "This is bad news for the state of Michigan."

And state Sen. Morris Hood, D-Detroit, said he voted against the bill because it essentially kills the ballot proposal.

"This legislation still tramples on the rights of the people and takes away their abilities to have a ballot initiative brought forth," he said.

The Raise Michigan coalition, which is spearheading the petition drive to get the \$10.10 hike on the November ballot, said it would continue its efforts, despite the Senate actions. Members of the coalition said Tuesday that they have enough signatures to qualify for the November ballot.

"It's disappointing to see the Republican-controlled Legislature hell-bent on derailing our grassroots effort to help lift Michigan families out of poverty," said Dessa Cosma-King, a Raise Michigan coalition member. "The bill they passed (May 15) just doesn't go far enough to help struggling Michiganders."

Randy Block, 66, of Royal Oak and Tom Moran, 59, of Fenton were part of a group that collected more than 4,000 signatures for a petition drive to get the \$10.10 per hour wage on the November ballot.

They wore duct tape over their mouths with the words "Hear our voice, Let us vote" written on it.

They characterized Richardville's bill and the manner in which it was taken up as the opposite of democracy.

"It's taking away power from the public," Block said. "They're not only taking away our minimum wage proposal, but also the right of citizen initiatives."

Moran, a retired letter carrier who collected more than 1,000 signatures, said Richardville was virtually erasing all those signatures with his bill.

"What he's trying to do is take away the right of voters," Moran said. "It's sneaky and it makes people even more cynical about politicians."

Because the bill repeals the existing law, it would make a petition drive that's seeking to put a \$10.10 hourly rate on the November ballot meaningless, angering hundreds of volunteers who have been collecting signatures for the last several months.

Richardville initially offered a bill to increase the minimum wage to \$8.15 per hour and \$2.93 for tipped employees, but came up with the higher figures to try to gain support from Democrats.

But Richardville's bill would short-circuit the process if it's passed by the House and signed into law by Gov. Rick Snyder, who said last week: "I appreciate Sen. Richardville putting a bill in on this. But I think it's a balancing act" between helping people do better economically and how an increased wage will affect business and its ability to hire people.

The main Republican objection to the \$10.10 petition drive was the gradual increase in wages to tipped workers from \$2.65 to \$10.10 at a rate of 85 cents a year. Many have said that it would dramatically harm restaurants and that most waitstaff workers earn far more than the minimum wage with their tips.

Richardville said after the vote that the Raise Michigan coalition proposal went too far, especially with respect to the tipped workers.

Passage in the House, where the bill moves now, is not a given, said Ari Adler, spokesman for Speaker of the House Jase Bolger.

"Sen. Richardville's minimum wage bill needs to be closely reviewed because it makes many changes to the law that Speaker Bolger has grave concerns about," he said in a statement.

"We will not make any decisions about what to do with the bill until we have a chance to get a better understanding of the potential negative impact of this proposal on Michigan's working families and job providers."

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Plato's Closet wins sales award

Plato's Closet, a fashion reseller franchise, honored Paul Wells of Plato's Closet in Novi with the company's Sales Excellence Award at its annual conference, held April 30-May 3 in Anaheim, Calif.

Plato's Closet, in Novi Town Center, is a resale store that caters to fashion-conscious teen and young adult customers who want to sell their gently used clothing and accessories or update their wardrobe with the latest styles and trends.

"I'm proud to accept this award because it's a reflection of the loyalty our customers feel for our store and our brand," said Wells. "We owe our clients the very best shopping experience we can deliver, so we stay focused on having the right looks at the right prices and the right time — all the time. We look forward to another year of earning our customers' loyalty."

Signature sales, leases

Signature Associates has negotiated the sale of 16,027 square feet of high-tech space located at 46785 Magellan Drive, Novi. Jim Montgomery of Signature Associates represented both the seller, Bernard White & Sons, and the purchaser, AA, LLC. The purchaser is an investor from California, and this will add to their portfolio in the Midwest.

Signature Associates has negotiated the sale of 80,084 square feet of industrial space located at 44500-44550 Grand River Ave., Novi. Steve Gordon of Signature Associates represented the seller, WLW Novi, LLC. Jim Montgomery, also of Signature Associates, represented the purchaser, Doncyn Novi, LLC, who is expanding automotive operations with this new facility.

Signature Associates has negotiated the sale of 16,306 square feet of high-tech space located at 28016 Oakland Oaks Court, Gromox. Jim Montgomery of Signature Associates represented the seller, Fleet Service Corp. Larry Kelly, also of Signature Associates, represented the purchaser, Oakland Oaks-EPP, LLC, who is expanding their operations from their facility in Troy.

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E-cigarettes: Big business, unanswered questions

By Christopher Behnan
Gannett Michigan

Brighton resident Gary Adams tried everything from prescription cessation treatments to hypnosis to kick his 42-year smoking habit with no success.

That all changed when Adams switched to battery-powered electronic cigarettes, or e-cigarettes, which produce a non-ash vapor from liquid containing varying amounts of nicotine.

He purchases e-cigarette liquid, or e-liquid, of increasingly lower nicotine levels with a goal of quitting smoking.

"I haven't had a real cigarette in about 10 or more days now. It almost makes the regular cigarette taste like crap," Adams said at Patriot Vapes, an e-cigarette shop in Genoa Township that opened about four months ago.

"I'd like to see everyone get on this and make cigarettes a thing of the past," he added.

But e-cigarettes have only recently gained widespread appeal and created enough demand for shops that cater specifically to e-cigarette users.

Little official testing has been done on either potential long-term health risks or benefits of "vaping" or smoking e-cigarettes.

To the chagrin of many, there are no official rules barring minors from buying e-cigarettes.

Much of the e-cigarette debate surrounds the allegation that a variety of e-liquid flavors, such as bubblegum and various fruit flavorings, are intended to attract children.

Dollars and cents

Patriot Vapes, which also has locations in Canton Township, Sterling Heights and Murfreesboro, Tenn., meanwhile, is self-imposing its own strict guidelines, manager Michael Maynard explained.

For starters, Maynard said he checks identification on all customers who appear under age 30.

Patriot Vapes, at 3180 E. Grand River Ave., sells e-liquid with from zero nicotine to 24 milligrams of nicotine. Its starter kits cost from about \$30 to \$150. It costs about \$50 per month for accessories from the store, Maynard said.

The store chain is

owned and operated by Amanda Cesnick, a former Macomb County resident and disabled veteran. She is Maynard's cousin.

"We don't want to associate these with cigarettes. We don't want these sold next to cigarettes," Maynard said. "This is our thing."

Cheaper e-cigarettes available at drug stores and gas stations often produce less vapor, Maynard said.

He said his customers quickly reduce cigarette smoking once they switch to e-cigarettes. The trend is attributable to both the similarity to actual cigarettes and simply enjoying a good "vape," Maynard said.

"They would either quit smoking 100 percent and for the people that are smoking two packs a day they're down to like five cigarettes a day in a couple weeks," Maynard said.

"Everybody's happy about it. Their sense of taste comes back. They're working out in the gym. So there's no negative side effects to it," he added.

Cary and Mona Lee own Saginaw-based Electronic Cigarette Stores,

which has 15 locations, including Lansing and Ann Arbor.

The business' No. 1 goal is to help people quit smoking, Cary Lee said. The business not only doesn't sell to minors, but shares "horror stories" of the harmful effects of smoking with them, he added.

The business has hired a lobbyist to convince Lansing lawmakers that e-cigarettes are an effective tool to help people kick cigarettes for good.

Cary Lee said his business has helped about 20,000 people across Michigan quit cigarettes.

He said his stores handle customers with "love," helping them find the perfect e-liquid flavor to wean them off cigarettes.

"That's what we do," Cary Lee said.

Maynard and Lee both said doctors refer patients to their stores to help them quit smoking.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention data issued last month suggest e-cigarette vaping does not promote good health, however.

The CDC study found the number of calls to poison centers involving

e-cigarette liquids containing nicotine rose from once per month in September 2010 to 215 per month in February of this year.

More than half of the calls to poison centers due to e-cigarettes involved children under age 5. About 42 percent of the poison calls involved people age 20 and older.

"This report raises another red flag about e-cigarettes – the liquid nicotine used in e-cigarettes can be hazardous," CDC Director Dr. Tom Frieden said. "Use of these products is skyrocketing and these poisonings will continue. E-cigarette liquids as currently sold are a threat to small children because they are not required to be childproof and they come in candy and fruit flavors that are appealing to children."

The CDC earlier found the percentage of U.S. middle and high school students who use e-cigarettes more than doubled from 2011 to 2012.

Legal debate

Officials in Lansing and Washington, D.C., are scrambling to deter-

mine how to best regulate e-cigarettes – which do not contain tobacco – and keep them out of the hands of minors.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has proposed adding e-cigarettes to its regulatory oversight, which currently includes cigarettes, cigarette tobacco, roll-your-own tobacco and smokeless tobacco. The proposed rule would allow the FDA to enforce age restrictions for e-cigarettes and conduct scientific tests on the devices.

Legislation is progressing in Lansing that would amend Michigan's Youth Tobacco Act to include as violations purchase or sale of e-cigarettes to those under age 18. As with the sale of tobacco products, sale of e-cigarettes to minors would carry \$50 fines for both sellers and minors under the bills.

Senate Bills 667-668 were unanimously approved in the Senate in March and have await a full House vote. State Sen. Joe Hune, R-Hamburg Township, co-sponsored Senate Bill 667.

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Schoolcraft chef feasts on international competition

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Chef Shawn Loving knows the Schoolcraft College culinary arts is well-known locally. But Loving, the department chair who competed in an international competition last month and brought home accolades, knows expanding outside of Michigan and the United States is key to gaining more recognition for the Livonia-based college.

"It's a mission of mine as a department chair to be globally strong," he said. "I think we have definitely made ourselves locally present through many decades of cooking and teaching and our formula. But as a chair, I have missions, I have goals. And my goal is to become globally strong. And globally strong to me means you need to take your prod-

uct and take it to an area where you have to use your passport."

To do that, Loving packed his bags, headed across the globe and competed at the Food and Hotel Asia event held last month in Singapore. He spent several days in the Malaysian city and competed in two events, bringing home gold and bronze in the hot food and cold food display categories, respectively. Loving was the only chef from the United States to compete.

His dish, Neptune's Feast, was a horseradish-encrusted halibut and included other ingredients such as mushrooms and potatoes. He practiced the dish back home and had one hour to prepare it on the competition floor.

He said he had not been to this particular conference in more than

a decade and thought it would be good for him and to bring attention to his department.

"I just thought we had had a strong year here in the school," he said. "I felt like the department would need that finish of a shot in the arm. I thought it would help the college a great deal."

Bringing home new ideas

Kathryn Wandrie, a Northville resident who worked as Loving's sous chef at the college, accompanied him as his assistant to Singapore. It was her first trip to an international competition, one that she said was enlightening to see the style differences used by other chefs from across the globe.

"It was great to see the other cultures participate and see their approach to competition,"

she said. "It was really great to see their approach to food as well. How they treated food, how they used lighting, how they really approached it. We're used to the Western and American approach and being on the other side of the world was a big deal."

Loving said he did not have a lot of time to take in the sights and sounds of Singapore, as much of his time was spent pre-

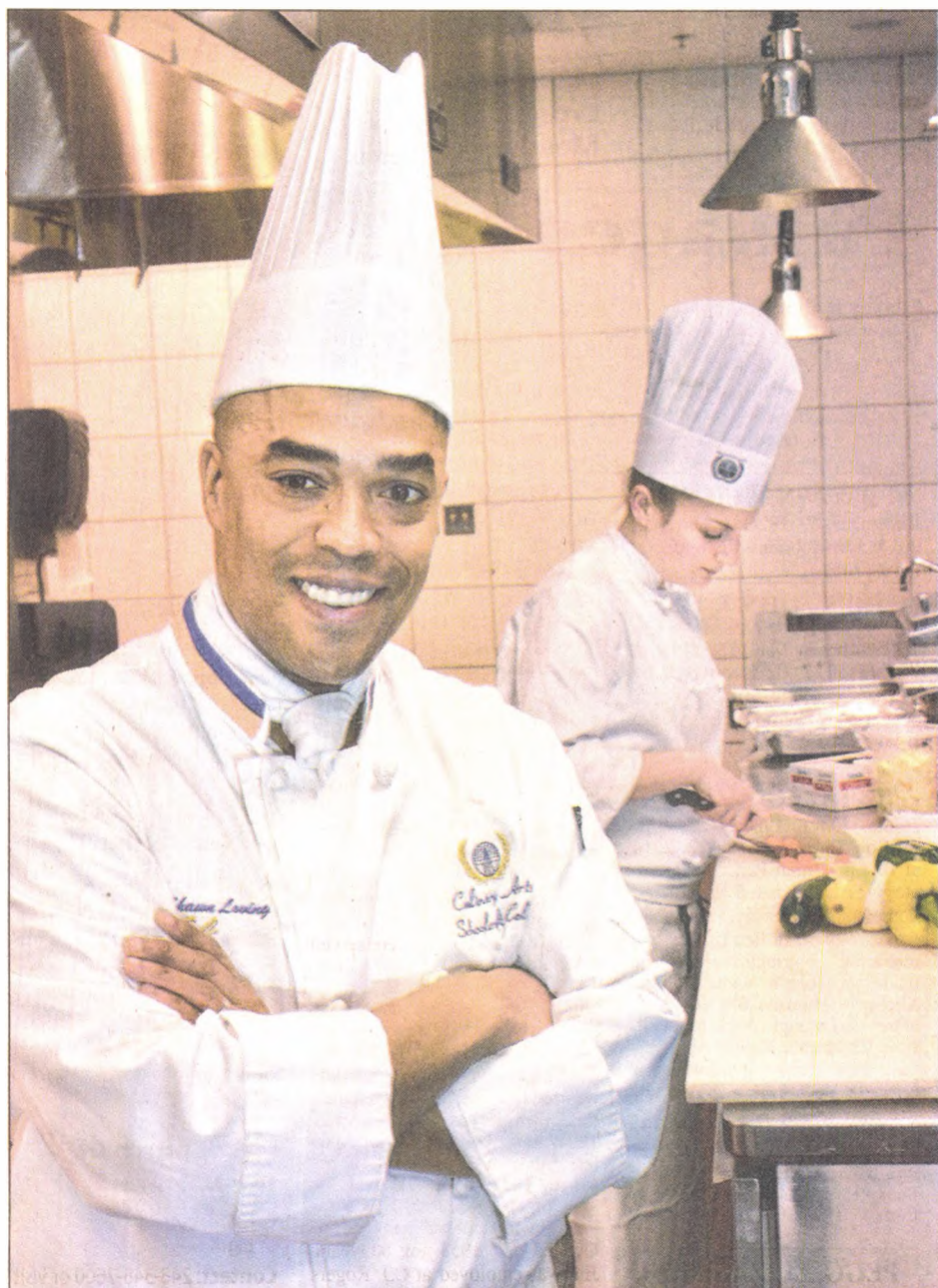
paring for the competition, which included chefs from several continents.

He said after he came back, he had many students asking questions and inquiring about the trip and the information he brought back with him.

"Ultimately, I'm able to do what I do because of the college," he said. "And the mission for my team here is to be able to

put ourselves in position to always give the college an opportunity to be strong in the community and to be able to increase our knowledge base that ultimately makes our core curriculum stronger, because we are able to give that back to the students."

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Chef Shawn Loving and Sous Chef Kathryn Wandrie, in the Schoolcraft kitchens. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER


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Web: www.brightmoorchurch.org
Celebrate Recovery
Time/Dates: 7 p.m. Mondays
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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 through Friday; 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday; 4:30 p.m. Saturday; 6:30 p.m. Saturday (Spanish)
Holy days: 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.
Reconciliation: beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appointment
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BROWN, ALICE
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DRON, JOHN J. JR.,
Of Highland, passed away peacefully on May 18, 2014 at the age of 81. He is survived by his loving wife of 53 years, Joyce; sons, John (Karen), Keith (Linda), Greg and nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. A Funeral Service will be held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty St., Milford on Thursday, May 22, 2014 at 10 a.m. Burial Parkview Cemetery. Friends visited the funeral home on Wednesday, May 21st from 3-9 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in John's name to the Michigan Humane Society, Veterans of Foreign Wars or to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. For further information phone 248-684-6645 or visit ww w.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

LAMB, WALTER
Age 63, passed away May 16. Funeral Mass May 21, St. Joseph Catholic Church, South Lyon. www.phillipsfuneral.com

PEGG, ELIZABETH
June 5, 1926 - May 8, 2014. www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

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Age 76, of Harrison Michigan, passed away on February 11, 2014, at his home. He was born April 3, 1937 in Milford Michigan, the son of the late Edward and Edna Wiles. Robert was a long time member of the Operating Engineers Local 324. He loved doing crossword puzzles, and enjoyed hunting and fishing. He is survived by his children; Robert Luck of Michigan Center, Julie (Tom) Kittel of Onsted, Patricia (Richard) Kelly of Dexter, and his sister; Nancy (Ken) Roberts of Highland, three nephews; Steve (Betty) Roberts of Highland, Dave (Susan) Roberts of Highland, Dick (Janet) Roberts of Holly, and niece; Susan (Mike) Probst of Milford. In addition, there are four grandchildren, and several grand nieces and nephews. He was preceded in passing by his parents, Edward and Edna Wiles, and brother; Donald Wiles. Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, May 31, 2014 at 12:00pm, from the Unadilla Presbyterian Church, Unadilla. Donations in his honor may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

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 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 multisensory 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.
Youth group: 7 p.m. Wednesdays
Women's Coffee Break Bible Study: 10-11:30 a.m. Mondays; *God Revealed* by Fred Sievert
Special Needs Ministry: Contact Judy Cook, 248-442-8822

Faith Community Presbyterian Church
Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile
Contact: 248-349-2345 or visit www.faithcommunity-novi.org
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

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

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. Cafe 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 1 Peter
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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: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. (for all ages)

First Presbyterian Church
Location: 205 E. Lake St. (corner of Wells and 10 Mile), South Lyon
Contact: 248-437-2875

First Presbyterian Church
Location: 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington

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

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): 10 a.m.
Summer Sunday School (Memorial Day-Labor Day): 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

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
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Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.
Bible School: Sunday 10 a.m.; Wednesday 7 p.m.

Legacy Church
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Location: 23455 Novi Road, Novi
Contact: pastor Jon Hix, 248-349-5665 or visit www.legacychurch.us
Sunday School/Small Groups for all ages: 9:45 a.m.
Worship Services: 11 a.m.
Bible Study/Prayer: Wednesday 7 p.m.

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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 email to office@mbccc.org.
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.
Church School: 10-11 a.m.
Fellowship Hour: 11 a.m.
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Vacation Bible School
Time/Date: 10-11 a.m. Sunday and 6-8 p.m. Monday-Thursday, June 15-19
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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.

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 sanctuary; 10:15 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
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Contact: Rabbi Avrohom and 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
Web: www.oakpointe.org/lifegroups
Worship Services: 5:15 p.m.

Saturday; 9:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m. Sunday
ReNew Life Group Ministries: 7-9 p.m. Monday (groups meet weekly)
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Contact: 248-374-2268
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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: 132 Orchard Drive, Northville
Contact: 248-349-2621 or olv-northville.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
Contact: pastor Bill Burke at 734-927-0891
Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.
Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. with fellowship and food after service

Our Savior Apostolic Lutheran Church
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Pentecostals of Novi
Location: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile
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Plymouth St. John's Episcopal Church
Location: 574 S. Sheldon in Plymouth
Contact: 734-453-0190, Ext. 16, or visit www.stjohnsplymouth.org

Praise Baptist Church
Location: 45000 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth
Contact: 734-748-3898

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
Location: 28000 New Market Road, Farmington Hills
Phone: 248-553-3380

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Walkin' the dog



Emily Tarrant walks her dog Caddy along the raised platform of Novi's Pavilion Shore Park on April 30. The new park, at the south end of Walled Lake, officially opened last summer and will see continued improvements through this summer. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

RELIGION

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Free movie night: 6:45 p.m. Friday, May 30. In "The Lamp", a couple's marriage has fallen apart after the death of their son, until a mysterious stranger presents them with a magical lamp and three wishes to put things right. However, they must choose very carefully what they ask for. A macaroni & cheese bar is offered for a free will donation. Please call the church office if you wish to attend the movie and the meal.

Fine Arts Camp: June 23-27. An educational ministry open to children who have completed first grade through the sixth grade. Help your child discover the fine arts and develop their gifts in art, music and drama! Children will learn the basics of vocal and instrumental music, acting and performing, and art.

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Ascension Service: 7 p.m. Thursday, May 29

St. James Catholic Church

Location: 46325 10 Mile, Novi
Contact: 248-347-7778

Pastor: Monsignor John Kasza

Mass Schedule: 8, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday-Tuesday; 7 p.m. Wednesday; 5 p.m. Saturday

St. John Lutheran Church

Location: 23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills
Contact: 248-474-0584 or visit

stjohn-lutheran.com

Saturday Worship: 5:30 p.m.

Sunday Worship: 9, 11:15 a.m.

Sunday School: 10:15 a.m.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Location: 201 Elm St., Northville
Contact: 248-349-3140

Unity of Farmington Hills

Location: 32500 W. 13 Mile, Farmington

Contact: 248-737-9191; AdministrativeDirector@unityfh.com

Unitarian Universalist Church of Farmington

Location: 25301 Halsted, Farmington Hills

Contact: www.uufarmington.org

Youth Interfaith Journey: 9:30 and 11 a.m. Sundays

Details: This religious education program is open to the public and currently enrolling new students. Classes are grouped into grades K-five, six-eight and nine-12 with age-specific education materials for all.

Contact: Jennifer Teed at 248-478-7272 or dre@uufarmington.org

Lifelong Learning Forum: 7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursdays

Details: Six weeks exploring different topics like religion, philosophy, science, health, social and political issues. No advance registration necessary; a \$5 donation is suggested. Drop in and pick the class that interests you most at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Farmington.

Contact: 248-478-7272 or uufarmington.org/uucffre-lifespan

Multigenerational Services: 6:45 p.m. Fridays

Details: Family members of all ages can gather for drumming, chanting, and meditation followed by a brief participatory worship service which could include stories, songs and sharing. A religious education activity will follow, such as an art project, music, dance, game or theater. The evening will close with a light snack and a short time to socialize, ending at 8:30 p.m.

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Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville (behind the shopping center at the corner of Six Mile and Haggerty)

Web: www.wardchurch.org

Contact: 248-374-7400

Sunday Worship: 8 a.m. Liturgical in the Chapel; 9:30 a.m. Contemporary in the Sanctuary; 11 a.m. Traditional in the Sanctuary; 11a.m. Post-Contemporary in Knox Hall

Sunday Groups and Classes: Nursery, Children's and Middle School programs available on Sunday mornings. High School Sunday night at 6:30 p.m. Sunday Morning Adult Life Classes also available.

Service Broadcasts: Live at http://live.wardchurch.org at 9:30 and 11 a.m. Sundays for live interactive video web-streaming. Also, the Traditional Service is broadcast every week on WRDT-AM 560 at 11 a.m.

Patriotic/Pops Concert

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Saturday, May 31

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Bentivolio's opponent makes accusation

Contract might have violated statute

By Todd Spangler
Gannett Michigan

U.S. Rep. Kerry Bentivolio, R-Milford, acknowledged in a legal filing last month signing a contract with a campaign worker that Bentivolio himself says may have encouraged the worker to violate campaign law.

Now Bentivolio's opponent wants to know if the congressman is guilty of a crime as well.

It's unlikely such an allegation would stick, but the episode still puts Bentivolio in a bad light. Even if the contract wasn't illegal, as some campaign experts think it



David Trott (left) and Kerry Bentivolio

wouldn't have been, the congressman himself still claims it was, which raises the question — unanswered in legal filings — why he signed it in the first place.

"It's all quite odd," said Paul Ryan, senior counsel with the Campaign Legal Center in Washington, D.C., who doesn't think the contract violates election law, but says Bentivolio's arguing

it does in a court filing "amounts to a candidate saying, 'I encouraged my staff to engage in illegal behavior.'"

It comes at a time when Bentivolio is caught in a tough primary battle with David Trott, a Birmingham lawyer who has lined up endorsements across Oakland County.

Calls and emails to Bentivolio's staff and lawyers were not immediately returned last week after Trott's campaign staff held a conference call about a complaint filed with the Federal Election Commission by former Plymouth Township Police Chief Carl Berry asking whether Bentivolio violated federal law.

The controversy sur-

rounds a contract signed by Bentivolio, a political newcomer who won election in 2012, and Robert Dindoffer, his former campaign manager, who says his ex-boss owes him more than \$150,000. The case is being argued in Oakland County Circuit Court.

Last month, Bentivolio's lawyers asked for the case to be dismissed, saying the contract is void because it includes a bonus to be paid equal to 10 percent of funds expended by outside groups in support of Bentivolio's effort.

Since communications and coordination on specific independent expenditures with outside groups are prohibited, Bentivolio's lawyers said the contract "causes an

incentive to cause violations" of federal law and therefore shouldn't be enforced.

But not everyone agrees that it is an illegal contract. Though campaign law experts in Washington said they had never heard of such a bonus before, they said it probably wouldn't violate election law. Ryan noted that violations have to be tied to specific expenditures; Jan Baran, an attorney at Wiley Rein, said the bonus clause could be seen simply as a reward for running a campaign successful enough to attract outside money.

"It doesn't mean the manager ... is coordinating," Baran said.

But it still leaves open the question why Bentivolio would sign it and

then later — once a lawsuit was filed — publicly conclude it was illegal. Even Charlie Spies, Trott's legal counsel and head of Clark Hill's political law practice in Washington, said there's no evidence of improper coordination, despite Bentivolio's own belief that the contract is void because it could encourage it.

"It's possible that Dindoffer duped Bentivolio and it's possible that Bentivolio believed at the time he was engaging in a contract that wasn't legally permissible. I don't know the answer," Spies said. "But neither answer is flattering to the congressman."

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Selfies click for some people

By Beth Jachman
Staff Writer

The people who work on the Oxford English Dictionary named it the word of the year.

President Barack Obama was photographed taking one at a memorial service for Nelson Mandela.

And Kim Kardashian ... well, who cares? Last year just seemed to be the year of the "selfie," which is a photograph that you take of yourself, usually with a smart phone.

David "Shavers" Christopher Marino II, who says he is known as the "selfie King," started taking selfies in 2005 with his Apple Macbook. His modern-day selfies began in 2010, when he got an iPhone 4.

"It was the first iPhone with a front fac-

ing camera. This was a game changer, not just for me, but for everyone," Marino, who grew up in Northville, wrote in an email from his current home in California.

"You have a chance to be in a moment and capture it. ... I completely understand that for other people, this seems like a silly practice, but I would argue that those same people might not see the value in documenting your life. Those same people might not have thousands of pages of high school and college love notes saved like I do," he said.

Brandie Krzaczkowski, 28, of Redford takes selfies just about every day, she said.

Anything can prompt taking a selfie, such as the way she did her makeup that day, she



Garden City High School students Julie Johnson and Ashlyn Jones stop to take a selfie with an alpaca during a winter carnival at the Burger Center for Students with Autism. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

said.

"It depends on how I'm feeling," she said.

Friends tease

She started the practice a couple of years ago when she got a cell phone and started taking pictures. She has kept them all and now has more than 1,000 "maybe even 2,000," she said.

Now, all her friends know she's into selfies. "They always make fun of me for it," she said.

She uses different angles and different lighting and usually puts them up on Facebook or Instagram. "Not all of them, because I take a lot," she said.

Marino, 36, also keeps a record of his selfies on

Facebook or Instagram: "Obviously, my favorite selfies go up there."

He also numbers his selfies over 1,000 and also has a favorite angle and lighting.

"I figured out my angle. My favorite way to take my selfie is holding the camera up and to the right," Marino said. "The best place is in

natural light in the shade."

Often selfies are taken at events or unusual locations to help commemorate the occasion.

One of Marino's most unusual selfie venues?

"After breaking my arm in two places this past May, I took selfies while waiting for the doctor," Marino said.

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OUR VIEWS

Ultimate sacrifice

Memorial Day honors servicemen, women who gave their lives

There's a lot of talk around the country these days about rights and freedoms. The Second Amendment right to bear arms and the First Amendment right to speak freely have been of primary focus as the debate rages over gun control in the wake of so many shootings, at schools and in other public places.

What is nearly always left out of the discussion – but what should be the primary focus – is how we got those freedoms in the first place and the men and women who have died making sure we can have those debates.

The chance to correct that comes Monday, when communities around the country gather for parades and ceremonies designed to honor the sacrifices of the military fighting men and women who have given the ultimate sacrifice in the service of their country.

The city of Novi invites veterans, businesses, bands, Scout troops and other civic organizations to be a part of the annual Memorial Day Parade at 10 a.m. The parade route begins at 10 Mile and Karim Boulevard (just west of Haggerty) and travels west on 10 Mile, concluding at the Novi Civic Center.

After that comes the traditional family celebrations in our parks, around our pools and barbecues, where we will enjoy the end of the three-day holiday weekend.

While enjoying families and friends, we urge you to keep the sacrifices of the brave men and women in your thoughts and prayers by observing the National Moment of Remembrance. Established by Congress, it asks Americans, wherever they are at 3 p.m., local time, on Memorial Day to observe a moment of silence. The time was chosen because it is the time when most Americans are enjoying their freedoms on the national holiday. The moment doesn't replace traditional Memorial Day events; rather, it is an act of national unity in which all Americans, alone or with family and friends, honor those who died in service to the United States.

Since this nation's birth, in wars and battles, skirmishes and fights – large and small – more than two million military servicemen and women have given their lives, all to give us the freedom and lifestyle we enjoy today.

The wars these brave souls have fought have produced our country's biggest victories. They've taken down dictators and terrorists, including Osama bin Laden, the orchestrator of the biggest terrorist attack on American soil in history.

All of that stunning success, however, does nothing to overshadow the contributions made by the thousands of our military servicemen and women who have given the ultimate sacrifice to ensure Americans continue to enjoy the freedoms secured by their efforts.

Memorial Day is the one day of the year set aside for the nation to get together to remember, reflect and honor those who have given their all in service to their country. Americans have never wavered in their commitment to freedom, nor in the effort to help those who seek to be free.

Americans have fought in two world wars for freedom and in Korea and Vietnam. Americans have fought a Cold War, in Desert Storm, in Iraq and Afghanistan against tyranny, oppression and terror.

However, the traditional observance of Memorial Day has diminished over the years. Some people think the day is for honoring any and all dead and not just those fallen in service to our country.

For many, Memorial Day and the three-day weekend mark the official start of summer. People use the time to open their pools and their cottages and gather for picnics.

In other words, people will, by and large, focus on having fun. And there's nothing wrong with that. But it has to be more – it has to *mean* more – than that. Enjoy those barbecues, open the pool or spend a relaxing weekend at the cottage. In the midst of that merriment, though, we urge everyone to take a moment to say thank you to those who have made all that possible.

There are more than two million reasons we cannot afford to forget why there is a Memorial Day.



Spectators stand and applaud and some shout "thank you for your service" to veterans marching in a previous Memorial Day Parade. FILE PHOTO

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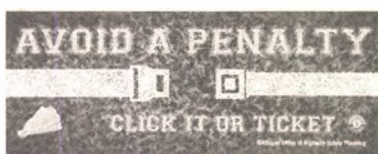
Buckle up, it's Click It or Ticket time

Do you believe you don't need a seat belt because your vehicle has air bags? Have you decided not to use a seat belt because it wrinkles your clothing?

Those are just a few of the reasons people don't use seat belts. The fact is, seat belts are the most effective safety feature ever invented and have helped save thousands of lives. Sadly, one in five Americans fails to regularly wear a seat belt when driving or riding in a motor vehicle.

Beginning this week, local police departments, sheriff's offices and Michigan State Police posts in 40 counties will conduct federally funded seat belt enforcement zones through the busy Memorial Day travel weekend as part of the annual Click It or Ticket campaign, which seeks to reduce traffic deaths and injuries by increasing seat belt use.

Michigan law requires all drivers and passengers 15 and younger in any seating position to be buckled up. Children must be in a car seat or booster seat until they are 8 years old or 4 feet, 9 inches tall. Unbuckled motorists face a \$65 penalty if



they don't buckle up.

During last year's Click It or Ticket enforcement, 9,003 seat belt and child seat violation tickets were issued. Of the 15 people who died in traffic accidents over the Memorial Day holiday period in 2013, two of the nine vehicle occupants were not wearing a seat belt.

"Seat belt use has dropped in Michigan and we're doing all we can to save lives and reduce injuries by stressing the importance of belt use and Michigan's seat belt law," said Michael L. Prince, director of Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning. "With seat belt enforcement zones in effect, motorists need to play defense by buckling up."

Click enforcement isn't cracking down for the fun of it. Wearing a seat belt is a serious issue. For the first time in five years, fatalities for unrestrained passenger vehicle occupants have

gone up. In 2012, there were 10,335 unbuckled passenger vehicle occupants who died.

Statistics also show that more men than women die every year in motor vehicle traffic crashes. In 2012, 65 percent of the 21,667 passenger vehicle occupants killed were men. Men also wore their seat belts less than women in fatal crashes – 56 percent of men were unrestrained, compared to 43 percent of women.

And young adults are dying at a disproportionate rate because they are not wearing their seat belts. Sixty-two percent of 18- to 34-year-old passenger vehicle occupants killed in crashes were not wearing their seat belts.

According to the AAA of Michigan forecast, nearly 1.1 million people are expected to travel for the Memorial Day weekend, a 1.3-percent increase over last year. Of those, nearly a million travelers will take a road trip.

If you're one of those 1 million people, be sure to buckle your seat belt and keep doing so. Wearing a seat belt shouldn't be tied to a two-week enforcement campaign. It needs to be done every time you get into a car.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Help our youth

In January, we lost a beautiful young member of our family to heroin. A few weeks ago, when we traveled to Benzie County, we learned of six heroin overdoses in only three months. According to the state of Michigan, overdose deaths in Michigan increased from 271 during 1999-2002 to 728 from 2010-12 and continue to climb. Admissions to heroin treatment programs more than doubled to 13,600 in 2013.

Some Michigan lawmakers are looking at legislation to allow friends and families of an addict to administer a heroin antidote in event of overdose. They state this is due to the person being unable to administer it to themselves during overdose. I understand the thinking behind this type of action; however, it does not stop the problem.

Drug addiction is real and there are youth and families that need assistance in helping themselves. There are Narcotics Anonymous meetings for those who need help – they can be located at www.na.org. We must also educate our communities and youth about what these drugs can do to them. This starts in our homes, neighborhoods, schools, congregations and our leaders.

However, that is only one part of the journey away from these tragedies. Many of our youth are turning to drugs as they are not engaged in their schools and communities. Parents and community leaders need to assist our youth with jobs and training and encouragement. Not only should we help our own children, but look to your neighborhood youth, your community youth – we need to concern ourselves with them also.

It is not only morally right, but it also affects our neighborhoods, schools and communities. We must look at how to help our youth get the help they need and assist them in getting trained and finding other alternatives. Please look around you and observe what youth in your neighborhood need jobs and see what you can do to help. Ask your employers, offer them work in your neighborhood. Ask our Michigan lawmakers to train and create jobs for our youth – keep them engaged.

None of this will bring back the beautiful young people we have lost so soon but, in their names, let's make a change.

Anne Marie Graham-Hudak
Canton

Catch freeloaders

I recently watched a 20-20 episode on ABC titled "Freeloaders." This particular episode was about fraudulent disability claims. One of the subjects was a woman receiving disability benefits because she couldn't raise her arms above her waist and couldn't work.

Investigators had a videotape of her on a televised game show reaching high above her head, spinning a giant wheel on the show.

They had other similar situations, including a man doing strenuous yard work while collecting benefits and another working as a karate instructor.

They also had a woman con-

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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finied to a wheelchair walking to her car, driving down the freeway. At her destination, she got out of the car and walked with no problems.

Disability claims have increased more than 20 percent in just the last five years, even though workplace safety practices have continuously improved through the years.

I know the large majority of those claims are legitimate. I have no problem with that. It's the freeloaders I am concerned about.

These freeloaders are criminals, the same as any common thief doing jail time. The television show did not state if any of these criminals were ever tried and convicted of these crimes.

Was restitution mandated? Were any jailed? What about the lawyers and doctors who are involved in these scams? Were any of them ever prosecuted?

Their attitude is really disturbing. They have no feeling of guilt and, if caught, the punishment will probably be minor.

For some unknown reason, they believe they are entitled to these tax-paid benefits. After all, it's just free government money. It's better than working. It also allows them free time to do whatever they want, including illegal work. Their annual income sometimes exceeds that of the average taxpaying citizen working 9 to 5. Is anything being done by those in charge?

What really upsets me is I have many friends who worked all their lives while contributing to Social Security and paying taxes. Many have passed on before receiving retirement benefits, while these freeloaders get disability checks month after month, year after year, sometimes for decades.

Jerry Marklin
Milford

Support for Kerry

This November, the voters of the 11th Congressional District will be voting either for Congressman Kerry Bentivolio or newcomer David Trott in the Republican primary. An article that appeared in Detroit and suburban newspapers made it a point to, again, bring up the issue as to how much money each of these candidates has for their campaigns.

It seems the person who has the most money to spend usually gets elected. As an old saying goes, "if you have enough mon-

ey, you can buy anything."

I have never had the opportunity to meet Mr. Trott and, from what was written about him, I believe he is a good person. I have met Congressman Bentivolio and his staff. I am on the congressman's emailing list and have read what he has been doing in Washington, D.C. I trust him for many reasons, as I do his local office staff.

He is working hard to bring credibility back to Congress. He is a veteran and cares about all veterans. He helped me get benefits from the V.A. when the proceedings were stalled in red tape. He is a former teacher and farmer. He knows what it takes to get things done.

Bob Johnson
New Hudson

Mental health awareness

In 1949, Congress designated May as National Mental Health Awareness Month and it has been marked annually since then. The intention was, and still is, to get people talking about mental health and mental illness and its prevalence in order to reduce stigma and help expand access to care.

The theme for the 2014 Mental Health Awareness Month is "Mind Your Health" and the goal is to increase public recognition of the important role of mental health in terms of overall health and wellness. We now know that unresolved mental health issues not only make daily life difficult, but they also have a devastating impact on long-term physical health, including a link to high blood pressure, asthma, heart disease, diabetes and obesity.

Today, one in four adults is affected by mental illness each year, according to the National Alliance on Mental Illness. Thus, it's critical that we all take part in a national dialogue to help dispel the stereotypes and myths about mental illness that prevent people from getting treatment. Instead, we need to share the message that medication and therapy can help people manage their conditions and lead healthy, productive lives.

Knowledge and understanding are critical for recovery; so are understanding and acceptance from family and friends. During Mental Health Awareness Month, please do your part to further awareness of this important issue by learning about mental illness and the various issues facing people with this disease. Take time to review the many resources at NAMI (www.nami.org) and Mental Health America (www.mentalhealthamerica.net). Learn about treatment options available locally at Rose Hill Center (www.rosehillcenter.org). And join me in speaking out in support of everyone affected by mental illness not only during May but throughout the year.

Scott Mullan
board member
Rose Hill Center, Holly
Northville

Thanks for efforts

On March 14, the state of Michigan approved a mid-fiscal year 2014 budget supplemental bill for several programs, including the replacement of fund-

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ing for the room and board benefit for hospice Medicaid beneficiaries. Advocacy efforts were essential in replacing the room and board benefit for hospice Medicaid beneficiaries. Thank you for all of your efforts on this important issue.

When the Michigan Department of Community Health eliminated room and board reimbursement for Medicaid beneficiaries who needed inpatient hospice services in October 2013, many of our community members asked how they could help. You understood that without the room and board benefit, many frail and elderly Medicaid beneficiaries returned to the hospital for care, a more costly option.

Everyone who made their voice heard on behalf of patients and families made a difference. Thank you for everything you have done on behalf of this issue, whether it was calling, emailing, writing or visiting your legislator, spreading the word to your family and friends or keeping the faith that we would find a solution for Medicaid hospice beneficiaries.

We are grateful that the Michigan Legislature found a solution to this critical situation through this supplemental law and recognizes the importance of this issue. Our advocacy efforts will be an ongoing effort. The supplemental bill expires in September and we will need to obtain funding for future budget years.

Your advocacy efforts are very much appreciated. On behalf of the patients and families who utilize this benefit, thank you. Medicaid beneficiaries will receive the right care in the right place at the right time.

Gloria D. Brooks
president and CEO
Arbor Hospice

Lipstick on pig

Education funding has increased since Sen. Pat Colbeck and Gov. Rick Snyder took office. The problem, if you are a school district, is that the increased spending has been mainly to make adjustments in legacy costs, while actual per-pupil funding has declined. When Gov. Snyder took office the per-pupil funding was \$7,316 and in 2013-14 the funding is \$7,076.

This week, House Democrats proposed a cap on the state's furniture purchases from Gov. Snyder's cousin and also proposed an increase in the education budget by \$22 million, the same amount Gov. Snyder's cousin's furniture contract was increased when it was doubled.

Don't you just love the conditions of the roads in Michigan? After shameful neglect, Colbeck and Snyder are frantically proposing election year fixes, which should be welcome to us all - except that 84 road repair projects were submitted by legislators and only two went to districts represented by Democrats. Is it only Republicans that deserve to drive on safe roads?

Looking at the Colbeck and Snyder agenda and record, you can try and put lipstick on a pig, but it is still pretty ugly.

Steve Lawrence
Northville Township

Amazed, not surprised

The slyness of our Republican lawmakers in Lansing never ceases to amaze me. Not surprise, just amaze. I swear, at times I have to doff my hat at the absolute wiles these people are able to pull off.

According to both of our daily newspapers, the Senate leader, Randy Richardville, has introduced legislation to raise the minimum wage by 75 percent Sept. 1. Sounds pretty good, right? Not so much when

COMMUNITY VOICE

Does your family have a tornado action plan in place?

This question was asked at the Novi Public Library.



"We go to the basement once we know there is a warning."

Kathy Halberg
Novi



"We go to the cellar and we have some food supplies down there as well."

Sridhar Kurapati
Novi



"Nothing specific, but we do have a good basement."

Phil and Phylis Rathbun
Novi

you look at the true motive behind this gesture.

A little information on what is afoot today.

"Raise Michigan" has been circulating petitions to raise the minimum wage to \$10.10 per hour. It appears they will have more than enough signatures to ultimately put the issue on the November ballot. However, the

petitions being circulated are to amend the current minimum wage law.

Now, here's the rub: Richardville's bill would repeal the very law the petitions seek to amend. In other words, the petitions would be useless, null and void, because you can't amend a bill that no longer exists.

Amazed, but not sur-

prised. These right-wingers are not about to let citizens encroach on their turf with ballot initiatives, unless they fit in with their dogma. The best example of this was in 2012, when voters threw out the emergency manager law. During the last lame-duck session, these same Republicans resurrected that law,

changed a few words, added some state funds, called it an appropriations bill and, ta da, untouchable by the electors.

At some later date, I'll inform you readers about some of the things they have planned for the next lame-duck session.

James Huddleston
Canton

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Thursday, May 8
6:30 p.m.

Join us for an evening of fun and fashion as we celebrate Mother's Day! Our resident models will be dressed by Advantage Apparel and made-up by Mary Kay Cosmetics. Family members will proudly escort these divas around the Thunderbird Dining Room. Elegant desserts will be served.

RSVP by May 5.

Spring Fling
Wednesday, May 20
1:30 p.m.

Spring is in the air! Come and celebrate with us! New Generations musical group will perform and sampling plates of delectable desserts will be served.

RSVP by May 18.

Memorial Day Celebration
Friday, May 23
12:00 p.m.

Veterans from VFW Post 6695 will join us as we honor and remember those who have given so much for our freedom. We will have color guard, flag raising and patriotic music. Every veteran will receive a commemorative pin. An old-fashioned cookout style lunch will be served.

RSVP by May 19.

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RSVP

Don't miss out on the fun!

Join Independence Village of White Lake Events

Cinco de Mayo Celebration
Monday, May 5
12:30 p.m.

Get in the spirit of Cinco de Mayo and celebrate the Spanish Holiday with Mariachi Motown. The trio includes Guitar, Trumpet and Accordion.

RSVP by May 3.

Mother's Day Fashion Show
Wednesday, May 7
12:00 p.m.

Enjoy a Mother's Day Tea, Luncheon and Fashion Show. Everyone is welcome to enjoy shopping for the latest Spring Fashion's following the show. Cash and Carry.

RSVP by May 5.

Elder Law Workshop
Thursday, May 22
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Join us as Attorney Nicole Wipp with Family and Aging Law Center provides information regarding VA Benefits, Estate Planning, Long term care insurance and Tax Planning. Please register at: (248) 278-1511.

Presentation of Greece
Thursday, May 29
2:30 p.m.

Come enjoy a wonderful slide presentation of Travels to Greece. Refreshments will be served.

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Time/Date: 3-5 p.m. Thursday, June 5, 12, 19 and 26 and July 10 and 17

Location: Novi Senior Center (45175 W. 10 Mile)

Details: The Area Agency on Aging 1-B and the Alzheimer's Association-Greater Michigan Chapter are hosting a free training program for families concerned about and/or caring for someone with a dementia related illness, such as Alzheimer's disease. The Creating Confident Caregivers program has been proven to reduce caregiver stress by empowering caregivers with useful tools and information. Caregivers are encouraged to attend all six classes in order to complete the training. All materials, fliers, and training books are provided by the AAA 1-B, and there is no cost for the caregiver to attend this training. The class is limited to 12 participants. Up to three members from one family can attend a training together.

Contact: To register for the CCC training program, as well as on-site respite care, call the Area Agency on Aging 1-B at 800-852-7795, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

CARELINK LECTURES

Transitions – Life After Treatment group

Time/Date: 6-7:30 p.m. second and fourth Monday of each month

Location: Providence Park Hospital's Assarian Cancer Center, Second floor Conference Room, 47601 Grand River Ave., Novi

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

Contact: Jenny Bailey at 248-465-5466

FRIENDS OF
ISLAND LAKE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. fourth Tuesday of each month (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 and recreational features of the park and the Huron River by increasing

awareness of the park's assets through the education and outreach activities, encouraging and facilitating communication and cooperation between users of the park and its staff, organizing volunteers and stewardship activities and fundraising through contributions and grants to support these initiatives.

Contact: www.islandlakefriend-s.org

BEREAVEMENT
MEETING

Time/Date: 7:30-9 p.m. third Tuesday of each month

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.

NAMI METRO

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. second Tuesday of each month

Location: Providence Park Hospital, Novi

Details: Family support group meetings

Contact: For more information, or questions, contact NAMI metro at 248-348-7197 or visit http://www.namimetro.org/.

WOMANHEART OF
NOVI

Time/Date: 7 p.m. fourth Wednesday of each month

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.

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GOLF OUTINGS

NOVI ROTARY

Date: June 19

Location: Mystic Creek

Details: Golfers will play 18 holes with lunch, dinner and prizes -- all while supporting student scholarships, at-need families in and around Novi, clean water projects, community military veterans and seniors and childhood health around the world.

Contact: www.novirotary.org

NOVI COMMUNITY CALENDAR
Reading time



Emily Pilat reads a Cars book with son Brett, 3, during a May 9 visit to the Novi Public Library. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

WALLED LAKE
SCHOOLS 5TH ANNUAL
GOLF SCRAMBLE

Date: June 23

Location: Edgewood Country Club, Commerce Township

Details: The Foundation for Excellence Scramble's shotgun start will be at 10 a.m. Outing includes continental breakfast at registration; 18 holes of golf; barbecue lunch at the turn; course contests; reception / gourmet plated dinner; raffle; and a silent auction. The cost is \$125 per golfer to enjoy the full day or only \$50.00 to attend reception and dinner.

Contact: 248-956-2116;

www.wlcsd.org/foundation.cfm

NOVI PARKS
FOUNDATION

Date: Thursday, Aug. 7

Location: Links of Novi

Details: You will receive 18 holes of golf with cart, continental breakfast, lunch, a gourmet steak dinner and prizes with

your participation. Sponsorship opportunities are available.

Contact: golf@noviparks-foundation.org

SCHOOLCRAFT
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CLASSIC FORE
SCHOLARSHIPS

Date: Monday, June 2

Location: Walnut Creek Country Club, Walled Lake

Details: The Schoolcraft College Foundation will host the 30th Annual Golf Classic Fore Scholarships golf outing, continuing its legacy of providing scholarships to students. The day begins with registration at 10:30 a.m. and a buffet lunch at 11 a.m. Dinner and an awards ceremony will follow completion of play. A silent auction featuring a variety of great items will be held throughout the day. Tickets are \$250 per person. The ticket price includes 18 holes of golf with power cart, complimentary beverages on course, use of the putting green and driving range,

access to the club's locker room facilities and all meals.

Contact: See scf.schoolcraft.edu/golf-scholarships for additional information.

BUSINESS

AMERICAN BUSINESS
WOMEN'S
ASSOCIATION

Time/Date: 6:15-8:30 p.m., second Wednesday of each month

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
BUSINESS
NETWORKING
BREAKFAST

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

Location: Kerby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty

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

Contact: Fonda Milana at 586-232-3009 or fmlana@sunrisefinancialgrouppllc.com.



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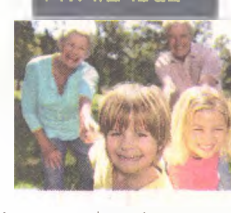


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Novi up to third in division with five more wins

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

The wet weather gave the Novi baseball team a late start to its week, but once it got going, the Wildcats kept rolling up the victories.

May 12 and 13 contests were postponed, meaning Novi (17-13-1, 8-7 KLAA Kensington) started the week Friday by hosting South Lyon (9-9, 6-8 Kensington) in a doubleheader, which would be the first two of five straight victories last week. The 'Cats are now 16-5-1 since a 1-8 start. Plus, they'll get a chance to avenge one of those initial eight losses, as it was tallied up as a four-inning game that will now be finished May 28.

The Wildcats' final league doubleheader was a successful attempt to leap-frog South Lyon for third in the Central Division. Novi came away with 11-1 and 11-2 victories.

Senior Tyler Whitehead picked up the win in the first game with a five-



Novi's Ryan Baxter begins his swing. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

inning complete game in which the Lions got three hits, one strikeout and one run (zero earned).

Junior Adam Tobias won the second game with 6 $\frac{2}{3}$ innings where the Lions

got two earned runs, four hits, three strikeouts, seven walks and one hit batter before freshman Alec Bageris wrapped up the final $\frac{1}{3}$ of an inning with one hit and one strikeout.

The Wildcats forced a mercy-rule ending behind the efforts of junior Michael Mitchell (2-for-2, two runs, two RBIs), Whitehead (2-for-2, run, RBI), Tobias (three-run home run, four RBIs), senior Bryan Klosterman (double, run, RBI), senior Keaton Figurski (1-for-3, run), senior Andrew Turek (1-for-3, run, RBI), senior Craig Wilson (1-for-2, run) and junior Brendan Wexler (1-for-2, two runs).

It took a bit more time in the second game, but a six-run sixth inning put the 'Cats over the edge. The offense kept strong through the second contest with Klosterman (3-for-4, two doubles, two runs, three RBIs), Whitehead (2-for-4, run), Wexler (2-for-3, two runs) and sophomore Spencer VanKirk (1-for-1, three RBIs).

"They had some tough injuries this year, but we've all had our injuries the past couple years," Novi coach Rick Green said. "I was pretty shocked. I

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TWICE AS NICE

Mustangs defeat Wildcats again

Sweep gives Northville
KLAA Central crown

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

While Novi had hopes of getting a share of the KLAA Central Division title, Northville made sure it didn't happen.

In a wet battle May 13 on the fifth-ranked Wildcats' (11-2-2, 7-2-1 Central) home grass, the top-ranked Mustangs (14-0-0, 10-0-0 Central) struck early to clinch the division title.

"Early goals in both halves would be the difference in this rivalry game," Northville coach Eric Brucker said. "The Mustangs put immediate pressure on Novi's back line."

Northville senior Gabby Mencotti scored two minutes into the contest after a cross came to rest at her feet outside the box. She lofted a shot over the crowd of defenders and Novi freshman goalkeeper Bethany Kopel couldn't quite get a hand on it as it dipped under the crossbar for an early 1-0 lead.

Just seven minutes later, another defensive clear out of Novi's end got the ball forward, but Northville ju-

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Novi's Natalie Greenhalgh (left) tries to slow down Northville's Jamie Cheslik.

Novi's girls and boys both place second at regional

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

Although the boys and girls portions of Novi's track and field program have different strengths, their overall depth was enough to have both finish second in the regional meet Friday at Milford.

The girls took second with 80.6

points, behind Northville's 154.2 and ahead of Milford's 71.

The boys took second with 89 points, behind Walled Lake Western's 101 and ahead of Walled Lake Central's 77.

Novi's girls were led by regional champions in the shot put (senior Taylor Pavlika in 37-6), discus (Pavlika in 130-4) and high jump (senior

Kerri McMahan in 5-6).

"High jump, can't really complain with how I did coming out with a regional championship for my school," McMahan said. "That's always such a great honor to do. It was good to get some momentum after not doing so well in other meets."

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W.L. Central students commit to colleges

Walled Lake Central High School hosted a college athletic commitment event May 16 for 18 student-athletes who plan to pursue athletics at the college level. Those 18 athletes are Jasmine Brown, Natalie Casab, Tim Ford, Jerret Haas, Robert Harris, Steven Hoef, Kylie Hornsby, Zach Kallgren, Kevin Kwapis, Ben LaPointe, Stephen Lee, Carter Mayes, Michael Morelli, Justin Nafso, Kevin O'Malley, Exhildi Prekaj, Tyler Todd and Kayla Womack.

Brown is the daughter of Tammy and David Brown. She will attend Alabama State University to run track and plans to study biology.

Casab is the daughter of Ban and Romel Casab. She will attend the University of Detroit Mercy to cheer and study nursing.

Ford is the son of Darlynn and Timothy Ford. He will attend Siena Heights to play football and study graphic design.

Haas is the son of Karen and Jerry Haas. He will attend Indiana Tech to play ice hockey and study business sports management.



Walled Lake Central had 18 students sign to play college athletics: (front, from left) Jasmine Brown, Kayla Womack, Natalie Casab, Michael Morelli, Kylie Hornsby and Ben LaPointe and (back, from left) Robert Harris, Zach Kallgren, Kevin O'Malley, Kevin Kwapis, Justin Nafso, Jerret Haas and Tyler Todd. Also signing were Tim Ford, Steven Hoef, Stephen Lee, Carter Mayes and Exhildi Prekaj.

Harris is the son of Robert and Alecia Harris. He will attend the University of Alabama to run track and study criminal justice.

Hoef is the son of Matt and Michelle Hoef. He will attend Ferris State University to run track. He is undecided on his plan of study.

Hornsby is the daughter of Marcy Hornsby-Mohr and Ralph Mohr. She attend Rochester College to bowl. She is undecided on what she plans to study.

Kallgren is the son of Jodi and Douglas Kallgren. He will attend Trine (Ind.) University to play baseball and study

sports management.

Kwapis is the son of Candy and Dean Kwapis. He attend for Western Iowa Community College to play football and study business administration.

LaPointe is the son of Ernest and Kerry LaPointe. He will attend Lourdes (Ohio) University to play lacrosse and studying athletic training.

Lee is the son of Christine and Robert Lee. He has signed for a 90-percent tuition scholarship with Olivet Nazarene (Ill.) University and plans to swim and major in information systems and minor in chemistry.

Mayes is the son of

Matthew and Melissa Mayes. He will attend the University of Michigan-Dearborn to play lacrosse. He is undecided on his plan of study.

Morelli is the son of Sandra and Peter Morelli. He will attend Saginaw Valley State University to play baseball and study mechanical engineering.

Nafso is the son of Athir and Taghreed Nafso. He will attend Rochester College to play basketball. He is undecided on his plan of study.

O'Malley is the son of Robin and Timothy O'Malley. He will attend Trine (Ind.) University to play baseball and study chemical engineering.

Prekaj is the son of Pjerin and Vera Prekaj. He will attend Northwood University to throw shot put and discus and study finance.

Todd is the son of Dana and Guy Todd. He will attend Adrian College to play ice hockey and study business management and marketing.

Womack is the daughter of Yalandria Womack and Jeffrey Hubbard. She will attend Clemson University to run track and study psychology.

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My attempts at 5-foot-7 were really close, so I'm really hoping I can get that by the state meet or maybe Oakland County."

Senior Abby Downs also had some strong showings, taking fourth in the high jump (5-1) and third in 100 hurdles (15.3 seconds), while senior Jenny Chang added a fourth-place finish in the 100 hurdles (15.5) and sophomore DeAnna Martynenko took sixth in the 100 hurdles (16.5).

Junior Hannah Lonergan was fourth in the 800 (2:21.7), while senior Kristen Schubring (third in 48.5) and sophomore Ellie Bullock (seventh in 50.6) did well in the 300 hurdles.

On the relay side, Chang, Downs, Eryka Ely and McMahan combined to take second in the 400 (50.4 seconds), while the 1,600 team took fourth in 4:09.2.

"(The 400 relay) took second and we qualified for states, which was awesome," McMahan said. "We had two other girls who were unable to qualify in their individual events. To get them to states and to get Jenny Chang, our senior, there for the first time ever, it's just awesome."

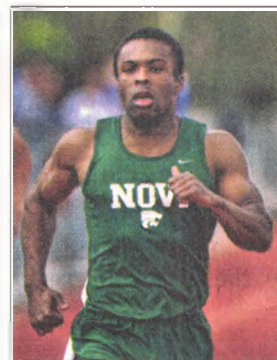
Elaine McIntyre, Chelsea Collier, Ashley Mosley and Logan Flynn also combined to finish sixth in the 800 relay (1:50.6), while Lonergan, Summer Mitchell, Hadley Peterson and Jacalyn Schubring took seventh in the 3,200 relay (10:16.9).

Boys

On the boys side, senior Jordan Love won both the 100 (10.6) and 200 (22.0).

"I had a good start and it set the pace for the whole race," Love said of the 100, noting the pressure to finish in the top two to advance to states helps him. "I like being nervous. I run my best races when I think I might not win."

Joining Love at the state meet will be senior



Novi's Jordon Love runs in the 200 meters. HAL GOULD | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Ali Taha, who took second in the 200 (22.4) and first in the long jump (21-2½). Senior Parker Sutton was also second in the 300 hurdles (39.4).

Love, Taha and Sutton also qualified in two relay events. The trio teamed with senior Nick Oakley to finish first in the 800 relay (1:29.7), while pairing with Kevin Li to finish second in the 400 (43.3).

Oakley also finished fifth in 400 (52.2), while the 1,600 relay team took fifth in 3:28.6.

Senior Aaron Lu took seventh in the 110 hurdles (16.0) and eighth in the 300 hurdles (42.3) for Novi.

In the distance events, senior Brian Barnes took fourth in the 800 (1:58.0) and third in the 1,600 (4:21.5) and sophomore Joost Plae-tinck was sixth in the 3,200 (9:34.0).

For McMahan, having prior state meet experience was a lesson she hopes she and her teammates can absorb and use to their advantage.

"It changes your maturity a little bit," McMahan said. "My sophomore year, I went into states seeded first in high jump and I ended coming out tying for eighth. That was such a disappointment for me. It just teaches you to keep yourself calm and relaxed and never underestimate your competition and never over-estimate yourself – just staying humble through everything."

Chris Jackett is a freelance writer and former staff writer covering Novi High School sports for the Novi News. Jeff Theisen contributed to this story.

W.L. Northern students commit to colleges

Walled Lake Northern High School hosted a college commitment event May 14 for six student-athletes who plan to pursue athletics at the college level. Those six athletes are Kylie Armstrong, Jessica Convery, Ashlyn Davis, Ben Forhan, Michael Kirschbaum and Erin Lee.

Armstrong is the daughter of Matt Hawkins and Michelle Armstrong. She plans to attend Lindenwood (Mo.) University to play ice hockey. Armstrong is currently undecided on her field of study.



Six Walled Lake Northern seniors signed letters to play athletics in college: (front, from left) Jessica Convery, Michael Kirschbaum, and Ben Forhan and (back, from left) Erin Lee, Ashlyn Davis and Kylie Armstrong.

Convery is the daughter of Brian and Jackie Convery. She plans to attend Mercyhurst (Pa.)

University to play ice hockey and pursue a degree in physical therapy.

Davis is the daughter of Bryan and Sheryl Davis. She plans to attend Lindenwood (Mo.) University to play basketball and pursue a degree in biology.

Forhan is the son of Craig and Jan Forhan. He plans to attend Kalamazoo College to play football and pursue a degree in business/economics.

Kirschbaum is the son of Steve and Cyndy Kirschbaum. He plans to attend the University of Maryland-Baltimore County to play baseball and pursue a degree in economics.

Lee is the daughter of Paul and Lisa Lee. She plans to attend Alma College to play softball and study athletic training.

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thought they were going to be pretty decent this year. We've been pretty solid at shortstop and in the outfield. We're really playing well on defense and you have to with our team, because we don't strike out a lot of players."

Armed Forces Day

Next up Saturday were Allen Park and White Lake Lakeland (10-17, 6-8 Lakes) for Armed Forces Day on Novi's diamond, as the Wildcats won 12-2 and 7-3, respectively.

The first game against the Jaguars was shortened to six innings due to the mercy rule, as senior Charlie Richter pitched the Wildcats to victory behind four hits, five strikeouts, three walks and two unearned runs.

The offense was led by Klosterman (4-for-4, three runs, two RBIs), Mitchell (2-for-2, three runs, two walks), Tobias

(1-for-1, two runs, two RBIs), the debuting junior Jason Pastoor (1-for-1, RBI) up from junior varsity, senior Jared Casaccia (1-for-4, RBI double), sophomore Scott Beaton (1-for-4, two RBI) and Wexler (1-for-3, run, RBI).

Wilson pitched the Wildcats to the win over Lakeland by allowing four hits, two strikeouts, four walks, one hit batter and three earned runs.

He got some offensive help from Mitchell (3-for-3, three runs, steal), junior Ryan Baxter (2-for-4, two RBIs), Klosterman (1-for-2, three RBIs) and Turek (1-for-3, run) while tacking on a hit and two RBIs himself.

Wayne Memorial

Novi capped the week Monday on a third attempt at a rescheduled game against Wayne Memorial (1-22, 0-14 Kensington). The Zebras held to their dismal record, as Novi won 13-3 in five innings.

Freshman Alec Bageris picked up the victory while allowing two hits,

five strikeouts, two walks and three runs (one earned). Pastoor got his first varsity action on the mound in two innings of relief in which he allowed one hit and three strikeouts.

The offense came from Wilson (2-for-3, two RBIs, two runs), Whitehead (1-for-2, two runs, RBI), Mitchell (2-for-2, three runs, RBI), senior Andrew Stefan (1-for-1, run), senior Blair Myers (RBI), Turek (1-for-2, two runs), Casaccia (2-for-3, two RBIs) and Wexler (1-for-1, run).

"We've been playing really well," Green said. "A lot of our guys have pitched a lot of complete games, other than today. We've been pitching really well and I think our defense has been playing some really tight defense. Brendan Wexler has been really solid behind the plate. I think our team's been very disciplined at the plate."

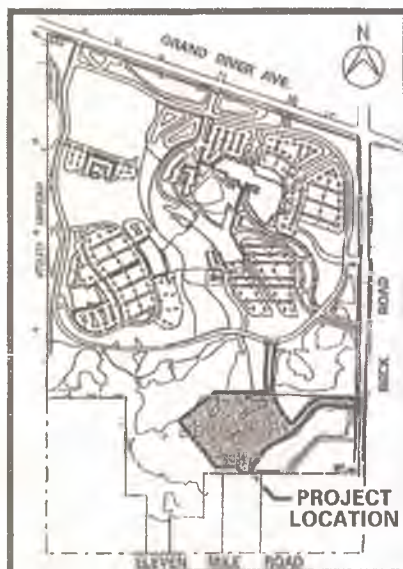
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 28, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **ROSE SENIOR LIVING AT PROVIDENCE SITE PLAN NUMBER 13-81, LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF BECK ROAD NORTH OF ELEVEN MILE ROAD FOR PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN, WETLAND PERMIT, WOODLAND PERMIT AND STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN APPROVAL.** The applicant is proposing a 182 unit senior living facility with both congregate care and assisted living accommodations. Plans are available for review at the Community Development Department in the Novi Civic Center.

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be made to the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 during the City's regular business hours, Monday thru Friday, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., and must be received by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, May 28, 2014.

Novi Planning Commission
Michael Lynch, Secretary
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Mustangs, Wildcats advance to state meet

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

Like most recent seasons, the girls tennis regionals Friday at Novi Middle School finished with Northville and Novi as the top two teams.

This year was the Mustangs' turn to be the belle of the ball, winning the regional title with 31 points after taking first in seven of eight flights. The Wildcats were runners-up in six of those, finishing with 22 points. Both teams advanced to the Division 1 state meet May 31, while Brighton and Walled Lake Northern both fell two points shy by finishing tied for third with 16 points apiece.

"The girls exploded into the regional championships again this year as the overall favorite because they had won their division, their conference and association championships in the prior weeks," Northville coach Linda Day said. "All flights played very well today, dominating on all courts."

The head-to-head match-ups started at No. 2 singles, where Northville's Emma Worley beat Novi's Jessica Lypka 6-2, 6-0 in the final, finishing as each was seeded. Worley's path included a 6-1, 6-0 win over Hartland and 6-0, 6-0 win over Brighton, while Lypka knocked off Milford and Walled Lake Central, both 6-0, 6-2.

Seeding also held at No. 4 singles, where Northville's Amelia Albanelli beat Novi's Allison Lollo 6-0, 6-0 in the final. Albanelli beat Central 6-2, 6-2 and Howell 6-3, 6-0,



while Lollo beat Hartland 6-0, 6-4 and Walled Lake Northern 7-5, 6-3.

"Especially in doubles, with this being the third go around with Northville, I thought we played them the toughest we have yet," Novi coach Jim Hanson said. "We gave them a match and made them earn

their wins. But Northville is a very talented team."

In No. 1 doubles, Northville's Anika Mukherji and Danielle Romano beat Novi's Asawari Kanitkar and Amy Zhou 6-4, 6-2 in the final. The Mustangs beat Howell 6-0, 6-0 and Brighton 6-1, 6-0, while the Wildcats beat Walled Lake Western 6-0, 6-0 and Northern 6-3, 6-2.

Northville's Claudia Ma and Paige Baal won the No. 2 doubles title by beating Novi's Rachel Bailey and Dina Fawaz 6-2, 6-2. Ma and Baal beat Pinckney 6-0, 6-0 and Brighton 6-1, 6-0, while Bailey and Fawaz beat Central 6-4, 6-1 and Northern 6-0, 6-1.

The Mustangs No. 3 doubles tandem of Jordan Hermiz and Alex Jeannotte won its flight by beating Novi's Harika Bollineni and Dhyivya Sridar 7-5, 6-3. Northville had beaten Howell 6-0, 6-0 and Northern 6-1, 6-0 along the way, while Novi had beaten Milford 6-0, 6-0 and Brighton 6-0, 6-1.

The final head-to-head finals match-up was Northville's Chloe Page and Libby Quinn beating Novi's Sam Martin and Carolyn Zhang 6-3, 6-3 in the No. 4 doubles championship. The Mustangs went through Western 6-1, 6-1 and Northern 6-1, 6-0, while the Wildcats went through Pinckney 6-0, 6-0 and Brighton 6-1, 6-4.

"Novi girls tennis, however, gave us our best competition of the conference season on Friday," Day said. "All of the Novi doubles teams came out with a specific game plan to beat us. Early on in the first set, Northville had to make a

number of adjustments to accommodate a well-coached opponent. This is what makes high school tennis special, is that we can coach the girls on changeover, alerting them to changes in opponents' game plans and how we need to change our game plan to win. Once I saw what Novi planned to do, our girls made fast adjustment to avoid defeat."

The rival schools also crossed paths in No. 1 singles. After Northville's second-seeded Reeshma Kumar beat Lakeland 4-6, 6-2, 6-3 and Novi's third-seeded Erin Day beat Central 6-1, 6-0, Kumar knocked Day off 6-0, 6-0 in a semifinal, but Kumar then fell 6-2, 6-4 to Northern's top-seeded Austrian exchange student Sophie Reismuller in the championship.

"Everybody contributed," Hanson said. "Everybody I thought did a nice job. Any time you're in a tournament and you expect to take first or second, you need to get contributions from everybody and we did."

No. 3 singles was the only flight the two schools never met during the regional. Novi's Youna Lee beat Pinckney 6-0, 6-0 before losing 3-6, 6-4, 7-5 to second-seeded Brighton. Meanwhile, Northville's Joanne Gao beat Lakeland 6-0, 6-0 and Northern 6-1, 6-3 before knocking off Brighton's Sydney Wisniewski 6-2, 6-1 for the title.

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

NOVI SPORTS ROUNDUP

Brighton knocks off Novi boys lacrosse for KLAA title

Hopes for a KLAA title were dashed for Novi's boys lacrosse team (12-6, 5-1 KLAA Kensington) May 12. The Wildcats had a rematch with Brighton (14-3, 7-0 Lakes) and hoped having a few faces that were missing April 2 in a 13-6 spring break loss would be the difference, but the Bulldogs prevailed 17-5 in last week's title tilt.

Novi bounced back May 15 in a 15-9 regional quarterfinal against Plymouth Salem (5-9, 2-3 Kensington) to set up a regional semifinal tonight in Saline (11-4).

Wildcats softball shines at weekend tournament

After sitting through two rained-out games May 12-13 and then going 5-2 last week, Novi's softball team improved to 19-14 (5-10 KLAA Kensington) on the season.

The Wildcats' week started with an 8-3 loss and 4-3 win over South Lyon (11-10, 6-8 Kensington) May 14 before some tournament action Saturday that included a 7-5 victory over Carleton Airport, a 6-5 win over Livonia Stevenson (13-15, 7-9 Kensington), an 8-3 loss to Olivet, a 5-4 win over Marine City and a 7-5 win over Milford (15-13, 11-5 Lakes). Novi then had a rescheduled game Monday at Wayne Memorial (0-22, 0-15 Kensington), which it won 16-1. Since the two teams

were set to play again Wednesday in a Kensington Conference crossover of sixth-place teams, they played Monday instead as a doubleheader and Novi took 11th in the conference with a 17-3 victory.

Once Brighton (1-17, 1-14 Lakes) and Walled Lake Western (9-15, 3-13 Lakes) play for 11th in the Lakes Conference, the winner will play Novi at 4 p.m. today at the Lakes school's site. Novi then hosts Birmingham Groves at 4 p.m. Friday.

Wildcats soccer alumni planning game

After a successful event in 2012, Novi High School soccer alumni are planning another alumni game for noon July 12 at Novi Meadows. Those interested should register at <http://liquidthread.me/novisoccer2014> by June 16. The \$35 cost will cover team shirts, with all excess proceeds and donations being donated in a tribute of former coach Larry Christoff to the Michigan Institute of Urology.

For more information, visit www.facebook.com/groups/176557825720061 for updates or contact Class of 1995's Nickie (Borashko) Stocks at nborashko@hotmail.com.

Rain washes away county golf championships

With rain dampening efforts to get on the course last week, Novi's golf team (5-1) saw lim-

ited action. It did manage to squeeze in two dual meets, losing 148-154 to Plymouth (5-0) May 15 and then beating Canton (2-4) 156-165 Monday.

The squad will play in the association postseason tournament Tuesday at Chemung Hills in Howell.

Boys cross country tryouts

Tryouts for Novi High's cross country team begin Aug. 13, but those interested should contact coach Robert Smith by the end of May at crosscountrycoach.smith@hotmail.com. There are several requirements that must be satisfied in order to make the team.

Summer camp for young cheerleaders

Novi's varsity cheerleaders will host a set of clinics for girls ages 5-12 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 7-9 at Novi Woods Elementary, 25345 Taft Road. The \$100 registration fee for the three-day, 18-hour clinic will include lunch, with T-shirts available while supplies last for \$15 each. A 2:30 p.m. showcase July 9 will display what the girls have learned. Other items will also be available for \$5-\$15.

Those attending should wear comfortable clothing, tennis shoes and have their hair up and away from their face. They should not be wearing jewelry.

Registration is available online at www.novi.k12.mi.us/athletics under "Summer

Camps." Contact coach Ashley Karinen at AKarinen07@gmail.com with any questions.

Girls basketball camp returning

The Novi Wildcats girls basketball camp is just around the corner. Winners of the past five KLAA Central Division titles, coach Bill Kelp and his squad will be back on the court in June to teach girls the finer points behind dribbling, shooting, passing, pivoting, faking, rebounding, team play, sportsmanship and even provide an introduction to the Wildcats' offensive and defensive schemes. Gym clothes and shoes are required, while all participants will receive a T-shirt and outdoor basketball.

Awards and trophies will also be given out for individual and team competitions.

The camp runs from 9 a.m. to noon June 16-20 at Novi High School's performance gym and field house. Teams and competitions will be separated into two groups, grades 2-5 and 6-9, with the younger group using 8-foot baskets instead of

the standard 10-foot baskets. Cost for the camp is \$120.

Registration is available online at www.novi.k12.mi.us/athletics under "Summer Camps." Contact Kelp at bkelp@novi.k12.mi.us with any questions.

Registration for youth baseball, softball, T-ball

Baseball is back and Novi area youth can join the action by participating in the city of Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services' baseball, softball or T-ball leagues.

Registration is going on now for the following leagues:

- » T-ball for boys and girls ages 4 and up in pre-kindergarten and kindergarten
- » Coach-pitch baseball for boys in first and second grades
- » Coach-pitch softball for girls in first and second grades
- » Fast-pitch softball for girls in third through seventh grades

The season begins the week of June 16 with practices two nights per

week. The last four weeks of the season will be two games on weeknights. The season concludes the week of July 25. Throughout the season, players will learn game fundamentals of base running, hitting and throwing.

Cost for the program is \$115 for Novi residents and \$138 for non-residents. The price includes a uniform, participation award, six weeks of practices and games with quality fields and equipment. Each child must bring their own glove. Bats, balls and batting helmets with face cages will be provided.

Registration is available now at www.cityofnovi.org. The registration deadline is Friday, May 23. If you are interested in volunteering as a coach, please indicate so during the registration process. Please contact Diana Lenaway at dlenaway@cityofnovi.org or 248-347-0400 for more information.

To learn more about additional youth sport opportunities in Novi, visit cityofnovi.org.

— By Chris Jackett

CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, June 11, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **DETROIT CATHOLIC CENTRAL PARKING EXPANSION, SITE PLAN NUMBER 14-12, FOR SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT, WOODLANDS PERMIT AND PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN APPROVAL. THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS LOCATED IN SECTION 18, ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF TWELVE MILE ROAD BETWEEN WIXOM ROAD AND NAPIER ROAD.** The applicant is proposing to construct additional parking as an accessory use to the existing high school and recreation facilities. Plans are available for review at the Community Development Department in the Novi Civic Center.

TWELVE MILE ROAD
NAPIER ROAD
SITE
SECTION 18
WIXOM ROAD
ELEVEN MILE ROAD

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 during the cities regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 8 A.M. to 5 P.M., it must be received by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, June 11, 2014.

Novi Planning Commission
Michael Lynch, Secretary
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City of Novi Public Hearing Notice

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Zoning Board of Appeals for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, June 10, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Council Chambers Novi Civic Center 45175 Ten Mile Road to consider:

CASE NO. PZ14-0014 42990 GRAND RIVER - DISCOUNT TIRE
The applicant is requesting a variance from CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 28-5(3) to allow two (2) additional wall signs of 72.5 square feet each located on the north and south sides. The property is located on Grand River Ave. east of Novi Rd in the TC Zoning District. CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 28-5(3) permits one sign per building or parcel within the TC, Town Center District.

CASE NO. PZ14-0015 1361 EAST LAKE DR
The applicant is requesting variances from the CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 2400 to allow construction of a reduced rear setback of 31.48 ft., a minimum side setback of 3 ft., a reduced aggregate side setback of 14 ft. and maximum lot coverage of 33%. The property is located south of 14 Mile Road Dr and west of Novi Rd in the R-4 Zoning District. CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 2400 requires that a structure within a R-4 zoning district have a minimum front yard setback of 30', minimum side setback of 10 ft., a minimum aggregate side setback of 25 ft. and maximum 25% lot coverage.

CASE NO. PZ14-0016 GLENS OF NORTHVILLE
The applicant is requesting a variance from CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 28-5(2)d.1 and 28-5(2)d.2 to allow an oversize (replace) entrance monument sign of 36 square feet and a variance to allow the maximum height of 6.25 feet. The property is located on the north side of 8 Mile Road and west of Meadowbrook Road. CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Sign Ordinance Section 28-5(2)d.1 permits a 24 square foot sign for an entranceway signs and section 28-5(2)d.2 which allows signage to a maximum height of 5 feet.

CASE NO. PZ14-0017 23940 FOREST PARK DR
The applicant is requesting variances from the CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 2503 (1)(E)(3), to allow construction of an 980 square foot detached garage in the rear of the property. The proposed accessory structure would exceed aggregate area of all accessory buildings by 430 square feet. The property is located south of 10 Mile Rd and west of Beck in the R-1 Zoning District. CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 2503(1)(E)(3) states that an accessory building may not exceed 1,000 square feet.

CASE NO. PZ14-0018 SKYZONE 46890 MAGELLAN DR
The applicant is requesting variance from Section 2505 of the Novi Zoning Ordinance to allow a reduction from the required 290 parking spaces to 230 spaces. The property is located south of West Rd and east of Beck Rd in the I-1 Zoning District. CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 2505 requires minimum parking areas based on usable building floor space.

CASE NO. PZ14-0019 44725 GRAND RIVER STE 204 - CROSKEY LANNI
The applicant is requesting a variance from CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 28-5(3) to allow wall signs of 32.5 square feet located on the front face (Grand River) of the building. The property is located on Grand River Ave. east of Taft Rd in the I-1 Zoning District. CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 28-5(3) permits one sign per building or parcel within the I-1 Light Industrial District.

CASE NO. PZ14-0020 1171 EAST LAKE DRIVE
The applicant is requesting variances from the CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 2400 to allow construction of a new single family home within existing footprint on an existing nonconforming lot with a reduced side setback of 3 ft., a reduced aggregate side setback of 8 ft. The property is located west of Novi Rd and south of 14 Mile Rd in the R-4 Zoning District. CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 2400 requires that a structure within an R-4 zoning district have a minimum side setback of 10 ft., and a minimum aggregate side setback of 25 ft.

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Canton Cup promises soccer, fun

Team from across Michigan and beyond expected at tourney

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Every year, the Canton Cup aims to please thousands of soccer lovers of all ages who make the pilgrimage with their teams and families to Independence Park or other town-ship venues.

And like a well-struck ball zipping into the top corner of the goal, those efforts figure to once again be on the mark for approximately 40,000 people who turn out for the 32nd annual tournament hosted by the Canton Soccer Club.

"Generally, what we're trying to do is (provide) the Canton Cup experience," fourth-year tournament director Darryl Noel said. "It's not just about high-level soccer, quality soccer, fair soccer. It's also about a family, fun atmosphere."

Noel, a Canton resident, said about 65 fields are more plush than ever thanks to the deluge of spring rain, ready for action to begin at 5 p.m. Friday and continue through Sunday (with a rain date of Memorial Day, just in case).

"This year, we've gone up in teams from last year," Noel said. "We're at 650 teams this year (up from 580); about 9,600 guests (his term for players) are coming in."

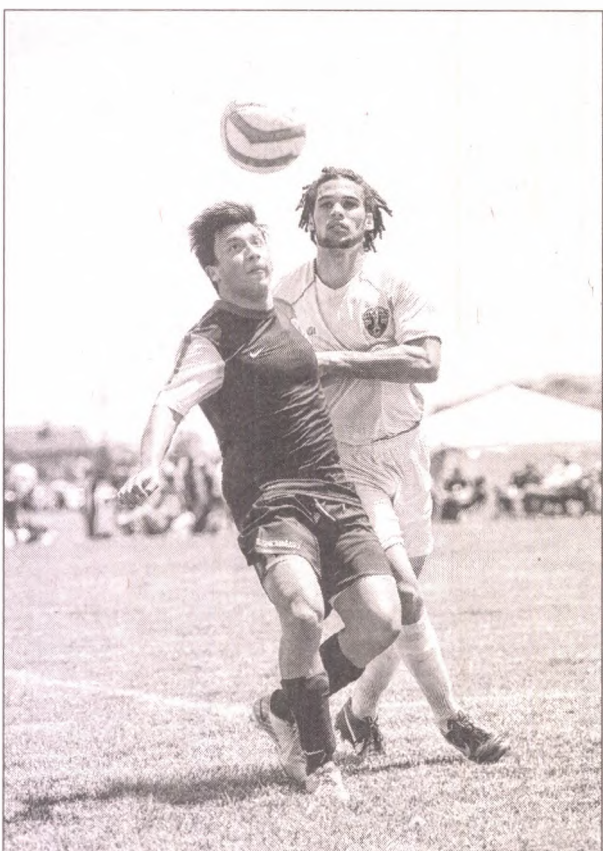
Equal opportunity

Competing at what is one of the Midwest's largest tournaments will be teams of all ages and skill levels — right on up to the PDL Michigan Bucks, who play at noon Saturday at Independence Park's Field No. 3 against the Pittsburgh River Hounds.

There will be Elite, Premier, Select and Recreational divisions for boys (U8-U19) and girls (U8-14).

Noel estimated that 80 Canton Soccer Club teams will participate, as well teams from other youth soccer clubs such as the Plymouth Reign or Michigan Jaguars.

And from the youngest players right on up to the Bucks, all efforts are



The Michigan Bucks will highlight the Canton Cup when they play the Pittsburgh River Hounds at noon Saturday.



being made by the Canton Cup committee (composed of all volunteers) to ensure games are closely contested rather than lopsided.

In 2013, only about 50 out of 1,100 games were decided by four or more goals. More of the same is what Noel and others want to see continue, thanks to extra pains putting brackets together.

The reason: Visiting teams want to leave Canton feeling they were embroiled in quality, competitive matches. Good soccer is at the core of the Canton Cup experience that Noel emphasizes.

How can that happen? Through extra hours spent tweaking brackets, with plenty of input from coaches and teams when registering online (about 90 percent of all teams now sign up electronically).

"Nobody wants to win by a ton and nobody wants to lose by a ton,"

said, stressing that fans can watch the game for free. "They're a very family-oriented group. They fit really well with what the Canton Cup's all about.

"We're about family, we're about high quality, we're about good soccer. That's exactly what they do."

And when it comes to soccer and families, Noel — like virtually everybody with Canton Soccer Club — knows how the two are intertwined.

The Canton resident is a soccer dad, first and foremost. He and wife Patty have two children competing in this year's tournament. Julia, 13, is playing with the U-13 Celtic '01 Black girls team, while 11-year-old Tyler is a member of the U-11 Celtic '03 Black boys team.

His oldest daughter, Nicole Ineich, is a Canton Cup and Plymouth High School alum now attending (but not playing soccer at) Grand Valley State University.

"Patty is not playing, she's surviving," Noel said, laughing. "Luckily, she's able to keep our house going. ... Work is extremely busy as the automotive industry is picking back up and the Cup is doing good."

He is chief engineer at Johnson Controls in Plymouth, while Patty is a paraprofessional at Dodson Elementary School in Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

Mini-fest

Meanwhile, Independence Park will be the hub, but soccer spokes will fan out to Heritage Park, Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, Griffin Park and Flodin Park to accommodate teams and families arriving from all over Michigan, as well as Ontario, Ohio, Indiana and Pennsylvania.

Advance forecasts show good weather all weekend and the fields are green and good to go thanks to the hard work turned in by members of Canton Leisure Services and Canton Cup volunteers.

Plus, in addition to soccer, folks again will enjoy inflatables and a wide array of food vendors.



The OLV Victory Run offers a variety of events for different age groups.

OLV Victory Run welcomes all

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

Now in its fourth year, the annual Victory Run at Our Lady of Victory has turned into a great tradition for local runners and walkers. There were 200 participants last year and organizers are hoping to top that this year.

The event, which takes place May 31, involves a Kids Fun Run, which is 0.7 miles, and a 5K Victory Run/Walk. The course is certified by USA Track and Field and winds its way around downtown Northville.

"It's the same course as last year," event organizer Matthew Frasier said. "We are trying to promote this as a run or walk and want to make sure that people of all levels are welcome. There will be medals for the top winners, but for the most part, this is a non-competitive run and runners, walkers, joggers and even dogs are welcome."

Frasier said this is a fun event because the entire family can participate.

"There are plenty of kids that run in the Fun Run and really enjoy it," he said.

He added OLV has a weekly running club for

grade school students in which they have been meeting during the last few weeks in preparation for the Victory Run.

Frasier said the event is important "because it brings the OLV school and the Northville community together for people of levels to have fun and get fit."

He said there has been great support from the local community. Several businesses have committed to sponsor this year's event, including Merlo Construction, Eye Care Associates (Dr. Wadowski), Town & Country Eye Care, Up2Go International, Pak-Rite Ltd., Dr. Mark Hunter, orthodontist, Hines Park Cross Fit, Oakwood Hospital, Poco and Fifth Avenue in Royal Oak.

Through it all, Frasier said the event has "had great support from the OLV Dad's Club and our pastor, Father Denis Theroux."

Proceeds will go to Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, MS Society and Our Lady of Victory School.

To learn more about the event, visit www.olv-victoryrun.com.

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nior Sarah Castellano recovered the clearance and crossed the ball back into the Novi goal mouth. The cross deflected off a Novi defender and landed at the feet of Mustangs senior Lauren McBroom for a one-touch left-footed shot into the side netting for a 2-0 lead.

With less than seven minutes left in the half, the Wildcats got on the board when senior Taylor Pavlika, sophomore Katrina Koomen and freshman Chloe Allen moved the ball around the Northville goal box before sophomore Jessie Halmaghi one-timed a cross into the back of the net past junior goalkeeper Emily Maresh (eight saves) from 10 yards out to cut the halftime deficit to 2-1.

Novi looked to carry the momentum into the second half, but the wind was quickly taken out of its sails.

"The second half would start off with a Novi kickoff, but just six seconds later, the ball would be in the back of their own net," Brucker said. "Novi's kickoff played the ball to their right outside midfielder. Senior Suzie Redick steals the pass and plays it forward to senior Megan Buckingham. Megan uses two touches and crosses the ball to the sprinting Jamie Cheslik. As (Kopel) races out to grab the cross, Cheslik uses a one-touch to chip the ball over the sprawling keeper and into the

net. Five touches, six seconds, 3-1 lead."

"They scored (less than) 30 seconds into the second half to kill our momentum and that is the way the game stayed," Novi coach Brian O'Leary said.

Junior Olivia Ulman (four saves) guarded the Northville goal in the second half, holding off a late Wildcats onslaught.

"Novi would put some pressure on the Northville defense with 10 minutes to go in the game, but the Mustangs played strong and defused all scoring efforts," Brucker said. "The early goals in first half really set the tone for the game. For as sloppy as the field was, the girls were able to play some controlled soccer and possess the ball fairly well. At halftime, I told the team that the first 10 minutes of the second half would determine the game. The early goal by Cheslik just took all the energy out of Novi. I was very happy with how the defense played tonight, especially after giving up the goal in the first half."

Both teams moved forward May 15, wrapping up division play with victories. Novi won 1-0 on the road at Plymouth Salem (4-8-4, 3-4-3 Central) on a penalty kick by senior Kendall Kramer after Halmaghi was dragged down in the goal box. Northville mercied South Lyon (1-11-2, 0-9-1 Central) 8-0 at home the same night.

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As Northville's Jamie Cheslik (right) bears down, Novi goalkeeper Bethany Kopel makes a save on a flurry that would eventually be a goal. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



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New home building on a rebound, skilled workers in demand

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Michael Stoskopf, CEO of the Home Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan, isn't the only one who's glad spring is here.

"It is a frustratingly old story," Stoskopf said of this winter's impact on home construction. Even in March, builders could continue work on some existing projects but starting new home development was difficult.

He was at an existing Canton home development in mid-March. "You could barely drive through because there was so much construction activity," Stoskopf said. "Now we're seeing that pick up in April" regionally.

Based on single-family new home permit data compiled by the HBA of Southeastern Michigan and reported in the *HBA/Wells Fargo Southeastern Michigan Residential Building Activity Report*, 245 such permits were issued in Macomb, Oakland, St. Clair and Wayne counties in March 2014.

That was 15 percent higher than February 2014 but nearly 36 percent less from March 2013 (381). HBA expects a surge of new, single-family home permits beginning in April..

Local areas on upswing

"The city of Novi got a lot of activity," he said of current home building. For 2014 through March, new home permits show Lyon Township first, Novi second and Orion Township third, with Oakland Township fourth.

"If you don't have a job, you're not going to be able to buy a house," he said. The report shows local unemployment for February 2014 at 8.9 percent. Last February, it was 10.2 percent.

"Obviously that positive growth is what makes a difference," he said. "That has been going up every month," with nine consecutive months of local employment growth, figuring in the active job-seeker factor.

The number of people em-



Carpenters are among those in demand in construction work. GETTY IMAGES/HUNTSTOCK

ployed grew faster than people seeking work locally in that February to February time, he explained.

"There is a shortage of qualified labor, or experienced labor," he agreed, in fields such as carpentry.

For example, there are fewer local excavator companies. "They only can do so much work," Stoskopf said.

Some businesses and workers relocated to places like North Carolina during the recession. "They haven't returned yet," he said, noting weather is a factor for those businesses.

He anticipates new local businesses forming to address that.

"We support trade education at the high school level," as well as college, but don't have their own academy. His association provides continuing competency training for licensing, as well as at the national level certification.

Stoskopf and other industry leaders advocate for high schoolers interested in construction. Such teens are often

"geeked" about the work, he said.

He said of the current auto industry, "They're turning and burning at a high rate," similar to local home building.

Getting the word out

He wants parents, media and government leaders to recognize, "Housing and new home construction is a valid field here."

His alma mater, Michigan State, leads in construction management bachelor's degree training, also offered at Eastern Michigan University and well regarded. Ferris State University has a strong HVAC mechanical bachelor's degree program. he added, and community colleges like Henry Ford and Schoolcraft do well in qualifying students for building licenses.

He doesn't see Realtors as competitors. "In my personal experience, it's a symbiotic relationship," Stoskopf said, adding in the boom years six existing homes were sold for each new one built. That declined in the recession, but is

beginning to trend back upward.

His daughter and son-in-law, recently married, will likely buy an existing home due to financial reasons. The home they buy, however, will perhaps prompt another homeowner to build a new home.

Stoskopf said both new and existing home sales are crucial at all income levels and home types. He added that a strong housing market indicates a strong, improving economy.

The *HBA/ASA New Housing Permit Forecast* projects a total of 2,475 permits will be issued in the six-month, April-to-September time frame. If activity is limited to the forecast level, it would represent a 10 percent decline compared to the same period in 2013 (2,756). However, if adjustments are made to account for "pent-up activity" that was not possible during the past four months, the six-month permit forecast is for 2,755 permits, equal to activity in 2013.

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Community gardens often bloom where planted

Q: I have heard that the popularity of community gardens has exploded in recent years nationwide. Can you give some idea of what at community garden is?

A: Community gardens are shared spaces at associations, apartment complexes, and other housing sites where residents gather to garden and grow food. They can

range in size from one communal raised bed, to hundreds or thousands of square feet of individual

plots, to several acres. They can serve just a few residents or as many as 50 or more, and can serve special populations of residents, such as seniors, youth, or residents with disabilities. Some communities have gardens that generate income to benefit the garden program or for residents themselves, and grow a diverse array of vegetables, flowers and herbs for sale. Some communities use their gardens to teach classes and empower disabled residents and young people.

Community gardens provide numerous benefits to residents and to associations such as: 1) beautifying community grounds; 2) increasing community property value; 3) creating social activities for residents; 4) empowering youth and disabled residents; 5) encouraging water conservation, waste reduction and recycling; and 6) giving residents access to fresh, healthy food. A good idea if the circumstances warrant.

Q: One of our neighbors lives on a manmade lake and claims he has riparian rights to it. We have been telling him that he is wrong, but I would like your opinion.

A: In a recent case, the Michigan Court of Appeals ruled that riparian/littoral rights do not attach to land abutting a large manmade body of water. In doing so, the court seems to have put to rest any issue that may have existed as to whether the Inland Lakes and Streams Act abrogated the common law definition of riparian rights. In effect, the case establishes that lands abutting artificial surface water bodies do not abut a natural water course so that your neighbor may well be out of luck.

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Email Georgia@addedvalue-erealty.com or visit FreeForeclosureTour.com.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Dec. 23-27, 2013, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS

16236 Kirkshire Ave \$125,000
18177 Saxon Dr \$190,000

BIRMINGHAM

2276 Avon Ln \$615,000
1577 Derby Rd \$287,000
2768 Derby Rd \$223,000
643 Emmons Ave \$390,000
282 Greenwood St \$1,500,000
820 Hazel St \$860,000
1011 Smith Ave \$535,000

BLOOMFIELD HILLS

4805 Stoneleigh Rd \$955,000
3027 Anthony Ln \$607,000
7310 Kingswood Dr \$200,000
462 Steeple Chase Ct \$460,000

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP

1264 Club Dr \$783,000

3746 Darlington Rd N \$790,000
7410 Glengrove Dr \$220,000
1854 Hunters Ridge Dr \$277,000
3672 Middlebury Ln \$235,000

COMMERCE TOWNSHIP

3147 Belle Terre \$75,000
5305 Inverary Ln \$230,000
2798 Lauryl Dr \$179,000
3061 Massena St \$25,000
8604 Palomino Dr \$170,000

FARMINGTON

22779 Hawthorne St \$110,000
33234 Kingslane Ct # 1 \$36,000

FARMINGTON HILLS

37814 Amber Dr \$290,000
31028 Applewood Ln \$325,000
27944 Brandywine Rd \$223,000
28248 Brookhill St \$135,000
25438 Brookview St \$183,000
21564 Colwell St \$92,000
31217 Country Ridge Cir \$250,000
29235 Creek Bend Dr \$270,000
23912 E Newell Cir \$180,000
36255 Hardensburg Rd \$218,000
36914 Kenmore Dr \$340,000

28024 Larson Ln \$400,000
29267 Laurel Dr \$118,000
29624 Middlebelt Rd \$100,000
29613 Pendleton Club Dr \$64,000
39359 Silverthorne Bnd \$365,000
23209 Tuck Rd \$116,000
26586 Valhalla Dr \$340,000

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30655 N Greenbriar Rd \$256,000

LATHRUP VILLAGE

28408 Eldorado Pl \$148,000

MILFORD

2181 Applewood Ln \$229,000
125 Cottage Ln \$35,000
2928 Duana Dr \$312,000
646 Village Ln \$120,000
1665 Wixom Trl \$226,000

NORTHVILLE

22274 Lujon Dr \$91,000
51090 Park Place Dr \$600,000
38242 Southfarm Ln \$270,000

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45539 Addington Ln \$445,000
32219 Austin Dr \$160,000
50241 Langley Dr \$550,000

50457 Langley Dr \$641,000
23767 Maude Lea St \$150,000
23977 Meadowbrook Rd \$128,000
41616 Monterey Dr \$199,000
25628 Portico Ln \$171,000
47097 Scarlet Dr S \$243,000
46050 West \$133,000

SOUTH LYON

52401 10 Mile Rd \$155,000
631 Kestrel Ridge Dr \$190,000
25785 McCrory Ln \$275,000
404 N Lafayette St \$165,000
512 Orchard Rdg \$30,000
52201 Red Cedar \$330,000
58678 Swing Beam Ct \$79,000

SOUTHFIELD

27335 Berkshire Dr \$93,000
15629 Jeanette St \$176,000
24860 Lois Ln \$47,000
28450 Maitrold St \$60,000

WHITE LAKE

644 Red Bank Dr \$329,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Jan. 21-24, 2014, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON

44215 Arlington Rd \$150,000
42195 Briarcliff Ct \$200,000
1794 Brookdale Dr \$265,000
231 Cherry Hill Pointe Dr \$180,000
49950 Hancock St \$393,000
329 Harvard St \$197,000
45548 Holmes Dr \$245,000
43782 Leeann Ln \$184,000
6249 New England Ln \$185,000
1401 Oakview Dr \$143,000
3642 Parklawn Dr \$180,000
45668 S Stonewood Rd \$171,000
3638 Shepherd Ct \$222,000
3652 Shepherd Ct \$245,000
3680 Shepherd Ct \$211,000
44128 Somerset Sq \$190,000
1715 Steeplechase Rd \$80,000

GARDEN CITY

29729 Balmoral St \$18,000
28549 Barton St \$58,000
658 Belton St \$43,000
30410 Brown St \$95,000
31492 Chester St \$98,000
33647 Florence St \$84,000
6501 Henry Ruff Rd \$72,000
31996 Kathryn St \$90,000
33020 Rosslyn Ave \$79,000
27715 Sheridan St \$79,000
31045 Sheridan St \$67,000

LIVONIA

32421 Allen Ct \$170,000
14797 Auburndale St \$140,000
17511 Bell Creek Ln \$200,000
14255 Berwick St \$162,000
14659 Blue Skies St \$129,000
10055 Camden St \$147,000
14240 Cardwell St \$135,000
29500 Clarita St \$42,000
19315 Fairlane Ct \$345,000
36140 Fairway Dr \$30,000
36168 Fairway Dr \$40,000
36300 Fairway Dr \$65,000
9904 Flamingo St \$137,000
20637 Golf Ridge Cir \$35,000
20658 Golf Ridge Cir \$38,000
37541 Grantland St \$140,000
32224 Hees St \$150,000
18961 Hillcrest St \$104,000
9466 Houghton St \$106,000
9236 Idaho St \$115,000
32205 Jamison Ct \$100,000
35646 Joy Rd \$107,000
20561 Middlebelt Rd \$260,000
30490 Munger Dr \$415,000
28143 N Clements Cir \$98,000
31785 Norfolk St \$204,000
34198 Orangelawn St \$69,000
16350 Ronnie Ln \$217,000
37700 Saint Martins St \$480,000
31756 Scone St \$140,000
32929 Summers St \$180,000
17853 University Park Dr \$94,000
18149 University Park Dr \$91,000
18451 University Park Dr \$88,000
9556 Wayne Rd \$220,000
29680 Wentworth St \$154,000

NORTHVILLE

48055 Seven Mile Rd \$555,000

16748 Dover Dr \$157,000
48317 Four Seasons Blvd \$1,070,000
18489 Fox Hollow Ct \$510,000
16997 Highland Ln \$475,000
50358 Mulberry Ct \$348,000
19663 Northridge Dr \$81,000
18183 Pinebrook Dr \$485,000
45893 Riviera Dr \$558,000
19261 Surrey Ln \$70,000
50034 Venice Ct \$430,000
16277 Weatherfield Dr \$325,000

PLYMOUTH

9263 Hackberry Ave \$196,000
663 Herald St \$191,000
42499 Lakeland Ct \$88,000
44517 Marc Trl \$174,000
9244 Morrison Ave \$153,000
40606 Newport Dr \$100,000
8925 Northern Ave \$115,000
40433 Pinetree Dr \$175,000
49910 Poainte Xing \$142,000
49225 Quail Run Ct \$345,000
11829 Sycamore Dr \$90,000
9157 Tavistock Dr \$181,000
46565 W Ann Arbor Trl \$70,000
46857 W Ann Arbor Trl \$439,000

REDFORD

17702 Beech Daly Rd \$57,000
9196 Berwyn \$110,000
17446 Brady \$37,000
26814 Dover \$68,000
20450 Garfield \$77,000
19345 Indian \$30,000
9419 Jerome \$76,000
14851 Kinloch \$135,000
20473 Lexington \$42,000
11372 Marion \$60,000
9199 Rockland \$87,000

9054 Sioux \$75,000
18706 Sumner \$56,000
17438 Wakenden \$46,000
14280 Westgate Dr \$92,000
15801 Wormer \$65,000

WAYNE

4137 Fourth St \$59,000
4286 Adams Cir \$56,000
4423 Chamberlain St \$68,000
3340 Rivers Edge Dr \$142,000
35207 Stellwagen St \$80,000
34204 Van Born Rd \$91,000

WESTLAND

1110 Abbey Ct \$143,000
1116 Abbey Ct \$145,000
1122 Abbey Ct \$160,000
6915 Apache Trl \$96,000
35025 Avondale St \$66,000
6541 Deerhurst Dr \$115,000
711 Denice St \$90,000
8155 Emerald Ln W \$170,000
8420 Flamingo St \$57,000
31814 Hazelwood St \$67,000
36130 Hazelwood St \$70,000
29846 Lonnie Dr \$70,000
35013 Melton St \$85,000
8324 Milburn St \$89,000
38336 N Jean Ct \$73,000
638 N Linville St \$175,000
6010 N Newburgh Rd \$109,000
35582 Pheasant Ln \$80,000
7383 S Kingston Ct \$78,000
32613 Sandra Ln \$90,000
34321 Shawnee St \$87,000
7535 Terri Dr \$104,000
8136 Tom Brown Dr \$220,000
1430 Westchester St \$110,000

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Healthcare Job Outlook: More new jobs than projected

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Few industries added as many jobs to the national economy as healthcare did in 2013 with the creation of 271,000 new positions. The trend is continuing in 2014, as hospitals, private practices, outpatient care centers, and other organizations maintain their pursuit of job seekers. In fact, data on jobs posted to HEALTHCAREERS Network from January 1 through March 31, recently revealed a 16 percent increase in advertisements over the same period last year.

While the entire industry is expanding due to increased consumer demand—including population growth, aging Baby Boomers, and the Affordable Care Act—experts predict some positions within the healthcare space will increase at a brisker than average rate. Consider the following medical

professions included on the U.S. Bureau of Labor and Statistics (BLS)'s list of 20 occupations with the highest projected numeric change in employment from 2012 to 2022.

Personal care aides, +580,800 jobs

Topping the BLS's list of occupations with the highest projected change in employment are personal care aides. Earning a median salary of \$19,910 per year, these professionals work within the homes of elderly clients, in small group homes, or in larger residential care facilities. Daily tasks may include assisting clients with bathing and dressing, as well as housekeeping, shopping, meal preparation, and transporting clients.

Registered nurses, +526,800 jobs

A close second in the BLS's list of high growth occupations is registered nurse. Earning a median

salary of \$65,470 per year, these professionals work in a variety of environments, from hospitals and physician offices to nursing care facilities, schools, and the military. Daily RN tasks generally include recording patient medical histories, administering treatments, performing diagnostic tests, consulting with physicians, and providing patient education.

Home health aides, +424,200 jobs

Home health aides fall in the number four position on the BLS's list. Earning a median salary of \$20,820 per year, most home health aides work within their client's homes, though some are employed within small group homes and larger residential care facilities. Their daily duties are similar to that of personal care aides with two major differences: home health aides work under the supervision of medical professionals (such as registered nurses) and may provide basic health-related services.

Nursing assistants, +312,200 jobs

Landing at number six on the BLS's list of occupations with the highest projected change in employment are nursing assistants. Earning a median salary of \$24,400

per year, these professionals primarily work in skilled nursing facilities, hospitals, and residential care facilities. Daily tasks may include the bathing and dressing of patients, transferring patients between bed and wheelchair, measuring vital signs, reporting to nurses, and helping patients with their meals.

Licensed practical and licensed vocational nurses, +182,900 jobs

In the last position in the BLS's list of top 20 growth occupations is licensed practical and licensed vocational nurse. Earning a median salary of \$41,540 per year, LPNs and LVNs work in skilled nursing facilities, hospitals and physician offices as well as home healthcare services and residential care facilities. While working under the supervision of RNs and physicians, these professionals may monitor patient health, administer basic care, maintain patient records, and assist patients with bathing and dressing.

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